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Modi: Phase 1 Hits TMC, Phase 2 Seals BJP Win

Trump Taken To Safety After Shooter Opens Fire

No motive found for attack; third attempt in last 2 years

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A day before campaigning would end for the second phase of West Bengal Assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted that the ego of the ruling Trinamul Congress had been shattered in the first phase of voting on April 23 while its fate would be sealed in on April 29. He also reiterated his assurance to the Matuas, the community of Hindu migrants, to roll out the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) for them if the BJP came to power in the state, and urged them not to pay heed to the TMC that earlier opposed the law. The PM was addressing two rallies for BJP candidates at Bongaon in North 24 Parganas and Haripal in Hooghly respectively before performing puja at Thanthania Kalibari in the evening and leading a roadshow in North Kolkata with a sea of supporters.

He said at Thakurnagar in Bongaon in the afternoon, "Bengal made an achievement in the first phase of



the polls. TMC's ego has broken apart in the first phase. In the second phase, BJP's victory is going to be confirmed. Prothom Chorone Bhanglo TMCr Ohonkar, Dwitiyo Chorone Nishchit BJP Sorkar!" Recollecting his visit to Orakandi, the pilgrimage place of the Matuas, in Bangladesh five years ago and later his meeting with late Binapani Devi, the matriarch of the community, Modi pointed out, "Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee was considered as the voice of the migrants. His vision exists in BJP. That's why we treat each and every refugee, persecuted because of partition, as our responsibility." He added, "It is India's historic responsibility to look after you. So Modi brought the CAA. Otherwise, why didn't this work

happen in the past decades? I can tell all the Matuas, Namashudras and other refugees that you will get your citizenship, address documents and rights that other Indian citizens have. But beware of the lies of TMC. Place your hands on your heart and think whether those, who opposed the CAA and did not want you to get your rights, can ever wish anything good for you."

Targeting Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's party, Modi alleged, "TMC came to power 15 years ago with the slogan of Maa, Mati, Manus. But now, this word does not come out of its mouth. The reason is if TMC reminds the people of its slogan, its sins will come to light. Nirmamata of TMC has made Maa cry, thrown Mati .

Narendra Modi Hails Indigenous Tech; Kalpakkam Reactor Goes Critical

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday called the Kalpakkam fast breeder reactor achieving critically a historic milestone of India's nuclear energy journey, and said Indian scientists were advancing the civil nuclear programme and making a significant contribution to nation-building. During his monthly 'Mann ki Baat' address, the PM also talked about the ongoing Census exercise, wind energy and Indian cheese and hailed Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

Termining the Kalpakkam fast breeder reactor achieving critically as a "significant achievement" of the country, Modi said India's civil nuclear programme had greatly helped everyone from agriculture to modern innovators. He stressed that the nuclear reactor is built entirely using indigenous technology. In a landmark achievement, the 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) successfully attained first criticality (start of a controlled fission chain reaction) on April 6, marking a historic

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US President Donald Trump and other top White House officials were evacuated unharmed from the annual dinner of White House correspondents after a man armed with multiple weapons fired shots outside the ballroom of the hotel. The incident took place at around 8:34 PM local time when dinner was served. At that time, Trump was seen having a conversation with Weijia Jiang, the President of the White House Correspondents' Association, and mentalist Oz Pearlman, who was scheduled to present a show at the marquee event at the Washington Hilton here.

Secret Service officials and other security personnel covered the President, First Lady Melania Trump, Vice President JD Vance, and the Second Lady Usha Vance, who were seated at the head table, and escorted them out of the ballroom. Several guests at the dinner, including leaders across the political spectrum,



journalists and other invitees, ducked under the table, apparently as a reflex reaction. Putting up a brave face, President Trump later announced on Truth Social that the dinner would be rescheduled within 30 days. "Boom, boom, boom is all that I heard, and many guests ducked under the table," a C-SPAN reporter at the dinner said. Hours later, Trump addressed a press conference at the White House and announced that the security personnel had captured one person who hails from California. "I heard a noise and sort of thought it was a tray going down. I've heard that many times. It was a pretty loud noise, and it was from quite far away.

He (the attacker) hadn't reached the area at all. They really got him," Trump told reporters, recalling the incident. Trump said one security officer was shot at but saved as he was wearing a bulletproof vest. Several protestors had lined up on the road outside the hotel, raising slogans against the Trump administration and Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth.

A CNN reporter who was outside the ballroom at the Washington Hilton said he saw a gunman opening fire just a few feet away. He was among the dozens of attendees who took cover as law enforcement swarmed the venue. The suspect has been identified as 31-

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Shah: Didi Will Have To Atone Her Sins For 71 Births

In a blistering attack, Union home minister Amit Shah on Sunday said West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee would have to "atone her sins for 71 births" for patronising the monumental corruption, almost in every domain, during her 15-year-rule in the state. Shah, who addressed many rallies and roadshows ahead of the last day of the campaign, also sent out a stern message to the Trinamul Congress-backed "goons", asking them not to harass the voters during the second and final phase of the Assembly elections, otherwise, they would find themselves hanging upside down post-poll.

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Trump Cancels Pakistan Talks Trip, Says Iran War on Hold

NEW DELHI
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US President Donald Trump cancelled his envoys' trip to Pakistan for peace talks with Iran on Saturday, saying there was no point "sitting around talking about nothing" but adding the war would not immediately resume. Trump said he scrapped the visit after

being unimpressed with Tehran's negotiating position, adding that a revised proposal followed within minutes of his decision. "They gave us a paper that should have been better and -- interestingly -- immediately, when I cancelled it, within 10 minutes, we got a new paper that was much better," he told reporters, without elaborating.

The White House had said Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner and special envoy Steve Witkoff were heading to Pakistan for talks with Iran aimed at moving "towards a deal" but Trump told Fox News he had scrapped the trip. "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<.

Didi: Will Win Another 100 on April 29

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

Trinamul Congress supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asserted on Sunday that her party has already bagged "a century" of seats in the first phase of the Assembly elections, and would get another in the second and final phase on April 29. She also ruled out any "tacit understanding" with BJP and called union home minister Amit Shah a "foul mouth." The first phase of polling was held for 152 seats, Wednesday will see polling for another 142. Banerjee said at a market hub on Camac Street in



her constituency, Bhowanipore, "In the first phase, we have already crossed a century. In the next phase, we will cross another century. That is why the BJP is afraid, deployed the Central forces and changed all the police officials. Have faith in me. We have been in power for 14 years. Nobody has ever troubled you." Targeting Union home minister

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Fuel Crisis Deepens in AP

VIJAYAWADA
Wakeup telangana

A severe petrol and diesel shortage has gripped Andhra Pradesh, throwing normal life out of gear. 'No Stock' boards are seen across fuel stations and, when fuel is stored, long queues stretch for hours. The crisis, which worsened by evening on Friday, intensified over the weekend, leaving motorists, farmers and transport operators scrambling for fuel. Officials admitted that nearly 10 per

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ing dealers to impose restrictions and ration sales. In Vijayawada, the situation remained alarming. Several fuel stations have closed, while others are dispensing limited quantities. At the police service bunk on Bandar Road, vehicles queued up for nearly half a kilometre. Police took up positions to regulate traffic and maintain order. Petrol was restricted to Rs.300 for two-wheelers, while cars were allowed diesel worth Rs.1,000, leaving

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Maharashtra SIR Mapping Reaches 64.4%, Urban Areas

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) mapping of electoral rolls in Maharashtra has reached 64.4 per cent coverage, with 6.36 crore electors mapped out of 9.88 crore, according to the latest report of the State branch of the Election Commission of India (ECI). The SIR exercise is expected to be undertaken in Maharashtra after the declaration of the West Bengal Assembly election results,



which means the fate of the remaining 3.52 crore voters will hang in the balance if they are not identified by the ECI before the SIR begins.

The mapping data highlights sharp regional disparities, with metropolitan districts recording slower

progress compared to rural and semi-urban regions. Around one lakh booths and an equal number of Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are engaged in mapping existing voters with the earlier SIR roll. The process is expected to be expedited by roping in more BLOs in urban areas. The State branch of the ECI has begun mapping existing voters by linking their records with the 2002 electoral rolls, the last time an SIR was conducted. Electors whose

names appear in the 2002 rolls will not be required to submit additional documents to prove their Indian citizenship for voter eligibility. As part of this process, the State branch is carrying out a pre-revision mapping exercise through online verification. In cases where voters' antecedents are not traceable in the 2002 rolls, verification will be conducted through door-to-door visits by BLOs. Officials said that while earlier there was one booth per area, as in 2002,

population growth — particularly in urban centres — has led to the creation of multiple booths in many Assembly constituencies. Officials said mapping remains poor in cities such as Mumbai, Mumbai Suburb, Thane and Pune, as voters within Assembly constituencies have moved from one place to another. As a result, mapping in these districts is below 50 per cent. "A high degree of migration has emerged as a key factor behind the low mapping rate.

Next polls will pave way for KCR's return: BRS

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Sunday alleged that "forces inimical to Telangana" were uniting and conspiring against the state, while also launching a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over his criticism of BRS chief K. Chandrasekhar Rao. Speaking at an event in Hyderabad where All India Forward Bloc leader Pillutla Raghu from Huzurnagar joined the BRS, Rama Rao accused the Chief Minister of repeatedly targeting KCR only to gain media visibility. He claimed that despite constant criticism, Revanth Reddy



was struggling to gain acceptance across different sections of society, adding that even public figures like television anchors and film personalities were not readily acknowledging him as Chief Minister, which, according to him, was causing frustration. Rama Rao further alleged that the Congress government was attempting to cover up its failures. He re-

ferred to the Chief Minister's statement that the government had borrowed nearly ₹3.70 lakh crore in the last two-and-a-half years, questioning what tangible development had been achieved apart from raising loans and making frequent visits to New Delhi. Taking a political dig, he compared Revanth Reddy's pre-election image and

post-election performance, saying he transformed from a "Dana Veera Sura Karna" to a "Kumbhakarna" after coming to power. He also dismissed the Congress government's claims of development, alleging that its six guarantees, 420 promises, and 13 declarations had not been implemented and were "kept in cold storage." Rama Rao defended the BRS government's past performance, citing initiatives such as the reconstruction of the Yadadri temple, establishment of a large power project, expansion of medical colleges, and resolution efforts for fluorosis through Mission Bhagiratha. He also

claimed that the aerospace firm Skyroot had been supported under the previous BRS regime. He admitted that the party had faced setbacks in Nalgonda due to minor mistakes but asserted that the Congress had failed to bring meaningful development even under experienced leadership. He also accused earlier Congress rule of neglect and pollution issues in the Musi river basin. Concluding his remarks, Rama Rao said anti-Telangana forces were aligning against the state but expressed confidence that voters would once again support KCR and bring the BRS back to power with a strong mandate.

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.

Illegal Constructions Persist in Sriram Nagar

Residents allege GHMC inaction as illegal constructions trigger water shortages, traffic congestion, drainage overflow, and worsening living conditions in Sriram Nagar B Block

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Residents of Sriram Nagar's B Block have raised fresh concerns over ongoing illegal constructions, alleging that authorities have failed to act despite repeated complaints. The issue has intensified near Plot No. 1015, located close to Hi-Tech City, where locals say violations continue unchecked. According to residents, officials from the Urban Planning Department have ignored clear directions from the Cyberabad Municipal Commissioner, who had earlier instructed that all building activities must remain within approved limits and be carried out transparently. The Commissioner had also assured strict action on receiving complaints, but locals now claim those assurances have not translated into ground-level enforcement. The growing



number of unauthorized constructions has begun affecting daily life in the colony. Residents report severe water shortages, forcing many households to depend on private water tankers due to declining borewell levels. Ad-

ditionally, buildings constructed without proper parking facilities have led to vehicles being parked on roads, worsening traffic congestion within the locality. Sanitation has also emerged as a major concern. Overflowing drainage systems and poor

waste management have resulted in foul odors spreading across streets, creating an unhealthy environment for residents. Many families say these problems have escalated due to the unchecked expansion of buildings beyond permissible limits. This is not the first time the issue has been raised. In the past, the Sriram Nagar Colony Welfare Association had lodged formal complaints against illegal constructions and unregulated hostel operations. The association also organized public protests demanding action from civic authorities. Despite these efforts, residents feel their grievances have been ignored. They are now urging GHMC officials to intervene immediately, enforce building regulations, and restore basic civic amenities to ensure a safer and more livable environment in the colony.

Congress Alleges BJP-BRS Pact in KMC Co-option Polls

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Karimnagar City Congress president and corporator Vydyula Anjan Kumar has alleged a clandestine agreement between Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in the recent mayor and co-option elections' within the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation (KMC). "This Fevicol bond is intended to sideline the Congress," Anjan Kumar said in a statement released in Karimnagar on



Sunday. He specifically pointed to the co-option elections held on Saturday as proof of collaboration between BJP and BRS.

In particular, Anjan Kumar accused union minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar of influencing BRS members to ensure the BJP's dominance in the corporation. He char-

acterised public posturing of the two parties, where they often appear to be bitter rivals, as a "theatrical drama" designed to mislead the electorate. The Congress corporator ridiculed the BJP's claims of being a value-based party, asking where their honesty had vanished during the secret negotiations of the past two days. He argued that by granting co-option posts to groups already represented in the corporation, the authorities had bypassed the true spirit of the Municipal Act, which is intended

to give voice to unrepresented sections of the society. Anjan Kumar maintained that the people of Karimnagar are closely monitoring the behind-the-scenes politics and will deliver a fitting response at the appropriate time. He emphasised that as long as the Congress party enjoys the support of the people through its Praja Palana (people's governance) initiative, the combined efforts of the BJP and BRS to destabilise Congress will prove futile.

Habeeb Sikandar Visits Gangoh Dargahs

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Wakeup telangana

Habeeb Mohammad Sikandar, National President of the Al Indo-Arab Federation and CEO of Al Madina Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., visited the revered dargahs of Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Quddus Gangohi (R.A.) and Hazrat Qutab-e-Aalam Gangohi to offer prayers and seek blessings. During the visit, he paid respects and prayed for peace, unity, and prosperity. The spiritual visit highlighted his commit-



ment to cultural and religious harmony. Local followers and devotees welcomed him warmly, appreciating his gesture. The visit holds signifi-

cance as both shrines are important spiritual centers attracting devotees from across the country.

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.

Prem Nagar Elects Ramachandra as President

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G. Ramachandra has been unanimously elected as president of the Prem Nagar Local Panchayat Committee, marking a significant leadership transition welcomed by residents with enthusiasm and unity. The election, conducted smoothly on Sunday, reflects the community's continued commitment to democratic values and its long-standing tradition of renewing leadership every three years. Alongside Ramachandra, Vishwanath was chosen as chairman, while Venkatesham and Mahesh as-



sumed responsibilities as vice-chairmen. The newly formed team is expected to focus on key local issues including infrastructure development, sanitation improvement, water supply,

and welfare initiatives. Residents from Prem Nagar Basti and nearby areas gathered in large numbers to witness the proceedings, expressing optimism about the future. Community

members R. Vijay Kumar and G. Kalyan Ram congratulated the newly elected leaders, emphasizing that the unanimous decision showcases the unity and collective aspirations of the locality. The new executive body has taken charge immediately and assured residents of proactive governance and timely action on pressing civic concerns. The election highlights the importance of grassroots leadership within the panchayat system, reinforcing how community consensus can drive development and strengthen local administration.

Ambedkar Mission Urges Unity, Equality Drive

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The 164th weekly Gana Mala by the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mission was held at the Ambedkar statue, reinforcing calls for social justice and unity against discrimination. Chief guest Dr. Murli stressed the continued relevance of B. R. Ambedkar's vision, urging citizens to safeguard constitutional rights and fight caste inequality. The programme also focused on youth empowerment, with IIT mentor Vimal Kumar guiding stu-



dents on IT careers, competitive exams, and placements. Executive members and activists participated actively, reaffirming commitment to community progress. The committee urged all

members to attend weekly sessions every Sunday, emphasizing collective participation as key to strengthening the mission's impact and advancing equality.

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.

BJP Telangana in Turmoil as Arvind Bucks Party Line on Surya's Bifurcation Remarks

BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao countered opposition narratives, accusing the BRS and the Congress of twisting the remarks for gain.

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Internal bickering in state BJP refuses to die down what with Nizamabad MP Dharmapuri Arvind coming out openly in support of Bangalore South MP Tejaswi Surya's controversial comments on state bifurcation comparing it with counter's partition. The state BJP leadership, including Union minister G. Kishan Reddy, not only distanced itself from the comments on bifurcation but also announced, as part of damage control, that Surya indeed regretted his comments and offered apologies.

Much to their embarrassment Arvind, at a press conference on Saturday, defended Surya's comments. "What is wrong with what he said," Arvind



asked, insisting that the truth lay in Congress's delay in granting statehood, which fuelled youth deaths during the separate Telangana agitation. His unapologetic stand stood in sharp contrast to senior leaders, exposing deepening rifts in Telangana BJP ranks. The original controversy erupted from Surya's speech labelling the Congress-led UPA's split of the state as "unscientific," contrasting it with the "peaceful" formation of Uttarakhand and Jharkhand under the Vajpayee government.

The remarks targeted Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's "hybrid model" for delimitation, which Surya dismissed as a "foolish argument" violating "one man, one vote, one value."

The statement sparked instant protests in Parliament, with Opposition leaders charging that it insulted the Telangana statehood movement and constitutional spirit. Amid a backlash, senior party leaders sought to downplay the issue and offered apologies if sentiments were hurt. Yet, contradictory statements persisted, fuelling the BJP's regular Prashikshan Shivir and Abhyas Varga programme which train leaders and workers on ideology and unified messaging for disciplined public stances.

As Hyderabad protests grew, Union coal minister G. Kishan Reddy shifted gears. He first defended Surya, saying the MP aimed to critique Congress's "fraudulent" and "violent" handling of the state division — which cost 1,200 lives — and not to insult Telangana. A day later, Reddy called the remarks an "unintentional" mistake and wrong.

Union MSME minister Shobha Karandlaje, who led protests against Congress on the women's Bill, adopted a conciliatory tone to limit state-level damage during her visit to the state. She apologised on behalf of the party if Telangana and Andhra Pradesh sentiments were wounded, noting Surya's words arose in the "flow of speech," and not due to malice toward the statehood struggle.

A New Turn in Telangana Politics Reclaiming Legacy or Reinventing Power?

HYDERABAD
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The formation of the "Telangana Rashtra Sena (TRS)" by Kalvakuntla Kavitha marks a significant shift in Telangana's political landscape. This is not just the launch of a new party—it reflects deeper tensions within the Bharat Rashtra Samithi and signals a broader transformation in regional politics.

The split appears to stem from more than personal differences. Concerns over weakening ideological strength since the Telangana movement, centralized leadership, and disagreements over future direction have contributed to the divide.

Kavitha's exit represents both protest and an effort to establish her independent political identity. Reviving the "TRS" name carries strong emotional and political value. Once a symbol of the Telangana statehood movement, it now serves as a strategic attempt to reconnect with public sentiment



and reclaim political legacy. Kavitha's strategy seems to operate on three fronts—criticizing the governance of the Indian National Congress, targeting BRS over corruption and family dominance, and challenging the Bharatiya Janata Party on regional self-respect. This multi-front approach positions her at the center of political discourse.

The impact of this development could go beyond vote division. If it mobilizes women, youth, and rural voters connected to the Telangana movement, it may reshape political alignments in the state. For Congress, this may offer short-term advantage but

pose long-term challenges. For the BJP, a revival of regional sentiment could slow its expansion. However, Kavitha faces major challenges—building a strong grassroots structure, gaining public trust, mobilizing resources, and nurturing leadership. Ideology must translate into organizational strength to succeed.

This development should be viewed as a long-term shift rather than an immediate political outcome. Whether this new TRS becomes a true alternative or remains part of family-driven politics will depend on public support, leadership stability, and time.

RRR Oustee Gets ₹1.27 cr Compensation For Acre

The lowest compensation of ₹16 lakh per acre has been fixed for land in Doultabad of Hathnoora mandal, located far from the highway.

HYDERABAD
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Land oustees impacted by the Hyderabad Regional Ring Road (RRR) northern segment project are receiving unprecedented compensation, with payouts reaching as high as ₹1.27 crore per acre for land located along National Highway 65 (Mumbai Highway) in Peddapur village of Sadasivpet mandal, Sangareddy district. Authorities report that compensation distribution has accelerated significantly in recent weeks, benefiting hundreds of affected farmers.

Land parcels situated slightly away from the highway in the same village are being compensated at around ₹1.01 crore per acre, reflecting the premium attached to proximity to major road infrastructure. In contrast, the lowest compensation has been fixed at ₹16 lakh per acre for land in Doultabad village of Hathnoora mandal, which lies far from the highway and has comparatively

lower market value. For the RRR project, a total of 526 acres was identified for acquisition under the Sangareddy Competent Authority for Land Acquisition (CALA) limits. Out of this, awards for 427 acres across 23 villages have already been approved. So far, ₹119.50 crore has been directly credited into the bank accounts of affected landowners, marking steady progress in the acquisition process.

Despite the high compensation figures, protests have emerged from sections of farmers who believe the payouts should be higher. In response, revenue officials have initiated arbitration meetings to address grievances and reassess demands. Officials clarified that compensation is being calculated based on established norms, primarily derived from recent land transaction values.

According to Sangareddy Revenue Divisional Officer Gunnala Rajender, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has fol-

lowed two key valuation methods — basic registration value and prevailing sale value. Farmers, however, have largely demanded compensation based on sale value, which is typically higher.

Under Section 26(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, compensation must be determined using the highest of three benchmarks: government land value, average sale price of similar land in nearby areas, or a mutually agreed value. This can go up to four times the average sale value of the preceding three years.

Officials stated that compensation in Sangareddy has largely been based on recent sale values, particularly due to the high demand for land near highways. The government has already enhanced payouts by nearly 250 percent over registration values and is open to further revisions following ongoing arbitration discussions.

Laying the Foundation for Future Planning: Census Kits Distributed in Aleru

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Aleru witnessed an important step toward effective future planning as Census Kits were distributed to enumerators and supervisors at ZPHS Aleru. The event was led by Census Charge Officer and Tahsildar V. Anjaneyulu, marking the conclusion of the second phase of training. Addressing the participants, Mr. Anjaneyulu emphasized the critical role of accurate house listing in the census process. He urged enumerators to carry out their responsibilities



with dedication and precision, noting that reliable data collection forms the backbone of government policies and development programs. "If the

enumeration is done correctly, it will serve as a valuable contribution to future generations," he stated.



Advocate Mir Qurram Ali, Chairman of the Society for Civil Legal Aid, attended the Valima ceremony of Mohammed Yausuf Ahlar (4K Group of Companies) with the daughter of Late Mohammed Shareef Sahab at Basera Function Hall, Hyderabad. He attended along with Mohd Ismail (TJRA Secretary) and Advocate Riyaz Mansori, accompanied by their family members Abdul Khadeer, Mohd Gaffer Pasha, Syed Abaid Warsi, Abdul Sameer, and Syed Omama.

BJP Leaders Meet Kishan Reddy; Khanapur Victory Lauded



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A delegation of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders from Nirmal district met Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy on Sunday. The delegation, led by district president Ritesh Rathod, included Khanapur Municipal Chairman Mounika Mahender and several BJP municipal councillors. According to party sources, the meeting was a courtesy call during which organisational matters and recent political developments in the district were discussed. Mr. Kishan Reddy congratulated the local leadership on the party's success in securing the municipal chairperson post in Khanapur and praised the district unit's efforts.

He commended Mr. Ra-

thod for strengthening the party at the grassroots level and acknowledged the effective coordination of the campaign by the election in-charge. Notably, Dr. Pulla Rao, Official Spokesperson of BJP Telangana, played a key role as prabhari (in-charge) for the Khanapur municipality. His strategic oversight and coordination were instrumental in guiding the campaign and ensuring the party's victory in the municipal elections.

The interaction gains significance as the BJP continues to expand its organisational base in Telangana, particularly in urban local bodies. Party leaders expressed confidence that the momentum from recent electoral successes will further strengthen the party in the State.

Hostel Outreach Drive Boosts Medchal-Malkajgiri Admissions

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As part of the Telangana Government's 99-day action plan and Welfare Week celebrations, a "Hostel Outreach Drive" was conducted on the seventh day under the Badi-Bata initiative in Ghatkesar town. The program was led by District Scheduled Castes Development Officer G. Vinod Kumar, along with Assistant SC Development Officer Gopichand. The primary objective of the initiative is to increase



student admissions in government SC hostels across the district and ensure that available seats are fully utilized. Officials carried out door-to-door

awareness campaigns in the SC colony of Ghatkesar, distributing pamphlets and interacting with residents. They highlighted the facilities available in

government hostels and encouraged parents and students to make use of these services for better educational opportunities. Hostel Welfare Officers Manikyam, Mahesh Denya, and Kanthi Reddy, along with staff members Lakshmaiah, Krishna, and Urmila, actively participated in the program. The outreach effort reflects the government's continued focus on strengthening access to education and welfare support for marginalized communities.

Academia Industry Session Prepares Future Chemical Engineers

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The Department of Chemical Engineering hosted an Academia-Industry Interaction Session titled "Future-Ready Chemical Engineers," bringing together experts from academia and industry to guide students on emerging trends, career pathways, and technological advancements shaping the field. Prof. Kishalay Mitra from the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad highlighted the growing role of Chemical Engineering in solving global challenges.

He emphasized the importance of aligning with emerging technologies, particularly Artificial Intelligence, and introduced IIT



Hyderabad's pioneering Master's program in AI. He encouraged students to adopt interdisciplinary approaches, integrating AI, data-driven modeling, and digital tools into process engineering. Dr. Ram Prasad Yelchuru offered an industry-focused perspective, outlining diverse career opportunities in research, manufacturing, energy,

and environmental sectors. He explained recruitment practices at Career Labs and provided practical guidance on interview preparation, skill-building, and aligning academic knowledge with industry expectations.

The session, facilitated by Head of Department Dr. M. Mukunda Vani and coordinated by Dr. Prasanna Rani R., saw participation from faculty and around 50 students. It featured interactive discussions on higher education, career planning, and technological advancements. The event successfully bridged academia and industry, equipping students with insights and skills needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving professional landscape.

India's Peak Power Demand Hits Record 256 GW as Heat Wave Intensifies

India's peak power demand hit an all-time high of 256.11 gigawatt (GW) on Saturday due to an intensifying heat wave, which increased the use of cooling devices such as air conditioners and desert coolers, according to the latest power ministry data. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), temperatures in several regions in the country have been significantly above normal by 5 degrees Celsius or more, indicating a developing heat stress scenario across many parts of India. The peak power demand on Saturday eclipsed the previous record of 252.07 GW, hit just a day earlier on Friday, April 24, at 1548 hrs. As per the power ministry data, peak power demand set a new high of 256.11 GW at 1538 hrs on Saturday, and it was fully met. Experts, however, stated that peak power demand is inching towards the power ministry's estimate of 270 GW for this summer season, as mercury levels have begun to rise. "The demand and consumption of electricity may further rise due to more intense heat waves, with more frequent use of air conditioners."

10 Minutes Before Firing At Trump Event, Shooter Sent A Manifesto To Family

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While President Donald Trump and the first lady sat at dinner with roughly 2,500 guests at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner on Saturday, a 31-year-old man from California had already made his way inside the Washington Hilton with multiple weapons and a plan.

Cole Tomas Allen, of Torrance, California, is the suspect now in custody following the shooting outside the hotel. He was stopped at a security checkpoint before he could reach the ballroom where the president and guests had gathered.

The Manifesto Sent Ten Minutes Before the Shooting
About ten minutes before Allen opened fire, he sent what has been described as an anti-Trump manifesto to members of his family. A New York Post report, citing a US official, revealed the document was later handed to police by a relative. Allen signed



the document with the name "Cole 'coldForce' 'Friendly Federal Assassin' Allen." In the manifesto, Allen outlined his targets as Trump administration officials, ranked by seniority. He excluded FBI Director Kash Patel from the list.

"Administration officials (not including [FBI Director Kash] Patel): they are targets, prioritised from highest-ranking to lowest," he wrote.

He also made clear he was prepared to go further if he felt it necessary, writing that most attendees were, in his view, complicit simply by choosing to be present.

"In order to minimise casualties, I will also be

using buckshot rather than slugs (less penetration through walls). I would still go through most everyone here to get to the targets if it were absolutely necessary (on the basis that most people chose to attend a speech by a paedophile, rapist, and traitor, and are thus complicit), but I really hope it doesn't come to that," he wrote. "Turning the Other Cheek Is Complicity," Allen Wrote The document also laid out Allen's reasoning behind the attack. He framed his actions not as aggression but as a response to what he described as the suffering of others. "Turning the other cheek is for when you yourself are oppressed. I'm not the per-

son raped in a detention camp. I'm not the fisherman executed without trial," he wrote. "Turning the other cheek when someone else is oppressed is not Christian behaviour; it is complicity in the oppressor's crimes." The document included repeated attacks on the US president and senior officials.

"I am no longer willing to permit a paedophile, rapist, and traitor to coat my hands with his crimes," Allen wrote.

Allen claimed he had walked into the Washington Hilton carrying multiple weapons without being questioned by anyone.

"Like, the one thing that I immediately noticed walking into the hotel is the sense of arrogance. I walk in with multiple weapons and not a single person there considers the possibility that I could be a threat," he wrote.

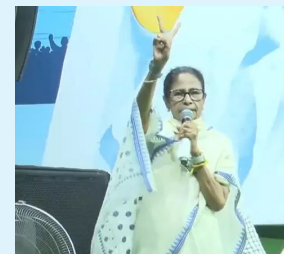
He went on to criticise the focus of security personnel on those arriving on the night itself, rather than guests who had checked in earlier.

Didi: Will Win Another 100 on April 29; TMC Chief Rejects Secret Tie-up with BJP

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Trinamul Congress supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asserted on Sunday that her party has already bagged "a century" of seats in the first phase of the Assembly elections, and would get another in the second and final phase on April 29. She also ruled out any "tacit understanding" with BJP and called union home minister Amit Shah a "foul mouth." The first phase of polling was held for 152 seats, Wednesday will see polling for another 142.

Banerjee said at a market hub on Camac Street in her constituency, Bhowanipore, "In the first phase, we have al-



ready crossed a century. In the next phase, we will cross another century. That is why the BJP is afraid, deployed the Central forces and changed all the police officials. Have faith in me. We have been in power for 14 years. Nobody has ever troubled you." Targeting Union home minister Amit Shah, she alleged, "He has a very foul mouth. He is actually afraid. He thinks that he can win some seats by spreading fear. If you try to spread fear, you must remember that we know how to

fight back. We will fight and win."

While addressing another rally at Mansatala crossing earlier, the TMC chief, on secret equation with the BJP, claimed, "Some people say that I have a tacit understanding with the BJP. I would like to remind them that they did not unite and turn up to give a deputation to the Election Commission when people were being harassed and troubled due to the SIR." She argued, "I fought for the people. I went to Delhi, the EC and the Supreme Court. Due to my efforts, 32 lakh voters were retained. All legitimate voters will be re-enrolled sooner or later. However, I am sad that several legitimate voters did not get justice."

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Russia and North Korea have moved to significantly deepen their strategic and military partnership, committing to long-term defence cooperation amid rising global tensions. The announcement came during a high-level visit by Russian Defence Minister Andrey Belousov to Pyongyang, where he held extensive talks with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and Defence Minister No Kwang Chol. During the visit, Belousov confirmed that both countries had agreed to place their military cooperation on a "stable, long-term footing." He revealed that a formal roadmap for defence collaboration covering the period from 2027 to 2031 is expected to be signed later this year. This move builds on a landmark military treaty signed in 2024, which commits both nations to provide immediate assistance to each other in the event of an armed attack—effectively strengthening their mutual



defence commitments. The growing alliance comes against the backdrop of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine War, where North Korea has reportedly emerged as a key supporter of Moscow. According to various assessments, Pyongyang has supplied thousands of troops, along with missiles, artillery shells, and other munitions, to aid Russian military operations. In exchange, North Korea is believed to be receiving economic and military benefits, including financial aid, food supplies, energy resources, and access to advanced military technology. Analysts sug-

gest this cooperation is helping Pyongyang mitigate the impact of stringent international sanctions imposed over its nuclear weapons programme. Reports indicate that North Korean troops have been deployed to Russia's western Kursk region, where they have assisted in countering Ukrainian offensives. Russian officials, including parliamentary speaker Vyacheslav Volodin, have publicly praised their contribution, describing it as instrumental in the "liberation" of the region. During his visit, Belousov also awarded military honours to North Korean soldiers involved in these

operations, underscoring the growing camaraderie between the two forces. However, the co-operation has come at a considerable human cost. Estimates from South Korea suggest that around 2,000 North Korean soldiers have been killed in the conflict. There are also reports that troops were instructed to avoid capture under any circumstances, highlighting the severity of conditions on the battlefield. Only two North Korean soldiers are believed to have been captured alive and are currently in Ukrainian custody. The strengthening Russia-North Korea partnership signals a notable shift in the global geopolitical landscape. It has raised concerns among Western nations, which view the alliance as a potential escalation involving two heavily sanctioned states. As military ties deepen and formal agreements take shape, the development is likely to have far-reaching implications for regional and international security dynamics.

Shah: Didi Will Have To Atone Her Sins For 71 Births

MUMBAI
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In a blistering attack, Union home minister Amit Shah on Sunday said West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee would have to "atone her sins for 71 births" for patronising the monumental corruption, almost in every domain, during her 15-year-rule in the state. Shah, who addressed many rallies and roadshows ahead of the last day of the campaign, also sent out a stern message to the Trinamul Congress-backed "goons", asking them not to harass the voters during the second and final phase of the Assembly elections, otherwise, they would find themselves hanging upside down post-poll. Lashing out at the CM, the Union home minister said at a BJP poll campaign rally in Ra-



naghat of Nadia, "I am telling all the corrupt leaders of Mamata: No one will be spared, be it the teacher recruitment scam or the PM awas yojana scam or the Amphan scam. No one will be saved. We will catch each and every one of them and put them behind bars. There has been so much corruption that Didi will have to atone for her sins for 71 births."

He earlier told a campaign rally in Tehatta of the same district, "Didi's goons used to

threaten you in every election. Don't worry, no goon will come in between this time. I am asking them not to dare even on April 29.

Otherwise, they will be straightened after getting hanged upside down on May 5." The BJP key strategist also played up the infiltration issue in his address and attacked Ms Banerjee over it in the backdrop of the large-scale deletion of names from the voters' list by the Election Commission in the special intensive re-

vision (SIR).

Shah claimed, "Didi asks why infiltrators' names are being deleted by conducting the SIR. Didi, your time is up. On May 4, BJP will come to power. Now only names are removed from the voters' list. Once a BJP CM takes over, infiltrators will be evicted from across Bengal. It's our pledge." He also came down heavily on her over the Babri Masjid-styled mosque construction by Aam Janata Unnayan Party founder Humayun Kabir in Murshidabad to galvanize the Muslim votebank in the polls. "Didi wants Babri Masjid to be built in Bengal and has entrusted her aide, Humayun, for it. As long as even a single BJP worker is alive in the country, we will not let it happen here," Mr Shah observed.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Telangana Gov.....

In a landmark achievement, the 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) successfully attained first criticality (start of a controlled fission chain reaction) on April 6, marking a historic step in providing long-term energy security and advancing indigenous nuclear technology capabilities. The PFBRs are a cornerstone of India's long-term nuclear strategy. In his monthly radio address, the Prime Minister also stated that India had achieved a major milestone in wind energy, with the country's wind energy generation capacity exceeding 56 gigawatts. He urged people to save electricity and adopt clean energy. Talking about the Census exercise, the

Prime Minister said that all information provided by the people would remain secure and confidential and appealed to all citizens to participate in the process and make it a success.

"Census 2027 has been made digital. All information is being recorded directly through digital means," said Modi while adding that personnel visiting homes are equipped with a mobile app, and they will speak to everyone and enter the information right there. "Your participation in this census has also been made easier. You can now record your information yourself. A self-enumeration facility will be available to you 15 days before the official visit. You can fill in the details at your own convenience," Modi said, adding, "Once

completed, the applicant will receive a unique ID via mobile or email. Later, when the official arrives at your home, you can simply show this ID to confirm your details."

Fuel Crisis.....

Petrol was restricted to Rs.300 for two-wheelers, while cars were allowed diesel worth Rs.1,000, leaving many motorists waiting for hours or returning empty-handed.

The Authorities, however, urged farmers not to panic and promised steps to prioritise diesel supply for agricultural use. In Kakinada district, the shortage entered its third consecutive day, with bunks supplying diesel on a restricted basis—Rs.1,000 for cars and as little as three litres for autos. Several

outlets shut operations after exhausting stock. Similar conditions prevailed in Kadapa, Kurnool and Markapuram districts, where only a handful of fuel stations remained operational, attracting massive crowds and causing traffic congestion.

Rural pockets in Palnadu and Guntur districts also reported severe disruptions, with areas such as Medikonduru, Perecherla and Firangipuram witnessing prolonged shortages. In Mahilipatnam and Tirupati, long lines of vehicles at petrol pumps highlighted the gathering gloom. Officials attributed the crisis partly to reduced supply from oil companies amid rising global crude oil prices. The civil supplies department is set to hold a review meeting with oil companies

and dealers to address the issue and restore normal supply.

Trump Taken To.....

A CNN reporter who was outside the ballroom at the Washington Hilton said he saw a gunman opening fire just a few feet away. He was among the dozens of attendees who took cover as law enforcement swarmed the venue. The suspect has been identified as 31-year-old Cole Tomas Allen from California. Asked how Saturday's incident impacts him as the US president, Trump told reporters he is in a dangerous job but that he is no "basket case." "I like not to think about it. I lead a pretty normal life, considering, you know, it's a dangerous life. I think I handle it as well as it can be handled," Trump said.

Trump has survived two assassination attempts over the past two years – first at a presidential election campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 2024, and later in Palm Beach, Florida, on September 15, 2024. "I will say you had Republicans, Democrats, independents, conservatives, liberals, and progressives...everybody in that room, big crowd, record-setting crowd," he said. "We had some great work done by law enforcement, but in light of this evening's events, I ask that all Americans recommit with their hearts in resolving our differences peacefully," Trump said. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot by John Hinckley Jr. outside the Hilton — an event that prompted redesigns of the property.

CRIME

No Trial in 9 Months, Accused Gets Bail in Tainted Toddy Case

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The Telangana High Court granted bail to an accused involved in alleged adulteration of toddy that reportedly led to multiple deaths and serious illnesses in Hyderabad.

The judge was dealing with a criminal petition filed by Kuna Saiteja Goud, booked under the NDPS Act and the Telangana Excise Act in connection with a case registered at the prohibition and excise station, Balanagar.

According to the prosecution, in July 2025, several toddy consumers in Kukatpally fell ill



after consuming adulterated toddy. It was stated that, the investigations revealed that toddy samples from a shop linked to the accused contained alprazolam, a controlled substance.

It was alleged that the accused mixed the substance to increase demand, resulting in hospitalisations and re-

ported deaths. Counsel for the petitioner argued that the allegations were false and based primarily on inadmissible confessional statements, with no contraband recovered from the accused. It was contended that the prosecution failed to establish the quantity of the alleged substance to attract the

NDPS Act and that there was no direct evidence linking the accused to the alleged deaths.

The state opposed the plea, submitting that the accused was the main person behind the adulteration and that the offence had serious public health consequences. The court observed that the accused was in judicial custody for more than nine months, while the trial had not yet commenced and was unlikely to conclude in the near future. The judge held that continued incarceration would serve no useful purpose and granted bail.

Student Wins Reprieve, Can Write Exam

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court came to the aid of a DEIED student whose name was struck off the rolls, with Justice Juvvadi Sridevi directing authorities to allow her to sit for first-year examinations pending adjudication of her challenge to the exclusion. The judge was dealing with a writ plea filed by P. Priyanka, who challenged the exclusion of her name despite securing admission and attending classes regularly. According to the petitioner, she qualified in Decet-2025 and obtained

spot admission in August 2025 at St Marys DEED College after certificate verification and payment of fees. She alleged that although she was pursuing the course, her name was omitted from the list of eligible students forwarded for examination applications due to administrative lapses. It was argued that despite her valid admission, the authorities failed to include her name while allegedly accommodating ineligible candidates, placing her at risk of losing an academic year.

On the other hand, concerns were raised regarding the validity of spot

admissions and compliance with the prescribed centralised admission process. The judge observed that the petitioner had completed one academic year after paying the requisite fee and attending classes. It held that denying her an opportunity to write the examination at this stage would seriously prejudice her academic future. Accordingly, the court directed the authorities to permit the petitioner to pay the examination fee and appear for the first-year DEIED examination scheduled in June by including her name in the relevant student list.

Uppal Corridor Works: Warangal-Bound Road Closed; Bus Stops Relocated

In view of the ongoing elevated corridor construction works in Uppal, the GHMC has temporarily closed the Warangal-bound carriageway on the Uppal Ring Road and shifted bus stops on the Warangal, Hanamkonda and Yadagirigutta routes. The bus stop located beside the Uppal GHMC office has been relocated to near Nalla Cheruvu Katta. Additionally, Warangal-bound carriageway on Uppal Ring Road is closed temporarily. The closure is expected to result in traffic diversions in and around Uppal.

Kidney racket accused gets bail

The Telangana High Court granted bail to an accused in an alleged interstate kidney trafficking racket, holding that continued custody was unwarranted when the main accused had secured bail. The court was hearing a criminal petition filed by Chinta Ramanjeyulu seeking bail in the crime registered at the Saroornagar police station and later transferred to the CID. The case involved allegations of organised crime and criminal conspiracy relating to illegal kidney transplants, punishable under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994.

Uppal Corridor Works: Warangal-Bound Road Closed; Bus Stops Relocated

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A massive fire, suspected to have been triggered by an electrical short circuit, destroyed around 30 acres of ready-to-harvest maize crop at Kothagudem village in Bayyaram mandal of Mahabubabad district on Saturday night, causing an estimated loss of ₹15 lakh. According to farmers, sparks from overhead power lines spread to a nearby transformer before engulfing the dry fields. The blaze left 15 farmers devastated as

their crop, just days away from harvest, was reduced to ashes.

Fanned by high summer temperatures and strong winds, the fire spread rapidly across a two-kilometre stretch within minutes. As flames moved towards residential areas of Kothagudem, Lingagiri and Lingagiri Thanda, villagers and farmers rushed to contain the blaze. In a desperate bid to stop the flames, farmers used tractors to plough the perimeter of the burning fields, creating a firebreak to prevent the spread to-

wards houses and adjoining lands.

On receiving information, Bayyaram Circle Inspector L. Ravinder reached the spot with police personnel and coordinated relief measures. Fire services teams later brought the blaze under control, preventing further damage to nearby crops and homes. Apart from the standing crop, the fire also damaged agricultural infrastructure, including 40 borewell motors, PVC pipes and irrigation pipelines.

Lifer upheld for man for murder of woman

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A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court ruled that trustworthy eyewitness testimony, when corroborated by medical evidence, was sufficient to sustain a conviction and accordingly upheld the conviction and life sentence imposed on a man for murder. The panel comprising Justice K. Lakshman and Justice B.R. Madhusudhan Rao dismissed a criminal appeal filed by Katikala Venka-

tesh, observing that the prosecution had established the case beyond reasonable doubt through a consistent and complete chain of evidence. The prosecution alleged that in 2014, at Nayapul in Hyderabad, the accused was alleged to have attacked a woman with a sickle and an axe, causing multiple injuries that resulted in her death later the same day.

The panel affirming the findings of the trial court relied on the cogent and consistent testimonies of

the husband of the deceased and an independent eyewitness, observing that their presence at the scene was natural and credible. The panel noted that the ocular evidence was fully supported by medical findings, which recorded as many as 14 injuries, including fatal wounds to the neck, consistent with the weapons recovered during the investigation. Rejecting the contentions of the defence regarding alleged contradictions, non-examination of additional

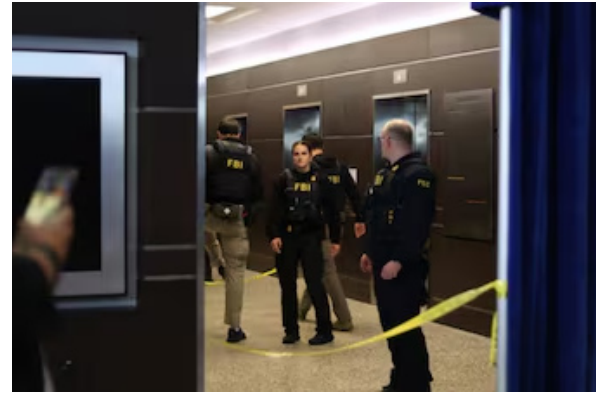
independent witnesses, and procedural lapses, the panel held that minor inconsistencies did not dilute otherwise reliable evidence. It reiterated that conviction in a murder case could be based on credible eyewitness, duly corroborated by medical evidence. Taking note of the established motive arising from prior disputes and the recovery of the weapons used in the offence, the panel found no infirmity in the judgment of the trial court.

EDITORIAL

TRUMP DODGES BULLETS AGAIN

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US President Donald Trump who says he is studying assassinations is clearly a person of nine lives. That he compares himself to Abraham Lincoln can be forgiven for a man in his current calling in life is to be pitied rather than censured that people with guns — and there are millions and millions of those in America — are looking for him as a target. It is only normal if he is given to hyperbole, as reflected in his feeling honoured to be such a wanted figure. After all, a sniper got to within a centimetre of taking his life during the campaign for the presidency while another tried to get into position in an open area just outside a golf course, a place he is addicted to while wielding his clubs and his putter.



The cream of America's legislators, heads of investigating agencies, journalists and lawmakers cutting across the Republicans-Democrats divide were in attendance and, mercifully, the shooter got only to the security area just outside the door to the ballroom of the hotel. A secret serviceman took a bullet to his vest before the potential assassin of America's most powerful was wrestled to the floor.

Trump had agreed, for the first time, to partici-

pate in an event of which the highlight is to roast the US President with darts of humour. It was brave of the President who is most unpopular with the press to agree to give them the floor and kill him with hilarity before his turn to reply would come up. He has promised to meet them again on a later date and, preferably, in a more secure environment. Mr Trump brought up his favourite subject of the ballroom he is building in the White House premises

and how much more secure that would be. It is a comment on the gun laws of the USA that so many should have such free access to weapons, but no lawmaker would dare take up the argument against the Second Amendment. A person with a master's degree in computer science and a bachelor's in mechanical engineering who was part time tutor at Caltech, Pasadena, and part time game developer from the West Coast as well as a donor to the Democratic Party largely fits the profile of one who would like to have the Republican President in his crosshairs. But, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi, among a plethora of world leaders and several US lawmakers, pointed out, there is no place for political violence in a democracy.



LVPEI Inaugurates Eye and Brain Centre with D. E. Shaw India Support

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The L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), Kallam Anji Reddy Campus, has inaugurated its new Eye and Brain Centre with support from D. E. Shaw India, marking a significant step in advancing integrated care for complex eye-brain disorders. The centre is designed as an interdisciplinary hub focused on clinical care, research, diagnostics, and training in neuro-ophthalmology.

It will bring together specialists in ophthalmology, neurology, neurosurgery, optometry, and related fields to address conditions that affect both the eye and the brain. The facility will house a fully equipped neuro-ophthalmology



diagnostic and clinical unit, a neuroscience laboratory with advanced genetic testing capabilities, and AI-enabled research systems aimed at improving diagnosis and treatment of complex disorders. In addition to patient care, the Eye and Brain Centre will serve as a national capacity-building platform.

It will offer structured short-term and long-term

training programs for medical professionals and develop referral networks across India. The initiative is expected to strengthen collaboration between clinicians and researchers while addressing existing gaps in neuro-ophthalmology expertise. The centre is also expected to deliver more than 10,000 patient services annually, including consultations, diagnos-

tics, and follow-up care. It will further contribute to research in genetic testing and therapy development for eye-brain conditions, along with conducting symposia to build regional and national capacity in the field.

Speaking at the inauguration, Dr. Ramesh Kunnaya, Head of the Eye and Brain Centre at LVPEI, said the initiative

strengthens the institute's mission of delivering equitable eye care by addressing an underserved but critical area of health-care. Mr. Chaitanya Gorrepati of D. E. Shaw India highlighted the organisation's commitment to healthcare-focused social responsibility, particularly for underserved communities, and noted that the centre aims to create lasting impact by integrating patient care, training, and research. The initiative builds on the long-standing partnership between LVPEI and D. E. Shaw India and aligns with LVPEI's broader mission of providing accessible, high-quality eye care through its global research and service model.

Jawed Habib Salon Opens in Mallapur

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Renowned hairstylist Jawed Habib inaugurated a new Jawed Habib Hair & Beauty unisex salon at New Narsimha Nagar, Mallapur, opposite VNR Garden in Secunderabad. The launch event was attended by Teja Devisetti, Master Franchisee South India, and Beera Ilaiah, who graced the occasion as chief guest.

The newly opened salon aims to bring advanced grooming and professional beauty services to residents of Mallapur and surrounding areas. Designed as a modern family salon, the facility includes dedicated facial rooms, styling stations, shampoo units, pedicure setups, massage rooms, and a hair spa. It also features a VIP room and a separate women's zone to ensure privacy and comfort.



Spread across a well-equipped space, the salon is tailored to offer a comprehensive range of services, including haircuts, styling, hair coloring, skin care, manicure, and bridal makeup. With steam shower facilities and premium interiors, it caters to both everyday grooming needs and special occasion makeovers.

Speaking at the inauguration, Salon Directors Ch. Baghyavathi and Ch. Mallesham said the vision behind the launch is to redefine personal groom-

ing by enhancing both appearance and confidence. They emphasized that the salon will focus on delivering trendy, high-quality services to customers, including professionals, families, and aspiring fashion-conscious individuals.

With its presence in Mallapur, Jawed Habib Hair & Beauty Salon is set to elevate the local beauty and wellness landscape, offering accessible yet premium services in a rapidly growing urban neighborhood.

Iran airspace partially open, more flights coming to India from Gulf

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Iran's airspace is partially open for cargo and chartered flights, but Indian nationals are advised to avoid travelling to the country, and those already there are urged to leave via the land border, with the embassy's support, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Sunday.

So far, the Indian embassy in Tehran has fa-

cilitated the movement of 2,445 Indian nationals out of Iran through land border routes, the statement said. Israel's airspace is open, and limited flight operations have resumed to destinations in the region, which can be used for onward travel to India. In the UAE, airlines continue to operate limited commercial flights to India based on operational and safety considerations, with around



110 flights expected between the UAE and India on Sunday. Flights continue to op-

erate from various airports in Saudi Arabia and Oman to destinations in India. With

Qatar airspace partially open, Qatar Airways is also operating flights to various destinations in India. The Kuwait airspace is open. Jazeera Airways and Kuwait Airways have resumed limited flight operations from Kuwait to India. Bahrain airspace is also open, and Gulf Air is operating flights from Bahrain to various destinations in India. Besides, Iraq's airspace is open with limited flight

operations to destinations in the region, which can be used for onward travel to India. Indian missions remain actively engaged with the Indian community, including the various associations, organisations, professional groups, Indian companies and other stakeholders in the region. The government is according high priority to the welfare of Indian seafarers in the region.

Indian missions are extending all assistance to the Indian crew members on vessels in the region, including coordination with the local authorities and agencies, extending consular assistance and facilitating requests to return to India. Since 28 February, around 12,96,000 passengers have travelled from the region to India. Indian missions and posts continue to operate round-the-clock

helplines and are proactively assisting Indian nationals. They remain in close contact with the local governments. Updated advisories are being issued regularly, including information on local government guidelines, flight and travel situations and consular services and various welfare measures being undertaken to support the Indian community, the statement added.

CIC backs denial of RTI on India's Russia oil imports

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Wakeup telangana

Data on oil imports from Russia to India cannot be provided as it is exempted under the RTI Act due to its "commercial and confidential" nature, according to the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) under the Oil Ministry, with the Central Information Commission too backing it, citing strategic and economic interests of the country.

The case relates to an RTI plea seeking details of crude oil imported from Russia to India between June 2022 and June 2025, including a company-wise breakup for firms such as IOCL, BPCL, HPCL, ONGC Videsh, Reliance Industries and Nayara Energy.

The Central Public Information Officer (CPIO) had denied the information, stating: "The information pertaining to country-wise and company-wise details of crude oil import is of commercial and confidential nature and is exempted from disclosure under section 8(1) (d&e) of the RTI Act 2005.

However, the total quan-

tity and value of crude oil import (both current and historical) can be downloaded from the PPAC website." The First Appellate Authority upheld this reply. During the hearing recently, the appellant argued that the information was not provided and said he wanted to understand how India is functioning in the sector.

In its interim decision, the Commission observed that disclosure of the requested data "would prejudicially affect the strategic and economic interest of the State and also affect the relations with foreign states," adding that the information is linked to geopolitical relations. It held the exemption valid under Sections 8(1)(a) and 8(1)(d) of the RTI Act, and said no further relief was warranted.

The Commission also issued a show-cause notice to the official concerned of the PPAC, which functions under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, for being absent from the hearing despite receiving prior notice, asking why a penalty under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act.

Paytm Payments Bank Begins Winding Up After RBI Cancels Its Licence

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Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) has initiated the process of winding up its operations after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revoked its banking licence, with the board and shareholders approving the move at a meeting held on Saturday. The RBI had cancelled the banking license of PPBL on Friday stating that its affairs were conducted in a manner detrimental to the interest of the bank and its depositors, marking the final regulatory action against the bank after a series of restrictions that were imposed since 2022.

In a regulatory filing, Paytm (One 97 Communications Ltd) said that following the completion of the winding-up process, PPBL will cease to be an associate of One 97 Communications Ltd (OCL). It added that it does not have any exposure or material business link with PPBL and that all Paytm services continue to operate without interruption. The company further reassured users and merchants that its platform will continue to operate without disruption. Its core offerings including the Paytm app, UPI services, Paytm Gold, and merchant .

India's leather sector eyes high-value manufacturing shift

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The FTA with New Zealand is expected to give a big push to India's leather industry, which expects to grow to \$50 billion by 2030, driven by a strategic shift from mass production to high-value-added manufacturing, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said on Sunday.

On the eve of the signing of the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA), Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and his New Zealand counterpart Todd McClay participated in an Industry Engagement Programme at Agra. New Zealand's rich raw leather resources, combined with India's manufacturing capabilities, offer a strong complementarity that both sides expressed keenness to harness. On the occasion, both ministers, along with Industry representatives, spoke of positioning Agra as a global sourcing destination, an employment engine, and



an export powerhouse on the world stage," the Commerce Ministry statement said.

Agra, which accounts for approximately 75 per cent of India's leather footwear production, holds a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its leather footwear and is a flagship product under the One District One Product scheme. With the FTA eliminating duties on 100 per cent of Indian exports from Entry into Force, and bringing tariffs on leather and footwear from 5 per cent to zero, Indian exporters are set to gain a decisive competitive advantage. MoS of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, S.P. Baghel, also participated in the interaction. The interaction brought

together leading industry representatives from the leather and footwear, AYUSH, medical devices, light engineering, and sports goods sectors and Laghu Udyog Bharati, Uttar Pradesh. The industry presented its views reflecting the depth and diversity of India's leather manufacturing prowess, as well as the pharma industry, medical devices industry, and engineering products.

In keeping with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of building trade partnerships that are inclusive, forward-looking, and firmly rooted in India's national priorities, both ministers underscored that the India-New Zealand FTA is far more than a tariff agreement. It is a comprehensive framework

encompassing market access, agricultural productivity, investment, talent mobility, collaboration in sports, tourism, and people-to-people ties, designed to benefit manufacturers, farmers, MSMEs, women entrepreneurs, students, and skilled professionals across both nations.

The interaction also covered the pharmaceutical and medical devices sectors. Industry representatives welcomed the FTA's provisions for faster regulatory access, including acceptance of GMP and GCP inspection reports from comparable international regulators, which will reduce compliance burdens and expedite product approvals for Indian manufacturers. They welcomed the inclusion of a dedicated chapter on Health and Traditional Medicine in the FTA, a first for both countries, recognising AYUSH. Goyal also touched upon the significant opportunities the Agreement creates in education and talent mobility.

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

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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.

"Gaali" Wins Hearts

Women Audiences Drive Film's Grand Success



The devotional fantasy film "Gaali", directed by T. Ramu, is gaining remarkable popularity in theatres, especially among women audiences. With its strong spiritual theme, powerful message, and engaging narrative, the film has emerged as a successful venture, receiving positive word-of-mouth.

Produced by Chanda Lakshminarayana under the Sandhya Films banner and presented by actress Roja Rani, the film features Roja Rani in a powerful role as a divine goddess. T. Ramu has handled story, screenplay, dialogues, and direction, marking an impressive directorial debut. Special Celebration at Theatre

On Sunday, April 26, a special event was held at Odiyan INOX theatre, where actress Roja Rani interacted with women viewers. As a token of appreciation, she distributed turmeric (pasupu), vermilion (kumkum), and saree blouse pieces, creating a festive and devotional atmosphere. Many women shared their positive experiences and praised the film.

"Gaali" revolves around the intense battle between Kalipurusha, the embodiment of evil in Kaliyuga, and the divine goddess. Blessed by Lord Vishnu, Kalipurusha is born in Kaliyuga with the power to rule for 5,000 years, spreading chaos and destruction. To stop these atrocities, Goddess Parvati incarnates as Ammavaru

and ultimately destroys Kalipurusha, restoring dharma.

The film delivers a strong message: "Dharma will always triumph."

The film's graphics and visual effects are a major highlight. The depiction of Kalipurusha's demonic transformations and supernatural elements adds depth and visual appeal to the story.

Assistant Professor Sudhakar Battu from Ambedkar University watched the film along with his family and appreciated the director's bold effort. He praised Roja Rani and the entire cast for their performances, stating that each actor justified their role.

He also noted that the strong support from women audiences reflects the film's suc-



cess. Receiving a saree blouse piece from Roja Rani made the experience even more memorable.

Director T. Ramu expressed his gratitude, saying:

"Though this is my first film as a director, I ensured it meets audience expectations. I thank the Telugu audience for their immense support." He also appealed to the media and viewers to encourage new talent and meaningful cinema.

Blending devotion, message, and visual storytelling, "Gaali" is successfully captivating audiences and running strong in theatres. The overwhelming support from women audiences has become a key factor in the film's growing success. (Written by Anjaiah Thalka)

F3 actress Mehreen Pirzadaa ties the knot in intimate ceremony

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Actress Mehreen Pirzadaa is finally married. The 'F3' actress tied the knot on Sunday in the presence of her family and friends. Both she and the groom were seen twinning in matching blush-pink attire as they exchanged wedding vows.

She made for a beautiful bride in a stunning lehenga with intricate sequin work. She completed her bridal look with a layered stone necklace, paired with complementary earrings and mangtika. She kept her makeup on the lighter side with her veil-covered hair left open.

Sharing the exciting news on social media, Mehreen posted some love-struck wedding photos with the groom and simply captioned them "26.04.26," followed by infinity, red heart, and evil eye emoticons.

She further added the hashtag, "#Arsh-DiMehR", an amalgamation of the bride and groom's names.

Her Insta Stories further include glimpses from their other wedding festivities.

As soon as the news reached social media, wishes started pouring



in for the newlyweds.

'KFG' actress Srinidhi Shetty wrote in the comment section, "Congratulationsssss babe...love n only lovee." Sonal Chauhan added, "Omg. Congratulations".

A lot is not known about the groom as Mehreen had been hush-hush about her relationship status.

On the work front, Mehreen was last seen in the 2023 period crime thriller "Sultan of Delhi," written by Suparn Verma and directed by Milan Luthria.

Along with Mehreen, the project enjoyed an ensemble cast with Tahir Raj Bhasin,

Mouni Roy, Anjum Sharma, Vinay Pathak, Anupriya Goenka, Nishant Dahiya, and Harleen Sethi in prominent roles.

Produced by Namit Sharma under the banner of Reliance Entertainment, "Sultan of Delhi" premiered on Disney+ Hotstar on 13 October 2023.

Moreover, she also played the lead in the Tamil entertainer, "Indira" directed by debutant director Sabarish Nanda.

With Vasanth Ravi as the lead, the drama also featured Sunil, Anikha Surendran, Rajkumar, Sumesh Moor, and Kalyan in significant roles.

Dhoni's return delayed again due to calf injury in warm-up game: Fleming

CHENNAI
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Chennai Super Kings head coach Stephen Fleming on Sunday said MS Dhoni's return to the ongoing IPL will be further delayed as the talisman suffered a fresh calf injury during a warm-up game. "Yeah, he's pretty keen. The calf is a tough one though. If he takes off and rips the calf again, then he will be gone," said Fleming in the post-match press meet.

"So we pushed it early and then in a warm-up game he tweaked it again, it's my understanding. And since then he has been just working hard to get some movement into it. But there was a setback, so it has taken longer than we thought. But look, he's the guide on this one."

Fleming said Dhoni is working closely with the team physios. "And he's working hard with the physio and doing all the rehab. And we're just



waiting for the word. But all I can keep saying, and it's not making light of it, is he is progressing and doing everything he can." With a five-day break before their next fixture against Mumbai Indians here, CSK will continue to monitor Dhoni's recovery, though Fleming's update suggests his return seems remote.

Dhoni has been regularly attending training sessions but has limited himself largely to throwdowns. He was recently seen doing wicketkeeping drills, and it fuelled talk of a possible return.

Earlier, CSK's batting coach Michael Hussey

had indicated that Dhoni would resume wicket-keeping duties once fully fit.

Meanwhile, CSK have slumped to their fifth loss in eight matches, as Gujarat Titans outplayed them by eight wickets on a lively surface here in an afternoon match.

Put in to bat, CSK were restricted to 158/7, with Kagiso Rabada (3/25) and Mohammed Siraj (1/23) exploiting the early assistance on offer. In reply, GT chased down the target in 16.4 overs.

Fleming admitted that CSK struggled to come to terms with the conditions and failed to capitalise.

Kolkata Knight Riders beat Lucknow Super Giants in Super Over thriller

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After Lucknow Super Giants walked with them toe-to-toe in regulation time, Kolkata Knight Riders found a familiar saviour in Sunil Narine to register a tight Super Over victory in their IPL match here on Sunday.

Both Super Giants and Knight Riders ended up at 155 when a total of 40 overs were bowled, but Narine made all the difference in the Super Over. Conjuring his years of experience, the spinner dismissed Nicholas Pooran and Aiden Markram to limit LSG to 1 for two, which was also the lowest score in a Super Over.

The Kolkatans did not fumble and notched up the required two runs, with Rinku Singh, who also had a wonderful day on the field taking four catches, fittingly fetching the winning runs.

It was Rinku's well-paced 83 not out off 51 balls that worked as the catalyst for KKR's total of 155 for seven earlier. Once the Super Giants restricted KKR to that modest total, courtesy Mohsin Khan's



five-for, they had an excellent chance to register a rare home victory.

But the hosts slipped against a set of spot-on Kolkata bowlers on a slow black soil pitch.

The result pushed KKR to eighth on the table with five points, while LSG plummeted to the bottom of the pile with four points.

The Super Giants have some big names in their roster, skipper Rishabh Pant, Markram, Mitchell Marsh and Pooran.

But none of them could give direction and shape to LSG's chase.

Pant (42) and Markram (31) looked to be in good touch and they added 57 runs for the second wicket after the early departure of Marsh. But Markram fell to Cameron Green's pace-off delivery, while Pant's attempt to reverse scoop Narine resulted in a catch to stumper Tim Seifert.

It left LSG's fate in the hands of a clutch of young domestic players like Ayush Badoni, Himmat Singh and Mukul Choudhary to see off the chase.

They whittled down the equation to 17 off the last over with luck and pluck. Two successive no-balls

by Kartik Tyagi reduced the equation to 12 off five balls.

But the pacer was allowed to continue to bowl even after two waist-high no-balls because the second illegal delivery was deemed non-dangerous by the officials.

He dismissed Himmat Singh, leaving LSG to make eight off three balls, but Mohammed Shami's last-ball six pushed the match into the season's first Super Over.

Earlier, LSG pacer Mohsin added another chapter to KKR's batting woes, taking five wickets

to restrict them to 155 for seven.

Mohsin's five for 23 tore apart an already struggling KKR batting unit, as he took the key wickets of Ajinkya Rahane, Seifert, Green, Rovman Powell and Anukul Roy.

Rinku punished Shami in the 19th over for 6, 4, 4 and then hit four sixes in a row against spinner Digvesh Rathi as KKR made 43 runs in the last two overs to go past the 150-run mark. But despite that late burst, Mohsin firmly stood in the limelight.

His bowling approach was rooted in simple tactics, bowling into the black soil pitch to gain bounce or using cutters at varying pace to keep the batters guessing.

Mohsin, who started the night with a wicket maiden, showed his variety across two dismissals. He followed Rahane with a fuller ball as the batter tried to go over the covers, but the ball's trajectory forced the KKR skipper to slice it up for a simple catch to Markram.

The 27-year-old stayed calm when Green, who looked comfortable while smashing George Linde for two successive sixes.

Kishan Reddy's Confirms PM's Visit to Telangana on May 10

Union minister G. Kishan Reddy confirmed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Telangana on May 10, marking his first official trip to the state since assuming office for a third term. Modi will also address a public rally at the Secunderabad Parade Ground. Kishan Reddy urged citizens to attend in large numbers. During the visit, the Prime Minister will inaugurate and lay foundation stones for development projects worth Rs 7,000 crore, including the modernisation of railway stations, expansion of national highways, and the prestigious Zaheerabad industrial corridor. The corridor is expected to generate employment opportunities for thousands of youth in the region.

Speaking earlier at the concluding ceremony of Ambedkar jayanti celebrations in Somajiguda, Kishan Reddy accused the Congress of obstructing the women's reservation Bill and undermining Dr B.R. Ambedkar's ideals. He alleged that Congress had done injustice to women and Dalit communities by blocking their entry into legislative bodies for decades.

CM Revanth Orders Expansion of Prajavani to Grassroots

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Prajavani services will be expanded to the grassroots level, with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy directing officials to extend the system to revenue divisions on priority and later to mandals in phases. Reviewing the programme here on Sunday, the Chief Minister directed Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao and CMO officials to make Prajavani services accessible locally, reducing the need for people to travel to Hyderabad or district headquarters. He directed that all complaints be registered, forwarded to the concerned departments, and that applicants be informed of the status.

The Chief Minister also ordered the appointment of dedicated nodal officers at every admin-



Chief Minister Revanth Reddy participated in the Self-Enumeration programme under Census 2027 in Jubilee Hills. He registered his details through the official website. Census officials explained the process. He urged citizens to actively participate. Senior officials including Bharathi Holikeri, RV Karnan, Priyanka Ala and others were present at the event.

istrative level and the establishment of specialised Prajavani wings in districts and government departments. He called for an auto-escalation system to ensure unresolved grievances are moved to higher officials. Launched on December 8, 2023, the

day Revanth Reddy assumed office, Prajavani is held every Tuesday and Friday at the Mahatma Jyotiba Praja Bhavan. Officials from various departments receive petitions and act on them, while similar weekly programmes are conducted in

districts under the supervision of collectors. Revanth Reddy said there should be no compromise in grievance redressal and asked officials to conduct regular reviews at the district and state levels. He directed close monitoring of pending cases through dashboards and held officials accountable for delays. He directed departments to set timelines for disposal of grievances and develop a unified digital platform for registration, tracking and resolution, along with real-time monitoring mechanisms at district and state levels. The Chief Minister said decentralisation would ease the burden on state and district Prajavani centres and stressed that the system should be implemented effectively to build public confidence.

BRS Turns 25; Harish Rao Credits KCR

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Monday celebrated its silver jubilee, marking 25 years since its formation, with senior leader T. Harish Rao crediting the party's leadership for achieving Telangana statehood. The milestone event highlighted the party's journey from a regional movement to a governing force that played a central role in the creation of the state. Addressing the annual Chowdalamma Temple festival in Duddeda of Siddipet district, Harish Rao said the formation of Telangana would not have been possible without BRS and its founder K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR).

He described KCR as a visionary leader who united millions of people under a common cause, transforming a long-pend-



ing aspiration into reality through determination and strategic leadership. He further noted that Telangana's present administrative framework, including the reorganisation into 33 districts, reflects KCR's commitment to decentralisation and efficient governance. According to him, Siddipet district stands as a model of development, showcasing the benefits of focused planning and execution under BRS leadership. Highlighting key achievements, Harish Rao pointed to major irrigation initiatives such as the Kaleshwaram project, stating that regions once plagued by

drought have witnessed a remarkable transformation into fertile agricultural zones. He said these developments were possible due to the party's sustained focus on water resources and rural upliftment after statehood. Harish Rao also emphasized that BRS governance helped instill a sense of self-respect and confidence among the people, reviving the spirit of the Telangana movement and strengthening regional identity. He credited grassroots workers, activists, and supporters for standing firmly with the party throughout its 25-year journey. Expressing gratitude, he thanked the people of Telangana for their unwavering support and said the strong foundation built over the years would continue to guide the state toward greater progress and development in the future.

H-FAST gives traders 15-day deadline to halt sale of loose edible oil

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Hyderabad Food Adulteration Surveillance Team (H-FAST) on Sunday, April 26, announced a 15-day deadline to halt the sale of loose edible oil, citing serious health risks and scope for adulteration. The directive was issued by Deputy Commissioner of Police Gaikwad Vaibhav Raghunath during an awareness meeting with oil manufacturers, suppliers, and stakeholders at the H-FAST office in Begumbazar. Traders were asked to immediately transition to properly packaged and sealed products, warning that failure to comply would invite strict legal action. They were directed to comply with guidelines set by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and



mandatorily display details, like manufacturing and expiry dates, batch number, FSSAI license number, and the type and grade of oil on the packaging. Actions such as mixing inferior or recycled substances into the oil will invite stringent action under the Food Safety and Standards Act and provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), officials stated. Traders and manufacturers were also asked to maintain strict hygiene during processing, storage, and transportation.

Save Trees, Save City: Massive Protest at KBR Park

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Residents and environmental activists staged a peaceful protest on Sunday, April 26, outside the main gate of KBR National Park in Hyderabad, opposing the ongoing H-CITI infrastructure project. Demonstrators raised slogans such as "Save KBR" and warned, "We do not want Hyderabad to become another Delhi," expressing concern over rising pollution and environmental damage. The protest was organised against the government's proposal to



construct multiple flyovers and underpasses around the park's 5-kilometre perimeter. According to a statement by Citizens for the Protection of KBR National Park, the project includes six multi-level flyovers and

underpasses, requiring an estimated 60,000 metric tonnes of cement and 5,000 metric tonnes of steel. Activists claimed that around 1,942 trees would be cut or relocated due to the project, which they

say could increase local temperatures by 2 to 5 degrees Celsius and worsen Hyderabad's already declining air quality. They also alleged that several trees in the area have already been uprooted in preliminary works. Residents participating in the protest said KBR National Park serves as a vital green lung for the city, with thousands of families visiting daily for morning and evening walks. They warned that the project would permanently damage the ecological balance of the area. The protest also comes amid severe heatwave

conditions in Telangana, where cities such as Ramagundam, Mancherla, Kothapet, and Adilabad have recorded temperatures between 43°C and 44°C, ranking among the hottest locations globally this year. With groundwater levels also declining, activists argue that further urban concretisation will intensify heat stress. Protesters reiterated that Hyderabad must not follow the environmental degradation seen in other metropolitan cities and urged authorities to reconsider the project's design and environmental impact.

Hyderabad Airport passenger held with foreign currency worth Rs 31 L



The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), in yet another seizure, arrested an international passenger at the Hyderabad Airport carrying foreign currency worth Rs 31 lakh.

The passenger was travelling to Kuala Lumpur. The CISF team grew suspicious upon noticing the passenger's body when his baggage was subjected to X-BIS screening, a press release stated.

Upon examination, officials found the counterfeit currency. The passenger was handed over to Customs Department officials for further investigation. Three days ago, the CISF apprehended another passenger with foreign currency worth Rs 9.62 lakh from his luggage. The accused was flying to Dubai when he was apprehended.

MLM Sales Manager Arrested in Rs 3 Crore Scam Case

Hyderabad sales manager held in Rs 3 crore work-from-home scam, luring victims with fake recruitment fees and luxury lifestyle promises.

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A 61-year-old sales manager of a multi-level marketing (MLM) company was arrested for allegedly cheating people to the tune of Rs 3 crore by promising a luxurious lifestyle on social media. The Mirchowk Police arrested Harish Kumar Singla, working as a Country Sales Manager with Forever Living Imports (India) Pvt Ltd. He hails from Gurugram, Haryana. Singla ran a digital marketing scheme aimed at new recruitments. New joiners were asked to pay a registration fee between Rs 199 and Rs 299 for training sessions. According to police, the digital scheme offered recruitment plans named Slow Track (ST), Medium Track (MT), and Fast Track (FT), requiring workers to employ more members with high financial returns. People between the age group 18 to 24 and homemakers were the main targets. Flexible



work timings and work-from-home option left no space for doubt. Singla developed a strong social media campaign with promotional videos, promising high-end lifestyles, luxury cars, among others. As a result, a large number of people applied but soon realised they were cheated. Singla was arrested after FIRs were registered at Mirchowk, Rein Bazar, and Madannapet police stations. Three local agents were also arrested from an office at Karmanaghat. Police seized mobile phones, an iPad, a MacBook, documents, and digital data used to lure victims. Officials said bank accounts connected to the accused, containing

approximately Rs 3 crore, have been frozen. Authorities said investigation is ongoing to trace additional victims and identify more associates involved in the alleged network across multiple states, as officials continue to examine digital evidence and financial transactions linked to the accused scheme, while also urging citizens to verify online investment and work-from-home opportunities before paying any fees or sharing personal details to avoid falling prey to similar frauds in the future, and further action will be taken based on forensic analysis and bank account trail findings. Police added strict action will continue further against accused.

Yadagirigutta Temple Sees Huge Rush

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The Yadagirigutta Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple witnessed a heavy rush of devotees on Sunday, with long queues forming from the early hours of the day due to increased footfall at the hill shrine. Devotees had to wait nearly three hours for general darshan, while special darshan took around one hour, as large crowds continued to arrive throughout the day. Heavy congestion was also reported at prasadam distribution counters, reflecting the surge in pil-

grim turnout. Meanwhile, the five-day Nrusimha Jayanthi Mahotsavam commenced at the temple with priests performing swasthi vachanam at 8 am, marking the beginning of the auspicious celebrations. The temple premises were decorated with colourful flowers, adding to the festive atmosphere. Temple authorities made special arrangements to manage the rush and ensure smooth conduct of rituals during the event. Temple Executive Officer Bhavani Shanker announced that Arjitha Sevas and Sudarshana Narasimha.

Raja Singh Slams GHMC Demolition Drive in Begum Bazaar

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Goshamahala MLA T Raja Singh has strongly condemned the demolition of roadside shops at Begum Bazaar by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) in the presence of police personnel on Saturday. Dana Kishore shall continue to hold the FAC post of Special Chief Secretary to the Governor. "Chief Minister Revanth Reddy thinks the demolition of shops and small



businesses will help him win the elections. It is going to backfire on the Congress party with zero seats," said Singh, who is currently on a Char Dham religious pilgrimage. He questioned the silence

of GHMC, the police and the ruling government when AIMIM allegedly rebuilt shops in the Mahboob Chowk area after the corporation demolished, citing encroachment. "If you have guts, the government should identify and remove the encroachments in Bahadurpura, Charminar, Darussalam and other places," he said. "It is unfortunate that the government demolished the shops of poor people with the support of 400 policemen," he added.

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