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BJP CMs Follow Modi, Cut Convoy Size

Maharashtra government requires ministers to get CM Fadnavis approval for official aircraft travel

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Following Prime Minister Narendra Modi who reduced his convoy size, days after he appealed for austerity and urged the citizens to curb the use of fuel-driven vehicles amid the ongoing West Asia crisis, several BJP Chief Ministers adopted similar measures in their respective states.



According to sources, downsizing in the Prime Minister's convoy was implemented during his recent domestic visits, including his visits to Gujarat and Assam, immediately after his Hyderabad speech on Sunday wherein he suggested an array of austerity measures. The Prime Minister, sources said, also asked for electric vehicles to be

included in his convoy wherever possible but without making new purchases. Union ministers, including home minister Amit Shah, health minister J.P. Nadda and defence minister Rajnath Singh, also reduced the size of their convoys. The austerity measures suggested by the Prime Minister, it is learnt, were also discussed during the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday. After the PM's suggestion, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed an immediate 50

per cent reduction in the fleet of vehicles accompanying the chief minister and ministers and urged people to cut fuel consumption and avoid unnecessary gold purchases in view of the prevailing global situation. Chairing a meeting of the chief secretary, DGP, additional chief secretaries and principal secretaries of all departments, the UP CM appealed to people to adopt the Prime Minister's call for austerity measures in a practical manner across the state.

Revanth Unveils Mega Urban Growth Corridors Across State

ORRs for Warangal, Karimnagar, Khammam; temple; tourism corridors also planned

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday announced an ambitious urban expansion roadmap for Telangana, proposing a network of urban growth corridors, temple and tourism corridors, and renewable energy-driven infrastructure projects aimed at reshaping the state's urban landscape over the next 25 years. At a high-level review meeting with officials of the Municipal Administration and Roads & Buildings departments at MCRHRDI, the Chief Minister directed authorities to prepare plans for the Warangal-Karimnagar-Khammam growth corridor, the Mahbubnagar-Bhoothpur-Jadcherla corridor, and the Kothagudem-Palvancha-Sujathanager corridor. Revanth Reddy said the Warangal-Karimnagar-Khammam corridor would play a crucial role in Telangana's future development. He also instructed officials to take up Outer Ring Road projects for Khammam, Wa-



rangal and Karimnagar as part of the urban infrastructure expansion programme. The Chief Minister stressed that all infrastructure projects should be planned with a long-term vision to cater to future needs. He directed officials to integrate towns through radial roads aligned close to major municipalities. Emphasising sustainable urbanisation, Revanth Reddy said solid waste management systems, wastewater treatment plants and renewable energy units should form an integral part of urban planning. He instructed officials to prioritise advanced technology in underground drainage systems and promote the use of Electric Vehicles to reduce operational

costs. The Chief Minister said only EV vehicles should be hired henceforth for official purposes and directed officials to ensure renewable energy generation facilities in urban areas. The meeting also discussed installation of multi-utility towers to reduce radiation levels, smart poles across cities and towns, AI-based traffic management systems, and localised infrastructure planning suited to the population needs of individual urban centres. Officials were instructed to make the use of treated water from the Sewage and Wastewater Management Board mandatory for all construction activities.

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Air India Cuts International Flights

Air India will cut its international flights on select routes and temporarily suspend services on some overseas destinations amid airspace curbs, and high jet fuel prices. Among the temporarily suspended flights are Delhi-Chicago, Delhi-Newark, Mumbai-New York (JFK), Delhi-Shanghai, Delhi-Malé, Chennai-Singapore and Mumbai-Dhaka.

While announcing the rationalisation of its services between June and August 2026, the airline on Wednesday said the adjustments have been made in response to a combination of factors, including continued airspace restrictions over certain regions and record high jet fuel prices for international operations, which significantly impact the commercial viability of certain planned services. "These changes are aimed at improving network stability and reducing last-minute inconvenience to passengers," Air India said adding despite the challenges and beyond

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Tamil Nadu Trust Vote: 144 MLAs Back Vijay

CHENNAI
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Winning the Vote of Confidence in the Tamil Nadu Assembly with the support of 144 of the 171 members present in the House on Wednesday, Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay said his was not a minority government but a regime that would up-

hold the security of minorities in the state besides working for the welfare of all sections of people including women, children, elders, youth, government employees, teachers and the working class. With the DMK members walking out of the House, the motion was passed when Speaker J.C.D.

Prabhakar took it up for discussion and voting since a section of AIADMK members supported it defying the party diktat and only 22 members voted against the government while five others abstained. Later, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami stripped 28 district secretaries of their party

posts. Thanking those who voted for the government, the Chief Minister said his regime would transcend beyond caste and religious differences as it was an outcome of the common people's aspiration, something that happened on the lines of political changes in 1967 (when the DMK came to power first) and 1977.

Trump Arrives in China To Meet With Xi in Beijing

NEW DELHI
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U.S. President Donald Trump arrived in Beijing on Wednesday for his highly anticipated summit with Chinese leader Xi Jinping at a restless moment for a world worried about war, trade and artificial intelligence. The visit occurs at a delicate moment for Trump's presidency, as his popularity at home has been weighed down by the U.S. and Is-



rael's war with Iran and rising inflation as a consequence of that conflict. The president is seeking a win by signing deals with China to buy more American food and aircraft, saying he'll be talking with Xi about trade "more than anything else." Trump is

also expected to visit the Temple of Heaven on Thursday That's where Chinese emperors once prayed for bumper crops. And Trump will take part in a formal banquet Thursday. Trump's arrival is trending on Chinese social media platform Weibo A video posted by Chinese state broadcaster CCTV showing Trump stepping out of the plane and walking down the stairs had more than

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BRSV protests at Lok Bhavan over NEET-UG leak



BRSV activists, led by State president Gellu Srinivas, staged a protest near Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad against the alleged NEET paper leak, raising slogans against the Centre and the Modi government. Tension prevailed as protesters attempted to march towards Lok Bhavan before police detained them and took them into custody.

Police lathicharge at Lok Bhavan during BRSV protest over NEET paper leak

Tension prevailed near Lok Bhavan in Somajiguda, Hyderabad, after police carried out a lathicharge during a protest over the alleged National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) paper leak issue on Wednesday, May 13. The protest was organised following a "Chalo Lok Bhavan" call given by Bharat Rashtira Samithi Vidyarthi (BRSV). The student wing demanded strict action against those responsible for the alleged paper leak. As part of the protest call, several BRSV leaders and activists gathered near Lok Bhavan. Police later took multiple BRSV leaders into custody. Heavy police deployment was seen in and around the Lok Bhavan area. The protest was held to demand strong action against individuals involved in the NEET paper leak controversy.

NEET-UG Paper Leak: CBI Arrests 5; Conducts Multiple Searches

GUWAHATI
Wakeup telangana

The CBI arrested five persons from Rajasthan, Haryana and Maharashtra in connection with the alleged NEET UG paper leak case, officials said on Wednesday. Three of the accused were arrested from Jaipur, one from Gurugram and one from Nashik. Several other suspects are being questioned in different cities and may be arrested later, officials said. Among

those arrested is Shubham Khairnar, 30, of Nashik. He is being brought to New Delhi for questioning after a local magistrate granted the CBI transit remand. Nashik police had detained him on Tuesday on a request from Rajasthan police. After taking over the probe on Tuesday, the CBI searched multiple locations across the country based on fresh leads. It seized digital devices, including mobile phones and laptops, from the sus-

pects. The devices will be sent for forensic examination to trace messaging applications allegedly used to circulate the examination papers, officials said. Sources said the CBI is coordinating with the Special Operations Group of Rajasthan police, which had conducted a preliminary enquiry into the case. The CBI on Wednesday visited the National Testing Agency headquarters to collect documents related to the NEET UG examination,

which was cancelled following allegations of a paper leak. The team also spoke to officials involved in the examination process. The agency had registered an FIR and formed teams to probe the alleged leak, which led to the cancellation of the paper held on May 3. The NEET UG 2026 examination was conducted across 551 Indian cities and 14 overseas centres. Nearly 23 lakh candidates had registered for the test conducted by the NTA.

According to the NTA, information on alleged malpractice was received on the evening of May 7, four days after the examination. The inputs were sent to Central agencies the next morning for "independent verification and necessary action". The Rajasthan police SOG claimed that a "guess paper" for chemistry, allegedly circulated among students before the examination, had about 410 questions, including nearly 120 that appeared.

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BRS alleges bid to shield Bandi Sanjay's son in POCSO case

BRS leader R.S. Praveen Kumar accused the Telangana government of diluting the POCSO case against Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar's son, Bandi Sai Bhagirath, citing alleged political interference. He demanded immediate arrest and criticised police procedures.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar on Wednesday alleged that the POCSO case involving Bandi Sai Bageerath, son of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar, was being deliberately weakened due to what he called a "secret friendship" between Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and the Union Home Minister. He demanded the immediate arrest of the accused and urged authorities to ensure that the case is not diluted under any political influence.



Addressing a press conference in Wanaparthy along with former minister S. Niranjan Reddy, Praveen Kumar questioned the police over serving notices to the ac-

cus'ds maternal uncle instead of directly to the accused or his father. He asked under what legal provision such notices could be issued through relatives in a serious

case involving sexual assault allegations under POCSO provisions. He also criticised the procedural handling of the investigation and raised concerns about alleged delays in arrest. Praveen Kumar further questioned whether due process was being followed, asking if the police would wait for responses in cases involving grave offences. He also alleged that cases were being registered against the victim in Karimnagar, which he claimed reflected bias in the investigation, and stated that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the state

government was not conducting a serious probe. Former minister Niranjan Reddy also expressed concern over the delay in arresting the accused despite the registration of a POCSO case. He said authorities must strictly adhere to constitutional and legal norms, warning that any perceived lack of impartiality would damage institutional credibility. He further demanded that a suo motu case be filed against Bandi Sanjay for alleged threats to the Karimnagar Police Commissioner and called for a transparent and fair investigation into the entire episode.

ZAPAT Reviews Zoo Development Plans in TG

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Wakeup telangana
Santosh chowdary

The 15th Governing Body meeting of the Zoo Parks Authority of Telangana (ZAPAT) was held on Tuesday at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat in Hyderabad under the chairmanship of Konda Surekha. The meeting focused on reviewing annual operational plans, development proposals, and action taken reports concerning zoos, deer parks, and wildlife facilities across Telangana. Senior officials including Ahmed Na-deem, IAS, Principal Secretary of the Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department, Dr. C. Survarna, IFS, PCCF (HoFF), Vinay Kumar, IFS, PCCF Wildlife and Chief Wildlife Warden, Ratnakar Johari,



IFS, Priyanka Varghese, IFS, Dr. Sunil, IFS, Director Zoo Parks and Member Secretary ZAPAT, and several District Forest Officers attended the meeting. During the session, officials presented detailed reports on the development and functioning of key wildlife and recreational parks including Nehru Zoological Park, Kakatiya Zoological Park, KBR Park, Mrugavani Deer Park, Mahavir Harina Vanasthali Deer Park, Kinnersani Deer Park, and Pakhal Wildlife

Sanctuary. The meeting also reviewed ongoing developmental works, implementation of visitor-friendly technologies, and successful animal exchange programmes. Officials discussed proposals for introducing exotic species such as Serval Cat, Zebra, and Mandrill. Konda Surekha appreciated the efforts of the forest and wildlife departments, stating that Nehru Zoological Park continues to attract more than 2.3 million visitors annually.

Hanuman Jayanti Celebrations Held at SR Estates in Miyapur



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Srirangam Venkatesh

Hanuman Jayanti celebrations were held with devotion at the Sri Sita Rama Anjaneya Swamy Temple in SR Estates under Miyapur Division. Prasad's Foundation Chairman Lion D.S.R.K. Prasad and his wife Ramadevi participated in the programme

and performed special pujas. Speaking on the occasion, D.S.R.K. Prasad said that the blessings of Lord Hanuman and the recitation of Hanuman Chalisa bring peace and positivity to the mind. He prayed for the well-being of all devotees. Several devotees, temple members, and Prasad's Foundation representatives attended the celebrations.

Sree Matre Foods Unit Foundation Laid in Kurnool



Andhra Pradesh Industries, Commerce and Food Processing Minister T. G. Bharath laid the foundation stone for Sree Matre Foods Pvt. Ltd.'s green food processing unit at MSME Park, Guttapadu, Brahmanapalle in Kurnool district on Tuesday. The project, coming up with an investment of nearly Rs.10 crore in phases, aims to strengthen food processing, support farmers and create employment opportunities.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister said the Orvakal Industrial Park is emerging as a major industrial hub and would generate thousands of jobs. He added that the state government, under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, is attracting large-scale investments to Andhra Pradesh. Sree Matre Foods Director P. Vedavyas Reddy said the unit would process locally grown fruits and vegetables, including banana, guava and fruit pulp products. The project is expected to provide direct jobs to around 25 people while benefiting hundreds of farmers and allied workers through improved market opportunities.

Grand 21st Brahmotsavam Held at Jayanagar Sri Shiva Sai Ram Devasthanam

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Dp Srinivas rao

The 21st annual Brahmotsavam celebrations were conducted with grandeur and spiritual devotion at the Sri Shiva Sai Ram Devasthanam in Jayanagar, Ward-1 of Cantonment, on Wednesday. Devotees from across the locality participated in the religious festivities organized at the temple. Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap attended the celebrations as the



chief guest and took part in special rituals and pujas performed by temple priests amid Vedic chanting. As part of the traditional ceremonies, he performed Abhishekam to the idols of Shirdi Sai Baba and Lord Krishna and later offered Harathi

prayers seeking peace, prosperity, and well-being for the people. Temple priests honored him with Tirtha Prasadam and a shawl as a mark of respect. Addressing devotees on the occasion, Jampana Pratap said spirituality and devotion

are essential in today's stressful and fast-moving lifestyle to achieve mental peace and balance. Temple Committee Chairman Dr. Bhaskar Baba, committee member Sharma, representatives of the Jayanagar Colony Association, and several local residents participated in the celebrations. The programme concluded with the distribution of prasadam to hundreds of devotees who attended the Brahmotsavam festivities.

Political Conspiracy Against Bandi Sanjay Condemned: Kapu and Munnuru Kapu Associations

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Narra Srinivas Reddy

Leaders of Kapu Kulala Aikyavedika and Telangana Munnuru Kapu Association, Uppal Constituency, strongly condemned what they described as a political conspiracy against Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar during a press meet held at Kapu Bhavan in Kamalanagar. The speakers alleged that both ruling and opposition parties were attempting to malign Bandi Sanjay due to his growing popularity among backward and weaker sections of soci-



ety. They stated that Bandi Sanjay had always maintained that anyone found guilty, including his own son, should face legal action according to the law. The associations extended their solidarity to Bandi Sanjay and said Kapu and Munnuru Kapu organisations from both Telugu states stand in support of him. Among those

present at the meeting were Kapu Kulala Aikyavedika president GVN Rao, Telangana Munnuru Kapu Association Uppal Constituency president Tippiri Rajababu, advisers Dr. Line Reddy Srinivas Rao, Devarakonda Srinivas Rao, Prasad, Nanaji, Nagu, Puli Satyanarayana, KU Sridhar and CH Somesh Naidu.

Rotary Club Extends Aid to Disabled Man

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Thalka anjaiah

In a humanitarian initiative, the Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri distributed a tricycle to Mr. MD Rasheed, a differently-abled resident of Tajpur village in Bhuvanagiri Mandal, to support his mobility and independence. The tricycle was provided with the support of Rotary Club of Jubilee Hills-BGR Mining and INSA Limited, Hyderabad, through the efforts of Rotarian Rakyal Srinivas and the RSK Foundation.



The programme was led by Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri President Palugula Ageswara Rao, while Kakatiya Region Joint Secretary Gaddam Gyanaprakash Reddy played a key role in coordinating the event. Speaking on the occasion, organizers said empowering differently-abled persons through mobility support reflects the true spirit of

social service. Rasheed thanked the donors and Rotary members for their timely assistance. Club Secretary Taviti Venkata Narayana, former presidents and other Rotary members attended the programme. Locals appreciated the initiative and praised the organizers for inspiring confidence among differently-abled individuals and their families.

Cleanliness Crusade Against Corruption



The Society for Crusade Against Corruption, led by social activist Shree M. Purushotham, is intensifying efforts to promote transparent, ethical, and accountable governance across India. The organization is focusing on legal advocacy, whistleblower protection, digital governance, and youth awareness to combat corruption at multiple levels. Founder and General Secretary Shree M. Purushotham said the fight against corruption is not limited to courts but is also a moral responsibility of society. Under his leadership, the Society has evolved into a civic empowerment platform helping ordinary citizens understand and challenge corrupt practices without fear. The organization is encouraging e-governance systems to reduce middlemen and bribery while also advocating stronger protection for whistleblowers. Awareness programmes in schools and universities aim to build a zero-tolerance attitude among youth. The Society maintains that transparency is essential for economic growth, efficient infrastructure development, and restoring public trust in governance.

MoRD Deputy Secretary Dr. Yassen Inspects MGNREGS Works in Mator Village

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Thalka anjaiah

Dr. Yassen, Deputy Secretary (RH), Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India, visited Mator village in Motakondur Mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district on Wednesday to inspect the ongoing works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme



(MGNREGS). The central inspection team was accompanied by district-level officials, including the District Project Director of the Employment Guarantee Scheme and other concerned

officers. On arrival, the visiting officials were warmly welcomed by the local Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat representatives, and village functionaries on behalf of the people of Mator village. As a gesture of respect and environmental awareness, the officials were presented with a green sapling and felicitated with a traditional shawl. Later, the team visited the MGNREGS work sites in the village and conducted a detailed inspection of

the ongoing works. The officials examined attendance records, quality of work execution, and facilities being provided to labourers at the worksite. Special attention was given to workers' welfare measures during the summer season, including availability of drinking water, shaded resting areas, first aid facilities, preventive measures against heatstroke, and supply of ORS packets at the worksites.

Vijaya Dairy Intensifies Quality Monitoring Across Hyderabad Outlets

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Wakeup telangana
Thalka anjaiah

Telangana State Dairy Development Co-Operative Federation Ltd. (TSDDCF) conducted inspections at several Vijaya Dairy milk booths and product outlets in Hyderabad on Wednesday as part of routine quality monitoring measures. LMS Sri Peravali Mohan Murali, along with concerned department officials, inspected outlets in Sanjeeva Reddy Nagar



and Begumpet. The team reviewed milk quality, quantity, cold chain maintenance, hygienic storage conditions, product handling standards, and supply management. Officials interacted with booth operators and consumers to gather feedback on product quality, avail-

ability, and service-related issues. Operators were instructed to strictly follow quality control and cold chain procedures to ensure safe and fresh dairy products reach consumers. Speaking to the correspondent, Peravali Mohan Murali said regular inspections would continue across Telangana to strengthen customer confidence, maintain transparency, and improve Vijaya Dairy services. Consumers appreciated the proactive monitoring initiative.

PAC Chairman
Arekapudi Gandhi
Participates in Hanuman
Shobha Yatra at Madhinaguda



RANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

On the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi participated as the chief guest in the Hanuman Shobha Yatra held at Ramakrishna Nagar Colony, Madhinaguda, under Hafeezpet Division. Along with former Corporator Jagadeeshwar Goud, he offered special prayers and joined the religious procession with devotees. Leaders including Baling Gautham Goud, Lakshma Reddy, Prasad, Sriniwas Reddy and several devotees participated in the programme.

Telangana girls surpass boys in CBSE Class XII results

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Girls in Telangana outperformed boys in the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Class XII examinations, the results of which were declared on Wednesday. According to the Board, girls achieved a pass percentage of 95.16, surpassing boys by 5.65 percentage points. Boys registered a pass percentage of 89.51, while the overall pass percentage in the State stood at 92.24. A total of 5,518 girls appeared for the examinations, of whom the vast majority cleared the exams successfully. Among boys, 5,908 students appeared and recorded strong results as well, though lower than their female counterparts. Management-wise,



Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) emerged as the top performers in Telangana with an impressive 99.08 pass percentage, followed closely by Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) at 98.66 percent. Government schools secured 93.26 percent, independent schools recorded 91.68 percent, while Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) posted 89.93 percent. At the national

level, CBSE recorded an overall Class XII pass percentage of 85.20 this year, marking a decline of 3.19 percentage points compared to 2025. Across the country, 17,68,968 students appeared for the examinations and 15,07,109 passed. In 2025, 16,92,794 students had appeared, with 14,96,307 students clearing the exams, resulting in an 88.39 percent pass

rate. This year, CBSE introduced on-screen marking (OSM) for the evaluation of Class XII answer scripts.

The digital evaluation system enabled answer books to be assessed across the country and abroad without physically transporting them to evaluation centres, significantly improving efficiency.

Meanwhile, CBSE announced that supplementary examinations will begin on July 15. Students who wish to improve their performance in one subject and those placed in the compartment category are eligible to appear. Submission of the List of Candidates (LOC) by schools for supplementary exams will commence from June 2.

Kavitha Demands Lookout Notices Against Bandi Sanjay

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Kalkvuntla Kavitha on Wednesday demanded that lookout notices be issued against the son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar to prevent him from fleeing abroad in connection with the alleged case involving a minor girl. Addressing the media at the TRS office in Banjara Hills, she said justice must be delivered to the victim and warned against politicising the issue irresponsibly.

Kavitha expressed concern over the alleged circulation of the victim's photographs on social media and demanded immediate action against those responsible. She said society often treats girls unfairly compared to boys and urged political parties and social



media users to exercise restraint while discussing issues involving minors.

Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kavitha accused the Centre of ignoring Telangana's interests during his recent visit to the state. She criticised the Prime Minister for remaining silent on granting national status to the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Scheme while announcing support for projects in Andhra Pradesh.

Kavitha also attacked Chief Minister A. Revanthy Reddy and the BRS leadership for failing to strongly raise the issue of national status for the project. She alleged that Telangana was formed for water rights but the state was still unable to utilise its rightful share in the Godavari and Krishna rivers. She said a future TRS government would establish a water commission and ensure irrigation facilities for every cultivable acre in Telangana.

IMD issues red alert as T'gana faces severe heatwave

India Meteorological Department has issued a red warning for Telangana as temperatures are expected to exceed 44°C in several districts. The heatwave is likely to intensify across the state, with officials warning of very high health risks and urging precautions.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, on Wednesday issued a critical Red Warning, where mercury will cross 44 degree Celsius in several districts in Telangana, as a severe spell of heatwave is steadily taking its grip across the state in the coming days.

In its red heatwave alert issued on Wednesday, the IMD, Hyderabad, has indicated that maximum temperatures are expected to climb in all the districts of Telangana by 2 degree Celsius to 4 degree Celsius, with northern districts expected to witness extreme weather conditions.

The IMD has placed several districts under a severe heatwave watch where temperatures are forecast to exceed 44 degree Celsius starting from Friday, May 15. The districts under red maximum alert are Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, and Nirmal, which were expected to



consistently see temperatures above 44 degree Celsius for the next three to four days. The red warning for extreme heatwave will continue to expand, as maximum temperatures in Jagtial and Nizamabad will cross 44 degree Celsius by Saturday, May 16.

By the end of this week, other districts like Karimnagar and Peddapalle are expected to witness more than 44 degree Celsius of heatwave.

According to the IMD, Hyderabad weather bulletin, virtually every district in Telangana will witness a significant rise in heat in the coming days.

Areas that were previously in the 36 to 40

degree Celsius range, including Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Khammam, and Warangal, are forecast to climb into the 41 to 44 degree Celsius range by Friday.

With the issuance of a Red Warning, the IMD has classified the health risk for individuals who get exposed to heatwaves as 'Very High'. There is a very high likelihood of heat illness and heatstroke across all age groups.

The weather department has urged the general public to take extreme care for vulnerable populations, including infants, the elderly, and those with chronic diseases.

Sangareddy District Launches Massive Jana Ganana 2027 Awareness Rally

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Thalka anjiah

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.

Delay in Welfare Aid After Woman Engineer's Death Raises Concern

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Usha sree

Questions are being raised over the reported delay in extending welfare and funeral assistance to the family of late Ayancha Sumathi, a serving Deputy Executive Engineer in the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, who passed away on May 3 while undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Hyderabad.

Despite the completion of



the traditional "Dasha Dina Karma" rituals on Tuesday, family members and colleagues alleged that no visible departmental support or official welfare response had yet reached the bereaved family.

Her husband, L. Kurumaiah, is also serving in

the same department. Employees expressed disappointment that immediate welfare coordination, usually initiated after the death of a serving employee, was reportedly delayed.

Colleagues remembered Sumathi as a sincere and dedicated officer. Employee welfare observers stressed the need for a compassionate and time-bound response mechanism in government departments during such tragedies.

Burra Ramu Goud Demands NEET Probe

Burra Ramu Goud, Working President of AAP Telangana Targets Modi Govt Over NEET Leak

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Zaffer abedi

Burra Ramu Goud, Working President of Aam Aadmi Party Telangana, strongly criticised the government led by Narendra Modi over the alleged irregularities in the #NEETUG2026 examination, accusing the Centre of playing with the future of nearly 23 lakh students across the country. In a statement issued at Abids on Tuesday, Burra Ramu Goud said the confusion surrounding the NEET examination and allegations of question paper leaks exposed serious failures in the country's education system. He stated that conducting a crucial national-level examination like NEET is the responsibility of the Central government and the National Testing Agency (NTA), but repeated incidents of paper leak allegations have raised concerns among students and parents nationwide. Burra Ramu Goud alleged that such controversies have been recurring almost every



year, yet the Centre has failed to take the issue seriously. He said lakhs of students spend years preparing for competitive examinations with dedication and hard work, but negligence by the authorities is damaging their efforts, valuable time, and mental well-being. Demanding accountability, Burra Ramu Goud called for a Supreme Court-monitored investigation into the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG 2026. He also demanded complete transparency regarding the paper leak allegations, strict action against those responsible, immediate clarification for students, and the introduction of a transparent mechanism to ensure such incidents do not recur in the future.

Over 1K nurses to soon join Telangana health department

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Dp Srinivas rao

Telangana Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha on Tuesday, May 12, distributed appointment letters to 1,919 nursing officers freshly recruited in the department.

The programmer was held on Tuesday evening at Osmania Medical College in Koti, following the International Nurses Day celebrations organised at Niloufer Hospital. "It is a matter of great happiness that the ap-

pointment letters are being distributed on International Nurses Day," the minister said, adding that the day would remain memorable all their lives. Around 13,000 posts have been filled in the Health Department in the past two years, including appointments of 1,257 lab technicians, 623 civil assistant surgeon specialists, and 132 assistant professors.

With the addition of 1,919 nursing officers, the government has filled around 9,000 nursing posts, including 6,956 nursing officer posts re-

cruited earlier. Recruitment for another 5,000 posts is underway and the results for nearly 2,000 Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) posts will be announced soon, he said.

On delay at pharmacist recruitment process, Narasimha assured that it would be taken up soon. Telangana has three Midwifery Training Colleges offering a total of 90 seats. Narasimha shared the government's plans to gradually introduce Midwifery Training courses in all state-funded nursing colleges to strengthen maternal and child healthcare

services, thereby increasing the number of normal deliveries in government hospitals.

Highlighting expansion in nursing education, the minister said the government plans to set up a Nursing Directorate soon. "We have already constructed 19 new government colleges providing 960 seats. Moreover, we are providing training in English, German and Japanese languages at government colleges to students who wish to work abroad," he said

Workers Hit the Streets After Closure of PRISM Johnson Ready Mix Plant

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Narra Srinivas Reddy

Workers of the PRISM Johnson Ready Mix Plant located in Nacharam staged a protest after the management allegedly shut down the plant without prior notice, leaving several employees jobless. The protest was held at the plant premises under the leadership of the All India Youth Federation (AIYF).

AIYF Medchal district secretary T. Satya Prasad Babu extended solidarity to the workers and participated in a dharna along with employees of the



ready mix plant. He alleged that the management had illegally closed the plant and was attempting to sell the unit without providing any solution or compensation to workers who had been employed there for nearly 30 years. Speaking at the protest, Satya Prasad Babu said the management was violating labour laws by shutting down the indus-

try without following legal procedures and by transferring workers to distant locations.

He stated that labour laws mandate prior notice to workers and the government at least two months before closure of an industry, along with official approval from the authorities. He further alleged that the management initiated clo-

sure proceedings without obtaining the required permissions, calling the move completely unlawful.

AIYF demanded immediate intervention by the government and the Labour Commissioner to hold talks with the management and resolve the legitimate demands of the workers.

Among those who participated in the protest were AIYF Medchal district vice-president Giribabu, AIYF Uppal constituency president Vikas Reddy, and workers Narasimha, Bull Pradhan, Venkat Reddy and Suresh.

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.

Saudi Arabia Launched Covert Attacks On Iran Amid Middle East War: Report

NEW DELHI
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Saudi Arabia launched numerous, unpublicised strikes on Iran in retaliation for attacks carried out in the kingdom during the Middle East war, two Western officials briefed on the matter and two Iranian officials said.

The Saudi attacks, not previously reported, mark the first time that the kingdom is known to have directly carried out military action on Iranian soil and show it is becoming much bolder in defending itself against its main regional rival.

The attacks, launched by the Saudi Air Force, were assessed to have been carried out in late March, the two Western officials said. One said only that they were "tit-for-tat strikes in retaliation for when Saudi (Arabia) was hit."

Reuters was unable to confirm what the specific targets were. In response to a request for comment, a senior



Saudi Foreign Ministry official did not address directly whether strikes had been carried out. The Iranian foreign ministry did not respond to a request for comment.

Saudi Arabia, which has a deep military relationship with the United States, has traditionally relied on the US military for protection, but the 10-week war has left the kingdom vulnerable to attacks that have pierced the US military umbrella.

The Saudi strikes underscore the widening of the conflict — and the extent to which a war that began when the US and Israel launched air-strikes on Iran on Feb-

ruary 28 has drawn in the broader Middle East in ways that have not been publicly acknowledged.

Since the US and Israeli strikes, Iran has hit all six Gulf Cooperation Council states with missiles and drones, attacking not only US military bases but also civilian sites, airports and oil infrastructure and closing the Strait of Hormuz, disrupting global trade.

The United Arab Emirates also carried out military strikes on Iran, the Wall Street Journal reported on Monday. Together, the Saudi and Emirati actions reveal a conflict whose true shape has remained largely hidden — one in which Gulf monarchies battered by Iranian attacks began hitting back.

But their approach has not been identical. The UAE has taken a more hawkish stance, seeking to extract a cost from Iran and engaging only rarely in public diplo-

macy with Tehran.

Saudi Arabia has meanwhile sought to prevent the conflict from escalating and has stayed in regular contact with Iran, including via Tehran's ambassador in Riyadh. He did not respond to a request for comment. The senior Saudi foreign ministry official did not directly address whether a de-escalation agreement had been struck with Iran, but said: "We reaffirm Saudi Arabia's consistent position advocating de-escalation, self-restraint and the reduction of tensions in pursuit of the stability, security and prosperity of the region and its people."

The Iranian and Western officials said Saudi Arabia made Iran aware of the strikes and this was followed by intensive diplomatic engagement and Saudi threats to retaliate further, which led to an understanding between the two countries to de-escalate.

Musk, Cook Invited To Join Trump On Trip To China

WASHINGTON
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Prominent US executives from Big Tech to agriculture have been invited to join President Donald Trump on his trip to China this week, according to a White House official. Trump leaves on Tuesday for Beijing to meet with President Xi Jinping. Aside from discussions about Iran, the two leaders are expected to discuss trade and artificial intelligence. Here's a look at some of the executives according to the White House official, who was not authorised to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Musk, CEO of Tesla and SpaceX, led Trump's Department of Government Efficiency until leaving in the spring of



2025 before the controversial pop-up agency was shuttered in November. The billionaire, who also owns the social media platform X, feuded with Trump last summer in a war of words that included Musk claiming without evidence that the government was concealing information about the president's association with infamous pedophile Jeffrey Epstein. Musk eventually said that he regretted some of his posts on X about Trump. Since then, Musk has re-

focused his energy on Tesla and his other companies. Tesla has operations in China and Musk has visited there. He's also been dealing with French prosecutors seeking charges against him and X for child sexual abuse images on the platform, deepfakes, disinformation and complicity in denying crimes against humanity by the platform's artificial intelligence system, Grok. There's also trial pitting Musk against OpenAI CEO Sam Altman.

'Don't Have Control Over Our Enriched Uranium': Iran Minister

NEW DELHI
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In a big revelation, Tehran has stated that it does not have "physical control of its uranium, which is enriched to 60 per cent". Kazem Gharibabadi, Deputy Foreign Minister of Iran, added that Iran had been ready to discuss all aspects of the nuclear issue but that the United States had refused genuine negotiations and instead demanded its own terms. He insisted that it was Washington, not Iran, which sought the current ceasefire in the Middle East conflict.

According to Gharibabadi, the recent talks had focused on three main areas — Iran's commitment to non-development of nuclear weapons, the handling of its existing stockpile, and the question of enrichment.

"Iran was ready to discuss all issues, but this needs negotiation. The US refuses negotiations. US only want their terms," Gharibabadi said.

Within those discussions, the sides had addressed the possible transfer of Iranian enriched uranium,



the dilution of its enrichment levels, and the conversion of material into fuel rods. Specifically, the US demanded that uranium enriched to 60 per cent be transferred to the United States and nowhere else. Washington also called for Iran to suspend enrichment activities for 20 years, a demand Tehran rejected outright.

"We cannot deprive our nation," the minister said. Gharibabadi is a key part of Iran's negotiation team which engaged in talks with the United States, including the recent consultations in Islamabad.

He questioned the logic of transferring material to the US, asking, "Transferring to the United States - why?"

"The US waged a war, could not achieve its goals

and is now looking for concessions from Iran," he said. He described the American approach as "dictation, not negotiation".

The Iranian minister also disclosed that Iran does not presently have physical control over its uranium enriched to 60 per cent. That material lies underground in facilities that have been bombed. Turning to the Strait of Hormuz, Gharibabadi said that for India, described as a friendly country, Iran had already allowed the passage of 11 vessels and was working to permit some more. "For India, a friendly country, we have allowed [the passage of] 11 vessels. We are working to allow some more vessels. Not all vessels will be allowed. We wel-

come India's help," he said.

Iranian authorities plan to impose charges for ships crossing the Strait. These fees will be decided according to transparency and international standards.

Iran's proposals included opening the Strait of Hormuz in exchange for the United States removing its blockade, the return of frozen Iranian assets, and a readiness to negotiate for 30 days on all issues, including the nuclear programme. Iran also committed not to build a nuclear weapon.

The war, which began more than two months ago with US-Israeli strikes on Iran, has spread throughout the Middle East and affected the global economy despite the ceasefire.

Both sides have refused concessions and have repeatedly threatened to resume fighting, though neither has shown willingness to return to full-scale war. "There is no alternative but to accept the rights of the Iranian people as laid out in the 14-point proposal.

Alleged Illegal Structures Torn Down At AIMIM Leader's Properties In TCS Case Probe

MUMBAI
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The Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar Municipal Corporation on Wednesday demolished alleged illegal constructions at the residence and other properties of AIMIM corporator Matin Patel, booked for harbouring Nashik TCS accused Nida Khan, officials said. Khan was arrested in central Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar on May 7, with police claiming that All India Majlis-e-Itehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM)



leader Patel provided her shelter.

On May 9, the Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar Municipal Corporation issued a notice to Patel over alleged illegal constructions in the city's Naregaon area, seeking a clarification from him within 72 hours. If no reply is received from Patel, the corporation has the authority

to decide the property's fate, the notice said. Patel later moved the court seeking a stay in the matter, but it was not granted. On Wednesday morning, the civic body personnel demolished illegal constructions at Patel's house, office and some shops under police security, Mayor Sameer Rajurkar told PTI.

Earlier, on Tuesday night, former AIMIM MP Intiaz Jaleel met Patel's family in Naregaon, criticising the civic body's "haste". "We sought a week from the court, but the municipi-

pal corporation is in a hurry to demolish the constructions. It is a crucial time for all of us, but after demolition, we will build a house for Matin and his family that the country will see," Jaleel said, addressing supporters after the meeting.

Mayor Rajurkar on Monday said the process of cancelling the corporatorship of Patel will be undertaken after documents related to his property are verified. "If Patel has indulged in illegalities, his membership of the civic body should be cancelled.

Centre Raises MSP for 14 Kharif Crops

NEW DELHI
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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on Wednesday approved an increase in Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 14 kharif crops for the 2026-27 marketing season, with higher hikes for pulses, oilseeds and cotton. Chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the panel cleared MSP revisions ahead of the kharif sowing season beginning

with the southwest monsoon in June. The MSP for paddy has been raised by Rs 72 to Rs 2,441 per quintal for common variety and Rs 2,461 for A-grade. The highest increase has been approved for sunflower seed (Rs 622 per quintal), followed by cotton (Rs 557), nigerseed (Rs 515) and sesamum (Rs 500).

Cotton MSP has been fixed at Rs 8,267 per quintal for medium staple and Rs 8,667 for long sta-

ple varieties. Among oilseeds, soyabean (yellow) has been increased to Rs 5,708 per quintal and groundnut to Rs 7,517 per quintal.

In pulses, tur (arhar) MSP has been raised to Rs 8,450 per quintal, urad to Rs 8,200 and moong to Rs 8,780 per quintal. For coarse cereals, jowar (hybrid) has been fixed at Rs 4,023 per quintal and Maldandi variety at Rs 4,073. Bajra MSP stands at Rs 2,900, ragi at Rs

5,205 and maize at Rs 2,410 per quintal.

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FROM FRONT PAGE

Trump Arrives in.....

Trump's arrival is trending on Chinese social media platform Weibo. A video posted by Chinese state broadcaster CCTV showing Trump stepping out of the plane and walking down the stairs had more than 18,000 likes in less than 30 minutes.

But the U.S. leader has demonstrated greater ambivalence toward Taiwan, an approach that's raising questions about whether Trump could be open to dialing back support for the island democracy. At the same time, Taiwan — as the world's leading chipmaker — has become essential for the development of AI, with the U.S. importing more goods so far this year from Taiwan than China. Trump

has sought to use Biden-era programs and his own deals to bring more chipmaking to America.

Trump pauses to take in the elaborate welcome scene in Beijing. Three hundred youngsters waved miniature American and Chinese flags in front of themselves and then over their head in unison. "Welcome, welcome! Warm welcome!" the children chanted in Chinese. Trump greeted dignitaries after deplaning, then stopped and grinned, taking in the scene. He didn't answer questions, instead climbing in a limo on the way to his hotel. The president has nothing more on his public schedule until Thursday. Following him off the plane were Trump's son, Eric, and Lara Trump, his daughter-in-law, as well as assorted travelers, including

Space X chief Elon Musk. The Chinese offered Trump a pomp-filled welcome. A red carpet was rolled out for him after Air Force One landed. The president was to be greeted by Chinese Vice President Han Zheng; Xie Feng, China's ambassador to Washington; Ma Zhaoxu, executive vice minister of foreign affairs; as well as the U.S. envoy to Beijing, David Perdue, according to the White House.

Air India Cuts.....

"These changes are aimed at improving network stability and reducing last-minute inconvenience to passengers," Air India said adding despite the challenges and beyond these adjustments, the airline will continue to operate more than

1200 international flights every month, retaining a robust international network that spans five continents, including 33 flights per week to North America, 47 flights per week to Europe, 57 flights per week to the United Kingdom, 8 flights per week to Australia, 158 flights per week to the Far East, Southeast Asia and SAARC regions, and 7 flights per week to Mauritius (Africa).

Air India said it will proactively assist customers with bookings affected by the cancellations through this period with re-accommodation on alternative feasible Air India flights, free date change or full refunds, as applicable.

In addition to suspending flights, Air India has drastically reduced frequency of several international

flights per week. For instance, Delhi-San Francisco frequency has been reduced from 10 weekly to 7 in August. Delhi-Toronto has been cut from 10 to 5 in July, increasing to daily operation from August. Delhi-Vancouver has been reduced from 7 to 5. However, Mumbai-Newark service has been increased from 3 weekly to 7.

Revanth Unveils.....

The meeting also discussed installation of multi-utility towers to reduce radiation levels, smart poles across cities and towns, AI-based traffic management systems, and localised infrastructure planning suited to the population needs of individual urban centres. Officials were instructed to make the use of treated water from the Sewage and

Wastewater Management Board mandatory for all construction activities.

The Chief Minister also reviewed proposals for a Temple Corridor connecting Nalgonda and Yadagirigutta, and a Tourism Corridor linking Adilabad, Nagoba Temple, Basara and the Kadem Project. He further directed officials to upgrade the Alampur Jogulamba Temple in view of the upcoming Krishna Pushkarams. Reviewing airport infrastructure plans, Revanth Reddy said water requirements for the proposed Warangal airport should be factored into planning. He also noted that the proposed Adilabad airport was being developed by the Ministry of Defence and stressed the need for strong road connectivity to upcoming airports.

CRIME

DGP Warns of Strict Vigil During Bakrid

HYDERABAD
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Telangana director general of police C.V. Anand has warned of stringent measures to maintain peace, public order, and communal harmony during the forthcoming Bakrid festival. Anand, along with senior officials, held a video conference with police commissioners and district superintendents on Wednesday. Special chief secretary (MA&UD) Jayesh Ranjan, Animal Husbandry secretary K. Ilambarathi, and other senior officers participated. The DGP said police have been instructed, as per decisions taken at the chief ministerial level, to strictly prevent illegal cat-



tle transportation. He announced 52 inter-state check posts along borders with Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Andhra Pradesh, in addition to 203 within Telangana. Officials were told to intensify vehicle checks, monitor cattle fairs, and verify 'Fit for Transport' and 'Fit for Slaughter' certificates until the festival con-

cludes. Calling Bakrid a sensitive festival, Anand stressed heightened vigilance to avert communal tension. He directed strict enforcement of the Cow Slaughter Act, 1977, Transport of Animals Rules, 1978, and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, warning of stern legal action against violators. He cautioned that no group

should take the law into its own hands, advising Qureshi associations and cow protection groups against road blockades or confrontations. Criminal cases and rowdy sheets would be opened against offenders.

Police commissioners and SPs were asked to hold coordination meetings with both groups, raise awareness, and ensure close cooperation with municipal, animal husbandry, and revenue departments. Anand directed formation of WhatsApp groups for quick communication, provision of cattle shelters with fodder and water, and strict monitoring of social media to curb provocative content.

Student's Suicide Exposes Chaitanya Stress

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 16-year-old Intermediate student of Sri Chaitanya Junior College, Madhapur, died by suicide in the college hostel on Tuesday night, allegedly unable to cope with mounting academic pressure. The deceased, identified as Maddepu Pooja Reddy, daughter of Gopi Reddy, was pursuing MPC after completing her first year at Sri Chaitanya Junior College, Saraswathi Campus, at Parvathnagar crossroads in Madhapur. According to

police, she was found dead in her hostel room. The incident came to light at around 8.30 pm on Tuesday when fellow students noticed and alerted the warden.

This tragic incident once again highlighted the burden placed on students by corporate colleges like Sri Chaitanya. Pooja had been studying in the institution since Class 4. Though she had already written her Inter examinations, she chose to appear for improvement exams scheduled from Wednesday. "She told us she would complete the

exams and come back home," grieving parents said, recalling what became their final conversation with their daughter. However, they were not in a state to share any details of her life.

Originally from Kodada in Suryapet district, the family belongs to an agricultural background and had pinned hopes on their daughter's education. Police said no suicide note was found. Based on a complaint lodged by her father, Madhapur police registered a case under Section 194 of the BNSS.

Child Dies in Lift Mishap at Gowlidoddi PG

A five-year-old girl died in a tragic accident after getting trapped in a grilled lift at a women's PG hostel in Gowlidoddi under Gachibowli police station limits on Wednesday afternoon. Police said a Dial-100 call was received around noon reporting that a child was stuck in the lift at Mahi Women PG. Patrol staff rushed to the spot and found the girl dead on the third floor. The deceased was identified as Bistu Ghosh, 5, a native of Jharkhand, who had been living with her grandparents at the hostel premises. Her grandparents have been working as cooks there for the past seven years. Preliminary inquiry revealed that the child entered the lift as she usually did. The lift travelled from the first floor to the fifth floor and, while descending, she became trapped in the grilled portion. Police suspect her clothes got caught in the grill.

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.

Bank Account Can't Be Frozen In Absence Of FIR: Delhi High Court

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Delhi HC has said that a bank account is the very essence of an individual's economic existence and it cannot be frozen in the absence of any accusation, FIR or judicial order against the account holder. Justice Purushendra Kumar Kaurav, while dealing with a petition by an individual whose account in a private bank was frozen pur-

suant to a complaint from the Gujarat Cyber Crime Police in November 2024, stated that freezing a bank account without any justification impedes right to life. Directing the bank to "immediately defreeze" the account, the court said that in the absence of any material to connect the petitioner to any offence, the freezing of his account was wholly arbitrary and unsustainable in law. It ruled that in the absence

of there being any justification by the Gujarat Police, the continuing seizure of the petitioner's account was uncalled for. "A bank account is not just a place to keep money but is the very essence of an individual's economic existence. Cicero, the Roman jurist and philosopher, once declared: 'So-and-so is innocent; but although he is free from suspicion'.

RTC Passenger Dies During Bus Journey To NTPC

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Abdul Razzaq, 55, of Sironcha in Maharashtra, was found dead in his seat on an RTC bus near the NTPC area of Godavarikhani in Peddapalli district on Wednesday, police said. Razzaq had boarded a Karimnagar-2 depot bus travelling from Karimnagar to Godavarikhani and had taken a ticket to the NTPC stop. When the bus reached the stop, the conductor noticed that he had not got down. The con-

ductor checked on him and found him unconscious. He alerted the 108 emergency ambulance service. Medical staff who reached the bus station examined Razzaq and declared him dead. Police identified him using an Aadhaar card found in his pocket. The body was shifted for post-mortem examination. Officials suspect Razzaq may have died of a heart attack or sunstroke during the journey. A case has been registered and investigation is underway.

Challa Lakshmi, 38, died and two others were seriously injured after a speeding SUV rammed into them while they were waiting for a bus at Gaja Singavaram stage in Gambhiraopet mandal of Rajanna Sircilla district on Wednesday, police said.

Lakshmi was waiting to board a bus to Sircilla town for work when the vehicle, bearing a Maharashtra registration number, allegedly lost control and hit her, another woman and a boy

standing nearby. The injured were rushed to a private hospital in Yellareddy. Lakshmi died while undergoing treatment, while the woman and the boy are in critical condition. Local residents alerted police, who reached the spot. Lakshmi's body was shifted to a government hospital for post-mortem examination. Police registered a case against the driver, who is absconding, and are investigating the cause of the crash.

EDITORIAL

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

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Storytelling is critical in electoral politics. But the gap between political data 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.



Car Sales Steering Near 5.9 Million Units in FY27

CRISIL Ratings, which analyzed companies accounting for near 94 per cent of wholesale PV volumes, said the September 2025 GST reduction revived demand sharply.

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India's passenger vehicle (PV) industry is projected to achieve record sales in fiscal year 2027 (FY27), with volumes expected to grow 5-7 per cent to about 5.9 million units, according to Crisil Ratings. It said demand was driven by GST reduction last September and sustained preference for utility vehicles. However rising commodity prices geopolitical tensions in West Asia and fuel-efficiency norms are expected to increase cost and investment pressures on automakers. Crisil Ratings analyzed



companies accounting for nearly 94 per cent of wholesale PV volumes noting strong recovery in FY26 and outlook continuation into FY27. Domestic PV sales grew 16.7 per cent in the second half of FY26 reversing a 1.4 per cent decline in the first half and ending the year with 7.9 per cent growth. Domestic

sales account for nearly 86 per cent of total output while exports make up the remainder. GST tailwind will continue in FY27 though intensity will moderate gradually said Anuj Sethi Senior Director at Crisil Ratings. Small car segment contributes around 30 per cent of domestic volume expected to grow 2-

4 per cent on improved affordability and renewed first-time buyer interest amid stable interest rate environment.

Utility vehicles will continue to lead with 7-9 per cent growth driven by structural consumer preference for larger feature-rich vehicles and a widening model range across price points. We expect their share in overall volume mix to rise from 67 per cent last fiscal to 69 per cent in FY27 Sethi noted. CRISIL warned West Asia conflict could hurt the sector through higher fuel commodity and freight costs.

Overall outlook suggests steady growth in

FY27 supported by improving affordability and stable demand trends though margin pressures may persist due to input cost inflation and regulatory compliance requirements including evolving emission and safety norms.

Analysts believe the combination of policy support and shifting consumer preference toward utility vehicles will continue to shape the industry's long-term expansion trajectory in India's automotive market. However uncertainties in global oil markets and geopolitical risks remain key watch factors going forward outlook strong

UWA India Announces Major Scholarship Push for Indian Students

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The University of Western Australia (UWA) has announced one of its biggest standalone scholarship commitments for Indian students through UWA India, reinforcing its focus on affordable global education and long-term academic partnerships between India and Australia.

The scholarships will support students enrolling in undergraduate and postgraduate programs in STEM, business and technology disciplines at UWA India campuses in Mumbai and Chennai. Applications for admissions are now open through UWA India. UWA Vice-Chancellor Amit Chakma said the initiative aims to ensure that financial limitations do not prevent talented Indian students from accessing globally rec-



ognised education and international career opportunities.

The scholarship framework includes merit-based scholarships, global excellence awards, equity and CSR-backed funding, alumni-supported scholarships and state government co-funded opportunities, initially in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. Eligible students may also combine multiple scholarship benefits to significantly reduce tuition costs.

UWA said the scholarships will be integrated into admission offers

from the first intake itself, with transparent eligibility guidelines released ahead of each admissions cycle. The university stated that the program is designed to encourage academic excellence, leadership potential, financial inclusion and regional representation while meeting Indian regulatory requirements and UWA's international standards. The scholarship initiative will be reviewed after its first year to evaluate student demand, outcomes and future expansion opportunities.

Sensex, Nifty slip amid rising crude oil prices and geopolitical tensions

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Benchmark equity indices turned volatile on Wednesday, slipping into negative territory after a marginally positive start, as concerns over rising crude oil prices and ongoing geopolitical tensions weighed on investor sentiment. Continued foreign fund outflows further dampened market mood. The 30-share BSE Sensex initially

gained 75.64 points to touch 74,614.51 in early trade, while the 50-share NSE Nifty rose 17.10 points to 23,391.10. However, the gains were short-lived as selling pressure intensified later in the session. The Sensex later declined 182.60 points to trade at 74,362.19, and the Nifty slipped 41.05 points to 23,352.25. Among Sensex constituents, Power Grid, NTPC, Bajaj Fi-

nance, State Bank of India, Titan, and Axis Bank emerged as the biggest laggards, dragging the indices lower. In contrast, select counters such as Asian Paints, Adani Ports, Tata Steel, and Kotak Mahindra Bank managed to stay in positive territory, offering limited support to the benchmarks. Global crude oil prices remained a key concern, with Brent crude trading around USD 106.6



per barrel, stoking fears of renewed inflationary pressures. Market participants noted that elevated oil prices, combined with persistent geopolitical uncertainty, could further strain global economic stability and corporate

earnings outlook. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) continued their selling spree, offloading equities worth Rs 1,959.39 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data. The sustained foreign outflows added to volatility and reflected cautious global risk appetite. On the macroeconomic front, India's retail inflation edged up slightly to 3.48 per cent in April, driven by higher prices of gold, silver

jewellery, and select kitchen essentials, government data showed. Although inflation remains within the comfort zone, analysts warn that rising energy prices could reverse the recent easing trend. In global markets, Asian indices traded mostly in positive territory, with South Korea's Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225, Shanghai's SSE Composite, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng posting gains. However,

US markets closed mostly lower on Tuesday amid weakness in technology stocks and concerns over hotter-than-expected inflation data. Experts noted that geopolitical tensions, particularly the US-Iran standoff, have further clouded the outlook. Remarks from Iran warning of consequences if its peace proposal is rejected have heightened concerns over the Strait of Hormuz, a critical

global energy route, keeping crude oil markets on edge. On Tuesday, Indian equities had witnessed a sharp sell-off, with the Sensex plunging 1,456.04 points (1.92 per cent) to close at 74,559.24, while the Nifty dropped 436.30 points (1.83 per cent) to end at 23,379.55. Analysts suggest that continued volatility may persist in the near term amid global uncertainty and foreign fund outflows.

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.

Gold and silver imports from Dubai may rise after duty hike: GTRI

Think tank GTRI has said the sharp rise in gold and silver import duties could increase imports routed through Dubai under the India-UAE CEPA agreement, while also creating larger tariff advantages and arbitrage opportunities for precious metal traders and importers

NEW DELHI
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The significant increase in the import duty on gold and silver from 6 per cent to 15 per cent may lead to a rise in imports from Dubai through the free trade agreement route, think tank GTRI said on Wednesday.

It said the duty hike also sharply changes the economics of precious metal imports routed through the United Arab Emirates under the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

India had allowed imports of gold from Dubai at tariffs one percentage point below the normal Most-Favoured-Nation (MFN) rate through a Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) system. The quota began at 120 tonnes annually in 2022 and is set to rise to 200 tonnes by 2027, nearly one-fourth of India's yearly gold imports.

"With the new MFN tariff structure taking effective duties to 15 per cent, gold imported under the UAE quota would enter at 14



per cent. The widening tariff gap could encourage greater routing of global bullion through Dubai, even though the UAE is not a miner of gold or silver," the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said.

Under the CEPA, India had also agreed to gradually reduce import duties on silver from 10 per cent to zero over a 10-year period beginning in May 2022. The concessional tariff on silver imports from the UAE currently stands at 7 per cent.

"With India now raising the general tariff to 15 per cent, the duty gap has widened to 8 percentage points, creating a major arbitrage opportunity for imports routed through

Dubai. That margin is scheduled to widen further each year until CEPA tariffs fall to zero by 2031," GTRI Founder Ajay Srivastava said.

Under the earlier regime, imports of gold and silver products attracted a 5 per cent Basic Customs Duty (BCD) and a 1 per cent Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC), taking the total levy to 6 per cent.

After adding 3 per cent Integrated GST (IGST), the effective total import duty stood at 9.18 per cent. The revised structure doubles the BCD from 5 per cent to 10 per cent and raises the AIDC five-fold from 1 per cent to 5 per cent.

The combined customs

levy has therefore jumped from 6 per cent to 15 per cent. Including IGST, the effective import duty has surged from 9.18 per cent to 18.45 per cent. The move comes amid a surge in precious metal imports. In FY 2025-26, India imported nearly USD 72 billion worth of gold, around 25 per cent higher than the previous year. Silver imports crossed USD 1 billion, recording an extraordinary 150 per cent annual surge.

Further, GTRI urged the finance ministry to simplify the language of notifications regarding these tariff changes, saying they are extremely difficult to understand.

The current format forces importers, lawyers and consultants to trace references to customs notifications issued over the past 26 years, the think tank said, adding that determining the actual applicable duty now requires going through multiple layers of amendments, corrections and tariff changes issued over several decades.

The combined customs

Nagur Vijay Kumar's Social Service Journey

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Social activist Nagur Vijay Kumar, a native of Kangti Mandal, has been actively working for the welfare, rights, and empowerment of the Mala community for more than a decade. Since beginning his social journey in 2010 through Mala Mahanadu under the leadership of G. Chennaiah, he has remained involved in several community welfare and social justice initiatives.

Nagur Vijay Kumar later served as the Medak District President of Mala Mahanadu, where he organized awareness programmes, meetings, protests, and campaigns focused on Dalit rights, equality, and social justice. Over the years, he gained recognition for raising issues concerning marginalized communities and encouraging youth participation in social development activities.

He is also the Co-Founder of Mala TV, a platform established to highlight Dalit concerns, constitutional rights, and



grassroots social issues. Through the platform, he has worked to spread awareness on community development and social equality.

With an aim to expand welfare activities, he founded the Mala Community Welfare Association and currently serves as its Founder and President. The organization has been supporting poor families, students, unemployed youth, and awareness programmes on social issues.

Apart from his social service activities, Nagur Vijay Kumar is the Managing Director of Labourkart Solutions, focusing on employment generation and manpower services for youth and workers.

TN Chief Minister Approves Special 9 am Shows for Suriya-Trisha's 'Karuppu' Movie

The makers of Suriya and Trisha Krishnan's upcoming film 'Karuppu' have thanked Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay for allowing special 9 AM morning shows for the film ahead of its release on May 14. The production house shared a note on X expressing gratitude to the newly elected Chief Minister. Along with the note, they also posted a picture of Vijay with a message from the team of Suriya. The post read, "Special thanks to our honorable Chief Minister Thiru. Joseph Vijay for granting the special permission for the 9AM shows of #Karuppu. #Karuppu - FDFS begins at 9AM, from May 14th A @Sai-Abhyankkar Musical."



Thalapathy Vijay, who recently took oath as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on May 10, has been receiving congratulatory messages from several film personalities. Actress Trisha Krishnan was also present during the swearing-in ceremony and was seen greeting Vijay's mother. Meanwhile, actor Suriya had earlier congratulated Vijay on social media and wrote, "Receiving

the love and support of the people is a blessing. Tamil Nadu has great faith in my friend Vijay. My heartfelt congratulations to him as he is about to begin a new chapter in Tamil Nadu politics." Recently, the makers also released the trailer of 'Karuppu', giving audiences a glimpse into the action-packed courtroom drama. The trailer begins with an emotional story involving an elderly man and



his granddaughter, who continue to visit the court for years as they struggle to get justice. Trisha Krishnan plays a lawyer fighting their case, while RJ Balaji's character appears to oppose them. As the conflict grows stronger, Suriya's character enters the scene as a fearless man who fights both inside and outside the courtroom. The trailer features emotional moments, action

scenes and powerful dialogues. 'Karuppu' is written and directed by RJB. Along with Suriya and Trisha Krishnan, the film also stars Indrans, Natty, Swasika, Sshivada, Anagha Maya Ravi and Supreeth Reddy in important roles. The music for the film has been composed by Sai Abhyankkar. The film is scheduled to release in theatres worldwide on May 14.

A.R. Rahman To Perform Live In Bhopal For Peddi



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Oscar-winning music composer A. R. Rahman is all set to enthrall music lovers with a grand live concert in Bhopal on May 23 as part of the promotions for Peddi. The makers unveiled a special promo confirming the musical event and officially announced that A.R. Rahman will perform live at the extravaganza. The concert is expected to be one of the biggest promotional highlights for the Ram Charan-starrer.

The major attraction of the event will reportedly be a special dance number featuring Ram Charan and Shruti Haasan, while

Janhvi Kapoor is also expected to appear in the high-energy song sequence. Meanwhile, the trailer launch of Peddi is scheduled to take place in Mumbai on May 18. The team is also planning aggressive promotional campaigns, press meets, and fan events across several major cities ahead of the film's release.

Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, Peddi is being produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under the banner of Vriddhi Cinemas. Rahman's return to Tollywood after a considerable gap has already created a massive buzz in the Telugu film industry. The music maestro has once again proved his mettle

with chartbusters like "Chikri Chikri" and "Rai Rai Raa Raa," both of which have become hugely popular among music lovers.

Apart from the songs, Rahman's background score is also being eagerly awaited, considering his reputation for elevating films with emotionally charged and powerful music. Sources say Rahman had been waiting for the right Telugu project before making a full-fledged comeback.

It was reportedly Buchi Babu Sana's sports-based rural drama and emotional narrative that finally convinced the legendary composer to take up the project.

HPRC to host Equestrian Challenge from May 15



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club will host the HPRC Equestrian Challenge 2026 from May 15 to 17 at its club grounds in Aziz Nagar, Gandipet, Moinsabad, in Ranga Reddy district. The three-day open equestrian competition will feature riders from

Hyderabad and across the region competing in Hacks, Dressage and Show Jumping events across junior, youth and open categories. The event aims to promote equestrian sports at the grassroots level while offering a competitive platform for riders of all age groups. Addressing the media,

HPRC president Chaitania R Kumar said the event reflects the club's commitment to encouraging professional equestrian training and competitive exposure in Telangana. He was joined by vice-president Kunwar Sai Vijender Singh, secretary (Admin) Reaz Ahmed and riding committee member Amogha Varsha Datla. The competition will begin on May 15 with a Practice Clear Round session from 5 pm, allowing participants to familiarise themselves with the course before the main events. Competitive rounds will be held on May 16 and 17 during morning sessions from 7 am to 9 am and evening sessions from 5 pm to 8 pm. The prize distribution ceremony is scheduled for 7.30 pm on May 17 after the conclusion of all events.

Cash prizes will be awarded in the Open Show Jumping categories of 80 cm, 90 cm and 105 cm. Winners will receive ₹10,000, while second and third places will get ₹7,500 and ₹5,000 respectively.

Kohli's Record-Extending Unbeaten Ton Powers RCB To 6-Wicket Win Over KKR

RAIPUR
Wakeup telangana

Virat Kohli roared back to form with a record-extending ninth hundred in the Indian Premier League to take Royal Challengers Bengaluru back to the top spot in the points table, with a six-wicket win over Kolkata Knight Riders here on Wednesday. Kohli (105 not out off 60 balls) pumped his fists after taking a single in the first over for his first run in three matches, and he did not take long to impose himself on the game to produce another masterclass in run chase.

This was Kohli's ninth hundred overall in the IPL as he went past MS Dhoni and Rohit Sharma for most matches (279) in the league. His unbeaten ton on Wednesday was also his first hundred since the 2023 edition. He also became the first Indian to score 14000 runs in T20 cricket. Kohli hit 11 fours and three sixes from the 60 balls he faced, and was never unfazed in a tall run-chase as RCB replied with 194/4 in 19.1 overs to KKR's 192/4.

Vaibhav Arora was all over the place in his first



over as Kohli hit the first ball to midwicket off the pads, the fourth delivery past square leg off a flick, the fifth sprayed way outside off for the batter to free up his arms and the sixth angling down the wicket which was helped on its way. Each of these deliveries were hit for boundaries and Kohli was off to a flier. Jacob Bethell (15) too opened up, hitting Dubey for two fours

and a six on the first three balls of the third over, helping RCB attain that 10-runs-per-over momentum which they did not let go.

However, soon after his start, Bethell was surprised by a snorter from Kartik Tyagi (3/32). The short ball came quickly to which the England batter responded with a pull, but got an edge which ricocheted off his helmet to-

wards the bowler for an easy grab. KKR would feel they were tad unlucky when Rovman Powell timed his jump perfectly at extra cover to catch a lofted drive from Kohli off Tyagi, but the ball burst through his hands, giving Kohli a lifeline which proved too costly.

The dismissal had no impact on RCB's charge who had Devdutt Padikkal (39) forging a robust 92-run stand with Kohli for the second wicket. Neither Kohli nor Padikkal showed any urgency yet remained in complete control of the chase, putting away the bad deliveries while farming the strike with utmost ease.

Another opportunity came KKR's way -- much easier than the one before -- when Arora failed to take a regulation grab off Cameron Green, giving Padikkal a lifeline. Padikkal's pull shot did not have the elevation and Arora had covered the distance well in time to get in line of the ball, but it popped out of his hands. The second-wicket stand finally ended when Tyagi produced a short delivery to Padikkal shortly after the second break and the batter mis-

timed it. Ajinkya Rahane made no mistake in taking it reverse-cupped but the KKR skipper was all over the place when a leading edge came off Rajat Patidar's (11) bat in the 16th over. Rahane even used his body to keep the ball off the ground as he fell and juggled the ball several times. If the two wickets gave KKR hopes, Kohli demolished them with a six and a four off Anukul Roy in the 17th over and soon completed his hundred off 58th delivery he faced. Earlier, Angkrish Raghuvanshi led the charge with his career-best 71 as Kolkata Knight Riders posted a commanding 192 for four. The KKR wicketkeeper-batter struck three sixes and seven fours in a fluent knock off 46 balls while forging crucial partnerships along the way to give his side the necessary impetus. KKR lost momentum as soon as they had found some. After a tight first over in which Rahane (19) found a boundary after five dot balls off Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Finn Allen (18) smacked 14 runs off Jacob Duffy in the second.

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 non parking zones, an official from the Patancheru fire station told.

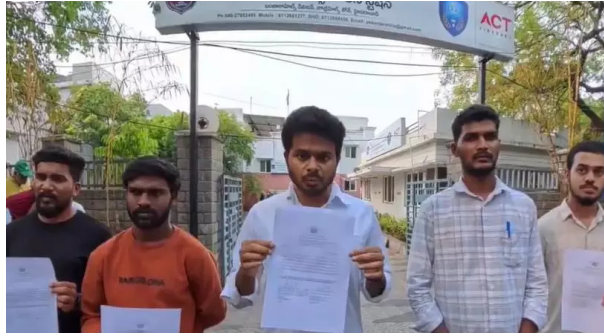
The vehicles stored by the auto finance company reportedly belonged to people who had defaulted on their loan payments. The fire emerged from dry grass near one of the tippers; however, the reason for the fire is not yet known. Total damage suffered is also under investigation.

Protests Intensify Over Tree Felling Near KBR Park

Police later released the five people who had been taken into custody. However, cases have been registered against them.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Zaffer abedi

Protests continued on Tuesday over large-scale tree felling around the KBR National Park corridor in Hyderabad, as environmental activists and residents opposed ongoing infrastructure works under the H-CITI project near the Cancer Hospital stretch in Jubilee Hills. Police detained several members of the 'Save KBR' campaign who had gathered to protest alleged night-time cutting of trees, later releasing five activists while registering cases against them. According to activists, tree cutting in the area has raised serious concerns about the rapid loss of green cover surrounding



one of Hyderabad's key ecological zones. The Uday, founder of the Vata Foundation, said the consequences may not be immediately visible but could significantly affect the region's environment over time. He suggested that instead of large-scale felling, traffic management solutions such as one-way systems could have been explored to reduce congestion without harming trees. The ongoing flyover and underpass works are part of the Hyderabad City In-

novative and Transformative Infrastructure (H-CITI) initiative aimed at easing traffic congestion along the busy Jubilee Hills corridor. However, the project has triggered repeated protests from environmental groups, residents, and volunteers over the past several days. Tree Protection Committee inspection records indicate that 1,532 trees have been approved for felling out of 1,942 trees identified along the project stretch. Additionally, 380 trees are marked for transplantation and 30 for retention. The inspection covers key locations including Jubilee Hills Checkpost, Film Nagar junction, Mugdha junction, Cancer Hospital junction, and Road No. 45.

Telangana Congress burns effigies of Education Minister over NEET paper leak

The National Testing Agency (NTA) on May 12, announced the cancellation of NEET (UG) 2026 amid allegations of paper leak.



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The Telangana Youth Congress staged a protest at the Ambedkar statue in Himayat Nagar over the cancellation of the UGC-NEET examination and repeated paper leak incidents linked to national-level tests. During the protest, activists burnt effigies of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, accusing the Centre of failing to safeguard students' future. Protesters raised slogans demanding accountability and stronger measures to prevent examination leaks. Addressing the gathering, State Youth Congress president Jakkidi Shiva

Charan Reddy alleged that repeated paper leaks and re-examinations in recent years reflected the Centre's inability to conduct examinations transparently. He said the cancellation had caused severe distress to students who had spent years preparing for competitive exams and demanded strict action against those responsible for the irregularities.

Rs 530 Crore Flyover Approved from Alwin Colony to Miyapur to Ease Traffic Congestion

RANGAREDDY
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Srirangam Venkatesh



In a major boost to Hyderabad's infrastructure, the Telangana government has granted administrative approval for the construction of a new flyover connecting Alwin Colony to Miyapur at an estimated cost of Rs 530 crore. The proposed flyover will pass through Anjaiah Nagar and is planned to be 1.8 kilometres long and 24 metres wide with six lanes, aiming to reduce heavy traffic congestion in the northwestern parts of the city. According to officials, Rs 330 crore has been allocated for construction works and initial land acquisition, while an additional Rs 200 crore has been earmarked exclusively for land acquisition purposes. With approvals now cleared, the land acquisition process is expected to begin soon. The project is expected to benefit commuters travelling from Gajularamam, Shahpur Nagar, Jeedimetla, Chintal and surrounding areas, who currently face severe traf-

fic bottlenecks at Balanagar Y Junction, Kukatpally, JNTU, Nizampet and Hyder Nagar while travelling towards Miyapur, Lingampally and Patancheru. Once completed, the flyover will provide signal-free connectivity from Jagadgirigutta to Alwin Colony and further towards Miyapur, helping motorists avoid multiple traffic junctions and reducing travel time considerably. Officials believe the new corridor will also reduce traffic pressure in key junctions including Balanagar, Kukatpally, JNTU and Nizampet by diverting a large volume of vehicles onto the elevated route. The six-lane flyover is part of the government's long-term plan to strengthen urban transport infrastructure in rapidly growing areas of Hyderabad.

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Governor pushes Scouts expansion in Telangana private schools

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Shiv Pratap Shukla on Wednesday called for expanding the activities of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, particularly in private schools, to help nurture leadership qualities and personality development among students. During a meeting held at Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad, the leadership of BSG Telangana briefed the Governor, who is also the Chief Patron of the organisation, on its expansion plans, developmental initiatives and ongoing activities across the State.



The delegation was led by M. Dana Kishore, Special Chief Secretary to the Governor and State Chief Commissioner of BSG Telangana, along with E. Naveen Nicolas, Director of School Education and State Secretary of BSG. Senior State-level office-bearers also attended the meeting. The delegation

informed the Governor that scouting activities were currently being conducted in all 33 districts of Telangana. Around 1,200 Bharat Scouts and Guides units are functioning across the State, with more than 30,000 students actively participating in scouting programmes. Mr. Dana Kishore said

infrastructure for BSG activities was being strengthened with support from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds and the Governor's Funds. Dr. Naveen Nicolas said the State government had been extending regular financial assistance for BSG activities. He further stated that 1,000 schools had already been enrolled into the scouting programme during the 2025-26 academic year, while another 1,000 schools are expected to join during 2026-27. A comprehensive activity calendar is also being prepared with the aim of es-

establishing BSG units in every school across Telangana. The Governor said the facilities available at the State Training Centre would play an important role in developing leadership and discipline among students. The delegation assured him of its commitment to extending scouting activities to all regions of the State. Separately, the Governor also inaugurated the one-year online certificate course, "Bhakta Ramadasu Keerthanalu-2026," introduced by Suravaram Pratap Reddy Telugu University at Lok Bhavan.

Hyderabad Man Held for Cousins' House Theft

The Goshamahall 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.

'Bandi Bageerath is absconding' Missing posters surface across Hyderabad

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay's son Bhagirath has been absconding in a POCSO case registered against him on May 8 after the family of a 17-year-old girl alleged that accused had made the victim consume alcohol and sexually assaulted her.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Posters asking the public to help trace Bandi Sai Bageerath have gone up across Hyderabad as the son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar remains absconding in a POCSO case. The posters, pasted on walls and public spaces in localities including Serilingampally and Nallakunta, have created a political sensation across the state. A group of people was also seen carrying similar posters inside the metro, asking commuters to report him if spotted. They came days after a Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) case was registered against Bandi Sai Bageerath, son of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case has confirmed that Bageerath's mobile phone has been switched off for the past several days and that he is absconding. An extensive search operation has been launched to locate him. Charges upgraded to ag-



gravated sexual assault in a significant development on Tuesday, the Petbasheerabad Police upgraded the charges against Bageerath from sexual harassment of a child under Section 11 of the POCSO Act, which covers non-physical acts involving sexual intent, to aggravated penetrative sexual assault under Section 5(I) read with Section 6. The upgraded charge, one of the most serious under the POCSO Act, carries a minimum sentence of 20 years' rigorous imprisonment, extendable to life imprisonment or death, and is a non-bailable offence. The charge revision reflects the survivor's statement recorded by investigators, which reportedly went significantly beyond the original FIR.

The case was registered on May 8 at the Petbasheerabad Police Station after the family of a 17-year-old girl alleged that Bageerath had made the victim consume alcohol and sexually assaulted her at a farmhouse on the outskirts of Hyderabad on two separate occasions. The SIT issued a notice summoning Bageerath to appear for questioning on Wednesday, May 13, at 2 pm. The notice was received at his residence by his maternal uncle, Vamshi Krishna, as Bageerath was not present. Meanwhile, Bageerath has filed a petition in the Telangana High Court seeking anticipatory bail. His counsel's central legal argument in the petition was based on the original, lesser charges, which the upgrade has now dismantled.

ICPR Chief Felicitates Newly Elevated Telangana DGPs

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Dr. Ajai Kumar Agarwal, National President of the International Chambers of Public Relations, felicitated senior Telangana Police officials following their elevation to key positions in the state police department. Accompanied by his son Mr. Ketan Agarwal, Director of Swachh Adhikar India and Taste Budders Pvt. Ltd., Dr. Agarwal met C. V. Anand, Mahesh Bhagwat, and Anil



Kumar to extend congratulations and best wishes on their new assignments. During the interaction, Dr. Agarwal praised the officers for their commitment to maintaining law and order, ensuring public safety, and strengthening policing standards across Telangana.

Karwan Hosts School Education Workshop to Strengthen Govt Schools

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Wakeup telangana

A Constituency-Level Workshop on School Education Initiatives was organized at the Government School in Kulsumpura under Hyderabad's Karwan constituency as part of a government education programme. The event focused on improving standards in government schools and encouraging better learning opportunities for students. Kausar Mohiuddin attended the workshop along with AIMIM former corporators, education officials, headmasters, and party



workers. Addressing the gathering, the MLA emphasized the importance of quality education and the need to strengthen government schools through coordinated efforts. Headmasters from various schools shared suggestions and practical ideas

aimed at improving infrastructure, teaching standards, and student development in government educational institutions. Officials from the education department, including the DEO and Deputy DEO, also participated in the discussions. Students added enthusiasm to the programme by presenting cultural performances, drawing appreciation from attendees. The workshop highlighted collective efforts toward enhancing public education in the Karwan constituency and building a brighter future for children through stronger government schools.