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Telangana RTC Strike Called Off; Buses Resume Saturday

The breakthrough came during a crucial session at the Secretariat, chaired by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka.

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The Telangana Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) Joint Action Committee (JAC) on Friday night called off its indefinite strike after marathon talks with the government at the Secretariat, bringing relief to commuters across the state. Bus services are set to resume from Saturday morning. The strike, which began on April 22 in support of 32 demands, had entered its third day on Friday before a breakthrough was reached close to midnight.

The crucial meeting between the JAC and the group of ministers (GoM) led by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka commenced around 4 pm and continued for over seven hours. During the discussions, RTC employees' unions strongly pressed for the fulfilment of all their demands. The government agreed to resolve 31 out of the 32 demands, while seeking more time to address the lone pending issue of im-



plementing Pay Revision Commission (PRC) scales, citing the significant financial burden it would place on both the corporation and the state exchequer. The employees had also demanded the merger of TGSRTC with the government, along with the implementation of the 2021 and 2025 PRC recommendations. Talks on three key issues — merger of RTC, PRC implementation, and reinstatement of employee unions abolished during the previous BRS regime in 2019 along with conducting elections for recognised unions — were held in detail. Earlier in the day, a team of senior IAS officers held preliminary discussions with the employee representatives, which was followed by

the extended talks involving ministers. Besides Bhatti, minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, D. Sridhar Babu, G. Vivek Venkatswamy and Adhuri Laxman participated in the negotiations.

Bhatti said the ministers had been preoccupied with the ongoing Budget session, delimitation of constituencies, the women's reservation Bill and elections in other states. He also expressed concern over the death of RTC employee during the agitation, terming it an unfortunate and irreparable loss to the bereaved family. With the resolution of most demands and assurance on the remaining issue, the JAC decided to withdraw the strike, paving the way for normalcy in public transport services across Telangana.

Earlier, the state government announced a comprehensive rehabilitation package for the family of TGSRTC driver Kola Shankar Goud who succumbed to his attempted die by suicide. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expressed his deep shock and grief over the RTC driver's death. In a statement, the CM assured that the government will stand by the bereaved family. Narsampet revenue divisional officer (RDO) Umarani announced that the state will provide ₹10 lakh financial assistance, a job to one eligible family member in the RTC, and allotment of an Indiramma house. Narsampet MLA Donthi Madhava Reddy announced an additional ₹5 lakh from his personal funds. This brings the total gratuity for the family to ₹15 lakh. Officials said the deceased driver, who had served for 25 years, was the sole breadwinner of the family. He did not own a permanent house, leaving his wife Hemalatha, daughter Shamili and son Hemanth in a precarious situation.

PM Modi Sees Wave Of Change In West Bengal

Amit Shah says BJP will win 110 seats in ph-1

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday described the record voter turnout in the first phase of the West Bengal Assembly elections as a "wave of change." He urged voters to hoist the BJP's victory flag in the second phase. Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Amit Shah claimed that the party would win at least 110 of the 152 constituencies that went to the polls on Thursday. Modi, who addressed two campaign rallies for BJP candidates after taking a boat ride on the Hooghly River in the morning, also announced that the BJP would approve the rollout of the Centre's Aayushman Bharat scheme in its first Cabinet meeting if it forms the government in the state. His remarks on Jadavpur University drew an immediate response from Trinamool Congress supreme and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

"The first phase of voting has confirmed the wave of



change that has been visible in Bengal for a long time. The support shown to the BJP has sounded the conch shell of its victory. The Trinamool Congress crushed the temple of democracy with its dictatorship here. Now, people have begun rebuilding it," Modi said at a rally in Panihati, North 24 Parganas.

He urged voters to "unfurl the victory flag over this temple" in the second phase of the polls, scheduled for April 29. Modi also claimed that the TMC had become "extremely rattled" after witnessing the high turnout and had activated its "goons" to intimidate people on Thursday night.

The Prime Minister criticized the TMC govern-

ment over violence against women, referring to the rape and murder of a young doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital.

He noted that the BJP had fielded the victim's mother as a candidate in Panihati. Later, while campaigning in Jadavpur, he alleged that anti-national sentiments were prevailing at Jadavpur University.

"Jadavpur University was once respected across the world and founded on the principles of nationalism. But today, threats are issued on campus, anti-national slogans are written on walls, and students are forced into protests instead of focusing on their studies," he said.

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CV Anand Set To Become Telangana's Next DGP



In a major reshuffle within the state's top police brass, senior IPS officer CV Anand is widely expected to be appointed as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of Telangana. The transition comes as the incumbent DGP, Shivadhar Reddy, reaches superannuation on April 30. According to official sources, Anand is slated to assume his new responsibilities in the first week of May. Currently serving as the Special Chief Secretary of the Home Department, Anand's path to the top post was further signalled by recent administrative shifts. The state government has already issued orders appointing Shikha Goel to succeed him in the Home Department role, effectively clearing the decks for his elevation to the state's highest policing office.

China to send giant pandas to Atlanta again

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Atlanta will have giant pandas again. China on Friday announced it will send two giant pandas to Zoo Atlanta in the US, in Beijing's latest efforts of panda diplomacy despite tensions with Washington, and less than a month before a much-anticipated visit by US President Donald Trump to Beijing. The China Wildlife Con-



servation Association said in a statement that male panda Ping Ping and female panda Fu Shuang, from the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, will kick off a decade-long conser-

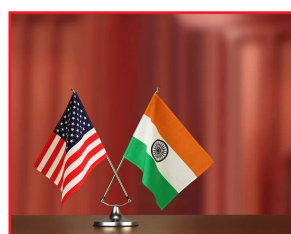
vation cooperation under an agreement it signed with the zoo last year. The association did not specify their departure date but said the US side was actively carrying out facility upgrades, among other preparation work, to create a more comfortable and safer environment for the pair. In the meantime, Chinese experts were providing technical guidance on the upgrades, it said.

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India, US To Remain In Talks Over Trade Pact: Government

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India and the United States have agreed to continue their engagement on a proposed bilateral trade agreement as the three-day trade talks between officials of both the countries ended on April 23. The discussions on the trade deal were held with a positive and constructive atmosphere to sustain the momentum ahead, the government said on Friday. In a move to finalise



the trade deal, a 12-member Indian team led by Darpan Jain, additional secretary in the department of commerce travelled to Washington D.C for in-person talks with their US counterparts to work out the specifics of the interim pact and ad-

vance talks on the larger bilateral trade agreement. It is, however, learnt that negotiations went on well, but flagged some long-standing sensitivities between the officials from both sides.

Confirming the development, the commerce and industry ministry said in a statement that the meetings were conducted in a constructive and positive spirit, with meaningful and forward-looking discussions enabling progress on key matters.

RBI Cancels Paytm Payments Bank Licence

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the banking license of Paytm Payments Bank. The cancellation is effective from the close of business on April 24, 2026. Consequently, Paytm Payments Bank has been prohibited by the central bank from conducting the business of 'banking,' marking the final regulatory action against the bank after a series of restrictions that



were imposed since 2022. The central bank said that Paytm Payments Bank has enough liquidity to repay its entire deposit liability upon the winding up of the bank. The banking regulator would be making an application for the winding up of the bank before the high court. In case you are using services linked to Paytm Payments Bank, experts

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Chadha, 6 Other AAP RS MPs Quit Party, Join BJP

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Ahead of the Punjab Assembly elections early next year, the ruling Aam Aadmi Party suffered a major setback when seven of its 10 Rajya Sabha members quit the party and merged with the BJP. AAP Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha, who led the coup, could possibly be rewarded with a Cabinet berth at the Centre. The AAP accused the BJP of launching 'Operation Lotus' in Punjab to dis-

rupt the "tremendous work" done by the Bhagwant Mann-led government in the state. AAP convener and former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal said the BJP had "once again betrayed Punjabis".

Besides Chadha, six other AAP Rajya Sabha MPs who joined the BJP are the former cricketer Harbhajan Singh; Swati Maliwal, social activist who had accused Kejriwal's aide of assaulting her; Rajinder Gupta of the Trident textile group with



assets of over ₹5,000 crore; Vikram Sahney, entrepreneur and international president of the World Punjabi Organisation; Ashok Mittal, founder and Chancellor of

Lovely Professional University; and Sandeep Pathak, formerly associated with the IIT-Delhi, Oxford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The anti-defection law cannot be slapped against the rebels because two-thirds of the existing AAP MPs from the Upper House of Parliament switched over to the BJP. Interestingly, the AAP had replaced Chadha with Mittal as deputy leader in the Rajya Sabha last month amidst rumours of the former being sidelined. Mittal was also in news recently when the ED raided his premises in Punjab. Of the seven Rajya Sabha MPs, only Maliwal is from Delhi;

the rest are from Punjab. The BJP, meanwhile, has launched its poll campaign in Punjab. Senior leader and Union home minister Amit Shah had addressed the "Badlav Rally" last month and had announced the saffron party will go solo in the impending elections in Punjab. The defection took place in the middle of the West Bengal polls, where Kejriwal is scheduled to address his first rally on Monday in support of the TMC supreme Mamata Banerjee.

Kavitha Charts Independent Path With New Party Launch in Munirabad

The party had previously indicated in court that it had proposed the name of Telangana Praja Jagruthi; there is no confirmation that the party would stay with that name.

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The stage is set for the emergence of a new regional political force in Telangana, with K. Kavitha, daughter of K. Chandrashekar Rao, preparing to launch her own party on Saturday. The much-anticipated announcement will take place at a private function hall in Munirabad in Rangareddy district, where Kavitha is expected to formally unveil the party's name, along with its agenda and vision document. While the proposed name "Telangana Praja Jagruthi" had earlier been mentioned in court submissions, there is no official confirmation yet on



whether the party will retain the same name. Political observers are keenly watching the development, as the final name and ideological positioning could signal the party's long-term strategy in the state's evolving political landscape. Kavitha has consistently emphasized the need for a political platform that is deeply

rooted in Telangana's regional aspirations. She has argued that despite the presence of established parties like the Bharat Rashtra Samithi, which originally championed the Telangana cause during its earlier phase as the Telangana Rashtra Samithi, there is now a vacuum when it comes to a party singularly focused on re-

gional issues. According to her, the shifting priorities of existing political formations have left space for a new entity that can exclusively advocate for Telangana's socio-economic and cultural interests. In an official communication released on Friday, her office described the launch as a "historic journey," underscoring the significance of the moment. Kavitha, who is also the founder of the cultural organization Telangana Jagruthi, is expected to outline a comprehensive roadmap addressing key concerns such as youth employment, farmers' welfare, women's empowerment, and the preservation of Telangana's identity. The

launch event is being planned as a blend of politics and culture, reflecting Kavitha's long-standing engagement with Telangana's traditions. Apart from the formal political announcements, the event will feature cultural performances celebrating the region's heritage, aiming to connect emotionally with the public. As Telangana's political space continues to witness churn, Kavitha's new party could potentially reshape alliances and voter dynamics in the coming months. All eyes are now on Saturday's event, which is expected to provide clarity on the party's direction and its role in the state's future political discourse.

Uttam Kumar directs officials to streamline MSP operations

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Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy said paddy arrivals had begun picking up in about 20 districts, while procurement was yet to commence in 13 districts where transplantation was delayed.

He wanted officials to gear up in advance to handle the expected surge in arrivals. He also urged officials to accelerate Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations and streamline logistics to ensure hassle-free procurement of paddy from farmers across the State.

Addressing a review meeting on paddy procurement for the Rabi Marketing Season here on Friday, the Minister stated that logistics were in place to procure up to



90 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of paddy. Over 5,000 procurement centres had already been opened, with plans to operationalise another 3,500 plus centres shortly. So far, 4.89 LMT of paddy has been procured, he said. To address storage needs, intermediary storage space for 12 LMT has been identified, while district-wise allocation has been made for 20 LMT of boiled rice paddy. Around 16 crore gunny bags have been positioned to meet daily procurement requirements.

He directed officials to ensure that paddy cleaners and dryers were deployed at most procurement centres to tackle moisture-related issues.

Stressing the importance of seamless operations, he called for adequate manpower deployment to prevent shortages of labour and gunny bags, and to avoid delays in quality testing and weighing. Transport arrangements should be strengthened to ensure timely lifting of procured paddy from centres, he stressed.

The Minister ordered tighter monitoring at inter-State check posts to prevent the inflow of paddy from neighbouring states into Telangana procurement centres. He emphasized that farmers must receive payments without delay.

MusiJan Andolan seeks re-evaluation of riverfront project

Musi Jan Andolan has urged Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka to undertake a scientific and transparent re-evaluation of the Musi Riverfront Development Project, seeking alternatives to minimise displacement and calling for a halt to land acquisition.

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A city-based NGO, Musi Jan Andolan (MJA), has appealed to Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka to undertake a comprehensive, scientific, and democratic re-evaluation of the Musi Riverfront Development Project. The request was made to the Deputy CM in his role as chairman of the Cabinet sub-committee overseeing the ambitious project. Representatives of the NGO, who are supporting hundreds of families likely to be affected by the proposed development, released their detailed representation to the media on Friday. They expressed serious concerns about the project's current design and implementation approach, warning that it could lead to large-scale displacement and environmental consequences if not reassessed thoroughly. In their submission, MJA emphasised that the Cabinet sub-committee should



not limit its role to merely supervising the execution of what they described as a "fundamentally flawed" riverfront model. Instead, they urged the government to adopt a more transparent, inclusive, and evidence-based approach by revisiting the project's core concept and design. The NGO specifically called for a holistic review from a river-basin perspective, taking into account the ecological dynamics of the Musi River rather than focusing solely on urban beautification. They stressed the importance of exploring alternative development

models that minimise displacement of local communities while ensuring sustainable environmental restoration. Highlighting the human impact, the NGO pointed out that hundreds of families face uncertainty over their homes and livelihoods due to the project. They insisted that people's rights, rehabilitation, and fair compensation must be central to any planning process. According to them, development should not come at the cost of marginalised communities who depend on the river and surrounding areas for survival. MJA also de-

manded the immediate withdrawal or suspension of all land acquisition notifications issued in connection with the project, including those related to the Gandhi Sarovar component. The organisation maintained that no further land acquisition or interference with private properties should take place until the government ensures complete transparency and shares all relevant details with the public. The NGO further urged the Deputy CM to initiate an open dialogue involving affected communities, environmental experts, and civil society groups. Such a participatory approach, they said, would help build trust and lead to a more balanced development plan. The representation underscores growing public concern over the Musi Riverfront Development Project, with activists calling for accountability, ecological sensitivity, and a people-centric approach in shaping the future of the river and the city.

MLA Laxma Reddy Provides ₹4.25 Lakh Aid to Chilukanagar Youth

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In a swift and compassionate intervention, MLA Bandari Laxma Reddy extended crucial financial assistance of ₹4.25 lakhs for the treatment of Shailesh, son of Guduru Rajappa from Chilukanagar division, who has been suffering from a severe tumor on his back. The timely support ensured that the patient could undergo essential surgery without the burden of financial constraints, bringing



much-needed relief to the distressed family. The issue was first brought to the MLA's notice by senior BRS leader Gudi Madhusudan Reddy. Responding immediately, the MLA sanctioned an initial Letter of Credit (LOC) of ₹2 lakhs to facilitate the commence-

ment of treatment. His prompt action enabled the family to proceed with the surgery without delay. However, during the course of treatment, unforeseen complications arose, escalating medical expenses. Facing additional financial strain, the family once again approached the MLA for help. Demonstrating continued commitment and empathy, he sanctioned a second LOC of ₹2.25 lakhs. This brought the total financial assistance to ₹4.25 lakhs, ensuring

uninterrupted medical care. Family members expressed heartfelt gratitude to MLA Bandari Laxma Reddy for his timely support during a critical period. They also thanked senior leaders Erelli Ravinder Reddy and Kolani Santosh Reddy for their assistance and coordination. This act highlights responsive leadership, showcasing how timely intervention can provide relief, restore hope, and save lives during medical emergencies.

MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy Mourns Driver Suicide

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Government Whip and MLA Shri Yennam Srinivas Reddy expressed deep grief over the tragic suicide of Shankar Goud, a driver at the Narsampet Depot. He stated that the news of Shankar Goud's death has deeply pained him. He remarked that sui-



cide is not a solution to problems and emphasized that any issue can be resolved through dialogue. He further stated that the

government remains committed to addressing and solving the problems faced by the people. Expressing his profound condolences on the passing of Shankar Goud, Yennam Srinivas Reddy extended his heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family members. He prayed to God for Shankar Goud's soul to rest in peace.

Police Stop BJP Leaders From Feeding Striking RTC Staff



RTC employees continued their strike at the Adilabad bus depot on Friday, while tensions prevailed when police stopped BJP leaders from organising a Vanta Varpu programme to provide meals to the agitating workers. A brief scuffle took place between BJP workers and police when party leaders and councillors, led by Payal Sharath, attempted to enter the depot to serve food to the striking employees. Police, led by Adilabad DSP Jeevan Reddy, prevented them from proceeding with the programme. RTC workers expressed displeasure over the police action, saying the BJP leaders were only trying to provide meals. Police later took the BJP leaders to the police station and released them after some time. The RTC workers continued their protest.

Panchayati Raj System: A Foundation for Good Governance

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The Panchayati Raj system stands as one of the strongest pillars of grassroots democracy in India. Celebrated every year on April 24 as National Panchayati Raj Day, this occasion marks the constitutional recognition of local self-governance through the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1992, which came into effect in 1993. Historical Evolution The concept of local self-governance in India dates back to ancient times when village communities managed their



own affairs through representatives of various occupational groups. These local bodies functioned as effective administrative units aligned with the social and economic realities of the time. However, during the medi-

eval period, continuous power struggles and centralized control weakened these traditional institutions. With the advent of British rule, local governance structures further declined. It was only during the

tenure of Lord Ripon, often regarded as the father of local self-government in India, that efforts were made to revive these institutions. Subsequent legislations like the Government of India Acts of 1919 and 1935 provided limited support to local bodies. After India gained independence, the Constitution, drafted under the leadership of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, laid the foundation for democratic governance. Over time, several constitutional amendments were introduced to strengthen democratic institutions.

Self-Enumeration Awareness Gains Momentum Ahead of Census

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In a significant step toward making the upcoming population census more participatory and accurate, awareness programs on self-enumeration are being actively conducted across regions. Officials are encouraging citizens to take part in this digital initiative, which allows individuals to submit their own household data directly. Addressing an awareness session held at the Mandal Parishad Development Office meeting hall, Mandal Census Charge Officer and Tahsildar Valigonda Anja-



neyulu emphasized the importance of self-enumeration. He stated that all government employees must mandatorily participate in the process, ensuring that accurate and reliable information reaches the authorities. Highlighting the rollout, Additional Charge Officer and MPDO Satyanjaneya Prasad informed that the self-enumeration portal will be open from the 26th in Telangana. He urged edu-

cated individuals to take the initiative and complete their self-enumeration, setting an example for others to follow. Further strengthening the awareness drive, Master Trainer Dudala Venkatesh provided detailed guidance to officials on how to carry out the self-enumeration process effectively. Panchayat Secretaries, Panchayat Raj staff, and other officials actively participated in the session.

PDS: 85% of 3-Month Rice Quota Distributed

The civil supplies department has successfully distributed over 85% of its allocated rice quota for three months April, May and June, well ahead of the April 30 deadline. As of April 21, the state has delivered over 5.48 lakh metric tonnes of rice to beneficiaries across the state. According to officials, this rapid distribution strategy was executed in direct response to a March 2 directive from the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. The Centre instructed all states to advance the lifting and distribution of food grains for the April, May, June 2026 quarter to prevent logistical and storage bottlenecks ahead of the procurement season.

Out of the total allocation of 6,43,303 metric tonnes (MT) of rice, the department has already distributed 5,48,140 MT. This translates to an 86% completion rate with eight full days still remaining in the month. The widespread reach of this initiative is evident in the data, with the state recording over 2.62 crore successful transactions state-wide to date. "To maintain total transparency during this accelerated rollout, all digital transactions.

DGP promises modern, citizen-friendly policing system across Telangana

DGP B Shivadhar Reddy announced that citizen-friendly policing will be implemented across Telangana, with Maoism declared eradicated from the state. He laid the foundation for a modern police station in Rudrangi mandal, promising facilities on par with corporate offices.

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Director General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy on Friday announced that citizen-friendly policing would be implemented across the State, asserting that Maoism has "completely vanished" and that the police system would undergo significant modernization to better serve the public. Speaking after laying the foundation stone for a technologically advanced police station in Rudrangi mandal, the DGP said the new facility would be developed on par with corporate offices, reflecting changing trends in policing. The event was attended by Vemulawada MLA and Government Whip Adi Srinivas along with senior officials. Shi-



vadhar Reddy emphasized that the upgraded infrastructure and people-centric training for police personnel would enable quicker response and delivery of justice to victims. He added that the initiative would further strengthen the friendly policing system in the State. The DGP assured that steps would also be taken to establish dedicated traffic and women's police stations in Vemulawada,

besides constructing a new police station building in Bheemaram. Highlighting the transformation of the region, he noted that Rudrangi and surrounding areas were once strongholds of Maoists and Janashakthi naxalites, where police personnel earlier had to move in battalions instead of individually due to security concerns. Recalling past incidents, he mentioned that a Chandurthi Sub-Inspector had

lost his life when his vehicle was blown up on the outskirts of Rudrangi. He said the situation has now changed drastically, with no presence of extremist elements and the region progressing on the path of development. The improved law and order situation has enabled the government to focus on infrastructure and public service delivery. Referring to the "Arrive Alive" programme, the DGP urged citizens, especially bike riders, to strictly follow road safety norms, including wearing helmets and seatbelts, to prevent accidents and save lives. District Collector Garima Agarwal, Superintendent of Police Mahesh B. Gite, and other officials were present at the programme.

Bandi Sanjay warns of protest over Huzurabad dumping yard plan

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Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Friday issued a sharp warning to the State government over the proposed dumping yard near Sirsapalli in Huzurabad mandal, threatening to intensify protests if the decision is not withdrawn. Participating in the BJP's Praja Andolana programme, he said party workers would place garbage bins and animal carcasses in front of Congress leaders' residences to make them "experience the hazardous impact of foul smell" if the project proceeds. He also cautioned that ruling party leaders would face public resistance on roads. Sanjay Kumar termed the proposal to set up a dumping yard beside a national highway as "irrational and dangerous,"



alleging that the move reflects poor planning by the government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He claimed to be among the first to oppose the decision and reiterated that the BJP would not allow it to be implemented. Highlighting potential risks, the Union Minister said the dumping yard would expose nearby residents to serious health hazards and lead to groundwater contamination, affecting villages in the surrounding areas. He stressed that public health and environmental safety cannot be compromised

for administrative convenience. He further announced that the agitation would be intensified in the coming days, with the BJP planning both on-ground protests and legal interventions. Complaints would also be filed with human rights bodies and statutory commissions, including those for SC, ST, and BC communities, he added. The protest programme witnessed participation from local BJP leaders and residents opposing the dumping yard, reflecting growing unrest in the region over the proposed project.

BRS stages Maha Dharna at Khammam Collectorate over farmers' issues

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A large-scale protest led by the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) was held at the Khammam Collectorate on Friday, pressing the State government to immediately address the mounting problems faced by maize and paddy farmers in the district. The party warned of intensified agitation if urgent corrective measures are not taken, particularly the opening of procurement centres and ensuring Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops. A delegation of BRS leaders submitted a memorandum to Additional Collector P. Srinivasa Reddy, highlighting the distress among farmers due to the alleged delay and inefficiency in crop procurement. The protest saw participation from district BRS president and MLC Tata Madhusudhan, former minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar, MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra, former MLAs Sandra Venkata Veeriah and Kandala Upender Reddy, along with former ZP chairman Lingala Kamal Raju.



Addressing the gathering, the leaders accused the State government of negligence in handling agricultural procurement, particularly in a district heavily dependent on farming. They alleged that despite the presence of three ministers in Khammam, farmers' issues remain unresolved, leaving cultivators vulnerable to financial losses.

The BRS leaders claimed that farmers are struggling due to the absence of adequate procurement centres and lack of remunerative prices for their produce. This, they said, has allowed middlemen to exploit farmers, forcing them to sell crops at lower prices. They demanded that the government immediately intervene to stabilize the situation.

Highlighting their previous governance, the

leaders stated that the BRS regime had implemented farmer-friendly initiatives such as Rythu Bandhu, crop bonuses, and loan waivers, which provided financial security to cultivators. In contrast, they alleged that the current Congress government has failed to uphold these standards, leading to growing dissatisfaction among the farming community.

The protest also witnessed participation from several BRS leaders, including K. Nagabhushanam, Pagadala Nagaraju, Bommera Rammurthy, Bellam Venugopal, along with party activists and a large number of farmers, reflecting the widespread concern over the issue. Reiterating their demands, the BRS leadership warned that failure to act swiftly would lead to intensified protests across the district in support of farmers.

Prabhakar Marks 30 Years as SC Rights Leader

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Senior Congress leader Madhyala Prabhakar has completed 30 years of dedicated service championing Scheduled Caste rights in Veera Nagar, emerging as a key grassroots figure in social justice advocacy.

As an active member of the All India Scheduled Caste Rights Protection Society, he has facilitated the issuance of caste certificates, enabling thousands to access welfare



schemes, education quotas, and government benefits. Prabhakar, born on October 1, 1974, is widely respected for his non-partisan approach and community-first mindset, earning appreciation across political lines. Over

the years, he has organized awareness camps, resolved local disputes, and extended support during crises, including floods and pandemics.

Coming from the SC Mala community, his journey reflects resilience shaped by early personal struggles.

With decades of experience, Prabhakar continues to play a vital role in strengthening Congress outreach and advancing inclusive development in Hyderabad.

Personality Development Key to Drug-Free Telangana Vision

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Calling for urgent education reforms, Bhaindra Srinivas, Vice Chairman of the Telangana State Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Babu Jagjeevan Ram Celebration Committee, has urged the government to introduce mandatory personality development classes in all schools to support Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's vision of a drug-free Telangana. Srinivas stressed that tackling drug abuse requires more than strict law enforcement. He argued that early moral



education and character-building are essential to eliminate the root cause—demand among youth. "If there is no buyer, there will be no seller," he said, highlighting the need to build awareness and resilience

from childhood.

He noted that busy lifestyles have reduced parental guidance, leaving a gap in value-based upbringing. Schools, he said, must fill this void through structured personality development programs that teach ethics, decision-making, and social responsibility.

Emphasizing youth as the nation's future, Srinivas said early intervention can create a generation capable of resisting drugs and contributing to a healthier Telangana.

Bridging the Gap: NIPHM's Farmer-Centric Training Initiative



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The National Institute of Plant Health Management has been consistently organizing a wide range of training programmes as part of its annual calendar. Traditionally, these programmes were primarily designed for officials of the Agriculture Department. While this approach strengthened institutional capacity, the intended impact was not fully reaching the end users—farmers and beneficiaries. Recognizing this gap, NIPHM has taken a significant step by extending its training programmes directly to farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Self-Help Groups (SHGs) individual farmers. This shift ensures that scientific knowledge and practical skills are effectively transferred to the grassroots level, empowering farmers to adopt sustainable and cost-effective agricultural practices. Active Participation and Field-Level Insights The training programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from farmers across regions, including Andhra Pradesh and Te-

langana. A notable highlight was the active involvement of farmers from Tandoor constituency, who shared their valuable practical experiences. These farmers elaborated on the challenges they faced, such as pest infestations, soil health degradation, and increasing input costs. They explained how they successfully overcame these hurdles by adopting bio-inputs, natural farming techniques, and improved crop management practices. Their real-life experiences reflected resilience, adaptability, and the effective application of knowledge gained through training programmes. Their stories not only showcased success but also inspired fellow participants to adopt similar practices.

"In addition to this, new benefits to the people are the free travel for women in TGRTC buses, new ration cards for all eligible families, 200 units of free electricity for every poor family, crop loan waiver for up to 2 lakh, 'Rythu Bharosa' and the '500 per quintal bonus for paddy of fine rice varieties in addition to Minimum Support Price to farmers, being offered by the Congress government," he added.

Srinivas Goud Detained, BRS Protests Intensify

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud was detained by police while on his way to attend the last rites of RTC driver Shankar Goud, triggering protests by BRS leaders at Station Ghanpur police station. Senior leader T. Rajaiah, along with party activists, staged a dharna demanding his immediate release, as a large number of supporters gathered in solidarity. After his release, Srinivas Goud strongly condemned the police ac-



tion and termed Shankar Goud's death "deeply tragic." He compared the incident to the sacrifice of Srikantha Chari, stating that mounting issues like RTC workers' hardships, pending dues of retired employees, lack of re-

munerative prices for farmers, and electricity shortages had pushed the driver to take the extreme step.

He accused the government of failing to address the ongoing RTC strike and alleged that even

basic support systems, such as tents for protesting workers, were being obstructed by police threats. He also demanded accountability for incidents reported in Nalgonda and Khammam districts.

Alleging bias, Srinivas Goud said BRS leaders were being targeted while others were spared, calling it undemocratic. Meanwhile, the victim's family demanded ₹1.5 crore compensation and a government job, urging swift resolution of RTC workers' demands.

BC Morcha Push Restores Borewell in Patigadda

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A swift intervention by BJP leaders has ensured quick action to restore a collapsed power borewell in Old Patigadda slum, bringing relief to residents who were left without a crucial water source.

Following a formal complaint by BJP Secunderabad Mahankali District General Secretary Nemali Anand (Nandu), officials responded immediately and initiated repair measures. DGM Rajagopal



promptly deputed staff for an on-site inspection and assured that the borewell would be restored within one to two days.

The borewell, originally installed during the tenure of former Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, serves as a vital lifeline for the local

community. The effort was led on the ground by District BC Morcha General Secretary C. Vijay Kumar, along with senior leader Mysore Madhusudhan, Division General Secretary T. Shrivani, Division Secretary Renuka, and other party workers. Their coordinated action

helped escalate the issue and secure a rapid response from authorities. Speaking on the occasion, Vijay Kumar reiterated that BC Morcha remains committed to addressing the concerns of backward classes and slum residents, ensuring timely solutions to basic civic issues. Residents welcomed the prompt response, expressing relief that their water supply would soon be restored, highlighting the importance of responsive local leadership in underserved areas.

Norway Plans Social Media Ban For Under-16s

Norway said Friday it will present a bill this year making it the latest country seeking to ban social networks for under 16s, adding that technology companies will be responsible for verifying the age of its users. "We are introducing this legislation because we want a childhood where children get to be children. Play, friendships, and everyday life must not be taken over by algorithms and screens," Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store said in a statement. "This is an important measure to safeguard children's digital lives," he added. Several European countries, such as France, Spain, and Denmark have already said they will introduce a digital age of majority for social networks and others like Australia and Turkey have already done so. The European Commission has also made clear its determination to take action to protect children and adolescents, notably by unveiling in mid-April an age-verification app that will soon be made available to European citizens.

Iran's Central Bank Confirms Strait of Hormuz Toll Revenue Deposited in Cash

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Iran's central bank has confirmed that revenue from newly introduced transit fees for vessels passing through the Strait of Hormuz has been successfully deposited, putting to rest speculation over the form of payment, as reported by Iranian state media Press TV. As reported by Iranian state media Press TV, the income was received in "cash currency" and credited to the central bank's accounts. The clarification follows earlier media claims suggesting that Iran was collecting transit fees in digital currencies such as Bitcoin or other cryptocurrencies. The report also noted that Iran's Deputy Parliament Speaker Hamidreza Hajibabae announced that the first revenue from the Strait of Hor-



muz tolls had already been deposited into the central bank's account. Speaking at a public gathering in Kuydasht, Hajibabae said that the Strait of Hormuz belongs to the Iranian people and asserted that no external power has the authority to negotiate over it. "All ships passing through this route must pay tolls in Iranian rials to the Iranian nation as a rightful fee for using Iran's territorial waters," he said.

He also warned that if the United States continues with what he described as aggressive policies, Iran would not allow any ships to pass through the Strait of Hormuz. "Two violating vessels have been successfully seized so far, and this number will increase as necessary to protect Iran's sovereignty," he further added. The deputy speaker described Iran's control over the Strait of Hormuz as a

key outcome of the country's resistance to foreign influence, claiming that US warships have been pushed back 200 kilometres due to Iran's military strength. He further pointed out that around 20 per cent of global oil and 35 per cent of global gas shipments pass through the Strait of Hormuz, adding that Iran's position over the waterway highlights its significant role in the global economy.

Netanyahu vows transformation of Middle East with US support

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Trump is applying very strong pressure on Iran and Lebanon to achieve peace, said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a video message released by the official X handle of the Israeli Prime Minister on Friday.



"I promised you that we would change the face of the Middle East, and that is exactly what we are doing. First and foremost, in Iran: I have had an excellent conversation with President Trump. He is applying very strong pressure on Iran, both economically and militarily. We are operating in full cooperation," said Netanyahu. "The same applies to Lebanon: We have begun

a process to achieve a historic peace between Israel and Lebanon, and it is clear to us that Hezbollah is trying to sabotage this," he stated. The message also mentioned that they are maintaining full freedom of action against any threat, including emerging ones. Netanyahu said, "We attacked yesterday, and we attacked today. We are determined to restore security to the residents of the North." The Israel Defence

Forces (IDF) stated that it had struck Hezbollah military structures in the area of Deir Aames, from which rockets were launched towards Shtula on Friday. Hezbollah uses ambulances and medical teams as cover for transporting weapons and operatives, undermining the special protections granted to medical facilities and equipment under international law, stated the IDF in a post on X. During searches in southern Lebanon, an ambulance used by Hezbollah to conceal weapons was located. Among the weapons found were explosive devices, mortar shells, magazines, and a grenade, according to the video posted by the IDF.

China to send giant pandas to Atlanta again

BEIJING
Wakeup telangana

Atlanta will have giant pandas again. China on Friday announced it will send two giant pandas to Zoo Atlanta in the US, in Beijing's latest efforts of panda diplomacy despite tensions with Washington, and less than a month before a much-anticipated visit by US President Donald Trump to Beijing.



The China Wildlife Conservation Association said in a statement that male panda Ping Ping and female panda Fu Shuang, from the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, will kick off a decade-long conservation cooperation under an agreement it signed with the zoo last year. The association did not specify their departure date but said the US side was actively carrying out facility upgrades, among other preparation work, to create a more comfortable and safer environment for the pair. In

the meantime, Chinese experts were providing technical guidance on the upgrades, it said. The announcement came weeks ahead of Trump's planned visit to China in mid-May, during which he is expected to discuss various issues, including trade, with his counterpart Xi Jinping. Zoo Atlanta said in a statement Thursday that it was delighted and honored to be trusted as stewards of the pandas and to partner with the

association. "We can't wait to meet Ping Ping and Fu Shuang and to welcome our members, guests, city, and community back to the wonder and joy of giant pandas," the zoo's president, Raymond B. King, said. During an earlier giant panda agreement between the zoo and China that concluded in 2024, pandas Lun Lun and Yang Yang gave birth to seven bears, the zoo said. Lun Lun and Yang

Yan and their two youngest offspring left Atlanta for China in October 2024, where the rest of their offspring reside, it said. China's giant panda loan program has long been known as a tool of Beijing's soft-power diplomacy, but its conservation significance could have been an important reason Beijing is renewing its cooperation with US zoos at a time of otherwise sour relations. The association said Friday that the new round of cooperation will help China and the US to yield more results in areas ranging from disease prevention and treatment to scientific exchanges.

Giant pandas have long been a symbol of the US-China friendship, ever since Beijing gifted a pair of pandas to the National Zoo in Washington in 1972. In 2024, the National Zoo in Washington and the San Diego Zoo also received pandas from China.

Didi Slams Modi for Attacking JU, Warns BJP

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee tore into Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday for allegedly vilifying Jadavpur University over anti-nationalism. The Trinamul Congress supremo also warned the BJP of a befitting reply for trying to loot people's voting rights. Banerjee, who campaigned in three constituencies, including Bhowanipore, asked the PM, "Is this the way you



describe the meritorious students of JU? Is this your concept of decorum and courtesy? JU has been receiving top ranks from your government's NIRF ranking framework year

after year and you descend to insult that very centre of excellence? You stoop so low!" Backing the students, the CM observed, "They have earned their place through merit and walk out with degrees, with intellect, with the ability to question. That is not anarchy. That is education and that is excellence. Anarchy is not students raising their voices. Anarchy is using bulldozers as instruments of power instead of justice. Anarchy is when farmers die and their

voices are crushed." She pointed out, "Anarchy is when those convicted of rape and other heinous crimes walk free for political convenience. Anarchy is denying the poor their rightful dues. Anarchy is dividing a nation along religious lines for votes. Anarchy is refusing to face the press, refusing accountability, refusing questions. Anarchy is refusing to acknowledge that Manipur is burning, but you are busy with elections."

Punjab CM Slams AAP MPs Who Quit Party, Calls Them 'Gaddars'

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday dubbed AAP's Rajya Sabha members, who quit the party and announced joining the BJP, as "gaddars" (traitors). Addressing a press conference here, Mann alleged that the BJP was trying to break the AAP and had "betrayed the people of Punjab." When they did not find anything against Bhagwant Mann, they tried to break AAP, said Mann, who re-



turned on Friday after nearly a week-long visit to the Netherlands and Finland to attract investments for his state. They are perturbed why Mann is becoming the leader of people, Mann said, hitting out at the BJP. People of Punjab are with AAP; they firmly stand with the party, he

said. He also said that the party is bigger than an individual, and 6-7 people who have left do not comprise Punjab. Chadha and Pathak on Friday announced that they are joining the BJP along with five other MPs of the party. Earlier, addressing a joint press conference in Delhi, AAP Rajya Sabha MPs Raghav Chadha and Sandeep Pathak said they were joining the BJP. Chadha claimed that nearly two-thirds of AAP's Rajya Sabha MPs had quit the party and

would join the BJP as a separate faction. Swati Maliwal and Harbhajan Singh were among the seven who quit, he revealed. Addressing the media, Mann said, "I have been saying this earlier too that the BJP does not get along with Punjab and Punjabis". Anything with which people of Punjab are happy about, it tries to spoil it, he charged. "When the AAP government was formed in Punjab, it withheld the state's rural development funds," he alleged.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Telangana RTC.....

Earlier, the state government announced a comprehensive rehabilitation package for the family of TGSRTC driver Kola Shankar Goud who succumbed to his attempted to die by suicide. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expressed his deep shock and grief over the RTC driver's death. In a statement, the CM assured that the government will stand by the bereaved family. Narsampet revenue divisional officer (RDO) Umarani announced that the state will provide ₹10 lakh financial assistance, a job to one eligible family member in the RTC, and allotment of an Indiramma house. Narsampet MLA Donthi Madhava Reddy announcing an additional ₹5 lakh

from his personal funds. This brings the total ex-gratia for the family to ₹15 lakh. Officials said the deceased driver, who had served for 25 years, was the sole breadwinner of the family. He did not own a permanent house, leaving his wife Hemalatha, daughter Shamili and son Hemanth in a precarious situation. Protesters, including family members and RTC union leaders, had initially refused to allow the last rites of Shankar Goud. The assurance of ex-gratia, job and housing, conveyed through the district administration played a crucial role in de-escalating the tension and allowing the funeral to proceed in the evening.

RBI Cancels Paytm..

In case you are using services

linked to Paytm Payments Bank, experts suggest that you wait for official communication from the RBI regarding withdrawal timelines, refunds, account closure processes, and migration of linked services.

Giving reasons for canceling the license of Paytm Payments Bank, the central bank said that its affairs were conducted in a manner detrimental to the interest of the bank and its depositors, the general character of the management of the bank is prejudicial to the interest of depositors as also the public interest, and that the lender was not complying with provisions of Section 22 (3)(c) of the BR Act.

"No useful purpose or public interest would be served by allowing the bank to continue as envisaged

in Section 22 (3)(c) of the BR Act. The bank failed to comply with the conditions stipulated in the Payments Bank license issued to it, thereby violating the provisions of Section 22 (3)(g) of the BR Act," said the RBI in a release. Paytm had obtained a limited banking license in August 2015 (backed by One 97 Communications, which once counted China's Ant Group and Japan's SoftBank as investors) that allowed it to take small deposits but not give out loans. Previously, the bank was directed to stop onboarding new customers with effect from March 11, 2022.

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Thereafter, on January 31, 2024, and February 16, 2024, certain business restrictions were also im-

posed on the bank which, inter alia, disallowed any further deposits/credits/top-ups in existing customer accounts, prepaid instruments, wallets, etc.

Cocoa City to Lead...

Chairing a high-level review meeting on agriculture and allied sectors in Undavalli on Friday, the CM emphasised that farmer security and enhanced income must remain the core objectives of all policies. He asked officials to guide farmers towards cultivating high-demand and profitable crops, while encouraging diversified farming practices to ensure year-round cultivation. The proposed cocoa city would be developed in a location identified by the government and is envisioned as a plat-

form for training, demonstrations and market linkages. Officials have been asked to ensure that this becomes a centre of excellence that promotes innovation and supports farmers entering cocoa cultivation. According to the primary proposals, the cocoa city project is centered near Eluru, with intensive cultivation proposed for surrounding areas like Pangidigudem, Dwarka Tirumala mandal. The city would feature an integrated hub with international standards for processing and marketing, aiming to enhance the value of local cocoa production. Cocoa is cultivated in nearly 44,984 acres in Eluru district, with a production of about 10,000 metric tonnes, making it the top cocoa-producing district in the country.

CRIME

Illegal Constructions on Govt Land Raise Concerns

CHANDRUGONDA
Wakeup telangana

Allegations of illegal constructions on government land have triggered public outrage in Thungaram village of Chandrugonda mandal in Bhadradi Kothagudem district, with residents questioning the inaction of revenue authorities. According to locals, unauthorized structures are being developed on government land under Survey No. 35, despite earlier interventions by officials.

Revenue authorities had reportedly installed warning boards at the site following media reports highlighting attempts to convert the land into private ventures for sale. However, construction activities have continued



unabated, raising suspicions of official negligence or possible collusion. Villagers allege that those behind the constructions are acting with confidence, suggesting they may have strong backing or influence. "Earlier, it was said that no one is above the law. Now, people believe money can

bend rules," residents remarked, expressing frustration over the situation. The issue has also put local panchayat officials under scrutiny. Despite being aware of the ongoing developments, they are accused of turning a blind eye. Sources indicate that lower-level officials are reluctant to act, citing the

silence of higher authorities. When contacted, the Mandal Tahsildar initially assured that officials would be sent to inspect the site. However, subsequent attempts to reach the officer reportedly went unanswered, further intensifying public anger. Residents are now demanding immediate action to halt the illegal constructions and protect government land.

They have also called for a transparent inquiry into the matter to determine whether any officials have been compromised. The incident has sparked a broader debate on accountability and enforcement, with locals warning that continued inaction could lead to widespread encroachment of public land across the region.

Can't compel one to undergo de-addiction minus accepted kits

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Justice E.V. Venugopal of the Telangana High Court ruled that a person cannot be compelled to undergo de-addiction treatment in the absence of legally admissible material or due process. The Judge suspended an order of the Special Judicial First Class Magistrate for Excise Cases, Nampally, which directed such treatment based solely on a urine test result. Justice

Venugopal was dealing with a writ plea filed by Jason Dylan Bretfelean challenging the order of the Magistrate passed under the NDPS Act, which grants immunity from prosecution to an addict who voluntarily seeks treatment. It was the case of the petitioner that he was subjected to random urine testing using a 12-panel kit and, on being shown as positive, his case was referred to the Institute of Mental Health, Erragadda, despite no narcotic drugs

being recovered from his possession. E. Venkata Siddhartha, counsel for the petitioner, argued that no notice under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, which requires prior intimation before such production, was issued. He further argued that the 12-panel ABON test kit had not been recognised, certified, or notified by any competent authority under law, and that no supporting material existed to substantiate the alleged positive result.

Fake Number Plate Scam Busted, Two Held in Hyderabad

Hyderabad police have busted a fake number plate racket, arresting two individuals for tampering with a vehicle registration to evade traffic challans. In Hyderabad, traffic and Kachiguda police identified the accused as Shaik Abbu Baba (41) and Shaik Rihaan (19), residents of Ramanthapur. Police said the duo altered the original number of a Hero Glamour bike to resemble another registered vehicle, causing wrongful challans to be issued to a Honda Activa owner in Kukatpally. A case has been registered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Motor Vehicles Act. Officials warned strict action, citing CCTV and ANPR surveillance tracking violations.

West Bengal Youth Arrested for Duping 500 Women of Rs 2 Cr Across Country

A 35-year-old man donned a bevy of identities — projecting himself as a lawyer or a doctor, or a film producer — to lure as many as 500 women across the country and fleeced them of Rs 2 crore. Delhi southwest DCP Amit Goel said the accused, Anand Kumar, a resident of North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, operated with "a high level of sophistication", using fake profiles on social media, dating and matrimonial platforms to identify and target victims.

HC Junks Criminal Case On Karimnagar Advocate

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Justice E.V. Venugopal of the Telangana High Court quashed a criminal case against an advocate, holding that he was falsely implicated and that legal professionals cannot be targeted for discharging their duties. The judge allowed a writ petition filed by T. Ramulu, an advocate from Karimnagar, who alleged that he was falsely implicated by the police following an attack on him by certain individuals owing to personal enmity arising out of litigation. According to

the petitioner, while he was representing his client in an appeal, he was assaulted on a public road by the said individuals. However, instead of initiating action against the assailants, the local police, in alleged collusion with them, foisted a false criminal case against him and subjected him to harassment. Senior Counsel V. Raghunath, appearing for the petitioner, contended that there was no material either in the FIR or in the course of investigation to substantiate the allegations against the advocate and that the entire prosecution was a misuse

of the criminal process. Upon examining the record, the judge found that the proceedings were wholly unsustainable and reflected a mala fide exercise of power. Taking note of the absence of any credible material against the petitioner, Justice Venugopal set aside the FIR registered against him. The judge also directed the release of the vehicle belonging to the petitioner which was seized in connection with the case and produced before the Judicial First Class Magistrate, Karimnagar. Emphasising the role of advocates.

Good Samaritan's Honesty Ensures Swift Return of Lost Mobile

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A lost mobile phone belonging to a college student was promptly recovered and returned on April 24, 2026, thanks to the timely and responsible action of a Good Samaritan in Trimulgherry. K. Tataji Babu, a 49-year-old private employee residing in Madinaguda, Miyapur, found the phone near the AOC Centre and immediately handed it over to the ACP Office, Traffic Trimulgherry Division, Malkajiri. Acting without delay, the ACP, Traffic Trimulgherry Division,



coordinated efforts to identify the rightful owner and successfully ensured the safe return of the device. The swift response reflects the efficiency of

the traffic police and their commitment to public service. In recognition of his integrity and civic responsibility, K. Tataji Babu

was felicitated by the ACP. Officials praised his exemplary conduct, noting that such actions strengthen public trust in law enforcement and encourage a culture of co-operation. The incident highlights the significance of Good Samaritan initiatives in society. Responsible citizen behavior, combined with prompt police action, plays a vital role in maintaining safety and mutual trust. Authorities urged the public to continue supporting such efforts for a more secure and community-driven environment.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Centre's latest appointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn't. When postings cut across agriculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it's less about filling vacancies and more about recalibrating the government's operating system. Joint secretaries sit at that crucial junction where policy leaves the drawing board and meets the real world. Change the people there, and you often change how things actually get done.

The headline move is the appointment of Hardik Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That's not just a posting — it's a signal. It tells you who's in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn't an iso-

lated reshuffle; it's part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi government has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, favouring officers who deliver, move files efficiently, and stay aligned with the larger political direction. With another round of changes expected later this year, this looks like scaffolding being put in place for the road to 2029.

There's a logic to it. Governments don't run on announcements; they run on execution. And execution, in India, is only as good as the babu handling the file. Put the right people in the right slots, and things move. Get it wrong, and even flagship schemes start gathering dust. But let's not pretend this is purely technocratic. Babu reshuffles have always doubled as political messaging. There's also the issue of churn. Move people around too often, and institutional memory takes a hit. Projects that need steady hands

don't always benefit from musical chairs. Still, the intent is hard to miss. This is about tightening the system, placing trusted officers where they matter most, and getting the machinery ready for the next phase. Whether it delivers sharper governance or just smoother optics will depend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply?

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deep imprint, but if the early signals around Samrat Choudhary hold, this isn't just about moving babus around. The idea is to build a compact core team, bring in technocrats who understand industry, and push Bihar toward manufacturing-led growth, which it has long promised but rarely delivered. The logic is sound. States like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu didn't attract investment by accident. They got the basics right — land, power, roads — and ensured the bureaucracy didn't become a bottleneck. Bihar, for all its ambition, has struggled precisely here. The sectoral focus on food processing, textiles and automobiles is sensible. These are scalable, job-heavy industries. But sectors don't grow because policy says so. They grow when businesses can actually set up shop without getting lost in paperwork.



String Metaverse OFS Sees Strong Response; Bonus Issue on Cards

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

String Metaverse Limited has successfully completed its Offer for Sale (OFS) of equity shares, drawing a strong response from both institutional and retail investors, with retail participation emerging as a standout feature. The company also announced that its Board of Directors will meet on April 29 to consider a proposal for issuing bonus equity shares to public shareholders. The two-day OFS witnessed robust subscription levels across investor categories. Non-retail investors subscribed approximately 149% on April 21, while retail investors showed over-



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whelming enthusiasm with a subscription of around 495% on April 22. The company highlighted that the broad-based participation reflects strong investor confidence in its business model, growth outlook, and long-term strategy. With the successful completion of the OFS, String Metaverse Limited is expected to meet the Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) norms as mandated under regulatory guidelines. This

marks a significant step in aligning the company's shareholding structure with compliance requirements while expanding public participation. In a move aimed at rewarding shareholders and further strengthening market engagement, the company's Board will consider a bonus share issuance proposal. According to the announcement, the proposed bonus issue may be structured to benefit public share-

holders more significantly. Notably, promoters are likely to forgo or renounce their entitlement to the bonus shares, thereby contributing to an increase in public shareholding. The company stated that this proposed corporate action is intended to recognize the continued support of public investors, improve liquidity in the stock, and promote a more balanced ownership structure. By enhancing public participation, the company

aims to reinforce its commitment to inclusive growth and transparent governance practices. However, the bonus issue proposal is subject to approval by the Board of Directors, as well as necessary statutory and regulatory clearances. The final decision will be taken during the scheduled board meeting later this month. Overall, the strong response to the OFS and the consideration of a bonus issue underscore growing investor interest in String Metaverse Limited, positioning the company for broader market participation and sustained growth momentum in the coming years.

HIJS 2026 Set to Elevate South India Jewellery Trade

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad International Jewellery Show (HIJS) 2026 will be held from May 1 to 3 at SS Convention, Shamshabad, bringing together India's leading jewellery manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers for a high-impact B2B exhibition. Organized by United Exhibitions, the event is expected to host over 250 exhibitors, 700+ booths, and attract more than 15,000 trade visitors from across India.

The three-day exhibition will showcase over 15 lakh unique jewellery designs spanning gold, diamond, silver, and precious gemstones, catering to evolving retail trends and regional preferences. Telangana Industries & Commerce Minister D. Sridhar Babu will inaugurate the event, alongside prominent industry



leaders. Positioned as a premier sourcing platform, HIJS 2026 aims to strengthen South India's jewellery ecosystem with strong support from leading trade associations. The exhibition will also feature concurrent events, including the Kohinoor Jewellery Awards & Fashion Night, panel discussions, leadership talks, and networking sessions focused on export opportunities, technology in retail, and risk management in the jewellery business.

Speaking on the occasion, Manoj, Project Director of HIJS 2026, said the exhibition is designed to empower retailers with fresh trends, innovative designs, and new business opportunities. Strictly a B2B event, entry is limited to registered jewellery retailers, with no over-the-counter sales permitted. With its scale, industry participation, and curated experiences, HIJS 2026 is set to reinforce Hyderabad's status as a key hub in India's jewellery trade and business growth.

Markets slump third straight day as oil prices surge, IT stocks drag Sensex down sharply

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Amoogh Reddy Opens Couture Store in Hyderabad



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Young designer Amoogh Reddy marked a major milestone by launching his first exclusive couture store, Amoogh Reddy Bridal - Pret - Couture, at Kajaguda Tech Ridge Circle in Hyderabad. The grand opening featured a glamorous fashion walk by professional models, drawing fashion enthusiasts, designers, and socialites.

The store offers a curated mix of bridal couture, pret wear, and contemporary designs that blend traditional Indian aesthetics with modern style. Known for his sustainable and concept-driven approach, Amoogh aims to provide personalized fashion that reflects individ-

uality and artistic expression. At just 15, Amoogh began his journey in fashion and quickly gained recognition for innovative wedding and traditional designs. His process focuses on selecting raw fabrics based on season and occasion, transforming them through unique colors, patterns, and intricate handwork before precision stitching completes each piece.

Speaking at the launch, Amoogh said the store represents his vision of fashion as storytelling and self-expression, combining craftsmanship with emotion. The event highlighted his growing reputation as one of India's youngest couture talents, celebrated for merging heritage with contemporary elegance.

Reliance Retail crosses 20,000 stores, reports 12 pc revenue

MUMBAI
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Reliance Retail Venture Ltd (RRVL), the retail arm of billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries, reported 11.83 per cent growth in gross revenue to Rs 3.70 lakh crore in FY26, and crossed the mark of 20,000 stores in its 20th year of operations. Reliance Retail's Profit After Tax (PAT) for FY 2025-26 was also up 11.73 per cent to Rs 13,842 crore.

This was "led by broad-based growth across consumption baskets and rapid scale-up of hyper-local commerce," said an earnings statement from parent entity Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL). For the March quarter, it reported a marginal increase of 0.5 per cent in profit after tax to Rs 3,563 crore in the March quarter, while its gross revenue for the period was up 10.84 per cent to Rs 98,232 crore.

"Reliance Retail delivered steady growth through the year. I am confident that Reliance Retail's deep omnichannel presence and its strong understanding of the Indian consumer will continue to underpin sustained growth," RIL Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani said.

Malaria Risk in Pregnancy

Malaria in Pregnancy: Early Detection and Prevention Can Save Two Lives

NEW DELHI
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Amid rising seasonal concerns over Malaria in the city, Fernandez Hospital has issued a strong advisory urging pregnant women and their families to stay alert, as the infection can pose serious risks to both mother and child if not identified and treated early.

"Malaria in pregnancy is not just another fever; it can have significant consequences if not detected and treated promptly," said Dr Tarakeswari Surapaneni. She emphasised that timely testing, appropriate treatment, and preventive care can significantly improve outcomes for both mother and baby. Medical experts warn that pregnant women, especially those in their first pregnancy or early trimesters, are more vulnerable due to lowered immunity. The infection can lead to complications such as anaemia, increased risk of bleeding during childbirth,



and low blood sugar levels. In severe cases, it may cause seizures, breathing difficulties, or even organ failure.

For the unborn child, the risks are equally concerning. Malaria during pregnancy can result in miscarriage in early stages, restricted fetal growth, stillbirth, or neonatal death in later stages. In rare instances, it may also lead to congenital malaria in newborns.

Common symptoms include fever, chills, headache, nausea, vomiting, and body aches. However, severe cases may present with confusion, seizures, or respiratory distress. "Any fever during pregnancy should

never be ignored. Early testing is crucial, particularly in high-risk or endemic areas," Dr Surapaneni added.

Preventive measures remain the most effective defence against the disease. Health experts advise the use of mosquito repellents, insecticide-treated bed nets, and protective clothing to reduce exposure to mosquito bites. Pregnant women are also encouraged to avoid travel to high-risk areas where possible. If travel is unavoidable, medical consultation for preventive medication is recommended. According to the World Health Organization, preventive treatment may be ad-



vised in certain high-risk settings after the first trimester. Regular antenatal check-ups are also critical for early detection and timely intervention, helping reduce complications.

Malaria is caused by the Plasmodium parasite and spreads through the bite of an infected Anopheles mosquito. Among its variants, Plasmodium falciparum is the most dangerous, as it can affect the placenta and disrupt fetal growth. Fernandez Hospital continues to advocate awareness, early diagnosis, and evidence-based care to ensure safer pregnancies and healthier outcomes for mothers and babies.

France's Groupe ADP to sell 7.3% stake in GMR Airports for over Rs 10,100 crore

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

France's Groupe ADP is selling up to 7.3 per cent stake in GMR Airports to the GMR promoter group for more than Rs 10,100 crore.

Once the multi-layered deal is complete, the overall stake of Groupe ADP, the Paris airport operator, in GMR Airports will come down to 25 per cent from 32.3 per cent. GMR Airports Ltd (GAL), the airports business arm of the GMR Group, operates various airports, including at Delhi and Hyderabad.

Groupe ADP has entered into agreements for sale of its securities representing 7.3 per cent stake in GAL to the GMR promoter group, according to a statement issued by the French group. The deal will be executed through an initial sale and entry into options relating to ordinary or preference shares as well as the early purchase by GMR Group of the convertible bonds issued by GAL and currently held by Groupe ADP. "The overall cash proceeds generated by this transaction are estimated to be 924 million euros," the French group said in a statement on Thursday. At current exchange rates, 924 million euros translates to around USD 1.08 billion or over Rs 10,100 crore.

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Anne Hathaway's 'Inshallah' moment wins hearts online

Hollywood star Anne Hathaway has gone viral on social media after casually using the phrase "Inshallah" during a recent interview, earning admiration from fans for her candid, grounded outlook on life and aging. The 43-year-old actor made the remark while speaking to People magazine during a cover shoot interview, where she reflected on her personal and professional journey, including her early years in Hollywood, motherhood, and her evolving perspective on life. Hathaway is currently preparing to reprise her iconic role as Andrea Sachs in the sequel to *The Devil Wears Prada*, one of her most celebrated films. During the conversation, Hathaway opened up about embracing her 40s and how her emotional outlook has matured over time. She explained that in her younger years, she often experienced extreme highs and lows, but with age has come a greater sense of bal-



ance and calm. She noted that she now values peace of mind and the ability to approach life's uncertainties with a more measured attitude. Speaking about her hopes for the future, Hathaway said, "I just really want to hopefully live for, and enjoy a life. I want to have a long, healthy life. Inshallah, I hope so." The Arabic phrase, which translates to "God willing," was used naturally in her response and quickly resonated

with audiences across the globe. Her use of "Inshallah" sparked widespread appreciation online, with many social media users praising her for embracing a phrase commonly used in diverse cultures. Fans described the moment as "adorable" and "heartwarming," while others pointed out that such expressions transcend religious boundaries and reflect a universal sentiment of hope and

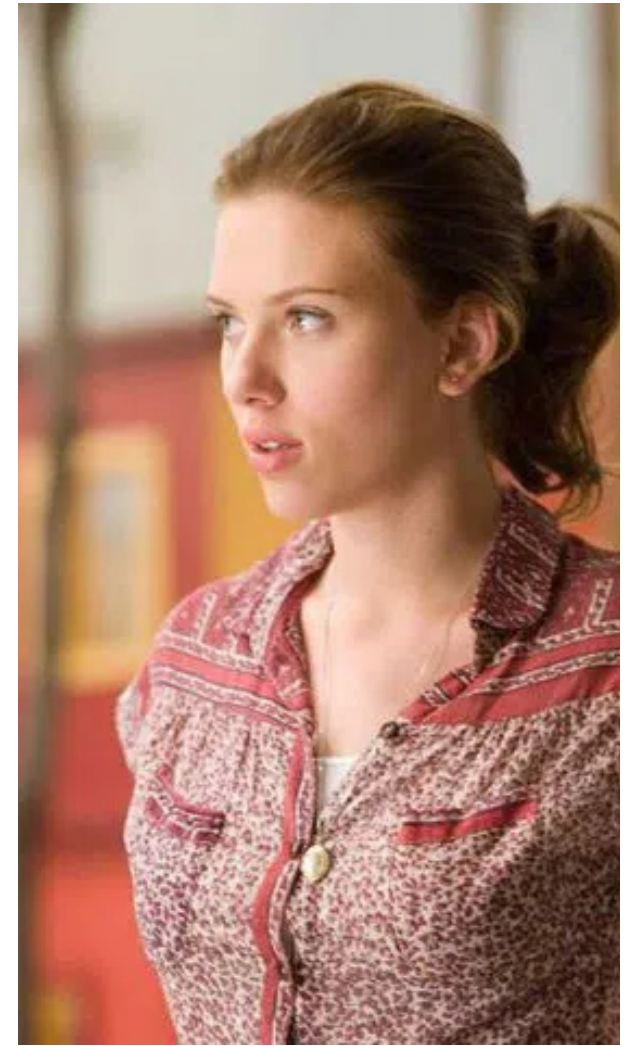
humility. Beyond the viral moment, Hathaway also shared insights into her life as a mother of two, discussing how parenthood has shaped her priorities and deepened her understanding of life. She reflected on her early acting assignments and the lessons she has learned throughout her career, highlighting how her experiences have contributed to her present sense of contentment. The actor also ex-

pressed excitement about reuniting with her former co-stars Meryl Streep, Stanley Tucci, and Emily Blunt for the upcoming sequel. The reunion has generated considerable buzz among fans, who are eager to see the beloved characters return to the screen. Hathaway's reflections on aging struck a chord with many, as she emphasized the importance of accepting change and appreciating the present moment. She spoke about finally understanding the phrase "take it with a grain of salt," acknowledging that life becomes more manageable when one lets go of extremes and embraces balance. Her comments come as anticipation builds for *The Devil Wears Prada 2*, which is slated for release on May 1. With both her return to a fan-favorite role and her thoughtful reflections gaining attention, Hathaway continues to connect with audiences not just through her performances, but through her authenticity and relatability

The Nanny Diaries to return as Netflix series with Scarlett Johansson

MUMBAI
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Streaming giant Netflix is set to adapt *The Nanny Diaries* into a television series, with Hollywood star Scarlett Johansson onboard as executive producer. The project brings renewed attention to the bestselling novel by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus, nearly two decades after its original film adaptation. Johansson, who played lead character Annie Braddock in the 2007 movie version, will produce the series under her These Pictures banner along with Jonathan Lia and Keenan Flynn. According to reports, writers Amy Chozick and Jenny Bicks will serve as co-showrunners, shaping the narrative for modern audiences. The story centers on Annie Braddock, a young woman from a modest background who takes up a nanny job with a wealthy Manhattan family. As she navigates the elite world of New York's Upper East Side, Annie becomes entangled in the complex and often chaotic lives of her employers, Mr and Mrs X. The official logline reveals a layered story-



line: Annie, an aspiring writer struggling financially, enters the world of privilege as a nanny for a charismatic socialite. Her experience soon evolves into an opportunity to secure a major book deal by exposing the hidden excesses and secrets of the ultra-rich. However, as she balances her undercover ambitions with emotional attachments, Annie finds herself

caught between personal ethics and professional success. The original film adaptation, directed by Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini, also starred Laura Linney and Chris Evans. First published in 2002, *The Nanny Diaries* gained widespread popularity and was followed by its sequel, *Nanny Returns*, released in 2009.

Delhi Capitals face tough test against unbeaten Punjab Kings

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Delhi Capitals will have to play out of their skins to get their stuttering campaign back on track when they face high-flying Punjab Kings in the Indian Premier League here on Saturday.

It will be a daunting task for the struggling Delhi outfit, smarting from a comprehensive 47-run defeat to Sunrisers Hyderabad, to stand up to a Punjab side that has been firing on all cylinders this season.

With three wins and as many losses from six matches, the Capitals find themselves in the bottom half of the table in sixth place.

In contrast, Punjab Kings remain the only unbeaten team in the competition so far, sitting at the top of the standings with 11 points from six outings. The only point they dropped was due to their game being washed out against Kolkata Knight Riders at Eden Gardens.

Delhi's biggest concern has been their inconsistent batting. While the likes of KL Rahul, David Miller, Tristan Stubbs and Sameer Rizvi have all con-



tributed in patches, the unit has failed to click collectively. Opener Pothum Nissanka, despite getting starts, has been unable to convert them into substantial scores, leaving the middle order with too much to do. Captain Axar Patel, too, would want to shoulder greater responsibility with the bat. The all-rounder is also under scrutiny for some questionable tactical calls in the previous game.

Against a rampaging Abhishek Sharma, Axar persisted with part-time off-spinner Nitish Rana, who proved ineffective, while frontline options such as himself and Kuldeep Yadav were not used enough. The absence of a clear Plan B highlighted Delhi's lack of adaptability under pressure.

Fielding lapses have further compounded their struggles. Missed stump-

ings, botched run-out opportunities and a few dropped catches have cost them dear in crucial moments, preventing them from taking control of games.

Although the bowling unit has performed better than the batting, it has lacked the aggression and sharpness needed to dominate opposition line-ups. Against a strong Punjab batting order, the Capitals' bowlers will need to be far more disciplined and proactive. Punjab Kings, on the other hand, have looked like a well-oiled unit. They have displayed both consistency and confidence, underlined by their recent 254 for 7 against Lucknow Super Giants, the highest total of the season. Opener Prabhsimran Singh has been in outstanding form, scoring 211 runs and providing explosive starts.

Kohli, Devdutt power RCB to five-wicket win over GT

BENGALURU
Wakeup telangana

Devidutt Padikkal and Virat Kohli played quintessential T20 knocks of 55 and 81 respectively, trouncing Sai Sudharsan's century to power Royal Challengers Bengaluru to a five-wicket win over Gujarat Titans in an IPL match here on Friday. Once Devdutt and Kohli added 115 runs for the second wicket in no time, RCB's chase of 206 was right on track, which they eventually completed in 18.5 overs and moved to the second spot in the points table (10 points). The champion batter and his understudy tore apart GT bowlers after the early dismissal of Jacob Bethell in a mesmerising display of aggressive batting, in total contrast to the measured way their rivals went about gathering runs in the first innings. Kohli, who was dropped on zero by Washington Sundar off Mohammad Siraj, measured the bounce of the pitch to perfection, tackling Prasidh Krishna and Kagiso Rabada with ease. Prasidh was hit for two



fours, Rabada was flicked away for a six and Rashid Khan, his eternal nemesis, was pulled over mid-wicket for a six as Kohli reigned at Chinnaswamy, reaching his fifty in 30 balls.

At the other end, Devdutt was equally impressive, hitting Karnataka state-mate Prasidh for a couple of sixes and Rashid too was dispatched for a maximum, reaching his fifty in 10 balls fewer than his senior. It took a fine delivery from Rashid to bowl Devdutt, and Kohli, who till then read the bounce well, dragged a Jason

Holder delivery on to his stumps. It pushed RCB into a wobbly period as they lost skipper Rajat Patidar and Jitesh Sharma as well, slipping to 173 for five. But Krunal Pandya (23, 12b) and Tim David (10) carried them past the target from that point, as RCB signed off from their home venue with a victory. This was their fourth win at Chinnaswamy from five matches this season. Earlier, Sudharsan produced a fine 100 that was different from typical T20 batting, but still strong enough to carry Gujarat to

a competitive 205 for three. In fact, the first 12.4 overs of the Titans' innings showed that runs can be made in this format without aggressive hitting. Sudharsan's 58-ball knock, his third hundred in the IPL, was the cornerstone in GT's effort with the bat.

The left-hander dominated the 128-run partnership with his opening partner and captain Shubman Gill (32, 24b). Sudharsan faced 29 balls in the Power Play, compared to Gill's seven.

The 24-year-old Tamil Nadu batter, who also became the fastest to score 2000 IPL runs during his innings, made 46 runs in the Power Play, and then reached his fifty off 33 balls in style, hitting Romario Shepherd for a six. The next fifty came quicker, in 24 balls, during a phase where he handled RCB's spin duo Krunal and Suyash Sharma well.

Krunal tried his bouncer to keep Sudharsan quiet, but the batter responded with an upper cut over backward point for a six. He followed that with a

boundary and a swept six off the same bowler as Patidar looked for different options.

Gill's dismissal did not change the course of the match much, as Sudharsan, who was dropped on 91 by Suyash off his own bowling, continued to score steadily. Sudharsan reached his hundred with a single off Suyash but could not build on it further, giving a return catch to Josh Hazlewood. He fell at an individual score of 100, the same total they made against Mumbai Indians in a 99-run defeat a few days back.

But his departure helped RCB pull things back in the death overs. In the overs between 17 and 20, when GT were 174 for two, the Titans managed only 31 runs, with some contribution coming from Holder's cameo (23 not out, 10b). Devidutt Padikkal and Virat Kohli played quintessential T20 knocks of 55 and 81 respectively, trouncing Sai Sudharsan's century to power Royal Challengers Bengaluru to a five-wicket win over Gujarat Titans in an IPL match here on Friday.

Telangana PGCET receives over 11,000 applications

A total of 11,347 applications have been received so far for the Telangana Post Graduate Engineering Common Entrance Test, according to the latest count released on Friday. The data shows a strong preference among candidates for certain streams, with 3,742 applications submitted for Computer Science (CS) and Information Technology (IT), making it one of the most sought-after disciplines. Pharmacy emerged as the top choice with 4,579 applications, reflecting high demand in the field. Meanwhile, Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) received 1,036 applications. In contrast, Textile Technology saw minimal interest, with only three candidates applying. Officials have announced that the deadline to submit applications without a late fee is May 6. Candidates who miss this date can still apply by paying a late fee of ₹250 until May 9 and ₹500 until May 12. Further extensions are available with higher penalties—₹2,500 until May 15, ₹5,000 until May 18, and ₹10,000 until May 26. Aspirants are advised to complete the application process through the official website well before the deadlines to avoid last-minute technical issues and additional fees.

Qurrum Ali Congratulates Harish Rao on Court Relief



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Advocate Mir Qurrum Ali, President of the Supreme Court Lawyers Association (SCLA), along with BRSV State General Secretary Dr. Dileep Reddy, Advocate Mazher, and other leaders, met former Minister and MLA T. Harish Rao to congratulate him following the Telangana High Court's recent observation granting partial relief in the Kaleshwaram Project



matter. The delegation expressed their appreciation for the legal and political developments surrounding the case, noting that the court's stance has brought a measure of clarity and encouragement to those associated with the project.

They acknowledged Harish Rao's role and leadership during the execution of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, which has remained a key infrastructure initiative in the state. During the meeting,

BRSV leaders and advocates discussed the broader implications of the High Court's observation, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding large-scale public projects from undue allegations while ensuring accountability through due legal processes.

They reiterated their confidence that the truth would prevail as further proceedings unfold. Harish Rao thanked the visiting delegation for their support and solidarity, stating

that the project was undertaken with the objective of strengthening irrigation facilities and benefiting farmers across Telangana. He maintained that all actions related to the project were carried out transparently and in the interest of the public. The interaction concluded with leaders reaffirming their commitment to stand united on issues concerning Telangana's development and to continue engaging constructively on matters of public importance.

Cocktail weather ahead as Telangana faces heat and storms

Telangana faces 44°C heat, storms, hail, humidity swings

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, on Friday issued a complex weather forecast for Telangana, predicting a week of extreme heat interspersed with intense spells of thunderstorms.

In a literal 'cocktail' of weather extremes, heat-wave conditions are expected to prevail, with temperatures ranging from 41 degrees Celsius to 44 degrees Celsius across the state.

At the same time, evenings or late nights may witness intense, brief spells of thunderstorms, lightning and hailstorms at sporadic locations in several districts. Tourist Destinations

Maximum temperatures are expected to hover between 41 degrees Celsius



and 44 degrees Celsius in districts including Adilabad, Jagtial and Nizamabad through April 28. Even Hyderabad is expected to see a significant spike, with temperatures reaching the 41 degrees Celsius to 43 degrees Celsius range.

Adding to the discomfort, the IMD has indicated high humidity levels, between 35 percent and 50 percent in Hyderabad, which will make people experience the 'real feel' temperature as significantly higher than the recorded mercury.

Based on the forecast, districts likely to be impacted by thunderstorms and lightning include Adilabad, Komuram Bheem Asifabad, Nizamabad, Jagtial and the Greater Hyderabad region. Meanwhile, on Friday, maximum daytime temperatures in Hyderabad and its surrounding districts such as Sangareddy and Medchal-Malkajgiri already ranged between 40 degrees Celsius and 42 degrees Celsius. The dry heat is expected to be particularly harsh in the northern and western districts. Already, the mercury is consistently touching 44 degrees Celsius in northern districts such as Adilabad and Nizamabad, as well as eastern districts such as Nalgonda, marking a dangerous start to the peak summer season.

Registration Cost May Increase by May 1 Week

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The state government has decided to revise the market value of land, residential and commercial buildings — the official government value used for property registrations — with the enhanced rates, which are likely to come into force from the first week of May. The decision was taken at a meeting of the Cabinet sub-committee on revenue mobilisation held at the Secretariat on Friday. This marks the first revision of land market values since the Congress government assumed office in December 2023, while the previous revision was carried out during the BRS regime in 2021.

While the quantum of the hike is yet to be officially announced, it is learnt that the government has decided to slightly increase the market value of apartments while marginally reducing the value of commercial buildings. Official sources indicated that the market

value of agricultural land will be increased by two to three times, depending on location. In many cases, land currently valued at Rs 6 lakh per acre could rise to between Rs 12 lakh and Rs 18 lakh.

In the core urban fringe areas, where government values are significantly lower than open market rates — sometimes ₹20 lakh per acre in official records compared to Rs 10 crore to Rs 20 crore in the open market — the government is considering hikes of over 300 per cent to bridge the disparity. Special focus is being placed on areas abutting the Outer Ring Road (ORR), where land values are also expected to rise by up to three times due to increasing demand driven by projects such as the Regional Ring Road (RRR) and the proposed Bharat Future City. Open plots and residential layouts in these regions are likely to see a two- to three-fold increase.

All Set For Anand as DGP; Shikha Named Home Secretary

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Senior IPS officer Shikha Goel was on Friday transferred and posted as principal secretary, home, indicating the imminent appointment of C.V. Anand, who currently holds the post, as the Director General of Police with effect from May 1. The state government on Friday issued orders notifying transfers and postings of seven IPS officers, which will come into effect from May 1. The city region will also get two new commissioners of police — Tarun Joshi for Future



City and B. Sumathi for Malkajgiri. Goel will continue to hold full additional charge (FAC) as director of the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau and director of the Telangana Forensic Science Laboratory until further orders. Devendra

Singh Chauhan was transferred and posted as director-general (vigilance and enforcement) and as ex officio principal secretary, general administration department, replacing Shikha Goel.

Shahnawaz Qasim, director general of the Drugs Control Administration, has been posted as Inspector General of police (IGP), Multi-Zone 2, and has also been placed in the FAC of IGP (Personnel). Tarun Joshi, director of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), has been posted as the commissioner of police, Future City, in place of G. Sudheer Babu,

who will be retiring from service on April 30. Avinash Mohanty was posted as director-general, Drugs Control Administration-Telangana, and Director of Prohibition and Excise. He has also been placed in FAC as Director, ACB. B. Sumathi, who is the IGP of the Special Intelligence Bureau (SIB), Intelligence, has been transferred and posted as the commissioner of police, Malkajgiri. Kartikeya, IGP, Intelligence, has been placed in FAC as the IGP, SIB, Intelligence, relieving Sumathi from the post.

GHMC Installs QR Codes for Citizen Feedback



As part of the Praja Palana – Pragathi Pranali, the GHMC began installing QR codes in public utility areas, with 840 installed on Friday. Through these codes, citizens can report grievances, give feedback and offer suggestions to officials. GHMC said complaints will be swiftly reviewed and resolved within a stipulated time frame. Officials stated that the primary objective of the programme is to enhance citizen participation while ensuring greater transparency in service delivery. The QR codes have been installed in apartments, shopping malls, theatres, function halls and other public utility areas across Shamshabad, Rajendranagar, Charminar, Khairatabad, Golconda and Secunderabad zones. GHMC appealed to the public to use this facility to immediately register grievances and secure timely resolutions.

Hyderabad Records Hottest Night in India

IMD warns of warmer nights; districts cross 44°C amid scattered storms

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad recorded the highest night-time temperature in the country on Thursday, at 28.5°C, according to Down To Earth's Heat Tracker. The state continues to reel under one of the most intense heat spells of the season, amid an Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) warning of warmer nights this summer. Friday marked the start of the second spell of intense heat this month, with several districts crossing 44°C. Mancheril, Nirmal and Peddapalli were the hottest, at around 44.3°C. Overall, temperatures ranged between 41°C and 44°C, indicating widespread heat stress conditions.

In Hyderabad, the mercury touched 41.6°C, with most Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) areas recording between 40°C and 41.5°C. Hotspots in-

cluded Jubilee Hills, Mehdiptnam, Musheerabad and Secunderabad. Even as the heat peaked, thunderstorms returned in parts of Telangana. Data from the Telangana Development Planning Society (TGDPs) showed Rangareddy district received moderate rainfall, with Keshampet recording 25.3 mm and Sangam 15.8 mm. Sirpur saw 14 mm, Lingal 12.3 mm and Uppal around 9 mm.

In Hyderabad, eastern areas saw sudden showers lasting 30–45 minutes. Secunderabad recorded 3.8 mm, Kapra 2.5 mm, while most other localities reported very light or no rainfall. The IMD issued a yellow alert for Saturday across districts including Adilabad, Komuram Bheem Asifabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Sangareddy, Medak and Kamareddy, warning of thunder-

storms with lightning and winds of 30–40 kmph at isolated places.

Rainfall activity is expected to resume from April 27, extending to Hyderabad and nearby districts. Despite this, temperatures are forecast to rise further by 1–2°C in the coming days, with no significant cooling expected. Meanwhile, the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (Incois), Hyderabad, reported marine heatwave conditions across parts of the Indian Ocean. Around 22% of the Arabian Sea and sections of the Bay of Bengal remain under watch or alert categories, with elevated sea surface temperatures that may impact marine ecosystems and fisheries. Scientists warned that rising sea temperatures could stress coral reefs, disrupt plankton and fish productivity, and influence weather patterns over land, including rainfall and humidity.

Cyberabad Curbs Near Muneerabad for K. Kavitha Party Launch

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Cyberabad traffic police have issued a traffic advisory in view of the inauguration of the new political party of former BRS leader K. Kavitha in Muneerabad on Saturday. The advisory will be in effect from 5 am to 5 pm. Officials said motorists could expect heavy congestion on NH-44 and internal village roads surrounding Muneerabad due to vehicle rallies and public gatherings. Commuters were advised to avoid the area during peak hours and pick alternative routes.

At Muneerabad, only vehicles attending the event will be permitted, while others will be diverted towards Gopala Farms, Poodur road, and further towards Kistapur and Medchal. At Poodur Y-junction, traffic will be regulated, allowing only authorised vehicles towards the venue. At CMR College crossroads, traffic heading towards Muneerabad will be diverted through ORR service roads towards Shamirpet. Entry of heavy vehicles into Muneerabad roads will be strictly prohibited; they will be diverted via Kandlakoya and Outer Ring Road service roads.

Karwan MLA Distributes ₹4.27 Cr Marriage Aid Cheques

HYDERABAD
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Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin on Friday distributed 427 welfare cheques worth ₹4.27 crore under the Shaadi Mubarak and Kalyana Lakshmi schemes at Mahboob Pride Function Hall, benefiting 427 eligible families from Asif Nagar mandal. Each beneficiary received ₹1,00,116 as financial assistance aimed at supporting marriage expenses for economically weaker sections.

Of the total, 169 cheques were issued under the Shaadi Mubarak scheme and 258 under the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme. The initiative is part of the Telangana government's continued efforts to provide social security and reduce financial burden on low-income households during marriages. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA reaffirmed the government's



commitment to welfare-driven governance and ensuring timely support reaches deserving beneficiaries.

He urged officials to maintain transparency and efficiency in implementation. The event was attended by the Asif Nagar Mandal MRO, party leaders, former corporators, unit presidents, and local workers, along with beneficiaries and their families.

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