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## Revanth Says State To Lead Aerospace By '47

**HYDERABAD**  
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday said Telangana was poised to become a global leader in the aerospace sector by 2047, as he flagged off the flight hardware of Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1, India's first privately developed orbital rocket, to Sriharikota. The rocket, entirely designed and developed in Hyderabad, was ceremonially dispatched to the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, marking a key milestone in Telangana's aerospace ambitions. Skyroot is preparing to undertake India's first private orbital launch attempt in the coming months.

Congratulating the Skyroot team, Revanth Reddy said it was a matter of pride that the rocket had been completely designed and developed in Hyderabad. He noted that the company had launched its first rocket in 2022 and described its rapid progress towards an orbital launch as a remarkable achievement. Industries minister D. Sridhar Babu



was present at the event highlighting Telangana's strong position in the aerospace sector, Revanth Reddy said the state was ranked number one in India and hosted global leaders such as Boeing, Airbus and Safran. He reiterated that aerospace has been identified as a key growth sector in the state's vision to emerge as a global hub by 2047. Revanth Reddy also underscored the state's exceptional performance in engineering exports since December 2023. Citing Central government data, he said Telangana had recorded the highest growth of 117.9 per cent among Indian states be-

tween 2023-24 and 2024-25, driven largely by aircraft parts and defence equipment. Emphasising skill development, the Chief Minister said the government is focusing on training youth for the aerospace sector through partnerships with global universities and industry leaders. He highlighted ongoing initiatives through the Young India Skills University (YISU), Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs) and the proposed upgradation of polytechnic colleges. The government plans to bring ATCs and polytechnic institutions under YISU to ensure uniform, industry-driven curricula.

## Modi Likely To Visit Telangana On May 9

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will arrive in Warangal on May 9 on his first visit to Telangana since assuming office in his third term to lay the foundation stone for the long-awaited Mamnoon airport alongside launching major developmental projects. He will also address a public meeting at the Secunderabad Parade Ground, the state party unit said on Saturday. The Prime Minister's schedule, which has to be finalised, includes dedicating the renovated Secunderabad railway station, a ₹715-crore world-class facility equipped with modern amenities to enhance passenger experience. He will also launch the second phase of AIIMS Bibinagar. Further, Modi is scheduled to inaugurate the Rail Coach Factory at Kazipet, a ₹500 crore state-of-the-art unit for manufacturing rail coaches, engines, and metro components, poised to generate employment and support rail exports, according to the party's Telangana chief spokesperson N.V. Subhash.

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**KOLKATA**  
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BJP heavyweights, led by Union home minister Amit Shah, defence minister Rajnath Singh and party chief Nitin Nabin, on Saturday listed women's safety, bringing industries back and making West Bengal "free from infiltrators" as top priorities if the party forms government in the state while campaigning for the second and last phase of the Assembly polls. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath also canvassed for the BJP candidates.

The second leg of polling on 142 seats for the West Bengal Assembly elections is scheduled to be held on April 29. Before the campaigning window ends on Monday evening, Shah addressed back-to-back rallies in Jamalpur of the Purba Bardhaman district and Shyampur in Howrah and held two roadshows. Singh addressed voters at Sonarpur Uttar and Goghat. Besides, Nabin held road-



shows in Baranagar, Ashoknagar and Hooghly. He also chaired an "Intellectual Meet" in Howrah. Union minister J.P. Nadda also addressed an "Intellectual Meet" in Bardhaman. Addressing back-to-back rallies in Jamalpur of the Purba Bardhaman district and Shyampur in Howrah, Shah sharpened the BJP's campaign around three of the party's core Bengal planks — the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) for the Matua community, women's safety, and alleged infiltration from Bangladesh — while projecting the election as a battle to end Mamata Banerjee's rule. Shah asserted that the BJP virtually sealed its victory in

the Phase-1 polling for the West Bengal Assembly polls itself. He claimed the BJP will win 110 seats in the first leg of polling and promised swift implementation of the CAA, a crackdown on infiltration, and a "fear-free" Bengal for women after coming to power. "Voting for the first phase is over. In the very first phase itself, the BJP will win 110 seats, and Didi (Bengal CM and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee) will be thrown out of power. Instead of the TMC, the BJP will form the government here," Shah said. Given the fact that the politically influential Matua community's votes are central

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## Iran's Consulates Fire Off Memes Against Trump

Following US President Donald Trump forwarding his associate's letter calling India, among others, a "hell hole," the Iran Consulates in Hyderabad and Mumbai sought to outclass each other by highlighting the significance of the cities they represent. With Mumbai's Consulate posting "Kabhi India aa ke dekho, phir bolna" on X, the replies and counter-replies quickly turned into a meme exchange between the two consulates.

On April 23, the Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Mumbai posted a video clip showcasing Mumbai's skyline, interchanges, Lord Ganesha festivities and natural beauty, in response to Trump's remark. "Maybe someone should book a one-way cultural detox for Mr Trump, it might just reduce the random bakwaas. Kabhi India aa ke dekho, phir bolna," the post read. The Iranian Embassy's X handle also reposted it.

## Telangana Guv Approves Nomination Of Azharuddin, Kodandaram As MLCs

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has approved the long-pending MLC nominations of minority welfare minister Mohd Azharuddin and Prof M. Kodandaram to the Legislative Council under the Governor's quota, ending uncertainty over Azharuddin's ministerial future, official sources said on Saturday. An official announcement in this regard is awaited. The Governor's approval has cleared the way for Azha-

**With no word from Lok Bhavan till Friday, there was speculation that Azharuddin might be asked to resign and be reinducted into the Cabinet after a brief gap if he failed to secure the MLC nomination in time.**

uddin's continuation in the Cabinet, just five days before the April 30 deadline for him to secure membership in either House of the legislature. Azharuddin was sworn in

as minister on October 31, 2025, shortly before the Jubilee Hills Assembly bypoll held on November 11, and was not a member of either the Assembly or the Council at that time. As per constitutional provisions, he was required to get elected to either House within six months, with the deadline set to expire on April 30.

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## Self-Enumeration For Census 2027 Begins Today

**NEW DELHI**  
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The self-enumeration of households for Census 2027 will begin across Telangana at 6 am on Sunday and continue till May 10. Residents can upload details on the portal <https://se.census.gov.in> between 6 am and midnight. In the CURE area — covering Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) and Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) — house-

holds must submit their data through the portal. A total of 33 questions are asked, covering household composition, caste category, ownership status, and number of dwelling rooms. The process takes 15-20 minutes, after which a unique 11-digit Self-Enumeration ID (SE ID) ending with the suffix 'H' is generated. Respondents can save data as draft, preview and edit, or submit finally. The SE ID must be shared with enumerators during verification.

## CMs Won't Help BJP Win: Mamata

**KOLKATA**  
Wakeup telangana

Trinamul Congress supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday claimed that the BJP had deployed its entire machinery to defeat her party in the West Bengal elections, where almost the entire Union cabinet and Chief Minister of NDA-ruled states were camping. "The BJP is desperate, with 50 helicopters flying into West Bengal as almost the entire Union cabinet, from

**Mamata accused the BJP of giving false promises to migrant workers from West Bengal employed outside the state.**

the PM to home, railway and defence ministers, as well as CMs of 19 NDA-ruled states camping in a single state: West Bengal," the Chief Minister said.

Banerjee urged the people to compare this with only three helicopters being used by the TMC to campaign across the state, addressing an

election rally at Uttarpara in Hooghly district. "On top of this, we are seeing central forces wherever we are going. They are bringing in armoured vehicles which were not used where those were actually needed," Banerjee said. She accused the BJP of giving false promises to migrant workers from West Bengal employed outside the state. "All the hype and sound and fury of the BJP will end in a whimper on May 4 when poll results will be out," she said.

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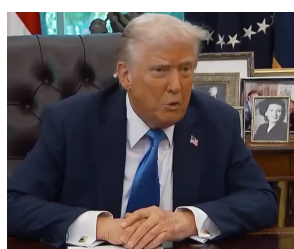
## No Longer Sending Witkoff, Kushner To Pakistan For Iran Talks: Trump

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Iranian foreign minister Abbas Araghchi left Islamabad on Saturday after holding discussions with Pakistan's top civil and military leaders, ending the possibility of a second round of US-Iran talks this week. Soon after, President Donald Trump announced that US negotiators Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner would no longer be going to Islamabad for the talks. He added that the Iranians

can call the US at any time they want. This was supposed to be the second round of talks after the first on April 11-12 ended without a deal. It was understood that Iran conveyed its concerns to Islamabad, with the understanding that they would be conveyed to the US.

Trump told Fox News that it was not worth the 18-hour flight to Pakistan when the US held all the cards in the conflict with Iran. "I've told my people



a little while ago they were getting ready to leave, and I said, 'nope, you're not making an 18 hour flight to go there. We have all the cards. They can call us anytime they want, but you're not going to be making any more 18 hour flights to sit around talk-

ing about nothing!," Trump told Fox News. Araghchi, who arrived in Islamabad late on Friday, met Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chief of Defence Forces Field Marshal Asim Munir, the Iranian Embassy in Pakistan said. Araghchi then headed to Oman on the second leg of his three-nation tour. "Araghchi met Munir in a formal huddle and discussed matters concerning peace talks with the US," a senior government official told PTI. The Iranian

delegation later called on Prime Minister Sharif and the two sides "reviewed bilateral matters as well as regional developments," the Iranian embassy said. Earlier, Iranian foreign ministry spokesperson Baqaei said that "no meeting" was planned to take place between Iran and the US during the visit of Araghchi, who will also travel to Oman and Russia. "Iran's observations would be conveyed to Pakistan," he said. Araghchi, before leaving for Islamabad, on Friday said that he

was embarking on a timely tour of Islamabad, Muscat, and Moscow, and the purpose of his visits is to "closely coordinate with our partners on bilateral matters and consult on regional developments". "Our neighbours are our priority," he said. Meanwhile, Pakistan foreign minister Dar on Saturday said that Pakistan is facilitating the Iran-US talks and it will continue with efforts to achieve peace and stability in the region and beyond.

## KTR warns of agitation over delay in paddy procurement

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Blaming the State government for not commencing paddy procurement so far, the BRS working president KT Rama Rao warned of waging an agitation at all paddy procurement centres across the State if the government failed to start the procurement process immediately. Rama Rao visited a paddy procurement centre in Baddenapalli of Thangallapalli mandal on Saturday. Interacting with farmers, the BRS leader enquired about their problems. Speaking on the occasion, Rama Rao found fault with the State government for not purchasing a single grain so far



though the farmers were bringing the crop to centres during the last one month. The government was deliberately avoiding procurement since, besides the minimum support price, Rs 500 bonus has to be paid per quintal of paddy, he alleged. So far, not even 1,000 tonnes of paddy was purchased in the district. Stating that the estab-

lishment of procurement centres was not done properly so far, the BRS leader questioned who would purchase the crop if the allocation of rice mills was not done and who would weigh the crop. In order to benefit middlemen, the government was neglecting farmers, he alleged. Rama Rao demanded that the government start the procurement process

immediately by establishing weigh machines and allocating rice mills. Besides Rs 2,350 minimum support price, Rs 500 bonus should be provided to farmers. There was a possibility of unseasonal rains due to the El Nino effect. Paddy would be soaked in rainwater if the procurement process was not started. Farmers were trying to protect the crop by covering their produce with tarpaulins. So, the government should start procurement immediately. Otherwise, the BRS would wage a Statewide agitation by mobilising all the farmers across the State, Rama Rao warned. The Congress government, which claims to be a farmers' friendly govern-

ment, was least bothered about the problems of the farming community. The condition of farmers in the Congress regime was pathetic as they were not getting Rythu Bandhu, adequate power supply and paddy procurement properly. Rahul Gandhi's promise to give Rythu Bandhu to tenant farmers on par with landowners has not materialised so far. The promise to provide Rs 1,000 to agricultural labourers has also not been implemented. Farmers never faced such a pathetic situation after the formation of Telangana State. Rama Rao asked farmers to wait for two years. After two years, the BRS would come to power and take steps to protect farmers.

## Historic Win for Workers: Telangana Govt Accepts 32 Demands, Restores Trade Unions in TGSRTC

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

In a landmark development for labour rights, Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy, President of the Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), has lauded the Telangana government for its decisive and worker-friendly reforms benefiting thousands of transport employees. Expressing deep appreciation, Dr. Reddy thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and his Cabinet for accepting all 32 demands submitted by the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) Staff & Workers' Union along with the Telangana Joint Action Committee (TJAC). He described the move as "historic" and a major step toward restoring justice and dignity for

workers. A key highlight of the decision is the reinstatement of Trade Unions within TGSRTC, which Dr. Reddy called a long-overdue correction that upholds democratic principles and workers' fundamental rights. The move has renewed confidence among employees and reaffirmed the government's commitment to safeguarding labour protections. Dr. Reddy also took a strong stance against the previous administration led by K. Chandrashekar Rao, criticizing its anti-worker policies. He pointed out that the earlier government had imposed a ban on Trade Unions and failed to implement Pay Revision Commissions in 2017 and 2021, leading to prolonged hardship for transport workers. Praising the current Congress-led gov-

ernment, Dr. Reddy termed the decision as a shining example of "Prajapalana" — governance that prioritizes people, workers' dignity, and economic justice. He emphasized that this marks a progressive shift toward inclusive and humane labour policies. Reaffirming its commitment, INTUC pledged to work closely with the Telangana government to further strengthen labour welfare, promote industrial harmony, and protect workers' rights across sectors. The press conference also featured prominent union leaders including Mr. Raj Reddy, Mr. Jakula Malleshham, Mr. Abraham, and Mr. R.D. Chandra Shekar, who echoed similar sentiments and applauded the government's timely and impactful intervention.

## RTC Strike Ends After Deputy CM's Talks

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Bus services of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation resumed from 3:30 am on Saturday, bringing relief to lakhs of commuters after a three-day strike that had severely disrupted travel across the state. The breakthrough came after the government agreed to the employees' demands, including an 11 per cent hike in Pay Revision Commission (PRC) scales. According to TGSRTC Managing Director Y. Nagi Reddy, the corporation suffered losses of nearly ₹25 crore per day during the strike. Over the three-day period, around 60 lakh passengers were affected, with many forced to depend on expensive private transport options. The impact was particularly harsh on daily wage earners



and women beneficiaries of the Mahalakshmi zero-ticket scheme, who struggled to manage increased travel costs. "This gave us great relief. Each day we had to shell out three times more than our usual fare," said a commuter waiting at a bus stop in Hyderabad. Officials confirmed that services were restored swiftly across regions. Hyderabad Regional Manager Sudha Parimala stated that all 1,469 buses in the re-

gion were operational from early morning. In Rangareddy district, Regional Manager J. Sreelatha said that 483 buses were deployed by 2 pm, successfully meeting commuter demand. Major bus stations, including Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station, Jubilee Bus Station, and Ranigunj depots, which had remained largely deserted during the strike, witnessed heavy passenger movement soon after services resumed. This marks the second

major strike by RTC employees since the formation of Telangana. The previous strike in October 2019 lasted 55 days, causing prolonged disruption across the state. Transport Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar was congratulated by colleagues for successfully resolving the issue through talks with employee unions. RTC Joint Action Committee (JAC) members celebrated the agreement and expressed gratitude to the government for addressing long-pending demands that had remained unresolved for decades. The timing of the resolution brought significant relief to families, especially with several weddings scheduled over the weekend. The resumption of bus services ensured smoother travel arrangements and restored normalcy across the public transport network.

## Three Trees Translocated for Traffic Improvement in Alwal

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Alwal Traffic Police, in coordination with the Forest Department and GHMC UBD Department, successfully translocated three approximately 20-year-old Peltophorum trees from Temple Alwal Road as part of ongoing junction improvement and traffic management works. The operation was carried out on April 25, 2026, under the supervision of senior traffic officials to ensure smooth execution and minimal environmental impact. The trees were identified as obstructions to free vehicular movement at a busy stretch under the jurisdiction of Alwal Traffic Police Station.

After obtaining the necessary permissions from the concerned authorities, a special operation was conducted to carefully relocate the trees. Branch trimming was also carried out to facilitate safe lifting, transport, and re-establishment at the new location. The trees have now been successfully transplanted to Alwal Hills, where they will continue to be maintained under regular monitoring to ensure their survival and healthy growth. Officials stated that the initiative was designed to balance infrastructure development needs with environmental conservation. This exercise reflects the department's continued focus on improving road safety and traffic flow while simultaneously preserv-



ing existing green cover. Authorities have confirmed that further monitoring and care will be provided to ensure the long-term sustainability of the translocated trees.

## National Ambedkar Sena Urges Youth to Uphold Ambedkar Ideals

**HYDERABAD**  
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The National Ambedkar Sena urged youth to uphold Ambedkarite ideals after felicitating Dalit Ratna Awardees at a programme highlighting social justice and recognition of grassroots activism. The organisation honoured G. Kamal Kumar, Arun Babu, and Koppula Vinay, who received the Dalit Ratna from the Telangana Government during Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti at Ravindra Bharathi for their work in Dalit wel-



fare and rights advocacy. National President Manne Sridhar Rao said the awards should inspire deeper social engagement, calling on youth to follow Ambedkar's principles of intellectual strength and moral courage. State President Taluka Rajesh stressed

improving delivery of welfare schemes and addressing systemic issues faced by marginalised communities. The awardees thanked the government and said the honour increased their responsibility toward community development. They pledged continued efforts for holistic upliftment guided by Ambedkarite values. The event saw participation from several activists and leaders, reaffirming collective commitment to equality and social dignity.

## Foundation Stone Laid for CC Road in R Itikyal Village Under SC Sub-Plan



Development initiatives are gaining momentum in R. Itikyal village of Regode mandal in Medak district, following the directions of Telangana State Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha. As part of these efforts, a ceremonial foundation-laying (Bhumi Pujan) was conducted for the construction of a cement concrete (CC) road, sanctioned under the Scheduled Caste (SC) Sub-Plan funds. The project is aimed at improving infrastructure in the SC colony of the village. The event witnessed the participation of key local representatives and community leaders. Sarpanch Vemula Aparna, Deputy Sarpanch Anjaneyulu, along with village elders Venkat Rao Patil and Ishwarappa Mallappa, were present on the occasion. Ward members and several villagers also attended and extended their support, making the program a success. Speaking on the occasion, local representatives expressed confidence that the new CC road would significantly enhance basic infrastructure and improve the quality of life for residents in the colony. The initiative reflects the government's continued commitment to rural development and inclusive growth, particularly in underserved communities.

## CBIT Conducts International Seminar on Design Thinking

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, organized a one-day international seminar titled "Industrial Applications of Design Thinking" on April 25, 2026, at its Assembly Hall. The event focused on innovation, creativity, and industry-oriented problem-solving, bringing together academicians, experts, researchers, and students to explore the growing importance of design thinking in addressing real-world challenges. Organized under guidance of Sri N. Subash, President, CBIT, the seminar had Prof.



C. V. Narasimhulu, Principal, as Patron, Prof. P. V. R. Ravindra Reddy, Vice Principal, as Advisor, and Prof. V. Barla as Convenor. Dr. S. Saraswathi coordinated the event. Prof. Narasimhulu said de-

sign thinking fosters innovation and bridges academics and industry. Prof. Barla stressed its role in sustainable industrial solutions. Delivering the keynote, Prof. M. Janakiran from Jai-

pur National University, Dubai, described design thinking as a human-centered approach to identify user needs and create innovative solutions, supported by case studies. Prof. Jagadish Satyavolu, University of Louisville, USA, shared global insights on innovation practices. The seminar saw active participation from faculty, students, and researchers and concluded with interactive discussions enriching understanding of practical applications. The event reinforced CBIT's focus on industry-oriented learning and innovation-driven education. Participants engaged actively in Q&A sessions with experts from India and abroad.

## Congress Veteran Prabhu Guptha Warns Public Against Construction Blackmailers

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Veteran Congress leader Yelakanthi Prabhu Guptha from Secunderabad has issued a strong warning to citizens against blackmailers and brokers targeting people involved in house construction in Hyderabad. He urged the public not to fall prey to individuals who demand illegal payments in exchange for building approvals or clearances, stressing that such practices harm ordinary citizens. Prabhu Guptha advised people to di-



rectly approach police authorities if they face any kind of harassment or intimidation, instead of paying money to middlemen. He

emphasized that corruption and blackmail in civic processes must be resisted collectively. Speaking on civic issues, he said administrative systems often remain unchanged despite political shifts, allowing exploitative practices to continue. He called for greater public awareness and accountability, highlighting his continued commitment to protecting small citizens and addressing grassroots issues such as housing, sanitation, and urban governance within Congress party activities.

**Dr. Jyotsna Jain Appointed  
General Secretary of  
Doctor's Cell – Medical &  
Health Wing.**



In a significant development aimed at strengthening the medical outreach and organizational framework, Dr. Jyotsna Jain has been appointed as the General Secretary of the Doctor's Cell – Medical & Health Wing. The appointment ceremony took place at Gandhi Bhavan, where the appointment letter was formally handed over by State Chairman Dr. M. Rajeev in the presence of party members and medical professionals. The Doctor's Cell plays a crucial role in bridging the gap between healthcare professionals and public health initiatives, focusing on policy support, medical awareness, and community health services across the state. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Jyotsna Jain expressed her deep gratitude to Revanth Reddy, Damodar Rajanarasimha, and Mahesh Kumar Goud for their confidence in her leadership. She described the appointment as both an honour and a responsibility.

# Kavitha's TRS entry sparks shock for KCR

**Kavitha launches Telangana Rashtra Sena (TRS), echoes name of KCR's party that expelled her**

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Kalvakuntla Kavitha on April 25 launched her new political party, Telangana Rashtra Sena (TRS), in Hyderabad, marking a significant development in Telangana politics. The choice of name has triggered widespread interest as it closely resembles the original Telangana Rashtra Samithi, founded in 2001 by her father K. Chandrashekar Rao, which later became the Bharat Rashtra Samithi. Speaking at the launch event held at Adwaya Conventions, Kavitha said the formation of the new party was driven by her belief that Telangana's aspirations remain unfulfilled even years after statehood. She stated that while the Telangana movement achieved its primary



goal, the vision of social justice and inclusive development had not materialised. According to her, governance in recent years lacked empathy, and several sections of society, particularly farmers and marginalised communities, were left behind. Kavitha launched a direct attack on KCR, describing him as a "changed man" who is no longer connected to the struggles of ordinary people. She criticised his ab-

sence during public hardships and alleged that the leadership failed to respond to issues such as demolitions and social injustices. She also claimed that internal dynamics within BRS weakened the party's original ideology. In a candid remark, Kavitha acknowledged her own association with the previous BRS government and expressed regret over certain decisions, seeking forgiveness from the people.

At the same time, she reiterated pride in the achievement of Telangana statehood, calling it a historic milestone in her life. She described the formation of TRS as an act of "repentance" and a renewed commitment to people-centric governance.

The party's flag, featuring yellow, green, and blue colours with a Telangana map at the centre, was unveiled, though the official election symbol is yet to be approved. The launch follows her resignation from BRS amid internal conflicts with leaders like K. T. Rama Rao and T. Harish Rao. With this move, Kavitha positions herself as an alternative political force aiming to revive Telangana's core ideals ahead of upcoming Assembly elections.

## Telangana Jagruti Leaders Rally Support for Kavitha's New Party Launch

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

In a strong show of political momentum, leaders, youth, and women supporters from Ibrahimpatnam constituency mobilized in large numbers to attend the launch meeting of Kavitha's new political party, signaling a potential shift in Telangana's political landscape.

The supporters departed in a convoy of vehicles amid energetic slogans after Telangana Jagruti district president Kappati Panduranga Reddy flagged off the rally. The mobilization was led by Rangareddy district farmers' wing president Manchireddy Vijay Kiran Reddy, who coordinated the participation of party cadres for the meeting scheduled at Adwaya Convention. Addressing the



media, Kappati Panduranga Reddy and Manchireddy Vijay Kiran Reddy expressed confidence that Kavitha enjoys widespread public support across the state. They stated that the formation of the new party represents a historic step aimed at ushering in a new political era focused on Telangana's development. They also voiced optimism that Kavitha would emerge as a strong contender for the Chief Minister's post in the future. The leaders emphasized that the party's core agenda

would center on addressing public issues and ensuring uncompromising advocacy for the people. They claimed that the party was formed after extensive public consultation, reflecting the aspirations of the majority. Criticizing both the Congress and the previous BRS government, they alleged failure in addressing public concerns, asserting that the new party would hold governments accountable and stand firmly with the people.

## Floral Tributes Paid to Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan on 58th Death Anniversary

**Eminent personalities gather at Daira Mir Momin to honour the legendary Hindustani classical vocalist**



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

On the occasion of the 58th death anniversary of legendary Hindustani classical vocalist Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, floral tributes were offered at his grave located at Daira Mir Momin in Sultan Shahi, Old City, Hyderabad. The tribute ceremony was attended by IRTS officer Ravi Padi along with Fazle Khan, the great-grandson of Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan.

They offered flowers at the grave in remembrance of the iconic

maestro, who passed away in Hyderabad on April 23, 1968. Several eminent personalities also participated in the memorial gathering, including BRS leader and former SETWIN Chairman Mir Inayath Ali Baqri, journalist Bandi Omprakash Narayana, artist Anwar, film journalist Ather, State Award winner G. China Narayan, Advocate Mir Quram Ali, and several others, who paid floral respects to the legendary musician.

Speaking on the occasion, Ravi Padi remembered Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan as a

cultural ambassador of undivided India who migrated to India after Partition.

He said the maestro used music as a powerful medium to spread the message of national integration, communal harmony, and unity among people. He noted that Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan's contribution to Hindustani classical music went beyond artistic excellence, as his music carried a timeless message of peace, brotherhood, and social harmony across communities and nations.

## Atluri Laxman Presents Dalit Ratna Awards to Grassroots Leaders in Hyderabad

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Minister of State Atluri Laxman presented the Dalit Ratna Awards at a ceremony celebrating contributions to Scheduled Caste, Tribal and Minority welfare. He emphasized the government's commitment to recognizing grassroots leaders working for social upliftment and community development. The awards were given to A. Narayana, advisor from Chintala Basti Local Panchayat Committee, G. Sa-



tyanarayana, local panchayat committee advisor, and B. Rammohan Rao, retired employee of ESI Hospital. They were honored for their sustained efforts in social welfare, community service and advocacy for marginalized

groups at the grassroots level. The event was attended by several community leaders, including T. Anil, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Rao, vice chairman of Ambedkar Jayanti Utsav Committee, Gorla Vinay Kumar, former panchayat committee president, and Kadaram Vinay Kumar, president of All India Ambedkar Yuvajana Sangh. Atluri Laxman lauded the recipients and called for stronger unity to advance welfare schemes in line with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's vision of social justice.

## No Harassment of Lawyers: Telangana HC Delivers Strong Message

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

In a significant ruling, the Telangana High Court, through Hon'ble Justice E. V. Venugopal, held that advocates cannot be targeted or falsely implicated for discharging their professional duties. The case pertains to T. Ramulu, Advocate, who was attacked on a public road and later falsely implicated in a criminal case. A Writ Petition was filed before the Hon'ble High Court by Mohammad Imthiyaz Pasha on behalf of the petitioner-advocate, and the matter was effectively argued by Senior Advocate V. Raghunath. The Hon'ble Court found no evidence against the advocate, set aside the FIR, and ordered release of the seized vehicle.



Advocates cannot be harassed for performing their duties. This judgment sends a strong message against misuse of law and stands as a major victory for the legal fraternity.

## Negligent Driving Nearly Triggers Tragedy in Mator Village

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

What appeared to be an ordinary goods vehicle on a rural road turned into a moving hazard, nearly causing a major tragedy in Mator Village of Motakondoor Mandal on Saturday morning. Thanks to the timely alertness of a local witness, the incident ended as a narrowly avoided disaster rather than a devastating accident. In the local people words... A DCM lorry (registration number TS 24 TA 1266), traveling from Ammanabole Village to Mator Village, was reportedly carrying an excessively high load of gunny sacks, violating safety regulations. The dangerously stacked cargo not only breached permissible height limits but also posed a serious threat to public safety. As the vehicle moved along the route, the over-height load came into contact with overhead electricity wires. Within moments, sparks and flames erupted, and the live wire snapped with a loud crack. Simultaneously, a welded iron rod attached to the load broke off and fell onto the road. The situation quickly turned critical, as the fallen wire remained live, creating a life-threatening hazard for anyone nearby. The gravity of the situation becomes evident when considering what could have happened if pedestrians or two-wheelers had been in close proximity at that moment. It was sheer luck that no one was injured. Adding to the danger, a person atop the lorry attempted to lift the live electric wire using a stick to allow the vehicle to pass. Whether driven by ignorance or recklessness, this act could have easily led to another fatal incident. Shockingly, the driver



of the vehicle fled the scene without assessing the damage or ensuring public safety, sparking outrage among local residents. His apparent disregard for responsibility highlights a troubling lack of accountability. Preliminary information suggests that the lorry has multiple pending traffic challans, raising further concerns about repeated violations and evasion of enforcement.

In a related note, an Activa scooter (registration number TS 30 J 4872), registered is also reported to have several pending challans—reportedly around seven—indicating a broader pattern of non-compliance with traffic regulations. Amid the chaos, a vigilant eyewitness promptly informed the electricity department, whose timely response helped avert a potentially fatal outcome. Locals have credited this individual's presence of mind with saving multiple lives. This incident serves as a stark reminder that traffic and safety regulations are not mere formalities—they are essential safeguards. Ignoring them turns public roads into zones of risk. The pressing question now is whether authorities will take strict action.

## Sangareddy SP attends funeral of costale in Narayankhed

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Superintendent of Police Paritosh Pankaj attended the funeral of head constable Masani Venkatramulu (54), who succumbed to injuries following a road accident, and assured full support to the bereaved family while facilitating immediate financial assistance. Venkatramulu, who was attached to the Zaheerabad Rural Police Station, died on Friday night while undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Hyder-



abad. The accident occurred at Chalki in Nyalakal mandal when he was travelling from Narayankhed to Zaheerabad on Thursday to attend his duties.

Expressing deep condolences, SP Paritosh Pankaj personally visited the family and participated in the last rites. He handed over financial aid to help perform the fu-

neral and assured that all eligible service benefits would be released to the family without delay. He further emphasized that the police department would stand firmly with the family during this difficult time. Venkatramulu was a resident of Narayankhed town and was known among colleagues as a dedicated and disciplined officer. His sudden demise has left fellow personnel and locals in shock, with many remembering his commitment to duty and service.

## Cyberabad Commissioner Reviews Development, Water Conservation Plans

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A key review meeting was held by Cyberabad municipal officials focusing on the overall development of colonies, improvement of civic infrastructure, and environmental protection. The meeting was chaired by Municipal Commissioner Srijana and Zonal Commissioner Hemant Borkade, along with other senior officials, and was attended by representatives of various Colony Welfare Associations (RWAs). The discussion primarily focused on water conservation measures in view of the upcoming summer season. Officials emphasized the need for mandatory construction of rainwater harvesting pits in every household and open spaces within



colonies. This initiative, they stated, would help recharge groundwater levels and prevent future water scarcity. Development and beautification of parks was another major agenda point. Officials instructed authorities and RWAs to ensure proper maintenance of parks, including walking tracks, children's play areas, adequate lighting, and im-

proved greenery to promote a healthier environment. Sanitation and waste management were also highlighted. Residents were urged to segregate wet and dry waste and hand it over to municipal collection vehicles regularly. The officials called for transforming colonies into "zero waste zones" through collective participation. The Commissioner stressed that RWAs should play an active role in addressing local issues and maintaining continuous coordination with municipal departments for effective development. The meeting concluded with participation from zonal and circle-level officials along with colony representatives, reaffirming a collaborative approach toward sustainable urban development.

**China Hints Fourth Aircraft Carrier Will Be Nuclear-Powered**

A latest video released by the Chinese navy highlighting China's blue-water naval ambitions has sparked speculation that its fourth aircraft carrier currently being built will be a nuclear-powered one. The video film 'Into The Deep' was released on Wednesday to mark the 77th anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army Navy showcasing Chinese navy's transition from maritime ambitions and coastal defences.

The video also highlighted China's "blue-water" navy capable of deep-sea operations, including footage from real-life drills in the western Pacific far from home and the use of advanced equipment. It also showed a compass being handed down through generations of naval officers named after the three aircraft carriers Liao Ning, Shan Dong, and Fu Jian currently.

**Russia's 20-Hour Strike on Ukraine's Dnipro Kills Six**

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Wakeup telangana

Relentless Russian barrages of drones and missiles pounded on Ukraine's central-eastern city of Dnipro for 20 hours straight, killing six people and wounding dozens, local authorities said on Saturday. The attack -- the largest ever on the city -- began overnight and lasted well into the afternoon, coming in waves that hit homes, businesses and energy infrastructure. "20 hours... For more than 20 awful hours, the Russians attacked Dnipro in waves. They struck with missiles and drones," said mayor Borys Filatov, describing it as "the largest-scale attack on Dnipro".

Rescuers spent hours sifting through debris despite the ongoing strikes, clearing out the rubble of bombed apartment buildings and searching for survivors and bodies, photos from the Ukrainian emer-



gency service showed. One apartment building was struck twice at different times, authorities said. The attack killed six people and wounded 47. Among the wounded was the mayor's deputy, who was "nearly killed", Filatov said. Another six people were wounded in the wider Dnipropetrovsk region.

Strikes also hit the neighbouring Zaporizhzhia region, killing one person and wounding four in a civilian minibus, said regional military administration head Ivan Fedorov. Ukrainian air force said Russia had launched 619

drones and 47 missiles overnight, adding that most of them had been repelled. Russia has recently shifted from previously mostly nightly air raids to longer, periodic strikes that begin overnight and continue well into the daytime. Russia's defence ministry said it had "launched a massive strike" on Ukrainian military targets over the past 24 hours. Moscow denies having targeted civilians throughout the four-year war. Following the barrage, a drone crashed in Romania, a NATO and EU country bordering Ukraine, local

authorities said. More than 200 people were evacuated as a precaution, and British fighter jets stationed in Romania were scrambled.

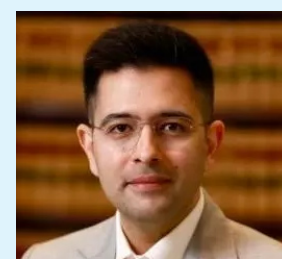
Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, on a visit to Azerbaijan, called for a stronger international response to Russia's attacks. "It is important that the world does not remain silent about what is happening and that this Russian war in Europe is not overshadowed by the war in Iran," he said on social media. "We count on the timely implementation of each of our political agreements to strengthen air defence," he added. The industrial hub of Dnipropetrovsk lies more than 100 kilometres (60 miles) from the front line, which snakes through eastern and southern Ukraine. Russian troops have captured a sliver of territory in the wider Dnipropetrovsk region, which is not one of the four Ukrainian.

**'Placement Ho Gayi': Memes Flood Social Media As 7 AAP MPs Join BJP**

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

From "placement ho gayi" jokes to Hera Pheri-style confusion and dramatic "washing machine" memes, social media platforms turned into a comedy zone after Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha announced on Friday that he and six other AAP MPs have quit the party and joined the BJP. Users responded with humour, sarcasm and film-style punchlines, making the political development one of the day's most talked-about online trends.

One widely shared meme showed the famous classroom scene where a student proudly says his placement has happened, with users joking that the MPs had finally received their "dream package" in pol-



itics. Another viral meme used the classic confused reaction -- "Yeh kis line mein aa gaye aap?" with users asking how leaders who once attacked the BJP had suddenly found themselves on the same side. Several users shared the popular "washing machine" meme, showing leaders entering one side with corruption allegations and coming out the other side politically fresh and "fully cleaned". One meme jokingly read, "Detergent bhi strong hai aur joining bonus bhi," turning the political switch into a full comedy sketch. Some users compared

the move to an employee resigning after years of waiting for promotion and finally getting a better offer from a rival company. One post said, "Notice period complete, laptop submitted, new ID card issued," giving the resignations a complete corporate office farewell vibe.

Another meme used the dramatic "ab maza aayega na bhidu" reaction, suggesting that political rivalries had now become even more entertaining for viewers. Users also shared old speeches of leaders criticising the BJP, followed by funny reaction clips showing shock, silence and sudden acceptance, calling it the "best plot twist of the season." Some joked that the leaders had not switched parties but had simply "updated their political LinkedIn profile."

**AAP Seeks Action Against Defecting MPs, Defectors Hit Back**

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Stung by the multiple defections of its Rajya Sabha members, the Aam Aadmi Party on Saturday announced that it will seek their disqualification from the Upper House while the rebel group hit back, alleging corruption and ideological decline in their former party. The seven MPs also asserted that they have quit the party not out of fear but due to a growing sense of "disappointment, disengagement and disgust" with the existing leadership.

According to AAP sources, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has sought time from President Droupadi Murmu for a meeting, along with party MLAs, to present his party's stand about the "recall" of the Rajya Sabha members who quit on Friday. Six of the seven Rajya Sabha members who quit the AAP come from Punjab. Addressing a press conference in Delhi, AAP Rajya Sabha member and senior leader Sanjay Singh said the party will write to the Rajya Sabha Chairman to seek the disqualification of the MPs



from the Upper House. "Anti-defection law clearly states that any type of split or faction cannot happen in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha. It does not carry any legal recognition, even if it's a two-thirds majority," Singh said. The seven MPs who have joined the BJP are completely "unconstitutional" and "illegal," he said. Raghav Chadha, who led the AAP rebellion, said those quitting the party have not done so out of fear but due to a growing sense of "disappointment, disengagement and disgust" with the existing leadership.

Every "true patriot", who nurtured the party with their blood and sweat and joined it with great hope, has either already left it or is in the process of leaving it, he claimed. Chadha said that every honest and hardworking person now

feels that there is "no space left to work in the AAP" and that the party is moving on a wrong path with which no one wants to remain associated. "Because of this, leaders have been leaving the party one after another," he said. Chadha said MPs are abandoning and leaving the AAP together because they believe the party has gone into "corrupt and compromised hands", he claimed. Mann used a culinary analogy to attack those who quit the party. In a sarcastic post on X, he wrote in Punjabi, "Ginger, garlic, cumin, fenugreek powder, red chilli, black pepper, and coriander -- these seven things together make a dish whose taste great, but on their own cannot become a dish." On Friday, the AAP suffered a jolt when Chadha, Ashok Mittal, Sandeep Pathak, Harbhan Singh, Rajendra

Gupta, Vikram Sahni and Swati Maliwal quit and merged the parliamentary party with the BJP. They alleged that the Arvind Kejriwal-led party had strayed from its principles, values and core morals. Though Chadha and Maliwal had fallen out of favour of the AAP, the move by the other five MPs to switch sides came as a surprise to many. Mann has claimed that the BJP, which has repeatedly faced rejection in Punjab, has responded with hostility towards both the state and the AAP, attempting to weaken a corruption-free government through intimidation, inducements and engineering defections. Maliwal, who had a fallout with Kejriwal after she was allegedly assaulted by his close aide in 2024, said she quit the party as it had "strayed far" from its original principles. She alleged the party had completely changed and is now known for "lies, corruption and hooliganism". "The real betrayal is not leaving the party, but not standing by your own principles. People are not leaving out of fear; they are leaving because of Arvind Kejriwal," she said.

**Row Erupts Over Dhirendra Shastri's Remarks On Shivaji Maharaj**

**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Remarks by Dhirendra Krishna Shastri linking Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj with Samarth Ramdas have triggered a sharp political controversy in Maharashtra, drawing strong reactions from opposition parties and prompting clarification from the state government.

The issue surfaced after Shastri, speaking at an RSS event in Nagpur, claimed that towards the end of his life, Shivaji Maharaj—fatigued after numerous battles—had approached Samarth Ramdas, offering him his crown and expressing a desire to withdraw from worldly responsibilities. According to Shastri, Ramdas declined the offer and advised the Maratha ruler to continue governing, stating that true service lies in fulfilling one's duty despite personal exhaustion.



Maharashtra Congress chief Harshvardhan Sapkal led the criticism, terming the remarks "highly objectionable" and accusing Shastri of distorting history by inappropriately associating Shivaji Maharaj with Ramdas Swami. He also questioned the silence of senior leaders present at the event, including Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat. Calling Shastri a "self-styled godman," Sapkal alleged that such narratives reflect a broader attempt by the BJP and RSS to reinterpret history.

He asserted that Maharashtra would not tolerate any perceived insult to Shivaji Maharaj and demanded a public apology from Shastri and those present at the event. Sapkal further claimed that there is no historical evidence to suggest any such interaction between Shivaji Maharaj and Samarth Ramdas, rejecting attempts to portray the saint as the Maratha king's guru. NCP leader Amol Mitkari also criticised the statement, warning that the people of Maharashtra would strongly oppose any distortion of Shivaji Maharaj's legacy. He echoed concerns

that historical facts should not be altered for political or ideological reasons. Responding to the controversy, Chief Minister Fadnavis clarified that there is no documented historical record supporting Shastri's claim. He acknowledged that various folk narratives exist about prominent figures but stressed that such accounts differ across regions and cannot be treated as established history. Shiv Sena leader and minister Sanjay Shirsat also expressed displeasure over the remarks, adding to the growing chorus of criticism. The episode has once again highlighted how interpretations of historical figures like Shivaji Maharaj continue to remain politically sensitive, often sparking intense debate across party lines in Maharashtra.

**FROM FRONT PAGE**

**Telangana Guv.....**

As the deadline approached, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy intensified efforts to obtain the Governor's approval. Acting on his instructions, Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao and Advocate-General A. Sudarshan Reddy called on the Governor at Lok Bhavan last Saturday to seek clearance for Azharuddin's nomination. The following day, the Chief Minister himself, accompanied by legislative affairs minister D. Sridhar Babu, visited Lok Bhavan and made a formal request to Governor Shukla. The Chief Minister's efforts appear to have paid off, with the Governor granting approval on Saturday for the nominations of both Azharuddin and Prof. Kodan-

daram. The Cabinet, chaired by Revanth Reddy, had recommended their names for MLC seats under the Governor's quota on August 30, 2025, following the Supreme Court's decision striking down the previous appointments of Prof. Kodandaram and journalists Amer Ali Khan. With the Governor's approval now in place, Azharuddin has met the constitutional requirement to secure legislative membership within six months, averting the risk of having to step down from his ministerial post.

**Modi Likely To Visit....**

Reports indicated that additional infra projects may also feature in the PM schedule, including the launching of MMTS Phase 2 works with doubled rail lines, electrifica-

tion, and new stations for improved suburban connectivity, alongside the laying of foundation stones for National Highway expansion projects linking Telangana to neighboring states. A potential visit to the Malla Reddy University remains under consideration as the itinerary is finalised. It may be noted, Preethi Reddy, vice-chairperson of Malla Reddy University, along with her family members, had recently invited Modi to inaugurate a new AI campus at their educational institution. There was speculation that Preeti Reddy would join the BJP as she had also recently visited the party office at Nampally and met with senior leaders. However, she rejected the reports as rumours and called her meeting an outreach for

**Shah, Singh Lead....**

"Voting for the first phase is over. In the very first phase itself, the BJP will win 110 seats, and Didi (Bengal CM and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee) will be thrown out of power. Instead of the TMC, the BJP will form the government here," Shah said. Given the fact that the politically influential Matua community's votes are central to the BJP's electoral calculations in several border districts, Shah accused Banerjee of deliberately blocking the implementation of the CAA and keeping those refugee families in uncertainty for votebank politics. "Didi does not allow the implementation of the CAA. You form

the government of the Lotus (the BJP symbol), and after May 5 the BJP will ensure that every brother and sister of the Matua community receives citizenship," Shah said. Shah said that members of the Matua community, many of whom migrated from Bangladesh and remain emotionally tied to the citizenship debate, would no longer have to "live in fear" under a BJP government. The Union home minister linked infiltration to unemployment and resource scarcity, accusing the TMC leadership of shielding illegal entrants for electoral gains. "Infiltrators in Bengal are eating away at our youths' jobs and the poor's rations. Didi and her nephew (TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee) are nurturing infiltrators for the sake of their votebank.

**CMs Won't Help.....**

She attacked Union home minister Amit Shah's statement that TMC-aided "goons" would be hanged upside down after the results. "As a Union minister and a responsible leader, you cannot utter such words. You are speaking in the language of terror. I know no action will be taken against you. But, I have asked our men to videograph his speech and submit the same to the court," the TMC supremo said. She said Shah should be in Manipur, where over 260 people lost their lives, and thousands were homeless due to ethnic violence since May 2023, rather than being here. "But, I am sure that he won't go there out of fear," Banerjee said, apparently referring to the BJP leader's prolonged.

CRIME

# 47 Maoist cadres surrender in Telangana with 32 weapons

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A total of 47 underground CPI (Maoist) cadres of various ranks surrendered before the Telangana DGP, B Shivadhar Reddy, on Saturday.

The cadres also surrendered 32 firearms, including a light machine gun and four AK-47 rifles, and 515 live ammunition of various calibres.

Among those who surrendered are Hemla Iythu alias Vijja, DKSZC Member and in charge of South Bastar, Podium Lachu alias Manoj, DVCM and Commander of 9th platoon.

All the 47 cadres are natives of Chhattisgarh



State. An interim relief of Rs 25,000 each has been handed over to all the surrendered cadres.

Director General of Police, B Shivadhar Reddy, said that following the surrender of all key leaders of the CPI (Maoist), almost all remaining underground key leaders and armed cadres from the South Bastar Divisional Committee of Dandakaranya Special

Zonal Committee, including its secretary, have now been neutralised, leaving the South Bastar Divisional Committee on the brink of collapse.

Between 2024 and April 2026, a total of 818 CPI (Maoist) of different ranks have surrendered to the police.

“During this year, a total of 260 underground CPI (Maoist) cadres have surrendered in Telangana, re-

flecting the growing trust in the government’s rehabilitation policies and the sustained pressure created by security forces. The surrender of top and mid-level leadership clearly indicates a decisive blow to the organisational structure of CPI (Maoist),” said DGP B Shivadhar Reddy. After hearing the arguments, the panel directed the Station House Officer, Gachibowli Police Station, to produce the detenu before the court within a period of one week to examine the circumstances surrounding the alleged detention. The panel thus adjourned the matter for further hearing.

## Four Held As Fake Cotton Seeds Seized in Bela

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Bela police on Saturday seized 150 packets of suspected fake cotton seeds, Rs 60,000 in cash and a motorcycle, and registered cases against four persons allegedly involved in the illegal seed trade. Adilabad DSP Jeevan Reddy said police received information that some persons were selling spurious cotton seeds to farmers on the outskirts of Sangdi village. Acting on the tip-off, police rushed

to the spot, detained four persons and seized the seed packets.

Police informed agriculture officials, who examined the stock and reportedly found the seeds to be suspicious. Investigators said Jitwar Kishore Reddy, a commission agent linked to Naresh Crop Science of Gujarat, along with another employee, Dharmesh Kachadiya, was allegedly selling fake cotton seeds under the brand name MAULI-5 in place of the original

MAULI-555. Police said the accused had brought 4,500 packets from Gujarat. Of these, 4,000 packets were allegedly supplied to Rakthawar Pawan of Maharashtra, while 350 packets were sold to Navagare Kunal, Kuldeep Takre and others for sale to farmers. Cases were registered under relevant sections of the BNS and Section 7 of the Seeds Act, 1966. Adilabad Rural SI K. Phanindhar and SI Madhu Krishna were present.

## SI attacks barber for calling him ‘Anna’ in Karimnagar

In a bizarre incident, a Sub-Inspector reportedly attacked a barber in a hair cutting salon for calling him ‘Anna’ (brother). This incident took place in Khanpura area of Karimnagar town.

It is learnt that SI Chander, working with Three Town police station, recently went to a hair cutting salon for shaving. A worker in the shop, Ramu, asked the SI to sit in the chair to start his work. Instead of ‘sir’, Ramu called him ‘Anna’. Enraged over the worker’s attitude, the SI reportedly abused Ramu with filthy language and attacked him.

## Two arrested with 340g ganja in Balanagar Excise raid

The Balanagar Prohibition and Excise sleuths on Saturday arrested two persons who were in possession of ganja. The sleuths seized 340 grams of ganja from them. The arrested are E Sainath and S Pinki, both of whom are natives of Andhra Pradesh.

According to the police, Sainath and Pinki were trying to sell the ganja to consumers after buying it from some persons known to them.

A case under NDPS Act is registered against them, and an investigation is going on.

## Adilabad police book 15 for mule accounts in cyber crime probe

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-media-leader-krishank- Fifteen persons were booked for allegedly operating 74 mule accounts, linked to complaints lodged on the National Cyber Crimes Portal (NCRP), across the district. Police found funds worth Rs 7.01 crore fraudulently deposited in the accounts during Operation Crackdown 1.0 held in different parts of the dis-

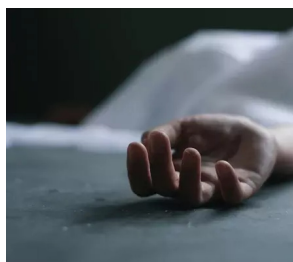
trict on Saturday. Briefing details of the operation, SP Akhil Mahajan said that cases were registered against Sherla Rajyavardhan, Petlashri Akshay, Rajender, Shaik Sameer, Avesh Khan, G Aryan Goud, Madavi Ghanshyam, Jadhav Santosh, Suram Ashamma, Suram Vishweshwar, Jakula Praveen, Rathod Manoj, Jadhav Govardhan and Chavan Gopal from several parts of the district for operating mule ac-

counts. Police carried out the operation to detect mule accounts through which transactions related to cyber crimes, online betting and gaming applications were suspected to have been made. They urged the public not to allow their relatives and friends to operate their bank accounts, which could lead to misuse. They warned of stern action against those who indulge in financial crimes.

## 2 Killed as Car Rams Into Auto-Rickshaw on NH-65

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Two persons were killed in a road accident after a speeding car rammed into an autorickshaw on National Highway-65 near Kanchikacherla on Saturday. The deceased were identified as S.K. Babu (55), an autorickshaw driver from Keesara village, and Pasupuleti Krishnamma (45), a resident of Praneetha Colony in Kanchikacherla. While Babu died on the spot, Krishnamma succumbed to



her injuries while being shifted to Vijayawada for treatment. According to police, the accident took place near Mishra Dhaba, shortly after the Kanchikacherla tank bund. An Innova car travelling towards Nandigama allegedly hit the autorickshaw from be-

hind at high speed. The impact was severe, causing the autorickshaw to overturn multiple times and veer off the road. Babu had reportedly come to Kanchikacherla for routine servicing of his vehicle and was returning to Keesara carrying banana bunches when the mishap occurred. Krishnamma had boarded the autorickshaw en route to Nandigama. Following the accident, locals alerted the police and emergency services. Krishnamma, who sus-

tained grievous injuries, was first shifted to the Government Hospital in Nandigama and later referred to a higher medical facility in Vijayawada. However, she died while being transported. Kanchikacherla Sub-Inspector P. Viswanath visited the accident site, conducted a preliminary inspection, and registered a case. Police are investigating the circumstances leading to the crash, including the role of overspeeding and driver negligence.

EDITORIAL

# LET’S MAKE SOME NOISE FOR THE ANGRY OLD WOMAN!

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

There is a conversation going on in some circles about how having grey hair makes you practically invisible. And if you’re a woman with grey hair, then you can be totally unseen. Of course, this is not a blanket rule. I mean, it’s not a rule at all. But it has been and can be easily observed. Especially if you do have grey hair. I offer you anecdotal evidence, which scientifically is not evidence at all. Maybe the stories will cross into other sociological areas as well. I visited a popular café in the city where I live. It is always full and loved by both residents and tourists. For context, I am 63 and have grey hair. You have to climb a flight of stairs to reach the café. Ahead of me was a young man carrying a baby car seat. On the other side of the steps was a young woman staring at her phone, effectively blocking passage in a small space with a small landing station. The young man in front of me reached the landing and just put the car seat down on the ground. I was on the last step, about to step on to the landing when the young woman on the phone walked past



me, right at the edge of the staircase. I was mid-step at the time and if I was a little older, I could easily have fallen. The banister is on the other side, which she had been blocking. Neither the man nor the woman acknowledged me nor appeared to have noticed me or their surroundings. Luckily someone requested the young man to move the car seat so I could reach the landing and walk into the cafe. It’s a simple enough incident. No big deal. I said nothing because I did not see the point. It’s not much of a story, you might think to yourself. You might also flip it around to show how today’s young people have no spatial awareness. And how the obsession with staring at your phone makes it so impossible to lift your eyes

and see what’s happening around you. But that’s for some other time. Because truly any grey-haired person above a certain age knows how easily they can be bypassed, side-stepped, forgotten. I saw this when my late mother was in hospital. I’ve written about it before. The young doctors would address her as “Mataji”, exchange pleasantries with her in Hindi and then discuss her medical condition with me, in English. We’re patently Bengali; Hindi is not our first or second language. My mother was educated and aware. But old ladies apparently lack cognitive skills and only speak Hindi. I have to make an exception for one young doctor who said my mother looked somewhere between actress Leela Naidu and Holly-

wood star Elizabeth Taylor, so he would pop in to say hello, much to her amusement! Sadly, the invisibility also has to do with how you look. If you are in traditional Indian wear, or look dowdy whatever you wear, with your hair pulled back and no make-up, it is worse. You can be ignored in any number of places. If you try and make yourself heard, you will be deemed needlessly aggressive. At the risk of being trampled upon, I find it every amusing that younger people who are very aware of their rights and want you to be always cognisant of their many sensitivities, are so totally insensitive about the feelings of others. I know, I know. This is very judgmental of me. Blame my age. The small story I told just now is nothing but a small story. But I know many who can add their own experiences. Waiting at a counter for someone to notice you. Waiting to be served at a restaurant. Someone being impatient because you cannot understand new methods. And then talking down to you as if you are a toddler. If you are noticed then, you can be crushingly infantilised. And if you are female, o dear.



## ASUS Unveils AI-Powered ExpertBook Ultra, Expands P Series in India

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ASUS has launched its flagship business laptop, the ExpertBook Ultra, alongside a major expansion of its ExpertBook P series, reinforcing its 'Worry-Free Business' ecosystem for enterprises across India.

Positioned as an industry-leading Copilot+ PC, the ExpertBook Ultra is designed for CXOs and business leaders, combining ultra-light portability with advanced AI-driven performance. Built using aerospace-grade magnesium-aluminum alloy, the device weighs just 0.99 kg and integrates the latest Intel Core Ultra Series 3 processors, a powerful GPU, and a dedicated NPU for AI computing.

The laptop features a 14-inch 3K 120Hz OLED touchscreen with up to 1,400 nits brightness, a six-speaker Dolby spatial audio system, and a 70Wh bat-



tery promising up to 26 hours of usage. It also delivers enterprise-grade security compliant with NIST standards and military-grade durability, targeting professionals who demand both performance and reliability. ASUS claims the device eliminates traditional trade-offs by offering high-end performance, premium design, and long battery life in a single package.

Pre-orders for the ExpertBook Ultra began on April 22 via Flipkart, with a starting price of ₹2,39,990. Limited-time launch benefits include extended war-

ranties, bank discounts, exchange offers, and bundled subscriptions.

Alongside the flagship, ASUS expanded its ExpertBook P series with new P3 and P5 models aimed at businesses of all sizes. These laptops offer flexible configurations, including 14-inch and 16-inch variants, up to 64GB DDR5 RAM, dual SSD support, and processor options scaling up to Intel Core Ultra Series 3. The P3 lineup starts at ₹94,990, while the P5 series will be available soon starting at ₹2,14,990.

Both product lines emphasize ASUS's "Worry-Free Business" promise, featuring MIL-STD 810H durability, multi-layered security, and extensive after-sales support. The company highlighted its service network covering over 15,500 pin codes in India, along with international warranty coverage in 80 countries.

ASUS Global Co-CEO Samson Hu said the launch reflects a shift toward AI-driven business computing, enabling professionals to operate with greater efficiency and focus. Intel India's PP Sunil Acharya added that the collaboration delivers enhanced performance and AI acceleration tailored for modern workloads. With this launch, ASUS aims to strengthen its position in India's premium business laptop segment while catering to enterprises, startups, and professionals seeking future-ready computing solutions.

## L&T Finance Ltd logs record ₹3,003 crore PAT, up 14% YoY in FY26

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Wakeup telangana



L&T Finance Ltd reported its highest-ever consolidated Profit After Tax (PAT) of ₹3,003 crore for the financial year ended March 31, 2026 (FY26), marking a 14% year-on-year (YoY) growth.

The company also posted a strong fourth-quarter performance with a PAT of ₹807 crore, up 27% YoY. Reflecting its financial strength, the board has recommended a dividend of ₹2.75 per equity share for FY26.

The company's retail-focused strategy continued to drive growth, with its retail book expanding 26% YoY to ₹1,19,508 crore. Annual retail disbursements reached a record ₹83,213 crore, registering a sharp 39% YoY increase, while quarterly disbursements stood at ₹24,107 crore, up 62% YoY. The consolidated loan book grew to ₹1,21,728 crore, under-

scoring sustained business momentum. Building on the successful execution of its Lakshya 2026 roadmap, L&T Finance has now unveiled its next five-year strategic plan, Lakshya 2031.

The plan aims to transform the company into a risk-first, technology-first, multi-product retail financier, with a strong emphasis on AI-led digital transformation. Key targets include maintaining over 20% book growth, keeping credit costs below 2%, achieving Return on Assets (RoA) between 3%-3.2%, and Return on Equity (RoE) in the range of 16%-18%.

The company also strengthened its digital ecosystem, with its PLANET app crossing 2.4

crore downloads as of March 31, 2026. The platform has handled over 12 crore customer requests, enabled collections exceeding ₹9,500 crore, and sourced loans worth around ₹29,000 crore, including significant traction in rural markets. Commenting on the performance, Managing Director and CEO Sudipta Roy said FY26 was marked by resilience despite challenges in the microfinance segment and global uncertainties. He highlighted improved credit discipline, stronger collections, and technology-driven growth as key drivers, expressing confidence in stable and consistent performance ahead under the Lakshya 2031 vision.

## Axis Bank trims workforce as tech investments boost efficiency

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Axis Bank reported a marginal decline in its employee headcount for the financial year 2025-26, attributing the reduction to sustained investments in technology that are now beginning to deliver productivity gains across operations. Speaking during a post-earnings conference call, managing director and

chief executive Amitabh Chaudhry said the optimisation of workforce numbers reflects the bank's long-term strategic focus on digital transformation rather than any short-term cost-cutting exercise. He explained that consistent technology investments over the past few years have significantly improved operational efficiency and employee productivity across various functions.



The bank's total workforce stood at approximately 1.01 lakh employees at the end of FY26, down from 1.04 lakh in the previous fi-

nancial year, indicating a reduction of nearly 3,000 employees. Axis Bank clarified that the decline was not concentrated in any specific

vertical but occurred broadly across departments, as automation and digital tools streamlined routine processes. Despite the dip in headcount, the lender continued to expand its physical footprint aggressively. During FY26, the bank added nearly 400 new branches across the country, which required fresh hiring, onboarding, and training efforts. The bank emphasised that its

strategy remains balanced—leveraging technology to enhance efficiency while simultaneously strengthening its branch network to deepen customer reach. Chaudhry highlighted that Axis Bank has consistently allocated between 9 per cent and 10 per cent of its operating expenditure towards technology over the past three to four years. These investments, he noted, have been made

irrespective of business cycles, underlining the bank's commitment to building long-term capabilities rather than chasing immediate returns. On the role of emerging technologies, the bank stated that artificial intelligence has not yet played a major role in reducing headcount. Currently, AI tools are primarily deployed to streamline workflows, reduce turnaround times,

and enhance customer experience, rather than replace human roles. On the financial front, Axis Bank reported a largely flat performance for the March quarter of FY26, with a net profit of ₹7,071 crore compared to ₹7,117 crore in the same period last year. The bank also announced a dividend of ₹1 per share for the financial year, as per its stock exchange filing.

## SOMANY Rebrands for Next Growth Phase



**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Somany Ceramics Ltd. has unveiled a new brand identity, signalling a major step in its evolution as a comprehensive home and building solutions provider.

The announcement was made in April in New Delhi, marking a defining milestone in the company's 55-year journey. The refreshed identity reflects SOMANY's transition from a traditional tile manufacturer to a brand shaping modern living environments. Central to this transformation is a re-designed logo featuring softer, fluid curves that align with contemporary architectural aesthetics. The updated visual language moves away from rigid forms, emphasizing adaptability, continuity, and innovation. Managing Director and CEO Ab-

hishek Somany described the rebranding as a forward-looking step rooted in legacy. He said the new identity reinforces the company's commitment to innovation, sustainability, and customer-centric growth, while positioning it for the next phase under emerging leadership. The revised colour palette combines a bold red symbolizing energy and scale with a blue arrowhead representing direction and momentum. The brand name SOMANY now also reflects key values—Scale, Originality, Momentum, Assurance, New Horizons, and Young—highlighting its future-ready approach. The new identity will be implemented across retail outlets, packaging, communication channels, and digital platforms to ensure a consistent and engaging brand experience, particularly for architects and designers.

## India discusses energy cooperation with Nepal's new govt

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

India's envoy in Kathmandu and the energy minister in the new government in Nepal discussed issues of mutual interest and those focusing on cooperation in energy. India's Ambassador to the Himalayan nation Naveen Srivastava and Nepal's Minister for Energy, Water Resources, and Irrigation Biraj Bhakta Shrestha met here on Friday, according to sources at the ministry. Shrestha took charge as the energy minister in March last week after Balendra Shah 'Balen' led the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) to a landslide victory in the general election earlier that month.

Minister Shrestha and Ambassador Srivastava discussed bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest, focusing on cooperation in energy and water resources. "The discussions focused on the longstanding partnership between Nepal and India, and the shared vision of advancing sustainable development and regional connectivity," the sources said. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to deepening collaboration and fostering greater synergy to ensure shared prosperity and mutual benefit for the people of both countries.

## TYM School of Business Hosts 15th Convocation



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The 15th Convocation Ceremony of Telangana Yuvathi Mandali School of Business was held with grandeur on April 25, 2026, at Mandali Hall, celebrating the academic accomplishments of its graduating students and marking a significant milestone in their journey. Degrees were conferred upon the graduates amid applause from faculty members, parents, and well-wishers. The ceremony reflected both pride and optimism as students prepared to step into professional life, equipped with knowledge and skills gained

during their academic tenure. Chief Guest Dr. D. Sree Ramulu, Senior Professor and Dean, Faculty of Management, Osmania University, delivered the convocation address, emphasizing the importance of integrity, continuous learning, and social responsibility. He encouraged students to remain committed to ethical values and to contribute positively to society in their respective careers. Special Guest Ashrita Veemuganti Nanduri addressed the gathering, inspiring graduates to embrace innovation, leadership, and adaptability in an increasingly dynamic and competitive world. She highlighted

the need for resilience and forward-thinking approaches in navigating future challenges. Chairperson Padmaja Mallikarjun presided over the ceremony and congratulated the students on their achievements.

She reiterated the institution's mission of empowering women through quality education and skill development, stressing the importance of confidence and independence among young professionals. Correspondent Dr. K. Sunil Kumar spoke about the steady growth of the institution and its commitment to academic excellence. He appreciated the dedication of faculty

and staff in mentoring students and preparing them for successful careers. Principal Dr. Prasanna Rekha presented the annual report, outlining key academic achievements, placement records, and co-curricular activities. She expressed pride in the graduating batch and acknowledged their hard work and perseverance. The ceremony concluded on a celebratory note, with graduates expressing joy and gratitude. The event served as a memorable occasion, reinforcing the institution's role in shaping future leaders and professionals ready to take on new challenges.

## Gold, silver slip as profit booking weighs; geopolitical hopes cap downside

**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Gold prices dipped 0.34 per cent during the week after precious metals came under corrective pressure due to profit booking.

On Friday, MCX gold June futures gained 0.61 per cent while MCX silver May futures inched up 1.39 per cent. Currently gold futures stand at Rs 1,52,683, while silver futures at Rs 2,44,877 per kg. The price of 10 grams of 24-carat gold was at Rs 1,51,479 on Friday up from Rs 1,52,002 seen on Monday market opening, according to data published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA).

However, gold advanced towards the end of the week as optimism grew around advancements in United States and Iran negotiations. Traders also weighed the Federal Reserve's interest-rate path after the Justice Department dropped a probe related to the Federal Reserve. Bullion climbed above \$4,700 an ounce as bond yields fell, easing pressure on non-yielding assets. Selective buying was seen in precious metals at lower levels, but momentum remained tentative as geopolitical uncertainty lingered.

# Samantha Needs to Step Up Promotions for Maa Inti Bangaram

According to trade circles, Samantha Ruth Prabhu's upcoming film *Maa Inti Bangaram* is yet to generate the kind of sustained buzz expected ahead of release. While the initial teaser created a positive impression and the first single received a decent response, the momentum hasn't been consistently maintained. A distributor notes that Samantha needs to take charge of promotions more aggressively. "She has to lead from the front and personally boost the film's visibility. The early promotional material worked, and even a recent event gave the song better traction, but in the current dull theatrical phase, that's simply not enough," he says. The concern stems from the noticeable



slowdown in activity over the past week. With very little fresh content or updates in the last 5-6 days, both fans and trade observers feel the campaign has lost steam at a crucial time. In today's fast-moving digital landscape, consistent engagement—through interviews, BTS clips, reels, and fan inter-

actions—is key to keeping a film in public conversation. Directed by Nandini Reddy under Samantha's own banner Tralala Moving Pictures, and supervised by Raj Nidimoru, the film is gearing up for a May 15 release. With just two weeks to go, the expectation is for a strong promotional push to revive buzz

and reach wider audiences. Coming after projects like *Oh! Baby* and *Yashoda*, Samantha is once again headlining a performance-driven role. That puts additional responsibility on her shoulders—not just to deliver on screen, but also to pull audiences into theatres in a challenging market scenario.

## Tara Sutaria's adorable childhood throwback wins hearts online



**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Actress Tara Sutaria treated the netizens with an adorable picture from her childhood, where she can be seen proudly flaunting her 'princely sum of (only) two teeth'. The throwback photo shows little Tara crying, with only two teeth from her lower mouth visible. Wearing a cute white dress, Tara admitted in the caption that she resembles a bunny. The text, along with the old pic, read, "When you have the princely sum of (only) two teeth and resemble a sort of bunny? (sic)." Tara further shared that the picture also reflected her current mood. "Also, current mood," she added. She published another childhood still on her Insta Stories, where she

can be seen looking straight into the camera. "Sup," the text was added. Tara constantly engages with her Insta family with such updates from her daily life. Recently, Tara provided a glimpse into her weekend diary, which was all about spending some quality time with her fur babies, Pookie and Watson. Taking to her official Instagram account, she shared a couple of sweet photographs enjoying some highly advised night cuddles with her four-legged friends. However, only Watson was visible in these photos as Tara revealed that Pookie had waddled off in an attempt to avoid the cuddles. Tara added the caption to the post, "Saturday night cuddles with HRH Pookie & HRH Watson (Pookie is not

pictured here as she waddled off to avoid said cuddles)." Work-wise, Tara will next essay the role of Rebecca in Yash's "Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups". Speaking about getting Tara on board as Rebecca, director Geetu Mohandas said that she has always felt an instinctive love to protect her. "Perhaps because she is a guarded soul or perhaps it's the armour she's comfortable with. And perhaps it doesn't need to be defined," the filmmaker explained. Revealing what it was like to work with Tara, the filmmaker added that she realized very early that the best way to reach her was not by pushing, not by demanding more, but by allowing her the space to simply be.

## Punjab Kings chase record 265 to beat Delhi Capitals in IPL thriller

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Punjab Kings rewrote the T20 record books with a breathtaking batting blitz, pulling off the highest-ever successful chase in the format's history by overhauling a daunting 265-run target to outgun Delhi Capitals by six wickets in an IPL run-fest here on Saturday. KL Rahul blended grace with power to script a stroke-filled 152, the third-highest individual IPL score, while Nitish Rana (91) batted with authority as the hosts Delhi Capitals powered their way to a mammoth 264 for 2 after opting to bat first. Chasing the target, Punjab's dynamic opening pair of Prabhsimran Singh (76) and Priyansh Arya (73) came out all guns blazing, adding 126 runs in just 42 balls to lay a formidable foundation for the chase and set the tone for their sixth win of the season. Skipper Shreyas



Iyer, who was dropped by Karun Nair twice in the span of three balls, then scored an unbeaten 71 off 36 deliveries to take PBKS over the line with as many as seven balls to spare. Incidentally, the previous highest successful run chase in T20 as well as IPL history also belongs to PBKS when they chased down 262 against Kolkata Knight Riders in 2024. They remain unbeaten this season and are on top of the points table with 11 points from six games. In a match where 49 boundaries and 33 sixes were hit, with only six

wickets falling, the bowlers were arguably the biggest losers. The visitors showed remarkable composure and intent, building on their previous outing where they had scored the highest total of the season. Local lad Priyansh and Prabhsimran consistently sent the ball to and over the fence. The latter hit six fours against Mukesh Kumar in the sixth over. There were anxious moments during the chase when Delhi Capitals pacer Lungi Ngidi was hit on the back of the head while attempting a catch off Arya's bat.

## Sunrisers Hyderabad overpower Royals despite Sooryavanshi's stunning century

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Teen sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's thrill-a-second 103, the third-fastest IPL hundred off 36 balls, was eclipsed by a collective batting effort by Sunrisers Hyderabad as the visitors etched a commanding five-wicket win here on Saturday. Ishan Kishan smacked a 31-ball 74 while Abhishek Sharma rode on a couple of lifelines to make 57 off 29 balls to lead SRH's charge as they chased down a 229-run target with nine balls to spare. It, in fact, was the fourth-highest run chase ever in the IPL, close on the heels of a record 265-run chase mounted by Punjab Kings against Delhi Capitals earlier in the day in New Delhi. Heinrich Klaasen (29) and Nitish Kumar Reddy (36) put on 53 runs for the fourth wicket to finish the job. The Royals, despite having a par total on board, deployed as many as eight bowling options but poor fielding let their bowlers down. Apart from two dropped chances to get rid of Abhishek early, the



Royals also failed to apply pressure when Brijesh Sharma spilled a catch off Reddy off Jofra Archer (2/34) on 14. It was an eventful first over in which Dhruv Jurel spilled a regulation chance off Archer to give Travis Head (6) an early life. The Australian then lofted one for a six but the English pacer had the last laugh, getting Head Archer then surprised

Kishan with a 145.4 kph snorter which took an edge and flew off the helmet for a four, but the SRH batter recovered to crack three fours off Archer.

Abhishek had to thank RR fielders for erring twice on regulation chances.

On the first occasion, Shimron Hetmyer moved away from third man when Abhishek hit one off Nandre Burger straight to

him. The second time, a low full toss from Tushar Deshpande had the India opener slicing it straight to Ravindra Jadeja at backward point, where he spilled a sitter.

Despite the hiccups, Abhishek and Kishan went about their job with ease as none of the bowling changes could prevent their charge. They put on 132 for the second wicket from only 55 balls to place their team on track for a comfortable win. Earlier, Sooryavanshi went hammer and tongs, powering Rajasthan Royals to 228 for six. Sooryavanshi made SRH pay a heavy price for an early reprieve when he was on 32 to notch up his second hundred in the league and first of the season, following three whirlwind fifties earlier. The 15-year-old once again displayed his rich range of strokes executed with brute force and timing. He used the long handle to maximum effect to hit 12 sixes and five fours in his 37-ball 103. He brought up his ton with a six off Sakib Hussain (1/62) on his 36th delivery, recording the third-

fastest century in the IPL after his own 35-ball hundred last year and Chris Gayle's 30-ball ton for Royal Challengers Bengaluru in April 2013. Sooryavanshi was off the blocks quickly when he smacked Praful Hinge (1/49) for two sixes on the on side and two down the wicket in the final four balls of the opening over, making a rapid start. An in-form Sooryavanshi rarely missed a loose ball, scoring freely on both sides of the wicket while putting on two strong stands at the top. The left-hander's rapid start helped in adding 40 runs off only 14 balls for the opening wicket, while he added 112 runs for the second wicket with Jurel, who chipped in with a 35-ball 51. Sooryavanshi's innings ended immediately after completing his ton when he missed a scoop off Hussain and was trapped leg-before. Even as SRH managed to get rid of the dangerous Yashasvi Jaiswal (10) early, they erred when an opportunity was created by Eshan Malinga (2/38) in the fifth over to remove Sooryavanshi.

## GHMC Holds Pet Adoption Drive on World Veterinary Day

The GHMC, in collaboration with the College of Veterinary Science, Rajendranagar, organised a pet adoption drive at the Veterinary Clinical Complex, focusing on indie puppies. Six puppies were adopted, 33 pets were registered on-site for official documentation and future health monitoring, and 81 anti-rabies vaccinations were administered. The event was held to mark World Veterinary Day, highlighting the role of veterinarians in animal health, zoonotic-disease control and community welfare. It also aligns with GHMC's CURE programme and the State's Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika vision, which emphasise people-centric, time-bound and outcome-driven urban development. GHMC officials said the drive aimed to promote responsible pet ownership, support street-dog rehabilitation through adoption, and strengthen rabies-preventive measures in the city.

## TGSRTC Unions Thank CM Revanth for Accepting Demands

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy, President of the All India INTUC & Telangana State Road Transport Corporation Staff and Workers Union, expressed their gratitude to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and the State Cabinet Ministers for accepting all their demands submitted by the Staff & Workers' Union and Telangana Joint Action Committee (TJAC). Dr. Reddy welcomed the landmark restoration of Trade Unions in Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) as a long-overdue rectification upholding democratic values and workers' fundamental rights. This



decision has restored confidence among thousands of TGSRTC employees and reaffirmed the government's commitment to constitutional labour protections, he said. The INTUC leader strongly condemned the previous BRS government's anti-worker policies under K. Chandrashekar Rao, which illegally banned Trade Unions and deliberately withheld Pay Revision Commissions

of 2017 and 2021. These actions caused prolonged injustice to dedicated transport workers, he stated. The Congress-led government has demonstrated progressive labour statesmanship by addressing these historical wrongs. Dr. Reddy described this as true "Praja Palana" - people-centric governance prioritizing workers' dignity and economic justice. INTUC pledges con-

tinued partnership with the Telangana government to strengthen labour welfare, ensure industrial harmony, and protect workers' rights across all sectors, he said. The press conference was addressed by Raj Reddy, Jakkula Mallesh, Abraham, and R.D. Chandra Shekar, who echoed these sentiments and commended the government's timely intervention. Three days after observing the strike, the employees of TGSRTC called off their strike after the State government conceded to their demands and started operating buses from Saturday morning, bringing much-needed relief for passengers.

## Telangana government to operate Hyderabad Metro Rail from May 1

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

In a major development, the Telangana government has transferred 100 per cent equity of Larsen and Toubro (L&T) to the Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL), which has been acquired by the state government. Already, an officers committee was constituted to look into the issues, he stressed. R&B Minister Komati-reddy Venkat Reddy said apart from Narsampet depot employee, another employee in Nalgonda too attempted suicide. He is safe, he said. The HMRL will fully come under the state government and begin its operations in the new setup starting May 1, 2026.

As part of the merger process, the state government has appointed a new board of directors for HMRL, including Jayesh Ranjan, Vikas Raj, Sandeep Kumar Sultania, B Shivadhar Reddy, Ashok Reddy and Jitesh V Patil. Sarfaraz Ahmed has been appointed as the Managing Director of HMRL, and Shivendra Pratap is the Joint Managing Director. A committee has also been formed with Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao acting as its chairperson, with 10 members for the operation of HMRL. The Telangana Legislative Assembly had passed a resolution on March 28, endorsing the state government's decision to take over Phase-I of the Hyderabad Metro Rail Project from infra

major L&T. The Telangana government in 2025 had agreed to take over Phase I of the Hyderabad Metro Rail project from L&T Group by paying Rs 2,000 crore for the equity in the concessionaire L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad Ltd. It was agreed that the state government would also take over the company's debt of Rs 13,000 crore, official sources had said. L&T has about 90 per cent equity in the project. "It was agreed upon that the takeover needs to be completed by paying not more than Rs 15,000 crore (equity and debt of L&T) by April 30, 2026," Legislative Affairs Minister D Sridhar Babu had said, while speaking on the resolution in the Assembly.

## Congress Govt Focus on Direct Outreach to People: Ponguleti

**HYDERABAD**  
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The second phase of Indiramma houses would be taken up in May, revenue and housing minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said on Saturday. He directed officials to ensure that work was completed on the approximately 4.5 lakh houses that had been sanctioned to families in the first phase. Srinivas Reddy was speaking at a praja darbar at Rayagudem of Nelakondapalli mandal in Khammam district, where he highlighted the approach of the Congress government to reach out directly to the people and resolve their issues. This is what people-centric governance is all about, the minister said. He said the 99-day 'Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika', initiated on directives of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, was aimed to take the administration to the people in every village. The minister said that the people had to earlier make



the rounds to offices to get their work done during the tenure of the previous BRS administration. Under the Congress government, officials were going directly to the people to receive their grievances and to resolve them on the spot. He said the grievances received from the people at praja darbars would be resolved within a timeframe, ranging from one week to three months. He stated that measures have been taken up to avoid drinking water and electricity shortages during the summer season. Reiterating the commitment of the Congress government on keeping its promises, he said it has fulfilling its pre-poll promises without neglecting development in any area.

## HC dismisses quash petition in Srushti fertility case

**HYDERABAD**  
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The Telangana High Court has refused to entertain a petition filed by Dr P Namratha, to quash the remand orders in a case filed against her by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the Srushti Fertility Center Scam involving selling newborn surrogate babies, delivered to the genetic parents as their own progeny born through In Vitro Fertilization (IVF). As per a report written by



Vujjini Vamshidhar in The Deccan Chronicle, "A bench comprising Justice P Sam Koshy and Justice Nandikonda Narsing Rao ruled that the arrest did not violate the statutory

safeguards of Section 19 of the PMLA and declined to intervene in the ongoing investigation." Namratha's counsel argued that the authorised officer of the ED must

form "reasons to believe" to arrest and disclose a rational nexus between specific material, the alleged proceeds of crime, and the petitioner's conscious involvement in money-laundering activity. Dominic Fernandes, senior standing counsel, appearing for the ED, asserted that the investigation was far from preliminary at the time of the arrest, and that according to the ED, substantial material had been gathered prior to Dr Namratha's arrest. He submitted that physi-

cal searches and seizures were conducted as part of the investigation prior to her arrest. He added that statements were recorded under Section 50 of the PMLA, and inquiries were made with the statutory bodies prior to her arrest. "The Court was emphatic that a writ petition challenging an arrest cannot be converted into a surrogate bail hearing or a mini-trial on the correctness of the investigative narrative," the DC reported on Saturday, April 25.

## GHMC to hold summer coaching camps in 44 sports across Hyderabad

The GHMC is conducting summer coaching camps from April 25 to May 31 in 44 sports/games at 752 centers for school-going children in the age group of 6 to 16 years, from 6 am to 8 am. In a press release, the GHMC said students and the public can obtain membership in 44 sports and games through the GHMC online portal sports.ghmc.gov.in by paying the applicable membership charges. The major sports and games include athletics, archery, ball badminton, basketball, badminton, baseball, boxing, cricket, chess, cycling, football, gymnastics, hockey, karate, kabaddi, kho kho, roller skating, swimming, table tennis, wrestling Indian, wrestling Roman, kick boxing and carroms. As part of the summer coaching camp, GHMC will conduct zone-wise sports quiz between May 5 and 11 and tournaments at camp and zone levels in 16 games between May 18 and 23, it said.

## GHMC Clears Encroachments in Secunderabad Zone

Encroachment Removal Drive Clears Key Stretch in Secunderabad Zone

**HYDERABAD**  
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A large-scale encroachment removal drive was conducted in the Secunderabad Zone to ensure obstruction-free roads and safe pedestrian movement. Acting on orders of the High Court and directions from GHMC leadership, officials cleared multiple unauthorized structures and installations along major road stretches. The operation focused on the Tarnaka and Mettuguda Circles, particularly the busy corridor between Chilkalguda X Road and Warasiguda X Road. During the drive, officials identified and removed over 100 temporary and permanent encroachments occupying footpaths and road margins. These obstructions had been causing severe inconvenience to pedestrians and contributing to traffic congestion in the area. Authorities emphasized that the primary objective of the drive was to restore public spaces for safe and smooth mobility. En-



croachments on footpaths were highlighted as a major safety concern, forcing pedestrians onto main roads and increasing the risk of accidents. Shopkeepers, vendors, and residents were instructed to strictly avoid occupying public pathways and road edges in the future. Officials also announced that such enforcement actions will not be one-time measures. Regular and intensified drives will continue across vulnerable locations to prevent re-encroachment and maintain civic discipline. The focus will remain on ensuring that public infrastructure is used only for its intended purpose. The drive was carried out under the supervision of senior GHMC officials including the Zonal Commissioner,

Deputy Commissioners, and the Chief City Planner, along with support from Assistant City Planners and field staff. Coordination was extended by the police, enforcement, and vigilance teams, ensuring smooth execution without disruption to traffic flow. GHMC reiterated its commitment to maintaining clean, safe, and obstruction-free urban spaces. Officials stated that public cooperation is essential to sustain these efforts and appealed to citizens to support the initiative by respecting designated boundaries and regulations. The operation marks a continued push toward improving urban order, enhancing road safety, and strengthening civic infrastructure across the Secunderabad Zone.

## Hyderabad software consultant loses nearly Rs 3 crore in trading scam

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A 56-year-old software consultant lost Rs 2.92 crore after being lured into investing in fake online trading platforms. According to a report in Times of India, the victim first came into contact with the fraudsters on WhatsApp after being added to a group called 'Riding the Wind Club Discussion Group'. People managing the group had identified themselves as Anika Sharma and Chandrapra-

kash. The fraudsters, posing as investment advisors, used to share stock tips and Initial Public Offering (IPO) offers on the group. After the victim was shown small profits on his investments, he was encouraged to join VIP trading programs promising high returns and interest-free credit facilities. However, when he tried to withdraw his money, the fraudsters blocked transactions, claiming the funds were locked due to loan repayment conditions.

## Hyderabad Collector shifted in major IAS reshuffle

**HYDERABAD**  
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Telangana General Administration Department on Saturday, April 25, issued an order transferring IAS officers, including the Hyderabad Collector, Harichandana Dasari. Priyanka Ala, Zonal Commissioner, GHMC, Khairatabad, has been transferred and posted as Collector and District Magistrate, Hyderabad, vice Harichandana Dasari, transferred. Harichandana Dasari, Collector and District

Magistrate, Hyderabad, is transferred and posted as Secretary to the Government, Labour, Employment, Training and Factories (LET&F) Department, vice M Dana Kishore, transferred. She has also been placed in

Full Additional Charge (FAC) of the post of Secretary to Government, Revenue (DM) Department, duly relieving M Dana Kishore, from FAC of the said post. Whereas Dana Kishore, Special Chief Secretary to Government, LET&F Department, is transferred and posted as Special Chief Secretary to Government, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development (PR & RD), RWS & RSAD Department, vice Sri Sanjay Kumar transferred.

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