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PM Panel Meets on Next CBI Chief

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday officially recorded his dissent regarding the proceedings to recommend the name of the next Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation. The letter according to reports outlined several concerns regarding the process and said that the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha cannot be treated as a "rubber stamp".

Alleging that the NDA government had repeatedly misused the CBI to target political opponents, journalists and critics, he said that it was to prevent "institutional capture" of the CBI that the Leader of Opposition had been included in the selection panel. Despite this, Gandhi alleged, the government had denied him any meaningful role in the process. He alleged that he was denied self-appraisal and 360-degree reports of eligible candidates. The denial of information ensured that only the government's pre-decided candidate was selected.

Procure Paddy by May End: Revanth

Govt ropes in tractors, temporary storage to clear paddy stocks

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday directed district collectors to expedite the paddy and maize procurement for yasaangi (rabi) season and complete the procurement operations in a mission mode across the state. He ordered collectors to complete procurement by May-end. Revanth Reddy cautioned officials that any kind of neglect would not be tolerated during the procurement. He was speaking at a video conference with collectors and reviewed the status of the procurement of paddy and maize. The CM enquired about the difficulties facing in the procurement process in every district.

The collectors were instructed to address the difficulties faced by the farmers and see for themselves the arrangements regularly. The Chief Minister reviewed the short-



age of gunny bags and loaders and directed the officials to supply bags adequately. Procured food grains should also be transported to warehouses without any delay. The CM warned that action would be initiated against the contractors who failed to provide adequate number of vehicles, mainly lorries for transportation as per the agreement. The authorities concerned were ordered to initiate criminal proceedings, if necessary, against the contractors who failed to fulfil the agreements. He directed the transport commissioner to ensure that vehicles are readily

available for the transportation of paddy. The CM advised collectors to seek police assistance if necessary to ensure the smooth and uninterrupted procurement. Specific instructions were given to the collectors to submit regular reports to the Chief Secretary on paddy procurement and maize purchase. Revanth Reddy also reviewed the availability of warehouses and advised the collectors to make temporary arrangements in such areas based on immediate requirements. The officials were ordered to utilize rythu bazaars and function halls to facilitate the movement

and storage of paddy. Formulation of plans to transport paddy to the permanent warehouses was discussed in the meeting.

Collectors of the districts with high maize production were instructed to take measures to ensure that farmers do not face any difficulties during procurement. Revanth Reddy enquired from officials the unseasonal rains and its impact on procurement. The collectors were ordered to prepare plans to find a permanent solution to rescue the farmers from losses due to unseasonal rains. The availability of adequate tarpaulins to farmers to protect their harvested crop from getting wet during unseasonal rains should be given top priority in the action plan.

Further, the Chief Minister suggested appointing a designated officer at the mandal-level to constantly

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NEET (UG) '26 Cancelled Over Leak; CBI To Probe

The NTA said the matter remains under investigation and that it would not "pre-judge the inquiry" or speculate on the outcome

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The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Tuesday cancelled the NEET-UG 2026 held on May 3 amid allegations of paper leak, with the government asking the CBI to carry out a comprehensive inquiry into the "irregularities". The examination for students seeking admission to undergraduate courses in medical colleges will now be held afresh on dates to be notified separately. The decision to cancel the exams were based on the circulation of what was said to be a "guess paper" for chemistry containing 140 questions. The exam itself has four different sets of chemistry papers. Sources said most questions, including the sequences in some cases, were a perfect match.

In a statement on X, the NTA said the decision was taken in the interest of maintaining transparency and preserving trust in the national examination system "on the basis



of inputs subsequently examined by NTA in coordination with central agencies, and the investigative findings shared by the law enforcement agencies. The NEET-UG 2026 was held on May 3 across 551 cities in India and 14 cities abroad. The examination was organised by the NTA for nearly 23 lakh registered candidates at centres across the country. The agency said the inputs received, taken together with findings shared by law enforcement agencies, established that the "present examination process could not be allowed to stand."

"The re-conducted examination dates, along with the re-issued admit-

card schedule, will be communicated through the official channels of the Agency in the coming days," it added.

The NTA said the government has decided to refer the matter to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a comprehensive inquiry into the allegations linked to the examination. "NTA will extend full cooperation to the bureau and will provide all materials, records, and assistance the inquiry requires," it added.

"This decision has been taken in the interest of students and in recognition of the trust on which the national examination system rests," NTA said.

It's For Responsible Nations To Reflect India On China's Support To Pak

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India on Tuesday delivered a sharp rebuke to China for supporting Pakistan during Operation Sindoor in May last year. "We have seen these reports that corroborate what was known earlier. ... It is for nations who consider themselves responsible to reflect whether supporting attempts to protect terrorist infrastructure affects their reputation and standing," ministry of external af-



fairs spokesperson Randir Jaiswal said. He was responding to reports that Chinese military aviation engineers had provided on-site technical support to Pakistan, at his weekly briefing on Tuesday. Jaiswal added: "Operation Sindoor was a

precise, targeted and calibrated response to the terrorist attacks in Pahalgam, aimed at destroying state sponsored terrorist infrastructure operating out of Pakistan and at its behest."

The Chinese involvement in Operation Sindoor was made clear after the well-known Hong Kong-based 'South China Morning Post (SCMP)' English-language newspaper reported that the Chinese state broadcaster CCTV aired an interview with

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Trump Says Tariff Threats Made Countries Accept Deported Migrants

NEW DELHI
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US President Donald Trump on Monday spoke about his administration's illegal immigration crackdown and anti-drug operations, and mentioned that nations unwilling to take back deported migrants eventually agreed after being warned of tariffs by Washington. He also claimed a significant fall in fentanyl smuggling across US borders and lauded the American law enforcement for their service to the country. He



made the remarks as he hosted his second 'Rose Garden Club' dinner in honour of Police Week at the White House. Trump said, "Since I took office, our administration has made nearly 200,000 criminal arrests nationwide, a record, and we're getting them off the streets and putting them in jail or in many cases send-

ing them back to their lovely countries where they came from. And sometimes their country will say, "We don't want them, we're not taking them." I'll say, "That's okay, slap about a 25% tariff on their country," and they call back, "We would love to have them back immediately."

He informed that the Department of Homeland Security has removed nearly 615,000 illegal alien criminals from the United States for the past 12 months in a row and that zero illegal aliens have

been admitted to the United States through the country's southern border. Speaking about the issue of Fentanyl drug smuggling, he mentioned a whopping drop of over 60 per cent on the flow across our border is down by over 60%. He said that coming in by sea is down by 97%. The US President lauded American authorities and law enforcement such as ICE, Homeland Security, US Marshals, ATF, FBI and the state and local police--crediting them for the gains

Pawar Seeks All-Party Meet Over PM's Fuel Appeal

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed to citizens to use fuel cautiously, NCP founder Sharad Pawar on Tuesday called for an all-party meeting to discuss the situation. Mr. Pawar said the Prime Minister's announcements were likely to have far-reaching implications for the country's economy. He said the sudden nature of the decisions had created anxiety among ordinary citizens, as well as in the business, industrial and investment sectors. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Revenue Minister Chandrashekar Bawankule said ministers would require permission from Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis before using state aircraft, in accordance with existing norms. He added that the government would also explore reducing the use of official vehicles by con-

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With AIADMK Aid, Vijay Set For Trust Vote Win

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The government led by Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay is all set to smoothly sail through the floor test on Wednesday with the top honchos of the 30-strong AIADMK dissident group, S.P. Velumani and C.V. Shanmugham, extending support to the Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK). On his part, Vijay expressed gratitude

for the gesture by visiting Shanmugham at his residence in Adyar and meeting other AIADMK MLAs there on Tuesday. Though the TVK shown the support of over 118 MLAs to Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, and there is no indication of any member or party reneging in their commitment, the AIADMK faction's support came as a boost to Vijay.

Himanta Sworn In As Assam CM 2nd Time

GUWAHATI
Wakeup telangana

Himanta Biswa Sarma, the BJP's strongman in the Northeast, took oath as Assam Chief Minister on Tuesday for a second consecutive term after the BJP-led alliance won the elections with a record mandate, in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and senior NDA leaders. In a message on X, Modi said the NDA government assuming office for the third consecu-



tive term was a "great day for Assam". "For the third consecutive time, the NDA Government assumes office. Congratula-

tions to Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma Ji on taking oath", the PM said.

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Bandi Sanjay May Face Probe in Son's POCSO Case

Legal experts suggest that Sanjay and his aide may be questioned for their alleged roles in attempting to settle the matter rather than reporting the crime to the police.

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar and his associate Sangappa may face legal scrutiny in connection with a sexual harassment case involving Sanjay's son, Bandi Sai Bageerath, and a 17-year-old girl. Legal experts have stated that both Sanjay and Sangappa could be questioned for allegedly attempting to mediate and settle the matter instead of reporting the offence to the police, as required under the law. The case, registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act,



gained further attention after the Telangana government appointed a woman IPS officer to supervise the investigation. The move came amid criticism over the police's delay in tracing the accused for four days after the FIR was filed and concerns regarding the handling of the victim's statement.

According to legal experts, Section 21 of the POCSO Act makes it mandatory for any person aware of an offence against a minor to inform the police. Failure to report the crime, withholding information, or attempting to shield the accused can attract legal consequences. Allegations have surfaced that Sanjay

and Sangappa acted as mediators and allegedly pressured the victim's family to reach a compromise rather than pursuing legal action.

In her complaint, the victim's mother alleged that Bandi Sanjay intimidated the family in the presence of the minor girl by repeatedly referring to her age in a threatening manner. Experts noted that if investigators find evidence of intimidation, mediation efforts, tampering with evidence, or attempts to influence witnesses, both Sanjay and Sangappa could potentially be named co-accused under charges related to criminal conspiracy.

The investigation has also widened to examine allegations against another individual identified as Shiram, a friend of the primary accused. The victim's mother claimed that he had earlier filed a false complaint at Nirmal Police Station accusing the family of blackmail in an alleged attempt to suppress the harassment case. Investigators are now examining why local police failed to conduct a detailed inquiry when the initial complaints surfaced. As the probe intensifies, concerns continue to grow over whether the investigation will remain impartial and free from political influence.

NRR Slams Cong. for Twisting Modi's Austerity Call

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BJP Telangana state president N. Ramchander Rao launched a blistering attack on Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accusing them of misrepresenting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent Hyderabad appeal for austerity amid falling forex reserves and the West Asia conflict. At a media briefing on Tuesday, Rao insisted Modi's suggestions were voluntary calls for sacrifice in national interest, not mandates.

"These are not mandates but voluntary calls for personal sacrifices during tough times," he said, urging citizens to adopt solar pumps, public transport, electric ve-



hicles, and support Vocal for Local.

Rao cited historical precedents under Congress rule: Nehru's rice conservation and weekly fasting during the 1962 war, Lal Bahadur Shastri's meatless Mondays, Indira Gandhi's Emergency-era restrictions, and P. Chidambaram's 2013 plea to stop gold buying.

He contrasted these with Modi's appeal, framing it as economic discipline and self-reliance.

Pointing to global pressures, Rao noted petrol prices had surged 59 per

cent in the US and 43 per cent in Canada, while India kept them stable. He highlighted NDA's record: tax exemption limits raised from ₹2 lakh to ₹12.75 lakh, NPAs reduced from 11 per cent to 0.6 per cent, infrastructure spending up from ₹1.57 lakh crore to ₹44.3 lakh crore, forex reserves rising from \$304 billion to \$655 billion, and India's GDP rank climbing from 10th to 5th globally. "Congress prioritises power over nation; BJP puts 'Nation First'," Rao declared, warning against crises like fuel rationing in Sri Lanka or Pakistan. "Patriotism means living and serving the nation, not just dying for it," he said, calling for bipartisan support to strengthen India's economy.

PM Modi Visit Fills Cantonment With Pride: Banuka Narmada

Banuka Narmada Welcomes PM Modi To Secunderabad Cantonment

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Secunderabad Cantonment witnessed a wave of enthusiasm and celebration as Narendra Modi visited the constituency, marking a memorable occasion for BJP leaders, workers, and residents. The atmosphere across Secunderabad Cantonment turned festive with large gatherings reflecting the importance of the visit.

Nominated Member Banuka Narmada extended a grand and heartfelt welcome to the Prime Minister describing it as one of the proudest moments of her public life.

She said the visit symbolized the growing importance of Telangana in the national development journey and the vision of a developed India under Viksit Bharat.

Addressing party workers and citizens, Banuka Narmada highlighted that the presence of Prime Minis-



ter Narendra Modi in Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly Constituency reflected the rising significance of the region in the path towards Viksit Bharat under the Bharatiya Janata Party.

He said ongoing and upcoming developmental works in the Secunderabad Cantonment area including road improvements civic infrastructure upgrades and welfare initiatives align with the vision of Viksit Bharat. The constituency turned vibrant with Bharatiya Janata Party supporters waving flags

raising slogans and warmly welcoming the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

She concluded that this visit would remain a historic milestone for Secunderabad Cantonment and expressed confidence that Telangana would play a key role in building a stronger developed India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi leadership. The visit strengthened political momentum and boosted development enthusiasm across the constituency today across region.

Last Rites Ceremony of Maram Vijayalakshmi Held in Ghatkesar



The tenth-day funeral ritual ceremony of late Maram Vijayalakshmi, wife of Ghatkesar Circle JAC Convener Maram Laxma Reddy, was held solemnly at L Convention under the jurisdiction of MMC Ghatkesar Circle on Sunday. Former Minister and Medchal MLA Chamakura Malla Reddy and MLC Kodandaram attended the programme and paid floral tributes to the portrait of the deceased, remembering her services and expressing condolences to the bereaved family. Several political leaders, public representatives, social activists, and JAC members participated in the programme. Among those present were Maram Laxma Reddy, Singireddy Ramireddy, Bandari Srinivas Goud, former MPP Enugu Sudarshan Reddy, Palugula Madhava Reddy, Mekala Nursing Rao, Resu Laxma Reddy, Komidi Raghava Reddy, Bandari Anjaneyulu Goud, Bethala Nursing Rao, Chandupatla Venkata Reddy, Mekala Padma Rao, Mandadi Srinivas Reddy, Bontha Sudhakar, Bokka Vishnuvardhan Reddy, and Samala Sandeep Reddy.

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi Lays Foundation for Development Works Worth ₹1.24 Crore in Serilingampally

RANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

Arekapudi Gandhi laid the foundation stone for development works worth ₹1.24 crore in Venkateswara Colony and Spring Valley Colony under Serilingampally Division. The programme was held in the presence of senior leader Maraboyina Raju Yadav and local residents. The works include construction of CC roads and a floodwater drainage system aimed at improving infrastructure and reducing public inconvenience.

Speaking on the occasion, Gandhi said the government



is giving top priority to welfare and development in Serilingampally constituency. He stated that the new development works would provide relief to colony residents and improve transportation and drainage facilities.

He informed that ₹78 lakh has been allocated for construction of a floodwater drain near the Venkateswara

Colony Railway Bridge underpass, while ₹46 lakh has been sanctioned for CC road works in Spring Valley Colony.

The PAC Chairman also highlighted the severe traffic congestion near the railway underpass on the Hafeezpet-Masjid Banda link road and said the drainage works are part of long-term measures

to address traffic and waterlogging issues in the area. Gandhi stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and with the support of Minister Sridhar Babu, efforts are being made to develop Serilingampally constituency in all sectors. He added that ₹1,650 crore had earlier been sanctioned for development works in the constituency. He instructed officials to complete the works without delay and maintain quality standards in all infrastructure projects. Several leaders, colony association members, women, and residents participated in the programme.

R. Itikyal Village Glows with Spiritual Fervour

Thousands Participate in Mass Bonalu Offerings to Pochamma and Durgamma Following Idol Consecration Ceremony Devotional Atmosphere Enthralls Devotees in R. Itikyal.

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R. Itikyal village in Regode Mandal of Medak district witnessed an atmosphere of immense spiritual fervour and cultural celebration as the three-day religious ceremonies, yajnas, rituals, and idol consecration festivities concluded grandly on Monday. As part of the concluding celebrations, villagers offered mass Bonalu to the village deities Pochamma and Durgamma with deep devo-



tion and traditional enthusiasm. The celebrations were organized under the leadership of village Sarpanch Vemula Aparna Santosh, with active participation from village elders, youth, women, and devotees in large numbers. Women dressed in traditional silk sarees carried beautifully decorated Bonalu adorned

with turmeric, kumkum, and flowers on their heads while participating in colourful processions accompanied by drum beats and traditional musical performances. The entire village echoed with devotional spirit as relatives, friends, and devotees from neighbouring villages gathered to witness the celebrations and seek the blessings of the Goddess. Devotees prayed for peace, prosperity, and well-being for their families and the village.

Huge Turnout at PM Modi's Meeting Signals Political Shift in TG : Attikari Malleesh



Senior BJP leader from the Kukatpally constituency, Attikari Malleesh, hailed the massive success of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent public meeting in Secunderabad, describing it as a definitive turning point for Telangana's political landscape. Expressing his gratitude to the citizens, party workers, and supporters who flooded the venue, Malleesh stated that the overwhelming crowd is a testament to the growing desire for change in the state.

Malleesh noted that the enthusiasm mirrored the BJP's recent electoral successes in West Bengal and other states, proving widespread faith in PM Modi's leadership. He praised the Prime Minister's governance model of 'Sabka Saath - Sabka Vikas', calling him a leader for all ("Andari Vadu") who transcends caste and religious barriers to deliver central welfare schemes directly to the poor. "These visits are more than just rallies; they are a blueprint for national development," Malleesh said, asserting that the BJP is now viewed as the only viable alternative for a progress-oriented Telangana.

Thousands Witness Grand 37th Annual Kalyana Mahotsavam of Sri Renuka Ellamma Thalli at Ismailkhaguda

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The 37th Annual Kalyana Mahotsavam and Tri-Rathotsavam of Sri Renuka Ellamma Thalli, along with Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Deities, was celebrated with great spiritual fervour and grandeur at Ismailkhaguda under Pocharam Municipality in Medchal district. The religious festivities were organized under the leadership of temple devotees and organizers Eega Lalitha Krishnaswamy Mudiraj, Eega Lasya Madhu Mudiraj, and Eega Nandini Ramu Mudiraj Swamulu. The temple premises witnessed a vibrant



spiritual atmosphere with special pujas, Bonalu offerings, traditional drum performances, Oggu cultural presentations, and devotional rituals attracting large numbers of devotees. Speaking on the occasion, temple trustee Madhu Mudiraj said that the Kalyana Mahotsavam of Sri Renuka Ellamma Thalli has been conducted continuously for the past 37 years with devotion and traditional grandeur at Ismailkhaguda.

He stated that devotees from Maharashtra, Nanded, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Mahabubnagar, and several other regions visit the temple every year to seek the blessings of the Goddess and offer Bonalu. He said devotees strongly believe that the Goddess fulfills their wishes and protects their families, which has increased the spiritual significance of the celebrations year after year. The temple organizers expressed gratitude to all devotees, village elders, public representatives, political leaders, Shiva Sattulu performers, Oggu artists, Dolu artists, and people from various regions who extended their support for the successful conduct of the event.

37 Years of Congress Loyalty Defines Mallam Ramesh's Political Journey

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Veteran Congress leader Mallam Ramesh has reaffirmed his lifelong commitment to the Congress party, highlighting a political journey spanning 37 years. A resident of Gandhinagar, Secunderabad, Ramesh began his political career in 1989 by organizing a major Youth Congress event at Hari Hara Kala Bhavan attended by former APYC



president and MLA P. Sudhir Kumar. Starting as a youth activist, he later rose to become Joint Secretary of the Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee under the leadership of

Botcha Satyanarayana. Over the years, Ramesh earned several recognitions, including the Seva Ratna Award presented by renowned poet C. Narayana Reddy and a "Best Active Member" honor from former Chief Minister Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy. Ramesh said he remains dedicated to strengthening the Congress party with his experience and grassroots connection.

BRS To Go Digital for Its Membership Drive: KCR

BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao on Tuesday instructed his party leaders that the membership drive that is soon to be launched must go digital to keep pace with how things are changing. Chandrashekar Rao, who chaired a meeting where he discussed the work ahead for the party along with senior BRS leaders including working president K.T. Rama Rao, and BRSLP deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao, said the Election Commission of India's special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, as well as the all-India census operations had gone digital and the party too should adopt modern methods to enroll members.

This being the case, the leaders agreed to provide training in digital member recruitment to two of its workers in the limits of each of the 35,655 polling booths in the state. The party plans to deploy 71,310 of its workers in this membership drive which it hopes will provide it much needed additional strength as it slowly gears up for the next Assembly elections, and the ZPTC and MPTC elections that are expected to be held sometime soon.

Telangana Fails to Form Heritage Panels

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Telangana's centuries-old temples, forts, mosques, stepwells and colonial-era buildings continue to face growing threats as the State is yet to establish the heritage committees mandated under the Telangana Heritage Act, 2017. Historians, conservationists and heritage activists have expressed serious concern over the prolonged delay, particularly after the recent demolition of an 800-year-old temple in Warangal.

The absence of officially constituted heritage bodies has left several historic structures without institutional protection. In Hyderabad alone, more than 162 identified heritage sites have remained vulnerable ever since the



old Heritage Conservation Committee under the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) was dissolved. Experts warn that without dedicated committees, many culturally significant structures could face neglect, encroachment or demolition. The issue has once again brought attention to the recurring conflict between rapid urban development and the preservation of historical landmarks.

Repeated proposals to demolish iconic buildings such as Osmania General Hospital and the Chest Hospital at Erragadda have triggered strong op-

position from conservation groups, who argue that Telangana's architectural heritage cannot be sacrificed in the name of modernization. Prof. K. Arjun Rao, director of the heritage department, said the government plans to first constitute a state-level heritage committee before moving ahead with district-level bodies. According to conservationists, however, the process has already been delayed for years. Dr. Vedakumar Manikonda of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) pointed out that Ramappa Temple was the only site that once had a committee under the Warangal administration, but a full-fledged state heritage authority has never been established after the formation of Telangana.

He stressed that more than 1,000 heritage sites across the State require official notification, documentation and periodic review. Aravind Arya of the Team of Research on Culture and Heritage urged the government to immediately complete the constitution of all pending authorities by appointing qualified historians, architects and conservation experts.

District-level committees, he said, would play a crucial role in monitoring illegal demolitions, quarrying activities, encroachments and unscientific renovation works that threaten heritage structures. "Anything above 100 years and having historical value belongs to the people of Telangana and must be protected," said P. Anuradha Reddy.

Owaisi Says Law Will Take Course in Bageerath POCSO Case

HYDERABAD
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Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday said the law would take its own course in the case against Sai Bandi Bageerath, son of Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar, who has been booked in an alleged rape case involving a minor under the POCSO Act.

Addressing the media, Owaisi stated that the police had already registered a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and expressed hope that the complainant would receive justice. He said the matter was now before the law and should be handled according to legal procedures without political interference. Owaisi also noted that A.



Revanth Reddy had publicly assured that appropriate action would be taken in the case.

Responding sharply to criticism from leaders of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi over his alleged silence on the issue, Owaisi hit back by suggesting that former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao should once again take charge of the party, remarking that some of its current leaders appeared to suffer from a "weak memory."

Owaisi recalled that during the BRS govern-

ment's tenure, the son of a board chairman was allegedly involved in a similar case concerning a minor. He questioned what action had been taken by the then administration in that incident and accused BRS leaders of selectively targeting opponents while ignoring controversies during their own rule.

The AIMIM chief was referring to the 2022 alleged gangrape case near Peddamma Temple, in which the son of a Waqf Board official and several others were accused. Owaisi's remarks have further intensified the political confrontation between AIMIM and BRS, with both parties exchanging allegations over the handling of sensitive criminal cases involving influential individuals and political accountability in Telangana.

Educate a Girl, Enlighten a Generation: Azharuddin

Minister Azharuddin Highlights Importance of Women's Education at Jamia-tul-Mominaat

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Declaring that the progress of society is impossible without the education and empowerment of women, Telangana Minority Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin said that educated daughters are the true architects of a strong and enlightened nation. He was speaking at the inaugural function of a ten-day Religious and Islamic Informational Course organized by Jamia-tul-Mominaat at Moghalpura, Hyderabad. Addressing students, scholars, and guests, the Minister stated that women are the foundation of family and society, and their education is essential for shaping future generations with moral values, discipline, and knowledge. He emphasized that in the modern era, women must be equipped with both religious teachings and contemporary education to successfully contribute in every sphere of life. "An educated girl not only transforms her own



future but also becomes a guiding light for an entire family," he remarked, adding that girls today are proving their talent and capability in all professional and social sectors through dedication, hard work, and commitment. The Minister praised the role of Jamia-tul-Mominaat in promoting Islamic and modern education among women and termed the ten-day educational course a remarkable initiative for the intellectual and spiritual development of female students.

He expressed satisfaction over the growing participation of students from different states of India who are pursuing studies in Tafseer, Hadith, Fiqh, and other branches of Islamic learning at the institution. Encouraging students to aim high in

life, he advised them to pursue higher education and focus particularly on learning English, describing it as an essential language in today's global environment.

He motivated the girls by saying that women are capable of reaching the highest positions in administration and politics, including serving as Ministers and Chief Ministers. The Minister also appreciated the services rendered by Maulana Mufti Dr. Hafiz Mohammed Mastan Ali Qadri and Maulana Mufti Dr. Hafiz Mohammed Saber Pasha Qadri for their tireless efforts in strengthening women's education, religious awareness, and character-building initiatives. Several prominent scholars and dignitaries attended the programme, including Maulana Mufti Mohammed Hasanuddin Naqshbandi, Maulana Hafiz Dr. Mohammed Muzaffar Hussain Khan Bandanawazi, and Maulana Syed Shah Mahmood Rizvi Al-Qadri Najafi.

Sangareddy District Launches Massive Jana Ganana 2027 Awareness Rally

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In line with the vision and instructions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana to ensure widespread public awareness on the upcoming Jana Ganana (Census) 2027, a grand awareness rally was organized in Sangareddy district on Tuesday morning under the leadership of District Collector Prateek Jain, IAS. The rally was formally flagged off by the District Collector at the Collectorate premises in the presence of district officials, departmental staff, municipal representatives, stu-



dents, teachers, NSS volunteers, SHG women members, youth groups, and public representatives. The large-scale participation reflected the district administration's strong commitment towards creating awareness about the importance of Census operations among citizens. Participants enthusiastically carried awareness placards, banners, slogan

boards, and information posters highlighting the significance of Jana Ganana and the responsibility of citizens in providing accurate information during the Census process. Students from Government Nursing College and NSS volunteers actively participated in the awareness walk and encouraged public cooperation for the success of the national population survey.

Amazon Bazaar Sees Growth in TG, AP

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Amazon.in announced that Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have emerged as fast growing states for Amazon Bazaar. Orders across both states have increased four-fold year-on-year, with Hyderabad leading the increase in new customer sign-ups. Vijayawada, Guntur, Visakhapatnam and Warangal are the other key markets. It has products

starting at Rs 99 across fashion, home, kitchen and electronic accessories. It saw a surge across categories like sarees, kurtis, fashion jewelry, home decor, utility kitchen items and mobile covers. "Andhra Pradesh and Telangana represent significant growth states for Amazon Bazaar. We are witnessing a shift in online shopping behaviour, especially across tier-2 and tier-3 cities, where customers seek quality,

variety and value," said Sameer Lalwani, head, Amazon Bazaar. The two states are home to more than 75,000 sellers on Amazon.in, including over 1,200 sellers who are part of Amazon Bazaar. Amazon has 8 fulfilment centres, 3 sortation centres and nearly 1,500 hub delivery partners. It will add more local sellers in fashion, home and kitchen and consumer electronics, according to a release.

Citizens Must Share Responsibility In Nation Building: Pankaj Agrawal

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Ashok Foundation founder Pankaj Kumar Agrawal said nation building cannot be achieved by governments alone and requires active participation from every citizen. Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent appeals on reducing gold purchases, cutting fuel consumption and encouraging natural farming, he said these steps are aimed at strengthening India's economic stability, environmental protection and self-reliance. Agrawal stated that India is among the world's largest importers of gold, leading to a significant outflow of foreign exchange. He said that if citizens voluntarily reduce gold purchases for some time, the savings can support infrastructure, education, technology and industrial development.

However, he also pointed out that lakhs of jewellers, artisans and workers depend on the gold trade for their livelihoods, making it important to maintain a balance between national interest and employment protection. Speaking on fuel consumption, Agrawal



noted that rising petrol and diesel usage increases both import dependence and environmental pollution. He encouraged citizens to adopt public transport, carpooling, cycling and electric vehicles to help reduce fuel consumption and carbon emissions. On agriculture, he said excessive use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides has damaged soil fertility and water resources.

Promoting natural farming, he added, can improve soil health, reduce cultivation costs and ensure safer food production. Agrawal further said that Prime Ministers in different periods have appealed for public cooperation and discipline during national challenges, and collective participation remains essential for building a stronger and sustainable India.

Jampana Pratap Leads Grand Hanuman Jayanti Pujas in Cantonment

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Former Cantonment Board Vice-President Jampana Pratap participated in grand Sri Hanuman Jayanti celebrations held across several temples in the Cantonment area, where devotees gathered in large numbers with deep spiritual fervor and devotion.

Special pujas were organized under the supervision of temple committees at prominent temples in the First and Sixth Wards. At the Pedda Thokatta Dasanjaneya Swamy Temple in the First Ward, celebrations were conducted with religious enthusiasm as Jampana Pratap personally performed special rituals



and offered prayers to Lord Hanuman amid devotional chants and traditional ceremonies.

Later, he took part in the sacred Manisukti Yagna organized at the Shiva Panchayat Hanuman Temple in Sitarampuri Colony of the Sixth Ward. Devotees, temple elders, and committee members actively participated in the rituals,

creating a spiritually vibrant atmosphere throughout the locality.

Temple priests honored Jampana Pratap with shawls and garlands, offered theertha prasadam, and conveyed blessings during the celebrations. Temple committee presidents Sai Baba Yadav, Prakash, Vijay, Srikanth Reddy, Govardhan, and several other devotees attended the programs and expressed their devotion to Lord Hanuman.

The Hanuman Jayanti festivities brought together residents from different parts of the Cantonment area, strengthening communal harmony and spiritual unity while celebrating the ideals of devotion, courage, and service associated with Lord Hanuman.

Political Storm Over Minor Girl Case

Neelam Padma Demands Resignation of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay, Seeks Strict Punishment for Bhagirath

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Yadadri Bhubanagiri District Mahila Congress President Neelam Padma Venkataswamy on Tuesday demanded the resignation of Karimnagar MP and Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar following the registration of a POCSO case against his son, Bandi Bhagirath. Addressing the media, Neelam Padma alleged that moral responsibility



must be taken in the matter and stated that Bandi Sanjay should immediately step down from both his parliamentary position and Union Minister post. She strongly condemned the alleged misconduct involving a minor girl and said those ac-

cused of exploiting or deceiving minors deserve the harshest punishment under the law. She criticized leaders who publicly raise slogans on women empowerment and child protection but allegedly fail to instill moral values within their own families. Referring to the "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" campaign, she accused BJP leaders of maintaining a double standard on women's safety and child protection issues.

Neelam Padma further alleged that attempts were being made to divert attention from the case by introducing narratives such as "honey trap" and monetary demand allegations. She urged the authorities to treat the matter with utmost seriousness and ensure that the accused is not granted bail. Demanding justice for the victim's family, she called on the government to provide adequate security and take immediate legal action.

California Mayor Admits to Being 'China Agent'

A woman who served as mayor of a California city has been charged with acting as an illegal agent of the Chinese government, the Department of Justice said Monday. Eileen Wang, 58, the mayor of Arcadia, a city just north of Los Angeles with a population of about 50,000, has agreed to plead guilty to the felony charge, the department said in a statement. Wang resigned from her post as mayor on Monday, according to the Arcadia City Council's website. Acting as an illegal agent of a foreign government carries a maximum term of 10 years in prison in the United States. The Justice Department said Wang and an accomplice, Yaoning Sun, promoted pro-Chinese propaganda through a website they operated called US News Center serving the local Chinese American community. "Wang and Sun received and executed directives from (Chinese) government officials to post (pro-Chinese) content on the website," it said. Sun pleaded guilty in 2025 to acting as an illegal agent of a foreign government and is serving a four-year prison sentence. President Donald Trump is scheduled to visit Beijing.

US Issues New Sanctions Over Iran's Oil Shipments to China

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The U.S. government on Monday announced sanctions against three people and nine companies, including four based in Hong Kong and four in the United Arab Emirates, for aiding Iran's shipment of oil to China. The ninth company is based in Oman. The U.S. Treasury move follows sanctions announced on Friday on individuals and companies aiding Iranian purchases of weapons and components used to make drones and ballistic missiles. It comes days before U.S. President Donald Trump's planned meeting with Xi Jinping, where he is expected to press the Chinese leader to help resolve the standoff with Iran and reopen the critical Strait of Hormuz. Treasury said the new designations by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) were aimed at individuals and entities that helped



Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps sell and ship its allotment of Iranian oil to China using a series of front companies. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said the Trump administration would keep using sanctions to deprive the Iranian government and military of funding for weapons, its nuclear program or support for proxies in the region. "Treasury will continue to cut the Iranian regime off from the financial networks it uses to carry out terrorist acts and to destabilize the global economy," Bessent said. The State Department also an-

nounced a reward of up to \$15 million for information leading to the disruption of the financial mechanisms of the IRGC, which is designated by Washington as a terrorist organization, and its branches. Treasury said the IRGC relies on shell companies to arrange and receive payment for its allotment of Iranian oil shipments. It said Monday's action builds on sanctions imposed in July 2025 on Golden Globe, a Turkey-based company that Treasury said handles hundreds of millions of dollars in IRGC oil sales annually. The three people

sanctioned by the United States work for the IRGC's Shahid Purja'fari oil headquarters, coordinating payments through Golden Globe, Treasury said. Hong Kong-based Hong Kong Blue Ocean Ltd and Hong Kong-based Hong Kong Sanmu Ltd, both of which Treasury described as cover companies that arrange the sale and shipment of Iranian oil. Dubai-based Ocean Allianz Shipping LLC and Sharjah-based Atic Energy FZE, which facilitated shipments of Iranian oil on five sanctioned shadow fleet tankers in 2025. Oman-based Zeus Logistics Group, which arranged vessels to carry Iranian oil cargoes. Hong Kong-based Jiandi HK Ltd, which signed a deal with the IRGC to purchase tens of millions of dollars of Iranian oil. Hong Kong-based Max Honor International Trade Co Ltd, which purchased millions of barrels of Iranian oil from the IRGC in 2025.

UAE Secretly Hit Iran Around Trump's Ceasefire Push: Report

WASHINGTON
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The United Arab Emirates carried out attacks on Iran early last month, sources told the Wall Street Journal, revealing previously unknown participation in the war by the Gulf country. In an article Monday, the American newspaper said the UAE's attacks targeted a refinery located on Iran's Lavan Island and took place "around the time" US President Donald Trump was "announcing a ceasefire in the war" after a five-week air strike campaign. The US has quietly welcomed the Emirati strikes and any other Gulf states who want to join the fight, the paper reported citing one unnamed source. AFP has

not been able to independently verify the reported Emirati attacks. The Journal did not specify a date or time. However, the morning of April 8 Iranian state broadcaster IRIB said "missile and drone attacks on the Emirates and Kuwait have taken place a few hours after the targeting of Lavan island oil facilities in Iran." The state broadcaster said the Lavan facility "was subjected to a cowardly attack" at 10:00 am (0630 GMT). On the same day, just

hours after the ceasefire came into effect, the UAE said that it had been targeted by 17 Iranian missiles and 35 drones. That same morning, Kuwait's military said that it was facing a barrage of attacks on power and desalination plants as well as oil facilities -- an early test of the fragile truce. The refinery was Iran's 10th biggest refinery as of 2020, handling 60,000 barrels of crude per day, according to EIA figures.

Bomb Rigged To Rickshaw Explodes In Pakistan Bazaar, killing 9

PESHAWAR
Wakeup telangana



A bomb rigged to a rickshaw exploded in a bazaar in northwest Pakistan on Tuesday, killing at least nine people and wounding more than two dozen others, police said, in the latest sign of escalating violence in the region bordering Afghanistan. The attack took place in Lakki Marwat, a district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, local police chief Azmat Ullah said. He said that two traffic police officers and a woman were among those killed. Ullah provided no further details but said traffic police officers were apparently the target of the attack. The bombing also damaged nearby shops. Most of the dead and wounded were passersby, he said. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing. Suspicion in such attacks often falls on the Pakistani Taliban, known as Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, which has intensified its campaign against Pakistani security forces in recent years. The group is

separate from but allied with Afghanistan's Taliban government. However, the Pakistani Taliban denied involvement in Tuesday's attack, saying in a statement that it had learned about the bombing but was not behind it. The latest attack came days after 15 police officers were killed in a suicide bombing and gun assault on a security post in the nearby Bannu district on Saturday, prompting Islamabad to summon a senior Afghan diplomat to lodge a formal complaint. Pakistan blamed that attack on the Pakistani Taliban. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif condemned Tuesday's attack

and conveyed his condolences to the families of the victims. In a statement, he said the government and all relevant institutions were committed to eliminating terrorism and would not allow militants to obstruct peace and development in the country. He directed authorities to swiftly complete the investigation, identify those responsible and ensure the perpetrators are brought to justice. Pakistani authorities have long accused Afghanistan's Taliban government of sheltering militants. Kabul has denied the allegation, saying it does not allow militants to use Afghan soil to launch at-

tacks against other countries. Pakistan has witnessed a surge in militant violence in recent years, straining relations with Afghanistan. The Pakistani Taliban and other militant groups have grown more emboldened since the Afghan Taliban returned to power in Kabul in 2021. Tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan have persisted, including fighting that has killed hundreds of people since late February. In early April, the two sides held peace talks mediated by China. However, sporadic cross-border clashes have continued, though at a lower intensity than before.

Pawar Seeks All-Party Meet Over PM's Fuel Appeal

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed to citizens to use fuel cautiously, NCP founder Sharad Pawar on Tuesday called for an all-party meeting to discuss the situation. Mr. Pawar said the Prime Minister's announcements were likely to have far-reaching implications for the country's economy. He said the sudden nature of the decisions had created anxiety among ordinary citizens, as well as in the business, industrial and investment sectors. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Revenue Minister Chan-

drashekhar Bawankule said ministers would require permission from Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis before using state aircraft, in accordance with existing norms. He added that the government would also explore reducing the use of official vehicles by conducting more virtual meetings. In a post on X, Mr. Pawar, a former Union Defence Minister, said: "Against the backdrop of the unstable and

warlike situation in the Middle East, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made certain announcements two days ago. These are likely to have far-reaching impacts on the country's economy. The sudden nature of these announcements has created an atmosphere of unease among ordinary citizens, the industry-business sector, as well as investors. This situation is certainly a cause for concern." The veteran Maratha leader said that, given the seriousness of the matter, the Prime Minister should personally chair an all-party meeting. "Involving leaders from all parties in the decision-making pro-

cess on matters of national interest is extremely essential for the welfare of the country," he said. Mr. Pawar also urged the Centre to adopt a more consultative approach in light of the prevailing international situation. He said the Prime Minister should immediately convene a meeting with leading economists, industry representatives and other experts to conduct a comprehensive review and discuss future policy measures. The NCP (SP) chief further stressed that restoring public confidence and stability should be the government's top priority under the current circumstances.

Raj Thackeray Questions PM's Austerity Appeal

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray has criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the latter's appeals on austerity measures saying it was time to acknowledge that the country's economy has become fragile instead of blaming the US-Israel-Iran conflict. Why austerity measures are expected

solely from the general public while politicians engage in lavish election campaigns, he asked on Tuesday. "My request to the Prime Minister is enough with these moral appeals and the expectation that the

people alone must bear the burden. Let us acknowledge, once and for all, that the economy has become outwardly robust but inwardly fragile and do not simply pin the blame for this entirely on the Iran-Israel conflict," said Thackeray in a hard-hitting post on X. "Since you became the Prime Minister, the Rupee has undergone significant devaluation; please explain the reasons behind this.

During your ten-year tenure, three Governors of the Reserve Bank resigned - why did they step down?" he asked. "The foreign investors have been withdrawing from the Indian stock market over the past few months. Estimates suggest that foreign investors have pulled out approximately ₹1.5 lakh crore over the last three months alone. Foreign investment is not flowing into India.

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It's For Responsible.....

The Chinese involvement in Operation Sindoor was made clear after the well-known Hong Kong-based 'South China Morning Post (SCMP)' English-language newspaper reported that the Chinese state broadcaster CCTV aired an interview with Zhang Heng, a Chinese military aviation engineer who said he had provided on-site technical support to Pakistan during the four-day conflict with India in May last year. Up to 80 per cent of Pakistan's defence platforms and weaponry including fighter aircraft are reportedly Chinese-made. Asked whether there would be a joint statement after the BRICS foreign ministers meeting on Thursday and Friday, the MEA

spokesperson indicated that updates on this would be provided in due course. It may be noted that as the BRICS Chair, India faces a near-impossible challenge on its hands to evolve a consensus on the West Asia conflict. In a statement, the MEA said the foreign ministers would exchange views on global and regional issues of mutual interest. On the second day, BRICS member and partner countries will participate in a session themed 'BRICS@20: Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'. This will be followed by a session on the "Reforms of Global Governance and Multilateral System." The foreign ministers will call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the MEA said.

Himanta Sworn In.....

Modi said Sarma has made a mark as a "wonderful administrator and has done pioneering work for the state. My best wishes to him for the tenure ahead". Thanking him, Sarma in his reply said: "Your vision and leadership has been instrumental in driving Assam's growth in the last decade and we will continue to work in this direction with your continued support." Besides Sarma, four ministers — senior BJP leaders Rameswar Teli and Ajanta Neog, Asom Gana Parishad president Atul Bora and Bodoland People's Front MLA Charan Boro — were sworn in, marking the formation of the third NDA government in a row in Assam. Governor Lakshman Pra-

sad Acharya administered the oath of office and secrecy to Sarma at a high-profile event attended by a large number of dignitaries, including Union home minister Amit Shah, defence minister Rajnath Singh and Chief Ministers of most of NDA-ruled states. US ambassador Sergio Gor was among the attendees. Sarma is seen as one of the architects of the BJP's rapid growth in the Northeast — a region where smaller parties and the Congress once dominated politics. The saffron party's vote share in Assam hovered at less than 12 per cent until a decade ago, came to power in 2016 and has retained control since then. Its vote share has swollen to 38 per cent in the just-concluded elections.

Procure Paddy by.....

Further, the Chief Minister suggested appointing a designated officer at the mandal-level to constantly alert farmers about the weather forecast predicted by the Indian Meteorological Department. A dedicated system will also be set up specifically for disseminating weather-related information to the farming community. To strengthen the monitoring of procurement, an officer would be assigned to each IKP (Indira Kranthi Patham) centre to solve the hurdles during procurement. A responsible officer would also be appointed at every rice mill to oversee operations including hiring Hamalis to speed up loading of the procured food grains. The CM emphasised that measures should be

taken to ensure farmers receive a receipt immediately after loading to prevent irregularities committed under the guise of "talu" (chaff) or "tarugu" (weight deductions). To overcome the shortage of lorries, Revanth Reddy also ordered the officials to hire tractors and other vehicles available in nearby areas. The Chief Minister asserted that problems should be resolved only through the direct supervision of the collectors who are responsible to resolve every issue. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Tummalam Nageswara Rao, N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, Seethakka, Jupally Krishna Rao, Adluri Laxman Kumar, and Vakiti Srihari, along with Chief Secretary K Ramak.

CRIME

Cyberabad Police Seize 400 Kg Ganja Worth ₹2 Crore; Interstate Drug

RANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

Cyberabad Police arrested seven members of an interstate ganja smuggling gang and seized 400 kg of dry ganja worth around ₹2 crore near Muthangi under Patancheru Police Station limits. The operation was carried out jointly by the Special Operations Team (SOT), Kutkally Zone, and Patancheru Police based on credible information. Police also seized one DCM vehicle, one Ertiga car, and six mobile phones from the accused. According to police, the ganja was being transported from Odisha to Maharashtra through Hyderabad Outer Ring Road. The contraband was alleg-



edly supplied from Malkangiri in Odisha and was hidden inside a DCM vehicle under empty vegetable trays. The arrested accused belong mainly to Solapur district in Maharashtra. Police said the main receiver from Maharashtra and the supplier from Odisha are currently absconding. One minor was also found involved in the

case. The accused were intercepted near Muthangi on May 11 while transporting the ganja consignment. A case was registered under relevant sections of the NDPS Act at Patancheru Police Station. The operation was conducted under the supervision of DCP SOT P. Shoban Kumar and other senior officers. Cyberabad Commissioner of Police

appreciated the efforts of the SOT and Patancheru Police teams. Police appealed to the public to share information related to drug suppliers through Dial 100, Cyberabad NDPS Enforcement Cell (7901105423), or the Cyberabad WhatsApp number (8712663333), assuring confidentiality of informants.

Section 163 BNSS Imposed Around Intermediate Supplementary Exam Centres in Cyberabad

RANGAREDDY
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Srirangam Venkatesh

Cyberabad Police has imposed restrictions around Intermediate Public Advanced Supplementary Examination centres from May 13 to May 21, 2026, to maintain public order and ensure smooth conduct of examinations. According to a notification issued by Commissioner of Police Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS, assembly



of five or more persons has been prohibited within a 200-metre radius of all examination centres under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). Authorities also ordered closure of photocopy (Xerox) and internet centres within a 100-metre radius of the examination centres

during the examination period. The restrictions will remain in force daily from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM between May 13 and May 21. Police officers, military personnel, home guards on duty, education department flying squads, and funeral processions have been exempted from the order. Cyberabad Police warned that strict legal action will be taken against anyone violating the restrictions.

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.

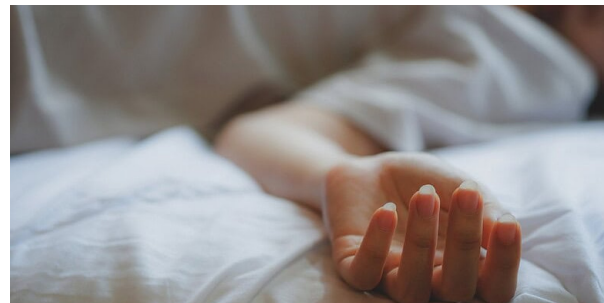
West Bengal Youth Arrested for Duping 500 Women of Rs 2 Cr Across Country

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.

Woman Found Dead at Residence in Madinaguda; Miyapur Police Investigating

RANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

A woman allegedly died by suicide at her residence in Madinaguda under the limits of Miyapur Police Station on Monday night. The deceased was identified as Madhuri, who was reportedly living with her son after separating from her husband. According to police, she is suspected to have taken the extreme step due to



personal issues. The incident came to light after her father repeatedly tried contacting her over phone calls but received no response. He later alerted neighbours, who entered the house and found her

dead. Upon receiving information, Miyapur police reached the spot, shifted the body for postmortem, and registered a case. Further investigation is underway.

Young Hockey Star Mamatha Felicited by Nizamabad Police

NIZAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

In recognition of her outstanding achievements in sports, Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya felicitated talented hockey player Kumari Malavath Mamatha, who has represented Telangana State at the national level five times and brought pride to Nizamabad district. During the felicitation programme held at the Police Commissioner's Office, the Commissioner congratulated Mamatha for her remark-



able dedication and success in hockey. He stated that sports play a vital role in developing discipline, self-confidence, and leadership qualities among youth. The Commissioner praised Mamatha for reaching the national level

despite coming from an ordinary family background and said that her achievements are a matter of pride for the entire district. He expressed hope that she would continue to excel and represent the country in international

competitions in the future. Encouraging young people to actively participate in sports, he advised them to stay focused on their goals and work hard towards achieving success. Additional DCP (Admin) N. Shubham Prakash, Dharpally CI B. Bhikshapathi, Sirikonda SI J. Ramakrishna, Nizamabad District Hockey Association President Vishakha Gangareddy, Secretary Ramana, Hockey Coach Shri Nagesh, and family members of Mamatha were present on the occasion.

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.



EDULLENT Launches Smart Education Intelligence System

EDULLENT Launches Smart Intelligence System Transforming Modern Educational Institution Management Across Telangana

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

EDULLENT officially launched its advanced Intelligence System for educational institutions in Hyderabad, introducing a modern technology platform aimed at transforming institutional management through smart automation, intelligent workflows, and streamlined communication.

The launch event was attended by leading educators, institutional heads, business personalities, and distinguished guests from across the education sector. Chief Guest Dr. E. Naveen Nicolas, Director of School Education, Telangana and State Project Director of Samagra Shik-



sha, formally launched the platform. Guests of Honour included B. Shafulah, Syed Omer Jaleel, and academic strategist Munawar Zama. Designed exclusively for modern educational institutions, EDULLENT showcased a future-ready ecosystem focused on simplifying administration, improving academic

efficiency, and enhancing coordination among educators, students, parents, and management teams. The platform demonstrated how institutions could move beyond traditional management methods by adopting smarter operational systems that reduce workload, improve communication, and sup-

port institutional growth. Its intelligent features are aimed at helping schools and educational organizations manage daily operations with greater clarity, efficiency, and productivity.

Speakers at the event highlighted the growing need for technology-driven solutions in education, emphasizing the importance of intelligent systems in improving organization, academic outcomes, and institutional performance in the rapidly evolving education sector. The launch generated strong interest among academic leaders and institutional management teams for its practical approach toward educational transformation and innovation. Industry experts appreci-

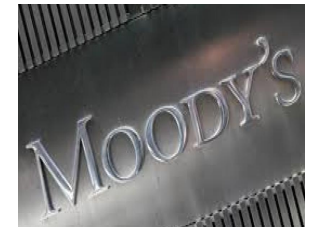
ated EDULLENT's vision of integrating smart technology into mainstream education management to build more connected and efficient institutions. EDULLENT described the platform as an "Intelligence System for Modern Institutions," reflecting its commitment to redefining educational administration through innovation and future-focused solutions.

India's forex reserves dropped by USD 7.794 billion to USD 690.693 billion during the week ended May 1, the RBI said on Friday. In the previous reporting week ended April 24, the overall reserves declined by USD 4.82 billion to USD 698.487 billion.

Moody's Slashes 2026 India Growth Forecast to 6%

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Moody's Ratings on Tuesday slashed India's GDP growth forecast for year 2026 by 0.8 percentage points to 6 per cent on subdued private consumption, capital formation, and industrial activity amid higher energy costs. In its Global Macro Outlook May update, Moody's said over the next six months, the impact from higher energy prices and fuel and fertilizer-related shortages will vary widely across countries, reflecting differences in exposure and resilience. "The global outlook remains highly uncertain amid an increasingly prolonged confrontation and fragile ceasefire between the US and Iran. We estimate growth losses ranging from around 0.8 ppt for India," Moody's said.



For calendar year 2027, Moody's slashed GDP growth estimates by 0.5 percentage points to 6 per cent for India, reflecting lingering headwinds that gradually fade as shipping flows stabilise and energy supplies improve, allowing underlying economic activity to recover. Moody's said India is "particularly vulnerable" to high oil prices given its heavy reliance on imported crude and LNG. India imports about 90 per cent of its energy requirements. As a net grain producer, agricultural exports will benefit in the near term from higher prices, but higher fuel and fertilizer costs would weigh on government fi-

nances, potentially constraining planned capital spending, Moody's said. Coal powers about 70 per cent of India's electricity generation, while non-fossil sources (solar, wind, hydro) continue to expand.

Our central scenario projection of 6 per cent growth in both 2026 and 2027, following 7.5 per cent growth in 2025, reflects more subdued private consumption, capital formation, and industrial activity amid tighter financial conditions and higher energy costs," Moody's said.

Persistently high energy costs would keep inflation elevated, compress profits, weaken investment and strain public finances, while major central banks remain on hold but ready to tighten financial conditions if necessary, it added.

Finance Ministry Registers Profitability And Growth of PSBs In 2026

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Lauding the performance of public sector banks (PSBs), the Union finance ministry on Tuesday said that they have recorded an all-time high net profit of Rs 1.98 lakh crore in 2025-26 fiscal year, marking the fourth straight year of profitability. "Improved asset quality, healthy credit expansion and

higher income contributed to improved profitability of PSBs during 2025-26," the ministry said in a statement.

Aggregate operating profit reached Rs 3.21 lakh crore, while aggregate net profit increased by 11.1 per cent y-o-y to a historic high of Rs 1.98 lakh crore, marking the fourth consecutive year of aggregate profitability for PSBs.



"The aggregate business of PSBs increased to Rs 283.3 lakh crore as on March 31, 2026, registering growth of 12.8 per cent over the

previous year," the ministry said. Aggregate deposits rose 10.6 per cent year-on-year to Rs 156.3 lakh crore, re-

flecting continued depositor confidence and strong resource mobilisation by PSBs. Gross advances registered growth of 15.7 per cent year-on-year at Rs 127 lakh crore, indicating sustained credit demand across sectors of the economy," it said. The PSBs continued to register strong financial performance during 2025-26, reflecting sustained business growth, im-

proved asset quality, record profitability and strong capital position. "The improved performance demonstrates the resilience, stability and enhanced institutional capacity of PSBs in supporting the credit needs of a fast-growing Indian economy," the ministry added.

Asset quality of PSBs improved significantly during 2025-26, with gross NPA ratio (non-

performing assets) declining to 1.93 per cent and net NPA ratio to 0.39 per cent as on March 31, 2026, reflecting historically low levels of stressed assets. "Further, each PSB maintained a provisioning coverage ratio of above 90 per cent, indicating prudent provisioning practices, improved underwriting standards, effective risk management mech-

anisms and strengthened balance sheet resilience," it said. Fresh slippages, it said, continued to decline during FY 2025-26, with slippage ratio reducing to 0.7 per cent. "Total recoveries, including recoveries from written-off accounts, stood at Rs 86,971 crore, reflecting improved recovery mechanisms and better credit discipline across PSBs," it added.

Rupee Closes At New Low Of 95.62 Against US Dollar

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The Indian rupee extended its losing streak for a third day slipping to a record low closing at 95.62 to a dollar on Tuesday, down 31 paise against its previous close as rising crude oil prices intensified dollar demand. Traders said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to Indians to maintain austerity invited panic dollar buying from importers, especially gold importers. Tensions escalated after the US President Donald Trump rejected Iran's peace proposal. Persistent Foreign Institutional Investors (FII) outflows also weighed on the rupee.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 95.50 and lost further ground to touch an all-time low of 95.74, edging closer to the 96 mark against the American dollar. It made a high of 95.42 before closing the day at 95.62 to a dollar, down 31 paise from its previous close.

On Monday, the rupee had fallen 83 paise to close at a record low of 95.31. Says Anil Bhansali, head treasury at Fin-

rex Trading Advisors, "India's external vulnerability has been the main reason for the fall in the rupee in the last two years. Foreign Portfolio Investor outflows have gone up and their share in the market is down to 17 per cent from 25 per cent. Secondary steps need to be taken by the RBI such as the FCNR(B) deposit mobilization scheme, lowering Liberalised Remittance limits to ensure that foreign capital comes back into the country."

"The rupee has been protected from a collapse by the RBI's dollar selling, otherwise it would be close to 100 levels. For tomorrow we expect the rupee to be in the range of 95.25 to 96," added Bhansali. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 98.28, up 0.33 per cent. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose sharply by 3.09 per cent to \$ 107.43 per barrel in futures trade, triggering fears of supply disruptions and rising energy costs.

Mubarak Travels Holds Grand Hajj Seminar in Hyderabad

Mubarak Travels Hosts Grand Hajj Seminar, Marks 25 Years Of Service

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Marking 25 years of trusted service in guiding pilgrims for Hajj and Umrah, Mubarak Travels organized a grand "Hajj Seminar 2026" at Kings Crown Convention in Gudimalkapur, Mehdiptanam, bringing together over 2,032 pilgrims, Islamic scholars, dignitaries, and community members ahead of the upcoming Hajj pilgrimage season.

The seminar served as a comprehensive guidance platform for pilgrims preparing for the sacred journey to Makkah and Madinah.

Experts and scholars explained the rituals, etiquettes, spiritual significance, and practical preparations related to Hajj and Umrah, helping pilgrims understand every aspect of the pilgrimage. Chief guest Syed Ghulam Afzal Biabani, Chairman of the Telangana State Hajj Committee, attended the event and appreciated the efforts of Mubarak



Mubarak Travels CEO S.M. Azeemuddin, Maulana Syed Mazhar Qasmi Naqshbandi, Maulana Ahmad Ubaidur Rahman Athar Nadwi and others during the Grand Hajj Seminar organized by Mubarak Travels in Hyderabad.

Travels in conducting awareness and educational programmes for pilgrims over the years.

Speaking on the occasion, S.M. Azeemuddin, CEO of Mubarak Travels, said the organization has remained committed to providing seamless support, guidance, and reliable services to pilgrims for the past 25 years. He said the Hajj seminar was aimed at ensuring pilgrims undertake their spiritual journey with proper understanding, preparation, and discipline. Special sessions on Hajj rituals, Umrah proce-

dures, and etiquettes of Ziyarat were delivered by noted Islamic scholars including Maulana Syed Mazhar Qasmi Naqshbandi and Maulana Ahmad Ubaidur Rahman Athar Nadwi.

The event also featured Qira'at by Hafiz Qari Mohammed Ullah and Naat recitation by Hafiz Qari Maulana Mohammed Aleemuddin Wahed. Inspirational addresses were delivered by prominent scholars including Maulana Salahuddin Saifi Naqshbandi, Maulana Mohammed Abdul Qawi and Maulana Hafiz Mo-

ammed Khwaja Nazeeuddin Sabili.

The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from pilgrims and their family members. Organizers made separate arrangements for women attendees and also provided facilities for Zuh prayers and lunch. Through the seminar, Mubarak Travels reaffirmed its continued dedication towards serving pilgrims with care, guidance, and spiritual support while strengthening its legacy of trusted Hajj and Umrah services.

R1 RCM Expands Hyderabad Operations

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Healthcare revenue cycle management company R1 RCM has expanded its operations in Hyderabad with the launch of a new office floor at NSL SEZ Arena in Uppal, reinforcing the city's position as a growing hub for healthcare technology and business services. The company stated that the expansion is part of its broader India growth strategy aimed at strengthening backend healthcare revenue cycle operations for global clients. The newly launched facility will support key functions such as accounts receivable follow-up, billing operations, technology, analytics and innovation services.

According to the company, the office has been designed as a scalable workplace capable of accommodating future growth while supporting cross-functional teams working on healthcare revenue management solutions. Speaking on the expansion, Abhijeet Pawar, Executive Vice President, Global Opera-

tions and India General Manager at R1 RCM, said Hyderabad has consistently demonstrated strong leadership and talent capabilities for the company. He noted that India continues to remain a crucial component of R1 RCM's global delivery and innovation model, playing a significant role in supporting healthcare clients worldwide.

The company also announced plans to continue expanding its Hyderabad workforce through 2026, expecting double-digit employee growth based on business requirements and operational expansion. As part of this growth, R1 RCM plans to recruit both fresh graduates and experienced professionals over the next year. Swati Khandelwal, Senior Vice President and Head Human Resources for India and the Philippines, said Hyderabad has emerged as an important talent hub for the company, supporting multiple operational and business functions. She added that the organisation is also enhancing internal training

Priyanka To Play Indian Cinema's First 'Item Girl'

Acclaimed filmmaker Mira Nair is bringing the life of legendary painter Amrita Sher-Gil to the screen with *Amri*, a film that promises to blend art, history and cinema. Adding to the excitement, global star Priyanka Chopra Jonas will appear in a significant cameo as the iconic dancer Madame Azurie, regarded as Indian cinema's first "item girl." Known as the "lightning-footed dancer," Madame Azurie was a sensation during the early years of Indian cinema. A trained danseuse, she captivated audiences with her energetic performances, often drawing moviegoers back to theatres just to watch her dance numbers. Over the course of her remarkable career, Azurie acted in more than 700 films and even performed at Bucking-

ham Palace on invitation, cementing her place as one of the most celebrated entertainers of her era. To prepare for the role, Priyanka Chopra Jonas has reportedly been studying vintage Indian films to understand the style, grace and charisma that made Azurie unforgettable. Interestingly, this is not Priyanka's first memorable dance performance on screen. Her electrifying song "Ram Chahe Leela Chahe" from *Goliyon Ki Raasleela Ram-Leela*, directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali, became a massive hit and remains one of her most popular special appearances. Apart from acting in the film, Priyanka is also serving as the executive producer of *Amri*, further strengthening her creative association with the ambitious project.



'Peddi' Trailer Venue Shifted Suddenly



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The much-publicised plan to launch the trailer of *Peddi* in Bhopal has now been quietly shelved, with the makers deciding to shift the grand event to Mumbai on May 18. The original idea behind choosing Bhopal was strategic — the team reportedly wanted to strengthen Ram Charan's reach in North India and create stronger buzz for the film beyond the Telugu-speaking market.

However, sources close to the production reveal that the ground response in

Bhopal did not match expectations.

After conducting local assessments and checking audience excitement levels, the team reportedly received lukewarm feedback regarding the event. Industry insiders say the makers were unsure whether the city could generate the kind of massive turnout and media frenzy expected for a pan-India film of this scale.

Mumbai, on the other hand, offered a far more reliable and glamorous platform. Apart from stronger media visibility, the city also guarantees the presence of several Bollywood ce-

lebrities who share close ties with the Chiranjeevi family. One of the major attractions of the Mumbai event is expected to be the presence of Salman Khan, who is known to share a warm relationship with both Chiranjeevi and Ram Charan. The shift is now being seen as a calculated promotional move rather than a last-minute logistical change.

With Bollywood stars, national media attention and a bigger entertainment ecosystem, Mumbai appears better suited to position *Peddi* as a true pan-India spectacle ahead of its release.

Hansi Flick Extends Contract With Barcelona



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Barcelona coach Hansi Flick confirmed on Tuesday that he has signed a new two-year contract with the club, with an option for a third season. The 61-year-old German secured a second-consecutive La Liga title with the Catalan club on Sunday with a 2-0 victory over arch-rivals Real Ma-

drid. "Obviously I'm very happy; it gives me the confidence to keep working for another year or two," Flick said at the press conference ahead of Wednesday's league visit to Alaves. "I think many coaches would be very happy to sign a three, four or five-year contract, but in this case, with Barca, I think it's good to keep it limited and I appreciate that.

"We'll continue until 2028. If all goes well, we'll decide to carry on. I have the right to stop, and so does the club." Flick joined Barcelona in the summer of 2024 and, in two seasons at the club, has won two La Liga titles, one Copa del Rey and two Spanish Super Cups.

The Champions League, which Flick won in 2020 with former club Bayern Munich, has eluded him since arriving in Catalonia, however. Barcelona were edged out by Atletico Madrid in the quarter-finals this season, after last year going down 7-6 on aggregate to Inter Milan in the last four. "It's also a commitment on our part to work even harder than we did this season, if that's possible, and to continue reaching the highest possible level with the team, achieving new goals and winning new titles," Flick said. "This is important for Barca, because everyone has this dream of winning the Champions League. We've tried, and we'll try again, and that's all I can say."

Gujarat Titans Crush SRH By 82 Runs, Go Top of Points Table

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Gujarat Titans outclassed Sunrisers Hyderabad by 82 runs to take the top position in the Indian Premier League points table with a compelling all-round show here on Tuesday. After half-centuries from Sai Sudharsan (61) and Washington Sundar (50) took the Titans to 168 for seven in a scratchy outing with the bat, Kagiso Rabada (3/28) ran through SRH's top-order and Jason Holder (3/20) followed up with an incisive spell to script a fifth consecutive victory for the IPL 2022 winners. Chasing 169, SRH collapsed to 60 for seven courtesy Rabada's exploits with the new ball and Holder's inroads post the powerplay, eventually rolling over for 86 in 14.5 overs to lose heavily. If a two-paced wicket had made run-scoring difficult at the start of the contest, it was Rabada's class all over the belligerent SRH batters in the second innings, with the South African pacer snaring three wickets in his four overs -



all bowled upfront. It all began with Mohammed Siraj (3-1-11-1) starting with a wicket- maiden, first cutting the impact sub Travis Head into half with a jaffa and then inducing a leading edge which flew all the way down to deep backward point. Head fetched the ball bowled on line and went hard at it. The ball ballooned to the third man where Nishant Sindhu took an easy grab. Abhishek Sharma (6) lofted Rabada over the infield for a six down the pitch, but the bowler followed

the left-hander when he tried to make room. Abhishek fell meekly as the ball crashed into his wickets after hitting the bat.

Rabada was all over the SRH batters and none of them had answers to his probing classical line and lengths. In the fourth over, Ishan Kishan (11) could not prevent edging one behind when the ball nipped away from him, leaving SRH reeling at 23 for three. While there wasn't any fourth wicket for Rabada, he snared his third in the final over of the powerplay, getting R

Smaran to hit one straight to Shubman Gill at mid-on, with SRH crawling to 32 for four.

SRH's slide continued even as Rabada was bowled out and Siraj taken off the attack. Having batted patiently, Heinrich Klaassen (14) looked to go after one from Holder but the ball not only stuck onto the surface a little but also bounced higher than anticipated, taking a leading edge which was collected by Jos Buttler behind the wickets. SRH's hopes for taking it deep suffered another massive blow when Holder had Nitish Kumar Reddy (2) playing one which too bounced extra and went straight to Washington Sundar at point, which left the visitors at 60 for seven. Amid all this, Prasad Krishna also was among the wickets, taking 2/23 in his three overs. SRH skipper Pat Cummins' 19 was the highest individual contribution in their innings. Earlier, Sai Sudharsan struck a dogged half-century, while Washington Sundar chipped in with a fluent fifty to power Gujarat Ti-

tans' innings. Sudharsan cracked five fours and two sixes on way to a vital 61 off 44 balls to hold the Titans together, whereas Washington's 33-ball 50 with seven fours and a six was instrumental in adding crucial late runs on a surface which demanded application from the batters. While Praful Hinge (3-0-17-2) was the pick among the bowlers for SRH, Cummins returned a measly 4-0-20-1. The SRH pacers kept a tight leash on the home team batters who struggled to get going on the two-paced surface where they had been bowled out for 100 by Mumbai Indians. Sai Sudharsan reaped the rewards for his patience, capitalising on scoring opportunities while stitching together useful partnerships, including a crucial 60-run fourth-wicket stand with Washington Sundar. It was Hinge who reaped full benefits of a tidy start with the ball for the Sunrisers with two wickets in the powerplay, as the Titans recorded their lowest score of the season reaching 34/2 after six overs.

Fire in open field used for parking, several vehicles gutted

Several vehicles stored by an auto finance company, police and the Regional Transport Office (RTO) at an open field in Indresham, Patancheru, were gutted in a fire, on Tuesday, May 12. Six vehicles that were damaged in the fire, including five tippers and one lorry, belonged to Sriram Auto Finance. Meanwhile, several other cars, bikes and autos that were gutted had been seized by the police in criminal cases or by the RTO from no parking zones, an official from the Patancheru fire station told. The vehicles stored by the auto finance company reportedly belonged to people who had defaulted on their loan payments. The fire emerged from dry grass near one of the tippers; however, the reason for the fire is not yet known. Total damage suffered is also under investigation.

Behind Bars, Without Crime

Hyderabad's Chanchalguda Jail now lets citizens 'feel the jail' at ₹2,000 for 24 hours

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In a first-of-its-kind initiative in Telangana, the historic Chanchalguda Central Jail has launched a paid "Feel the Jail" programme, allowing ordinary citizens to experience prison life for 12 or 24 hours. Introduced alongside the newly inaugurated Chanchalguda Prison Museum, the initiative aims to create awareness about prison life, discipline and rehabilitation.

The specially designed barracks recreate real prison conditions with basic facilities including simple beds, water pots, restricted movement and prison-style routines. A 24-hour stay costs ₹2,000, while the 12-hour experience is priced at ₹1,000. Museum entry has been fixed at ₹10 for students and ₹20 for general vis-



Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla inaugurated the Telangana Prisons Museum and launched the "Feel the Jail Experience/Jail Anubhavam" initiative at Chanchalguda in Hyderabad. —Photo: Mir Zulfeqar ali

itors, with free access for children below 10 years. The museum, inaugurated by Shiv Pratap Shukla, showcases the evolution of India's prison system from colonial-era punishment centres to modern correctional institutions. Historical prison records, shackles, punishment devices and rare artefacts reveal the harsh

conditions once endured by inmates and freedom fighters. Recalling his imprisonment during the Emergency, the Governor stressed the importance of prison reforms and human dignity. He said prisons should function as rehabilitation centres where inmates can rebuild their lives.

Soumya Mishra said the initiative is intended to promote awareness, empathy and social responsibility, especially among students and youth. She added that the museum also highlights prison industries, inmate-made products and contributions by prisoners to projects like the Nagarjuna Sagar dam.

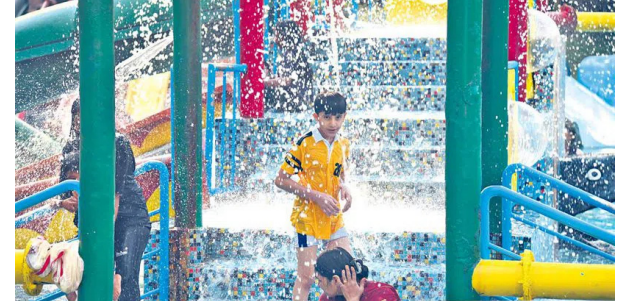
Telangana braces for scorching heat as mercury levels set to soar

The IMD, Hyderabad has warned of rising temperatures and intense heatwave conditions across Telangana over the next four days. Several districts are expected to record temperatures between 41 degrees Celsius and 44 degrees Celsius, while dry weather is likely to prevail statewide.

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The India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad has cautioned that Telangana is heading for a period of intense heatwave conditions. Maximum temperatures across the State are projected to rise by 2 degrees Celsius to 4 degrees Celsius over the next four days as dry weather settles in.

While parts of the State may see immediate relief through isolated thunderstorms and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) on Wednesday, especially in Bhadrachalam, Khammam, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak and Kamareddy, the overall trend for the week is one of intensifying heat. According to the IMD's five-day district-wise outlook, northern and west-



ern districts including Adilabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial and Komaram Bheem are expected to remain in the orange zone, with temperatures consistently hovering between 41 degrees Celsius and 44 degrees Celsius. The capital region, including Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Vikarabad and Bhongir, will see a sharp transition from the current 36 degrees Celsius to 40 degrees Celsius range to 41 degrees Celsius to 44 degrees Celsius by Friday and Saturday. From Wednesday

to Saturday, dry weather is very likely to prevail across the entire State. The IMD, Hyderabad weather report highlighted that conditions are becoming favourable for the onset of the southwest monsoon over the south Bay of Bengal, the Andaman Sea and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands towards the end of this week. A low-pressure area currently lies over the southwest Bay of Bengal, with an associated cyclonic circulation extending up to 4.5 km above mean sea level.

Singur pipeline repair to disrupt water supply in parts of Hyderabad



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Drinking water supply will be interrupted in several parts of the city due to emergency pipeline repair works being taken up by Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) to plug leakages in the 1,200 mm diameter gravity main pipeline between Singapur and Khanapur, which belongs to the Singur project supplying drinking water to Hyderabad. As a result of the repair works, drinking water supply will take a hit in the areas including Gandipet, Kokapet, Narsingi, Manchirevula, Puppala-

guda, Khanapur, Manikonda, parts of the Shaikpet Reservoir command area and parts of the Bhojagutta Reservoir command area, a press release from the Water Board on Tuesday said. HMWSSB (Jalamandali) Managing Director, Ashok Reddy, instructed the Operations and Maintenance officials to work in coordination and ensure residents in affected areas do not face hardships by supplying water through tankers. The authorities have urged the residents in the above-mentioned areas to use water sparingly until the supply is fully restored.

Asaduddin Owaisi claims Modi hinting at upcoming fuel price

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Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his recent speech in Hyderabad, alleging that it signalled an impending hike in petrol, diesel and aviation fuel prices after the completion of Assembly elections in four States and one Union Territory. Speaking to the media in Hyderabad on May 12, the AIMIM president criticised the BJP-led Central government over the fall-



ing value of the Indian Rupee and the country's economic condition. He remarked that the economy was nowhere close to the "Vishwaguru" image projected by the Centre and accused the government of burdening ordinary citizens through economic policies. Owaisi

claimed that Modi's appeal asking people to reduce purchases of gold, avoid unnecessary foreign travel, and cut down on the consumption of edible oils and fuel was part of a larger strategy linked to the proposed India-US free trade understanding. According to him, the Centre was trying to conserve dollars to meet commitments made under trade arrangements with the United States. Referring to trade figures, Owaisi said US exports to India in 2025 stood at nearly USD 45

billion. He alleged that the Indian government had promised to import goods worth nearly USD 261 billion over the next five years and was now looking for ways to manage foreign exchange reserves. He further claimed that due to the global energy crunch, former US President Donald Trump was pushing India to purchase more American fuel, and that the Modi government would eventually comply. The Hyderabad MP also criticised the Centre over the cancella-

tion of the NEET examination following a paper leak controversy. Questioning the government's handling of the issue, Owaisi asked what the Prime Minister would say to students and parents who had spent years preparing for the examination only to see it cancelled. He pointed out that the government had earlier promised strict laws and strong action to prevent paper leaks, but questioned how such incidents were still taking place despite those assurances.

Hyderabad Man Held for Cousins' House Theft

The Goshamahal police have cracked a major theft case involving Rs 5 lakh in cash, tens of grams of gold and silver ornaments, chains with precious stones and articles made of metal from a house within 24 hours. The theft happened on the morning of May 10 inside a building when all the residents had gone to attend a function. Interestingly, the thief turned out to be a cousin of theirs who lives next door. According to a statement released by G Chandra Mohan, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Golconda zone on Tuesday, May 12, the accused Dontula Rajesh (37), a resident of Chand Tara Masjid in Multanipura locality of Begum Bazaar, has been running a Kirana Shop and driving an auto, has been found to have committed the theft. Rajesh's income was insufficient to meet his family expenses. To overcome the financial problems, he took loans through various online apps and hand loans from known persons. He was unable to clear the loans. At a family function, he had noticed his cousin Mahesh's wife wearing heavy jewellery. To overcome his financial crisis, Rajesh hatched a plan to steal those gold ornaments.

Congress Distances Itself from Ponnam's Remarks on POCSO Case

Ponnam says Bandi Bageerath, victim should marry; Congress distances from remark

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The Telangana Congress on Tuesday clarified that Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar's comments regarding the POCSO case against Bandi Bageerath were his personal views and did not reflect the official stand of either the Congress party or the Telangana government. In a statement issued by Mahesh Kumar Goud on behalf of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), the party stressed that the safety and protection of women and children remain a top priority and rejected any attempt to resolve such serious allegations through caste-based mediation, community pressure, or marriage arrangements. The clarification came after Ponnam Prabhakar reportedly suggested that since both the accused



and the victim belonged to the same community, the matter could be settled through marriage. Distancing itself from the remarks, the Congress said allegations under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act cannot be diluted by portraying the issue as a consensual relationship, since a minor cannot legally consent under the law. The party also accused Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar of attempting to give the case a caste angle and portray his family as victims. "The Congress Party has absolutely no reason or necessity to target Bandi

Sanjay Kumar or his family. This matter concerns allegations under criminal law, and the legal process is being carried out in accordance with due process," the statement noted. Meanwhile, Ponnam Prabhakar issued a video statement claiming his comments had been twisted. He said his intention was only to ensure justice for the victim girl and reiterated that the Congress party would stand firmly with her. The controversy erupted after a POCSO case was registered against Bandi Bageerath at Pet Basheerabad police station following allegations by the family of a 17-year-old girl. Police later altered the charges from sexual harassment to aggravated penetrative sexual assault under the POCSO Act, a non-bailable offence carrying a minimum punishment of 20 years imprisonment.

Telangana Thalli flyover in Hyderabad gets new cultural makeover

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The Telangana Thalli flyover, a prominent landmark near the Secretariat, is currently undergoing a visual transformation. The well-known Buddha-themed mural paintings that once adorned the pillars and were a favourite among many city commuters have recently been removed. According to officials of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, the revamp involves re-

placing the previous murals with new artwork across all 47 pillars. While the earlier Buddha-themed art was popular among the public, officials clarified that the current bare structures are a temporary phase in a larger beautification project. With an allocated budget of around Rs 60 lakh, the project will use eco-friendly natural colours. The new theme is designed to celebrate Telangana's heritage, local festivals and unique biodiversity.



Telangana Jana Samithi led by M. Kodandaram held its 4th State Plenary meeting at Jalavihar, Necklace Road, Hyderabad, focusing on social justice, democratic values, and issues concerning farmers, workers, students, and youth.

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