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Narendra Modi Calls Bengal BJP Victory a Historic Turning Point

BJP Begins New Chapter in Bengal as Suwendu Adhikari Takes Oath as First BJP Chief Minister



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Narendra Modi turned the swearing-in ceremony of West Bengal's first BJP government into a massive political spectacle at the historic Brigade Parade Ground on Saturday, declaring the moment the beginning of a "new chapter of hope, dignity and good governance" for the state. Thousands of BJP supporters gathered at the iconic venue from early morning as Modi arrived in an open-roof vehicle alongside newly sworn-in Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari and state BJP president Samik Bhattacharya. The Prime Minister greeted the crowd while waving to party workers lining the route. Soon after reaching the

dais, Modi performed a Sashtang Pranam before the gathering and later shared a message on social media, saying, "I bow to the Jana Shakti of West Bengal." Calling the day historic, he said May 9, 2026, would remain etched in history as the day Bengal witnessed the formation of its first BJP government. Congratulating Adhikari, Modi said the new Chief Minister remained closely connected with the people of Bengal and understood their aspirations. He expressed confidence that the new government would work towards development and effective governance in the state. The Prime Minister also met 97-year-old Makhanlal Sarkar, a veteran nationalist leader who had accompanied Syama Prasad Mookerjee during his journey to Jammu and Kashmir decades ago. Modi touched Sarkar's feet and praised his lifelong contribution to nationalist politics and the BJP's growth in West Bengal. In another social media post, Modi described Sar-

kar as an inspiration who dedicated his life to strengthening the party and mobilising people across communities. The Prime Minister also paid tribute to Rabindranath Tagore on his birth anniversary observed as

Pochishe Boishakh in Bengal. Calling it a pleasant coincidence, Modi said the oath-taking ceremony taking place on Tagore's birth anniversary added cultural and emotional significance to the historic political event.

PM Modi touches feet of 98 yr BJP worker, Makhanlal Sarkar

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the blessing of a 98-year-old man at the swearing-in ceremony of Suwendu Adhikari in Kolkata this morning. In a grand gesture, PM Modi hugged and touched his feet. This person is Makhanlal Sarkar, a Siliguri resident who was one of the seniormost state leaders during the BJP's initial days. "Today, as the first ever BJP Government takes oath in West Bengal, it is natural for all of us to re-member Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and his everlasting contribution to the nation and West Bengal in particular. No stone will



be left unturned to fulfil his vision. During the swearing in ceremony in Kolkata, had the opportunity to meet Shri Makhanlal Sarkar Ji. A devout nationalist, he worked with Dr. Mookerjee and was even arrested in Jammu and Kashmir while accompanying him," PM Modi posted on X.

CM Seeks Modi Nod For Metro Expansion

The government has proposed the Metro Rail expansion under Phases II and III in partnership with the Centre.

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit here on Sunday and seek speedier approvals for the expansion of Hyderabad Metro Rail, official sources said on Saturday. Revanth Reddy is also expected to submit a detailed representation to Modi for the launch of development programmes, clearance for proposals, funds and key infrastructure projects. Prominent among the Chief Minister's requests are quick approval of the detailed project reports (DPRs) for Metro Rail Phases II and III, financial assistance for the Musi project, approvals for the southern segment of the Regional Ring Road (RRR), and execution of the northern segment of the expressway. Revanth Reddy had last met Modi in Delhi on December 3, 2025, when he had submitted a simi-

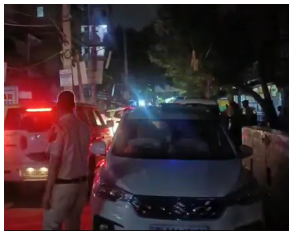


lar wishlist. The government has proposed the Metro Rail expansion under Phases II and III in partnership with the Centre. During the meeting, Revanth Reddy is expected to explain that a comprehensive DPR covering seven corridors under Phase-II has been prepared and submitted to the Union government. He will stress the urgent need for expansion of the Metro Rail network in view of Hyderabad's fast-paced urban growth and increasing transportation demands. The Chief Minister will also inform the Prime Minister that the state government took over Metro Phase-I from L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad Limited on April 30 to ensure seamless integration and coordinated implementation of future

expansion phases. With Phase-I under government control, he is expected to state that execution of Phases II and III would become smoother and more streamlined. According to the proposal submitted to the Centre, the Phase-II expansion plan covers 122.9 km at an estimated cost of ₹38,595 crore. Revanth Reddy will urge Modi to approve the project at the earliest as a joint venture between the Centre and the state government. Highlighting Hyderabad's future urban mobility requirements, the Chief Minister is also expected to request inclusion of the RGIA Airport-Future City corridor under Metro Phase-III. He will inform the Prime Minister that the DPR for this segment has been submitted and that timely approvals would significantly strengthen public transport infrastructure and improve commuter convenience in Hyderabad.

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Delhi On High Alert Over Possible Terror Threat, Security Tightened: Report



The national capital is on high alert following intelligence inputs indicating a possible terror threat. This prompted the Delhi Police and other security agencies to intensify vigil across several sensitive locations, sources said on Saturday. A source said security has been increased at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) headquarters on Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (DDU) Marg and nearby government establishments, with additional deployment of armed personnel, barricading and intensified vehicle checks.

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Plans Afoot to Make Hyderabad Signal Free City: Revanth Reddy

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Saturday underscored the need to develop infrastructure in line with the growing urban population. "We are trying to make Hyderabad a traffic-free city and we are moving forward with plans to make Hyderabad a signal-free city," he said, stating that with modernization and urbanization, the city will have to face more new challenges in the future.



Speaking at the Parliamentary Standing Committee meeting on housing and urban affairs, he said the State government has also decided to bring a three-level system of underpass, surface, and elevated. "Mere expansion of roads is not enough to control the traffic. There is a need to develop a multi-transport system,"

he said. "To overcome the parking problems, we are setting up multi-level parking in the city. We have made plans to develop the state into three parts - CURE, PURE, and RARE," he explained. According to the Chief Minister, the CURE area on the Outer Ring Road has been identified as the service sector while the PURE area outside the ORR and inside the Regional Ring Road has been identified as the manufacturing sector.

Bandi Sanjay's Son Booked under POCSO, Files Counter-complaint of Extortion

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A case under POCSO Act was registered against Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar's son here following allegations of sexual harassment of a minor girl, with the accused alleging extortion and criminal intimidation by the teen and her parents. According to the 17-year-old girl's mother, Sanjay Kumar's son Bhageerath, who was in a relationship with her daughter, sexually harassed her. The alleged

relationship began about seven-eight months ago, police said. They are yet to examine the girl, who is a student. Meanwhile, Bhageerath complained to the police in Karimnagar that the girl who got acquainted to him, invited him to her family functions and group gatherings. An FIR was registered based on the complaint. Bhageerath said in the complaint that, believing the girl's family to be trustworthy, he accompanied them and visited some holy places, as part

of a friends group. Subsequently, the girl and her parents intimidated him to marry her, but he rejected the proposal, following which the girl's parents demanded money and also threatened him with false complaints if he failed to pay the amount. Out of fear, he paid Rs 50,000 to the girl's father, but they demanded Rs five crore. If he failed to comply, the girl's mother would commit suicide, Bhageerath alleged in his complaint.

ED Arrests Punjab Minister Sanjeev Arora in Money Laundering Case

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday arrested Punjab minister Sanjeev Arora in connection with an ongoing Rs 100 crore money laundering investigation linked to alleged fraudulent Goods and Services Tax (GST) transactions, officials said. Arora's arrest came after a day-long search operation carried out across multiple locations associated with him and his business entities. The raids were conducted under the provisions of the Preven-

tion of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. According to officials, ED teams initiated coordinated searches early on Saturday at five premises spread across Delhi, Gurugram and Chandigarh. Of these, four locations were directly linked to Arora and his associated entities, while one office premises belonged to Hampton Sky Realty Limited, which is also under the agency's scanner in the case. Meanwhile, AAP MP Sanjay Singh reacted strongly to the arrest of

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VCK, IUML Extends Support to TVK, Vijay to Meet Governor

CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

Ending the suspense, the VCK on Saturday declared unconditional support to Vijay-led TVK to form the government in Tamil Nadu, and the actor-politician is expected to call on Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar soon. Shortly after VCK's decision to back Vijay, another DMK ally, the IUML also extended support to TVK. IUML has two MLAs. With the two small parties' support, the numbers in favour of TVK rose to 120, two



more than the simple majority mark of 118 in the 234-member Tamil Nadu Assembly. Putting an end to speculation and uncertainty over the new dispensation, TVK leader Adhav Arjuna

told reporters that the VCK has extended support to his party. Senior VCK leader Vanni Arasu, also the legislature party leader, has addressed a letter to Governor Arlekar declaring support to TVK.

"Victory" said Arjuna and thanked the Congress, Left parties and the VCK chief Thol Thirumavalavan MP for supporting his party and expressed confidence that TVK founder-chief Vijay would become the Chief Minister. VCK sources said the party, as of now, will extend outside support to Vijay in his bid to form TVK's maiden government. Soon after the Thirumavalavan-led party's decision, the Indian Union Muslim League also assured its support to TVK. Vijay-led Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, with 108

seats, but 10 short of a majority initially, had earlier reached out to the Congress, CPI, CPI (M), VCK and IUML-- all DMK allies, seeking their support to form the government after winning its maiden Assembly election in Tamil Nadu, which was held on April 23. Vijay, who has won from two segments, has to resign from one of them, bringing down the party's strength to 107. The number of MLAs from parties supporting the TVK-- Congress (5) and the CPI, CPI (M), VCK and IUML with two MLAs each, stands at 13.

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KTR Tears Into BJP-Congress Over POCSO Case against the son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar

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K. T. Rama Rao strongly condemned the handling of the POCSO case registered against the son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar, accusing both the BJP-led Central Government and the Congress-led Telangana Government of failing to deliver justice to the victim.

Expressing anguish over the alleged harassment faced by the minor girl and her family, KTR questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the BJP’s “Beti Bachao” slogan, asking whether it was merely a political campaign without real commitment to protect women and chil-



dren. He demanded immediate action against Bandi Sanjay and questioned why the Union Minister had not been removed from office despite the serious allegations involving his son.

KTR also raised concerns over the delay in legal proceedings, asking why the police allegedly failed to act even after the victim reportedly submitted evidence. He questioned whether the minister’s family was being

granted special treatment under the law and demanded that Bandi Sanjay either resign on moral grounds or be dismissed from the Union Cabinet immediately.

Targeting the Congress government in Telangana, KTR alleged that instead of ensuring justice, the state administration was harassing the victim and her family. He said the victim was reportedly forced to struggle for nearly three months be-

fore an FIR was finally registered. Describing the present situation as “Jungle Raj,” he accused the Congress government of failing to protect women in the state.

KTR also questioned Rahul Gandhi, asking whether he would stand by the Hyderabad victim the same way he supported the victim in the Unnao rape case. He asked whether justice and support from Congress leaders applied only selectively.

Strongly condemning the counter-cases filed against the victim, KTR questioned under what legal provisions a minor girl could be booked in honey-trap and extortion cases.

He described the treatment of the victim and

her family as inhuman and expressed concern over reports that the girl had allegedly attempted suicide twice while fighting for justice.

Alleging that the Telangana Congress had become a “franchise” of the BJP, KTR questioned whether both parties had entered into an “unholy understanding” to protect powerful individuals instead of safeguarding the dignity and justice of a minor girl.

He asserted that the incident reflected the “horrible environment” prevailing in society and declared that his party was ready to continue fighting to protect the safety and dignity of every girl child.

“Modi Ji, Don’t Ignore Telangana”: Kavitha

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit to Telangana on Sunday, Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) Chief Kavitha has written an open letter urging the Centre to take immediate decisions on key issues concerning the state’s welfare and backward communities.

In the letter, Kavitha sought national project status for the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, inclusion of BC enumeration in the upcoming 2027 Census, a sub-quota for BC women in the Women’s Reservation Bill, and Presidential approval for Telangana’s 42 percent BC reservation bill.

She described the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy proj-



ect as a lifeline for drought-prone districts such as Mahabubnagar, Ranga Reddy, and Nalgonda. The project is expected to provide irrigation to 12.31 lakh acres, and she demanded 90 percent Central funding along with speedy completion under national project status.

Kavitha also stressed the need for a separate BC column in the national census, stating that the absence of accurate population data has affected welfare implementation

for backward communities across the country.

On women’s reservation, she urged the Centre to ensure a dedicated sub-quota for BC women within the proposed 33 percent reservation in legislatures, saying it would guarantee equal political representation for backward class women.

Referring to the Telangana government’s legislation enhancing BC reservations in education, employment, and local body elections to 42 percent, she appealed to the Centre to facilitate Presidential approval for the bill. Kavitha further called upon BJP MPs from Telangana to raise these issues with the Prime Minister and work towards securing benefits for the state.

‘Kaun Suvendu Banega’ Buzz Among BJP Workers

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

“Kaun Suvendu Banega” has become the buzz phrase among BJP’s committed workers in Telangana after the party’s emphatic victory in the politically tough terrain of West Bengal. With the BJP now positioned as the single largest party in Bengal and Suvendu Adhikari poised to be the state’s first BJP chief minister, Telangana workers are drawing a sharp contrast: the BJP has a bright future in Hyderabad and across the state, but they argue it still lacks a leader who can lead from the front with the same grit, organisation-building and mass connect that Suvendu showed in Bengal. A dedicated BJP worker from Puranapool said many leaders in the state openly campaign to be chief ministers or ministers, but there is hardly any senior face who can walk the same hard ground, selfless struggle



that Suvendu embraced to turn Bengal into a BJP stronghold. “In Bengal he stood in the sun, went to the fields, sat in the streets, and fought the TMC and Congress for years. Here we have a healthy dose of ambition, but not the guts to sweat for the organisation’s growth,” the worker said. Another grassroots worker from Chaitanyapuri added: “Look at Bengal: the BJP was once a marginal force, but with Suvendu’s relentless campaigning, the party now has a government-in-making. The ground in Telangana is more favourable with clear anti-Congress and anti-BRS sentiment,

strong urban middle-class support, and a growing youth base. We don’t need just more faces at the top, we need a leader who can convert this into a permanent majority.”

A senior local leader from Secunderabad echoed this view, saying: “The BJP’s future in Telangana is as promising as in Bengal, but we need a leader who can fight the establishment every day, not just after elections. If we want a Suvendu-style resurgence here, the party must groom someone who stays in the field, speaks the people’s language, and builds the organisation from the ground up.”

Prem Nagar Erupts Over Illegal Kallu Compound Near Temple



Tensions flared in Prem Nagar Basti under Banjara Hills Division after residents and BRS leaders staged a protest against an alleged illegal Kallu compound being set up near the Sai Baba Temple. Locals submitted complaints to the police and excise department, accusing officials of granting permission without obtaining a mandatory No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the community. Protesters claimed the outlet, located barely 80 meters from the temple, was disturbing the spiritual atmosphere and public peace in the area. Demonstrators raised slogans and demanded immediate cancellation of permissions. BRS leader JJa Raju Mudiraj alleged that the land belonged to a BJP leader and warned against hurting public sentiments. Other leaders, including Sridhar Yadav and Naveen Koppula, termed the setup a blatant violation and urged the excise department to revoke the approval immediately, stating that the party would continue fighting for community rights and protection of local traditions.

AAP Telangana Demands Bandi Sanjay Resignation

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Aam Aadmi Party Telangana strongly criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi for allegedly prioritizing political campaigning over addressing the pressing issues faced by the people of Telangana during his visit to the state. The party stated that public welfare concerns were being sidelined in favor of political events and publicity programs. AAP Telangana Working President Burra Ramu Goud said the Prime Minister had failed to respond to several key issues af-



fecting the people, including unemployment among youth, remunerative prices for farmers, rising inflation, and the implementation of promises made by the Central Government to Telangana. He accused the BJP-led Central Government of attempting to divert public attention through political

rallies instead of providing concrete solutions to public problems.

Burra Ramu Goud also referred to the allegations made against the son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar, stating that the issue had become a matter of nationwide discussion and concern. He demanded that Bandi Sanjay step down from his Union Minister post and take moral responsibility until a fair, transparent, and impartial investigation into the allegations is completed.

He further said there should not be separate standards of justice for or-

inary citizens and those holding positions of power. According to him, the Central Government must demonstrate that everyone is equal before the law and that no individual is above legal scrutiny.

The AAP leader announced that the party would organize democratic protest programs during Prime Minister Modi’s Telangana visit and continue its fight against governments that fail to resolve public issues. “People’s trust can only be earned by solving their real problems, not through political publicity meetings,” he said.

Pyarasani Venkatesh Leads Massive Mobilization for PM Modi’s Hyderabad Public Meeting

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Prashanth reddy

In a major show of strength and enthusiasm ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji’s Hyderabad visit, Pyarasani Venkatesh took the lead in mobilizing party workers and the public during a key gathering held at Laldarwaja X Road on Friday.

As BJP OBC Morcha State Secretary, Venkatesh played a prominent role in organizing the meeting and coordinating preparations for the grand public meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 10, in Hyderabad.



Addressing party workers and supporters, Venkatesh appealed to people from all communities, especially youth and OBC communities, to participate in large numbers and give a historic and warm welcome to Prime Minister Modi Ji. He stated that the people of Telangana are inspired by Modi Ji’s leadership, development agenda, and welfare initiatives. Venkatesh further remarked

that after the BJP’s resounding victories and growing influence in states like Assam and West Bengal, the party is now strongly focusing on Telangana. He expressed confidence that Telangana would witness a new political direction under the leadership and vision of Modi Ji. Several BJP leaders and activists including Pasham Suresh, Dinesh Kedala, Chetan Suri, Pallela Laxman and Saketh participated in the gathering and extended their support to the preparations. The leaders collectively urged BJP cadres and the public to attend the meeting in huge numbers and make Prime Minister Modi Ji’s Hyderabad visit a grand success.

Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit Leads Census Self-Enumeration Awareness Walkathon

RANGAREDDY
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Srirangam Venkatesh

As part of the Census awareness programme, a walkathon was conducted in Kokapet and Narsingi Circle-45 limits to create awareness among citizens about the importance of self-enumeration in the Census process.

Narayan Amit, Zonal Commissioner of Serilingampally, along with Deputy Commissioner Krishna Mohan and other



officials, participated in the programme and interacted with local residents, explaining the benefits of self-enumeration and the importance of public par-

ticipation in the Census process. Officials informed citizens that self-enumeration allows people to submit their details from home using mobile

phones or computers, saving time and ensuring more accurate data collection with fewer errors.

They also stated that accurate Census data plays a key role in welfare schemes and infrastructure planning for national development. Officials appealed to citizens to actively participate in the Census process and make use of the self-enumeration facility. The programme received a positive response from the public.

MLA Sri Ganesh Attends Sacred Sandal Sharif Urs at Hazrat Lalasha Dargah

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh participated in the holy Sandal Sharif (Urs) celebrations of Hazrat Lala Sha Mehboob Qadri (Rahmatullah Ta’ala Alaihi), held with deep devotion under the leadership of Noor Mohalla Brothers at Hazrat Lalasha Dargah on Saturday evening. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said he felt blessed to receive



the spiritual blessings of the revered saint and appreciated the communal harmony and devotion displayed during the celebrations. Several Congress leaders and local representatives accompanied him during the

event. Among those present were Congress leaders Jameel and Ashraf, Ganesh Temple Chairman Prabhakar Yadav, Narsinga Rao, and others who joined devotees in the religious gathering.

Senior Photographer Meesala Satyam Memorial Gathering Held at NFC Colony



A memorial gathering in remembrance of senior photographer Meesala Satyam was held at his residence in Dattatreya Colony, NFC. Family members, relatives, well-wishers, political leaders, journalists, and local dignitaries attended the programme and paid rich tributes to the departed soul. On the occasion, Ghatkesar Municipal BRS Party President Bandari Srinivas Goud and BJP State Executive Member and Medchal contested MLA Enugu Sudarshan Reddy paid floral tributes to Satyam’s portrait and recalled his services and association with the community. Several prominent personalities participated in the programme, including former MP TC Meekala Narsing Rao, former Municipal Councillor Bandari Anjaneyulu Goud, Bethal Narsing Rao, senior journalist Medapaina Narasimha Mudiraj, former ward member Rampally Jagadish Goud, Meesala Sudhakar Rao, Gattu Maisamma Temple Trust Board members Janga Reddy, Tanneeru Harish, Bottu Suri, local leader Errolla Murali, retired Panchayat Raj Executive Engineer Talka Anjaiah, Vandana Hotel proprietor Kiran, PCWA GM, pastors, and other dignitaries.

Traffic restrictions announced ahead of PM Modi's visit to Parade Grounds

The Malkajgiri traffic police imposed traffic restrictions and diversions in view of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit to the city and public meeting at Parade Grounds, Secunderabad on Sunday. Traffic diversions will be in place on May 10 from 1 pm to 8 pm, therefore, officials have requested citizens to plan their travel routes accordingly. To minimize inconvenience and maintain free flow of traffic, temporary restrictions and diversions will be implemented as per operational requirements. Commuters are advised to use the following alternative routes/diversions based on their destinations: From Begumpet to Sangeeth Junction may take towards Paradise- Patny-Clock tower- Sangeeth and vice-versa. From Begumpet to Trimulgherry may take all flyovers- St.johns rotary- Shenoy-AOC- KV- Trimulgherry and vice versa. From Balanagar to Secunderabad may take Balanagar Junction- Fathenagar-Ameerpet- Panjagutta- Begumpet. Alternate route- Panjagutta- Begumpet- Rasoolpura junction- Minister Road- Ranigunj- Secunderabad. Secunderabad to Trimulgherry may take Clock Tower- Sangeeth- St.johns

BRS demands Bandi Sanjay's dismissal after POCSO case against son

A political controversy erupted in Telangana after a POCSO case was registered against Sai Bageerath, son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay. The BRS demanded his dismissal and a CBI probe, while RS Praveen Kumar accused both BJP and Congress of shielding the accused

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Telangana on Sunday, a political storm engulfed the State BJP unit, pushing it into a corner after a POCSO case was registered against Sai Bageerath, son of Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay, on Saturday.

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) mounted an all-out attack over the issue and demanded the dismissal of Bandi Sanjay from the Union Cabinet and a CBI probe into the whole episode, reminding the BJP that Prime Minister Modi, who spoke highly of the 'Beti Bachao' andolan, must speak about the incident at the public meeting scheduled



in Hyderabad on Sunday. As the political heat escalated in the State capital, it was apparent that the BJP was caught in a pincer, but till late in the evening, the party maintained a studied silence on the issue. However, mysteriously, the name of Bandi Sanjay was dropped from the invitation issued by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the programme for dedication of the Malkapur Terminal project of the Indian Oil Corporation to the nation. Among the list of speakers mentioned in the invite were Governor Shiv

Pratap Shukla, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Union Ministers Hardeep Singh Puri, G Kishan Reddy, Suresh Gopi, Bhongir MP Ch Kiran Kumar Reddy and Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy. The omission of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay's name was too conspicuous and was being interpreted as a last-minute effort to avoid any discomfiture to the visiting Prime Minister. Meanwhile, BRS leader and former IPS officer RS Praveen Kumar mounted a scathing attack on Bandi Sanjay and also the Congress government on the issue. Building up the argument for the immediate dismissal of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay, Praveen Kumar argued that the victim and her parents had to wait for over eight hours at Petbasheerabad

police station to get the complaint registered, while police officers in Karimnagar district readily issued an FIR based on a complaint of extortion filed by Sai Bageerath against the minor girl and her parents.

Praveen Kumar pointed out that while the FIR in the Karimnagar case was released into the public domain immediately, Cyberabad Commissionerate officials were silent on the case against the Union Minister's son. He demanded that the statement of the victim and her parents be recorded by a magistrate. He said the lives of the complainant and her parents were under threat and the police would be held responsible if anything happened to them.

T Cong criticised for delayed response on Sanjay's son case

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Wakeup telangana

Criticism is mounting over the Telangana Congress for its 'delayed' reaction to the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay's son alleged involvement in a minor girl's assault case.

Incidentally, the Telangana Congress reacted to the issue much later than the party did in New Delhi. Taking to X, @INCIndia said, "Modi's favourite Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar's rogue son Bageerath has sexually assaulted a minor girl." Hours later on Saturday evening, the Telangana Congress on X said Bandi Sanjay's son made a minor girl drink alcohol at a farmhouse and sexually harassed her. Taking moral re-



sponsibility, Bandi Sanjay should resign from his position, the Telangana Congress demanded. However, a few sections pointed out that the Telangana Congress had reacted only after the BRS raised the issue swiftly. They also pointed out that the official X handle of Telangana Congress reacted only after BRS working president questioned the Congress and BJP parties over the issue. Questions were raised by different sections over the Congress leaders' selective reac-

tions, especially regarding Bandi Sanjay's son issue. Interestingly, a few Congress leaders in the State immediately reacted when the Union Minister's supporters attacked BRS MLA Gangula Kamalakar's office last week. Infact, Congress MLA Medipally Sathyam had welcomed the attack on the BRS MLA's camp office. In a video message, circulating on social media, he even warned the BRS leaders and workers to mend their ways.

PM Modi Posters Torn Down in Secunderabad

Political Storm in Secunderabad: PM Modi Flex Banners Torn Down, BJP High Command Takes Serious Note

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A major political controversy has erupted in the Monda Division of the Secunderabad constituency after flex banners featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi were allegedly torn down by the husband of former corporator Kontham Deepika Naresh. The incident has triggered intense political debate within BJP circles and has quickly become a matter of serious concern for party leaders and cadre ahead of the Prime Minister's scheduled public meeting on Sunday, May 10. According to party activists, the removal of the banners was viewed as a deliberate and provocative act targeting the party and its leadership. BJP workers strongly condemned the incident, describing it as "disrespectful to the Prime Minister" and an attempt to create political unrest in the constituency. Following the



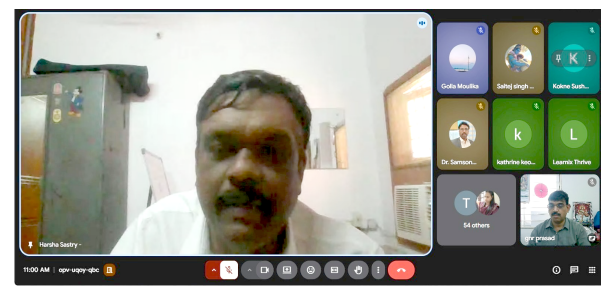
controversy, local BJP activists reportedly lodged complaints with the party's organizational secretary Chandra Shekhar Tiwari and BJP Telangana state president N. Ramchander Rao. Sources within the party said the matter has now been escalated to the BJP high command, which is closely monitoring developments. The issue has sparked widespread discussion among party workers and political observers across the region, especially at a time when preparations are underway for the Prime Minister's high-profile public gathering. BJP cadre are reportedly

treating the incident with utmost seriousness, demanding strict action against those responsible. Political analysts believe the controversy could intensify tensions in the Secunderabad constituency, with leaders expected to raise the matter strongly during upcoming party meetings and public interactions. As public attention continues to grow, the incident has emerged as a major political flashpoint in Telangana politics, adding fresh heat to the already charged political atmosphere ahead of the Prime Minister's visit.

NCETET-2026 Sparks Innovation, Research Collaboration

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The National Conference on Emerging Trends in Engineering and Technology (NCETET-2026), organized by LeamiXThrive, was held successfully in Hyderabad with participation from academicians, researchers, industry experts, and students from multiple states including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. The conference focused on emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Cyber Security, Cloud Computing, and Internet of Things. Techni-



cal sessions, research paper presentations, and interactive discussions provided a platform for knowledge sharing and academic collaboration. Dr. Samson Anosh Babu P from NIT Jalandhar attended as Chief Guest and highlighted the importance of innovation and industry-academia partnerships. Keynote speaker A. Prab-

hakar Sharma from Wells Fargo International Pvt. Ltd. shared insights on industry trends and Data Center Management. During the valedictory session, Dr. S. R. M. Krishna from CBIT explained the impact of Artificial Intelligence on modern society. Organizers announced that accepted papers will be published in IJCEACE journal.

Cantonment Congress Demands Immediate GHMC Merger, Rs 1,200 Cr Dues Release

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The Cantonment Congress Party demanded the immediate merger of Secunderabad Cantonment into GHMC, release of over Rs 1,200 crore pending service charges, and abolition of the nominated governance system. With Prime Minister Narendra Modi set to visit Hyderabad tomorrow, Congress leaders urged the Centre to make a clear announcement on the merger issue. They said the State Government, under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, had already expressed readiness for the merger, but the Centre's delay was causing concern among residents. Leaders accused BJP and Union Ministers of re-



peatedly promising release of service charges without action, affecting development and sanitation in the Cantonment area. The Congress also criticized MP Etala Rajender over his remarks on the merger issue and demanded democratic local governance through GHMC elections. Senior leaders including Sanki Ravinder, Khadeer One Rajgopal, Jameel, Samson Raj and Peddala Narasimha participated.

Maheshwaram Executive to Represent Telangana at Global Badrinath Conclave

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Edulapuram Satyanarayana Chari, a senior executive from Maheshwaram and noted social activist, has been selected to participate in the prestigious international conference "The Historical Divine Land of the Indian Knowledge System: Sri Badarikashrama," to be held from May 13 to 15 in Badrinath, Uttarakhand. Chari's selection has brought pride to Telangana, especially to his native Gosampally village in Nirmal district. Known for balancing his professional career with active involvement in cultural, academic, and social initiatives, he will represent the region at the three-day global conclave focused on India's ancient knowledge traditions. The conference will bring together scholars, researchers, spiritual thinkers, and professionals from India and abroad to deliberate on the relevance of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in the modern era. Key discussions will focus on the spiritual and



scientific significance of Sri Badarikashrama, the evolution of Vedic philosophy, and its practical relevance in contemporary society. Another major theme of the conclave will be the preservation of cultural heritage in the Indo-Tibetan border region, particularly Mana Village, popularly known as the "Last Village of India." Hosted in the historic pilgrimage town of Badrinath, believed to be the sacred land where Sage Vyasa compiled the Vedas, the conference aims to connect ancient wisdom with present-day global challenges. Friends, colleagues, and well-wishers have congratulated Chari, stating that his participation reflects Telangana's growing contribution to intellectual and cultural discussions at the international level.

ASB Launches Paperless Health Screening at Railway Stations

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Bisam Pharma, led by Harish Bisam, launched Amruth Swasth Bharath (ASB), a preventive healthcare and vital screening initiative powered by QuickVitals, at Lingampally Railway Station in collaboration with South Central Railway. The initiative was inaugurated by A. Raju in the presence of railway and healthcare officials. ASB aims to provide fast, affordable and paperless health screening services for railway passengers,



railway staff and the public through AI-powered technology. Using QuickVitals technology, users can instantly check blood pressure, oxygen levels, pulse rate, temperature and other essential vitals, with digital reports delivered directly to their email IDs within

minutes. Speaking at the launch, Harish Bisam said the initiative is focused on promoting preventive healthcare awareness and encouraging regular health monitoring among people. He added that railway stations offer an ideal platform to reach thou-

sands of commuters daily and help build a healthier India through accessible healthcare technology. Following the Hyderabad launch, ASB plans to expand services to Cheralpalli Railway Station and major railway stations in Bengaluru, including KSR Bengaluru City Junction, Yelahanka, Kengeri, Hosur, SMVT Bengaluru and Bangarpet Junction. Apart from urban healthcare services, ASB and QuickVitals are also conducting rural medical camps to improve preventive healthcare access in underserved villages.

Hanumantha Rao Demands Caste Census for 60% BCs

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Senior Congress leader V. Hanumantha Rao on Friday launched a hunger strike at his residence in Hyderabad, demanding that the Centre conduct a caste-wise census under the proposed "Janaganam" exercise to ensure justice for Backward Classes (BCs), who constitute nearly 60 per cent of the population. Leading the protest camp, VH Hanumantha Rao accused the Central government of ignoring long-pending demands for



caste enumeration and asserted that BC communities must be explicitly included in the national census process. Protesters raised slogans urging the Centre to conduct a caste census and provide equitable representation and welfare to BC communities.

The agitation drew support from several Congress and BC welfare leaders, including former PCC secretary Mallam Ramesh, senior Congress leader M. Jagadish and National BC Welfare Association representatives, reflecting growing political pressure for caste-

based data collection. Addressing supporters, VH Hanumantha Rao said a caste census was not merely a statistical exercise but essential for social justice and policy-making benefiting backward communities. He maintained that excluding BC population data from official records continued to deny communities their rightful share in welfare and representation. The protest organizers stated that the agitation would continue until the demand gains wider national attention and political support.

Ex-SriLankan Airlines CEO Found Dead After Securing Bail In Corruption Case

Former CEO of SriLankan Airlines Kapila Chandrasena was found dead at his home in suspicious circumstances on Friday, days after he secured bail in a corruption case, police said. Chandrasena was granted bail on Tuesday after he was re-manded in March in the case where he was charged with taking a kick-back on the purchase of aircraft for the national carrier. Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) F U Wootler said that his body was discovered at his home. According to the police spokesman, he died of hanging, the Daily Mirror newspaper reported.

The development comes a day after Colombo Chief Magistrate Asanga S Bodaragama issued a warrant for Chandrasena's arrest over allegations that the bail conditions imposed by the court had been violated. Prosecutors on Tuesday told the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court that SriLankan Airlines' former CEO Kapila Chandrasena, the chief accused in the case, admitted to giving LKR 60 million in bribes to former president Mahinda Rajapaksa.

Read to Know How Health Officials Are Tracing Contacts of Hantavirus Victims

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Hantaviruses do not spread easily between people, which makes health officials confident the recent outbreak on a cruise ship that has killed three people will not turn into an epidemic. But, still, they need to make sure. So health officials in several countries are contact tracing: trying to identify and follow people who may have come in contact with passengers who got sick or died.

Hantaviruses usually spread when people inhale contaminated residue of rodent droppings. While human cases are rare, small outbreaks have been documented around the world. But the Andes virus implicated in the cruise ship outbreak may be able to spread between people in rare cases. And viruses can change. Scientists are trying to learn more about the virus as fast as they can, including whether it has mutated and how exactly it spreads. The goal of con-



tact tracing is to alert people who might have been exposed, keep tabs on them in case they come down with symptoms, and prevent them from spreading it to others. The process isn't easy because people are social and mobile creatures who spend time with others, visit crowded places and travel. In the cruise ship outbreak, fewer than a dozen people are thought to have shown any symptoms, and there have been only five confirmed cases, but many more may have been exposed.

About 140 people remain on the cruise ship headed for the Canary Islands, where they will disembark, and none has been reported to be sick. But authorities are trying to reach the dozens of people who left the ship about two weeks after a passenger died, but before authorities knew a hantavirus was the culprit. They were from at least 12 different countries, including Arizona, California, Georgia and Texas, according to infectious disease experts and state public health officials.

Authorities in St. Helena — the remote, volcanic British territory in the South Atlantic where passengers got off — said they were monitoring a small number of people considered "higher-risk contacts." They were being told to isolate for 45 days, the St. Helena government said. British health officials say two people who were passengers aboard the ship but flew home midway through the journey are self-isolating but do not have symptoms. The U.K. Health Security Agency said "a small number" of contacts of the two are also self-isolating but not showing symptoms. Singaporean health authorities said they were monitoring two men who disembarked at St. Helena and flew to South Africa and then home. The two men, who arrived in Singapore at different times, were being tested for hantavirus and were isolated at the country's National Center for Infectious Diseases, officials said.

Stop Migration From Uttarakhand Hills

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath called for steps to curb migration from hill areas of Uttarakhand, stating that it is affecting agriculture and local traditions. He made the remarks at his ancestral village Panchur while attending a religious function and the consecration ceremony of a newly constructed Shri Vishnu Panchdev Temple. Addressing villagers, he said, "Unchecked migration has severely affected agriculture and is slowly eroding our culture, traditions and ancestral heritage. Fields that once flourished with crops are now overgrown with bushes and



shrubs. The continuing exodus from rural hill regions has distanced people from their roots, land and cultural identity, posing a serious threat to the future of the hills."

He urged residents, particularly those from hill regions, to preserve traditions and community practices. "Conducting regular religious activities and organising community pujas to seek divine blessings are essential to preserving society and keeping cultural traditions alive," he said. Referring to declining agricultural activity, he said, "The

situation in many villages has deteriorated to the point where not even a single grain is being cultivated due to migration. While people often blame wild animals for abandoning farming, such challenges existed in the hill regions earlier as well. However, people in those days were more aware, vigilant and deeply connected to their land, enabling them to protect both their farms and traditions." He said efforts should be made to revive barren fields and added that support would be extended to farmers and villagers. "Our culture, villages and very existence can remain secure only when our fields remain lush, green and productive," he said.

Carbon Credit: Study Finds Underground Treasure Of Delhi's Forests

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In a city struggling with toxic air and rising temperatures, Delhi's forests have been quietly storing an underground climate treasure. Researchers from the Jawaharlal Nehru University and the University of Delhi have found that urban forests in the national capital are absorbing massive amounts of carbon in their trees and soil, with the potential to generate over Rs 4 lakh per hectare through carbon credits.



The study said that one hectare of urban forest land inside the JNU campus could store nearly 346.9 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, or around 3,46,900 kilograms. One hectare equals nearly 2.47 acres. Researchers estimated the carbon credit value of this storage at nearly USD 4,846, or more than Rs 4 lakh per hectare. According to the study, the biggest carbon storage was happening underground rather than in trees.

Researchers said soil organic carbon accounted for more than 43 per cent of the total carbon stored

in the ecosystem. The soil alone stored nearly 149.73 tonnes, or around 1,49,730 kilograms, of carbon dioxide equivalent per hectare, with an estimated carbon credit value of nearly USD 2,096 or around Rs 1.74 lakh per hectare. Among tree species, neem (Azadirachta indica) and babool (Acacia nilotica) emerged as the strongest carbon absorbers in the forest ecosystem studied by researchers.

The study found neem trees stored 55.10 tonnes, or around 55,100 kilograms, of carbon dioxide equivalent per hectare, with an estimated carbon credit value of over USD 771, or more than Rs 64,000. Babool trees stored 54.43 tonnes, or around 54,430 kilograms, of carbon dioxide equivalent per hectare, valued

at around USD 762, or over Rs 63,000. Researchers also found that litter on the forest floor, shrubs, herbs and underground microbial activity contributed significantly to carbon storage, showing that entire forest ecosystems, and not just large trees, help absorb greenhouse gases.

The researchers said urban forests in Delhi could become critical natural buffers against rising emissions and worsening climate conditions in the city if protected and expanded properly. The study noted that native species such as neem and babool are especially important in semi-arid urban conditions because of their high carbon storage potential and ability to survive harsh climatic conditions. Researchers also found that forests

with greater biodiversity and healthier soil stored more carbon overall. The findings come amid the Delhi government's push to monetise pollution reduction through a Carbon Credit Monetisation Framework approved by the Cabinet in January this year. Under the framework, pollution reduction achieved through electric buses, plantation drives, solar energy projects and waste management initiatives will be scientifically measured and converted into carbon credits that can be sold in national and international markets. A carbon credit is essentially a tradable certificate representing one tonne of carbon dioxide removed from the atmosphere or prevented from being released. Governments and companies buy these credits to balance out their emissions. According to the Chief Minister's Office, the Environment Department will appoint a specialised agency through a tender process to identify projects eligible for carbon credits and register them under international standards.

Ex-IPS Officer Moves SC Against TN Governor's Refusal to Invite Vijay to Form Govt

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An ex-IPS officer moved the Supreme Court on Saturday, challenging Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar's refusal to invite TVK chief C Joseph Vijay to form the government despite his party winning the highest number of seats. The plea was filed by IPS M Ramasubramani (retd), who served as an Additional Director General



of Police and the Inspector General of Police. His plea argued that the governor's decision amounts to an unconstitutional determination of a majority outside the Assembly. It contended that the governor could not deny TVK

an opportunity to prove its majority through a floor test.

The TVK won 108 seats in the 234-member Assembly in the April 23 polls and emerged as the single largest party. Though the Congress with five MLAs has extended support to TVK, the single-largest party is still short of as many seats to touch the majority mark of 118.

Vijay, the TVK founder, has met Governor Arlekar

twice, requesting to be invited to form the government. However, no invitation has been extended to him so far to form the government. On Friday, a member of TVK moved the top court seeking directions to the Tamil Nadu governor to invite TVK to form the government in the state. The plea by Ezhilarasi K contended that the governor's failure to invite Vijay violated Articles 12 and 32 of the Constitution.

Mamata Tweaks Social Media Bio After Losing Bengal Power to BJP

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Former West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday updated her social media profiles on X and Facebook, dropping the "Honourable Chief Minister" designation and identifying herself instead as "Founder Chairperson All India Trinamool Congress. Chief Minister of West Bengal (15th, 16th and 17th Vidhan Sabha)", hours after BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari took oath as the state's new chief minister.

The bio changed on a day BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari was sworn in as the chief minister after the



saffron party trounced the Trinamool Congress in the elections for the 18th West Bengal assembly. Banerjee, who led the All India Trinamool Congress to power for the first time in 2011, ending the 34-year Left Front rule in the state, had been the leader of the House in the three previous assemblies.

Notably, Banerjee avoided using the word "former" in her updated social media bio. Her pro-

file change came after criticism on social media over her continuing to identify herself as Chief Minister even after the election results were declared. Despite the TMC's electoral defeat, Banerjee did not resign as Chief Minister after the poll results were announced, alleging irregularities in the election process and claiming that discrepancies and manipulation in nearly 100 seats contributed to her party's loss. Senior TMC leaders have also alleged misuse of central agencies and irregularities during counting and polling, charges rejected by the Election Commission of India and

the Bharatiya Janata Party. Addressing a press conference earlier this week, Banerjee claimed the TMC had won the elections "morally" and asserted that she would not step down under pressure. She also hinted at returning to grassroots politics and protest movements, saying she was once "on the streets" and would return there again. Banerjee ceased to hold office after Governor R. N. Ravi dissolved the Assembly following the completion of its five-year term on May 7. The BJP bagged 207 seats in the 294-member assembly, while the TMC's tally dropped sharply from 215 seats.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Actor-Politician Vijay...

Meanwhile, AAP MP Sanjay Singh reacted strongly to the arrest of Punjab Cabinet Minister Sanjeev Arora and alleged misuse of central investigative agencies in opposition-ruled states ahead of elections. Speaking to ANI, Singh said, "ED is acting like a contract killer. State after state, raids are being done on rivals and they are being jailed. This has become the trend of ED. Their experiment in other states is being replicated in Punjab by PM Modi, ahead of elections. Today, cabinet minister Sanjeev Arora has been arrested. Nothing was found from Sanjeev Arora in three raids. Despite that, he has been arrested because this is the election model of the BJP. I would like to tell PM

Modi, that his Aurangzeb-like policy will not work in Punjab..."The investigation pertains to an alleged large-scale money laundering network involving fake GST transactions.

ED officials claim that Arora, through his company, generated fraudulent purchase invoices for mobile phones worth over Rs 100 crore from non-existent firms based in Delhi. These transactions were allegedly used to claim undue input tax credit (ITC), along with wrongful GST refunds on export credits and duty drawbacks. Sources in the agency indicated that the alleged scheme enabled the accused to siphon off government funds by exploiting loopholes in the GST framework. The ED further suspects that the

proceeds of crime were routed through export channels and subsequently round-tripped back into India from Dubai in an attempt to legitimise the illicit gains. Officials said the alleged activities caused substantial losses to the government exchequer and pointed to a well-organised financial trail involving shell entities and layered transactions.

Delhi On High Alert....

According to sources, agencies have received alerts regarding possible attempts to target prominent offices and crowded areas in central Delhi using suicide attacks, vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices (IEDs), shootings and coordinated strikes.

Sources said anti-sabotage checks

are being carried out at important government buildings, political offices, markets, transport hubs and other crowded places across the city.

Bomb disposal squads, sniffer dog units and quick reaction teams, including the Delhi Fire Service, have also been asked to stay alert. "Police have been directed to maintain strict vigil on suspicious movements, unattended objects and vehicles parked in sensitive zones," said the source.

Security arrangements have also been strengthened at settlements and areas considered vulnerable from a law-and-order perspective; local police are conducting random checking drives and verification exercises.

The source said all district units

have been instructed to remain alert and maintain close coordination with intelligence agencies and central paramilitary forces.

Senior officers are continuously monitoring the situation and reviewing security arrangements across the city, said the source.

Suwendu Adhikari.....

The State Cabinet had approved the Metro Rail expansion proposal in partnership with the Centre in October 2024 followed by approval of the DPRs for Phase-II Parts A and B in May 2025. The Centre had sought clarity on integration of the existing Phase-I network, operated by L&T, with the proposed Phase-II network to be jointly developed by the state and Centre. The Union government insisted on a formal in-

tegration agreement with L&T, but after the company declined participation, the Telangana government moved ahead with acquisition of the project. On April 30, the government acquired 100 per cent equity in L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited for ₹1,461.47 crore and also assumed responsibility for refinancing the company's debt of ₹13,538.53 crore. Following the takeover, the state government believes major hurdles to Phase-II approvals have been cleared and plans to intensify pressure on the Centre for swift clearances. Under Phase-II Part-A, the government has proposed five corridors spanning 76.4 km at an estimated cost of ₹24,269 funding pattern includes ₹4,230 crore from the Centre, ₹7,313 crore from the state.

CRIME

Murder of IPS Officer's Wife: Domestic Help Seems Prime Suspect

Investigators found that Kalpana had earlier worked in Lucknow, and a team has been dispatched to the Uttar Pradesh capital to speak to her former employer

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Special teams investigating the murder of Tanuja Ray, wife of retired DGP Vinay Ranjan Ray, have identified their house help Kalpana as the prime suspect in the crime, which also involved the theft of valuables. Police sources said Kalpana was assisted by three associates. After examining CCTV footage, police said she allegedly signalled to the associates to enter the house and was later seen exiting the premises. The gang then went to Nampally railway station, where they appeared to board a train. Four persons, including domestic help Kalpana (36), are involved in the



murder and loot. Police said Kalpana signalled to her three accomplices waiting in a park adjacent to the building. After the accused murdered Tanuja and collected jewellery and other property, they fled. Investigators found that Kalpana had earlier worked in Lucknow, and a team has been dispatched to the Uttar Pradesh capital to speak to her former employer. Other teams

have been sent to Delhi, Mumbai, Gorakhpur and areas along the Nepal border. CCTV footage showed Kalpana leaving Ray's house at 1.40 am and pointing towards a nearby park. Three associates joined her, and together they entered the house. Around 3 am, Kalpana and her associates were seen leaving with two heavy bags. They took an

autorickshaw to Nampally station. Police said the accused tied Tanuja's hands and feet and gagged her before removing gold ornaments and cash. Silver jewellery was also stolen. Two male associates were later seen buying tickets at Nampally station. CCTV footage from the reservation counter and platform showed them boarding a general compartment of the Telangana Express. Railway police confirmed that Kalpana and her Nepalese associates were spotted in the footage. The video has been filtered using software and sent to police teams in Delhi, Lucknow and Gorakhpur, including law and order, intelligence and railway officials.

Court orders pending payment to contractor

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Justice Anil Kumar Jukanti of the Telangana High Court directed the state to release ₹31.89 lakh due to a contractor for Mission Kakatiya works, along with interest at 6 per cent per annum, holding that payments cannot be withheld after completion of work and issuance of quality certification. The judge was dealing with a writ plea filed by Gona Srinivas Rao, a contractor, alleging non-payment for restoration of Medi Cheruvu in Nalgonda district despite

completion of work and issuance of a quality control certificate in 2017. The petitioner contended that the work was executed under an agreement entered in 2015 and a supplemental agreement in 2017, and that the quality of work was certified as satisfactory for Rs.31.89 lakh. It was argued that even after generation of a payment token in October 2022, the amount was not released. The state submitted that payment would be processed upon consideration of the representation and that the authorities would

examine the claim. The judge noted that once work stood completed and certified, the state was bound to release payment within a reasonable time. It was observed that delay of nearly three years after the generation of token was unjustified and that the contractor could not be made to wait indefinitely. Holding that non-payment would cause financial loss and hardship, the judge directed the respondents to release the due amount with interest at 6 per cent per annum from the date it became payable, within 16 weeks.

Youth Dies By Suicide As Parents Refuse To Buy Mobile

A 20-year-old man died by suicide at Chintalapalli village in Thorur mandal of Mahabubabad district after his parents refused to buy him a new mobile phone, police said. The deceased was identified as K. Sai Kumar. Police said he had damaged his mobile phone recently and had been asking his parents, who work as daily wage labourers, to buy him another handset. On Friday night, Sai Kumar, allegedly in an inebriated condition, argued with his parents over the demand. They told him they could not afford a new phone immediately and asked him to wait for a few days. Police said Sai Kumar later took the extreme step while the family was asleep. His family found him dead early on Saturday morning. Police shifted the body to a government hospital for post-mortem examination and registered a case.

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

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

Massive Crackdown on Illegal Gutka Trade in Bodhan

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In a major operation against the illegal gutka trade, the Cheetah Force of Nizamabad Police conducted a swift and successful raid in Achanpally village under Bodhan Police Station limits on Saturday. The raid was carried out under the directions of the Police Commissioner of Nizamabad, P. Sai Chaitanya, and supervised by CCS ACP In-Charge Mastan Ali. During the operation, police teams raided an HKGN shop dump and



HKGN Mutton Shop, where a large quantity of banned gutka packets had been illegally stocked. Authorities estimated the total value of the seized contraband at nearly Rs. 30 lakhs. Police officials stated that the illegal circulation of gutka and prohibited tobacco products is a serious threat to pub-

lic health, especially among youth, and emphasized that stringent enforcement drives will continue across the district to curb such unlawful activities. The seized gutka stock was later handed over to the Station House Officer of Bodhan Police Station for further investigation and legal proceedings. The Nizamabad Police urged citizens to cooperate with law enforcement agencies by providing information regarding the illegal sale and distribution of banned tobacco products in their localities.

Membership in Bar Association Not Must: HC

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Justice N. Tukaramji of the Telangana High Court ruled that advocates cannot be compelled to join Bar Associations as a precondition for practicing law. The judge was dealing with a writ plea filed by advocate Vijay Gopal challenging the constitutional validity of Rule 6 of the Rules, 2015 framed by the Bar Council of India which mandated compulsory membership in a Bar Association. The petitioner contended that the

impugned provision, though couched as a regulatory mechanism, imposed a compulsory membership in Bar Associations and that vested non-statutory bodies with indirect control over an advocate's right to practice. Appearing as party-in-person, he argued that the statutory framework under the Advocates Act, 1961 categorically recognised the right of an enrolled advocate to practice law and did not contemplate mandatory enrolment in any Bar Association. He con-

tended that recurring verification requirements, certification obligations and annual membership fees imposed under the impugned regime amounted to substantive burdens unsupported by the parent enactment. He pointed out that the rule was an instance of excessive delegated legislation, and that no new obligations could go beyond the scope of the statute. Per contra, opposing the plea, the State Bar Council contended that Rule 6 was regulatory in character and intended to

identify genuine practitioners while facilitating welfare measures for advocates. He maintained that the rule did not mandate compulsory membership, but merely afforded advocates the option either to join a recognised Bar Association or intimate the State Bar Council regarding non-membership and the manner in which welfare benefits would be availed. It was argued that the verification framework was designed to ensure authenticity of legal practice.

EDITORIAL

JOBS, MIGRATION & REALITY: BJP'S POST-POLL CHALLENGE

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Storytelling is critical in electoral politics. But the gap between political storytelling and official data has rarely been wider. The BJP offered voters a storyline about industrial revival, jobs, cash support for the vulnerable, and an end to economic despair, alongside huge dollops of Hindutva, its calling card. The narrative was emotionally potent: other governments fail the people; the "double-engine" BJP model delivers. It worked. The BJP enters mid-2026 with unprecedented political dominance: direct control of 16 states and influence over nearly three-fourths of India's population through its NDA alliance partners. With the polls over, bread-and-butter concerns must be centre stage. The challenge for the BJP: operationalising its promises across the country. Out-migration was a potent election issue. In West Bengal, BJP

leaders painted grim pictures of lakhs of desperate workers fleeing their states. Exaggeration proved to be a potent electoral strategy. The data, however, tells a more nuanced story. People all over India are on the move, not just from West Bengal to other states in search of work. As the late Bibek Debroy and Devi Prasad Misra noted in EAC-PM's (Economic Advisory Council to PM) December 2024 working paper "400 Million Dreams" — "Mumbai, Bengaluru Urban, Howrah, Central Delhi, Hyderabad are the districts attracting most migrant arrivals; while Valsad, Chittoor, Paschim Bardhaman, Agra, Guntur, Villupuram and Saharsa are the top origin districts." Even though Census 2011 is the last comprehensive, door-to-door official count of migration, experts and government bodies use alternative high-frequency proxy data to estimate current migration patterns. Debroy and Misra used high-

frequency railway unserved ticket data and telecom roaming records as proxies to assess domestic migration. West Bengal ranks in the top five for total outbound migrants, but is nowhere near the top two. Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have far higher figures for work-related inter-state migration. "There has been significant out-migration from West Bengal to Kerala and other southern states. However, Bengal is not the only source state. Since we have not had a Census since 2011, there is no official, comprehensive data on internal migration patterns in India. Migration is normal, natural and is one of the fastest ways of intergenerational social mobility for a person from disadvantaged communities in rural India. In India, a large number of migrants move to southern states, which offer better incomes and opportunities. Bengal is merely one among many states from where rural Indians are migrating in search of

livelihoods, driven by a lack of local job opportunities exacerbated by climate change," points out Dr Benoy Peter, migration expert and executive director, Centre for Migration and Inclusive Development. Framing any state as the worst in every way is political storytelling. The reality: large-scale distress migration from all poorer, populous northern and eastern states to western and southern industrial hubs. The BJP tapped into real voter pain, but the exaggeration raises the bar for delivery. Reversing entrenched migration patterns will take years of sustained industrial growth, beyond campaign rhetoric. Another hugely relevant issue across India — investment and the quality of jobs on offer. Job growth trails GDP growth. Millions of Indians continue to survive through self-employment (mostly low-productivity) and casual labour. This gap between promise and reality became visible in mid-April 2026.



India-EU ties now 'limitless, ambitious and progressive': Herve Delphin

Herve Delphin said the European Union-India partnership has reached a "totally new level" strategically and economically. He highlighted progress on a free trade agreement, defence cooperation and mobility while praising Narendra Modi's "not an era of war" message

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The European Union-India partnership is "limitless, ambitious and progressive" and both sides have elevated the relationship to a "totally new level" in both qualitative and strategic terms, EU Ambassador Herve Delphin has said.

In an address at an event, the envoy also noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "not an era of war" message "deeply resonates" with Europe's values and identity, and called the EU "fundamentally a peace project".

Characterising the EU-India summit held three and a half months ago as a milestone, Delphin said the confluence of symbol-

ism, substance and strategic significance resulted in "momentous outcomes".

"We have placed our relationship to a totally new level, in qualitative and strategic terms. The EU-India partnership is limitless, ambitious and progressive," he said. "These achievements would not have been possible without the political conviction and trust shared by our leaders," the envoy said at the Europe Day celebrations on Friday night.

Delphin cited the unveiling of a joint strategic agenda for the next five years, the conclusion of negotiations for an ambitious free trade agreement, the signing of a security and defence part-



nership pact and the firming up of a comprehensive framework on mobility as major takeaways from the summit. "Fundamentally, we are global forces for good. We are both recognised as trusted, reliable partners working for global stability and prosperity, promoting global cooperation and solu-

tions," he said. "That India and the EU and its member states are deepening their ties like never before is truly a reason for celebration this year. This is the Europe-India moment," Delphin said in the presence of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and a sizeable number of diplomats, academicians and foreign policy experts.

The envoy characterised the presence of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President Antonio Costa as the Chief Guests at India's Republic Day parade and the EU-India summit as a "moment where symbolism, substance and strategic significance came together, resulting in mo-

mentous outcomes".

The free trade agreement between the two sides has been billed as the "mother of all" trade deals.

"We are already India's leading trading partner. With the FTA in place, we expect our two-way trade to double in value in the next years," Delphin said.

The envoy also cited a report titled the "EU business economic footprint in India" released this week that analysed various dimensions of the two-way economic engagement. "About 6,000 EU companies, generating the creation of close to six million jobs, exporting close to 25 billion euros (worth of goods) from India to the world (6 per cent of India's total exports)," he said.

Citizen Launches Flagship Watch Store in Hyderabad

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Citizen Watches India has expanded its premium retail presence with the launch of its exclusive flagship store at Lakeshore Mall, Kukatpally, Hyderabad. The store was inaugurated by Indian badminton star Kidambi Srikanth in the presence of Citizen Watches India Managing Director Mr. Kawato Ryota and Kamal Watch Company Private Limited Managing Director Mr. Venugopal Totla. The launch coincided with the 50th anniversary of Citizen's revolutionary Eco-Drive technology and the introduction of the legacy watch brand Bulova at the new outlet. As part of the celebrations, Citizen unveiled the Eco-Drive 50th Anniversary Limited Model - Eco-Drive PHOTON, inspired by the science of light. Powered by the newly de-



veloped Cal. E036 movement, the timepiece delivers a remarkable 365-day power reserve on a single full charge. Featuring a multi-layered dial, slit detailing, structural colour film, and a lightweight Super Titanium™ case and bracelet, the watch reflects Citizen's commitment to innovation, sustainability, and refined craftsmanship.

Developed in partnership with Kamal Watch Company, the Hyderabad flagship outlet offers customers an immersive luxury retail experience with Citizen's iconic Eco-

Drive series, automatic watches, contemporary collections, and curated Bulova selections.

The inauguration drew enthusiastic participation from customers, watch collectors, partners, and media representatives. Kidambi Srikanth's presence added further excitement to the celebration, especially following his recent participation in the Thomas Cup 2026. The newly launched store aims to deliver personalised service and showcase Citizen's latest innovations in an elegant setting.

Tanvika Collection Showcases Temple Craftsmanship and Contemporary Gold Jewellery



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Malabar Gold & Diamonds unveiled its new temple-inspired gold jewellery collection, "Tanvika," at the Malabar Artistry Showroom in Somajiguda, Hyderabad, in the presence of customers, invited guests, and well-wishers, including Hansika Reddy and Akshaya Reddy.

Inspired by temple carvings, sacred architecture, and traditional heritage motifs, the Tanvika collection has been designed to reflect prosperity, divinity, and timeless Indian

craftsmanship. The collection features intricately crafted necklaces, earrings, bangles, and bridal jewellery that combine traditional temple-inspired aesthetics with contemporary styling suitable for modern celebrations and occasions.

The company stated that each jewellery piece has been carefully handcrafted by skilled artisans with emphasis on detailing, precision, and refined workmanship. The collection campaign, themed "Tanvika, Crafted for Prosperity. Inspired by Divinity," will continue till July 12 across select

showrooms.

Speaking on the occasion, M. P. Ahammad, Chairman of Malabar Group, said the Tanvika collection reflects the company's commitment to preserving traditional design influences through contemporary jewellery craftsmanship. He noted that the collection draws inspiration from temple artistry and cultural heritage while appealing to customers across various occasions.

The jewellery retailer also highlighted its customer-focused assurances, including transparent pricing, lifetime

maintenance support, guaranteed buyback, and 100 percent exchange value on gold jewellery.

Established in 1993, Malabar Group operates more than 445 showrooms across 14 countries with an annual turnover of \$9.41 billion. The Group continues to focus on ESG-led initiatives, allocating five percent of its profits towards education, healthcare, women empowerment, housing, environmental sustainability, hunger eradication, and community welfare programs.

Sennheiser Launches Massive Summer Sale Offers on Premium Audio Range

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Sennheiser, a global leader in audio innovation, has unveiled exciting offers on its premium audio range as part of the Amazon Great Summer Sale 2026 beginning May 8. Customers can enjoy discounts of up to 42%, along with no-cost EMI options for up to 24 months and additional bank offers on selected products.

Leading the sale is the MOMENTUM 4 Wireless, Sennheiser's flagship headphone featuring 42mm transducers, Adaptive Noise Cancellation, Transparency Mode, and up to 60 hours of battery life. The headphones are available at ₹21,990 during the sale. The company is also offering attractive deals on the MOMENTUM True Wireless 4, priced at ₹17,990.

The earbuds deliver high-fidelity 24bit/96kHz sound, Adaptive Noise Cancellation, Qi wireless charging, and up to 30 hours of playtime. For content creators and videographers, the Profile Wireless 1-Channel Set and Profile Wireless 2-



Channel Set offer professional-grade wireless audio solutions priced at ₹12,990 and ₹19,990 respectively.

The microphones support internal recording, 32-bit float recording, and seamless compatibility with smartphones, cameras, and computers. Studio professionals can explore the HD 490 PRO Plus, while home entertainment enthusiasts can experience immersive sound with the AMBEO Soundbar Mini, both available with exclusive sale offers. Additionally, the Profile USB Microphone is available at ₹7,490, offering creators a plug-and-play solution for podcasting, streaming, and content creation. Sennheiser stated that the sale aims to make premium audio technology more accessible to music lovers, professionals, gamers, and creators across India.

Hyderabad Investor Meet Boosts Rajasthan Agritech Vision

MoUs Worth ₹200 Crore Signed as Rajasthan Positions Itself as a Global Agritech and Innovation Hub

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad Investor Meet under the banner of Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet (GRAM)-2026 concluded successfully at Park Hyatt Hyderabad, reinforcing Rajasthan's vision of becoming a global hub for agricultural innovation, agritech investments, and technology-driven farming solutions.

Organised by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan, in collaboration with Rajasthan Foundation and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the event brought together investors, agritech companies, policymakers, research institutions, and industry leaders from across the country.

A major highlight of the event was the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) worth ₹200 crore with International Crops Re-



search Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics and several companies from the agriculture, agritech, and pharmaceutical sectors. An exhibition showcasing innovative technologies and solutions from these industries was also organised during the programme.

The investor meet was attended by Bhajan Lal Sharma, who interacted with investors and agritech experts while inviting industries to explore opportunities in agritech, food processing, dairy, digital agriculture, and agricultural infrastructure across Rajasthan.

livestock development, while Minister of State for Co-operation Gautam Kumar Dak stressed the importance of modernising the co-operative sector through technology and strategic partnerships.

The programme featured a high-level panel discussion on "Possibilities of IT Intervention and Technological Innovation in Agriculture," where experts from ITC Limited, Coromandel International Limited, ICAR, T-Hub, and leading agritech firms discussed smart farming, drone technology, agri-data, and digital agricultural solutions.

The Hyderabad Investor Meet marked another milestone in the journey of GRAM-2026 ahead of its main conference scheduled to be held in Jaipur from May 23 to 25, 2026, with participation expected from national and international investors, policymakers, and industry leaders.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said Rajasthan is rapidly transitioning from traditional agriculture towards a technology-driven and investment-enabled agricultural economy. He emphasised that the state is creating a strong ecosystem for innovation, sustainability, and farmer-centric development. Speaking at the event, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Minister Joram Kumawat highlighted Rajasthan's emergence as a centre for agritech, rural innovation, and

Telangana Govt made elaborate arrangements for Haj pilgrims this year, says Shabbir Ali



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Advisor to Telangana Government Mohammed Ali Shabbir on Saturday said the State Government had made elaborate arrangements for Haj pilgrims this year and provided major relief by deciding to bear the additional airfare burden of Rs. 10,000 imposed on each pilgrim for Haj-2026.

Addressing Haj pilgrims from Nizamabad and Kamareddy districts at Haj House in Hyderabad before flagging off buses to Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shabbir Ali congratulated Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for extending support to pilgrims undertak-

ing the sacred journey. He said the Haj Committee of India had introduced additional airfare charges in view of the prevailing situation in West Asia, but the Chief Minister's timely intervention brought relief to nearly 7,000 Haj pilgrims from Telangana. Haj Committee Chairman Syed Ghulam Afzal Biabani, Haj Committee members, religious scholars, officials, volunteers and local community representatives attended the programme. Among those present were Mohammed Majeed, Mufti Aleem, Dr Mutlaq, Dr Syed Akbar, Majeed, Faisal, Mohammed Jahid and several representatives from Nizamabad and Kamareddy districts.

Vijay Deverakonda's new 'Rowdy Janardhana' still released on his birthday

The makers of director Ravi Kiran Kola's

much-awaited action entertainer 'Rowdy Janardhana' on Saturday unveiled a striking new still from the film to celebrate the birthday of actor Vijay Deverakonda, who plays the lead role in the high-octane period action drama.

Sharing the new poster on social media platform X, production house Sri Venkateswara Creations extended birthday wishes to the actor and hinted at the emotional depth of his character. The post read, "A man who fights the world... but surrenders only to love. Wishing our #RowdyJanardhana @TheDeverakonda a very Happy Birthday."

The newly released still instantly grabbed attention for its intense visual appeal. In the poster, Vijay Deverakonda is seen seated in heavy rain with a revolver in his hand, while a



woman's feet rest on his chest. The actor sports a stunned yet emotionally overwhelmed expression, suggesting a powerful emotional conflict beneath the film's rugged action-packed exterior. 'Rowdy Janardhana' is being produced on a grand scale by renowned producers Dil Raju and Shirish

teswara Creations banner. The film is directed by Ravi Kiran Kola, who earned critical acclaim for his debut film 'Raja Vaaru Rani Gaaru'. National Award-winning actress Keerthy Suresh plays the female lead opposite Vijay Deverakonda.

The film has already generated significant buzz following the

recent release of its title glimpse at a grand launch event in Hyderabad. The glimpse introduced audiences to the gritty and violent world of 'Rowdy Janardhana', set against the backdrop of the 1980s in East Godavari district.

Fans and movie enthusiasts responded enthusiastically to Vijay Deverakonda's transformation in the film. The actor appears in an entirely new avatar, complete with a raw rural slang, rugged body language, and an intense screen presence that marks a departure from his previous roles.

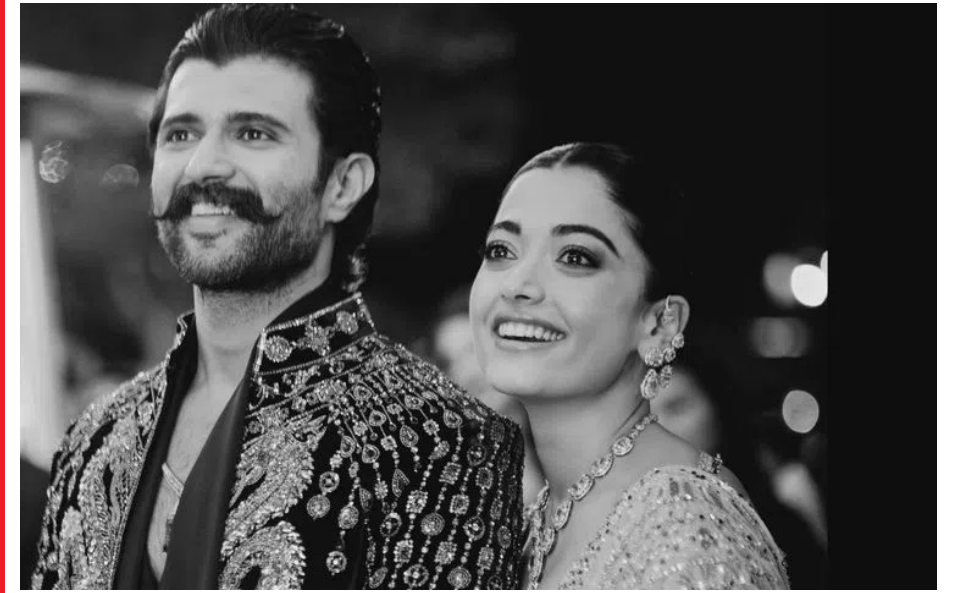
The two-minute glimpse showcased flashes of brutal action, emotionally charged moments, and powerful dialogue delivery, indicating that the film aims to blend mass action with strong storytelling. Vijay's fierce appearance and commanding performance in the teaser have significantly heightened expectations among

fans and trade circles alike.

Adding further depth to the film's atmosphere is composer Christo Xavier's gripping background score, which amplifies the tension and emotion throughout the teaser. Cinematographer Anend C. Chandran's visually rich frames capture the rustic and violent tone of the narrative, while action choreographer Supreme Sundar has designed intense stunt sequences expected to be a major highlight of the film.

With its rural backdrop, emotionally layered characters, and high-energy action, 'Rowdy Janardhana' is shaping up to be one of Vijay Deverakonda's most ambitious projects in recent years. The pan-Indian entertainer is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release in December 2026 in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam languages.

Rashmika calls hubby Vijay's birthday a 'perfect day' filled with love



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Actress Rashmika Mandanna revealed that husband Vijay Deverakonda's birthday turned out to be a 'perfect day' filled with nothing but love.

Sharing some unseen glimpses from the time together on social media, Rashmika provided an overview of how she ended up spending VD's special day.

Taking to her official Instagram handle, the 'Animal' actress wrote, "It's my man's birthday today and my day went like this.... In reverse tho.... Now we are headed to our friend's place to celebrate, but before this we went to the gym and worked out, and before that I did some quick cardio while Viju went out for a meeting and before

that we went and met our boys and girls who'd come home to show Viju lots of love and I also ended up getting lots of it as well and before that good mornings to paapalu dad and Shimmu happened who is here for Viju's birthday and thus it was a perfect day! (sic)."

She ended her heartfelt birthday wish by expressing her immense love for Vijay, "I love the days when you had released the date for a shoot and for some reason it gets cancelled and you get to celebrate! love it! Happiest birthday to you my Viiiiiiuuuuuu!"

Earlier, VD's younger brother, Anand Deverakonda, also wished him on social media, saying that this year the 'Liger' actor seemed to be

more complete, confident, and courageous, as he celebrated his first birthday post-marriage.

Anand penned on the photo-sharing app, "This year you celebrate your birthday feeling more complete, with more confidence and courage than ever (red heart emoji) Happy birthday bigggg brother!!! (red heart and sparkle emojis)," Anand wished the 'Arjun Reddy' actor. After keeping their admirers hooked for years,

Vijay and Rashmika finally got hitched in a traditional ceremony in Udaipur this February. Work-wise, Vijay and Rashmika will share the screen in Rahul Sankrityan's upcoming period drama, "Ranabaali", marking their first movie together after marriage.

Romanian veteran Cirstea stuns World No. 1 Sabalenka in Italian Open thriller

ROME
Wakeup telangana

Sorana Cirstea produced one of the biggest upsets of the season after battling back from a set and a break down to defeat world No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka 2-6, 6-3, 7-5 and advance to the Round of 16 at the Italian Open 2026 in Rome on Saturday.

The victory marked the first win of Cirstea's career over a reigning world No. 1 and extended a remarkable late-career run for the Romanian veteran, who had announced earlier this year that the 2026 season would be the final campaign of her two-decade professional career.

Playing at the Foro Italo, Sabalenka looked firmly in control during the opening stages and appeared set for another routine victory after racing through the first set and moving 2-0 ahead in the second. The Belarusian had not dropped a



set against Cirstea in any of their previous meetings, including a straight-sets victory in Brisbane earlier this year. However, the momentum shifted dramatically as Sabalenka's intensity dipped and Cirstea began dictating rallies with aggressive baseline play and clever variation. The Romanian gradually settled into the contest, breaking serve repeatedly to level the match and push the top seed into a tense decider.

Cirstea continued to apply pressure in the third set, where she

broke Sabalenka three times during a gripping finish. The world No. 1 also required a medical timeout midway through the set for treatment to her lower back as the physical battle intensified.

After two hours and 14 minutes, Cirstea completed the comeback to register the most significant win of her season and only the third defeat suffered by Sabalenka in 2026. It also marked the Belarusian's earliest tournament exit in more than a year, with her last defeat before the quarter-finals coming in Dubai in 2025.

Gujarat Titans crush Rajasthan Royals, tighten playoff race grip

JAIPUR
Wakeup telangana

Leg-spinner Rashid Khan returned to his magical best with a four-wicket haul after his skipper Shubman Gill struck a sublime 84 as Gujarat Titans outclassed Rajasthan Royals by 77 runs to move a step closer to the IPL playoffs, here on Saturday.

Gill and Sai Sudharsan (55) stitched a commanding 118-run opening stand as Gujarat Titans piled up their season-best 229 for 4 after Rajasthan Royals opted to bowl on a batting-friendly deck.

In reply, Rajasthan began in explosive fashion through teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who smashed 36 off just 16 balls with the help of three fours and three sixes, while Dhruv Jurel kept up the momentum with a rapid 24 off 10 deliveries (1x4, 3x6).

At 62/2 in five overs, Rajasthan looked firmly in the chase before Gujarat's bowlers turned the game around to bowl the home side out for 152 in 16.3 overs.



The victory was Gujarat Titans' fourth on the trot as they joined table-toppers Sunrisers Hyderabad on 14 points and tightened their grip on a playoff spot.

The pace duo of Kagiso Rabada (2/33 from 3 overs) and Mohammed Siraj (1/55) struck early blows in the powerplay before Rashid took complete control through the middle overs with a match-winning spell of 4/33.

Bowling between the eighth and 14th overs, Rashid exploited the slight turn on offer brilliantly and broke the backbone of Rajasthan's chase.

He removed Jurel and Donovan Ferreira in the space of three balls. He first knocked back Jurel's off stump with a teasing length delivery before rattling Ferreira with a sharp leg-break that drifted in and turned away.

He later trapped Ravindra Jadeja lbw and finished with four wickets, including three bowled dismissals, as Rajasthan kept losing wickets at regular intervals and handed the biggest win to GT.

Jason Holder wrapped up the tail returning with figures of 3/12 in his 2.3 overs.

Sooryavanshi gave Rajasthan a flying start by

smashing the very first ball of the innings for six. He then took on Rabada with back-to-back sixes as the Royals raced to 26 without loss in two overs.

Siraj too came under attack, conceding three boundaries in four balls to the fearless youngster. But the India pacer eventually had the last laugh with a well-directed short ball that forced a mistimed pull, ending Sooryavanshi's entertaining cameo.

Rabada then struck another big blow in the following over, dismissing Yashasvi Jaiswal, who led RR on Saturday after regular captain Riyan Parag pulled his hamstring in the previous match, with a 152kph bouncer that was miscued to extra cover.

Jurel briefly revived Rajasthan's hopes by smashing Siraj for three sixes and a four in a 22-run over, but Gujarat wrested back control once Rashid entered the attack.

Put in to bat, Gill's 44-ball knock, studded with nine fours and three sixes, was a masterclass in timing and strokeplay as he mixed elegance with aggression despite strug-

gling briefly with discomfort in his left foot before reaching his fourth IPL fifty this season.

Brijesh Sharma (2/47) picked the wickets of Gill and Jason Holder in the back end but Washington Sundar (37 not out; 20 balls, 2x4s, 3x6s) played the finisher's role along with Rahul Tewatia (14 not out; 4 balls), who smashed two sixes in a 21-run final over to take GT to their season's highest total.

Their misery extended with Jofra Archer enduring a difficult outing early on, leaking 18 runs in the opening over, including five extras, as Sudharsan capitalised on his erratic lines. Archer leaked 46 runs from his three overs.

Left-hander Sudharsan repeatedly pierced the off-side field while Gill settled in before shifting gears with a range of authoritative strokes.

GT raced to 108 without loss in just nine overs before Rajasthan managed to slow things down through spin in the middle phase.

Yash Raj Punia (1/37) fi-

HYDRAA rescues woman stuck in Musi River overnight



In a swift operation, the Disaster Response Force (DRF) team of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) rescued a 49-year-old woman from the flowing Musi River, inside which she was stuck all night.

According to a statement from HYDRAA, Indira, a resident of Bhagyanagar in Golnaka, slipped and fell into the flowing river on Friday night.

She fell into thick vegetation and garbage. Hence, she was able to stay inside the Musi River throughout the night.

On Saturday morning, May 9, when locals noticed her, they alerted HYDRAA at around 10:51 am.

By 11:07 am, a team of HYDRAA's Disaster Response Force reached the spot along with firefighters, placed a ladder and pulled her out to safety.

Owaisi Backs AIMIM Corporator Arrested For Aiding Nida Khan

"A burqa was found at the girl's house, and there was a book on Prophet Muhammad": Police

HYDERABAD
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AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Saturday came out in strong defense of party corporator Mateen Patel and Nida Khan, who is facing serious allegations of promoting forced religious conversion in Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). Patel is accused of helping Khan to evade police for 40 days. Owaisi dismissed the gravity of the First Information Report (FIR), suggesting that the mere filing of charges does not equate to guilt.

Ms Khan had been on the run for more than 40 days since the alleged forced conversion case came to light. According to the police, Mr. Patel helped her during the period. "A burqa was found at the girl's house, and there was a book on Prophet Muhammad. Charges have



been leveled against her on this basis. When was a burqa ever declared illegal? Furthermore, religious books are bound to be present in a Muslim household. Regarding the charges filed against her, she will prove herself in court. Matin Patel will also fight in the court. But they are being declared guilty by the media even before the court's verdict. How can the Nida Khan case be decided solely on the basis of a media trial? We have faith in our judiciary. Therefore, we will fight against it," Mr. Owaisi said.

The AIMIM chief further

said TCS had clarified that Nida Ms. Khan was not an HR employee. He alleged that her name was made public even before the FIR was registered and accused the ruling party of conducting a media trial. "TCS has clarified that Nida Khan was not an HR employee. Even before the FIR was registered, her name was made public and a media trial was conducted by the ruling party," he said.

While reacting to the arrest of AIMIM corporator Mateen Patel, Mr. Owaisi said, "Our worker will present his case in court." Mr. Owaisi alleged that this case is being given a political hue. He stated, "No one can be declared guilty based solely on accusations." Meanwhile, Maharashtra minister and Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Shirsat alleged that AIMIM leader Imtiaz Jaleel pressured a party cor-

porator to provide shelter to Ms.Khan.

Ms Khan, who is accused in multiple cases linked to alleged religious conversion attempts, molestation and harassment at a Tata Consultancy Services unit in Nashik, was arrested from a house in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar on Thursday after evading authorities for weeks.

"The details emerging from the TCS case are shocking. Nida Khan first went to Mumbra and later Imtiaz Jaleel met her in Nashik and publicly supported her. She later stayed in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar at the residence of an AIMIM corporator. Mr. Jaleel had pressured the corporator to help her," Mr. Shirsat said adding that that members associated with the banned Students Islamic Movement of India had become part of the AIMIM.

NRR Boards Metro to Woo Commuters for Modi Rally

Rao highlighted the deep admiration, trust and respect people hold for Modi's leadership, his vision for Viksit Bharat

HYDERABAD
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N. Ramchander Rao intensified the BJP's outreach campaign in Hyderabad on Saturday by travelling in a Metro train as part of the party's "Jan Sampark Abhiyan," directly interacting with commuters and IT professionals while inviting them to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting at Secunderabad Parade Grounds on Sunday. During the Metro ride, Ramchander Rao mingled with passengers, greeted commuters and appealed to citizens to attend the BJP rally in large numbers.

Sharing details of the campaign on social media, he described the experience as an honour and said the initiative reflected the BJP's tradition of maintaining direct contact with people. The Telangana BJP president said Hyderabad was witnessing unprecedented en-

thusiasm ahead of Modi's visit, claiming that people across sections were eager to welcome the Prime Minister.

According to him, the excitement among commuters and residents reflected the public's admiration, trust and confidence in Modi's leadership and governance. Ramchander Rao stated that people strongly believed in Modi's vision of "Viksit Bharat" and "Viksit Telangana," adding that the Prime Minister's developmental agenda continued to inspire support among youth, professionals and

middle-class families. He termed Sunday's public meeting at Parade Grounds a historic event and urged citizens from Hyderabad and surrounding districts to participate enthusiastically to make the programme a grand success.

The BJP has intensified its organisational activities in Telangana in recent weeks, seeking to expand its presence by capitalising on anti-incumbency sentiment against the ruling Congress government and criticism of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS).

Six Arrested For Dangerous Bike Stunts

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Rajendranagar task force personnel and Attapur police arrested six persons, including a minor, for performing dangerous stunts and reckless driving on public roads on Saturday. They were creating a nuisance, causing panic among the public and endangering the lives of commuters and pedestrians, said task force DCP Raghunath Vaibhav Gaikwad. Police seized two two-wheelers and six mo-

bile phones from them. Those arrested have been identified as Syed Shahed, Shaik Naseer Hussain, Shaik Junaid, Abdul Samad, Mohammed Arbaz Hussain Khan and a minor. Police said four of them were previously involved in a petty bike stunt case under Bahadurpura police station limits. The accused created disturbances by performing vehicular stunts such as wheelies, racing, zig-zag riding, triple riding and riding without safety measures.



A Nikah ceremony was held at Star Function Hall, Shaheen Nagar, Hyderabad, where Mohammed Amer Ali, son of Mohammed Jaffer Ali Sahab, married the daughter of Mohammed Sajid Ahmed. The ceremony was attended by several distinguished guests, including Habeeb Mohammad Sikandar, CEO of Al Madina Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., Mohammed Majid Ahmed, Mohammed Aijaz Ahmed, Mohammed Akram Khan, and Mohammed Imtiaz Ahmed, who conveyed their blessings to the newlywed couple.

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Children Marvel At Zero Shadow Day In City

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The city experienced Zero Shadow Day at 12.12 pm on Saturday, with children conducting experiments their shadows disappeared. Zero Shadow Day occurs when the Sun is exactly overhead, at which moment the shadow falls directly under the object and gives the impression that there is no shadow. The moment occurred at 12.12 pm on Saturday when the Sun



was overhead with respect to Hyderabad's latitude of 17.4° N. At the G.P. Birla Scientific Research Institute, which hosted the Zero Shadow Day observation, students and fam-

ilies gathered to witness the rare moment. Mrunalinee Ramanja, scientific officer at Birla Planetarium, Hyderabad, said discussions were held on the importance of the day and the

Earth's motion. On the main stage, children formed two side-by-side circles, holding hands within their groups, while adults formed a larger outer circle to symbolise collective interest in scientific discovery.

She added: "The educational activities were conducted as the shadow disappeared when the Sun was at its zenith. Sundial crafting was organised, with participants given fold-tear-fold paper

models of south-facing vertical sundials designed for our specific latitude of 17.4° N." Children enjoyed using the two analemmatic human sundials located in front of the building, using their own shadows to tell the time. A solid vertical cylindrical tube showed no shadow at the precise moment of zero shadow, while a hollow tube projected a clear 'O' on the ground at local solar noon, she said.

Santosh Nagar SHO Satyanarayana Honored by Hyderabad CP

SHO K. Satyanarayana Honored by Hyderabad CP V. C. Sajjanar for Outstanding Service, Effective Law and Order Management, and Commitment to Public Safety in Santosh Nagar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Zaffer abedi

Santosh Nagar Station House Officer (SHO) K. Satyanarayana was honored with an Appreciation Certificate and Cash Reward by Hyderabad Police Commissioner V. C. Sajjanar for his exemplary service and outstanding contribution towards maintaining law and order in the city.

The recognition was presented during an official ceremony held in Hyderabad, where the Commissioner appreciated the officer's dedication, professionalism, sincerity, and commitment in effectively discharging his responsibilities. The award highlighted the consistent efforts made by K. Satyanarayana in ensuring public safety and strengthening policing standards in the Santosh Nagar division.

Speaking on the occasion, senior officials noted that the officer's work reflects the values and discipline upheld by the Hyderabad Police Department. His proactive poli-



cing, public-oriented approach, and efficient handling of law and order responsibilities were specifically commended during the event.

Colleagues and fellow police personnel congratulated K. Satyanarayana on receiving the prestigious recognition and described the honor as a proud moment for the Santosh Nagar Police Station. Officials stated that such acknowledgements encourage police officers to continue serving society with honesty, integrity, and dedication.

The Hyderabad Police Department has been con-

sistently recognizing officers who demonstrate exceptional performance in their duties, aiming to motivate personnel and strengthen public confidence in policing. The appreciation awarded to K. Satyanarayana stands as a testament to his hard work and commitment towards safeguarding citizens and maintaining peace in the locality. The event concluded with senior officers extending their best wishes to the SHO and encouraging all police personnel to continue working with the same spirit of discipline and public service.

Telangana Govt Elephant Plan for Muharram Procession Draws Community Support

HYDERABAD
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Syed Najaf Ali Shoukat (Journalist), President of the Markazi Anjuman, has stated that if the Telangana Government arranges elephants at an official level for the annual Muharram Bibi Ka Alam procession, a significant section of the Muslim community is expected to express gratitude to the Chief Minister for this initiative. He noted that such a move could help resolve the recurring annual controversies and debates surrounding the arrangement of elephants for the procession.



According to him, government involvement may ensure smoother coordination and contribute to conducting the religious event in a more organized, respectful, and dignified manner.

SCCL plans nine new coal mining projects over next two decades

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) proposes nine new coal mining projects in the next two decades, officials said. According to Telangana Today, annual coal production is likely to reduce by 12.51 million tonnes after four coal mines may stop operating by 2027-28.

A detailed report has been submitted to the

Union Ministry of Coal, Forest and Environment for clearance. "Three projects have received the green signal and production is slated to begin by the end of the current financial year. Coal production has commenced at the Naini Block in Odisha following coordination with the Government of Odisha," an official said, adding that jobs will not be affected. These projects involve the development of new opencast mines, expan-

sion of existing mining operations, and extraction of residual coal reserves from underground mines that were previously closed.

In a review meeting with senior officials at Singareni Bhavan, Hyderabad on Saturday, May 9, SCCL Chairman and Managing Director Dr Buddhaprakash Jyoti directed officials to expedite pending approvals and take necessary steps to ensure the approved projects start.