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BRS founded 25 years ago made Telangana dream a reality, Says Harish Rao: P8

KTR Vows Continued BRS Fight for Telangana Interests: P8



Push CBI To Take Up KLIS Probe, CM Tells Officials

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday directed officials to step up efforts to ensure that the Central Bureau of Investigation took up the state government's request to probe various aspects of the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS). Revanth Reddy's decision came following a review on Monday, during which he discussed the prospects for the CBI taking up investigation with ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and D. Sridhar Babu, senior counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi, and senior officials along with his adviser and Rajya Sabha member Vem Narender Reddy.

The Chief Minister noted that the legal opinion was that since there were no cases pending before any court on the Kaleshwaram project, the CBI should have no objections to taking up the investigation as sought by the state government. He also instructed the officials to



write to the CBI on this matter. Revanth Reddy suggested that if need be, ministers should seek an appointment with the CBI director and hand over the request from the state government, according to a news release from the Chief Minister's Office.

During the discussions, Singhvi, who joined the review over a video link, made it clear that the Telangana High Court in its recent judgment in a related case, had not questioned the setting up of the Justice P.C. Ghose commission of inquiry into the project irregularities, and also did not, in its orders, find fault with the commission's report. This being the case, the commission and its report remained valid, was the legal opinion arrived at

CM Revanth vows strict action against all in drug cases

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy issued a stern warning against drug abuse, declaring that the state government would take stringent action and not spare even influential persons, politicians or celebrities if found involved in drug-related cases. He announced that from the academic year beginning June, students seeking admission in schools and colleges would be required to submit an undertaking pledging to stay away from drugs.

The Chief Minister was speaking after launching 'Spandana (Takshana Rakshana) Teams', a police initiative aimed at responding to emergency situations involving women and children. The teams, unveiled at ICC

in Banjara Hills, will act as first responders to distress calls made to helpline numbers 100 and 112. Apart from handling emergencies, they will also provide emotional support and counselling to victims. Directing the police to involve the city's long-standing peace committees to tackle the growing drug menace, Revanth Reddy said these committees had earlier played a crucial role in preventing communal clashes. He also urged the committees to expand their focus beyond communal harmony and actively participate in anti-drug campaigns.

He expressed concern that drug addiction was increasingly leading to atrocities against women and girls, and asserted that the government would deal strictly.

during the discussions, the release said. Among those who attended the meeting were Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, CM's principal secretary V. Se-

shadri, CM's secretary K. Manicka Raj, irrigation adviser Adityanath Das, and principal secretary, irrigation, E. Sridhar.

PM Modi vows Bengal return for BJP CM oath

Prime Minister spoke about his long association with the state and its influence on his spiritual journey

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On the last day of the campaign before the second and final phase of the Assembly elections in West Bengal on April 29, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that he would again visit the state next month to attend the swearing-in ceremony of the first BJP government in the state after the announcement of the poll results on May 4. Modi, who addressed a rally and led a roadshow for his party candidates at Barrackpore in North 24 Parganas on Monday, said: "This is my last rally in this election. Wherever I went to campaign in Bengal, I witnessed and sensed the pulse of the people. I am going back with confidence that after the results on May 4, I will come back here to attend the BJP's oath-taking ceremony."

Posting an audio message later on social media, he added: "We



will all celebrate the oath-taking ceremony together. It is not only my personal belief. I felt this belief amongst you also." Modi also called his poll campaign a "pilgrimage" which has filled him with fresh energy to give the people of Bengal a new future. Earlier at the rally, the PM underlined the need for BJP to come to power in the state to bring "Ang, Bang, Kalinga" to its fold to usher in a change for holistic growth and development in the eastern region. Referring to BJP rule in two neighbouring states of Bengal, Modi said: "After Ang i.e. Bihar and Kalinga i.e. Odisha, the lotus will bloom in Bang i.e. Bengal too this time. My destiny and respon-

sibility are to save, secure and serve Bengal." He then attacked the ruling Trinamul Congress for destroying the state in the last 15 years. "On one hand, mills have been facing shutdown while on the other, crude bomb factories are flourishing, employing TMC goons, and expanding their syndicates. TMC's only strategy is to hurl abuses, issue threats and spread lies. They have already targeted me, constitutional institutions and even the armed forces with their derogatory comments," Modi alleged. He claimed: "Bengal endured the pain of migration for decades due to unavailability of jobs. The BJP government's priority will be to create employment for the youths here," before invoking legendary author Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's epic creation Vande Mataram to impress the crowd about the BJP's vision to restore the state's prosperity.

India-EAEU FTA Talks Set for Moscow Meet in June

India and the Russia-led five-nation grouping, the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) are expected to hold next round talks for a proposed free trade agreement in June in Moscow. For the next round of talks, the Indian team may visit in June. Issues related to non-trade measures are likely to figure in that meeting, the official said on Monday. India and EAEU on August 20 last year inked the terms of reference for the agreement. The first round of negotiations was held in November 2025 here. The terms of reference signed on August 20, 2025, outline an 18-month work plan aimed at diversifying markets for Indian businesses, including MSMEs, farmers and fishermen.

Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan are the five member countries of EAEU. The development is important as India is looking to diversify its export markets due to global economic uncertainties.

Russia is the top-trading partner of India in the bloc, with bilateral trade worth \$68.72 billion in 2024-25 (exports \$4.88 billion).

SC Questions Rape Claim in Consensual Live-in Case

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The Supreme Court on Monday questioned a woman who had challenged a Madhya Pradesh High Court order quashing an FIR against her former live-in partner in a case alleging sexual assault on a false promise of marriage. A Bench of Justices B.V. Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan observed that the woman had been



in a long-term live-in relationship with the man and had a child with him. "Where is the question of an offence when the relationship is consensual? They were living together, had a child, and lived together for 15 years. Now, after there is no marriage,

she alleges sexual assault?" Justice Nagarathna remarked.

The woman's counsel submitted that she had lost her husband earlier and was introduced to the accused by her brother-in-law. He alleged that the accused had promised to marry her and sexually exploited her. Justice Nagarathna questioned why the woman chose to live with the man before mar-

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Iran sends new proposal via Pak to end war, reopen Hormuz

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In a significant diplomatic manoeuvre aimed at de-escalating regional tensions, Tehran has reportedly submitted a "new proposal" to Washington through Pakistani intermediaries. According to a report by Axios, the Iranian offer outlines a framework to "reopen the Strait of Hormuz and end the war," signalling a potential breakthrough in the protracted conflict. The diplomatic initiative

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comes at a time when peace efforts have largely stalled. US President Donald Trump recently remarked that Tehran could "call" Washington if it wished to negotiate, while maintaining that Iran must never acquire nuclear weapons. Momentum for direct talks appeared to slow after the White House cancelled a planned visit to Islamabad

by envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner. The move was widely seen as a sign of dissatisfaction with Tehran's earlier proposal. At the centre of the deadlock is the US demand that Iran halt uranium enrichment for at least ten years and move its nuclear stockpile abroad. However, Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi reportedly told mediators there is "no consensus within the Iranian leadership" on these demands.

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Ladakh Body Demands Direct Talks With Amit Shah

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The Leh Apex Body (LAB) has demanded direct, decision-level talks with Union home minister Amit Shah during his visit to Ladakh next week, calling the scheduled May 22 sub-committee meeting "inadequate" for resolving the region's long-pending issues.

The LAB, alongside the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), has been leading a campaign for a four-point agenda: state-

hood for Ladakh, inclusion under the Sixth Schedule, separate Lok Sabha seats for Leh and Kargil, and a Public Service Commission for local employment. The Union territory's Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena had at the weekend announced that the Union home ministry would convene the next round of sub-committee talks with representatives of the agitating Ladakh groups on May 22, the first such meeting since early February.

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Fuel Queues Return in Hyderabad; Civil Supplies Denies Shortage

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Long queues and 'No stock' boards were reported at petrol pumps across Hyderabad on Sunday evening and Monday, days after similar shortages were seen on April 12 and 24-26. Several outlets ran dry on Sunday evening, with crowds building up from Monday morning. Customers waited for hours, while LPG-run autorickshaw drivers reported difficulty refuelling, with some claiming waits of up to six hours.

The Telangana civil supplies department on Monday evening said there was no shortage of



petrol or diesel in the state and urged the public not to believe rumours circulating on social media. The department said

stocks were sufficient to meet demand from commuters, transport and the farming sector. Under the direction of commis-

sioner M. Stephen Raveendra, the department said it was coordinating with oil marketing companies to maintain supply. As per official data, supply till 4 pm stood at 7,443 KL of petrol and 11,081 KL of diesel, totalling 18,524 KL.

Jeremiah Joel, a resident of Bandlaguda Jagir, said, "From my residence to Nampally, all petrol pumps were overcrowded between 10 and 11 am, and I couldn't refuel." Heavy rush at outlets led to traffic congestion at several locations including IKEA, Raidurg, Jeera, Tamnaka, Golnaka, Begum Bazaar, Attapur and Begumpet. A Bharat petrol pump at Liberty was

closed after running out of stock, while similar boards were seen at multiple outlets.

T. Nagaraju, a resident of Kukatpally, said, "I travelled from Hyderabad to Annaram and onward to Visakhapatnam, facing diesel shortages throughout the journey. On the return to Hyderabad, many petrol pumps were overcrowded, with several running out of fuel." Telangana Petroleum Dealers Association president Marri Amarendra Reddy said, "There is a fuel supply shortage, and deliveries have been low for three days. On Sunday, companies that usually operate did not function, worsening the situation."

Hyderabad Police deported 184 foreign nationals since 2018

In a separate advisory, the Hyderabad Police Commissionerate has directed hotels, hospitals, educational institutions and house owners to mandatorily report foreign nationals staying on their premises within 24 hours.

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The Hyderabad Police has relocated and operationalised its detention centre for foreign nationals to the Jogipet Sub Jail in Sangareddy district, with a permanent facility also approved at Cherlapally prison, officials said on Monday, April 27.

The detention centre, which houses foreign nationals held for illegal migration, visa violations, overstaying and offences related to human trafficking and drug peddling, had been functioning since 2018 out of the old CCS Building at Basheerbagh in Hyderabad. A total of 196 foreign detainees have been accom-



modated at the facility since its inception, of whom 184 have been deported so far. At present, 12 detainees – nine male and three female – from Sudan, Nigeria, Uganda and Cameroon are being held pending deportation. Deportations are coordinated with national and international agencies and carried out either by air or through designated international border points

under escort, after obtaining travel documents and clearances from the ministries of External Affairs and Home Affairs. The Telangana government has approved the establishment of a permanent Transit Home at Cherlapally Prison, while the Jogipet facility is currently fully operational, the police said. The detention centre also holds Bangladeshi and

Rohingya nationals found illegally residing in the city, officials added.

In a separate advisory, the Hyderabad Police Commissionerate has directed hotels, hospitals, educational institutions and house owners to mandatorily report foreign nationals staying on their premises within 24 hours, in compliance with the Immigration and Foreigners Act.

Under the new law, all accommodation providers, including hotels, hostels, guest houses and house owners, as well as hospitals providing sleeping facilities to patients and attendants, are required to submit details in Form III, previously known as Form-C, to the

designated registration officer through an online portal within 24 hours of a foreigner's check-in. Records must be maintained for a minimum of one year.

Similarly, educational institutions, including schools and colleges, admitting foreign nationals must furnish details in Form II, formerly Form-A, within 24 hours of enrolment, through the same online portal. Deputy Commissioners of Police across Hyderabad's law and order zones have been directed to conduct awareness programmes sensitising hotels, guest houses, hospitals and educational institutions about their obligations under the Act.

Census Drive Promotes Self-enumeration in Hyderabad



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To encourage self-enumeration (SE) for Census 2027, officials have decided to reach out to MPs, MLCs, and MLAs in the city. On Monday, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) officials met Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao, who completed the process. "We want to run an awareness campaign under the banner Self-Enumeration Mahotsav till May

10," said a Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) official. This year's theme is Do it Yourself – No Waiting for Enumerators.

Focused outreach is being taken up across key institutional and organised groups. The Police Department, including the DGP office and four commissionerates, will cover 20,000 personnel, while South Central Railway officials will cover 10,000 personnel. In ad-

dition, 30,000 officials and staff across GHMC, CMC, and Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) will be included. "Census field staff—enumerators and supervisors—number 20,000, and state government employees through respective secretaries add another 20,000," a GHMC official said. From resident welfare associations (RWAs), the target is 60,000 households, he added.

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CM alleges pre-poll pact, challenges KCR to deny alliance with BJP

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy predicted that the next Assembly elections would be a straight fight between the Congress-led coalition and the BRS-BJP coalition. He said had clear information about a pre-poll understanding between BRS and BJP to jointly contest the Assembly elections. Throwing an open challenge to BRS chief K. Chandrashekar Rao, Revanth Reddy asked whether he was willing to take an oath in the name of God that the BRS would not ally with the BJP if the alliance claims were untrue. Revanth Reddy was speaking with mediapersons at the Legislative Assembly premises on Monday.

Referring to Rao's daughter K. Kavitha launching a political party recently, Revanth Reddy questioned the very survival of the BRS. He said BRS



had lost its relevance in Telangana and talking about Kavitha's party is a waste of time. He said the BRS had a past but no future. Revanth Reddy said that Rao's family had lost touch with the people and described the entire family as "one unit", lacking distinct identity. He stated that he never wished ill-health to or harm upon Rao, stating that the former chief minister was only a political rival and not his personal enemy. He noted that he had visited Chandrashekar Rao in hospital when he was injured and inquired about his well-being in the Assembly as well. He added that the BRS chief remaining healthy would make political contest eas-

ier, while accusing Rao's own family members of wanting him sidelined for political reasons.

The Chief Minister demanded that Chandrashekar Rao respond to questions raised by Kavitha, particularly regarding allegations about his personal and political situation, and again challenged him to publicly declare that BRS would not align with the BJP. He went on to describe BRS as a "party past its expiry" and equated it to a "lifeless entity". Revanth Reddy said that the Congress government was functioning without discrimination and claimed there was effectively no Opposition in the state. He also referred to internal issues within Chandrashekar Rao's family, alleging past attempts to project K.T. Rama Rao as Chief Minister and attributing family differences to power-sharing disputes between them.

Referring to the Kaleshwaram project, the Chief Minister said the government would press the Centre for a CBI probe. He stated that while the P.C. Ghose Commission report had not been struck down by the High Court, only certain technical aspects were flagged, and no blanket relief was granted to Chandrashekar Rao and Harish Rao. He explained that the court did not prohibit action based on the report but observed issues related to natural justice under specific provisions. He added that the government itself had informed the court that no action would be taken solely based on the report. Revanth Reddy pointed out that multiple reports, including those by the National Dam Safety Authority and vigilance agencies, had highlighted design and quality lapses in the Kaleshwaram project, even during the previous BRS regime.

BRS Party Flag Hoisted at R. Itikyala Village in Regode Mandal

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Earlier today, a Bharatiya Rashtra Samithi (BRS) party flag hoisting ceremony was held with enthusiasm in R. Itikyala village of Regode Mandal, Telangana. The event was organized in accordance with the directions of BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and under the guidance of former Andole MLA, Hon'ble Shri Chanti Kranthi Kiran. The program was



led by R. Itikyala BRS Party Vice President T. Mallappa, who presided over the ceremony and oversaw the hoisting of the party flag. Addressing the gathering, party leaders em-

phasized the importance of strengthening the party at the grassroots level and reaffirmed their commitment to public service and village development. The event witnessed ac-

tive participation from former Sarpanch of R. Itikyala Shri Sunke Ramesh, senior BRS leaders, ward members, youth representatives, party workers, and supporters. Leaders on the occasion called upon party members to work collectively towards taking forward the party's development agenda and to remain committed to the welfare of the people. The program concluded successfully in a spirited and positive atmosphere.

Strict Enforcement of Cow Protection Laws Urged

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In Beeranguda, Siddipet district, a memorandum was submitted to Serilingampally Deputy Collector Mahipal Reddy demanding stronger measures for cow protection as part of the Go Samman Aahwan Abhiyan. The initiative was led by Vishwabrahma Sri Veeradharmaja Swami, Peethadhipathi of Sri Veerabrahmendra Swamy Mutt, along with Bonakurthi Vitthal, General



Secretary of Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Gosala. They stated that although laws banning cow slaughter exist nationwide, proper implementation is lacking and must be strictly enforced. They called for special funds for goshalas, increased fodder supply, and estab-

lishment of goshalas in every village. Emphasis was placed on promoting cow-based agriculture and setting up research centers on cow dung and urine. They also demanded stringent punishment for illegal transportation and slaughter, and allocation of CSR funds to support goshalas.

Jubilee Hills MLA Naveen Yadav Attends Management Fest at Sardar Patel MBA College



Jubilee Hills MLA V. Naveen Yadav attended the "Management Business Samanvaya 2026" fest as the Chief Guest at Sardar Patel MBA College in Padmarao Nagar, Secunderabad, on Tuesday. The event began with a grand welcome by the college management, who honored the MLA with a traditional shawl. During his visit, Naveen Yadav toured the campus and inspected various student stalls showcasing innovative business ideas, management models, and creative projects. He appreciated the students' talent, dedication, and entrepreneurial spirit.

As part of the program, he paid floral tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, remembering his contributions to national unity. Addressing the gathering in the auditorium, the MLA stressed the importance of holistic development. He urged students to focus not only on academics but also on leadership qualities, business acumen, and technical skills to contribute effectively to the nation's growth. He highlighted that such fests play a crucial role in nurturing creativity, confidence, and real-world exposure among youth. The program witnessed participation from faculty, students, political leaders, and dignitaries.

BRS Marks 25 Years with Massive Hyderabad Celebrations

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The Bharatiya Rashtra Samithi (BRS) marked its 25th anniversary with large-scale "Galli-Galli" flag hoisting celebrations across Hyderabad, showcasing strong grassroots mobilization and renewed political confidence ahead of upcoming elections.

Major celebrations were held in key city divisions, including 121, 122, and 123, where local leaders Ravula Kolla Nagaraju and Nara Nagaraju led processions and community programs. Pink flags dominated the



streets as party workers organized rallies, burst crackers, and raised slogans in support of party leadership and Telangana pride. The event also served as a platform to reinforce the party's commitment to local governance. Leaders assured residents of Indra

Nagar Colony that public grievances would be addressed promptly, promising accelerated development with community participation. Flag salute programs in areas such as Bairagi Guda, Kismatpur, Hyderabad, and Parmesh Hotel Square drew enthu-

siastic participation, boosting cadre morale and signaling organizational strength at the grassroots level.

Senior leaders used the occasion to criticize opposition parties, particularly Congress, accusing them of misleading the public. Expressing confidence, BRS leaders predicted a decisive victory in the forthcoming elections. As BRS enters its 26th year, the celebrations highlighted its continued influence and deep-rooted connection with Telangana's identity and people.

Raga Nagaraj Goud Emerges as Key BRS Grassroots Leader

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Begumpet Division leader Raga Nagaraj Goud is strengthening the Bharat Rashtra Samithi's grassroots presence through welfare initiatives and active public engagement. At a recent event at BRS Bhavan, he distributed wheelchairs to the differently-abled and provided ₹1 lakh cheques for economic support in the presence of K. T. Rama Rao. A loyal follower of Tala-



sani Srinivas Yadav, Goud credits his political inspiration to senior leadership and continues to expand party activities in Begumpet's Patigada area. Starting his journey with the

Praja Rajyam Party in 2008, he joined BRS in 2009, influenced by K. Chandrashekar Rao, and actively participated in the Telangana statehood movement, even courting arrest.

Apart from politics, Goud built a successful career in transport and real estate. Today, he remains focused on community service, addressing local issues, and empowering underprivileged residents across Begumpet Division.

PDS: 85% of 3-Month Rice Quota Distributed

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

Out of the total allocation of 6.43,303 metric tonnes (MT) of rice, the department has already distributed 5,48,140 MT. This translates to an 86% completion rate with eight full days still remaining in the month. The widespread reach of this initiative is evident in the data, with the state recording over 2.62 crore successful transactions state-wide to date. "To maintain total transparency during this accelerated rollout, all digital transactions.

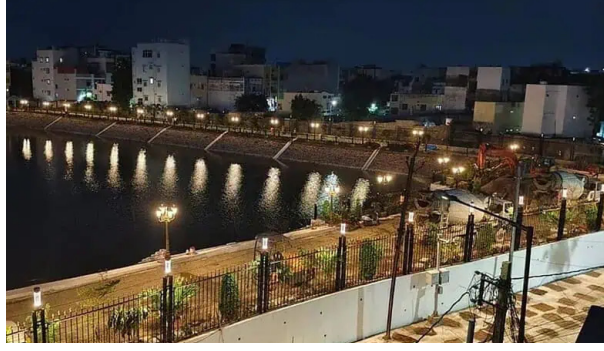
HYDRAA removes signages after SC order on Bathukamma encroachment

On February 18, 2025, HYDRAA had already commenced works for the restoration of Bathukamma Kunta, when just digging a few feet had shown water gushing out of the land.

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The Supreme Court on Monday, April 27, dismissed the Telangana government's appeal in the Bathukamma Kunta land dispute, leaving intact the Telangana High Court's order directing the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) to remove structures it had built on the contested land in Bagh Amberpet.

The case pits Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader Edla Sudhakar Reddy against HYDRAA and has been working its way through the courts for over two years. Sudhakar Reddy claims that seven acre of Bathukamma Kunta is his private property, while HYDRAA maintains it is government land – a lake – and has



been pushing to restore it. The dispute has a long paper trail. On January 10, 2025, Sudhakar Reddy filed a civil suit in a lower court claiming the land was private property. The City Civil Court dismissed it on April 22, 2025. Meanwhile, on February 18, 2025, HYDRAA had already begun restoration work, and notably, digging just a few feet into the land had caused water to gush out, bolstering the agency's claim that it was indeed a water body.

However, HYDRAA did not stop at restoration. After winning in the City Civil Court, the agency constructed children's parks, an open gym, gates, fencing, signboards and rerouted drain water away from the lake, which had by then become a sewage pond. This is where it ran into trouble. The High Court had issued a status quo order on March 17, 2025, and HYDRAA had ignored it. On June 12, 2025, the court directed HYDRAA to remove the structures it had put up in

violation of that order. The confrontation came to a head on March 23 this year, when the Telangana High Court held HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath in contempt, holding him personally responsible. The court directed him to remove all structures, markers, walls, gates and signages erected on the seven acre within four weeks, and to restore the land to its original state, including removing anything that indicated HYDRAA's ownership or suggested the land was a public facility under its control. HYDRAA then approached the Supreme Court, which declined to intervene, noting that with the matter still pending before the High Court, the apex court could not pass an order.

Focus on Germany Opportunities

Skill, Language Training Key to Overseas Placements, says Minister Vivek Venkataswamy

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Labour, Employment and Mines Minister Dr. G. Vivek Venkataswamy has directed officials to focus on training and placing a good number of Telangana youth in Germany with proper skill development and German language proficiency. He said that successful placements in Germany would create enthusiasm among the educated youth in the state and inspire more young people to pursue overseas employment opportunities. Highlighting the importance of capacity building, Dr. Vivek stressed the need for "training the trainers" and called for the immediate recruitment of highly qualified language instructors.

He underlined that German language training is crucial and urged officials to strengthen language upskilling programmes. The minister chaired a board meeting of the Telangana Overseas Man-



power Company (TOMCOM) on Monday at his chamber in the Secretariat, where several key issues related to overseas employment were discussed. Dr. Vivek noted that Germany offers vast opportunities for both skilled labour and educated youth from Telangana, and encouraged TOMCOM to actively facilitate these placements. He reiterated that TOMCOM is the state's official and reliable agency for providing overseas job opportunities. Officials briefed the Minister on ongoing efforts to place semi-skilled workers in GCC countries. Dr. Vivek instructed

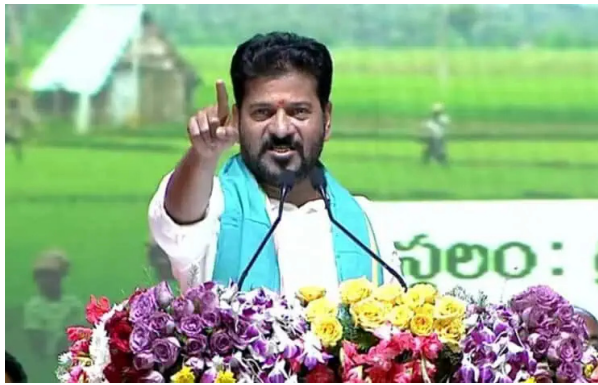
them to collect regular feedback from workers employed abroad and submit periodic reports to improve support systems and processes. The minister said that each country has its own culture and youth need to be trained on cultural orientation of those countries. He asked the officials to come up with target-based proposals in terms of training and recruitment of the youth through TOMCOM. He further directed TOMCOM to enhance its efficiency and working standards, stating that Telangana should set an example for other states in overseas employment initiatives.

Telangana launches SPANDANA Teams to respond to women, children emergencies

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday, April 27, launched the "SPAN-DANA (Takshana Rakshana) Teams," a specialised police initiative aimed at responding swiftly to emergency situations involving women and children. The move is part of a broader effort by the state government to strengthen safety mechanisms and build public confidence in law enforcement. Addressing officials, the Chief Minister said the SPAN-DANA teams must instil a strong sense of assurance among victims that society stands firmly with them and that offenders will face strict punishment.

He stressed that no society can truly progress if women do not feel safe to pursue education, manage businesses, or carry out their daily lives without fear. Shifting focus to the growing drug menace, Revanth Reddy expressed serious concern, stating that nearly 80 per



cent of violence and atrocities against women and children are linked to individuals under the influence of substances such as synthetic drugs, ganja, and alcohol.

He directed the police department to actively involve long-standing peace committees, which have historically played a crucial role in maintaining communal harmony in Hyderabad. These neighbourhood-level groups will now assist in gathering intelligence and monitoring drug-related activities in their localities. Issuing a stern warning, the Chief Minister said Telangana must avoid the path of states like Punjab, where drug abuse had once reached alarming levels. He urged authorities and citizens

alike to openly address the issue rather than ignore it. Revanth Reddy also called for strict action against public figures involved in drug use, stating that celebrities found guilty should face stringent legal consequences. "I don't care about anyone, I don't spare anyone," he remarked, underlining a zero-tolerance approach. Additionally, he appealed to educational institutions to obtain written undertakings from students pledging to stay away from drugs. He also encouraged NGOs and corporate organisations to channel their CSR initiatives towards establishing and supporting rehabilitation centres across the state.

Ramchander Rao Birthday Marked with Charity

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Former corporator Rakesh Jaiswal of Jambagh organised birthday celebrations of BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao by distributing bread and fruits to patients at the ENT Hospital, Koti.

The programme focused on service, with party workers extending support to patients as part of the initiative. Several local leaders and BJP karyakartas participated in the



event, including Raju Yadav, Venkat Reddy, Rachna Gupta, Kalpana, Amit, and Sharad. The organisers said the celebration reflected the party's commitment to social responsibility and public welfare. Parti-

cipants raised slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Jai Sri Ram," adding enthusiasm to the service activity. The event concluded with appreciation from patients and attendees.

Autism Rise Spurs Call for Early Intervention

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A sharp rise in autism cases and high treatment costs have prompted urgent calls for early intervention, inclusive education, and stronger family support at a Round Table Session hosted by Suchirindia Foundation at Ravindra Bharathi.

Led by Lion Dr. Kiron, the initiative highlighted that autism prevalence has increased from 1 in 2000 children to nearly 1 in 89, underscoring the need for immediate collective action. Experts in-



cluding Porika Sammaiah, Dr. G. Mary Anurupa, and Dr. T. Mughesh stressed early diagnosis, awareness of red-flag signs, and structured intervention systems involving parents, educators, and healthcare providers. They emphasized therapies like sensory integration and behavior-based approaches.

Dr. Kiron noted many cases remain undiagnosed due to stigma, lack of awareness, and limited access, while treatment costs of ₹40,000-₹60,000 monthly burden families. He announced the Dr. Kiron Autism Mission to develop policy recommendations and strengthen support systems.

Satyanarayana Kalyanam Held with Devotion in Hyderabad



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The 18th annual Sri Satyanarayana Swamy Kalyanam Mahotsavam was celebrated with great religious fervor at Sri Veer Hanuman Temple, opposite the RTA office, drawing hundreds of devotees and creating a spiritually charged atmosphere on Monday. The highlight of the event was the celestial wedding ceremony of Sri Satyanarayana Swamy, performed amid Vedic chants and traditional rituals. Devotees from across the Cantonment and nearby areas gathered in large numbers to witness the sacred occasion and seek divine blessings.

Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap attended as the Chief Guest and actively par-

ticipated in the rituals. Addressing the gathering, he underscored the spiritual importance of the Satyanarayana Vratam, stating that sincere devotion and faith lead to fulfillment of wishes and inner peace.

The rituals were conducted under the guidance of head priests M. S. Uma Lingam and S. U. Dayalingam, who meticulously performed ceremonies such as Sankalpam, Agni Pratishta, and the Kalyanam. Temple administrators and volunteers ensured smooth arrangements for devotees.

The event concluded with Annadanam, where prasadam was distributed to all attendees, marking yet another successful event dedicated to preserving spiritual traditions and strengthening community harmony.

ACIC-CBIT Launches Summer Innovation Boot Camp 2026

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The Atal Community Innovation Centre at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology on Monday inaugurated its Summer Innovation Boot Camp 2026, a two-week programme aimed at equipping school students with foundational skills in innovation, design thinking, and entrepreneurship. Organised at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology, the boot camp is supported by the Atal Innovation Mission under NITI Aayog. Sixty stu-



dents form the first cohort of the initiative themed "Launch, Orientation, and Foundations." Addressing the inaugural session, CEO Dr. Sunny Agarwal said the programme is designed to nurture grassroots innovators through structured exposure rather

than conventional classroom learning. Principal and Director Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu emphasised the institute's focus on developing problem-solvers and changemakers. The keynote panel, featuring Dr. Umakanta Choudhury, Shravan

Kumar Mogilishetti, Sahil Raj Suman, and Dr. B. V. S. Rao, highlighted the importance of innovation, prototyping, and youth participation in India's startup ecosystem.

Participants will engage in hands-on learning at ACIC maker spaces and specialised labs, with mentorship from industry experts and faculty.

The programme includes design thinking modules, prototyping sprints, and team-based challenges, followed by campus and lab tours. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Harish Potula.

₹3 Cr Rajiv Park Works to Be Fast-Tracked: Jaggareddy

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

TPCC Working President Jaggareddy on Sunday directed officials to expedite the ₹3 crore renovation of Rajiv Park and ensure key works are completed before the proposed visit of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to Sangareddy.

During an inspection, he set a May 10 deadline for priority tasks, including greenery, walking tracks, and compound walls, while also asking that the park's front portion be



readied for a foundation stone-laying ceremony. Reviewing progress, Jaggareddy suggested an improved landscape design at the entrance near the Rajiv Gandhi statue and recommended replacing black granite with more

suitable tiles to enhance aesthetics. Noting the damaged condition of the existing musical fountain, he instructed installation of a modern system that can operate daily in the evenings with at least two songs. Officials informed

that the current ₹3 crore allocation would cover basic renovation works. Jaggareddy asked them to submit detailed proposals by Wednesday for additional features such as advanced 2D and 3D laser fountains and completion of all pending development. Plans for an artificial pond were also discussed, with Jaggareddy proposing pedal boating and seating arrangements around it.

A skating ground is also under development. Municipal officials and local leaders were present.

Norway Plans Social Media Ban For Under-16s

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

WH Dinner Shooting Suspect Wrote Anti-Christian Manifesto: Trump

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

U.S. President Donald Trump described the man accused of attempting an attack at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner as a "pretty sick guy" with an anti-Christian manifesto, following a dramatic security incident in Washington, D.C. The suspect, identified as 31-year-old Cole Tomas Allen from Torrance, California, was arrested at the venue after allegedly opening fire at a Secret Service checkpoint inside the Washington Hilton hotel, where the high-profile gala was being held. Authorities said he was armed with a shotgun, a handgun, and multiple knives. According to officials, Allen fired at a Secret Service agent, but the bullet struck the of-



ficer's protective vest, preventing serious injury. As the situation unfolded, Trump, First Lady Melania Trump, Vice President JD Vance, and several cabinet members were quickly evacuated from the premises. Law enforcement sources revealed that the suspect had circulated a manifesto to family members shortly before the attack, referring to himself as the "Friendly Federal Assassin." The document reportedly listed

administration officials as potential targets and criticized what it described as weak security at the venue. Acting U.S. Attorney General Todd Blanche said Allen had traveled by train from Los Angeles to Chicago and then onward to Washington, D.C., highlighting gaps in transport security compared to airports. He added that federal charges including assault on a federal officer, discharging a firearm, and attempted

murder would be filed. Trump linked the incident to broader concerns over political extremism, suggesting the suspect's participation in anti-government protests may have influenced his actions. The case has renewed debate over rising political violence in the United States, following recent high-profile attacks on public figures. White House Correspondents' Association President Weijia Jiang said the organization will decide whether to reschedule the event, while global leaders expressed relief that no fatalities occurred. Investigators continue to probe the suspect's background, motives, and any potential connections, as security agencies reassess protections for top officials at major public gatherings.

Rajnath to Lead SCO Meet, Focus on Zero Tolerance for Terrorism

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Defence minister Rajnath Singh will lead the Indian delegation to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) defence ministers' meeting in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, on April 28. Last year, Singh had refused to sign the joint declaration at the meeting in Qingdao as it did not mention the Pahal-gam terror attack and nor explicitly address India's concerns over Pakistan-backed cross-border terrorism. "Raksha Mantri will highlight India's commitment towards global peace, amidst the prevailing global security challenges, and underline India's consistent stance on zero tolerance for ter-



rorism and extremism," said a defence ministry statement on Monday announcing Singh's visit. On the sidelines of the meeting, Singh is likely to hold bilateral talks with his counterparts of some participating countries. During the meeting, the defence ministers are expected to deliberate upon a number of issues concerning the defence and security of the region. Issues related to international peace, counter-terrorism and defence cooperation among

SCO member states will also be discussed. This year's SCO meeting is taking place against the backdrop of geopolitical turmoil being witnessed due to the situation in West Asia. The SCO, one of the largest political and economic organisations of the region, may discuss measures to reduce the impact of the ongoing conflict. The SCO is an inter-governmental organisation established on June 15, 2001 in Shanghai, China. Its membership includes India, Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Iran and Belarus. India became a full member in 2017 and assumed the rotating chairmanship in 2023.

Bharadwaj to Chadha: Notice period mandatory despite toxic workplaces

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A political row has erupted within the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) after its Delhi unit chief Saurabh Bharadwaj strongly criticised Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha for comparing the party to a "toxic workplace" while justifying his exit and subsequent merger with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The controversy began after Chadha, along with six other AAP Rajya Sabha MPs, announced their decision to join the BJP. Defending his move, Chadha said that when a workplace becomes toxic—where employees are restricted, their efforts suppressed, and their voices silenced—the right course of action is to leave. He likened his political departure to such a scenario, suggesting that his experience within AAP had become un-



tenable. Responding sharply, Bharadwaj dismissed the analogy, arguing that political parties are not comparable to workplaces. He emphasized that ideology, not convenience, is the foundation of political affiliation. "There is nothing to do with ideology in changing a company. But if someone agrees with a political party's ideology, only then does he join it," he stated in a video message shared on social media. Bharadwaj further underlined the importance of professional ethics, even in a corporate set-

ting. He noted that employees who resign from a company typically serve a notice period to ensure a smooth transition, rather than attempting to damage the organisation's reputation. Drawing a parallel, he accused Chadha of failing to exit the party respectfully and instead acting in a manner that harmed AAP's image. The AAP leader also alleged that Chadha's move was influenced by external pressures, including scrutiny from investigative agencies. According to him, Chadha

had begun aligning himself with the BJP well before formally announcing his departure, thereby betraying the party's trust. Adding to the criticism, Bharadwaj claimed that several issues raised by Chadha in Parliament—such as affordable food at airports, mobile recharge concerns, paternity leave, and gig workers' rights—were already in line with the BJP's broader agenda. Chadha was among seven AAP MPs, including Harbhajan Singh, Swati Malival, Vikramjit Sahney, Sandeep Pathak, Ashok Mittal, and Rajinder Gupta, who merged with the BJP. Following approval by the Rajya Sabha Chairman, the BJP's strength in the Upper House rose to 113, while AAP's representation declined significantly to just three members, marking a major political setback for the party.

ED Raids In Punjab Over Money Laundering Probe Against DIG

PUNJAB
Wakeup telangana

The Enforcement Directorate on Monday conducted searches at multiple locations in Punjab in connection with a money laundering probe against suspended police DIG Harcharan Singh Bhullar and entities linked to him. Officials said about 11 premises in Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Patiala, Nabha and Jalandhar linked to Bhullar, his associates and suspected benamidars were covered



under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The searches were carried out with support from central paramilitary personnel. The probe follows registration of an Enforcement Case Information Report after a case was

filed by the CBI. Investigators alleged that Bhullar sought illegal gratification through a middleman to settle a criminal case and possessed assets disproportionate to known sources of income. The searches aim to trace proceeds of crime, identify benami assets and gather evidence. Bhullar, who was posted as DIG (Ropar Range), and an alleged middleman, Krishnau, were arrested by the CBI in October 2025 following a complaint by a scrap

dealer. The CBI had laid a trap in Chandigarh and apprehended the middleman while he was allegedly accepting Rs 5 lakh as part of an alleged Rs 8 lakh bribe. It also seized Rs 7.50 crore in cash and 2.5 kg of gold jewellery from Bhullar's premises. The Supreme Court recently declined to entertain Bhullar's bail plea and granted him liberty to approach the Punjab and Haryana High Court if the trial does not commence within two months.

BJD Moves To Disqualify 8 MLAs Over Alleged Cross-Voting In Rajya Sabha

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Monday initiated steps to seek the disqualification of eight of its MLAs, including six recently suspended members, for alleged cross-voting during the Rajya Sabha elections in Odisha. The move was finalised at a meeting of the BJD Legislative Party held at Sankha Bhawan in Bhubaneswar. Following the meeting, party legislators approached Assembly



Speaker Surama Padhy and formally pressed for the disqualification of the concerned members under anti-defection provisions. The six MLAs accused of cross-voting are Devi Ranjan Tripathy, Souvic Biswal, Ramakanta Bhoi, Naba Mallick, Subasini Jena, and

Chakramani Kanhar. All six were suspended by the party after the Rajya Sabha polls. Earlier, the BJD had also suspended Patkura MLA Arvind Mohapatra and Champua MLA Sanatan Mahakud. The party is now seeking disqualification of all eight legislators. Sources said the earlier suspensions were intended to act as a deterrent. However, the alleged cross-voting by the six MLAs is believed to have impacted the outcome of the Rajya Sabha election, leading

to the defeat of BJD candidate Dr Datteswar Hota. The timing of the move has drawn attention, with the party acting on the 42nd day since the election, close to the 45-day window mandated for filing disqualification petitions before the Speaker. The issue had also been raised earlier by the Congress. The development is being viewed in political circles as significant, particularly in the context of the upcoming special session of the Odisha Assembly.

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gested that the woman could pursue remedies such as maintenance for the child and encouraged both parties to consider mediation. "Even if he goes to jail, what will she gain? We can consider maintenance for the child, who is now seven years old. At least some monetary support should be ensured," Justice Nagarathna said. The apex court issued notice in the matter and asked the parties to explore the possibility of a settlement.

Iran Sends New.....

The proposal delivered via Pakistan suggests a two-stage plan focused first on resolving the maritime crisis and lifting the US naval blockade. It includes either an extended ceasefire or a per-

manent end to the conflict. Under the plan, nuclear talks would begin only later, after maritime routes are reopened and the blockade is removed. While the White House has received the proposal, it remains unclear whether the US is willing to consider it. Araghchi has recently engaged in shuttle diplomacy between Pakistan and Oman and is expected to hold talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Meanwhile, Trump has expressed reluctance to send negotiators abroad, saying discussions could happen by phone instead. Although large-scale fighting subsided after US-Israeli strikes on February 28, no formal peace agreement has been reached. The conflict has caused thousands of casualties and global economic

Ladakh Body Seeks...

The LAB and KDA have been in dialogue with the Centre since 2021 over their four-point agenda. Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk said the LAB had discussed the home minister's April 30 visit and the upcoming sub-committee meeting, stressing that Ladakh's issues have dragged on for five to six years and require resolution. He said the home minister's visit is viewed as an opportunity for "meaningful and constructive dialogue," noting that sub-committee-level discussions, held at the level of secretaries, lack decision-making authority.

CRIME

High Court Fines CDSCO ₹50,000 for Wrongful Prosecution

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court has imposed Rs 50,000 costs on the drug inspection authority of the Central Drug Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) for abuse of authority in invoking criminal proceedings against a retired employee, without application of mind. Jukanti Anil Kumar passed the orders on a criminal petition filed by A.K. Gupta, zonal manager (retired), Hindustan Antibiotics Limited. A criminal case was invoked with Gupta as Accused No. 1 based on a complaint filed by the drug authorities in March, 2012, regarding substandard medicines supplied to the Railway Hospital at Lalaguda. Samples of



Roxithromycin Tablets IP 150 mg, drawn in 2010 from the hospital, were found to be "not of standard quality" by the Central Drugs Laboratory, Kolkata. A complaint was filed in 2012 under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. The drug was manufactured in March 2009, and petitioner Gupta had retired on January 31, 2009. Calling the prosecution "a clear case of non-application of mind," Justice Ju-

kanti observed that it "defies logic" to hold a retired employee accountable for alleged lapses in manufacturing that occurred after his exit from the company. "Setting criminal law into motion without any substantive material amounts to abuse of process," the court held, cautioning enforcement agencies against mechanical prosecution. The court noted that if acts of this nature were

permitted to set criminal law into motion, holding individuals to be responsible when there was no involvement, it would amount to abuse of the process of the court. Initiation of criminal proceedings or setting criminal law into motion affected the citizen's right to freedom and liberty granted under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The judge said that the courts could not aid authorities who in responsible positions act in such a hasty manner to indict an employee, without any substantial material before them. The court imposed costs of ₹50,000 on the drug authorities, directing payment to the petitioner within four weeks, citing the need to compensate for unwarranted litigation and to deter such lapses in the future.

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

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

Auto Driver Jailed for 20 Years in Minor Assault Case

The Rangareddy district Fast-Track Special Court on Monday sentenced Shadnagar Arun, an autorickshaw driver from Hanuman Nagar Colony, Rajendranagar, to 20 years' rigorous imprisonment for abducting and sexually assaulting a minor. The court also imposed a fine of ₹8,000 and directed payment of ₹3 lakh compensation to the victim. Police said that on February 12, 2019, Arun lured the victim with a false promise of marriage, took her to a temple, and performed a sham marriage. He then subjected her to repeated sexual assault despite knowing she was underage.

Boy drowns in Kushaiguda pool

An 11-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool at a sports complex in Kushaiguda on Monday evening. The deceased, a Class VI student at ECIL, and resident of BN Reddy Nagar, Cherlapally, had gone to the pool at Sportivo Sports Arena when the incident occurred. According to initial information, he drowned under circumstances yet to be ascertained. Staff and others rushed him out of the water and shifted him to a nearby private hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

OU student critical after suicide attempt

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 20-year-old engineering student sustained critical injuries after attempting suicide on the campus of Osmania University on Monday morning. The incident occurred near the women's technical hostel around 9:15 am, triggering panic among students in the vicinity. According to police, the victim is a first-year mining engineering student. He was immediately rushed to Gandhi Hospital by authorities and is currently undergoing treatment. Confirming the situation, Osmania University Station House Officer M. Mahesh stated that the student's condition remains critical and he is under close medical supervision in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Preliminary investigations revealed that this was the student's third suicide attempt in the past six months. Police sources indicated that he was reportedly distressed due to a failed relationship, which may have contributed to the repeated attempts. His family members from Mahabubabad district have been informed and have since reached Hyderabad. Eyewitnesses described a chaotic scene

as the student was heard screaming before running out of the hostel premises, causing alarm among female students nearby. Several rushed to alert authorities while others sought help from fellow students. In a courageous effort to save him, three of his college mates intervened and managed to rescue him, though they too sustained injuries during the process. They were also provided medical assistance. Doctors at Gandhi Hospital confirmed that the student remains in a critical state, with continuous monitoring and treatment underway.

doctors declared him dead on arrival. Based on a complaint lodged by his friend Shokin, also a JCB operator, police registered a case. The complainant alleged that the JCB owner, contractor, and house owner had assigned the demolition work without ensuring proper safety measures, leading to the fatal accident. Police booked Kunsam Muthiah, Orsu Yugandar, and Balki Ram Chander Singh in connection with the incident. Investigation is underway to ascertain lapses in safety protocols and fix responsibility.

Excavator operator dies in building collapse

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 29-year-old excavator operator died after a portion of a building collapsed on the machine during demolition work at Vattinagulapally in Gandipet mandal on Monday. Gachibowli police registered a case against three persons for negligence. The victim, Sakir, a native of Rajasthan, had moved to Hyderabad two months ago and was staying with friends in Bheeruguda. Police said the incident occurred in the afternoon while he was



operating the excavator at a house demolition site. The roof of the first floor suddenly collapsed onto the vehicle, trapping him inside. Sakir suffered severe

chest compression and suffocation, though no visible external injuries were found. He was rushed to a private hospital in Nallagandla, where

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

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

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



Digitrac Series Expanded: Escorts Kubota Launches 3 New Tractors

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Escorts Kubota Limited has expanded its Digitrac tractor lineup under the Powertrac brand, launching three new models and transforming the range into a full-fledged series targeting the 45–55 HP segment. With this move, the Digitrac portfolio grows from two to five models, aimed at meeting the evolving needs of modern farmers and heavy haulage applications across India. The newly introduced models include the Digitrac PP 46i 4WD, Digitrac PP 43i Plus, and Digitrac PP 41i. These join the existing PP 46i and PP 43i models, which have already contributed significantly to Powertrac's sales, especially among



young and aspirational farmers attracted by their design and performance.

All five tractors in the series are equipped with advanced features such as

higher engine capacity, bigger tyres, side-shift gear systems, and a 12 forward plus 3 reverse constant mesh gearbox. They also come with independent PTO (iPTO) and a strong hydraulic lifting capacity of 2000 kg, enabling compatibility with modern implements like Super Seeders, Reapers, Reversible MB Ploughs, and Laser Levellers. Notably, the Digitrac PP 43i Plus offers a top speed of up to 39.9 km/h, positioning it among the fastest in its category.

This marks Escorts Kubota's fourth major tractor launch since February 2025, following the introduction of new models across its three brands—Kubota, Farmtrac, and Powertrac—catering to premium,

mid-range, and value segments respectively. The Digitrac series continues to strengthen Powertrac's presence in the value segment while delivering features typically seen in higher horsepower tractors. Company leadership emphasized that the expansion reflects a strategic push to enhance market position and respond to the growing demand for advanced yet affordable farm machinery.

The Digitrac series, marketed with the theme "Style to Kill, Performance to Thrill," aims to make high-end capabilities more accessible to farmers without compromising on fuel efficiency or value. The expanded Digitrac series is now available across authorized Powertrac dealerships nationwide.

HJF 2026 Returns with Retail Symposium, New Pavilions

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The 18th edition of the Hyderabad Jewellery Pearl & Gem Fair (HJF 2026), organised by Informa Markets in India in association with Hitech City Jewellery Manufacturers Association, will be held from May 8–10 at HITECH Exhibition Centre. Positioned as South India's leading B2B jewellery sourcing platform, the event introduces its first-ever Jewellery Retail Symposium alongside several curated showcases.

The newly launched symposium will serve as a national thought leadership platform, featuring 20 industry experts across four panel discussions focused on evolving consumer trends, retail transformation, and technology-led growth. It is supported by the Dubai Business Group for Gold & Jewellery Designers, adding global perspective to the discussions. Expanding its



offerings, HJF 2026 debuts the Zaveri Bazaar Pavilion, connecting South Indian buyers with leading manufacturers from Mumbai's iconic Zaveri Bazaar. Additional highlights include dedicated Silver and Machinery Pavilions, showcasing affordable jewellery segments and advanced manufacturing solutions.

The event will also feature the Artisan Zone, spotlighting Karimnagar's silver filigree craftsmanship through live demonstrations, and a CAD Design Pavilion focused on modern jewellery innovation. 'Samvad with Renu Chaudhary,' an on-

site podcast, will further amplify industry insights. According to Yogesh Mudras, South India contributes nearly 40% of India's gold consumption, driven by weddings and cultural demand. With the market approaching USD 130 billion, HJF aims to support future-ready retail and stronger trade networks. The expo is expected to attract buyers from across southern and western India, featuring leading brands and supported by key industry associations, reinforcing its role as a major trade platform ahead of the peak wedding season.

Haier Launches AI-Powered F11 Washing Machine with Ultra Fresh Air Tech



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Haier Appliances India has launched its new F11 washing machine series in India, introducing the country's only Ultra Fresh Air Technology along with a Full AI Color Touch Panel. Aimed at modern households, the F11 range focuses on improving hygiene, simplifying usage, and delivering intelligent performance to address everyday laundry challenges such as odour, detergent

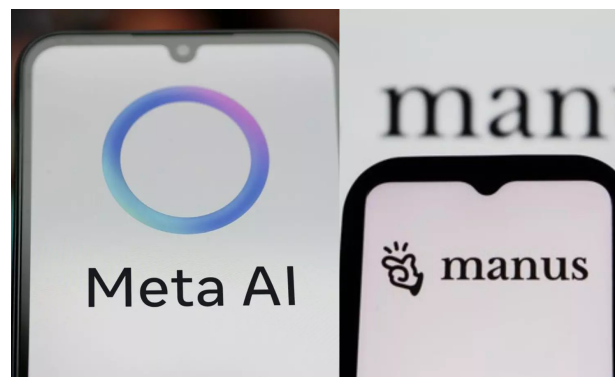
wastage, and complicated controls. The standout feature of the F11 series is its Ultra Fresh Air Technology, which keeps clothes fresh and odour-free for up to 12 hours after the wash cycle. This is particularly useful for users who may not immediately unload laundry, as the system continuously circulates fresh air inside the drum to prevent musty smells. The washing machine also comes with a large, intuitive Full AI Color Touch Panel that allows users to easily select programs, monitor wash

cycles, and customise settings. Dedicated wash modes for fabrics like sarees, jeans, and cotton further enhance convenience, making it suitable for diverse Indian clothing needs. Powered by Essence Wash technology, the F11 automatically adjusts detergent usage based on the laundry load, helping reduce wastage and ensuring optimal cleaning. Its Instant Dissolve Premix feature creates a microbubble solution for faster detergent dissolution, while the 3D Power Spraying system

sprays this solution directly onto fabrics for deeper and more effective cleaning. The AI One-Touch function simplifies operations by analysing the load and automatically selecting the best wash and dry settings with a single press. Additional smart features include AI Wash, which detects fabric type and stain level, and AI Dynamic Balance Technology (AI-DBT), which minimises noise and vibration during high-speed spinning. Designed for efficiency and fabric care, the F11 includes a

525 mm pillow-shaped super drum for better movement and protection of clothes, along with Dual Spray technology to prevent residue buildup inside the machine. Manufactured in India, the F11 series supports the 'Make in India' initiative. It is available in 12 kg capacity across washer and washer-dryer variants, priced at ₹53,800 and ₹64,000 respectively, and comes with a four-year comprehensive warranty and a 12-year motor warranty.

China Blocks Meta's Bid to Acquire AI Startup Manus



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China on Monday blocked Meta's acquisition of the artificial intelligence startup Manus, which has Chinese roots but is Singapore-based. In a short statement, China's National Development and Reform Commission, the country's top planning agency, said it was prohibiting a foreign acquisition of Manus and had required all the parties to withdraw from the deal. It did not specifically name Meta, which owns Facebook and Instagram. Meta had said there would be "no continuing Chinese ownership interests in Manus" and that Manus would discontinue its services and opera-

tions in China. But China said in January that it would investigate whether the acquisition would be consistent with its laws and regulations. China's commerce ministry said at the time that any enterprises engaging in outward investment, technology exports, data transfers and cross-border acquisitions must comply with Chinese law. Meta had said most of Manus' employees were based in Singapore. Meta said on Monday in a response that the transaction "complied fully with applicable law." "We anticipate an appropriate resolution to the inquiry," the California-based company said in a statement.

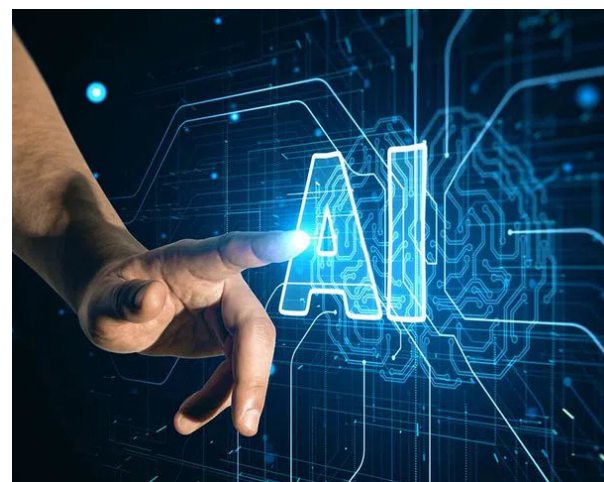
India set for AI-led venture capital growth as global funding hits record \$330.9 billion

Global venture capital funding more than doubled to USD 330.9 billion in Q1 2026, driven by AI megadeals. India is expected to benefit from rising AI investments, although adoption remains nascent, according to a KPMG report

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India is set to witness a surge in venture capital (VC) inflows driven by artificial intelligence (AI), even as global funding hit a record \$330.9 billion in the first quarter of 2026, according to a report by KPMG. The sharp rise from \$128.6 billion in Q4 2025 underscores a strong shift in investor focus toward AI-led megadeals.

However, the number of deals declined from 10,097 to 8,464 during the same period, signalling a clear transition toward fewer but significantly larger investments. "AI-first businesses are expected to see strong demand going forward and are likely to drive the next phase of VC investment growth in India," said Nitish Poddar, Partner and National Leader for Private Equity at KPMG in India. The re-



port highlights that while India remains at a relatively early stage in AI adoption and service delivery, the sector is rapidly emerging as a key investment theme. This positions the country to benefit from the global pivot toward AI-driven innovation in the coming years. Globally, investment activity was heavily concentrated in large transactions. Ten megadeals worth over \$2 billion each accounted for more than \$206 billion of total funding, with most of these investments directed toward AI com-

panies, particularly in the United States. The Americas dominated the global VC landscape, contributing over 80 percent of total funding during the quarter.

Investments in the region surged to \$270.1 billion, with the United States alone accounting for \$267.2 billion—more than double its previous record. In comparison, Europe recorded \$25.7 billion in VC investments, marking a 14-quarter high, while Asia reached \$31.8 billion, a 12-quarter high, indi-

ating a gradual recovery in both regions. Sector-wise, software continued to attract the largest share of VC funding, drawing a record \$225.2 billion in Q1 2026—nearly matching the total investment seen in the entire previous year. This trend further reinforces the dominance of AI and digital technologies in shaping global investment flows. Exit activity also saw significant growth, with global exit value more than doubling to \$413.5 billion, largely driven by large-scale mergers and acquisitions. However, initial public offering (IPO) activity remained relatively subdued during the quarter. Despite the strong momentum, the report cautions that geopolitical tensions, rising oil prices, and persistent inflationary pressures could pose risks to VC investment trends in the near term.

Lanxess Commissions New Blending Facility in Gujarat

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Lanxess, a German specialty chemicals company, has inaugurated a new blending plant for specialty lubricant additives with an investment of Rs 150 crore at its manufacturing site in Jhagadia, Gujarat to cater to customers in India, the Middle East and other global markets. The facility has been developed with a strong focus on energy efficiency and responsible environmental practices, the company said, adding it is also pursuing partnerships with state-owned oil firms as part of its India growth strategy.

This facility marks a significant expansion of the company's lubricant additives business in India and other markets. "The new facility is intended to support consistent delivery, faster response, and stronger technical collaboration with customers as demand evolves," said Hubert Fink, Member of the Board of Management at Lanxess AG. He added that India has become one of the fastest growing markets for Lanxess, supported by sustained in-

vestments, expanding manufacturing capabilities and rise in demand for localized production. "India stands at the forefront of global economic growth, offering significant opportunities across industries," Fink noted. "Through prudent investments and a focus on sustainable growth, we aim to contribute meaningfully to India's evolving industrial landscape," he said. "Lanxess' lubricant additives business continues to scale its capabilities in India, building closer alignment between global strategy and local execution," said Neelanjana Banerjee, Senior Vice President and Global Head of the Business Unit Lubricant Additives, Lanxess. He said India is the third largest lubricants market in the world and a key growth region for Lanxess. "To participate in this key market, we set up our Application Technology Center in 2025. The commissioning of this new production site in India is a next milestone for us and a strong testament to the 'Make in India' initiative," he noted.

Raashii Khanna opens up on choosing emotionally layered roles

Actress Raashii Khanna continues to carve a niche for herself with a diverse filmography spanning Bollywood and the South Indian film industries. Known for choosing layered and emotionally nuanced roles, the actress recently shared insights into the kind of characters that resonate deeply with her. Taking to Instagram on Monday, Raashii revealed that she is particularly drawn to roles that portray an illusion of strength while hiding emotional depth beneath the surface.

In her post, she reflected on the complexity of such characters, writing, "I have always been drawn to characters who look like they are holding it together but are carrying something much heavier underneath. Some things don't leave you. They just change the way you move. Coming soon!" The statement hints at yet another intense performance from the actress, building anticipation among her fans.

On the professional front, Raashii is gearing up for



the release of her upcoming OTT series "Lukkhe," which is set to premiere on Prime Video on May 8. The series promises a gritty narrative set in

Chandigarh, exploring the intersection of rap culture, ambition, and crime. Alongside Raashii, the show features rapper King, Lakshvir Singh

Saran, Nakul Roshan Sahdev, Kritika Bharadwaj, Shivankit Parihar, Yograaj Singh, and Ayesha Raza Mishra in pivotal roles.

The story revolves around rival rappers MC Badnaam and OG, whose personal vendetta escalates into a gripping tale of revenge and redemption, blurring the boundaries between art and hostility. In addition to "Lukkhe," Raashii is set to reprise her role as Megha in the second season of Farzi, starring Shahid Kapoor and Vijay Sethupathi. The first season received widespread acclaim, and the sequel is eagerly awaited by audiences. Her upcoming projects also include "Talakhon Mein Ek" alongside Vikrant Massey and "Bridge with R. Madhavan. Additionally, she is working on an untitled film directed by Anees Bazmee, featuring Akshay Kumar and Vidya Balan. With a strong lineup and a clear inclination toward meaningful storytelling, Raashii Khanna continues to evolve as a versatile performer in Indian cinema.

Kajal Aggarwal's 'The India Story' to hit screens on July 24



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The makers of Kajal Aggarwal and Shreyas Talpade-led socio-national drama, "The India Story," have finally locked in on a release date.

Directed by Chettan DK and produced and written by Sagar B Shinde, the drama will reach the cinema halls on July 24 this year.

Sharing the release date with the netizens, the makers wrote on social media, "The poison was never in the fields alone. It was in the silence. #TheIndiaStory, Slow Poison in Progress. Coming in cinemas on 24th July 2026...Releasing in 3 languages #Hindi #Tamil #Telugu (sic)." "The India Story" sheds light on the alarming consequences of chemical

misuse, especially in the context of pesticide farming and related scandals.

Applauding the collective efforts behind the project, director Chettan DK said, "Every member of the team, from the crew to the cast, has put in immense dedication to bring authenticity to this story. Kajal and Shreyas have delivered incredibly nuanced performances, and their commitment has truly elevated the film. We've worked hard to ensure that the narrative remains both engaging and impactful."

Sharing the motivation behind the movie, producer Sagar B Shinde added, "We chose to tell this story because it reflects a reality that often goes unnoticed but impacts countless lives across the country. The misuse of chemicals,

especially in pesticide farming, is not just an environmental concern; it's a human crisis. Through this film, we hope to raise awareness and initiate meaningful conversations around accountability and change."

Backed by Sumit Bagade, Anita Jadhav, Vinayak Saidani, Kalpesh Shah, Devyani Khorate, and Prem Joshi, the film will enjoy camera work by Nishant Bhagwat with the music scored by Mangesh Dhakde.

The technical crew of the drama further includes Ashish Mhatre as the editor, Shakeel Azami as lyricist and Anmol Bhavne as the sound designer. "The India Story" will be released in multiple languages, including Hindi, Telugu, and Tamil.

Kotari, Sruthi Clinch Telangana Bowling Titles



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Gandhi Kotari and Sruthi Adhini emerged as champions in the inaugural Telangana State Ranking Tenpin Bowling Tournament held at Game Xtreme, Hitech City, Hyderabad.

Kotari secured the men's title with a commanding 55-pin victory over top seed Prem Sai in the finals, registering a cumulative score of 390-335 across two games. He established dominance early, build-

ing a 56-pin lead in the first game (212-156), and maintained composure in the second despite a narrow one-pin deficit (178-179).

In the stepladder round leading up to the final, Rakshith Raghav defeated Naveen Siddam by 52 pins (378-326) in Match 1. Kotari then edged past Raghav by just six pins (350-344) in Match 2 to book his place in the final.

In the women's division, Sruthi Adhini delivered a consistent performance to defeat

Sindhura by 27 pins (273-246).

She took an early 17-pin lead in the first game (131-114) and extended it in the second (142-132) to seal the title.

Leaderboard: Gandhi Kotari (1st), Prem Sai (2nd), Rakshith Raghav (3rd), Naveen Siddam (4th).

Special Awards: K Ratna Raju recorded the highest 6-game average (196.66), while Prem Sai topped the 18-game average (196.00).

RCB bowlers script historic powerplay demolition of DC

NEW DELHI
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Royal Challengers Bengaluru rode a storm of sheer pace fury to annihilate Delhi Capitals by nine wickets in their IPL clash here on Monday, after unleashing a powerplay spell so vicious that it virtually ended the contest within the first three overs.

It was carnage of the highest order, a powerplay ambush so brutal that the Delhi Capitals never quite recovered as RCB unleashed a devastating new-ball spell to script one of the most dramatic openings in IPL history. Josh Hazlewood (4/12) and Bhuvneshwar Kumar (3/5) turned the powerplay into a demolition act, ripping through Delhi with two ruthless three-over spells that left the hosts gasping at 13 for six.

Only Abhishek Porel (30), David Miller (19) and Kyle Jamieson (12) reached double-digit scores. The home team scored eight fours and a six.

Delhi could manage only 75 in 16.3 overs and eventually escaped the igno-



miny of posting the lowest IPL score. RCB had managed 49 in 2017 against Kolkata Knight Riders.

Chasing a modest target, RCB openers Virat Kohli (23) and Jacob Bethell (20) ensured a smooth start.

There were no hiccups except that Bethell was done in by an exceptional catch by T Natarajan off Kyle Jamieson.

Devdutt Padikkal scored a fluent 34 as solid RCB batting took the game away from Delhi in no time.

Kohli's trademark composure combined with Pa-

dikkal's free-flowing strokeplay made the chase a mere formality as the duo raced past the finish line with ease in 6.3 overs, capping off a dominant night for the visitors.

The packed house came to watch their favourite batter but Kohli did not get the opportunity to enthrall his fans much due to a small target. The local boy ended the match with consecutive sixes off T Natarajan.

From the dizzying high of piling up 264 in a batting spectacle that still somehow ended in defeat against Punjab Kings, the

fall for Delhi was dramatic.

The same batting unit that was brimming with intent suddenly appeared tentative, brittle and out of answers, undone by relentless pressure and disciplined bowling.

It was a stark reminder of the format's unforgiving nature, where dominance can swiftly give way to disarray and confidence can evaporate almost overnight.

The RCB bowlers reduced Delhi to survival mode inside the first three overs, their relentless accuracy and movement turning the contest one-sided almost instantly.

The mayhem began as early as the second ball of the innings when Bhuvneshwar Kumar produced an in-dipping yorker to uproot debutant Sahil Parakh's middle stump, setting the tone for what followed: absolute destruction.

If that was a warning shot, Hazlewood turned it into a full-blown collapse. The Australian quick sent shockwaves through the packed stadium by removing last-match centurion KL Rahul (1) and Sameer

Rizvi (0) off successive deliveries.

Rahul miscued a pull shot after the ball climbed on him, while Rizvi edged one as he played away from his body without any visible footwork.

There was no respite. Bhuvneshwar, in complete command of swing and seam, returned to deepen Delhi's misery by dismissing Tristan Stubbs (5). Stubbs tried to jab at a length delivery and the outside edge flew safely into the hands of Devdutt Padikkal at slip.

Moments later, the carnage reached its crescendo. Delhi skipper Axar Patel (0) fell without troubling the scorers, nicking a teasing outswinger behind as stunned silence engulfed the home crowd.

In the blink of an eye, the Capitals were reduced to an unthinkable 8 for 5 in just three overs and soon 9 for 6, a collapse so surreal it felt scripted for drama rather than sport.

The RCB pacers had not just struck but dismantled, humiliated and completely outplayed a batting lineup that looked shell-shocked and bereft of answers.

BRS marks 25 years milestone celebrations

KCR resets BRS strategy, links future election tickets to grassroots work

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BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao has signalled a major course correction within the party, making it clear that future election tickets will be awarded strictly based on grassroots performance and commitment to public issues. At an extended State executive committee meeting at Telangana Bhavan, he combined organisational overhaul with a sharp political attack on the Congress government. In a clear message to party leaders, Chandrashekhara Rao said there would be no place for complacency or divided loyalties. He warned that leaders who fail to stand with people and the party cadre or violate party discipline would face removal.

val. "Recognition will come only through work on the ground," he asserted, cautioning against relying on social media optics or political theatrics.

The party has already decided to dissolve all committees except the State committee, paving the way for a complete restructuring. A fresh membership drive will be launched, followed by the formation of new committees from the booth level upwards. The BRS chief directed that only active workers should be given roles, and not those backed by personal lobbying. He also promised to personally examine complaints of bias in appointments. Training will be provided to at least 200 workers in each constituency, indicating a push to rebuild cadre strength.



Chandrashekhara Rao sought to sharpen the party's focus on farmers' issues. He observed that the Congress government failed to ensure timely procurement of paddy and demanded that every grain produced by farmers be

purchased. He accused the government of weakening schemes like Rythu Bandhu and pushing farmers into distress. He called on party cadres to confront the government on procurement and stand firmly with farmers.

His speech also indicated at a broader attempt at introspection. Despite highlighting the BRS government's welfare record, he asked the party leaders to introspect on why the party lost the Assembly elections.

KTR Vows Continued BRS Fight for Telangana Interests

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao reiterated the party's commitment to its core Telangana agenda and stated that the party rededicated itself under the leadership of K Chandrashekhara Rao to safeguard the State's interests. He asserted that the party's pink flag represented the struggle of people who endured decades of injustice.

Celebrating the 26th Formation Day of BRS, Rama Rao hoisted the party flag at Telangana Bhavan on Monday. Legislative Council Leader of the Opposition S Madhusudhanachari, MLAs, MPs and other



senior leaders also participated in the celebrations. On the occasion, they paid tributes to Professor Jayashankar and Telangana martyrs. Speaking on the occasion, Rama Rao accused both the Congress and the BJP of pushing the State towards chaotic governance and called for united resistance. He exuded confidence that Chandrashekhara Rao would return as Chief Minister in 2028. He urged party cadres and supporters to remain

united and work towards restoring a stable and development-focused leadership in the State. He recalled that BRS was founded 25 years ago by K Chandrashekhara Rao after he resigned from key posts to fight for a separate Telangana State. He said the party played a central role in mobilising people and achieving statehood after years of struggle. He reminded that the party played its role in the statehood movement for 14 years, followed by being the ruling party for a decade and now as the principal opposition. He vowed that the BRS would continue to act as the voice of the people and fight for their rights against the Congress's misuse.

BRS founded 25 years ago made Telangana dream a reality: Harish Rao

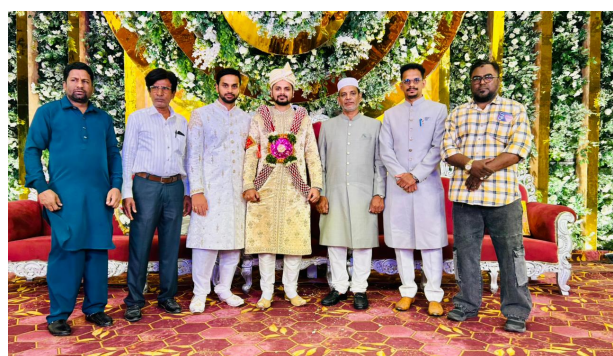
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Former Minister T. Harish Rao on Sunday asserted that the dream of Telangana would not have been realised if the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) had not been founded on April 27, 2001. Addressing a gathering after participating in a spiritual programme in Duddeda near Siddipet, he said the people of Telangana would not be living with self-respect today without the movement spearheaded by BRS founder K. Chandrashekhara Rao

nearly 25 years ago. He credited KCR for leading the 14-year-long struggle from the front and uniting people from all walks of life for statehood. Harish Rao highlighted that major achievements such as the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project and the formation of Siddipet district became possible only after the creation of Telangana. He said these milestones transformed the region's agricultural and administrative landscape, improving livelihoods and governance. The former minister, who played an

active role in the agitation, noted that BRS ignited the Telangana spirit among the masses and ensured widespread participation in the movement.

He said the party became a symbol of hope and determination during the struggle for statehood. On the occasion of the party's 26th foundation day, Harish Rao extended his greetings to Telangana movement activists, BRS cadres, and people across the state, urging them to continue working for the progress and self-respect of Telangana.



Adv. Mir Qurrum Ali attended the Valima ceremony of Syed Azher Ahmed, Clinical Cardiac Perfusionist (Masters), held at Shehnaiz Palace, near Moghal Engineering College, Hyderabad. The occasion was graced by Walid Sahab, Syed Khadeer Ahmed, Naushad, and Syed Azhar Ahmed, along with elders and well-wishers including Big Brother Syed Arif Ahmad, Syed Zaheeruddin Hashmi, Mohd. Ismail, and Mohd. Alamdar Husain, making it a warm and memorable celebration.

Azhar: MLC Nomination a Slap to BRS Remarks

Telangana Minister for Minority Welfare Mohammad Azharuddin hit back at the opposition BRS party's past allegation that he was made a minister only to secure Muslim votes in the Jubilee Hills byelection last year.

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Telangana Minority Welfare Minister Mohammad Azharuddin on Monday described his nomination as a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) as a strong rebuttal to the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), terming it a "slap" to the opposition's earlier criticism. The BRS had previously alleged that Azharuddin was inducted into the Cabinet solely to attract Muslim votes during the Jubilee Hills byelection.

Speaking to reporters after taking oath at the Telangana Legislative Council premises, Azharuddin dismissed these claims and expressed confidence in the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He emphasized that the state government has been actively implementing several welfare and development programmes aimed at uplifting minority communities. According to him, these initiatives reflect the government's genuine com-



mitment rather than political opportunism. Azharuddin also conveyed his gratitude to senior Congress leadership, including Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, and Rahul Gandhi, along with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, for entrusting him with the responsibility. He stated that the opportunity has strengthened his resolve to serve not only minorities but all sections of society. The Minister reiterated his commitment to focus on inclusive development and ensure that welfare schemes effectively reach the intended beneficiaries. He noted that the Chief Minister has been taking proactive measures to im-

prove education, employment opportunities, and social security for minority communities across the state.

Alongside Azharuddin, noted academician M. Kodandaram also took oath as an MLC. The oath was administered by Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, for entrusting him with the responsibility of the Chief Minister, Cabinet colleagues, and other leaders. Governor Shukla had nominated both Azharuddin and Kodandaram under the Governor's quota on April 26, 2026, officially inducting them into the Telangana Legislative Council, marking a significant political development in the state.

Telangana High Court pulls up CDSCO for 'mindless' prosecution

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Justice Jukanti Anil Kumar of the Telangana High Court has imposed costs of Rs 50,000 on officials of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), coming down strongly on what he described as a mechanical and mindless invocation of criminal law against a retired employee. The order was passed in a criminal petition filed by AK Gupta, who had served as Zonal Manager of Hindustan Antibiotics Limited. The prosecution stemmed from a complaint lodged by drug authorities in March 2012, alleging that certain medi-

cines supplied to the South Central Railway Hospital at Lalaguda were of substandard quality.

The case revolved around samples of Roxithromycin Tablets IP 150 mg, drawn in 2010, which were later declared "not of standard quality" by the Central Drugs Laboratory, Kolkata. Acting on this, authorities initiated proceedings under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

However, the Court noted a fundamental flaw: the drug in question had been manufactured in March 2009, while the petitioner had already retired on January 31, 2009. Despite this, he was arrayed as Accused No. 1.

T govt transfers DSP, ACP rank officers; new postings announced

The State government on Monday transferred DSP/ACP rank officers and gave them new postings.

The officers with their new postings are K Narsing Rao - ACP Osmania University, G Jagan - DGP office, K Purushotham Rao - SDPO Jagtial, D Raghuchander - DSP Intelligence, S Madhusudhanachari - SDPO Kamareddy, C Anjaiah - SDPO Vikarabad, T Rajasekhara Reddy - ACP SOT Malkajgiri, N Srinivas Reddy - DGP office, B Ashok - SDPO Asifabad, M Arun Kumar - SDPO Bhadrachalam, P Srinivas - SDPO Nirmal, V Venkat Reddy - ACP Uppal, Malkajgiri, G Ranvaveer Reddy - ACP Chikkadpally, L Ramesh Kumar - DGP office, L R Venkat Reddy - ACP Malakpet, K Subba Rami Reddy.

Hyderabad to be promoted as medical tourism hub: Revanth

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Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday, April 27, said the government is making efforts to promote Hyderabad as a medical tourism hub. Reddy also proposed to construct a state-of-the-art Health City in the Future City being developed on the outskirts here. Speaking after inaugurating the "Hospital of Gratitude" of Apollo Hospitals at the Financial District in Hyderabad on Monday

evening, he said the government has requested the Centre to facilitate direct air connectivity from West Asian countries to Hyderabad for those seeking medical treatment. Talks were also in progress with the airport authority to create a "Green Channel" system to facilitate the swift transfer of patients to hospitals, the Chief Minister said.

He said Telangana means business and that the government is committed to safeguarding the investors who come forward to establish companies.

The CM highlighted that it was Hyderabad in the country that manufactured some of the COVID-19 vaccines and supplied them to the entire world during the pandemic. The friendly ecosystem helped in the production of 40 per cent of the country's bulk drugs from Hyderabad, he said.

He recalled that Apollo opened its first hospital in Chennai 46 years ago and hailed its founder, Pratap C Reddy, for being a pioneer in establishing numerous hospitals across the country.

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