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## Nation Above All, Tighten Your Belts: Modi

PM warns of looming forex crisis, says don't buy gold for a year, stop holidays abroad, Try work from home

**WEATHER**

MAX: 39.0°C  
MIN: 27.0°C  
RH: 23%  
RAINFALL: 0MM  
FORECAST: MAINLY CLEAR SKY  
MAX/MIN temp. 40/28°C

### Modi Calls On Naidu, Pawan Kalyan Amid Civic Poll Buzz

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's whirlwind tour of the capital on Sunday created a storm of speculation across the political landscape, starting from his "mere se judo" (join me) offer to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to visiting the homes of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and his deputy Pawan Kalyan here as well as sparing the BRS of any criticism. Leaders cutting across party lines were enthusiastic about the PM's visit to Naidu's residence and spending nearly one hour there, and considerable time with the Jana Sena chief, though it was stated to be a courtesy call on Kalyan who had recently undergone surgery. "Naidu has considerable clout in the city and surrounding areas and so is the case with PK. Their contribution, even indirectly, would help us in the GHMC elections," a senior

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### HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

In an unprecedented move, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday called on the people to adopt a slew of measures to help India overcome the impact of the ongoing war in West Asia, including considering work from home, and avoid purchasing gold for a year or going on holidays abroad. Making it clear that the war in West Asia was placing a strain on India's foreign exchange reserves due to rising cost of imports of crude oil and gas, among several others, Modi said people must change their habits, adopt austerity, learn to live conservatively, and shun foreign made products. "The government," Modi said, "over the past five to six years, has been working to overcome challenges arising from disruption of world supply chains." India faced challenges beginning from the Covid pandemic, then came the war in Ukraine, Modi said and cited the example of how despite rising global prices of chemical fertilisers that

cost ₹3,000 a bag in other countries, the Centre India was selling it for just around ₹300 in the country. Expanding on this theme, Modi called on farmers to cut down use of chemical fertilisers which were also destroying soil productivity, and impacting crop output. He urged farmers to begin using solar powered pumps instead of diesel pumps in their fields. "The major war in our neighbourhood has worsened the supply chains, prices have shot up. Not just shot up, but they are touching the sky. The impact of the war has been on the whole world, and India has been impacted more," Modi said. The Prime Minister's call to the nation to tighten its belt in practically any which way possible to conserve the country's foreign exchange reserves and to people to do their duty towards the country, was the focus of a major part of his speech at a large BJP public meeting in Hyderabad. Modi said among the goods that place a strain on India's forex reserves is import of gold. "There was a time during trouble, or wars,



people would donate gold to the government. But now, there is no need for such donations, but in the interest of the country, we must decide that we will not buy gold for one year. Irrespective of which function at home, we must make a firm resolve that we will not buy gold. Our Desh Bhakti is challenging us on this front, for us to save our forex reserves," Modi said. The Prime Minister also talked about how a culture of destination weddings, or conducting marriages abroad is increasing in the middle class families. "This is a time for change. For at least one year, we should resolve to postpone foreign visits. India has many places that we can visit, hold weddings. We have to take every possible step to conserve foreign exchange," he said.

### Cyberabad is a Key Hub for State and Nation's Growth: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi described Cyberabad as the key hub and growth engine for the rapid development of Telangana and the nation. "Cyberabad has become a major employment hub. It is playing a key role in cyber technology, electricity and EV sectors," Modi underlined. Speaking after laying foundation stones, inaugurating and dedicating to the nation various projects at HICC, Modi said that several major projects were being launched from Cyberabad to transform Telangana into a major manufacturing powerhouse. The new projects would create thousands of new jobs and strengthen Telangana's connectivity, he said. The Prime Minister noted that India was riding the 'Reform Express'. At the same time, he said, India was also building modern infrastructure. This goal was behind the construction of the Zaheerabad industrial area. Modern connectivity has

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## 'Better If You Join Me': Modi To Revanth

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a light-hearted yet politically loaded remark to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday, saying "aap mere se judo" (It is better that you join me), triggering a buzz in the political circles. It came about when Revanth Reddy, during an event here, requested the Prime Minister to support Telangana's development with a "big heart". He noted that then-prime minister Manmohan Singh had extended all kinds of support to Gujarat when Modi was Chief Minister, and sought similar support. "The people of Telangana also want to develop our state with your help in the next 10 years and come up with the Telangana model. I believe that you will provide me



with full support, just like Manmohan Singh did," Revanth Reddy said. During his address, Modi responded that if he were to provide Telangana with exactly the same amount of Central assistance that Gujarat received during that period, the state would actually lose half of the funding it was receiving under the NDA government. "I will tell Revanth that I am ready to give you whatever the Union gov-

ernment gave to Gujarat during its 10 years of rule. But, based on my knowledge, I can tell you that as soon as I do so, what you are currently receiving will be close to half. You will not be able to reach where you want to." Then, turning to Revanth Reddy, he said with a chuckle: "It is better that you join me." Revanth Reddy responded with a laugh, and was joined by the audience.

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## Democracy Needs Balance, Not Confrontation, Says Shah

### HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said the strength of democracy lies in institutional balance and mutual respect rather than confrontation. Speaking at the launch of two books by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta — "The Bench, the Bar and the Bizarre" and "The Lawful and the Awful" — Shah said the Constitution and judiciary have played a key role in

strengthening democracy in India. "Since 1947, changes brought by Parliament and the Assemblies have been accepted without shedding a drop of blood, which shows how deeply rooted democracy is in our country. Courts and the Constitution have a big role to play in achieving this," he said. He said citizens have faith in the Constitution and the justice system. "If there is an assault on rights, the doors of justice are open,

and if anywhere the voice of a weak person is suppressed, the courts will surely hear those voices," he said. Shah said the executive and judiciary must address gaps through a time-bound approach. "The beauty of our democracy is that the Constitution has created institutions not for confrontation but to balance one another. The executive takes decisions and the judiciary conducts its judicial review," he said.

## 2 Indians Safe as Hantavirus-Hit Cruise Ship Reaches Spain

### NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The Dutch-flagged expedition cruise ship MV Hondius has docked at the Port of Granadilla in Tenerife, Spain, initiating a massive global evacuation effort following an international hantavirus outbreak on board. As the evacuation begins with military and government planes flying passengers to over 20 countries, the Indian Embassy in Madrid has confirmed that

two Indian crew members on the vessel are safe, healthy, and asymptomatic. The two Indians remain under observation and are expected to undergo medical screening and a mandatory quarantine in the Netherlands before being eventually repatriated to India. The outbreak aboard the ship, which carried around 140 to 150 people, has resulted in at least three deaths, and five passengers who left earlier have also been in-

fectured. The infections have been linked to the Andes strain of hantavirus, which, while typically contracted from inhaling contaminated rodent droppings, has the rare ability to spread between humans. Despite the fatalities, World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus emphasized that the public risk is low and explicitly stated that "this is not another COVID".

## PIL To Review Wages Of Temple Staff

### NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

A public interest litigation has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Centre and state governments to constitute a judicial commission or expert committee to review wages and benefits of priests, sevadars and temple staff in state-controlled temples. The petition, filed by advocate Ashwini Upadhyay, also sought a declaration that priests and temple staff be treated as "employee"

under Section 2(k) of the Code on Wages, 2019. The plea stated, "Petitioner also seeks a declaration that priests and temple staff are 'employee' under Section 2(k) of the Code on Wages, 2019. Petitioner submits that once the State assumes the administrative, economic and financial control over temples, an employer-employee relationship arises and denial of dignified wages to priests and temple staff violates the right to livelihood guaranteed.

## CM Vijay Announces Free Power, Women's Safety Measures After Oath

### CHENNAI Wakeup telangana

In a glittering, grand ceremony at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor stadium in Chennai, C. Joseph Vijay, president of the Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) that had emerged as the single largest party in the state Assembly elections, was sworn in as the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and nine of his party colleagues took oath as ministers on Sunday with the state witnessing a new political wave sweeping through it. Soon after seeing off the Governor, Rajendra Vish-



wanth Arlekar, who administered the oath of office and secrecy to him, Vijay returned to the packed stadium where the enthusiastic crowd waited for him to deliver his maiden address to the people as Chief Minister and also announce signature schemes of the new

government like 200 units of free electricity to households that consume up to 500 units every two months. Later, he drove down to the Secretariat to hold a detailed review of the law and order situation in the state with top officers of the state and said that issues like

women's safety and drug menace would be continuously reviewed. At the Secretariat, he sat in his room and issued orders for the election of protem Speaker, as the first session of the 17th legislative Assembly would meet on Monday at 9.30 am, when all the elected members of the House would take oath of office. Vijay also resigned his membership from the Tiruchi East constituency from where he had contested, along with Perambur in Chennai, and won both of them. The Assembly secretary has advised the members to

have their certificate of election with them for presentation. The election of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker would be held on Tuesday at 9.30 am. Apart from Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, parents of Vijay, S.A. Chandrasekar and Shobha Chandrasekar, leaders from the political parties that had extended support to the TVK to enable it reach the magic number of 118 that the Governor had been insisting on since the beginning, wide range of personalities from the film world, industrial captains,

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## Telangana in Dire Need of a BJP Government: Kishan Reddy

Kishan Reddy slammed Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for "inciting one religious section of society against the special intensive revision of electoral rolls."

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Union Minister and Telangana BJP president G. Kishan Reddy on Sunday asserted that Telangana urgently needed a BJP government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging that both the BRS and Congress governments had pushed the state into "darkness" through misgovernance and divisive politics. Addressing a massive public meeting attended by Prime Minister Modi in Hyderabad, Kishan Reddy said the BJP had returned to the city after a long gap



with a clear political objective — to safeguard Telangana and bring it onto the path of development. He claimed that the people of the state had first suffered under "one family's rule" during the BRS regime and were now witnessing similar failures under the Congress govern-

ment led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. "The aspiration of four crore people of Telangana is for a Modi-led government in the state," Kishan Reddy declared, while urging party workers and supporters to strengthen the BJP ahead of future elections. The Union Minister

also launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy over his opposition to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Accusing the Congress government of attempting to create communal divisions, Kishan Reddy questioned why the Chief Minister raised the issue at a meeting of the Muslim community. "Why are Hindus being degraded? Why is the Chief Minister opposing the SIR process? His statements are nothing but an attempt to incite one community against another," Kishan Reddy alleged.

Highlighting the achievements of the BJP-led Central government, he said the Modi administration had delivered development projects worth nearly Rs.12 lakh crore to Telangana over the last decade. Contrasting the BJP with Congress, Kishan Reddy claimed the BJP fulfilled its guarantees instead of making "false promises" to the people. He further accused the Congress government of betraying public trust after coming to power with "unrealistic assurances," while asserting that only the BJP could ensure Telangana's progress and stability.

## T Congress faces backlash over post on Bandi Sanjay's son POCSO case

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The Telangana Congress came under sharp criticism from several quarters over its remarks regarding the case involving Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar's son, Bandi Sai Bageerath, and its comments on the prevailing law and order situation in the country. The controversy erupted after the Telangana Congress shared a photograph of the Union Minister and his son on X, questioning whether it was the "Home Department or an irresponsible department." The party stated that the Union Home Ministry is entrusted with safeguarding law and order and ensuring national security, but alleged that a serious violation had taken place at the residence of the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs.



The Congress further questioned how Bandi Sanjay could continue in office on moral grounds after a POCSO case was reportedly registered against his son. However, the comments triggered a strong backlash on social media, with several users accusing the Congress government in Telangana of failing to act promptly in the matter. Many social media users pointed out that Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy also holds the Home portfolio and questioned the delay in action. X user Basheeruddin asked why the FIR had allegedly been delayed for nearly three months despite the seriousness of

the allegations. Another user, Sandeep, remarked that social media campaigns alone would not deliver justice. He accused the Congress government of focusing more on public relations exercises instead of ensuring swift legal action in a sensitive case involving a minor. Another X user, E Dil, questioned the functioning of the State Home Department and alleged that a honey-trap case had instead been filed against the victim. He also claimed that despite the registration of a POCSO case, no arrests had been made so far. According to him, people across Telangana were closely observing how the Congress government would respond in the coming days. The issue has since sparked a wider political debate, with opposition voices demanding transparency, accountability, and immediate action

## With Son Facing POCSO Case, Bandi Doubles Down on Innocence

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Sunday strongly defended himself amid the controversy surrounding the POCSO case registered against his son, asserting that he would neither be intimidated by political attacks nor retreat under pressure. Addressing party workers ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting at the Parade Grounds in Secunderabad, Bandi Sanjay said certain political parties were deliberately targeting him and the BJP with "fabricated allegations" aimed at tarnishing their image. Speaking as one of the key leaders before the Prime Minister's address, Bandi Sanjay indirectly referred to the ongoing controversy and declared that he had never engaged in any act that would bring disrepute to the Bharatiya Janata Party. He asserted that attempts were being made to ma-



align both him and the party through what he described as baseless accusations. "I am not one who will get scared by noises and hide like a rat in a farmhouse," he remarked, in an apparent swipe at his political rivals. He further stated that he would not allow those making allegations against him to escape accountability. "Trust me when I say I am innocent," he told the gathering, maintaining that the accusations lacked credibility and were politically motivated. Bandi Sanjay also sought to portray himself as a self-made leader who rose through hard work and

grassroots politics. "I am not someone who entered politics because of my father. Those making these allegations are people who cannot face me politically," he said. His remarks drew loud cheers from BJP supporters assembled at the venue. The controversy erupted after a POCSO case was registered against his son, triggering sharp criticism from opposition parties in Telangana. However, Bandi Sanjay's speech indicated that he intends to aggressively counter the allegations politically while projecting confidence and defiance amid mounting scrutiny.

## Madhu Park Ridge residents hold Musi Dandi march against land acquisition



Several property owners of Madhu Park Ridge (MPR), whose properties are to be affected by land acquisition for Gandhi Sarovar Project linked to the Musi Riverfront Development, on Sunday took part in a Musi Dandi march from MPR Apartments, Bandlaguda, to Parade Ground, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a massive public meeting. The protesters decided to submit a formal representation to the Prime Minister through the Telangana BJP State President, N Ramchander Rao. The march was held mainly to oppose the displacement of their residential apartments for the Gandhi Sarovar Project, said Giri Babu, one of the property owners of Madhu Park Ridge. The representation raised concerns regarding the ongoing Musi Riverfront Development Project, including issues relating to displacement, environmental impact, institutional land diversion, lack of adequate social and environmental scrutiny, and the rights of affected residents.

## Hill Rocks Spark Fear Among Residents Ahead of Monsoon Season

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

As the monsoon season approaches, residents living near rocky hillocks have appealed to authorities to take immediate safety measures against loose rocks that may fall during heavy rain and strong winds. People in areas such as Malkajgiri, Mallepally, Nizampet et cetera said that they were worried about the condition of rocky hillocks located close to residential colonies. Many houses have been built beside the hillocks over the



years, leaving families fearful during every rainy season. Residents said that several rocks appear loose and unstable after years of weather damage. They feared that continuous rainfall could weaken the soil and cause rocks to tumble down on to homes, roads and electric

poles. Strong winds during storms could also increase the danger. T. Karunakar, a resident of Malkajgiri's Gauthamnagar, said that in 2025, boulders from the hillock tumbled down twice. "In May, a boulder fell onto a nearby church and damaged the structure, and in October another boulder fell on a GHMC auto", he said. He said that HYDRAA officials had previously fenced the area where unhoused people built tents and lived precariously among the rocks. Locals alleged that despite HYDRAA remov-

ing them, the people have returned and are once again living between the rocks. "We have complained to Malkajgiri municipal officials and to HYDRAA multiple times, but no action has been taken yet", Karunakar added. Ch. Priyanka, a resident of Mallepally, said: "Rocks are in a dangerous state near our colony, and if even one of them falls down, the situation can injure or even kill people." She said that authorities must conduct surveys and remove the dangerous rocks before the monsoon season.

## Modi Virtually Inaugurates Kakatiya Mega Textile Park Under PM MITRA

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Prashanth reddy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday virtually inaugurated the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park (KMTP) in Warangal, under the PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) scheme. The project was launched via video conference from Hyderabad, with district officials attending the event at the park site through a live broadcast. Officials present included district collector Dr Satya Sharada,



additional collector (Revenue) G. Sandhya Rani, additional collector (Local Bodies) Y.V. Ganesh, ZP CEO Ram Reddy and zonal manager Swami. According to officials, the total cost of the project is estimated at Rs 1,695 crore. Of this, about

Rs 800 crore to Rs 900 crore has been spent on land acquisition, infrastructure and basic facilities. The Centre has allocated Rs 200 crore under the PM MITRA scheme for the project. Officials said Rs 30 crore was released two months ago, with the remaining Rs 170 crore to be disbursed in phases. Officials said the park is expected to generate employment and integrate the textile value chain from production to exports, contributing to the local economy in Warangal and surrounding areas.

## Over 200 protest against alleged green cover loss near KBR Park

More than 200 environmental activists, NGO representatives, senior citizens, youngsters and children gathered near KBR National Park on Sunday evening to protest against the large-scale loss of green cover caused by ongoing earth excavation works in the area.

The demonstrators staged an hour-long protest along the pavements surrounding the park, expressing concern over alleged indiscriminate tree felling and ecological damage. Wearing black attire as a symbolic mark of protest, participants carried placards and raised slogans including "We want KBR Park, we don't want flyovers" and "Stop indiscriminate tree felling." Protesters said the city's shrinking green spaces and increasing infrastructure projects were posing a serious threat to Hyderabad's environment and biodiversity. Performance artist and painter Ramani Mylavaram organised a participatory art performance during the protest, encouraging demonstrators to voice their concerns creatively. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from people across age groups, with many calling for immediate measures to protect the greenery around KBR Park and preserve the city's ecological balance for future generations.

## P.V. Rao's Legacy Inspires Mala Mahanadu's Digital Dalit Movement

**HYDERABAD**  
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Dp srinivas rao

Mala Mahanadu leaders, activists, and youth members gathered at the NVS Press Club in Hyderabad to pay rich tributes to the late P. V. Rao on his birth anniversary, reaffirming their commitment to Dalit unity, constitutional rights, and organizational expansion. Remembering Rao's historic contribution to social justice, speakers highlighted his relentless legal fight in the landmark E.V. Chinnaiah vs. State of



Andhra Pradesh case, where the Supreme Court protected the constitutional integrity of the Scheduled Castes list and ruled against sub-categorization. Leaders said Rao dedicated his final years in New Delhi to safeguarding equality and social justice until his

demise on December 22, 2005. Addressing the gathering, Mala Mahanadu leaders stressed the need for unity among Dalit communities, including Mala and Madiga sections, to strengthen the movement politically and socially. Youth representatives an-

nounced plans to rapidly expand the organization using modern technology and social media platforms to spread Rao's ideology across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The programme witnessed participation from senior activists and young leaders who pledged to continue Rao's mission of "Unity and Equality." The event concluded with slogans praising Rao's sacrifices and reaffirming the organization's resolve to build a stronger, tech-driven movement for marginalized communities.

## R. Itikyal Village Glows with Spiritual Fervour Grand Idol & Temple Tower

**MEDAK**  
Wakeup telangana  
THALKA ANJIAIAH

R. Itikyal village in Regode Mandal of Medak district has transformed into a vibrant centre of spirituality and devotion as grand idol and temple tower consecration ceremonies are being conducted with religious fervour and traditional grandeur. The celebrations, symbolizing the unity, faith, and cultural heritage of the villagers, include the consecration of idols of Sri Ganapathi, Shiva Lingam, Nandi, Lord Hanuman, Janta Nagulu, Ooradamma,



Bodrai, Nalla Pochamma, Nadhar Lingammaiah, Shantappa Maharaj, Panchamukha Shiva Lingam, and the Dhvajasthambham (Temple Flag Post). The three-day spiritual event, being held from Vaishakha Bahula Saptami to Navami, is organized under the guidance of Sri Sharasthala Brahma 108 Sadguru Somal-

inga Shivacharya Maha Swamiji of the Bichkunda Peetham. Special rituals including Yagashala Pravesham, Go Puja, Dhvajarohanam, Ganapathi Puja, Kalasha Sthapana, Homams, Maha Snananam, Prana Pratishtha, and Maha Mangala Harathi are being performed according to Vedic traditions amidst the chanting of sacred hymns. A grand idol procession with sacred Kalashas drew huge participation from devotees and villagers, creating a deeply devotional atmosphere throughout the village.

## Students Welcome Instant Eapcet Scores

Students welcomed the state government's new initiative of delivering instant Eapcet scores after the exam, saying it reduced anxiety and gave them a fair idea about their expected rank and college admission. Only the Eapcet is providing instant temporary marking in Telangana, apart from BITS-Pilani. The instant scores were displayed on students' computer screens as per the preliminary key. Final scores, along with ranks, will be awarded based on the final key and normalised marks.

Sanni Vas, a student, said the new feature helped him predict his rank by comparing previous years' marks and ranks hosted on the website. Vamshi Madhav, said the scorecard shown on the computer matched his expectations and reduced the anxiety of waiting until the final key or results. Vaishnavi D. noted that students who performed well may feel confident, while those who did not could feel disappointed in the exam hall itself. Anirudh Sai Vignesh said seeing the score immediately gave him confidence about which college he could get into. "It helped in understanding how much I scored after attempting all the questions," he added.

## Modi Rally Sparks Massive Enthusiasm at Hyderabad Parade Grounds

**HYDERABAD**  
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Chants of Jai Shri Ram and Bharat Mata Ki Jai reverberated in and around Parade Ground on Sunday as thousands thronged the venue to attend Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting. It was not only BJP workers holding cardboard cutouts of Modi, but also doctors, students and apolitical citizens who gathered to catch a glimpse of the Prime Minister. While BJP workers raised slogans of "Modi Modi" alongside the chants, those unaffiliated said they came simply to see him. Party workers said Modi's Hyderabad meeting after the West Bengal victory had boosted their confidence, asserting that if their party could win Bengal, Telangana was no longer a distant dream. "Doctors from various hospitals were invited. More than listening to his speech, we wanted to see



him. Many doctors like me attended the meeting," said a doctor in surgical scrubs. For those not affiliated to BJP, the chance to see Modi was rare. "Unlike people in Delhi, we get fewer chances to see the Prime Minister," one attendee said. BJP workers, however, were emotional, calling it a "lifetime moment" they would cherish forever. Dozens of workers said they had been preparing since the announcement of Modi's visit — choosing attire, spreading word

of the meeting, and hoping for a selfie with the Prime Minister. V. J. Praveen Kumar from Marepally said the first thing he did was select a theme for his attire. Wearing a cap with Mahakal written on it and a Madev Tilak, he said: "Inch by inch I came closer to the dais. Modi ji was 100 to 200 metres away. I saw him for the first time and it was nothing less than a darshan." Similarly, a group of women from Vanasthalipuram chanted Jai Shri

Ram on their way back, saying the West Bengal victory had boosted their confidence. "I waited for hours though I saw him live for only a couple of minutes. The wait was justified," said Cheela Roja, a BJP leader from Vanasthalipuram, wearing a saffron pagdi. The city was decked with flex banners, cutouts and saffron flags, while some attendees decorated their vehicles with party flags. People from various districts shared their excitement over phone calls on their way back, many trying to click selfies with Modi in the background. Artists invited to perform also expressed joy. "We are yet to receive payment for our performance, but I saw the Prime Minister," said a folk artist from Khammam. Sada Laxmi, a BJP worker, overheard the conversation between a correspondent and the folk artist and said: "That is the aura of Modi ji. Is baar Telangana pakka."

## BRS calls out deliberate attempts to shield Bandi Sanjay's son in POCSO case

**HYDERABAD**  
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BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar alleged serious police negligence and political interference in a POCSO case registered against Sai Bageerath, son of Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay. He demanded immediate arrest of the accused and police protection for the victim.

He alleged that the complainant was pressured to alter her complaint on the grounds that influential persons were involved. Only after she threatened to take her life at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting on Sunday, he said the police issued only an acknowledgement.

The former IPS officer questioned why no arrest had been made despite a POCSO case being on



record. "Under the POCSO Act, even if a minor girl consents to sex, it is invalid in law. Yet police have not acted against him," he said.

He alleged that cases were filed against the victim in Karimnagar and that her family was receiving threats to withdraw the complaint. Praveen Kumar demanded formation of an SIT under a DGP-rank woman officer, immediate recording of the victim's and her mother's statements before a magistrate, and suspension

of officials allegedly facilitating the accused.

He accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of shielding Bandi Sanjay and questioned the silence of Congress leaders and women Ministers in the State Cabinet. He alleged that the media were being pressured to frame the case as a "honey trap" and suppress mention of the POCSO case.

The BRS leader said a BJP spokesperson facilitated a meeting between the victim's family and the Union Minister in April, during which Bandi Sanjay allegedly rejected a marriage proposal, insulted the victim and her family, and issued threats.

He warned that BRS would intensify protests statewide if justice was denied to the victim or anticipatory bail sought for the accused.

## Mercury set to soar as heatwave likely returns in Telangana

Telangana is set for a renewed heatwave, with IMD forecasting a sharp rise in temperatures up to 44°C across northern and central districts by midweek, following brief relief from scattered thunderstorms.

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Telangana is bracing for a renewed heatwave, as the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad forecasts a significant temperature surge across the state starting this week.

While scattered thunderstorms provided a temporary break, the IMD's Sunday evening weather forecast warns of a 'gradual rise' in maximum temperatures by 2 degree Celsius to 3 degree Celsius over the next three to four days.

Isolated light to moderate rain and thunderstorms, accompanied by gusty winds of 30-40 kmph, will likely persist on Monday in districts including Adilabad, Hyderabad, Khammam, and Nalgonda. However, by Tuesday, dry weather is expected to prevail across the entire state, effectively ending the cooling effect of the recent rain. The northern districts including Adilabad, Nir-



mal, and Nizamabad are expected to feel the brunt of the mercury, which is expected to range between 41 degree Celsius and 44 degree Celsius. By the middle of the coming week, the high-temperature 'orange alert' zone is expected to expand southward and westward. Major centers including Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Vikarabad, and Mahabubnagar are projected to transition from the present 36 to 40 degree Celsius to the higher 41 degree Celsius and 44 degree Celsius range by Wednesday.

Meanwhile, eastern districts like Bhadrachari, Kothagudem and Mulugu are forecast to stay slightly cooler, maintain-

ing temperatures between 36 and 40. In the last 24 hours (till 8:30 am on Sunday), Adilabad recorded the state's highest temperature at 40.5 degree Celsius (1.6°C below normal), followed closely by Nizamabad at 40.4 while Khammam and Nalgonda both reached the 40 degree Celsius. In the capital, the GHMC area continued to witness a relatively low 36.4 degree Celsius at Begumpet, while Dundigal recorded 37.6 and Medak witnessed 38 degree Celsius. As the dry spell takes hold on Tuesday, the maximum temperatures in Greater Hyderabad are expected to climb rapidly and range.

## Rakesh Jaiswal Leads Grand BJP Participation in PM Modi Sabha

**HYDERABAD**  
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Rakesh Jaiswal, Film Censor Board Telangana member and former Corporator of Jambagh, participated in the grand public Sabha of Prime Minister Narendra Modi held at Parade Ground, Secunderabad, along with senior Bharatiya Janata Party leaders, party workers, and supporters.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from BJP leaders and karyakartas across the city. Among those present were Smt Kajal Gupta, Venkat Reddy, Raju Yadav, Pullamuri Shankar, Harinath, Rachna Gupta, Sandeep Jain, Balaji Anil Yadav, Narsingh, and Deena. Party leaders stated that the Sabha was



conducted successfully in a highly energetic atmosphere, with thousands of BJP supporters gathering to listen to the Prime Minister's address. The event concluded on a grand and successful note amid slogans praising the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party. Senior BJP leaders and dedicated karyakartas also attended the programme in large numbers.

## Fast Civic Service Wins Praise from Retired Inspector M.S. Baig

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Retired Inspector M.S. Baig appreciated the swift and efficient civic service carried out under the supervision of Purana Pool AIMIM President Mr. Rahim.

He specially thanked S.I.R. works in-charge Mr. M.S. Baig for ensuring prompt response and quality service to the public.

He said the works were completed efficiently and



reflected commitment towards public welfare and local development. Residents also expressed satisfaction over the timely execution of the service works in the area.

## Gachibowli BJP Leaders Attend PM Modi's Public Meeting

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

Thousands of BJP leaders and party workers from NTR Nagar in Gachibowli division attended Prime Minister Narendra Modi's massive public meeting held at Secunderabad Parade Grounds during his visit to Telangana for the inauguration and foundation stone laying of various development projects.

BJP leaders, women leaders, Youth Morcha, Kisan Morcha, BJYM, OBC Morcha, and SC



Morcha members participated in large numbers from the Serilingampally constituency. The mobilisation was organised under the guidance of

former Gachibowli corporator V. Gangadhar Reddy. Party leaders stated that the gathering reflected support for Prime Minister Modi's leadership and

the development of Telangana. BJP workers raised slogans such as "Sabka Saath - Sabka Vikas" during the event.

Speaking on the occasion, leaders said the Central Government is giving special priority to Telangana's development in areas such as roads, railways, IT, infrastructure, and employment opportunities for youth. They also expressed confidence that BJP's public support in Telangana is increasing steadily and that the party will grow stronger in the coming days.

## Special Bike Rally marking World Thalassemia Day

**HYDERABAD**  
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Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society (TSCS), had today organised a special World Thalassemia Day 2026 awareness initiative and a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp Organizers' Felicitation Program on 10 May 2026 in Hyderabad.

As part of the observance, a large-scale motorcycle awareness ride titled "Hidden No More - Unmasking Thalassemia, Transforming Lives" was conducted bringing together over 75 bikers under the message: "Not Just a Ride, Ride for Awareness. Riding for a Thalassemia-Free Future."



The awareness rally was supported by the Wanderers Brotherhood riding community. The bike rally commenced from the TSCS Building, Shivrampally, and covered prominent locations across Hyderabad including Zoo Park, M.J. Market, Afzalgunj, Purani Haveli, Mir Alam Mandi, Talabkatta, Shah Ali Banda,

Aliyabad Chandrayangutta, Mylardevpally, and Aramgarh X Roads before concluding at the TSCS Building.

Following the awareness ride, TSCS hosted the Voluntary Blood Donation Camp Organizers' Felicitation Program at Maniram Ramratan Rathi Auditorium, TSCS, Shivrampally,

Hyderabad, and honoured individuals and organizations contributing towards voluntary blood donation initiatives.

The event has graced by Chief Guest Shyam Sunder Ji Loya and Guest of Honor Kurra Srinath, Dr Chandrakant Agarwal, President - TSCS, Ratnavalli K, Narresh Rathi, Manoj Rupani, Dr. Suman Jain, and Aleem Baig. Special appreciation was extended to Aleem Baig, Joint Secretary - TSCS for his dedicated efforts in successfully coordinating and organizing the World Thalassemia Day awareness bike rally and Blood Donation camp organisers felicitation.

## AP CM in Delhi Today For Talks, CII Summit

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will fly to New Delhi on Monday for meetings with senior central ministers, World Bank representatives, and top industry leaders. This is part of the state government's stepped-up push to secure central funding and attract fresh investment. The Naidu-led government has been intensifying its outreach with the Centre on a host of issues, ranging from special financial packages to fast-tracking major infrastructure corridors in the state. Upon arrival, the CM would meet home minister Amit Shah before noon, where a discussion on pending issues of Andhra Pradesh, including infrastructure development and the release of central funds would be taken up. He would meet Jal Shakti minister CR Patil to discuss water resource-related matters. In the afternoon, a delegation from the World Bank is scheduled to call on the CM as part of the state's ongoing engagement with multilateral financial institutions to accelerate development under the government's Swarna Andhra vision.

## Flood crisis management teams should be constituted in every state: Amit Shah

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

At a high-level meeting on Sunday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said flood crisis management teams (FCMTs) should be constituted and activated in every state.

At the meeting, Shah reviewed the country's preparedness to deal with potential floods and heatwaves and underlined that efforts should be made to achieve zero-casualty disaster management. Shah said at least 60 lakes should be included in the plan to develop an early-warning system for 30 high-risk lakes in Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim with the National Disaster Management Authority's (NDMA) support, according to a government statement.



Shah also said there should be an integrated system for flood forecasting at both the central and state levels. FCMTs should be constituted and activated in every state, the home minister said. He asked the NDMA to conduct a study to assess how many states are following the ministry's directives and the NDMA guidelines for dealing with forest fires, heatwaves and floods. Shah said efforts must be made to implement the vision of zero-casualty disaster management.

Emphasising that greater possibilities for water conservation and improvement in groundwater levels should be explored through water-storage and check-dam projects, he said the objective should be to conserve water by constructing check dams on rivers, while also minimising the impact of heatwaves. Shah said the CAMPA Fund should be utilised at maintaining environmental balance.

He said a master plan should be prepared to address the changes in weather patterns caused by climate change and the growing disaster-related challenges arising from those.

Shah also said weather forecasts and warnings should be disseminated widely and effectively. Efforts should be made to further improve the assessment of the upcoming monsoon by studying casualties during the season, the accuracy of forecasts and the damage caused to the agriculture sector, he added. The meeting was attended by Union Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil, the Union home secretary, secretaries and senior officials of various ministries, members and heads of departments of the NDMA.

## Haryana local body polls conclude with 54.5 pc turnout

**CHANDIGARH**  
Wakeup telangana

The local body elections in Haryana, including in the municipal corporations of Ambala, Panchkula and Sonapat, recorded a voter turnout of 54.5 per cent on Sunday, officials said.

Voting began at 8 am and continued till 6 pm amid tight security arrangements. The votes will be counted on May 13, they said.

Polling for the election of mayor and ward councillors in Ambala, Panchkula and Sonapat, president and councillors in the Rewari municipal council, and for presidents and councillors in the municipal committees of Sampla in Rohtak district, Dharuhera in Rewari district, and Uklana in Hisar district took place on Sunday. In addition, by-elections were held for one ward



each in the municipal councils and municipal committees of Tohana, Hajjar, Rajound, Taraori, Kanina and Sadhaura. Ambala, Panchkula and Sonapat recorded a voter turnout of 54.4 per cent, 52.7 per cent and 47.9 per cent, respectively, according to the State Election Commission (SEC) portal.

In Hisar, Rewari and Rohtak, the turnout was 75.7 per cent, 66.1 per cent and 79.2 per cent, respectively.

Out of the total 8.73 lakh eligible voters for the local bodies, 4.75 lakh exercised their franchise, SEC data showed. A total of 817 polling booths were set up for

the elections, in which the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress are the main contestants.

For the mayor's post in Ambala, the BJP has fielded Akshita Saini, the Congress nominee is Kulwinder Kaur, while Sonia Rani is contesting as an Independent candidate.

The 20 wards that went to the polls in Ambala comprised 1.98 lakh voters.

In Panchkula, BJP's Shyamal Bansal and Sudha Bhardwaj of the Congress are contesting for the mayor's post, along with AAP's Rajesh Kumar, and Manoj Agarwal of the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD).

## BJP Cabinet Rejig Counters SP's PDA Strategy Ahead of 2027 UP Polls

**LUCKNOW**  
Wakeup telangana

PDA is a coinage used by the Samajwadi Party (SP) for 'Pichda' (backwards), Dalits and 'Alpsankhyak' (minorities), denoting the opposition party's overtures towards communities that hold the key to power in Uttar Pradesh. The induction of three OBC and two Dalit faces into the Cabinet made the ruling party's focus obvious, especially on non-Yadav OBCs and non-Jatav Dalits in the state.

The three new OBC faces include Bhupendra Chaudhary (Jat), Kailash Rajput (Lodhi) and Hansraj Vishwakarma (Lohar), while Krishna Paswan (Pasi) and Surendra Singh Daler (Valmiki) represent the Dalit communities. The sixth minister, Manoj Kumar Pandey, is a Brahmin.

Additionally, two state ministers were promoted with independent charge - Ajit Pal (Pal) and Somendra Tomar (Gurjar) - both non-Yadav OBCs.

The first Cabinet expansion of the Adityanath Cabinet took place on March 5, 2024, just ahead



of the Lok Sabha elections, in which the BJP faced shock reverses in Uttar Pradesh with the SP-Congress alliance winning 43 of the 80 Lok Sabha seats in the state, limiting the BJP-led-NDA to 36, down from 64 in 2019.

This included the stunning loss of the Ayodhya seat to SP's Awadhesh Prasad, the first Dalit (Pasi) to win the constituency, strengthening the SP's belief that the PDA narrative can be a bankable option in 2027. Prasad was vocal again on Sunday.

"I congratulate the new ministers. However, it is obvious that the BJP is rattled by the SP's PDA push, and that is why we are convinced that 2027 would see the BJP's ouster from Uttar Pradesh," Prasad told PTI over the phone.

That the saffron party was working to counter the SP's PDA card became obvious when senior ministers, including deputy chief ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, as well as Finance Minister Suresh Khanna, positioned the BJP as the "real" party that cared for the PDA. "SP's PDA talk is bogus. We are the real PDA," Keshav Maurya said.

Manoj Pandey, who represents the Unchahaar Assembly segment in Rae Bareilly, the Lok Sabha constituency of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, was finally rewarded with a Cabinet berth for rebelling against the SP ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, when he voted for the BJP in the Rajya Sabha elections. The BJP considered that his Brahmin identity would be useful in aligning with

this key upper caste group, which the opposition has consistently claimed was unhappy with the saffron party. After taking the oath, Pandey lost no time in targeting SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, his former political boss.

"The SP and its leadership are frustrated by the BJP's phenomenal election wins. As a BJP cadre, I will leave no stone unturned to carry out the tasks assigned to me by the party leadership," Pandey, now the second BJP minister in the Cabinet from Rae Bareilly after Dinesh Pratap Singh, told PTI. Varanasi and Kanauj, too, have been fortified with additional ministers each, hinting at the BJP's carefully crafted political agenda ahead of next year's state polls.

Hansraj Vishwakarma, BJP's Varanasi chief who took oath as a minister of state on Sunday, became the fourth minister in the Cabinet from the holy city - the other three being Labour Minister Anil Rajbhar and two ministers of state (independent charge), Ravindra Jaiswal and Daya Shankar Mishra 'Dayalu'.

## Cong claims Instagram blocked Rahul Gandhi's reel and photo post featuring Vijay due to MeitY rules

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The Congress on Sunday claimed that Instagram has "blocked" Rahul Gandhi's reel and photo post featuring him and actor-politician Vijay due to the rules of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, even as government sources denied the charge.

Sources in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) clarified that it had nothing to do with the action, and it was because the platform's internal system mistakenly flagged the post for blocking. Gandhi was in Chennai on Sunday to attend the oath-taking ceremony of Vijay



as the Tamil Nadu chief minister and later shared several pictures with the actor-politician on social media.

In a post on X, Congress leader and Gandhi's aide Srivatsa claimed that Instagram has "blocked" Gandhi's reel and pictures post featuring him and Thalapaty Vijay at today's swearing-in ceremony".

The viral reel had gathered 12 million views in less than an hour, while the viral picture post had already reached 46 million people, Srivatsa.

"Meta cites no reason as to why his account has become inaccessible. The 'glitch' is because of MEITY rules! Rahul Gandhi's social media accounts have been

suppressed for a long time. His X reach, YouTube views, and Insta followers have all been suppressed," he alleged.

This is how India's opposition leader's voice is curtailed, Srivatsa added. Responding to the claims, sources in the MeitY said it has been wrongly claimed by certain social media handles that certain posts of the leader of the opposition were restricted by the ministry.

"It is clarified that MeitY had nothing to do with this action. It was because of the platform's own internal system mistakenly flagging the post for blocking, which has now been restored," a source in the ministry said.

## Assam gov appoints Himanta as CM, swearing in on May 12

**GUWAHATI**  
Wakeup telangana

Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya on Sunday appointed BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma as the chief minister of Assam, paving the way for the NDA's third consecutive government in the state.

After being unanimously elected leader of the BJP-led NDA's legislature

party, Sarma, along with alliance leaders, met the governor at Lok Bhavan and formally staked claim to form the government.

"In exercise of the powers vested in him under clause (1) of Article 164 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Assam is pleased to appoint Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma as the Chief Minister of Assam," said a noti-

fication signed by Chief Secretary Ravi Kota. Sarma will be sworn in at 11.40 am on May 12 at Veterinary College Field, Khanapara, it added.

The NDA, comprising the BJP, Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) and Bodoland People's Front (BPF), secured a sweeping mandate in the assembly polls, winning a record 102 seats in the 126-member

House. The BJP bagged 82 seats, while AGP and BPF won 10 seats each. Sarma, who first became chief minister in 2021, is the first non-Congress leader in Assam to serve two consecutive terms as CM. This will be the NDA's third consecutive term in the state since the BJP-led alliance first came to power in 2016 under then CM Sarba.

### FROM FRONT PAGE

#### Actor-Politician Vijay...

The Prime Minister noted that India was riding the 'Reform Express'. At the same time, he said, India was also building modern infrastructure. This goal was behind the construction of the Zaheerabad industrial area. Modern connectivity has been a major priority for the NDA government at the Centre over the past 12 years, Modi said. "Unprecedented investments are being made in every mode of connectivity, be it roads, railways, or airports. Nearly ₹1.75 lakh crore has been invested in national highways alone. Telangana is reaping significant benefits from this. The national highway network in Telangana has doubled in the past 12 years. Widening the national high-

ways connecting Telangana and Karnataka will greatly facilitate this. This will reduce travel time and result in savings in fares," he pointed out.

Modi said that the youth of Telangana were nurturing new dreams. The farmers wished to move forward with new hopes. "The industries, the MSMEs, and the start-ups here all want to play their part in building a developed Telangana. Because, if Telangana develops, India will develop. I assure every family in Telangana that the Centre will continue to work, even at a faster pace, to fulfill your dreams," he assured.

#### 'Better If You Join.....'

"I will tell Revanth that I am ready to give you whatever the Union

government gave to Gujarat during its 10 years of rule. But, based on my knowledge, I can tell you that as soon as I do so, what you are currently receiving will be close to half. You will not be able to reach where you want to." Then, turning to Revanth Reddy, he said with a chuckle: "It is better that you join me." Revanth Reddy responded with a laugh, and was joined by the audience.

Modi also explained that before 2014, the railway budget for undivided Andhra Pradesh was less than ₹1,000 crore. "Revanth, are you listening? During undivided Andhra Pradesh, the railway budget was less than ₹1,000 crore. Today, I'm not just talking about united Andhra, as Telangana's railway budget alone is approximately

₹5,500 crore. Currently, rail projects worth approximately ₹50,000 crore are underway here. Five Vande Bharat and six Amrit Bharat trains are also operating in Telangana," he said. Despite the political banter, the Prime Minister assured that the Centre would vigorously support Telangana's development, emphasizing, "If Telangana is developed, the country too would develop."

#### Modi Calls On.....

"Naidu has considerable clout in the city and surrounding areas and so is the case with PK. Their contribution, even indirectly, would help us in the GHMC elections," a senior BJP leader told Deccan Chronicle, explaining the possible political angle to the visit. The neg-

ative factor of "Andhra pettanam" will be marginalised if the much-talked about electoral understanding with the BRS becomes a reality. Interestingly, the Prime Minister avoided criticising the BRS in his speech at Parade Ground.

The TD leaders were also delighted over the Prime Minister's specific reference to Cyberabad and how it had turned into an employment hub and growth engine for Telangana. "It is reminding people of our leader's (Naidu) contribution to Hyderabad," an important TD leader pointed out.

#### CM Vijay Announces..

Vijay also resigned his membership from the Tiruchi East constituency from where he had contested, along

with Perambur in Chennai, and won both of them. The Assembly secretary has advised the members to have their certificate of election with them for presentation. The election of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker would be held on Tuesday at 9.30 am.

Apart from Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, parents of Vijay, S.A. Chandrasekar and Shobha Chandrasekar, leaders from the political parties that had extended support to the TVK to enable it reach the magic number of 118 that the Governor had been insisting on since the beginning, wide range of personalities from the film world, industrial captains, prominent personalities and TVK supporters attended the swearing in.

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

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

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

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

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.

## Cyberabad Traffic Police Book 137 Drunk Driving Cases During Weekend Special Drive

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

Cyberabad Traffic Police conducted a special weekend drunk driving enforcement drive and apprehended 137 offenders across the commissionerate. According to police, the cases included 113 two-wheelers, 5 three-wheelers, 18 four-wheelers, and 1 heavy vehicle. Based on Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) levels: 105 offenders recorded BAC levels between 36

mg/100 ml and 200 mg/100 ml 18 offenders recorded BAC levels between 201 mg/100 ml and 300 mg/100 ml 14 offenders recorded BAC levels between 301 mg/100 ml and 550 mg/100 ml All offenders will be produced before the court. Police warned that drunk driving is a serious offence and stated that if a person

causes a fatal accident while driving under the influence of alcohol, a case will be booked under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, which carries a punishment of up to 10 years imprisonment along with a fine. During the last week (May 4 to May 9, 2026), courts disposed of 198 drunk driving cases. Among them, four persons received jail along with a fine, four were given fine and social service punishment, while 190 persons were fined.

## Membership in Bar Association Not Must: HC

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

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

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

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.



## Recovery One 2026 Focuses on Faster Patient Recovery Care

India Is Saving More Lives Than Ever Before. But Why Are Millions Still Unable to Return to Normal Life?

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

India's healthcare system is saving more lives than ever before through advances in emergency medicine, ICU care, trauma response, stroke management and complex surgeries. But healthcare experts now warn that survival alone is not enough, as millions of patients continue to struggle with long-term disability, mobility loss, speech impairment, cognitive decline and emotional trauma after hospital discharge. To address this growing concern, HCAH Rehab & Recovery Hospitals hosted "Recovery One 2026," India's first multi-disciplinary conference



dedicated exclusively to rehabilitation and recovery-focused healthcare, in Hyderabad on Saturday. Held at ITC Kakatiya, Begumpet, the conference brought together doctors, rehabilitation specialists, hospital leaders, policy-makers, insurers, academicians, technology innovators and healthcare institutions from across the country. The event focused on the theme "En-

abling Fastest Recovery, Reducing Avoidable Disability." Experts at the conference said India's healthcare system remains largely centered on acute treatment and discharge, while structured rehabilitation often begins too late and remains fragmented. They stressed that recovery should become an integral part of patient care from the very beginning, par-

ticularly for patients recovering from stroke, trauma, neurological disorders, spinal injuries and prolonged ICU stays. Speaking at the event, Dr. Gaurav Thukral, President and Co-founder of HCAH, said the true success of healthcare lies not just in saving lives but in helping patients regain independence, mobility and dignity after illness or injury. He noted that recovery systems in India remain disconnected between hospitals, rehabilitation centres and home care services. Highlighting the future of technology-driven rehabilitation, HCAH President and Co-founder Ankit Goel said AI-enabled rehabilitation, ro-

botics-assisted therapy, tele-rehabilitation and wearable monitoring systems could make recovery more accessible and measurable across India. Dr. Vijay Janagama, Director - Medical Operations & Quality at HCAH, emphasized that rehabilitation must become an essential part of clinical planning to reduce avoidable disability at scale. Organisers said Recovery One 2026 aims to become a national movement bringing together government, hospitals, academia, insurers and healthcare providers to strengthen India's recovery ecosystem and position rehabilitation as a core pillar of healthcare.

## India's private capex jumps 67 per cent to Rs 7.7 lakh crore: CII

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

India's private capital expenditure recorded a sharp 67 per cent jump to Rs 7.7 lakh crore in September 2025, signalling the strongest revival in the country's investment cycle in more than a decade, according to the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on Sunday. The industry body said private capex had risen significantly from Rs 4.6 lakh crore in September 2024. CII's analysis of nearly 1,200 companies from the CMIE Prowess database showed that manufacturing accounted for Rs 3.8 lakh crore, or nearly half of the total private investment, led by sectors such as metals, automobiles and chemicals. The services sector contributed Rs 3.1 lakh crore, driven by trading, communications and IT/ITes industries. Complementary eco-



nomics also pointed towards strengthening investment activity. Capacity utilisation among manufacturing firms rose to 75.6 per cent in the third quarter of FY26 from 74.3 per cent in the previous quarter, while new order books expanded 10.3 per cent year-on-year. Bank credit growth also accelerated sharply, averaging nearly 14 per cent in the second half of FY26 compared with around 10 per cent in the first half. Chandrajit Banerjee said the sharp rise in private capex was the clearest sign yet that India's investment cycle had deci-

sively turned. "The 67 per cent jump in private capex to Rs 7.7 lakh crore is, by some distance, the most important signal yet that India's investment cycle has decisively turned," he said, adding that private enterprise was now committing capital at scale across sectors in a manner not seen in well over a decade. Against the backdrop of the ongoing West Asia crisis and global economic uncertainty, CII also unveiled a five-point industry action agenda aimed at supporting economic stability and protecting growth momentum.

## Illendula Mallesh Goud Emerges as a Hot Topic in Aleru Assembly Constituency Politics

*"Will the Upcoming Local Body Elections Bring New Political Equations?" Final Judgment Lies with the Voters... Time Will Decide.*



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Usha Sree Thalka

In Aleru Assembly Constituency politics, some leaders gain recognition through positions and power, while others earn public attention by staying connected with people and participating in social service activities. Among the names currently creating discussion in the political circles of Aleru Assembly Constituency is Illendula Mallesh Goud. Interestingly, his birthday falling on Mother's Day this year triggered widespread greetings across social media

platforms, village WhatsApp groups, and personal phone calls. What began as birthday wishes gradually turned into political discussions not only within Motakondur Mandal but also across the Aleru Assembly Constituency and parts of the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District. Beyond the celebrations, one question has now become a topic of debate among local political observers: "What role will Mallesh Goud play in the upcoming local body elections?" Born into an agricultural family in Matoor village newly formed Motakondur Mandal, Illendula Mallesh

Goud gradually built his political identity at the grassroots level. His political journey gained momentum after being elected as MPTC from Matoor, later serving as first Vice MPP of the newly formed Motakondur Mandal. Many locals consider this phase as a turning point in his political career. Over the years, Illendula Mallesh Goud has moved alongside changing political leadership and evolving regional equations. At present, public opinion strongly suggests that he is actively associated with the Congress Party and is considered politically close to current Aleru

MLA and Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah. Political discussions intensified further after the recent Matoor Sarpanch elections. According to local political circles, Illendula Mallesh Goud reportedly played a key organizational role in strengthening grassroots support for Congress-backed candidate Janne Siddulu, who was elected Sarpanch for a second term. It is also being discussed locally that soon after the election results, the newly elected Sarpanch publicly expressed gratitude towards Illendula Mallesh Goud for his support and coordination.

However, in today's politics, party association alone is not enough. Public accessibility and involvement in community activities often shape a leader's image. Residents point out that Illendula Mallesh Goud has remained active in local social activities — extending support to Sankranti cricket tournaments, helping financially distressed families, and assisting accident victims and bereaved households in surrounding villages. Such activities, according to villagers, have helped him establish a visible support base among sections of the local population.

Now, political analysts, local leaders, and party workers are actively debating another key question: "Will Illendula Mallesh Goud contest again as MPTC... or will he test his political strength at the ZPTC level?" At the same time, BC reservation calculations are expected to play a crucial role in shaping future electoral opportunities. Political observers believe that reservation patterns, party strategies, and local caste equations may significantly influence the direction of his political future. Another root his brother may

come in the next coming elections? Yet, as many experienced observers point out, political projections and public verdicts are often two different things. Social media popularity, supporter enthusiasm, and political speculation may create momentum, but in democratic politics, the ultimate decision always rests with the voters. Local discussions and political calculations may continue for now, but electoral dynamics can change rapidly with a single decision, alliance, or political development.

## Whitathon Run Raises Retinoblastoma Awareness, Funds Treatment

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

L V Prasad Eye Institute successfully organised the eighth edition of "Whitathon" on Sunday to create awareness about Retinoblastoma, a rare eye cancer affecting children, and to raise funds for treatment of underprivileged patients. The event was held as part of World Retinoblastoma Awareness Week observed from May 10 to 16. Around 2,000 enthusiastic runners participated in the marathon events, including the Half Marathon (21.1K), 10K and 5K runs. The event witnessed participation from doctors, corporates, volunteers and citizens supporting the cause of early detection and treatment of Retinoblastoma. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Prashant Garg, Executive Chairman of LVPEI, stressed the importance of awareness and early diagnosis. He said delayed detection often results in loss of vision and sometimes even loss of life. He appreciated participants for helping spread awareness and raising funds to support treatment for children from economically weaker backgrounds.

Dr Vijay Anand Reddy, Director of Apollo Cancer Centres, urged people to educate parents about symptoms of Retinoblastoma, especially the appearance of a white reflex in a child's eye in flash photographs. He said timely treatment can save both vision and life. Dr Swathi Kaliki, Head of the Operation Eyesight Universal Institute for Eye Cancer at LVPEI, highlighted that awareness among parents is critical. She explained that the term "Whitathon" comes from the white reflex symptom associated with Retinoblastoma and appealed to the public to immediately consult an ophthalmologist if such signs are noticed. Retinoblastoma mainly affects children below five years of age and is caused by loss of the RB1 gene. Common symptoms include white reflex in photographs, squint, red eyes, swollen eyelids and enlarged eyes. LVPEI said the funds raised through Whitathon are utilised for free treatment of underprivileged children and eye cancer research. The institute treats 150 to 200 new Retinoblastoma cases annually and has provided over 3,000 free treatments so far.

## Mother – The Eternal Address of Humanity

*"There is no substitute for a mother in the universe"*

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Usha Sree Thalka

"Love" may be just a small word, but it is the force that gives life to creation itself — and the purest form of that love is "Mother." From the moment a child opens its eyes to the world, it is a mother who becomes the first teacher, first protector, first friend, and the eternal source of strength. On the occasion of Mother's Day, Senior Journalist Usha Sree Thalka expressed heartfelt emotions about the greatness of motherhood and the responsibility every child carries towards parents. Speaking on the occasion, she said that no relationship in the world can replace the warmth, sacrifice, and unconditional affection of a mother. "Many songs have been written about mothers, many poems have praised motherhood,



and countless emotions have been expressed in words — yet the depth of a mother's love can never truly be measured," she remarked emotionally. "A mother sacrifices her dreams, comfort, sleep, and even her entire life for the happiness of her children. In return, she expects only one thing — love and respect from her children," Usha Sree

Thalka stated. She further emphasized that Mother's Day should not be treated as a one-day celebration limited to greetings and social media posts. "Remembering and respecting our mother should not happen once a year. Every single day must become an expression of gratitude towards the woman who gave us life," she added.

## Stock market outlook weak as crude oil prices and geopolitical tensions rise

**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Investors are expected to remain cautious next week as escalating tensions between the US and Iran, rising crude oil prices, the ongoing March quarter earnings season, foreign fund outflows and rupee weakness are likely to dictate the direction of the Indian stock market. Benchmark indices extended losses for the second consecutive session on Friday, weighed down mainly by banking and financial stocks amid growing geopolitical uncertainty. The Sensex ended 516 points, or 0.66 per cent, lower at 77,328.19, while the Nifty slipped 151 points, or 0.62 per cent, to close at 24,176.15. Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that on the upside, resistance levels are placed at 24,500 and 24,600. "On the downside, support is seen at 24,000 and 23,800. A breakdown below 23,800 could result in increased selling pressure," an analyst stated. Market participants will closely track developments in the ongoing US-Iran conflict after tensions escalated over the Strait of Hormuz crisis.

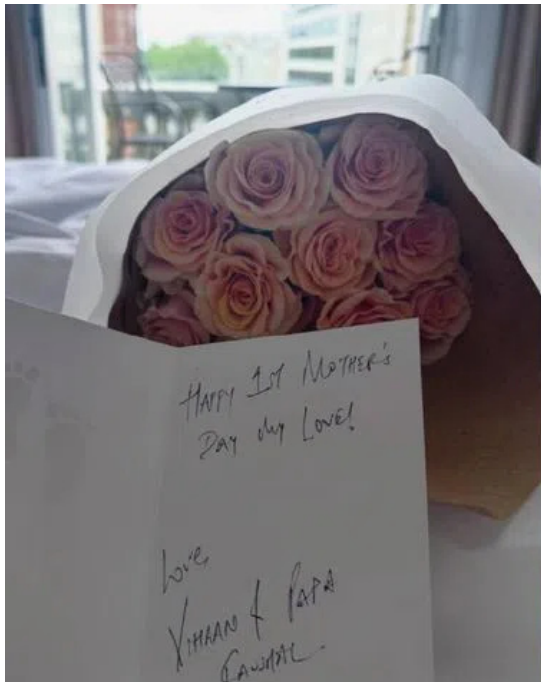
The geopolitical tensions also pushed global crude oil prices sharply higher. Although prices later trimmed gains amid hopes of easing hostilities, concerns over potential supply disruptions through the Strait of Hormuz continue to keep investors on edge. Investors will also focus on the March quarter earnings season as more than 400 companies are scheduled to announce their results in the coming week. Corporate earnings and management commentary are expected to provide cues on demand trends, margin pressures and the broader economic outlook. Commenting on Bank Nifty technical outlook, analyst stated that in the near term, immediate downside support is placed in the 54,600–54,200 zone in case selling pressure re-emerges. "On the upside, 56,400 acts as immediate resistance, while 56,800 stands as the next key supply zone," an analyst mentioned. "Given the current market structure, traders are advised to remain disciplined and adhere to strict stop-loss strategies amid ongoing volatility," a market expert stated.

# Katrina Kaif receives sweet Mother's Day gift from her son Vihaan

**B**ollywood actress Katrina Kaif received a heartwarming surprise on the occasion of Mother's Day, making the celebration even more special for the actress. On Sunday, Katrina took to Instagram to share two adorable pictures that instantly won over fans on social media.

The first picture featured a beautiful bouquet of roses along with a handwritten card signed by her husband Vicky Kaushal and their son Vihaan Kaushal.

The touching message from Vicky read, "Happy 1st Mother's Day, my love," leaving fans emotional and showering the family with warm wishes online. Katrina and Vicky welcomed their first child, a baby boy named Vihaan Kaushal, in November 2025. Although the couple chose to keep the news private initially, they officially confirmed the



arrival of their son in January 2026 through social media, where they also shared the baby's name and a glimpse of him for the first time. The announcement quickly became a major talking point among fans and the film fraternity.

Throughout her pregnancy, Katrina maintained a low profile and stayed away from frequent public appearances. Since embracing parenthood, both Katrina and Vicky have continued to balance

their personal and professional commitments carefully, making only selective appearances at events and public gatherings. Interestingly, the couple named their son Vihaan after Vicky's memorable character from the blockbuster war drama Uri: The Surgical Strike. Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal tied the knot on December 9, 2021, in a grand yet intimate ceremony held at the luxurious Six Senses Fort Barwara in Rajasthan. The wed-



ding festivities spanned three days and included traditional ceremonies such as haldi, mehendi and sangeet. The couple maintained strict privacy throughout the celebrations, with only close friends and family members attending the event. For their wedding, the couple wore outfits designed by renowned fashion designer Sabyasachi Mukherjee. Katrina looked stunning in a red lehenga paired with traditional jewellery, while Vicky

opted for an elegant ivory sherwani. Their official wedding photographs later went viral across social media platforms, with fans praising the royal setting and tasteful celebrations. On the work front, Vicky Kaushal is preparing for the release of Love & War, directed by celebrated filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali. The film also stars Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt, and is slated for a theatrical release in January 2027.

## Sanjay Dutt shares emotional Mother's Day tribute remembering Nargis Dutt

**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Actor Sanjay Dutt remembered his late mother Nargis Dutt, this Mother's Day, with a heartfelt post on social media.

The 'Munna Bhai M.B.B.S.' actor took to his official Instagram handle and treated the users with some rare black and white pictures with his mom from his childhood.

"Mumma, I miss you. I wish you were here with me. Your love and blessings are always with me. Love you mom (sic)," Sanjay wrote.

In one of the stills, Sanjay's sisters Priya Dutt and Namrata Dutt also accompanied him as the three gathered around their mother Nargis Dutt in an adorable capture.

Nargis passed away in 1981 after suffering from pancreatic cancer, only three days before Sanjay made his Bollywood debut with "Rocky". Recently, on her death anniversary, Sanjay's sister Priya penned an emotional note on social media for her 'biggest inspiration', her mother.

Taking to her official X (Formerly known



as Twitter) handle, Priya revealed that she has learned several crucial life values from her mother, like compassion, courage, and selflessness.

Priya further shared that it was her mother who showed her what it is like to lead with the heart.

She stated that her mother acted as the guiding force in her life.

Her post on the micro-blogging site read, "Remembering my mother who taught me life's most important values. Her compassion, courage and selflessness wer-

en't just qualities, they were a way of life she passed on to us. Mum showed me what it means to lead with heart and live with dignity."

"Forty-five years have passed since she left us, but her light has always been the loving force guiding my way. My greatest inspiration, always," added Priya.

Both Sanjay and Priya keep on remembering their mother with such nostalgic social media posts, expressing their longing for her.

## Urvil Patel Helps CSK Beat LSG By 5 Wickets

**CHENNAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Hailing from Gujarat's diamond city of Palanpur, Urvil Patel on Sunday delivered an innings that sparkled like a precious gem. His explosive 65 off 23 balls, studded with eight towering sixes, powered Chennai Super Kings to their first successful chase of a 200-plus target since the 2018 IPL final.

The five-wicket win over Lucknow Super Giants at the M. A. Chidambaram Stadium significantly boosted CSK's playoff ambitions with 12 points in 11 games. CSK's pursuit of 203 began in blazing fashion with Sanju Samson setting the tone through a brisk 28 off 14 deliveries. But it was Urvil Patel who unleashed absolute carnage. After taking a single off his very first ball, Urvil produced one of the most destructive passages of batting seen this season. Over the next seven deliveries he faced, he hammered six sixes and a boundary, dismantling the Lucknow attack with fear-



less strokeplay. Spanning two overs, he smashed five consecutive sixes before racing to a breathtaking half-century in just 13 balls — equalling the fastest fifty in IPL history by Yashasvi Jaiswal.

All eight of Urvil's sixes were struck into the leg side, with the 27-year-old repeatedly targeting the midwicket region. He took apart pacer Avesh Khan and spinner Digvesh Rathi, clobbering three sixes each off the duo. Although Digvesh dropped him on 63, the reprieve proved short-lived as Urvil eventually fell for 65. By then, Urvil and skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad stitched together an as-

ounding 81-run partnership off just 34 balls, completely shifting the momentum in CSK's favour.

By the end of the powerplay, Chennai had stormed to 97 for one — the highest powerplay score ever recorded at Chepauk, surpassing Lucknow's first-innings effort earlier in the evening. At the halfway mark, CSK were cruising at 131 for two, requiring just 73 runs from the final 60 deliveries. When skipper Ruturaj eventually departed after a vital 42 off 28 balls, CSK needed only 55 runs from 44 balls, firmly in control of the chase.

## Royal Challengers Bengaluru beat Mumbai Indians in last-ball

**RAIPUR**  
Wakeup telangana

Krunal Pandya's gritty 73 and Bhuvneshwar Kumar's all-round heroics (4/23, 7 not out) powered Royal Challengers Bengaluru to a nervy two-wicket victory and knocked Mumbai Indians out of the race for IPL playoffs here on Sunday.

The win took RCB to the top of the Indian Premier League table with 14 points from 11 matches. In a low-scoring attritional contest, fortunes swung from one side to the other but RCB got over the line in the final ball, scoring two off it.

The defending champions made the required 15 runs off the final over bowled by Raj Bawa, including a six from Bhuvneshwar while also losing the last recognised batter in the form of Romario Shepherd (4).

RCB kept fighting from being reduced to 39 for three, and eventually finished with 167 for eight in reply to MI's 166/7. Pandya battled cramps towards the end but produced a sensational 73 off



46 balls with five sixes and four fours, doing the bulk of scoring for his side.

A pivotal moment came in the 18th over when Naman Dhir and Tilak Varma came close from midwicket and long-on to a top edge which had carried all the way towards them. While Dhir collected the ball, he parried it to Tilak poorly and the chance was missed. Pandya made the most of it, hammering two sixes

off AM Ghazanfar to take RCB closer, but on the final ball, Tilak completed a bunny hop catch to remove the biggest threat.

Trying to impose himself on the game early on, Virat Kohli (0) smacked one straight to mid-off where Bawa took a fine low catch off Deepak Chahar (2/33).

Chahar struck again in the third over when he found an outside edge off Devdutt Padikkal's (12) bat, who had struck a four

and a six to make a confident start.

Jolted twice early on, RCB stuck with their aggressive approach which led to the dismissal of Rajat Patidar in the sixth. Corbin Bosch (4/24) found extra bounce off the surface and cramped the RCB skipper for room, and Patidar (8) could not prevent a leading edge flying high to wicket-keeper Ryan Rickelton.

Reduced to 39 for three inside the powerplay, RCB, like MI, too decided to drop the anchor while their opponents looked to squeeze the scoring rate further with some disciplined bowling.

Jacob Bethell (26) hit a couple of spectacular fours to begin with, and held one end strongly while adding 55 runs for the fourth wicket with Pandya. But in the 13th over, he flicked one off the pads straight to Tilak at deep square leg.

An out-of-sorts Jitesh Sharma (18) hit a six and a four to signal his return to form but he too perished trying to be aggressive, caught by Dhir off Bosch in the 16th over's

penultimate ball.

Bosch then had MI firmly in the game when he had the dangerous Tim David (0) caught behind.

Earlier, Tilak scored a tenacious 57 but a splendid 4/23 from Bhuvneshwar Kumar helped Royal Challengers Bengaluru restrict Mumbai Indians to a scratchy 166 for seven. On a pitch replete with cracks and uneven bounce for fast bowlers, Bhuvneshwar made the most of the conditions on offer, which included a three-wicket burst to put his side on top.

Bhuvneshwar ran through MI's top-order dismissing Ryan Rickelton (2), Rohit Sharma (22) and stand-in skipper Suryakumar Yadav (0) to leave them tottering at 28 for three early on.

But to their credit, Tilak (57 off 42 balls; 3x4s, 2x6s) and Naman Dhir (47) dug in deep for a resolute 82-run stand for the fourth wicket to lay the foundation for an at-par total on a pitch which forced the batters to work hard for their runs throughout.

## Abki Baar, BJP Sarkar in T'Gana: PM

Modi said the people in Telangana wanted a change, they were tired of Congress not keeping its promises



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday declared that the BJP's recent stupendous victory in the West Bengal elections, and the party's march across the states from Assam to Odisha, and Bengal to Puducherry, was "not an electoral expansion of the party, but a reflection of change in the mindset of the people who are choosing vishwaswaad over parivarvaad." Modi, addressing a massive public meeting in Hyderabad, left none in doubt that Telangana is the party's crosshairs as its next target for coming to

power. Amidst chants of "Modi Modi", the Prime Minister said "I see here the enthusiasm of BJP's historic victories. Every BJP worker in Telangana is saying just one thing," and continued with "ab ki baar Telangana mein..." and the nearly delirious crowd responded with the chant "Modi sarkar." Telangana, he said, was the land that stood with BJP when the party had just two MPs in Parliament, sending one of them from the state. Now, half of MPs from Telangana are from the BJP. I have some confidence in the people of Telangana that next time, we will win here too with a

massive majority." Modi said the people in Telangana wanted a change, they were tired of Congress not keeping its promises. "The BJP mantra has always been when states develop, the nation develops. We are heading towards Viksit Bharat, and Telangana has a big role to play. And with this goal projects worth thousands of crores of rupees were launched today," he said. As part of the push for the state's development, of the 14 industrial corridors in India, one will now come up in Zaheerabad in the state. "Another example is the textile park in Warangal, one of the seven in the country, where

lakhs of youth will get employment opportunities. The textile part will give a huge fillip to cotton farmers, changing their fortunes. The BJP's focus is on development, creation of employment," he said. Launching an attack on Congress, he said that the party was in power in just three states, and in all of them "they promised the sky and the stars to win, then found excuses to not keep them. They did that in Telangana, in Karnataka and in Himachal Pradesh. The primary aim of Congress is not to serve people but to divide the nation."

## Telangana Will Contribute 10 % India's GDP, Asserts CM

Seeks Modi's help towards achieving his vision Viksit Bharat -2047

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy assured Prime Minister Narendra Modi that Telangana despite having less than 3 per cent of the nation's population was ready to contribute to 10 per cent of the national gross domestic product (GDP) to achieve his vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. To achieve this, Revanth Reddy sought Modi's support and the expeditious clearance of pending proposals for developmental projects by convening a special review meeting. The Chief Minister urged the Prime Minister's Office to form a special task force for fast-tracking approvals for pending projects, through a single window. The CM said he had met Modi himself



and Union ministers several times, seeking help to approve pending project proposals. Proposals covering the Musi project, Metro Rail expansion, radial roads and the 12-lane expressway connecting Hyderabad to Machilipatnam were pending, he said, at an event at HICC where Modi launched several projects aimed at Telangana. "I am confident that we will reach a \$1 trillion economy by 2034. I hope that we will reach a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. Just as the Prime Minis-

ter Manmohan Singh blessed you then, you should also bless the people of Telangana," he said. Revanth Reddy recalled the statements of Union ministers Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay about the magnanimity of Modi and said the people of Telangana were hopeful that the Prime Minister would approve all pending works and proposals pertaining to the development of the state. Praising Modi for unveiling the 'Viksit Bharat 2047' vision to promote India as a developed country, the Chief Minister said that Telangana had joined as a partner with the same spirit. "We are confident you will contribute to our Telangana Rising strongly and we will make Viksit Bharat dreams come true with our hard work," he noted.

## NCC Cadets Mark Opp Sindoor Anniversary with Patriotic Tribute



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Over 600 NCC cadets participated in a grand patriotic tribute organized by the 2 Telangana Battalion NCC under the Secunderabad Group Headquarters, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Directorate, to commemorate the first anniversary of Operation Sindoor on Wednesday. The programme aimed to promote patriotism, leadership, and national awareness among youth while honoring the courage and sacrifices of the Indian Armed Forces associated with Operation Sindoor. A special lecture was conducted to educate cadets about the significance, objectives, and valor displayed during the operation. Speakers inspired the cadets to uphold discipline, patriot-

ism, and dedication towards nation-building. A major highlight of the event was a spectacular drone display carrying the Indian National Flag, which captivated the audience and created a strong sense of national pride. The aerial tribute symbolized unity, strength, and support for the armed forces. Senior NCC officials, including the Commanding Officer, Administrative Officer, Subedar Major, JCOs, ANOs, and NCOs, attended the programme and encouraged cadets to uphold the values of discipline and service. The event concluded on a patriotic note, reaffirming NCC's commitment to nurturing disciplined and responsible citizens dedicated to serving the nation.

## Revanth Halts Merger, Clears Inter Admissions

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

To the relief of students, parents and junior college lecturers, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday directed officials to continue the present Intermediate education system for the 2026-27 academic year, citing challenges such as technicalities in merging Intermediate with school education and limited time for college admissions. The Chief Minister instructed officials to immediately begin the admission process, which

had been kept in abeyance on May 5, to ensure that students did not face difficulties. This decision came amid growing concern among students and parents following reports that Intermediate admissions were put on hold due to proposed reforms. The Telangana Education Commission had recommended abolishing the separate Intermediate system and introducing Classes 11 and 12 under the school education structure, similar to the CBSE model. The commission noted that the

new system would reduce drop-outs. Officials said students completing Class 10 in government schools were failing to join Intermediate studies. Revanth Reddy had earlier suggested examining the possibility of restructuring Intermediate into the 11th and 12th Class format, a recommendation also highlighted in the commission's report. During a review meeting with senior officials and education department representatives on Sunday, the Chief Minister decided to temporarily defer the merger

process due to the need for a detailed study of several technical and administrative issues linked to the transition. The Chief Minister directed officials to hold extensive consultations with all stakeholders and asked the committee preparing the policy of proposed reforms to study the issue further and submit a detailed report. He clarified that a final decision would be taken only after discussions in the Assembly. Several Intermediate education experts, lecturers and associations welcomed the move. Associa-

tion leaders noted that they had previously appealed to the government not to rush into a merger without giving due consideration to the educational future of 10 lakh students and their parents. Dr Maskula Srinivas and Dr Koppiseti Suresh of the Telangana Gazetted Junior Lecturers Association urged the government to hold consultations with stakeholders and intellectuals before taking any decision. Satish, president of Inter Private Junior Colleges, thanked the government for clearing the confusion.

## Drowsy driver skids car off ORR, suffers minor injuries



A 24-year-old private employee, suffering from drowsiness, skidded his car off a service road on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) in Kokapet, police said on Sunday, May 10. The accident occurred at around 4:30 pm. Luckily, no one else was injured, and the driver made it out with minor injuries. He has been shifted to Continental Hospital and is undergoing treatment. A case has been registered under Section 125 (rash or negligent acts) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita at the Narsingi police station. A few days ago, senior police officers held a meeting chaired by Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar at the Telangana Integrated Command and Control Centre (TGICCC), where it was observed 33 per cent of accidents on the ORR were attributed to drowsiness and sleep deprivation. This was followed by reckless driving at 25 per cent, speeding at 15 per cent and tyre bursts at 14 per cent.

## PM Inaugurates Cancer-Focused Sindhu Hospital

Modi interacted with Dr Bandi Parthasaradhi Reddy, Rajya Sabha member and founder-chairman of Sindhu Hospitals and Hetero Group of Companies, and his family members.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Zaffer abedi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated Sindhu Hospital, a state-of-the-art, not-for-profit quaternary care institution aimed at strengthening India's healthcare infrastructure and expanding access to advanced cancer treatment in Hyderabad and surrounding regions. During his visit, Modi interacted with Rajya Sabha member and founder-chairman Dr Bandi Parthasaradhi Reddy, senior doctors and members of the hospital management. Medical experts briefed the Prime Minister on the hospital's cutting-edge technologies and specialised treatment facilities designed for comprehensive cancer care. Describing the initiative as a significant contribution to the healthcare sector, Modi appreciated the hospital management for focusing on innovation and advanced medical technology. In a message posted on X, the Prime



Minister said the institution's efforts to improve healthcare services in Hyderabad and nearby areas were "commendable" and praised the emphasis on integrating modern technology into patient care. Spread across 2.1 million square feet, the 18-floor hospital has a capacity of 1,500 beds, over 150 doctor consultation rooms and 29 advanced operation theatres. The facility is designed to provide specialised treatment across more than 33 super specialities. The hospital offers a wide range of cancer and critical care services, including che-

motherapy, radiation therapy, cancer surgeries, bone marrow transplants and advanced intensive care. The institution is also equipped with modern diagnostic infrastructure, sophisticated laboratories and blood centre facilities to support comprehensive patient treatment. Officials said the hospital is expected to emerge as a major healthcare hub in southern India, catering to patients requiring advanced tertiary and quaternary medical care while promoting affordable and accessible treatment through its not-for-profit model.

## BRSV Seeks Immediate Arrest in Alleged POCSO Case



The BRS student wing, BRSV, staged a protest outside the DGP's office in Hyderabad on Sunday, demanding the immediate arrest of Bhagirath, son of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar, in connection with an alleged POCSO case involving a minor girl. Police detained several BRSV leaders, including State president Gellu Srinivas and vice-president Thunga Balu, during the protest.

## Sawariya Mithai Expands to Shivam Road

MLA Kaleru Venkatesh Inaugurates New Outlet in Nallakunta

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
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Popular sweets and chaat brand Sawariya Mithai launched its new outlet at Shivam Road, Nallakunta, with Amberpet MLA Kaleru Venkatesh inaugurating the grand opening ceremony on Saturday. Founded by entrepreneur Deepak Goel, the brand started its journey with its first outlet in Sindh Colony, Secunderabad, in December 2025 and quickly gained popularity for sweets, chaats,



pani puri, chola bhature, pav bhaji, pizzas, and parathas. Speaking at the event, Deepak Goel thanked customers for their continued support and said the strong response encouraged the company to expand to Shivam Road

with improved seating facilities for families and visitors. Kaleru Venkatesh appreciated the efforts of young entrepreneurs in creating employment opportunities and promoting quality food services in local communities. The management announced plans to expand further with upcoming outlets in Banjara Hills, Jubilee Hills, and Hitech City over the next few months. The event concluded with sweets distribution and interactions with customers and guests.

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