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UK, India Seal Historic Trade Deal



In a significant diplomatic development, Sir Oliver Robbins, Permanent Under-Secretary at the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office or FCDO, arrived in India on Tuesday to review the progress of the UK-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. During his visit, Sir Oliver met India's Foreign Secretary, Vikram Misri, in New Delhi for the annual UK-India Foreign Office Consultations. The meeting marked a crucial milestone in the bilateral relationship between the two nations, with both sides welcoming the significant breakthroughs achieved across the entire gamut of the partnership since the last consultations in London. One of the major highlights of the partnership is the historic trade deal announced between the two countries, which is expected to boost economic ties and open up new avenues for cooperation. During the meeting, Sir Oliver and Mr Misri discussed ways to implement the shared vision of the two prime minis-

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"D Gukesh Was Blindly...": Magnus Carlsen's



A day after his stunning defeat to D Gukesh in Norway Chess, Magnus Carlsen said the reigning world champion's "energy" and "fighting qualities" earned him the triumph and that on a "normal day" he would have won the contest. Carlsen, 34, lost to 19-year-old Gukesh in Round 6, vented his frustration by banging his fist on the table which threw the pieces in disarray. Disbelief and frustration writ large on his face as he shook hands with Gukesh before placing the pieces back on the board and walked away patting the winner. "I think, like, I remember being that age myself, and sometimes kind of your energy, like fighting qualities, and just the optimism is sometimes, you know, bigger than the quality of your moves," said Carlsen here on Monday. But the Norwegian was far more composed

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RCB Clinch First IPL Trophy



Royal Challengers Bengaluru lifted their maiden IPL title, defeating Punjab Kings by 6 runs in a nail-biting final. Virat Kohli scored a steady 43 as RCB posted 190/9. **CONT:P7**

India Folded Up Pak Plan in Just 8 Hours: CDS

Chief of Defence Staff stresses outcomes over losses and highlights India's precise strikes

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The Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen. Anil Chauhan on Tuesday asserted that Operation Sindoor showed that India is not going to live under the shadow of terror and nuclear blackmail. The CDS said professional military forces are not affected by setbacks, as overall outcomes are more important than losses during conflicts. Calling the terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam a "profound cruelty", Gen. Chauhan said that "our adversary's (Pakistan) approach is to bleed India by a thousand cuts" but India drew a new red



line against cross-border terrorism by conducting the Operation Sindoor. "On May 10, at about 1 am, their (Pakistan) aim was to get India to its knees in 48 hours. Multiple attacks were launched... They have escalated this conflict... we had actually hit only terror targets... Operations which they thought will

continue for 48 hours folded up in about 8 hours. They picked up the telephone and said they wanted to talk," said CDS. He said Pakistan Army Chief Gen. Asim Munir spewed venom against India and Hindus just weeks before what happened in Pahalgam. Responding to queries over his acknowledgement that India lost an unspecified number of combat jets during the initial phase of the operation, the CDS said, "When I was asked about losses on our side, I said these are not important, as results and how you act are important." The CDS said that it would **CONT:P4**

I.N.D.I.A Bloc Leaders Demand Parliament Session

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I.N.D.I.A. bloc leaders on Tuesday signed a petition demanding a special session of Parliament on Operation Sindoor in June. Speaking after the meeting, Congress MP Deependra Singh Hooda said 16 Opposition parties had written to PM Modi for the session. "From Pahalgam to Operation Sindoor to America's announcement of the ceasefire to delegations going across the world, we should have discussions on them in the Parliament... We should also discuss how to eradicate terrorism and our further strategies in Parli-

ment. When the Government of India is putting forward its views in front of the world, I think the government should do the same in the Parliament as well," Hooda said, The Aam Aadmi Party distanced itself and the Nationalist Congress Party (SP) of Sharad Pawar was not among the parties. The DMK did not join the meeting as it coincided with Karunanidhi's birth anniversary. Sanjay Raut said, "Sharad Pawar sahab is also with us. This letter has signatures of floor leaders... Supriya Sule ji is out of the country. I will talk to him when I go to Mumbai,"

44 Dead As Flood Situation Remains Grim In Northeastern States

In Assam, over 6.33 lakh people were affected by the floods and rains in 21 districts.

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The overall flood situation in Assam and other northeastern states remained grim on Tuesday, as the death count in seven states of the region climbed to 44, officials said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday called the Chief Ministers of Assam and Sikkim, as well as Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, to take stock of the flood situation in the northeastern states and offered all possible assistance in dealing with



the flood menace, as well as relief and rehabilitation efforts. According to the officials of different northeastern states, out of 44 deaths during the current spell of rain and floods since May 29, at

least 17 people were killed in Assam, followed by 12 in Arunachal Pradesh, six in Meghalaya, five in Mizoram, two in Tripura and one each in Nagaland and Manipur. **CONT:P4**

PM Modi To Inaugurate Kashmir Rail Project On June 6

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In his first visit to Jammu and Kashmir post Operation Sindoor, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the much-anticipated Kashmir rail project on June 6. The inauguration of train services will mark the linkage between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of the country. The Vande Bharat train will operate between Katra and Baramulla. Initially scheduled for April 19,



the inauguration of train service was postponed due to unfavourable weather conditions. The unveiling was further delayed after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack and thereafter Operation Sindoor. **CONT:P4**

Burnt Currency: Judge Faces Impeachment

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The government was all set bring an impeachment motion against Justice Yashwant Varma in Parliament's next session and would seek to build all-party consensus for action after burnt currency notes were found at his residence during a fire. Government sources on Tuesday said that Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju will be speaking to leaders of different parties to get them on board for the impeachment motion against the



judge following his indictment by a three-member committee constituted by the then Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna. A fire incident at Justice Varma's residence in the national capital in March this year when he was a judge at the Delhi High Court had led to the discovery of sacks of cash in the outhouse. Though the

judge claimed innocence, the Supreme Court-appointed committee indicted him. Justice Varma, who was transferred to the Allahabad High Court during the controversy, was nudged to resign but has refused, prompting Justice Khanna to write to the President and the Prime Minister to take measures for his removal. At least 50 members need to back the impeachment motion against a judge of a constitutional court to be considered in the Rajya Sabha. In the Lok Sabha, it has to be backed by at least 100 members.

Pakistan Dossier Shows India Hit More Targets Than Revealed

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Pakistan has named seven more cities that were allegedly hit by Indian missiles and drones during Operation Sindoor. A Pakistani dossier has maps showing Indian strikes at Peshawar, Attock, Gujrat, Jhang, Bahawalnagar, Hyderabad and Chhor.

Peshawar is deep inside Pakistan, over 1,000 km away from the Line of Control. Though India ensured the strike remained on military infrastructure alone, Pakistan has tried to portray these strikes on civilian areas. A response is awaited from the Indian government but the possibility of Pakistan trying to build up a case

against India for attacking its civilian areas cannot be ruled out as these places were not in the list of cities, airbases or military infrastructure that the Indian side has claimed to have bombed during Operation Sindoor. India had claimed attacks on the Nur Khan airbase in Rawalpindi, Muridke in Punjab, Shorkot (PAF base

Rafiqui) in Jhang, Sargoda and Rahim Yar Khan bases in Punjab, Bholari, Jamshoro, Sukkur, Jacobabad in Sindh. India had also hit Muzaffarabad and Shakargarh. Pakistan claims India also hit Malir military base at Karachi, where air defence sites and signal units are believed to be destroyed while India has not said

much about Karachi. An Indian Navy officer said during a briefing during Operation Sindoor that Karachi was among the targets. However, Hyderabad, Chhor, Bahawalnagar, Jhang, Gujrat and Attock targets remain unclaimed by the Indian side. Pakistan also claimed that Indian long-range missiles targeted

parts of Afghanistan, a fact denied by both the Indian and Afghanistan governments instantly. The spokesperson in the Afghan ministry of defence, Inayatullah Khawarizmi, said "there is no truth to such claims". Pakistan even claimed that India violated Pakistani airspace during a period **CONT:P4**

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Dalit, Tribal, BC Groups Demand Removal of Gurukul Secretary Over Forced Labor Allegations

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National Ambedkar Sena National President Manne Sridhar Rao, State President Taluka Rajesh, and Jaibhim Sena Fight for Rights Founder P. Balwant Rao have demanded the immediate removal of Gurukul Secretary Alugu Varshini following allegations of forced labor and caste discrimination against Dalit, tribal, and BC students in Gurukuls.

The leaders condemned recent media reports exposing orders requiring SC, ST, and BC students to clean toilets, bathrooms, hostels, and rooms at Gurukuls, calling the orders unconstitutional and deeply



offensive to the sentiments of Dalit communities. They highlighted that the removal of sanitation staff at Gurukuls effectively forces students into menial labor, which they labeled as a blatant insult and a form of caste-based discrimination.

The protesters stressed that such practices amount to forced child labor and deny these students their right to education. Various

commissions, including the Child Welfare Commission, National SC/ST Commission, Human Rights Commission, and even the judiciary—including the High Court and Supreme Court—have reportedly taken suo motu cognizance and set up investigative committees. Cases under the Atrocities Act and the Children’s Act have also been registered. In a strong warning, P. Balwant Rao stated that if

Alugu Varshini is not removed from her post, the Revanth government would face severe consequences.

Under the banner of several organizations, hundreds protested outside the Social Welfare Bhavan police station, demanding Alugu Varshini’s dismissal. A petition was submitted to Additional Secretary Dr. Kiran Mai by TGSWREiS representatives. Complaints demanding atrocity and criminal case registrations against Alugu Varshini were also lodged at the Masab Tank police station. The protests highlight growing outrage against caste discrimination and forced labor practices in Telangana’s Gurukuls.

AIDSA Raises Concern Over Biomedical Waste Charges for Dental Clinics

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The All India Dental Students and Surgeons Association (AIDSA) has urged the Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TSPCB) to reconsider the biomedical waste management fees charged to dental clinics across the state.

In a formal representation to Mr. G. Ravi, IAS, Member Secretary of TSPCB, AIDSA highlighted that dental clinics, especially small setups with one or two chairs, are unfairly burdened with high, uniform



charges similar to large hospitals that generate far more biomedical waste. Dr. MD Manzur Ahmed, AIDSA’s National & Founder President, stressed that this "one-size-fits-all" approach is unjust and threatens the viability of many small dental practices. Key issues raised include:

- Disproportionate fees unrelated to ac-

tual waste volume.

- Financial strain on small and new dental clinics.
- Absence of a differentiated fee structure based on clinic size.

AIDSA recommends a clear fee categorization by clinic size: one-chair, two-chair, and three-chair or larger clinics. This, they argue, would promote fairness, transparency, and sustainable waste management without penalizing smaller dental providers.

Dr. Ahmed emphasized, “We seek fairness and equity, not exemption from regu-

lation. Dental clinics must be fairly treated in biomedical waste policies.”

AIDSA has called on TSPCB to audit waste collection agencies and implement a rational, transparent fee system reflecting true waste generation levels. The association remains committed to collaborating with authorities to ensure policies that are clinically relevant, economically viable, and environmentally responsible, hoping for swift action to support Telangana’s dental community.

Tula Uma Slams Telangana Govt Over Beauty Pageants

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Former Zilla Parishad Chairperson Tula Uma has strongly criticized the Telangana government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for allegedly misusing public funds and damaging the state’s reputation through extravagant beauty pageants. She highlighted that while parts of the country face serious threats like terrorist attacks leading to the postponement of major events such as IPL matches, the Telangana government spent over ₹250 crore on beauty contests.

Uma alleged that CM Re-



vanth Reddy, along with ministers and MLAs, attended these events multiple times, ignoring urgent issues faced by the people. She questioned the government’s priorities, accusing it of focusing more on entertainment than governance. According to her, international contestants, including Miss England, were treated disrespectfully. Miss England re-

portedly left the pageant midway, citing poor behavior by the organizers and the government.

Uma expressed outrage over reports that Telangana girls were made to wash the feet of contestants, calling the act demeaning and culturally inappropriate. She also questioned the involvement of the CM’s family, particularly the connection

of his brother Tirupati Reddy with the pageants, and alleged that private dinners were held with some participants, further harming the state’s image. She accused the government of using the pageants to divert attention from real issues. While ministers allegedly focused on money and power, farmers continued to suffer without adequate support. She

added that some guests at the events were paraded around or sent to real estate offices rather than being treated with respect.

Uma also criticized Congress leaders for staying silent on BRS figures like KCR, KTR, and Harish Rao while targeting others. She pointed out that the Chief Minister did not say "Jai Telangana" during the state formation celebrations, reflecting a disconnect with Telangana’s identity. Concluding, Tula Uma warned that the people are watching closely and will judge the government at the appropriate time.

New Chairman Elected for ICMAI Hyderabad Chapter

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CMA Khaja Jalal Uddin has been elected Chairman of the Managing Committee of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) - Hyderabad Chapter for the year 2025-26. The election was held on 31st May 2025.

A Fellow Member of ICMAI with over 20 years of experience, CMA Jalal Uddin specializes in cost accounting, cost audits, MIS, finance, auditing, income tax, internal audits, bank audits, and GST. He has been actively involved in developing cost accounting sys-



tems and providing accounting and GST services. Currently, he is a practicing Cost and Management Accountant.

Alongside CMA Jalal Uddin, other office bearers elected include CMA N. Ganesh as Vice-Chairman, CMA Kirti Gupta as Secretary, and CMA Musunuri Bala Krishna as Treasurer. The Managing Committee

members for 2025-26 are CMA Dr. Lavanya Kanduri, CMA Hima Vidya Sanagavarapu, CMA D. Venkata Ram Babu, CMA L. N. Sruthi Kanigalpula, and CMA E.V. Usha Rani. Under the new leadership, the Hyderabad Chapter aims to enhance professional growth and support members with innovative initiatives in cost and management accounting.

MLA Mohiuddin Leads Bakrid Cleanliness Drive

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Preparations are in full swing to ensure a clean and hygienic Bakrid celebration in the city. A coordination meeting was recently held with the GHMC Deputy Commissioner and AMOH to finalize sanitation arrangements for the upcoming festival.

Following the guidance of MLA Karwan, Kausar Mohiuddin, a comprehensive plan has been put in place to maintain cleanliness throughout the Bakrid period.

To manage Qurbani-related waste effectively, 10 JCBs and 30 tippers have been sanctioned and



will be deployed across the division. These sanitation vehicles will operate continuously for five days to ensure prompt removal of waste and to keep the city clean.

The meeting saw active participation from dedicated party workers, who have pledged their full support in serving the community during

this important festival. The collective efforts of the administration and volunteers aim to provide residents with a respectful, hygienic, and pleasant Eid-ul-Adha celebration. With timely waste management and focused coordination, the city is gearing up for a smooth and clean Bakrid festival.

World Human Rights Association meeting was held with great enthuse

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The state-level meeting of the World Human Rights Association (WHRA) was held with great enthusiasm. The event was graced by chief guests ACP Saidulu and senior High Court advocate Venkateswarlu, who delivered key points on the protection of human rights. ACP Saidulu from Yadadri district, who attended the program as a special guest speaker, elaborated on the organization’s efforts towards safeguarding human rights, equality, and justice. Senior advocate Venkateswarlu emphasized that the World Human Rights Association should continue its relentless efforts to combat human rights violations across the globe and act as a voice for the marginalized sections of society. Telangana State Human Rights Chairperson Challa Geetha Reddy



spoke about the organization’s recent activities, achievements, and future goals. She also highlighted the various initiatives undertaken to raise awareness about human rights at the community level. The meeting was presided over by Telangana State Chairperson Geetha Reddy Challa and guided by WHRA National President Moram Subba Reddy. WHRA Telangana Director Suresh Reddy and South India Director Vishnu Vardhan Reddy participated as special guests and suggested important suggestions in regard to the organization’s future plans. Newly Appointed State Committee Members of WHRA: Varun Reddy Telangana State Vice

Chairman Yadagiri Telangana State Executive Chairman Sri Phani Alekya Chowdary Telangana State Women’s Wing Chairperson Kothakonda Rajya Lakshmi Chairperson, Women’s Wing Working Committee Sankuri Sreekanth Patel – General Secretary Nagabhushanam Reddy – Secretary Through these appointments, WHRA aims to move forward more effectively in spreading awareness about human rights at the state level. The meeting witnessed large participation from WHRA members, activists, lawyers, and social workers including Hanumakonda District President Irugu Satish, Challa Avinash Chowdary, and Kaja Satish. Local organizations, students, social activists, and citizens were invited to participate in this event. This platform to discuss human rights stands as a significant step toward bringing about positive change in society.

Six more temple bulls die; toll rises to 26 in Rajanna-Sircilla



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Six more kodelu (bulls) at the Sri Rajarajeshwara Swamy temple goshala died on Tuesday. With this, the total number of deaths has risen to 26.

District Veterinary Officer Ravinder Reddy, in a statement, said 14 more bulls were suffering from ill-health. Improved treatment was being provided, with veterinarians brought in from the erstwhile Karimna-

gar district. According to the vets, the deaths were occurring because both calves and aged bulls were being kept in the same enclosure. Reddy advised devotees to donate kodelu that were more than one-and-a-half years old.

On the first day, eight kodelu died due to ill-health caused by unseasonal rains. Five more died the next day, followed by four on the third day. Three died on Monday, and five more on Tuesday.

Koppula Eshwar Slams Congress Over Banner Removal

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Former Minister Koppula Eshwar has strongly criticized the Congress-led Telangana government for allegedly removing banners and hoardings installed in Hyderabad to mark the birthday of former Minister T. Harish Rao. Eshwar accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of personally directing officials to take down the displays overnight, calling it an act of political vendetta.

Describing the move as “petty politics,” Eshwar said, “Removing birthday banners for sadistic satisfaction reflects the Congress government’s



low-level and vindictive political behavior.” He contrasted this with what he called the visible double standards of the administration, pointing out that banners featuring the Chief Minister and other Congress leaders remain untouched for months.

Eshwar questioned the Congress party’s confidence, asking, “If the

government fears a few banners, what does that say about their governance?” He alleged that the ruling party is resorting to such actions because it is unable to answer public criticism over its inefficiency and negligence. He emphasized that no amount of banner removal will reduce public admiration for Harish Rao, a key



figure in the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). “The Congress party is using undemocratic methods to silence the opposition,” he said.

Concluding his remarks, Eshwar asserted that the BRS will soon return to power and that KCR would be reinstated as Chief Minister. He warned Revanth Reddy to “refrain from indulging in cheap political stunts” and focus instead on governance.

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sam scheme aimed at providing self-employment to unemployed youth. The distribution of sanction letters for financial assistance, originally scheduled for June 2, was postponed to allow for careful beneficiary selection, following an overwhelming 16.23 lakh applications for five lakh sanctioned units. Financial aid under this scheme ranges from ₹50,000 to ₹4 lakh, depending on the self-employment category. The Cabinet is expected to discuss NDSA and Vigilance Commission reports on the Kaleshwaram project. The National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) submitted a 378-page report on April 24 this year, highlighting that the lack of a proper Operations & Maintenance manual contributed to failures at the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages. The report also faulted the previous BRS government for initiating construction before DPR approval by central agencies.

CM Revanth Reviews Monsoon Preparedness, Directs Emergency Response Measures

Stresses 24/7 emergency response, flood prevention in Hyderabad's Core Urban Region

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With the southwest monsoon expected to bring significant rainfall to Telangana in the coming days, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy chaired a crucial high-level review meeting today to assess the state's preparedness for the upcoming monsoon season. The meeting, held at the Command Control Centre in Hyderabad, brought together senior officials from key departments to discuss flood mitigation strategies, emergency response mechanisms, and infrastructure readiness. The Chief Minister underscored the urgent need for a proactive and co-ordinated approach to handle heavy rainfall and its associated challenges, especially in Hyderabad



and surrounding urban areas. He stressed that the safety of citizens must remain the topmost priority and directed officials to ensure that 24/7 emergency services are activated and ready to respond swiftly, particularly in flood-prone and low-lying zones across the capital city. Reviewing the status of the city's stormwater management systems, CM Revanth Reddy specifically sought updates on the construction of rainwater harvesting wells at 141 critical waterlogging points previously identified by civic authorities. He emphasized that these

harvesting wells, once fully operational, would play a key role in reducing surface flooding. To this end, he directed that automatic pump systems be deployed to channel excess rainwater efficiently into these wells, preventing stagnation and easing pressure on existing drainage networks. Given the Indian Meteorological Department's (IMD) forecast of substantial rainfall over the next few weeks, the Chief Minister instructed that all preventive measures be implemented without delay. He proposed the establishment of a real-time rainfall and flood monitoring system at the Command Control Centre. This system, he said, should be capable of tracking rainfall intensity, flood levels, and water accumulation in real-time,

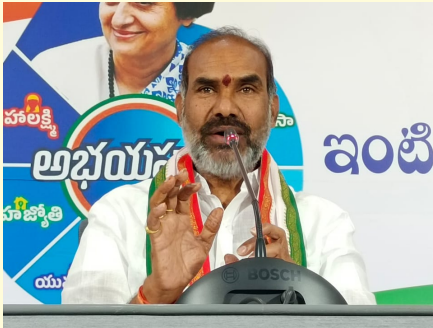
thus enabling timely and data-driven responses by disaster management teams. CM Revanth Reddy also highlighted the importance of seamless coordination among departments during the monsoon. He issued strict instructions to the Police Department, Traffic Police, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), and the Hyderabad Road Development Agency (HYDRAA) to remain on high alert and maintain close inter-departmental communication. These agencies were asked to work in tandem to ensure uninterrupted vehicular movement during downpours, clear waterlogged roads quickly, and respond efficiently to public distress calls. A key focus of the meeting was the review of in-

complete drainage works and ongoing desilting efforts across Hyderabad. The Chief Minister called for their immediate completion, warning that any delay could worsen flood risks. He also directed officials to map high-risk zones known for frequent flooding and develop localized mitigation strategies, including temporary shelters, mobile emergency units, and pre-positioned relief materials. The rapid urban expansion within the Outer Ring Road (ORR) area—referred to as the Core Urban Region—received special attention during the meeting. Revanth Reddy acknowledged the pressure that unplanned development is placing on the city's natural drainage systems and infrastructure.

Adi Srinivas: BRS-BJP Merger Inevitable, Harish Rao Misleading Public

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Adi Srinivas, Government Whip of the Congress Legislative Party, addressed the media today accusing the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leadership of misleading the public about political alliances. He highlighted recent statements by Harish Rao, who denied any plans of BRS forming alliances, calling Rao "innocent" and questioning his authority within the party. Srinivas alleged that efforts to merge BRS with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) are underway, pointing to evidence revealed by KCR's daughter Kavitha, who exposed the "illegal relationship" between the two parties. He also mentioned reports of Etela Rajender acting as a mediator in the merger talks. He criticized Harish Rao for making public announcements on alliances without consulting party president KCR or Working President KTR, noting Rao's diminished role within BRS, as he was excluded from the party's silver jubilee celebrations. Srinivas urged Rao to respond to Kavitha's allegations, emphasizing that neither KCR, KTR, nor Rao have addressed these claims.



On governance, Srinivas defended the government's loan waiver scheme, stating that loans worth over ₹20,617 crore have been waived for more than 25 lakh farmers within eight months. He challenged Harish Rao's claims, calling them "misleading" and asserted that BRS leaders lack the moral authority to criticize farmers' welfare initiatives. Srinivas also praised government programs, including increased farmer insurance, procurement bonuses, and housing schemes under Indiramma. He highlighted legislative achievements like the BC Bill and SC classification reforms. Lastly, he addressed concerns about the Rajanna temple, confirming that some heifers died due to illness, but assured devotees that the temple remains open with alternative arrangements for rituals.

Telangana State Formation Day Celebrated at Sphoorthy Engineering College

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Sphoorthy Engineering College marked Telangana State Formation Day with a vibrant celebration organized jointly by the NCC Unit and the Freshman Department. The event showcased the students' enthusiasm and pride in the state's rich cultural heritage and historical journey. The celebration featured insightful presentations by students that highlighted Telangana's history, its struggle for statehood, significant achievements, and cultural richness. These presentations provided the audience with a deeper understanding of the state's formation and its continuing progress. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Secretary of the college, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of Telangana's formation. He inspired the



Sphoorthy community by underscoring the values of unity, development, and pride in their heritage. The college Principal, Dr. Giridhar Akkula, along with Dr. Gayathri Pavani, Head of the Freshman Department, praised the students for their active participation and enthusiasm throughout the event. They appreciated the creativity and spirit exhibited by the students in various activities. The event was graced by the presence of NCC CTO Arafath, faculty members, and a large number of stu-

dents, contributing to the day's success and making it memorable. Prizes and certificates were awarded to students for their performance in competitions and cultural programs, encouraging them to engage actively in such events in the future. Overall, the Telangana State Formation Day celebrations at Sphoorthy Engineering College served as a meaningful tribute to the state's journey and progress, fostering unity, pride, and cultural awareness among the students and staff.

Etala Rajender Vows Inclusive Leadership, Pledges Development for Malkajgiri

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Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender, along with Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, laid the foundation stone for the Madhavanagar Community Hall and CC Roads in the Champapet Division of LB Nagar Constituency. The event witnessed active participation from Champapet Corporator Madhusudhan Reddy, Division President Ravinder Reddy, and several key local leaders and party activists. Speaking on the occasion, Etala Rajender emphasized



the importance of open dialogue and human connection in politics. "The culture of silence when leaders meet is not healthy. We must prioritize human relationships over party lines," he said, urging political leaders to

rise above narrow-mindedness. Highlighting his inclusive approach, Rajender added, "Whether it's the Centre or the State, governments are merely custodians of public funds. We must always re-

member that the power belongs to the people." Known for his grounded and respectful approach, Rajender reaffirmed his willingness to work with all political leaders in the interest of public welfare. "Be it KCR or Revanth Reddy, I will greet them. During YS Rajasekhara Reddy's time, MLAs across party lines had access to him — we need to revive that democratic spirit," he remarked. He also made a constructive suggestion to Minister Sridhar Babu, proposing quarterly meetings with district public representatives to

address local issues more effectively. Rajender expressed deep concern about the lack of basic infrastructure in Malkajgiri. "There are no proper roads, drainage systems, or fresh water pipelines. Our constituency houses people from all over the country — it's time we get the funds and attention we deserve." Reiterating his commitment to public service, Rajender declared, "I will go anywhere to resolve public problems. Development in Malkajgiri starts now."

Tahsildar's Office in Yacharam Opens Late, Causing Public Inconvenience

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The Tahsildar's office in Yacharam mandal remained closed even after 11 a.m., despite the official opening time being 9 a.m. This unexpected delay caused frustration among the public who had come for various official works. Many residents waiting for services like caste, income, residency, and date of birth certificates expressed their disappointment, especially since schools and colleges have recently reopened, increasing the demand for such documents. People questioned why the office staff, including attendants, failed to open the office on time, reportedly citing ongoing Bhubharati revenue



conferences as the reason. Citizens are urging higher authorities to ensure that the office functions promptly and efficiently, even during revenue conferences, so that the routine work is not disrupted and public service continues without delay.

SC Students Denied Fee Reimburse-

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Telangana is witnessing a growing crisis as thousands of Scheduled Caste (SC) students remain deprived of their fee reimbursement, a government benefit crucial for their education. Dr. Pabati Srikrishna, National President of Mala Mahanadu, has strongly criticized the Telangana government for the delay in releasing the pending reimbursements. Despite completing their courses, many SC students are unable to obtain their original certificates from numerous private educational institutions across the state. This practice has left these students, many from economically weaker backgrounds, in a difficult



position, hampering their further education and job opportunities. Dr. Srikrishna also raised concerns over prominent private education groups like Narayana and Sri Chaitanya. He accused these organizations of indirectly undermining government-run educational institutions, as well as the students and their families. Moreover, he alleged that these institutions continue to operate without proper permissions and violate existing laws, yet no government action has been taken against them.

Warm Celebrations at Cantonment Board Office as CEO Madhukar Naik Marks Birthday

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The Cantonment Board Office was abuzz with warmth and festivity today as officials, community leaders, and well-wishers came together to celebrate the birthday of Cantonment Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Madhukar Naik. The event was marked by heartfelt greetings, a spirit of camaraderie, and a shared message of unity across social and political lines. The occasion began with former Vice-President of the Cantonment Board, Jampana Pratap, presenting a bouquet to CEO Madhukar Naik. Pratap lauded Naik's visionary leadership and dedication to the development of the Cantonment area, stating, "Madhukar Naik garu has always demonstrated a visionary approach and dedication towards the development of the Cantonment area. His leadership continues to inspire." Representatives from the minority community were also present to join the celebrations. Muslim minority leader Shakib Hussain extended his birthday wishes, emphasizing the CEO's role in fostering inclusivity. "It is important to celebrate the leadership that bridges communities and promotes inclusive growth. CEO Naik is one such figure," Hussain remarked. Social activist Telukunta Satish Gupta, renowned for his work in civic engagement and public welfare, also attended the gathering. He appreciated the CEO's openness to public



concerns and called for continued collaboration between the administration and the community. "We wish the CEO continued success and good health. His openness to public concerns has been commendable," said Gupta. Several other civic leaders, board officials, and staff members participated in the celebration, joining together to cut a ceremonial cake and convey their best wishes. The informal gathering not only commemorated the CEO's birthday but also served as a symbol of goodwill and community solidarity. Expressing his gratitude, CEO Madhukar Naik thanked everyone for their warm wishes. He reaffirmed his commitment to serving the people of the Cantonment area, stating, "I am touched by this gesture. This encouragement only strengthens my resolve to continue working for the betterment of the region." The event concluded on a cheerful note, with light refreshments served and photographs taken to capture the spirit of unity, appreciation, and a shared commitment to progress.

Kavitha, who was went to jail ,reciting morals: Dr Srirangam slammed

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TPCC official spokesperson Dr Satyam Srirangam said in a Media statement, why are you so nervous if you give notices to your father, why are you so nervous if you come for investigation, and are you tensed about where you will be caught if you go? The people of Telangana have endured your dramas and royal tendencies for ten years, they taught you a befitting lesson. Srirangam slammed Kavitha

should stop her dramas , he advised not start new dramas, Satyam Srirangam said. Kavitha says that she will hold a dharna near Indira Park, your father revoked the dharna chowk during your tenure, why are you holding a dharna? Now martyrs are being remembered, the dharna chowk is being marked, your family, who is facing many corruption charges, if you want to hold a dharna at the dharna chowk, you have to do it every day from now onwards, and you will keep



getting notices, you have done so much corruption. You beat your father, do your politics for money and power, that's all, but don't break the martyrs of Telangana into pieces. He dared to Kavita.If your father built a project for

the benefit of the people with his intelligence, why did it collapse with in three years of its construction? You should tell him how many crores were looted in the Mission Kakatiya, Dharani, Mission Bhagiratha, Project Construction, Liquor Scam, but don't make new dharna dramas. All the people know about your corruption. They said that the burden of martyrs has fallen on you. On June 5th of this month, in the history of democracy in Telangana, after the emer-

gence of Telangana, the former opposition leader , our beloved leader, today's Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said that whatever he said on that day, no matter how unethical he is, he will be summoned and brought before the court. He said that even the Chief Minister of the state, Prabhakar Rao, the accused in phone tapping, who came from America and is going to appear before the SIT, said that KCR said that he would come not on the 5th but on the 11th.

Mehbooba Seeks Dignified Return of Kashmiri Pandits

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Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti on Monday called for the dignified return and rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri Pandits, emphasizing that their reintegration should not be seen as a symbolic gesture but as a step toward building a shared and inclusive future for Jammu and Kashmir. Mufti met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhavan in Srinagar — her first one-on-one meeting with the LG in five years — and submitted a comprehensive, phased roadmap aimed at facilitating "meaningful progress" on the return of the displaced community. The PDP chief also shared copies of the proposal with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Jammu and Kashmir National Conference leader Omar Abdullah. In her proposal, Mufti recommended that each dis-

placed Kashmiri Pandit family be allotted half a kanal of state land in their original districts, contingent upon their willingness to return. For families whose homes are still intact but damaged, she called for targeted financial assistance or interest-free loans for repair and modernization. She also advocated for the establishment of two reserved Assembly constituencies for the community to ensure political representation. “This issue goes beyond politics and touches the core of our collective conscience. It is a moral imperative and societal responsibility to ensure our Pandit brothers and sisters return in a dignified, secure, and sustainable manner,” Mufti said in her letter. She noted that all political parties in Jammu and Kashmir have consistently supported the return of the Pandits and called for an all-stakeholders approach rooted in empathy, mutual trust, and ground realities.

CM Naidu Calls for Protection of Kolleru Lake, to Resolve Land Issues

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Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has stressed the need to protect Kolleru Lake and resolve the land issue with a humane approach. Naidu held a review meeting with the senior officials and public representatives on Kolleru Lake here on Monday. The chief minister called for protection of the environmentally significant lake. Referring to a series of issues pertaining to the lake, like court rulings, regulations, central directives, local conditions and ecological and contour related issues, he noted that nearly three lakh people lived in

the Kolleru contour region. “They are facing hardships for several years,” he said, and recalled how the then TDP government made significant efforts to resolve those issues. He said that in 2018, the National Board for Wildlife recommended the exclusion of 20,000 acres of jirayat and D-Patta lands from the Kolleru sanctuary and even proposed new boundaries. He pointed out that a recommendation to that effect was sent to the Central Empowered Committee to act accordingly, for which “it then raised certain objections and sought clarifications from the state government.”

India Folded Up Pak Plan in Just 8 Hours, Says CDS

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Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan has asserted that Operation Sindoor marked a turning point in India’s stance against terrorism and nuclear blackmail, sending a strong message to Pakistan. Speaking on Tuesday,

he said the operation reflected India’s refusal to live under the shadow of terror and its readiness to respond decisively. Calling the Pahalgam terror attack on tourists a "profound cruelty," Gen. Chauhan said Pakistan continues its strategy to "bleed India by a thousand cuts." However, Operation Sindoor demon-

strated India's capability and resolve. “Their aim was to bring India to its knees in 48 hours. But the conflict wrapped up in just eight hours, and they called for talks,” he revealed. The CDS condemned Pakistan Army Chief Gen. Asim Munir for hateful rhetoric just before the attacks. Despite the initial loss of

some combat jets, Gen. Chauhan downplayed the setbacks. “In professional forces, morale and adaptability matter more than counting losses,” he emphasized. Using a cricket analogy, he said India inflicted an "innings defeat" on Pakistan, highlighting the scale of India's success. He

added that the operation wasn’t about retribution but about defining limits on tolerance to cross-border terrorism. Gen. Chauhan noted the air strikes penetrated deep into Pakistan's well-defended areas, marking a historic moment in air warfare. He said Pakistan’s quick move to seek talks showed the

fear of prolonged escalation. He clarified India didn’t seek a long war, recalling the costly experience of Operation Parakram and post-Balakot mobilization. Instead, Operation Sindoor was swift, effective, and showcased India’s offensive precision and preparedness.

44 Dead As Flood Situation Remains Grim In Northeastern States

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The overall flood situation in Assam and other northeastern states remained grim on Tuesday, as the death count in seven states of the region climbed to 44, officials said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday called the Chief Ministers of Assam and Sikkim, as well as Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, to take stock of the flood situation in the northeastern states and offered all possible assistance in dealing with the flood menace, as

well as relief and rehabilitation efforts. According to the officials of different northeastern states, out of 44 deaths during the current spell of rain and floods since May 29, at least 17 people were killed in Assam, followed by 12 in Arunachal Pradesh, six in Meghalaya, five in Mizoram, two in Tripura and one each in Nagaland and Manipur. Disaster management officials of the seven northeastern states, excluding Sikkim, said that the deaths were reported due to drowning, landslides, waterlogging and

other calamity-related mishaps. In Assam, according to the report of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), over 6.33 lakh people were affected by the floods and rains in 21 districts. The ASDMA report said that over 14,739 hectares of crop lands were affected in 1506 villages under 21 districts. The mighty Brahmaputra and six other rivers are flowing above the danger level at several places in Assam. In Arunachal Pradesh, over 1,000 people are now af-

ected by floods in 156 villages in 23 of the state's total of 26 districts. A State's Disaster Management official said that the Lower Subansiri district reported significant damage, with around 170 different types of houses damaged. He said that the district has also reported many infrastructure losses, including the damage of over 50 roads, 16 power lines, 25 water supply lines and two schools. Widespread destruction has also been reported in the Itanagar Capital Region (ICR) and Pakke Kessang, where

key assets such as ICR's main water pipeline and the road at Dariya Hill have been severely affected. In Mizoram, five deaths have been reported in landslides, house collapse and other calamities triggered by heavy rains in the last 10 days. The State's Disaster Management and Rehabilitation department official said that three Myanmar refugees died in Champhai district and one each in Aizawl and Serchhip districts due to the collapse of houses and walls caused by landslides and flash floods. During the past

10 days, the mountainous state reported 552 landslides in several districts, while 152 houses have collapsed or have been damaged due to rain during the same period. Over 300 families have either abandoned their houses due to landslides or house damage, or have been evacuated by the authorities in view of the calamities. Of the total of 11 districts, East Mizoram's Champhai district, which shares a border with Myanmar, is the worst-affected region in the ongoing monsoon with 209 landslides and 10 houses

PM Modi To Inaugurate Kashmir Rail Project On June 6 Nation

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TIn a landmark event following Operation Sindoor, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Jammu and Kashmir on June 6 to inaugurate the much-awaited Kashmir rail project. The highlight of his visit is the dedication of the world’s highest railway bridge—the Chenab Bridge, a key component of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL). The Chenab Bridge, standing at 369 metres—taller than the Eiffel Tower—is built to endure harsh weather, strong winds over 250 km/h, and seismic activity. It is hailed as a proud symbol of India's engineering brilliance and vision. The USBRL, which was first initiated in 1997, faced numerous delays due to diffi-



cult geological and topographical conditions. After several phases of construction, the 272-km railway line is now complete at an estimated cost of over ₹41,000 crore. As part of the ceremony, PM Modi will travel by train from the newly inaugurated section, inspecting another engineering marvel en route—India’s first cable-stayed railway bridge over Anji Khad. He will also interact with railway engineers, including retired staff

who contributed to this decades-long project. At Katra, the base camp for Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrims, Modi will flag off two Vande Bharat Express trains—one from Katra to Baramulla and another in the reverse direction—establishing a direct rail connection between Kashmir and the rest of the country. However, passengers will still need to switch trains at Katra for the time being. The inauguration comes after two postponements—

first due to bad weather on April 19, and later following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor. The Kashmir Valley now joins the Indian railway map with a modern and robust transport system. Out of the total 272 km, various segments were commissioned in phases since 2009. The final 17-km stretch between Reasi and Katra was completed in December 2024. Union Minister Jitendra Singh posted on X, "History in the making... The mighty Chenab Bridge stands tall in J&K. A proud symbol of New India's strength!" Following the inaugurations, PM Modi will address a public rally, highlighting the emotional, social, and economic significance of this long-awaited connectivity milestone.

Pakistan Dossier Shows India Hit More Targets Than Revealed

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Tensions between India and Pakistan remain high following the Pahalgam terror attack and subsequent Indian military action under Operation Sindoor. In a fresh development, Pakistan has named seven additional cities—Peshawar, Attock, Gujrat, Jhang, Bahawalnagar, Hyderabad, and Chhor—allegedly struck by Indian missiles and drones. These names feature in a newly updated dossier released by the Pakistan military on May 19, during the peak of cross-border tensions. The dossier includes maps and claims that India's strikes extended deep into Pakistani territory, including Peshawar, which lies over 1,000 km from the Line of Control. While India maintains that its strikes were limited strictly to military infrastructure, Pakistan alleges civilian areas and even religious sites were targeted. India had earlier confirmed strikes on Nur Khan airbase (Rawalpindi), Muridke, Shorkot (PAF Rafi-qui), Sargodha, Rahim Yar Khan, Bholari, Jamshoro, Sukkur, Jacobabad, Muzaffarabad, and Shakargarh, but made no mention of Hyderabad, Chhor,

Gujrat, or Attock. Pakistan also claims that India's long-range missiles briefly crossed into Afghan airspace, a claim strongly denied by both India and the Afghan government. Afghan defence spokesperson Inayatullah Khawarizmi labeled the allegation “baseless”. A key accusation in the dossier is that India launched strikes while 57 commercial aircraft, including international flights from Qatar, UAE, China, South Korea, and Thailand, were flying through Pakistani airspace—putting thousands at risk. India has countered that Pakistan deliberately kept its airspace open, possibly to use civilian flights as shields. India has not yet issued an official response to Pakistan's updated claims. Meanwhile, two Pakistani delegations have been dispatched to press their case internationally. One, led by former FM Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, will visit London, New York, Washington DC, and Brussels. Another, headed by PM's aide Syed Tariq Fatemi, is en route to Moscow. The dossier concludes by accusing India of a “dangerous and irresponsible” pattern of behaviour, while calling Pakistan’s response “swift, precise, and within international law.”

Trump Signs Order To Hike US Steel, Aluminum Tariffs To 50% From Today

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The United States will double its tariffs on imported steel and aluminum starting Wednesday, according to the White House, as it published an order signed by President Donald Trump. The move marks a latest salvo in Trump's trade wars, bringing levies on both metals from 25 percent to 50 percent. But

tariffs on metal imports from the UK will remain at the 25 percent rate, while both sides work out duties and quotas in line with the terms of their earlier trade pact. Overall, the aim is to "more effectively counter foreign countries that continue to offload low-priced, excess steel and aluminum in the United States," according to the order, which added that these undercut the com-

petitiveness of US industries. "Increasing the previously imposed tariffs will provide greater support to these industries and reduce or eliminate the national security threat posed by imports of steel and aluminum articles and their derivative articles," the order added. Trump announced his decision to hike tariffs on steel and aluminum when he addressed workers at a US Steel plant in Pennsylvania,

"D Gukesh Was Blindly...": Magnus Carlsen's First Reaction After Loss To Indian GM

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A day after his stunning defeat to D Gukesh in Norway Chess, Magnus Carlsen said the reigning world champion's "energy" and "fighting qualities" earned him the triumph and that on a "normal day" he would have won the contest. Carlsen, 34, lost to 19-year-old Gukesh in Round 6, vented his frustration by banging his fist on the table which threw the pieces in disarray. Disbelief and frustration writ large on his face as he shook hands with Gukesh before placing the pieces back on the board and walked away patting the winner.

"I think, like, I remember being that age myself, and sometimes kind of your energy, like fighting qualities, and just the optimism is sometimes, you know, bigger than the quality of your moves," said Carlsen here on Monday. But the Norwegian was far more composed after winning the Armageddon tie-break against American World No. 2 Hikaru Nakamura but the effects of Sunday night were still clearly visible on his face. "So, I think, for a long time he (Gukesh) was just more or less blindly pushing. And then, yeah, on a normal day, of course, I win that game, and things

look quite differently," the five-time world champion added. Carlsen, however, praised Gukesh's fighting qualities, saying the Indian was always game for grabbing his chances, which he did despite being in a disadvantageous situation for most part of the Round 6 game. "What he (Gukesh) does well, as I alluded to, is he really fights very, very well, and he was there to take his chance, so he deserves credit for that. "But that's the kind of chance that I really, really have to put away. Otherwise, I have no chance," the Norwegian world No. 1 opined. Carlsen also indicated that he just might be having a re-think on playing the Norway Chess next season. "I think I'll play the last three games (in Norway Chess), and then I will have to make some decisions about next year here or potential other tournaments later, because, yeah... I just don't enjoy (Classical chess) that much," said Carlsen. He also hinted that Classical chess for him might be on its way out. "It's possible, yeah. I'm not going to sit here and say that I'm not going to play Classical events ever again, but right now it doesn't," said Carlsen, when asked if he was thinking about the possibility of concentrating on Freestyle.

India And UK Hold High-Level Talks In Delhi To Boost Strategic Partnership

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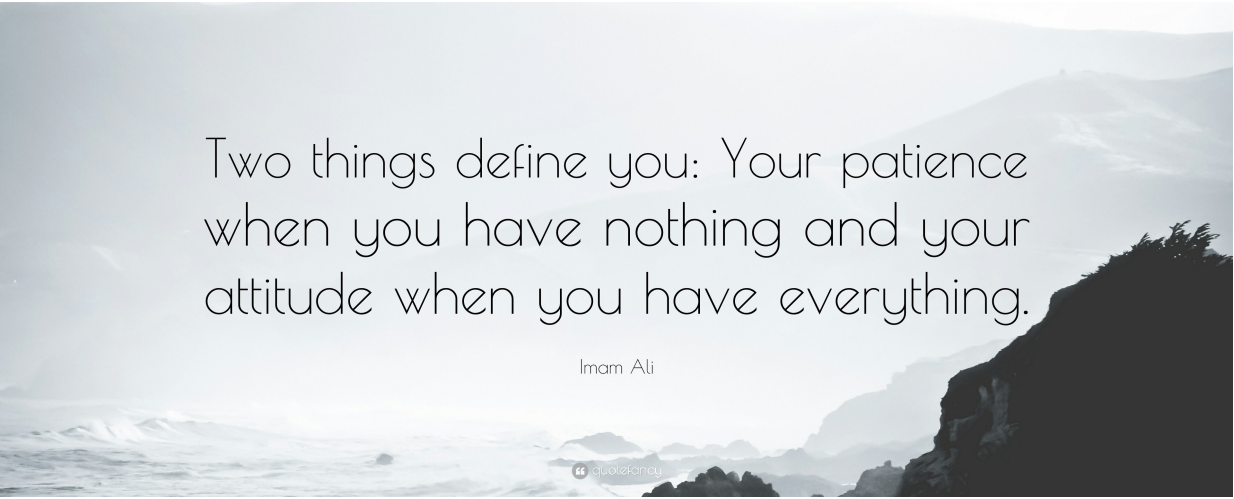
In a significant diplomatic development, Sir Oliver Robbins, Permanent Under-Secretary at the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office or FCDO, arrived in India on Tuesday to review the progress of the UK-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. During his visit, Sir Oliver met India's Foreign Secretary, Vikram

Misri, in New Delhi for the annual UK-India Foreign Office Consultations. The meeting marked a crucial milestone in the bilateral relationship between the two nations, with both sides welcoming the significant breakthroughs achieved across the entire gamut of the partnership since the last consultations in London. One of the major highlights of the partnership is the historic trade deal announced between the two countries,

which is expected to boost economic ties and open up new avenues for cooperation. During the meeting, Sir Oliver and Mr Misri discussed ways to implement the shared vision of the two prime ministers for an ambitious partnership between the UK and India over the next decade. Economic growth was identified as a key area of focus, with both sides agreeing to work towards strengthening

trade and investment ties. A key aspect of the consultations was the inaugural Strategic Exports and Technology Cooperation Dialogue, which aimed at building mutual understanding of systems and agreeing areas for future cooperation on key sectors such as technology and defence. This dialogue is expected to pave the way for greater collaboration between the two nations in these critical areas. Sir Oliver Robbins,

Permanent Under-Secretary at the FCDO, expressed his delight at being in India to advance one of the UK's most vital partnerships in the world. "In a more complex world, there is strong ambition from both governments to take this partnership to even greater heights. I'm looking forward to working with Foreign Secretary Misri to make that a reality," he said.



EDITORIAL


ADIEU VALMIK, THE TIGER'S BEST FRIEND

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The tiger could not have asked for a better champion than Valmik Thapar, whose passing at the age of 73 on Saturday is being mourned by conservationists and tiger activists. Thapar earned his stripes as a young man in the Ranthambore forest and became one of the foremost wildlife conservation experts. He was an inspiration to countless people who took up the cause of the tiger and the forests of India. Thapar served on several government panels, 150 at last count, including the Central Empowered Committee of the Supreme Court on environmental issues. Although closely associated with Ranthambore, his influence

extended far, as evident in the work that led to the revival of the Tadoba-Andhari tiger reserve in Maharashtra. One not known to mince words, or hold back on his suggestions or opinions, Thapar was one of the strong voices against the introduction of the cheetah in Kuno. Thapar also presented a dissent note to the UPA-era Tiger Task Force report on the disappearance of the big cats from the Sariska tiger reserve, saying it was overly optimistic about the coexistence of tigers and humans. Thapar was among the early proponents of the engagement of communities around protected areas as partners in conservation. His NGO, Ranthambhore Foundation, has worked with people in about

100 villages around the Ranthambore tiger reserve. He pushed for tougher anti-poaching rules and efforts to protect tiger habitats. Thapar was a supporter of creating an exclusive space for tigers — a minimum area that should be managed in its natural form. For all the time he spent on various committees, Thapar's first love was always the wild, especially Ranthambore. He was the author of several books and presented a number of documentary films. The booming voice, spoken gently, was the one everyone heard when the documentary, The Land of The Tiger, was aired on television many years ago. Today, the land of the tiger is poorer by his passing.



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The Editor



Land for Apartments Also Comes Under LRS

Justice T. Vinod Kumar of the Telangana High Court dismissed a writ plea filed Sri Sai Builders and Modi Ventures, real estate developers challenging the levy of about Rs 25 lakh as layout regularisation scheme (LRS) charges. The judge upheld the action of the municipal authorities in demanding the charges under the LRS framework for an apartment project in Mallapur, Kapra of Rangareddy district. The petitioners contended that it initially purchased four acres of land in Survey No.s 93, 94, and 95 and constructed five apartment blocks after securing due approvals. Later, they acquired an adjoining parcel of 1.18 acres in the same survey numbers, intending to build two more apartment blocks. The writ petitioners said that for this new construction, they applied to the municipal authority for permission in April 2008. The authority, via a letter issued on November 25, 2008, demanded payment of ₹55 lakh under various heads, including ₹25.54 lakh specifically under 'Layout Regularisation Scheme charges'. The developers protested the demand, arguing that the LRS charges were only applicable to unauthorised or unapproved layouts where land was divided into individual plots and sold without approvals. Counsel for the petitioner cited government orders and argued that newly acquired land was not plotted or sold as individual units, but intended for group housing. He contended that despite their representation contesting the charge, the municipal authority reiterated its demand through a follow-up letter in January 2009, warning of application closure if the amount was not paid. Faced with this ultimatum and the urgency to proceed with construction, the developers paid the charges and later filed the writ petition seeking refund of the amount with 18 per cent interest, claiming the demand to be arbitrary, illegal, and outside the scope of the GHMC Act, 1955. In a detailed judgment, Justice T. Vinod Kumar analysed the legal framework and clarified that the concept of an "unapproved/illegal layout" under GO Ms. No.902 included any subdivision of land into plots with or without developed infrastructure and without the approval of the competent authority.

HC reinforces property rights of daughters

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Justice T. Vinod Kumar and Justice P. Sree Sudha of the Telangana High Court, sitting in vacation bench, reinforced the rights of daughters in ancestral property disputes by allowing civil miscellaneous appeals filed by the eldest daughter which alleged that multiple sale and gift deeds were executed without her consent, in violation of her lawful share. The appeals arose out of interlocutory orders in a partition suit pending before the IX Ad-

ditional District Judge, Rangareddy district at LB Nagar. The appeals were filed by a woman challenging the trial court's refusal to grant interim injunctions sought against her father, sister, and brother-in-law (respondents). The appellant, the elder daughter of the respondents, sought partition and separate possession of ancestral properties, claiming a one-third share for herself, her father, and her sister. The crux of her plea included a prayer to declare multiple property transactions including a registered gift settlement

deed (2007), a development agreement-cum-irrevocable GPA (2016), and subsequent sale and ratification deeds as null and void, alleging they were executed without her consent and in violation of her lawful share. She sought interim injunctions to prevent further alienation or change in the nature of the subject properties. The trial court dismissed her applications, prompting the present appeals. The panel, after examining the nature of the claims, observed that the appellant had raised serious triable issues regarding the valid-

ity of the disputed transactions and the status of the properties as joint family assets. The panel held that maintaining the status quo was necessary to prevent irreversible changes pending adjudication. Accordingly, the panel allowed the civil miscellaneous appeals, set aside the trial court's orders, and granted the appellant interim relief by restraining the respondents from alienating or altering the nature of the subject properties until final disposal of the suit.

Issue show cause notice first: HC

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In a significant development, the Telangana High Court, while upholding the fundamental principles of natural justice, set aside a demolition notice issued by the Panchayat Secretary of Madnoor in Kamareddy district. The ruling came from Justice J. Sreenivas Rao, who was presiding over the vacation bench of the High Court. The case pertains to a writ petition filed by Gaddamwar Saheb Rao, a resident of Madnoor village, who challenged the demolition notice issued by the local panchayat authorities. The impugned notice had directed the petitioner to demolish the third floor of his residential building within five days. The petitioner approached the High Court, contending that the notice was arbitrary, unlawful, and in gross violation of the Constitutionally guaranteed principles of natural justice. In his petition, Mr. Saheb Rao submitted that he had purchased the plot of land through a registered sale deed in the year 2007. Subsequently, he constructed a residential house on the said land after securing requisite permissions from the local gram panchayat. He further asserted that he had been diligently paying property taxes to the concerned authorities, thereby substantiating

the legality and legitimacy of his ownership and construction. The petitioner further contended that the demolition notice was issued without any prior intimation, show cause notice, or opportunity of being heard. He argued that the actions of the panchayat officials were not only arbitrary and high-handed but also appeared to be motivated by extraneous influences, including local political pressure. The absence of any explanation or inquiry before initiating such an extreme action, the petitioner argued, violated his constitutional rights and principles of fair hearing. On behalf of the respondent authorities, the standing counsel for the panchayat argued that the petitioner had undertaken unauthorized constructions, particularly the third floor, despite being warned orally by the authorities. The counsel further justified the issuance of the notice under the relevant provisions of the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, claiming that the construction exceeded the approved plans and warranted immediate corrective action. After hearing both parties, Justice J. Sreenivas Rao observed that the authorities had failed to comply with the basic procedural safeguards before issuing the demolition notice. The Court noted that the panchayat authorities had directly issued a demolition order without first serving a show

cause notice or providing the petitioner with an opportunity to explain his position. This omission, the judge observed, amounted to a serious violation of the cardinal principles of natural justice. Consequently, the Court ordered that the demolition notice dated by the Panchayat Secretary be set aside and instead be treated as a show cause notice. The judge granted the petitioner a period of three weeks to file a detailed explanation in response to the notice. In a balanced approach, the Court further directed the Panchayat authorities to consider the petitioner's explanation on merits and pass a reasoned order within six weeks of receiving the response. Importantly, the judge directed the authorities to afford the petitioner a personal hearing during the course of the proceedings to ensure fairness and transparency. Until a final decision is rendered by the panchayat authorities, the High Court restrained the respondents from taking any coercive or demolition-related steps against the petitioner. At the same time, the Court also directed the petitioner not to carry out any further construction on the disputed third floor until the matter is conclusively adjudicated. The judgment serves as a reminder to local bodies and statutory authorities to adhere strictly to due process of law and respect citizens'

Serial Killer Evades Law for Years

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A typical average-looking middle-aged male construction worker, who regularly frequents toddy shops after his work, has a shockingly demonic criminal background. He is accused of killing 18 women since 2003. He was jailed four times and convicted thrice. Yet he hoodwinks the system to get free and pursue what has become his life goal: Use women and kill them mercilessly. The modus operandi of Miana Ramulu, is simple: Visit a toddy shop and look for a single woman. If he finds one, he befriends her, lures her to a remote place, assaults her sexually and murders her. He burns the face with alcohol to avoid identification. Ramulu has multiple cases of murder pending against him across Hyderabad and has multiple convictions. His first offence — a murder — was in 2003. But he was first arrested in 2006 for the murder of his brother in the Raidurg police limits. After he was released on bail, he was arrested in September 2009 by the Narsingi police. During the interrogation, he confessed to police that he had murdered six other people at Toopran in 2003, Sangareddy Rural in 2005, Dundigal in 2008, Narsapur in 2008, and Kukatpally in 2006 and 2009. According to

police sources, Ramulu, who was originally from Sangareddy district, was married at the age of 21 in 2003 to a woman, who subsequently eloped with another man. After the failed marriage, Ramulu turned psychotic and began to target single women. For a murder that he committed in 2009, Ramulu was arrested and convicted to life imprisonment. Two years after his internment, he scripted a dramatic escape, worthy of a movie sequence. According to sources, he was placed in a separate cell after he started behaving psychotically with his inmates of the prison cell. When he continued to exhibit manic behaviour, jail officials shifted him to the Institute of Mental Health at Erragadda for treatment, where he put up with five other patients. He escaped the hospital with all his inmates in December 2011. Subsequently, he killed five more women in the next two years. In 2013, he was again arrested and convicted for a murder. However, after spending five years in prison, he was released in 2018 for "good behaviour". His murder count, which started in 2003, reached 16 in 2019 — or the 11 years that he was out of prison. Ramulu's plot, however, unravelled in 2021, when he committed his 18th murder — of a woman — at Ghatkesar.

Kamal Haasan refuses apology in Kannada language row

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Refusing to apologise for his controversial remark regarding the origins of the Kannada language, actor Kamal Haasan has informed the Karnataka High Court that his production house has decided not to release his movie ‘Thug Life’ in the state next week.

The High Court bench, headed by Justice M. Nagaprasanna, recorded this submission and adjourned the matter to June 10. While adjourning, the bench advised actor Kamal Haasan to at least use his discretion regarding the matter now.

Senior Counsel Dhyani Chinnappa, appearing for Kamal Haasan, submitted that the actor cannot be compelled to apologise or issue apologies in a cer-



tain manner. The bench intervened, stating that the court had not asked the actor to apologise.

The counsel for the actor maintained that while the court had not demanded an apology, the Karnataka Film Chambers of Commerce had. “We will discuss the matter with the film body. We will not release the movie ‘Thug Life’ in Karnataka,” the counsel stated.

The counsel further added that he had spoken to Kamal Haasan regarding the court’s observations on the case that

morning and conveyed them to him. “Kamal Haasan has expressed his respect towards the Kannada language in his letter to the film body. The actor has not issued any statement showing the Kannada language in a poor light. He has not used any inappropriate words regarding the Kannada language. Since there is no ill motive, he is not tendering apologies,” the counsel stated after reading Kamal Haasan’s letter to the Karnataka film body in court.

The bench observed that instead of “beating around the bush,” the addition of one word would have resolved the matter. “His ego must be coming in the way. Neither Kamal Haasan nor anyone should cause pain to the feelings of the people,” the bench stated.

Virat & Anushka Team Up with Dubai for Surprise Travel

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Celebrated Indian couple Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma have teamed up with the Dubai Corporation for Tourism and Commerce Marketing (Visit Dubai) for their first-ever collaboration with the city’s tourism board. The new campaign, titled ‘Dubai, Ready For a Surprise,’ highlights Dubai as a vibrant, diverse destination through a heartwarming film featuring the couple surprising each other with unique experiences around the city.

Known for their frequent visits, Virat and Anushka share a deep personal connection with Dubai, inspiring this partnership.



The campaign showcases the city’s rich culture, culinary delights, thrilling adventures, and hidden gems beyond its iconic landmarks. Viewers follow Virat as he plans personalized surprises for

Anushka, revealing a fresh perspective of Dubai that matches her moods and preferences, from the world’s highest 360-degree infinity pool, AURA SKYPOOL, to parasailing over pristine

beaches.

Virat said, “Dubai feels like a second home to us—familiar yet always offering something new. From peaceful desert moments to lively beach vibes, there’s something

for everyone.” Anushka added, “Every visit brings new discoveries. Dubai’s warmth and excitement make it a place that always surprises us.”

Issam Kazim, CEO of Visit Dubai, emphasized the partnership’s significance: “Virat and Anushka’s genuine love for Dubai makes them perfect ambassadors. India is a key market, and this campaign invites Indian travelers to rediscover Dubai in fresh, exciting ways.”

The campaign’s hero film is being promoted across social media, digital channels, and offline events, aiming to engage audiences with Dubai’s ever-evolving experiences.

Triptii Dimri Finds Peace in Hills; Joins Prabhas in ‘Spirit’ After Deepika’s Exit



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Bollywood actress Triptii Dimri recently shared a glimpse of the special place where she finds true peace and solace—the hills. In a heartfelt video posted on Tuesday, the ‘Animal’ actress captured serene moments from her trip to the mountains, showcasing her deep connection with nature. Sit-

ting on a rock amidst gentle rain, she peacefully enjoyed the lush green surroundings while savoring a simple meal of Maggi. Accompanied by the trending song ‘Pahadon Mein’ by Salman Elahi, Triptii described the hills as the place “where my heart feels most at ease,” highlighting how nature offers her a tranquil escape from the daily hustle.

On the professional front, Triptii is gearing up for several exciting projects. She will soon star alongside Prabhas in the film “Spirit,” marking her debut collaboration with the ‘Baahubali’ star. Triptii steps in as the lead actress replacing Deepika Padukone, who recently opted out of the film directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga. Reports suggest Deepika’s exit was due to

disagreements over her demands, including restricted working hours, a high fee, and profit sharing.

In addition to “Spirit,” Triptii will also appear opposite Siddhant Chaturvedi in “Dhadak 2,” directed by Shazia Iqbal. This film is the official sequel to the 2018 hit “Dhadak,” which originally starred Janhvi Kapoor and Ishaan Khatter.

Produced by Zee Studios, Dharma Productions, and Cloud 9 Pictures, the sequel is highly anticipated.

Triptii’s upcoming lineup also includes “Arjun Us-tara” with Shahid Kapoor, “Ma Behan” featuring Madhuri Dixit, “Animal Park” alongside Ranbir Kapoor, and an untitled film starring Yash, marking a promising phase in her career.

BUSSINESS

NIAT Boosts Universities with NEP-Aligned, Industry-Ready Skill Education

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The NxtWave Institute of Advanced Technologies (NIAT) is transforming Indian higher education by partnering with UGC-approved universities to deliver skill-based, industry-aligned engineering programs fully compliant with UGC and AICTE guidelines. This initiative supports the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 by bridging the gap between academia and industry expectations

through a future-ready University Collaboration Model.

NIAT leverages insights from over 3,000 hiring partner companies, a community of 10,000+ tech professionals, and internal R&D to help universities continuously update curricula aligned with evolving industry trends, including AI/ML and cybersecurity.

Faculty upskilling is key, with NIAT offering industry-led certification programs and enabling universities to onboard

seasoned “Professors of Practice” who co-teach and mentor students.

Students gain access to an AI-enabled learning platform that facilitates project-based education, live assessments, and real-time feedback, replicating industry bootcamp experiences.

Modern classroom infrastructure is guided by a research-backed design playbook inspired by global institutions but adapted for India, ensuring compliance with AICTE norms.

NIAT’s strong corporate connections enable structured internships, mock assessments, and placement drives aligned with real industry hiring practices.

Progress tracking dashboards give universities deep insight into student readiness.

Graduates earn dual credentials: a UGC-approved B.Tech degree from their university and an Industry Ready Certificate (IRC) from NIAT, enhancing employability and meeting the multidisciplinary learning goals of UGC/AICTE.

Fee structures are transparent, with students paying academic fees to universities and an optional fee to NIAT for industry readiness programs, ensuring regulatory compliance.

NIAT’s model embodies the government’s vision for quality, skill-oriented education—equipping students not just with degrees but with real-world career capabilities.

Microsoft Cuts Hundreds More Jobs After Firing 6,000 Last Month

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Microsoft cut hundreds more jobs just weeks after its largest layoff in years, underscoring the tech industry’s efforts to trim costs even as it plows billions of dollars into artificial intelligence. More than 300 employees were told their positions had been eliminated on Monday, according to a Washington state notice reviewed by Bloomberg. A Microsoft spokesperson said the latest headcount reduction is in addition to the 6,000 job cuts announced last month. “We continue to implement or-

ganizational changes necessary to best position the company for success in a dynamic marketplace,” the spokesperson said.

The artificial intelligence boom has roiled the tech labor market because companies are prioritizing AI-focused jobs and harnessing the technology to save money.

Microsoft and peers including Meta have touted the effectiveness of AI-assisted coding tools in speeding up the software development process. Last week, Salesforce said the internal use of AI has allowed it to hire fewer workers.

Auxilo Launches ‘IndiaEd’ for Interest-Free Education Loans

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Auxilo Finserve, a leading education-focused NBFC, has unveiled IndiaEd, a pioneering interest-free financing solution aimed at schools, colleges, coaching centres, and edtech platforms. The initiative is designed to ease the financial burden on learners and institutions by providing fast, flexible, and zero-interest funding for educational expenses.

Speaking about the launch, Anand Subramaniam, Chief Business Officer – Domestic Loans at Auxilo, said, “IndiaEd addresses the evolving



financial needs of India’s education ecosystem. By partnering directly with institutions, we’re ensuring instant support at the point of need.”

IndiaEd covers a wide range of educational costs – from school and college fees to competitive exam preparation, vocational training, and

upskilling courses. Loans range from ₹20,000 to ₹10 lakh, with flexible repayment options of 3 to 72 months. The process is fully digital, with zero waiting time and funds disbursed within 24 hours to partner institutions. Backed by a strong digital backbone and a recent \$33.4 million equity infusion led by LeapFrog Investments, Auxilo plans to extend IndiaEd’s benefits directly to individual students in its next phase.

India’s \$52 billion private education market is rapidly evolving, and Auxilo’s IndiaEd is poised to empower learners with smart, seamless financing.

Daksh Tops Karnataka, Secures AIR 15 in JEE Advanced 2025

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Vedantu, India’s leading JEE coaching platform, celebrates a remarkable achievement as Daksh Tayalia from Bangalore secures All India Rank 15 and Karnataka Rank 1 in JEE Advanced 2025. A student of Vedantu’s 3-Year Long Term Batch, Daksh scored a perfect 120 in Mathematics, reflecting the platform’s effective, personalised learning approach.

Another top performer is Prakhari Singh from Gorakhpur, who achieved AIR 92. In total, Vedantu



boasts 8 students in the Top 100, 20 in the Top 500, and 83 in the Top 5,000, underscoring consistent results through its student-first, outcome-driven methodology.

Vedantu’s success spans both online and offline models. Its Long Term Batches continue to pro-

duce high achievers, while its offline Vedantu Learning Centres (VLCs) have also shown strong outcomes in their first full academic cycle.

Co-founder Anand Prakash highlighted the role of mentorship and smart work behind these results, while CEO Vamsi Krishna emphasized the importance of personalised attention and student belief. With 35+ VLCs nationwide, Vedantu remains committed to transforming education by combining expert guidance, deep mentorship, and lasting impact.

Chakra Gold Gemini Leads Tea Safety Awareness Drive in Telangana

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Tata Tea Chakra Gold Gemini, a leading tea brand in Telangana, has launched a consumer awareness drive to highlight the risks of adulterated loose tea and promote safe consumption. The initiative aims to educate the public about harmful chemicals sometimes used to color loose tea—such as bismark brown, turmeric, and potassium blue—which can lead to serious health issues including nausea, di-



arrhea, and dizziness.

Through a large-scale door-to-door campaign that reached over 30,000 households, the brand demonstrated a simple cold-water test to help consumers identify adulterated tea. Puneet Das, President – Packaged Beverages at Tata Con-

sumer Products, emphasized the brand’s commitment to quality and consumer well-being, encouraging people to opt for trusted, packaged tea.

Dr. Addu Kiranmayi, a Hyderabad-based nutritionist, warned that adulterated tea poses health risks, especially in tea-loving Telugu households. Tata Tea Chakra Gold Gemini, made from premium Assam tea leaves, reinforces its mission of delivering not only a great taste but also safety and trust in every cup.

CITY CLICKS

Jaipur Patriots edge Chennai Lions in UTT Opener



Clean sweeps by Kanak Jha and Sreeja Akula set Jaipur Patriots en route to a 9-6 win in the IndianOil Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) Season 6 on Tuesday, despite a late, spirited fight-back from Stanley's Chennai Lions in Ahmedabad. With the season now underway, all ties will be broadcast on Star Sports Khel and Star Sports 2 Tamil, and streamed live on JioHotstar for fans across the country.

USA's top-ranked male paddler, Jha became the first player in league history to win a match with three Golden Points in his 3-0 triumph over Kirill Gerassimenko. Subsequently, India's top-ranked female paddler, Sreeja, followed with a clinical 3-0 win over Nationals gold medallist Poymantee Baisya as Jaipur raced to a 6-0 lead.

Staged under the aegis of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) and promoted by Niraj Bajaj and Vita Dani, IndianOil UTT continues to grow as a premier professional league. All 23 ties, over 16 action-packed days, will take place at Ahmedabad's EKA Arena, with tickets available only on BookMyShow.

Having won their opening battles, Jha and Sreeja then paired up to stretch Jaipur's winning start to eight games, sealing their first tie win of the campaign with a commanding 2-1 win in mixed doubles over Payas Jain and Fan Siqui.

But Chennai showed late resolve. Payas responded with a 3-0 win over Yashansh Malik in a clash of Delhi talents, while Fan, the league's highest-valued player, added two more games in her 2-1 win against Britt Eerland. Though the result was sealed, the Lions clawed back six valuable games, potentially crucial when table standings tighten at the business end of the league.

Novak Djokovic not a dark horse, says Zverev ahead of clash



For all of Novak Djokovic's titles (100 in all), Grand Slam trophies (24), and weeks at No. 1 (428 — more than anyone else in tennis history), for all of his talent and determination, the guy still can find himself worrying about what is going on with his game.

It happened a little more than a month ago, even, when he was coming off three consecutive losses — his second skid of that length in 2025 — and was particularly concerned about being 0-2 on red clay this season as the start of the French Open approached.

So Djokovic decided to enter the Geneva Open — and what do you know? He hasn't lost since, going 8-0 heading into his quarterfinal matchup against No. 3 Alexander Zverev at Roland-Garros on Wednesday. After leaving Geneva with the championship, Djokovic has not only won his first four matches in Paris but has yet to drop a set.

"It happens if you lose a match or two consecutively, and then you don't feel you have enough match play, you start to maybe doubt your game. You don't want to be in that state of mind coming into Grand Slams," the 38-year-old Serb said.

"So I'm just glad it all turned out to be perfect for me, in that sense." He and Zverev, a 28-year-old German, know each other quite well, on a court and off.

This will be their 14th head-to-head contest on tour dating to 2017 — Djokovic holds an 8-5 advantage — and the first since meeting in the semifinals at the Australian Open in January. That one ended after just one set: Djokovic stopped playing because of an injured hamstring, drawing boos from the ticket-buyers, and Zverev defended him.

Their only previous encounter in Paris came back in 2019, and Djokovic won their quarterfinal in three sets. When Zverev, who credits Djokovic with serving as something of a mentor, looked ahead to Wednesday, he said: "It's always a privilege to be on court with him." The other quarterfinal Wednesday will be No. 1 Jannik Sinner against unseeded Alexander Bublik, the first man from Kazakhstan to get this far at any Grand Slam tournament.

RCB Win Maiden IPL Title After 18-Year Wait

Royal Challengers Bengaluru win Indian Premier League title.



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In what will be remembered as one of the most emotional nights in IPL history, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) finally laid their hands on the elusive Indian Premier League trophy, defeating Punjab Kings (PBKS) by a thrilling six-run margin in the 2025 IPL final.

The victory ended an 18-year-long wait filled with heartbreaks, near misses, and unrelenting hope from one of the league's most passionate fanbases.

Under the floodlights of a packed stadium and amidst deafening cheers of "Ee Sala Cup Namde," RCB showed steel and resilience in a contest that tested their nerves till the final ball. Despite a modest total of 190/9 on the board, it was their bowling unit that rose to the occasion, holding off a spirited Punjab Kings lineup in a nerve-racking finish.

Kohli Anchors, But RCB Falter in Middle Overs

Sent in to bat first, RCB's innings was a story of starts that never blossomed into big knocks. Virat Kohli, the face of the franchise for over a decade and a half, played the role of anchor with a cautious 43 off 35 balls. While his intent was steady, his innings lacked the acceleration typically expected in a final, managing just three boundaries and striking at a rate of 122.85.

The powerplay yielded

55/1, but the middle overs saw RCB slow down drastically, managing only 42 runs between the 6th and 11th overs. Phil Salt's early dismissal after a brisk start derailed momentum, and contributions from Mayank Agarwal (24), Rajat Patidar (26), and Liam Livingstone (25) were promising but short-lived.

Punjab's bowlers, led by the tall and crafty Kyle Jamieson, kept RCB in check with regular breakthroughs. Jamieson picked up three crucial wickets and used his variations smartly to stifle the run flow. However, a late burst by Jitesh Sharma, who struck 24 off just 10 balls, helped RCB push past the 190-run mark — a total that looked slightly below par on a good batting surface.

Chasing 191 in a final always brings pressure, and RCB's bowlers ensured Punjab felt it early. Josh Hazlewood set the tone with a tight opening spell, including the early dismissal of Priyansh Arya, courtesy of a stunning effort in the deep by Phil Salt. The Englishman sprinted from square leg, held the catch reverse-cupped, and maintained balance as he narrowly avoided the boundary ropes — a moment that electrified the crowd and swung momentum toward RCB.

Punjab Kings stayed in the hunt with contributions from their top and middle order. Josh Inglis struck a quickfire

39 off 23 balls, and Prabhsimran Singh added 26, but Krunal Pandya's spell in the middle overs was pivotal. The left-arm spinner choked the run flow and picked up Inglis with a smart catch at long-on, finishing with miserly figures of 4-0-17-2 in the high-pressure contest.

Romario Shepherd, too, delivered a crucial blow when he dismissed Punjab captain Shreyas Iyer — who was riding high on a brilliant knock in Qualifier 2 — with a tame edge to the keeper. It was a turning point that drained Punjab's momentum and boosted RCB's belief.

With 44 needed off the final three overs, the match was still in balance. But RCB's experienced campaigners held their nerve. Bhuvneshwar Kumar bowled a match-turning 17th over, dismissing Nehal Wadhwa and Marcus Stoinis within three deliveries to snuff out Punjab's hopes.

Yet, Shashank Singh, known for his late-order heroics, kept the chase alive with a blistering unbeaten 61 off just 30 balls, including six towering sixes. As the equation came down to 29 needed from the final over, RCB fans held their breath.

Josh Hazlewood, calm

and composed under pressure, bowled two consecutive dot balls to begin the final over — effectively sealing the win for RCB. Despite Shashank's valiant effort, Punjab Kings finished at 184/7, falling agonizingly short.

As the final ball was bowled, players in red erupted in joy, fans waved flags and wiped tears, and the long-standing chant of "Ee Sala Cup Namde" finally turned into reality. For RCB, this was more than a trophy — it was redemption. Years of ridicule, near misses in 2009, 2011, and 2016, and the weight of being the perennial underachievers of the IPL

were washed away in one unforgettable night.

RCB's victory was not built on individual brilliance alone but a collective effort — from Kohli's anchoring role to Salt's athleticism, Pandya's miserly spell, Hazlewood's calm under fire, and Bhuvneshwar's experience. It was a win stitched together by belief and years of perseverance.

As celebrations erupted across Bengaluru and fans flooded the streets in red and gold, the city — and the franchise — could finally say, with pride and relief: "This time, the cup is ours."

"I Gave RCB My Youth, My Soul – This Win Is for Bangalore": Kohli's Emotional Tribute After 18-Year



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After 18 long years of loyalty, heartbreaks, and relentless pursuit, Virat Kohli finally lived his dream — winning the IPL with Royal Challengers Bengaluru. As RCB clinched their maiden title in a thrilling final, Kohli sank to his knees in tears, overcome by emotion.

"I've given this team my

youth, my prime, my everything. I've tried to win it every season, gave it all I had. Never thought this day would come," he said with visible emotion.

Kohli credited not just his teammates, but the fans, the management, and especially AB de Villiers: "This win is as much yours as it is ours," he had told ABD.

"My heart is with Bangalore, my soul is with Bangalore. This is the team

I'll play for till my last IPL game," Kohli declared, calling this triumph one of the greatest moments of his career.

As chants of "RCB" echoed, Kohli stood as the symbol of unwavering loyalty — finally rewarded.



Telangana Opposed To AP Govt’s Banakacharla Project: Uttam

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Telangana irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday reiterated the state’s firm opposition to the Andhra Pradesh government’s proposed Banakacharla project, asserting that every possible effort was being made to halt it.

Speaking to reporters at the Secretariat, the minister said he had already raised the state’s objections with Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil, the Central Water Commission (CWC), and the Godavari River Manage-



ment Board (GRMB). Reddy made it clear that Telangana would not, under any circumstances, agree to the Godavari-Banakacharla link project. He criticized the Andhra Pradesh government for aggressively pushing ahead with the scheme, which aims to divert nearly 200 TMC ft of water from the Godavari

river at Polavaram to Rayalaseema through the Bolapalli reservoir and Banakacharla head regulator. The project is estimated to cost ₹81,000 crore.

According to him, the project, which plans to link the Godavari with the Krishna and Penna rivers, violates the allocations made by the Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal. Telangana has long maintained that any expansion of the Polavaram project beyond its sanctioned scope encroaches on Telangana’s rightful share of Godavari waters.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said

the Telangana government would soon hold detailed discussions on the issue and formulate a concrete plan of action to prevent Andhra Pradesh from executing the project.

He also rejected Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu’s claim that the project would utilize only the Godavari water that flows wastefully into the sea. “There is no clarity on whether the water being targeted is from Telangana’s share or not,” Reddy stated. The controversy has also stirred political debate within Telangana.

KTR Vows IT Revival if BRS Returns to Power

CEOs Praise BRS-Era IT Growth at Dallas Meet, Highlight KTR’s Absence in Telangana Tech Leadership

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Top IT industry leaders gathered in Dallas and praised the rapid development of Telangana’s IT sector under the BRS regime. They noted a clear slowdown in growth after BRS left power and emphasized the absence of a dynamic leader like K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), who had played a key role in Hyderabad’s transformation into a global IT destination.

BRS Working President KTR, during his visit to the U.S., met with IT executives and discussed the future of Artificial Intelligence (AI). He stressed that collaboration between governments and industry is essential for empowering Indian youth to thrive in the AI-driven future.



KTR highlighted the potential for small and mid-sized IT companies to establish offshore centers in India, especially in Tier-2 cities. He assured that if BRS returns to power within three years, they would revive and expand IT development efforts across the state.

He reflected on BRS’s nine-year rule, where IT employment in Hyderabad rose from 3.23 lakh in 2014 to 10 lakh. Several global giants set up their largest campuses

outside the U.S. in Hyderabad during this period.

KTR also pointed to BRS’s efforts to expand IT beyond Hyderabad. IT hubs were developed in 10 Tier-2 cities such as Nizamabad, Adilabad, and Mahbubnagar, offering rent-free facilities, incentives, and infrastructure. He cited NTT Data’s center in Adilabad, now employing 500 professionals, as a success story.

He emphasized that the

post-COVID world allows for remote work from anywhere, making Tier-2 cities the next growth frontier. Quoting John F. Kennedy on infrastructure’s role in national growth, he urged governments and investors to continue investing in India’s future. CEOs concluded that while Telangana’s current pace has slowed, the BRS-era model remains a benchmark for balanced IT development.

Hyderabad Man Loses Rs 1.19 Lakh To Fraudster

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A man lost Rs 1,19,500 to a fraudster, who sought money from him by impersonating himself as his brother-in-law. As the fraudsters had the same display picture as his brother-in-law, the victim transferred money without verifying the authenticity

of the message personally. According to a complaint lodged by the victim’s wife with Cybercrime sleuths on his behalf, the victim received a Facebook message from a mobile number. The message showed the WhatsApp display picture of his brother-in-law who is currently residing in Saudi Arabia. Believing the sender of the

message to be his brother-in-law, he engaged in a conversation with the impersonator.

The impersonator asked him to transfer money, promising to send it back through Western Union Money Transfer. He also sent a fake Western Union transfer slip, which stated that the money would reflect in the bank account

within 24 hours. Later, the fraudster reached out to the victim again and claimed that he was stranded at the embassy due to an expired visa. He shared the number of a so-called agent and asked for an urgent payment for visa renewal. The victim trusted the scammer’s story and transferred multiple amounts.

5 held with Rs 1 cr cocaine in Hyberabad

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Kukatpally police and Banagar special operation team (SOT) police arrested five persons in possession of 820 grams of cocaine mixed with ephedrine worth Rs 1 crore in Cyberabad on Monday, June 1.

According to police, a 40-year-old serving Taskforce police constable in Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh, Gunashekar, is believed to be the mastermind behind the cocaine trafficking ring. He is currently abscond-

ing. Unnam Surendra, 31, an unemployed youth from Tirupathi, collected the drugs from Gunashekar and proceeded to Hyderabad through Guntur. The group intended to distribute to consumers in the city and was en route to Bhagya Nagar when a patrolling police team intercepted them near Jaya Nagarin in Kukatpally. One of the accused attempted to escape but was arrested. Upon questioning and searching, authorities seized a digital weighing machine and five mobile phones.

All-Women SWAT Team Debuts with Daring Demo in Hyderabad

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An all-women Swift Women Action Team (SWAT), comprising 35 specially trained constables, showcased their operational skills and readiness to handle women-led protests during a powerful demonstration at the Gosha-mahal police grounds on Tuesday.

Trained over a 45-day period in rock climbing, evacuation drills, self-defence techniques, and VIP security, the women constables displayed high-impact sequences involving reflex training, disarming techniques, and crowd control tactics. The



Hyderabad City Police Commissioner, C.V. Anand, who witnessed the demonstration, lauded the initiative and praised the unit for its physical resilience and mental strength.

Highlighting the rationale behind forming the dedicated SWAT team, Commissioner Anand said, “Dharnas, rallies, and protests are common in the city. Arresting women during such events

has posed both operational and sensitivity-related challenges. This dedicated team will help address those challenges effectively.”

A standout moment in the drill came when 22-year-old constable P. Pooja from the 2024 batch lay on the ground with a wooden plank balanced on her stomach, as a motorcycle sped over it. The crowd erupted in applause, including the Commissioner himself, acknowledging the courage and endurance the act symbolised.

Pooja shared her passion for sports and motorcycles, stating, “We were asked if anybody would want to try, and the intriguing me raised the

hand. I practiced it four times before performing. It thrilled me and showcased my talent.” A volleyball gold medalist in a recent police meet, Speaking to Media, Pooja emphasized how teamwork was crucial in executing such stunts safely and effectively.

Constable A. Mounika from the 2023 batch described the experience as a confidence-building journey. “The 45-day training gave us an adrenaline rush, especially when performing in front of CP Sir. I personally enjoyed the Karate and Krav Maga sessions. This training equips us to respond swiftly and prevent unlawful incidents,” she said.

Mehdipatnam woman resists chain snatcher, accused held with gold

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The Mehdipatnam police apprehended a chain snatcher at 10:30 am on Monday morning, June 3, and recovered a gold chain weighing 14 grams from his possession. The accused was nabbed while attempting to sell the stolen jewellery near Mallepally X Roads, Hyderabad.

G Chandrakala, 65, went to purchase milk from a kirana shop near her residence on Sunday morning, when the accused came up to her on a scooter under the pretence of asking directions in Te-

lugu.

The suspect asked, “Vijay Nagar Colony idena?” and then suddenly grabbed at her 20-gram gold chain. However, the victim did not accept defeat so easily, and clenched the chain tightly even as she was thrown down. At this point, the snatcher forcefully pulled at the necklace, breaking it into two pieces and fleeing with the 14-gram piece. Mehdipatnam police received a complaint about the robbery at 11 am on the same day. The arrested has been identified as a 35-year-old lab technician, Mohammed Najeeb.

Only Licensed Dogs Allowed on KBR

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In a move aimed at improving hygiene and ensuring better control over pets, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has announced that only walkers accompanied by licensed pet dogs will be permitted on the walking track at Jubilee Hills’ KBR Park. GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan issued the directive on Tuesday following an inspection of development works at the park. He instructed officials to strictly prohibit the entry of unlicensed pet dogs onto the walking track. Officials said the decision comes in response to repeated complaints from morning walkers and elderly citizens about aggressive or unat-



tended dogs. By allowing only licensed dogs, GHMC hopes to create a safer and cleaner environment for visitors. “The measure is also expected to encourage more pet owners to get their dogs licensed,” said a GHMC official. Stray dogs found on the walking track will be relocated to animal care centres by veterinary teams, he added.

Hyderabad hotel fined Rs 10K for dumping waste after Malakpet sewer inspection

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Following the sewage leak near Akbar Plaza in Malakpet, Hyderabad water board managing director Ashok Reddy visited the Malakpet-Nalgonda intersection on Tuesday, June 3, to inspect the ongoing sewerage repair work in the area.

During the inspection, Ashok Reddy discovered that a hotel near Nalgonda Chowrasta was illegally dumping food waste into a manhole, worsening the al-

ready critical situation. Expressing strong displeasure over this negligence, he imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on the hotel and warned that GHMC officials would seal the premises within a week if a silt chamber was not constructed promptly.

Addressing the wider crisis, Reddy directed officials to fast-track the construction of new sewer lines from Nalgonda crossroads to Malakpet RUB as a temporary measure to ease the overflow problem.

One Dead, 70 Ill in Erragadda Institute Food Poisoning Scare

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A tragic incident occurred at the Mental Health Institute in Erragadda on Tuesday morning, where a patient identified as Karan was found dead, allegedly due to food poisoning. The incident has triggered alarm, with nearly 70 other patients

developing symptoms like vomiting and stomach pain.

The health scare began on Monday evening when patients started complaining of discomfort. They were initially given symptomatic treatment by the staff. However, the situation escalated by Tuesday morning, prompting urgent medical response.



Two patients in serious condition were shifted to Osmania General Hospital, while others received

treatment at the institute itself.

A medical team and ambulances from Osmania were rushed to the spot for emergency care. Health authorities have confirmed that the condition of the remaining patients is stable, and no fresh cases have been reported since 5 PM on Tuesday.

Samples of the food and water have been sent to the Institute of Preventive Medicine for analysis, and an investigation is currently underway to identify the source of contamination. Health Minister Damodar Rajnarsimha has taken cognizance of the incident and is closely monitoring the developments.

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