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Revanth To Move On To National Politics By 2034, Won't Stay CM

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday said that he would step into national politics in 2034, expressing confidence that he would continue as Chief Minister of Telangana until then. He also stated that he would not accept the Chief Minister's post in 2034 even if the Congress retained power in the state for a third consecutive term. Speaking at a conclave in Hyderabad, Revanth Reddy said his political goal was to see Rahul Gandhi become Prime Minister and would accept any responsibility entrusted to him in Delhi. Revanth Reddy said there was growing recognition for him at the national



level and termed it a matter of pride for the people of Telangana. Recalling his political journey, the Chief Minister said he had joined the Congress when the party was not in power and added that he never changed loyalties for opportunities. He said the Gandhi family had given him opportunities in recognition of his commitment to the party. Revanth Reddy also said Telangana would not have be-

come a reality even in a thousand years without Sonia Gandhi. Referring to his recent interaction with Prime Minister Modi, Revanth Reddy said both of them had spoken only in an official capacity during a government programme and there was nothing secretive about the exchange as the conversation took place openly before microphones. He said the Prime Minister had asked the Telangana government to work together with the Centre for securing funds and projects.

Contrasting his approach with that of his predecessor K. Chandrashekar Rao, Revanth Reddy said the former chief minister had never worked in co-ordination with the Cen-

tre. Revanth Reddy added that Modi was aware of his political commitment and ideological stand despite cooperation between governments on developmental issues. The Chief Minister also made strong remarks over the Pooosa Act case involving Sai Bageerath, son of Union minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar. He appealed to Sanjay to take moral responsibility and ensure his surrender before the police, stating that absconding was not a solution and that he should face the legal process. Revanth Reddy asserted that the state government would stand firmly with the victim and ensure that those found guilty were punished according to law.

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UAE to Store up to 30 Million Barrels in India's Oil Reserve After PM's Visit

Prime Minister Modi conveyed India's strongest condemnation of the attacks that have taken place in the UAE

NEW DELHI
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Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Friday shared key details on agreements between India and the UAE, stating that the UAE will store up to 30 million barrels of crude oil in India's Strategic Petroleum Reserve following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit. He said the move is aimed at strengthening energy cooperation and enhancing India's energy security. "We will be issuing a more detailed press release later today, but let me give you a snapshot of everything that happened during the course of this brief two-and-a-half-hour visit. On the bilateral front, the two sides have concluded several important initiatives to further deepen our comprehensive strategic partnership. Energy has always been a very important part of this relationship. In the energy cooperation field, we've seen several agreements being initialised between Indian energy sector companies and UAE entities, primarily the Abu Dhabi National



Oil Company. These include agreements on enhancing UAE participation in Indian strategic petroleum reserves to a level of 30 million barrels, the establishment of strategic gas reserves in India, and long-term LPG offtake supply agreements," he said. Misri said that new investment commitments were signed, totalling USD 5 billion. "In the field of investment, the UAE has traditionally been a significant investor in India, cumulatively the seventh largest investor over the course of the last 25 years. Today, new investment commitments were signed totalling USD 5 billion. These include investments by Emirates NBD Bank in RBL Bank in India, by the Abu Dhabi Invest-

ment Authority in the National Infrastructure Investment Fund, and by the International Holding Company in Saman Capital of India," he said. Misri further said that the two sides built on the initial steps that were taken during the visit of the UAE President to India. "Defense cooperation has also been a major area of focus in recent years. Today, the two sides built on the initial steps that were taken during the visit of His Highness President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed to Delhi in January this year and concluded a framework on a strategic defense partnership. Under this, the two sides will strengthen their collaboration in defense manufacturing, technology, and equipment.

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NEET Paper Leak: Delhi Court Sends Lokhande To 6-day CBI Custody

A Delhi court on Friday sent NEET paper leak case accused Dhananjay Nivrutti Lokhande to six days' CBI custody, saying the agency needed to unearth the entire conspiracy, identify and arrest others, recover evidence and prevent tampering of evidence. Special CBI judge Ajay Gupta was hearing the federal agency's plea seeking six days' custodial interrogation of Lokhande, who had been arrested from Ahilyanagar in Maharashtra, and brought to the court on a transit remand.

"Allegedly, there is a larger conspiracy angle present in this case; the investigation is at its very initial stage, and the custody of the accused Dhananjay Nivrutti Lokhande has been sought to unearth the entire conspiracy as well as arrest all the

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India Can Play Greater Role For Peace In West Asia: Araghchi

NEW DELHI
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India can play a "greater role" for peace in West Asia, Iranian Foreign Minister Araghchi Thursday said. Addressing a press conference here, he said there is no military solution to anything related to Iran. He also said



Iran is ready to help pass all vessels through the Strait of Hormuz, adding

the situation in Strait of Hormuz is very complicated now.

Araghchi, who is in New Delhi to attend a BRICS conclave, said there can't be any solution other than a negotiated settlement on the West Asia crisis. "We will welcome any constructive role by India," he said.

On negotiations with the US, he said these are "suffering from trust". "Iran has every reason not to trust US while Americans have every reason to trust us," he said. According to Araghchi, mediation by Pakistan has not failed yet. He also asserted Iran has never wanted nuclear weapons.

Pawan Kalyan Warns TDP: Support Must Be Mutual or I'll Take Firm Call

VIJAYAWADA
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Amid discussions on coordination within the ruling coalition, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Friday said he was extending whole-hearted and sincere support to the Telugu Desam (TD) and expected the same level of cooperation in return. "If I do not receive the cooperation I expect from the TD, I will take my decision firmly," he said. Kalyan made



strong and emotional observations on caste politics, alliance compulsions and regional identity in Andhra Pradesh, while addressing the Jana Sena Udyami Athmeeya Samavesam" in Mangalagiri. Highlighting regional sentiment, he said that the

"Jai Andhra" slogan was more inclusive than "Jai Amaravati," noting that Amaravati, the capital area, represented around 33,000 acres while Andhra symbolised the aspirations of nearly five crore people.

"It hurts me when people say only 'Jai Amaravati'. Say 'Jai Andhra'," he said. The Deputy Chief Minister observed that caste continued to play a dominant role in the state's political landscape.

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Trump Returns from China Visit, Calls Meeting with Xi 'G-2'

WASHINGTON
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US President Donald Trump returned from a visit to China, describing his discussions with President Xi Jinping as a meeting between the leaders of two great countries. Trump landed at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland on Friday evening, claiming to have secured significant trade agreements, including the sale of 200 aircraft from Boeing to China, with a promise for an additional



750. He also highlighted a commitment to support the American agriculture sector.

The US President made a brief refuelling stop in Anchorage, Alaska, before returning. In an interview with Fox News following his meeting with Xi on Thursday,

Trump said, "It's the two great countries. I call it the G-2. I think it'll go down as a very important moment in history." The Washington Post reported that Trump's remarks put China on an equal footing with the US, which was a goal Xi had sought to achieve during the visit. "Over two days of meetings here, the carefully choreographed pageantry and the reciprocal gestures of friendship and respect between the world's two most powerful men displayed a geopolitical

dynamic that the Chinese have long craved and Americans had resisted," the Post said. Trump told Fox News that the relationship with Xi was important and suggested that China may not resort to any aggressive moves over Taiwan, at least till he is in office. The US President made a brief refuelling stop in Anchorage, Alaska, before returning. In an interview with Fox News following his meeting with Xi on Thursday,

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Iran Urges India to Continue Chabahar Port Work

Iran has urged India to continue its involvement in the development of the Chabahar Port, while acknowledging that progress has slowed due to US sanctions. Iranian foreign minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said the port remains a "major symbol of cooperation" between the two countries and expressed hope that India would sustain its engagement despite challenges following the expiry of the US sanctions waiver last month. "Chabahar Port is one of the symbols of cooperation between Iran and India. We are so glad that Indians played an important role in the development of that port. Its progress has somehow slowed down because of US sanctions...I hope that Indians will continue their work at Cha-

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Jobless Are Like Cockroaches, Says CJI

NEW DELHI
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Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Friday likened some unemployed youngsters to "cockroaches", saying they go on to become media, social media and RTI activists and start attacking the system. The observation came while a two-judge bench comprising CJI Kant and Justice Joyma-

lya Bagchi was pulling up a lawyer for "pursuing" designation as a senior advocate. "There are already parasites of society who attack the system and you want to join hands with them? There are youngsters like cockroaches who do not get any employment or have any place in the profession. Some of them become media, social media, RTI activists and other activ-



ists and they start attacking everyone," CJI Kant said. "The entire world may be eligible to become senior advocate, but at least you are not entitled," the top court told the petitioner-

lawyer. CJI Kant observed that if the Delhi High Court conferred senior advocate designation on the petitioner, the apex court would set it aside after examining his professional conduct. The CJI also referred to the kind of language allegedly used by the petitioner on Facebook. The top court asked the petitioner whether he had any other litigation. "Is this the conduct of a

person who seeks to be designated as a senior advocate?" the bench asked. The bench said senior advocate designation is something conferred on a person and is not meant to be pursued. "You are pursuing it. Does it look proper?" the top court said, asking whether the designation of senior advocate was a status symbol to be kept ornamentally.

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KTR Demands Immediate Completion of Sanathnagar TMS Hospital

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K. T. Rama Rao alleged that the delay in completing the Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TMS) at Sanathnagar deprived people of advanced healthcare facilities that were envisioned during the BRS government. He demanded that the present government immediately complete the remaining works and make the hospital fully accessible to the public. Speaking after reviewing the facilities at the hospital, KTR said TMS hospitals were established by the BRS government with the objective of providing world-class healthcare services to the poor and middle-class people in competition with private corporate hospitals. He said Hyderabad earlier de-



pended mainly on Gandhi and Osmania hospitals, but the BRS government expanded the public healthcare network by establishing modern TMS hospitals in Sanathnagar, LB Nagar and Alwal. KTR stated that the Sanathnagar TMS hospital was

constructed on 22 acres with international standards and advanced medical infrastructure. He said the hospital was designed to provide AIIMS-level healthcare facilities in Hyderabad and that the construction was undertaken at a cost

of nearly Rs. 1,200 crore. He said the hospital includes three major blocks with 300 ICU beds and 16 state-of-the-art operation theatres. According to him, all modern diagnostic facilities including MRI and CT Scan services have been established at the hospital. He added that special VIP suites, research blocks, academic facilities and a huge auditorium were also constructed as part of the project. KTR said the hospital was being developed as one of the country's largest government medical systems with extensive medical staffing and special research facilities for kidney-related diseases. He also highlighted the construction of a modern parking facility capable of accommodating nearly 1,000 cars at a time and a dedicated emergency

ramp for emergency medical services. Stating that a special hospice facility was arranged for attendants and relatives of patients, KTR said the BRS government had focused on creating a patient-friendly healthcare ecosystem across Telangana. He recalled that nearly 350 Basti Dawakhana were established across the state to ensure healthcare services reached people at the grassroots level. KTR further remarked that if the KCR government had continued in power, the Sanathnagar TMS hospital would have been fully completed two years ago. He instructed officials to immediately improve the functioning of lifts and other pending facilities to ensure better services for patients.

Health Cards for Employees Before June 2: Telangana Employees JAC

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana Employees Joint Action Committee (JAC) has urged the state government to issue health cards to all employees before June 2 and immediately clear all pending bills and dues. The demand was raised during the Joint Staff Council meeting held on Friday at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao. Addressing the meeting, Telangana Employees JAC Chairman V. Lachireddy and Secretary General Vodnala Rajasekhara appealed to the government to implement every assurance given recently by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to employees. They also demanded the implementation of the 2nd PRC before June 2.



The employee leaders stressed that cashless medical treatment under the Employees Health Scheme should be made available immediately. They also sought the appointment of legal heirs of VRAs above 61 years of age in the Revenue Department. The JAC further demanded the reinstatement of 632 terminated computer operators and FTS employees in the Revenue Department. They urged the government to scrap the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and restore the Old Pension Scheme (OPS).

Among other demands, the JAC called for the release of five pending Dearness Allowances (DAs), continuation of Dharani operators' services in the Revenue Department, and the establishment of a special corporation for outsourcing employees to ensure job security. Leaders from several employee unions participated in the meeting, including representatives from the Deputy Collectors Association, Telangana Tahsildars Association, TPUS, TGRSA, and GPO Association.

Rajesh Kumar Agarwal, Avinash Extend Wishes to V Hanumantha Rao

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Senior Congress leader V. Hanumantha Rao officially assumed charge as Advisor to the Government of Telangana for the BC Welfare Department at the Telangana State Secretariat on Friday. The occasion witnessed the presence of several senior Congress leaders, party representatives, and well-wishers who extended heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to him for a successful tenure. TPCC Linguistic Minority Cell Chairman



Rajesh Kumar Agarwal and Avinash attended the ceremony and conveyed their greetings to V. Hanumantha Rao on taking charge in the prestigious role. They expressed con-

fidence that his vast political experience and commitment to public service would strengthen BC welfare initiatives and promote people-oriented governance across Telangana.

CSIR-NGRI Lead E-Tractor, E-Tiller roadshow



In sync with the global shift towards green vehicles, Durgapur-based CSIR Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-CMERI) has developed two electric vehicles for farming operations — e-tiller and e-tractor — that could free farmers from the dependence on costlier imported diesel. The vehicles were demonstrated during a nationwide roadshow organised by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - National Geophysical Research Institute (CSIR-NGRI), Hyderabad, e-tractor (PRIMA-ET-11) and e-tiller on May 11 to mark the National Technology Day. The roadshow started in CSIR-IIIM Jammu and after Hyderabad its next stop would be in CSIR-NIST Thiruvananthapuram. CSIR-CMERI has been a pioneer in agricultural innovation for decades, and had developed India's first indigenous tractor — Swaraj — in 1974. The e-tractor has a top speed of 25 kilometre per hour (kmph) and a peak power of 26 horse power (hp). The vehicle's 500-kg lift capacity and battery capacity of 72 voltage and 200 Ampere-Hours delivers a 60 per cent running cost saving in comparison to diesel counterparts.

Congress, BJP Playing Drama Over Bandi Bagiratha Arrest: AAP

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Aam Aadmi Party State Advisor Dr. Diddi Sudhakar alleged that both the Congress and BJP are playing political drama over the delay in arresting Bandi Bagiratha, against whom a case was registered a week ago at Petbashaerabad Police Station. He warned that AAP activists, along with public organisations, would lay siege to the Chief Minister's residence if the accused is



not arrested immediately. In a statement released from the AAP state office at Liberty, Hyderabad, Dr. Sudhakar questioned whether the police system in Telangana had become so weak that it could not

trace the son of a Union Minister. He criticised the police for initially citing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit as the reason for delay and later claiming that Bagiratha's whereabouts were unknown. He also condemned BJP social media activists for allegedly circulating photographs of the victim and targeting her character and family. He said that irrespective of the victim's age, the accused must appear before investigators and cooperate with the legal pro-

cess. Dr. Sudhakar alleged that political pressure was behind the delay in arresting Bagiratha and said it was strengthening public suspicion of a Congress-BJP nexus. He stated that while AAP does not support encounters, the police must ensure justice through lawful action. He demanded immediate clarification from Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the Home Department, and BJP leaders on the issue.

BJP Leaders Protest Udhayanidhi Stalin's Remarks on Sanatana Dharma

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Former Corporator Rakesh Jaiswal led a protest at Jambagh X Road in Jambagh Division against Tamil Nadu Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin over his remarks on Sanatana Dharma made in the Tamil Nadu Assembly. BJP leaders and party workers strongly condemned the comments and demanded an apology. Several BJP leaders and karyakartas partici-



pated in the protest, including Raju Yadav, Sandeep Jain, Narsing Thakur, Ravi, Babu Raja, Sairam, and Sharad. Protesters raised slogans condemning the remarks and stated that hurting the sen-

timents of Hindus in the name of politics is unacceptable. BJP workers asserted that Sanatana Dharma represents the faith and cultural values of millions across the country.

Arekapudi Gandhi Lays Foundation for Development Works Worth Rs 5.70 Crore in Kondapur and Madhapur Divisions

RANGAREDDY
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Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi laid foundation stones for various development works worth Rs 5.70 crore in Kothaguda, Durgam Cheruvu, Vitthal Rao Nagar and Gokul Plots colonies under Kondapur and Madhapur divisions. Along with Deputy Commissioner Balakrishna and former corporators Hameed Patel, Name Srinivasa Rao and Ravinder Mudiraj, Gandhi participated in the programmes as chief guest and inaugurated the works. The development works include construction of BT roads, CC roads, road dividers and development of a Hindu crematorium at Kothaguda. Officials stated that the projects are aimed at improving infrastructure and providing better civic amenities to



residents. Speaking on the occasion, PAC Chairman Gandhi said the government is giving priority to development and welfare in Serilingampally constituency under the guidance of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and with the support of Minister Sridhar Babu. He assured that all works would be completed with quality standards and without delay. He also said road widening works from Trendset Jayabheri to Kothaguda junction are being taken up to reduce traffic congestion and improve

transportation facilities for commuters. As part of the sanctioned works: BT roads, CC roads and road divider works worth Rs 3.10 crore will be taken up near Durgam Cheruvu. Development and beautification works of the Hindu crematorium at Kothaguda along with road widening and CC road works worth Rs 61 lakh will also be undertaken. Several local leaders, residents, association members and party workers participated in the programme.

Village Roots Shape Devathi Srinivas' Public Journey



Devathi Srinivas, popularly known as D. Srinivas, has emerged as a grassroots public figure whose journey reflects the aspirations of rural Telangana youth entering public life through student activism and community engagement. Born in Velpur village and raised in Padagal of Velpur mandal in Nizamabad district, Srinivas clarified that he belongs to the Devathi family and should not be confused with senior Congress leader Dharmapuri Srinivas. Srinivas is the second son of late Devathi Tirupati Padagal Chinnayya and Devathi Mariya. He is married to Devathi Suvarna and has two children, Roni Samuel and Rhoda Samhita. His educational journey began at Sri Vidyanketan School in Padagal before continuing at St. Paul's School in Armoor and Kakatiya School in Nizamabad. During his intermediate studies at Vijay Junior College, Armoor, Srinivas entered student politics through the NSUIA major turning point came on August 28, 2000, when he participated in the "Chalo Assembly" protest against electricity tariff hikes at Bishirbagh in Hyderabad. Srinivas was arrested during the protest and later released following the intervention of leaders including Dharmapuri Srinivas and Mohammed Ali Shabbir. From 2002 to 2005, he pursued B.Com (Computers) at Narendara Degree College in Armoor.

Vijaya Dairy Strengthens Consumer Trust Through Field-Level Inspections in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
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As part of continuous efforts to strengthen consumer confidence and improve retail milk distribution systems, Telangana State Dairy Development Co-Operative Federation Ltd. (TGDDCF Ltd.) officials conducted inspections of Vijaya Dairy milk sales points and distribution routes in Hyderabad on Thursday. Milk Sales Head (MLS) Peravali Mohan Murali inspected



the Vijaya Dairy milk sales point operated by Sri Ramu at Kukatapally Phase-3, where nearly 3,000 litres of milk, curd, and various dairy products are reportedly sold every day. During the inspection, officials reviewed product

availability, cold chain maintenance, hygiene standards, customer demand, and timely distribution of dairy products. Officials interacted with the outlet operator and local consumers regarding the quality, freshness, and availability of Vijaya Dairy products. Customers reportedly expressed satisfaction over the quality standards and regular supply of milk and milk products. Later, MLS Peravali Mohan Murali also inspected the Vijaya Dairy

milk sales route map at the Chanda Nagar Zonal Office along with marketing staff. Discussions were held on improving supply efficiency, strengthening distribution networks, monitoring retail performance, and ensuring uninterrupted delivery of dairy products to consumers. The inspection team included Praveen Kumar, DGM (IC), Marketing Superintendent Smt. R. Vijayalakshmi, Mahesh Babu, Devender, and other concerned marketing staff.

BRS to take up padayatra for Palamuru Rangareddy project

HYDERABAD
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Accusing the Congress government of sidelining the Palamuru Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS), the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) announced plans to undertake a padayatra in

June to demand completion of the pending works. The BRS government had taken up the PRLIS to curb migration from erstwhile Palamuru district. Accordingly, the majority of works have been completed, with only 10 per cent pending, former Minister V Srinivas Goud

said. Addressing media persons here on Friday, he said the BRS leaders would take up a padayatra from Narlapur to Uddandapur reservoir and demand the Congress government complete the remaining works.

IITH, DMRL, Innomet To Build Atomiser Facility



Specialised metal powders used in fighter aircraft engines, defence systems and advanced 3D-printed components are still largely imported into India, according to researchers and industry partners involved in a new Hyderabad-led manufacturing project. To reduce that dependence, IIT Hyderabad, Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory and Hyderabad-based Innomet Advanced Materials Ltd have partnered to develop what they described as India's first indigenous large-scale 100 kg inert gas atomiser facility. The project, titled Indigenous Development of Large Scale (100 kg) Inert Gas Atomiser, is funded by the DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence at IIT BHU, Varanasi under the Directorate of Futuristic Technology Management. The facility, coming up at Innomet's Hyderabad premises, will manufacture high-purity spherical alloy powders required in aerospace, defence, energy and advanced.

Revanth Reddy defends probe pace, urges Bandi Sanjay to hand over son to police

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday said that Bandi Sai Bageerath, accused in a POCSO case, was absconding and urged Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar to "hand over his son" to the police. Addressing a conclave in Hyderabad, Revanth Reddy said the police registered a case within an hour after the victim's mother lodged a complaint. He said only the sections applicable based on the complaint could initially be invoked. The Chief Minister stated that the government could not act hastily in such sensitive matters, especially since a minor was involved



and a complaint had also been filed against the girl. He said police were required to verify the victim's age and complete legal formalities before proceeding further in the investigation. According to Revanth Reddy, additional sections were added to the case on May 11 and notices were served to the accused and others connected to the matter. He stressed that the government was bound to act strictly according to law and procedure. Questioning the opposition criticism,

the Chief Minister asked whether a father should be arrested for an offence allegedly committed by his son. He rejected allegations that the State government was delaying the investigation for political reasons. Revanth Reddy explained that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was in Hyderabad during the same period and around 10,000 police personnel had been deployed for security arrangements.

He said the government had to ensure law and order in the sensitive situation and avoid any untoward incidents. The Chief Minister maintained that if the government had taken hurried action during the Prime Minister's visit, the opposition would have accused it of targeting

political rivals. He assured that justice would be delivered to the victim and asserted that the government would act firmly irrespective of whether the accused were politicians or film personalities.

Speaking on his political future, Revanth Reddy expressed confidence that he would continue as Chief Minister till 2034 before moving into national politics. He also claimed to share a close relationship with the Gandhi family and said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had messaged him regarding a Telangana-related issue. The Chief Minister further said Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu continued to respect him despite his exit from the Telugu Desam Party

Massive rally held at Amangal demanding action against Bandi's son

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Amangal, Rangareddy: Public anger continues to intensify across Telangana over the alleged assault on a minor girl involving Bandi Bageerath, son of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar. Students, youth, women, and local residents organized a massive candlelight rally in Amangal on Thursday night, demanding immediate arrest of the accused, who has reportedly been absconding for the past week. The rally began at the Amangal bus stand, moved along the Srisaalam Highway road, and concluded back at the bus stand amid slogans demanding justice for the victim. Protesters wore black badges and carried



placards reading "Stand with the victim, stand for justice." BRS General Secretary and former IPS officer RS Praveen Kumar participated in the protest and addressed the gathering. He alleged that despite repeated pleas from the victim's family, police delayed registering a case and kept the family waiting at the police station until midnight. Praveen Kumar accused the Congress government of failing to act despite statewide protests demanding justice for the minor girl in the POCSO case. He claimed the gov-

ernment responded only after pressure mounted from the BRS and various sections of society. The protesters also raised slogans against the State government, alleging negligence in handling the case. Women and youth participating in large numbers demanded swift legal action and protection for the victim's family. Speaking on social media platform X, RS Praveen Kumar stated that protests were being held across Telangana seeking justice and questioning the delay in arresting the accused. The issue has triggered widespread political reactions, with opposition leaders intensifying criticism against the Congress government over law and order and the handling of crimes involving women and minors.

Congress to EC: Conduct SIR in TG for 2 Years, Not 3 Months

It urged ECI not to conduct the SIR in haste within 2-3 months and suggested that it be undertaken over a period of one and a half to two years as no major elections were scheduled in Telangana in that time.

HYDERABAD
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Prashanth reddy

The Congress expressed concerns over the scheduling of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral roll in Telangana from next month. The Congress delegation led by TPCC chief B. Mahesh Kumar Goud met Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharshan Reddy, on Friday and submitted a representation urging the Election Commission of India (ECI) to conduct the SIR exercise in a fair, transparent and impartial manner without rushing the process.

It urged ECI not to conduct the SIR in haste within 2-3 months and suggested that it be undertaken over a period of one and a half to two years as no major elections were scheduled in Telangana in that time. This would reduce administrative pressure and enable proper disposal of objections. It also opposed assigning census duties and SIR responsibilities simultaneously to the same officials, stating that it would overburden



government staff. The Congress stated that SIR conducted hurriedly in some states before the elections there had led to confusion, anxiety and distrust among citizens. Referring to the SIR in undivided Andhra Pradesh in 2002, the Congress pointed out that the exercise was carried out over nearly three months, whereas the voter population has now increased significantly. The party said Telangana has more than 3.35 crore voters and therefore the revision exercise should be implemented in phases and in a meticulous manner. The party demanded that recognised political parties be supplied electoral rolls of 2002 and 2025 in both soft and hard copy formats. It also sought extension of ob-

jection periods to at least two months and a minimum three-month period for citizens to respond to notices issued during the revision process. Raising concerns over deletion of voter names, the Congress demanded mandatory seven-day written notices before deletion and at least one month for response before any decision is taken. The party called for fresh registration and training of booth level agents (BLAs) before the exercise began, and insisted that booth level officers (BLOs) should record voter verification through geo-tagged photographs and Garuda app entries. Citing incidents such as the Chilume Trust scam in Karnataka, the TPCC urged strict vigilance to prevent fake registrations

PM Modi Flex Banner Vandalism Sparks Outrage in Monda Division

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Dp srinivas rao

A political controversy erupted in Secunderabad's Monda Division after flex banners of Prime Minister Narendra Modi were allegedly torn down ahead of his proposed public meeting. The incident triggered strong condemnation from Mala Mahanadu, which termed the act an insult to the Prime



Minister and demanded immediate action against those responsible. According to Mala Mahanadu, the banners were allegedly damaged by the husband of former corporator Kontham Deepika

Naresh, creating tension in the area. Social Media Representative Arun Kumar criticized the lack of police action and said such incidents could disturb peace and political harmony in the constituency. The organization demanded a thorough inquiry and strict legal action against the culprits, stating that disrespecting the Prime Minister's publicity material cannot be ignored.

Speed Up Justice in SC/ST Atrocity Cases: Key Directions Issued at DVMC Meeting

HYDERABAD
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Thalka anjaiah

A Divisional Vigilance and Monitoring Committee (DVMC) meeting under the Scheduled Castes Development Department of the Telangana Government was held at the Keesara RDO Office in Medchal-Malkajiri district on Thursday. The meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) S. Rajesh Kumar. Telangana SC/ST Commission Members Lakshminarayana and Rambalaram Naik attended the programme as chief guests. During the meeting, the



commission members stated that the Telangana Government is giving top priority to addressing issues related to caste discrimination, untouchability, and atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the district. They emphasized that all pending atrocity and discrimination cases should be resolved at the earliest to

ensure timely justice to victims. Officials instructed the district administration and police authorities to work in coordination for speedy disposal of pending cases. Tahsildars were directed to issue caste certificates related to such cases without delay to avoid legal and administrative hurdles.

Fuel Burden Rises Soon After Elections..!

Women Congress Expresses Anger Over Hike in Petrol and LPG Prices Reduce Increased Petrol, Diesel and LPG Cylinder Prices Immediately: Neelam Padma Venkat Swamy

HYDERABAD
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Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Women Congress President Mrs. Neelam Padma Venkat Swamy strongly criticized the Central Government for increasing fuel prices immediately after the completion of elections in five states, alleging that the BJP government had forgotten the promises made to the people before the polls. The Neelam Padma President of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District mahila Congress President talked over phone.

Speaking to media persons on Friday, she stated that the sudden increase in fuel prices has once again placed a heavy financial burden on common and middle-class families already struggling with rising living costs and inflation. She pointed out that the Central Government recently increased petrol prices by Rs.3 per litre, diesel prices by Rs.3 per litre, and LPG gas cylinder prices by Rs.2 per cylinder.



der, causing severe hardship to the public. Comparison of Increased Fuel Prices: Petrol: Increased by Rs.3 per litre Diesel: Increased by Rs.3 per litre LPG Gas Cylinder: Increased by Rs.2 per cylinder Neelam Padma said the hike in fuel prices would directly impact transportation costs, vegetable prices, essential commodities, and travel charges, thereby affecting every household. She alleged that the BJP government had assured people during the election period that fuel prices would not be increased, but failed to keep its word after the elections. She termed the move as a betrayal of public trust. Demanding immediate rollback of the increased fuel prices, she urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene and provide relief to the people.

Over 56,000 students get seats in DOST phase-I allotment

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More than 56,000 students secured undergraduate admissions in the first phase of Degree Online Services, Telangana (DOST) seat allotments for the 2026-27, with a majority getting seats in their top preferences. DOST 2026 includes 777 colleges, 409 courses and a total intake of 3.6 lakh seats. Students allotted seats must complete online self-reporting between May 15 and May 23 to confirm admissions. Phase-II registrations and



web options will continue till May 26, while the next seat allotment is scheduled for May 30. Commerce courses recorded the highest number of allotments at 23,214, followed by Physical Sciences with 14,394 and Life Sciences with 9,815 seats. Female candi-

dates accounted for 36,302 allotments, compared to 19,845 male candidates. English medium seats dominated admissions with 54,608 allotments. According to Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) and Commissioner of Collegiate Edu-

cation (CCE) officials, 56,147 candidates were allotted seats out of 61,543 students who exercised web options in Phase-I. Another 5,396 candidates could not secure allotments because of limited web options. A total of 84,610 candidates registered for admissions through Aadhaar OTP, DOST app and MeeSeva biometric authentication systems. Among those allotted seats, 36,634 students secured their first preference, while 19,513 received allotments in second or later preferences.

Give Rural Staff a Chance to Serve in Head Offices: Employees Ap-

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With the Telangana Government issuing G.O.Ms.No.38, Finance (HRM-I) Department, dated 21-04-2026, lifting the ban on general transfers from May 1 to May 31, 2026, employees working in rural areas under Panchayat Raj Engineering Department and Mission Bhagiratha are respectfully appealing for fair consideration. The GO provides eligibility for employees who completed three years at a station and directs



transparency in vacancy and service-duration details. The Times of India Employees serving in remote villages, district offices, divisions and sub-divisions humbly request Hon'ble Minister for PR & RWS and Child Wel-

fare Smt. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka to personally look into their genuine difficulties. Many rural employees have been working for long periods in hardship areas with limited facilities, heavy field responsibilities and continuous public pressure. Their request is not for special privilege, but for equal opportunity and administrative justice. They appeal that employees who have served sincerely in remote areas may be given a fair chance to work at least once in State Head Of-

fices, District Offices, Circle Offices or Divisional Offices, based on eligibility, vacancy position and service rules. Such a balanced transfer approach will improve employee morale, ensure fair distribution of hardship service, and strengthen administration in both rural and urban offices. The rural employees place their humble request before the Hon'ble Minister with faith that compassionate and just consideration will be given during the ongoing general transfer process.

CBI Gets Seven-Day Custody Of Five NEET-UG Leak Accused

The CBI on Thursday secured seven-day custody of five accused in the NEET-UG paper leak case and arrested two more suspects, as the agency widened its probe to examine the possible role of insiders in the National Testing Agency (NTA). A special CBI court, while granting custody, observed that the allegations indicated the involvement of an "organised gang" engaged in leaking and circulating confidential examination papers for monetary gain.

The five accused — Shubham Khairnar, Mangilal Biwal, Vikash Biwal, Dinesh Biwal and Yash Yadav — were produced before Special Judge Ajay Gupta after being brought on transit remand from different states.

The agency also arrested Dhananjay Lokhande from Ahilyanagar and Manisha Waghmare from Pune in connection with the case. In its remand plea, the CBI alleged that question papers were circulated in PDF format through WhatsApp and Telegram before the examination. It said the leak involved financial transactions.

Iran Urges India to Continue Chabahar Port Work

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Iran has urged India to continue its involvement in the development of the Chabahar Port, while acknowledging that progress has slowed due to US sanctions. Iranian foreign minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said the port remains a "major symbol of cooperation" between the two countries and expressed hope that India would sustain its engagement despite challenges following the expiry of the US sanctions waiver last month.

"Chabahar Port is one of the symbols of cooperation between Iran and India. We are so glad that Indians played an important role in the development of that port. Its progress has



somehow slowed down because of US sanctions... I hope that Indians will continue their work at Chabahar Port so that it can be fully developed in the service of the interests of India and other countries in the region," he said.

He added that "this port will serve as a golden gateway for India to access Central Asia, the Caucasus, and Europe through this transit route, and also for Europeans, Central Asians,

and others to access the Indian Ocean." External affairs minister S. Jaishankar held talks with his Iranian counterpart in New Delhi on the West Asian situation and its implications for energy security, including concerns over the Strait of Hormuz.

Following the meeting, Jaishankar said, "Had a detailed conversation with FM Abbas Araghchi of Iran this morning in Delhi. Discussed the situation in West Asia

and its implications. Also exchanged views on bilateral issues of mutual interest." Araghchi said Iran attaches "great importance" to ties with India and supported a "greater role" for India in addressing the West Asian crisis.

On maritime security, he said, "As far as we are concerned, the Strait of Hormuz is open, and all vessels can pass except the vessels of those countries which are fighting with us. The Strait is located in the territorial waters of Iran and Oman and everything relating to it should be managed by Iran and Oman. There will be a good administration of the the Strait of Hormuz in the future, which will guarantee the safe passage.

Amit Shah Likely to Review Security Situation in Post-Maoist Bastar

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah is likely to visit Bastar in Chhattisgarh on May 18 for a two-day review of the security situation in the region after it was declared free of armed Maoists earlier this year. According to senior officials in the state home department, the visit is expected to focus on assessing whether the ground situation is suitable for the phased withdrawal of Central forces from the former Left Wing Extremism-affected region.

This will be Shah's first visit to Bastar since Chhattisgarh was declared Maoist-free on March 31. More than



65,000 personnel from various Central Paramilitary Forces are currently deployed in Bastar for counter-insurgency operations. Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma had earlier indicated that Central forces may continue in the region for another year despite the improvement in the security situation.

Security camps set up across Bastar are gradually being converted into "Jan Suvida Kendras" or public service centres, providing healthcare, education, banking and access to

welfare schemes for local villagers. Around 400 security camps are currently operational across Bastar division, which includes Bastar, Kanker, Kondagaon, Dantewada, Sukma, Narayanpur and Bijapur districts. Officials said Shah may inaugurate a public service centre at Netanar in Bastar district during the visit. The facility has been established at a security camp run by the CRPF's 80th Battalion.

Ahead of the proposed visit, Shah on Thursday held discussions in New Delhi with Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai regarding the post-Maoist security and development scenario in Bastar. Vijay Sharma also attended the meeting.

NEET Paper Leak: Delhi Court Sends Lokhande To 6-day CBI Custody

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A Delhi court on Friday sent NEET paper leak case accused Dhananjay Nivrutti Lokhande to six days' CBI custody, saying the agency needed to unearth the entire conspiracy, identify and arrest others, recover evidence and prevent tampering of evidence. Special CBI judge Ajay Gupta was hearing the federal agency's plea seeking six days' custodial interrogation of Lokhande, who had been arrested from Ahilyanagar in Maharashtra, and brought to the court on a transit remand.

"Allegedly, there is a larger conspiracy angle present in this case; the investigation is at its very initial stage, and the custody of the accused Dhananjay Nivrutti Lokhande has been sought to unearth the entire conspiracy as well as arrest all the other active members of this organised paper leak gang and also for the recovery of all the relevant incriminating material," Judge Gupta said. He noted that, according to Special Public Prosecutor



Neetu Singh, Lokhande's custody was required to prevent further tampering with the evidence, as some of the accused persons had already deleted the incriminating data from their mobile phones.

"Therefore... the CBI seeking six days' police custody remand of the accused is hereby allowed, and he is remanded to police custody for six days, subject to his medical examination," the judge said.

Five more accused, Yash Yadav, Mangilal Khatik, Vikash Biwal, Dinesh Biwal and Shubham Khairnar, were earlier remanded to CBI custody on Thursday till May 20. The court cited CBI's submission that the NEET 2026 exam was conducted on May 3, but before the scheduled date, a paper containing a substantial number of questions, which also appeared in the exam, was leaked and circulated in an organised

manner for monetary gain.

It said that a fact-finding inquiry was conducted by the Special Operations Group (SOG), Rajasthan, which reportedly confirmed the authenticity of certain leaked questions.

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On Lokhande's role, the court noted that according to the probe, he was known to Shubham. It said that after receiving the material from another accused, he transmitted it to Shubham, and that there had been banking transactions of around Rs 6 lakh between them.

"Allegedly, as per the CBI investigation, it has come to light that accused Shubham Madhukar Khairnar had obtained the said paper from accused Dhananjay, who had obtained the same from co-accused Manisha Waghmare (a resident of Pune)," the court said.

It said that Shubham allegedly helped facilitate Yash Yadav (of Gurugram) with the distribution of the leaked paper, and on April 29, Yadav got the PDF files of the question papers through the Telegram app. Files containing,

Gautam Adani Nears Resolution Of US Cases As SEC Settles

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Billionaire Gautam Adani is nearing a sweeping resolution of multiple US legal investigations, with the Securities and Exchange Commission settling its civil case and the Justice Department and Treasury Department expected to conclude parallel probes in the coming days, according to people familiar with the matter.

The US Securities and Exchange Commission on Thursday settled civil allegations against Adani and his nephew, Sagar



Adani, tied to disclosures made to investors in connection with solar energy projects in India. Court records show Gautam Adani agreed to pay USD 6 million and Sagar Adani USD 12 million, without admitting or denying wrongdoing.

After this, the US Department of Justice (DoJ) is preparing to drop criminal

charges against the two men, after months of engagement between prosecutors and an expanded legal team led by Robert J Giuffra Jr, a senior partner at Sullivan & Cromwell and one of US President Donald Trump's personal lawyers. The case brought by the SEC in November 2024, alongside a criminal complaint by the US Department of Justice, alleged that the Adanis orchestrated a scheme to pay USD 265 million in bribes to Indian officials to secure solar energy contracts and concealed the scheme from US in-

vestors and banks when they raised funds. Prosecutors charged Adani under securities fraud and wire fraud statutes, though he was not named in the more serious Foreign Corrupt Practices Act bribery counts brought against other defendants. While Gautam Adani chairs the Adani Group, Sagar Adani is executive director at Adani Green Energy. The Adani Group has consistently denied wrongdoing and said it maintained strong governance and compliance standards.

EAM Describes Russia As Trusted Partner

NEW DELHI
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External affairs minister S. Jaishankar on Wednesday described Russia as a "trusted partner" during bilateral talks with Sergey Lavrov in New Delhi. Jaishankar said political cooperation between the two countries remains "valuable" in an uncertain global environ-

ment and stressed the need for sustained engagement to advance ties. He noted that both nations share an interest in a multipolar world order and that the meeting provided an opportunity to review the bilateral strategic partnership.

Lavrov referred to the close relationship between the two countries and recalled the visit of

Vladimir Putin to India last year. He indicated continued cooperation in strategic sectors and emphasised the need to "find global answers to global problems" in the context of ongoing international challenges.

The meeting comes ahead of the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting, where global and regional issues are ex-

pected to be discussed. Jaishankar also held separate bilateral meetings with Mauro Vieira and Ronald Lamola.

He additionally met visiting counterparts from the Maldives and Chile. The engagements are part of diplomatic consultations on bilateral ties and multilateral cooperation.

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Revanth To Move.....

The Chief Minister said five police teams were working on the case and that police had gone to Sanjay's residence in Delhi to serve notices, but the accused had reportedly moved to his relative's house. The Chief Minister warned that if there was no response to notices within the stipulated time, the police would take strict action. He stressed that the issue concerned the future of children and even minor mistakes could destroy lives. He also revealed that the victim had two birth certificates and the police needed time to investigate all related aspects thoroughly. Revanth Reddy said the complaint related to incidents that allegedly took place before December 31,

2025 and investigating events dating back four to five months naturally required time. He maintained that even if there was a delay of one day, the accused could not escape punishment. The Chief Minister questioned whether filing a Pocco Act case amounted to threatening someone or supporting the victim, reiterating that his government was fully committed to protecting victims and punishing offenders. Revanth Reddy said Sanjay's handling of the issue involving his son was morally wrong and urged him to face the matter courageously. "Bandi Sanjay should stand up and answer. He should personally bring his son and hand him over at the police station. They should face the investigation and not run away," he said. The

Chief Minister also dismissed allegations of political vendetta, saying he had not acted harshly even against the family of former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao despite being jailed during the previous BRS regime. He said he did not know what differences existed between Sanjay and the BRS or between Sanjay and K.T. Rama Rao. He also remarked that BRS leader R.S. Praveen Kumar was no longer an IPS officer and he should stop behaving like an investigation officer probing a Pocco case.

Trump Returns.....

The US President made a brief refuelling stop in Anchorage, Alaska, before returning. In an interview with Fox News following his meeting with Xi on Thursday, Trump

said, "It's the two great countries. I call it the G-2. I think it'll go down as a very important moment in history." The Washington Post reported that Trump's remarks put China on an equal footing with the US, which was a goal Xi had sought to achieve during the visit.

"Over two days of meetings here, the carefully choreographed pageantry and the reciprocal gestures of friendship and respect between the world's two most powerful men displayed a geopolitical dynamic that the Chinese have long craved and Americans had resisted," the Post said. Trump told Fox News that the relationship with Xi was important and suggested that China may not resort to any aggressive moves over Taiwan, at least till he is in office. "It's not a

takeover. They just don't want to see this place - we'll call it a place because nobody knows how to define it - but they don't want to see it go independent," Trump said. "I don't think they'll do anything when I'm here. When I'm not here. I think they might, to be honest with you," Trump said. "I want them to cool down. I want China to cool down. We're not looking to have wars, and if you kept it the way it is, I think China's going to be OK with that," Trump stated.

The US President also informed that he had invited Xi to visit Washington in September.

Pawan Kalyan.....

Kalyan also urged party activists not to compare Andhra Pradesh politics with neighbouring states, in

an apparent reference to actor-politician Vijay in Tamil Nadu. Reflecting on his earlier political experience, he recalled that contesting alone in 2019 resulted in defeats in both constituencies.

On a personal note, Kalyan revealed that he has been suffering from severe sinus and shoulder problems due to his hectic tours and fan pressure. He thanked Jana Sena workers and supporters for standing by him since the party's launch in 2014

and said the party's membership has crossed 21.5 lakh. His remarks underlined both a reaffirmation of alliance commitment and a clear message on the need for mutual cooperation among partners in Andhra Pradesh's political landscape.

CRIME

Cyberabad Cybercrime Police Detect 5 Cases, Arrest 10 Accused Across Multiple States

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Cybercrime Police, Cyberabad, detected five cybercrime cases between May 6 and May 14, 2026, and arrested 10 accused involved in various online frauds across multiple states. According to officials, the cases included one Digital Arrest Fraud case, three Trading Fraud cases and one Operation Crackdown case. The investigation revealed that cybercrime networks were operating across different parts of India. Police also processed 514 refund orders in 64 cases through courts and fa-

cilitated refunds worth Rs. 1.59 crore to cybercrime victims. In one major case, Cybercrime Police busted a Digital Arrest fraud in which a victim was cheated of Rs. 60 lakh. Fraudsters allegedly posed as Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) officials from Lucknow and falsely accused the victim of involvement in money laundering and terrorism-related

offences. Officials said the accused used fake police video calls, forged arrest notices, fabricated RBI verification documents and psychological threats to force the victim into transferring money from multiple bank accounts and fixed deposits. Four accused from Andhra Pradesh — Shaik Rehna Begum, Alajangi Ravi,

Mohammad Jaffar and Kolla Venkata Atchuta Rao — were arrested for allegedly opening and supplying bank accounts used to route the cheated money. Cyberabad Cybercrime Police advised the public not to trust calls from unknown persons claiming to be police or government officials. Officials clarified that no government agency conducts investigations through video calls or places citizens under “digital arrest.” Police urged citizens to immediately report suspicious cyber fraud calls to the Cyber Crime Helpline 1930 or through the National Cyber Crime Reporting

EDITORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

Court Orders Data Transfer to T-Wallet

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Justice T. Madhavi Devi of the Telangana High Court, sitting in the vacation court, granted anticipatory bail to the directors of a payment service operator in the T-Wallet dispute case, after recording their undertaking that they would transfer customer data and wallet balances relating to nearly 16 lakh users to the government within a week. The judge was hearing a criminal petition filed by Srinivasa Rao Katuri and Kiran Kumar, who were facing allegations of cheating and criminal

breach of trust arising out of operations of T-Wallet, the state government-owned e-money wallet platform. According to the petitioners, their company was previously engaged by the government for operation of T-Wallet and the dispute arose after the government appointed a new operator and sought transfer of customer KYC details and wallet funds. The petitioners contended that Reserve Bank of India regulations prohibited transfer of customer funds and sensitive KYC data without obtaining consent from customers and that any such transfer

without legal protection would expose them to serious regulatory consequences. It was submitted that the petitioners were willing to transfer the customer data and monies provided appropriate protection and directions were granted by the court. Opposing the plea, the public prosecutor contended that similar assurances were been furnished earlier by the petitioners but the customer data and wallet balances were still not transferred. It was submitted that the matter involved nearly 16 lakh customers and that custodial interrogation.

Court slams Sanathnagar cops for interfering in civil dispute

Justice G.M. Mohiuddin of the Telangana High Court came down heavily on the authorities of the Sanathnagar police station for interfering in civil disputes while granting interim protection to a 55-year-old man embroiled in a family property dispute. The court cautioned law enforcement authorities against compelling parties to arrive at settlements in matters of purely civil nature. The judge was hearing a writ petition filed by Prem Chand, who alleged that police authorities were unlawfully interfering in an ongoing family property dispute and attempting to force a compromise with the unofficial respondent. According to the petitioner, the dispute pertained exclusively to family property issues and did not disclose any criminal offence warranting police intervention. Counsel for the petitioner contended that police personnel were repeatedly visiting the residence of the petitioner, summoning him to the police station and allegedly threatening criminal action.

3 Held For Stealing Money From Temple Hundis

Kalluru police on Thursday arrested three members of an inter-state gang for allegedly stealing money from hundis at temples in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh over the past six months, police said. The arrested were identified as Bolusu Yesubabu alias Manikala Yesubabu, 23, of Obulapalem in Mylavaram mandal of NTR district; Chevuri Adinarayana, 30, of Chaital in NTR district; and Tummala Murali, 25, of Erraguntapadu in Khammam district. Kalluru ACP Vasundhara Yadav said the three were arrested on Madhira Road on the outskirts of Kalluru following credible information. Police seized tools allegedly used to break open temple doors.

CA Student Found Dead in Miyapur, Family Suspects Foul Play

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A Chartered Accountancy (CA) student was found dead under suspicious circumstances in Miyapur on Friday. The deceased was identified as Kummari Janardhan, a native of Kurnool district in Andhra Pradesh. He was found hanging in his room at Gokul Plots under the Miyapur police station

limits. According to police, locals alerted authorities after Janardhan did not open the door of his room. Police later found him hanging inside the room. Family members, who rushed to Hyderabad after receiving information, alleged foul

play in the incident. They reportedly noticed injuries near his mouth and bloodstains on his clothes and on the floor. Police shifted the body to Gandhi Hospital for post-mortem examination. A clues team visited the spot and collected evidence from the scene. Miyapur police registered a case and are continuing the investigation into the incident.

Land take for NH: HC issues notice

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A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court sitting in the vacation court issued notices to the land acquisition officer and other authorities in an appeal arising out of land acquisition proceedings for the NH-163G Mancheril-Warangal greenfield corridor project in Jayashankar Bhupalapally district. The panel comprising Justice T. Madhavi Devi and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin was hearing a writ appeal filed by Anandapu

Tirupathi and other agriculturists challenging the order of a single judge, which relegated them to avail the statutory remedy under the National Highways Act in disputes concerning compensation and acquisition proceedings. The appellants contended that their agricultural land situated in villages falling under Chityal, Mogullapally and Tekumatla mandals of Jayashankar Bhupalapally district were acquired for the four-lane greenfield highway project undertaken by the National Highways Authority of India

(NHAI). According to the appellants, they became aware of the proposed acquisition only in April 2021 through notifications issued for acquisition of land in nearly 10 villages. They alleged that the notifications disclosed only survey number-wise extents without furnishing pattadar-wise particulars, thereby depriving affected landowners of a meaningful opportunity to submit objections. The appellants contended that despite filing objections opposing the greenfield alignment and suggesting widening of

the existing highway instead, the authorities failed to conduct any effective hearing. Before the vacation court, counsel for the appellants argued that the writ court failed to appreciate serious procedural irregularities and denial of statutory safeguards in the acquisition process. It was further contended that the challenge raised by the appellants was not confined to adequacy of compensation, but extended to the legality of the acquisition proceedings themselves, particularly on the ground.



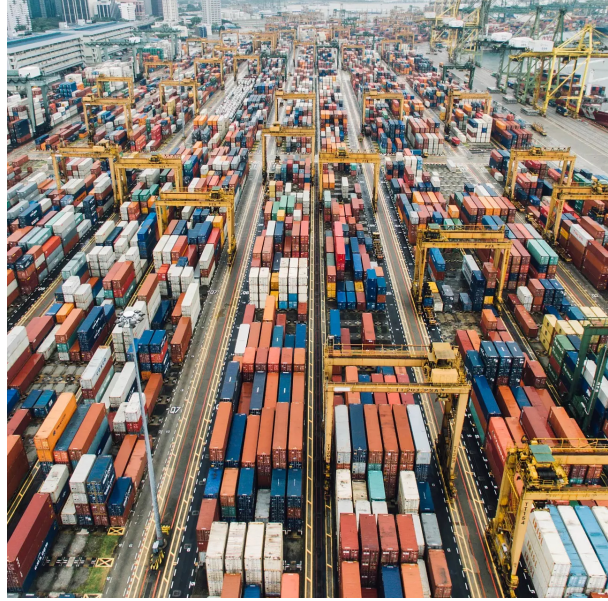
Steel Quota Becomes a 'Sticking Point' in India-UK Deal

India, UK seek solution after Britain cuts tariff-free steel quotas

NEW DELHI
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The United Kingdom's decision to slash tariff-free steel import quotas by 60 percent from July 1 has emerged as a major hurdle in implementing the proposed India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

The move, announced shortly before the trade pact was expected to become operational, has triggered concerns among Indian exporters and trade experts over rising protectionism in the UK market. Under the revised rules, steel imports exceeding the quota limit will attract a steep 50 percent tariff, up from the ex-



isting 25 percent duty on above-quota shipments. The measure was not part of the negotiated trade agreement with India, creating uncertainty over the future of steel exports to

the UK. Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal on Friday said India and the UK are working on a "unique and creative solution" to resolve issues arising from Britain's

safeguard measures and ensure the trade deal is operationalised at the earliest. Trade experts say the UK is increasingly adopting a protectionist approach similar to the European Union by combining safeguard restrictions with carbon-linked border taxes.

According to the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), London's latest move mirrors the EU's steel trade framework, which already poses challenges for Indian exporters through quota systems and the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). EEPC India chairman Pankaj Chadha said nearly 20 steel products are likely to fall under the new quota

regime.

He warned that Indian exporters may face significant financial pressure even on shipments entering the UK duty-free under quota limits. GTRI noted that exporters could incur nearly \$38 in CBAM-related costs for every \$100 worth of steel shipped, despite zero customs duty within quotas. If exports exceed safeguard limits, the combined impact of the 50 percent over-quota duty and CBAM costs could raise the total burden to as high as \$95 per \$100 shipment. The development has intensified concerns within India's steel sector over shrinking export competitiveness in key global markets.

Fadnavis Announces Onion Purchase At Rs 12.35/Kg; Farmers Unhappy

MUMBAI
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Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday announced a major relief measure for onion growers amid the deepening onion price crisis in the state, stating that the Centre has decided to begin onion procurement at Rs 12.35 per kilogram. The announcement comes amid growing anger among onion farmers over the steep fall in prices caused by weak demand, export restrictions, adverse weather conditions and global instability, particularly in Gulf nations. Farmers have claimed that prevailing market rates are not even covering cultivation costs, pushing thousands of growers into economic



distress. Meanwhile, Bharat Dighole, president of the state onion growers' association, criticised the announcement, stating that the decision does not provide relief to farmers and instead amounts to "rubbing salt into their wounds". Mr. Fadnavis was speaking at the Griha Pravesh ceremony of five lakh completed rural houses at the grounds of Sainik School in Satara district. The ceremony was also attended by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

The Centre has sanctioned 30 lakh houses for Maharashtra under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural), of which five lakh houses have been completed so far. Mr. Chouhan also announced the release of the Centre's share of assistance amounting to Rs 8,368.50 crore for Maharashtra under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural) for the financial year 2026-27. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said many farmers were being forced to throw away onions as they were receiving only Rs 1 for their produce. "I have requested Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to procure onions directly from farmers.

Gold, silver tumble up to 4 pc amid stronger dollar, rising crude prices

NEW DELHI
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Gold and silver prices traded sharply lower on Friday, witnessing heavy selling pressure in both domestic and international markets amid a stronger US dollar and rising concerns that the US Federal Reserve may continue with higher interest rates for a prolonged period. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold futures for June 5 delivery fell by as much as 1.52 per cent or Rs 2,478 dur-

ing intraday trade to hit a low of Rs 1,59,500. At around 10.45 am, the yellow metal was trading at Rs 1,59,792, down 1.34 per cent or Rs 2,186 from the previous close. Gold futures had opened at Rs 1,60,790 and later touched an intraday high of Rs 1,60,992 before declining further. Silver prices witnessed steeper losses compared to gold. MCX silver futures for July 3 delivery plunged 4.12 per cent or Rs 12,000 to touch an intraday low of Rs 2,79,102. The white

metal was later trading at Rs 2,80,091, marking a decline of 3.78 per cent or Rs 11,011 from the previous session. Silver futures had opened at Rs 2,80,000 and recorded an intraday high of Rs 2,83,219 before coming under heavy pressure.

The sharp decline in domestic bullion prices mirrored weakness in international markets. COMEX gold futures slipped 1.54 per cent to trade at \$4,615 per ounce, while COMEX silver dropped 4.47 per cent to



\$81.49 per ounce. Commodity market experts said the decline in gold prices was mainly driven by strengthening expecta-

tions that the US Federal Reserve could maintain elevated interest rates for a longer duration due to persistent inflationary

pressures in the American economy. Higher interest rates generally reduce the attractiveness of non-yielding assets such as gold and silver, leading investors to shift towards interest-bearing instruments and the US dollar. Analysts also pointed to ongoing geopolitical tensions in West Asia and disruptions in energy shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, which have increased fears of higher global inflation. These developments have

strengthened the US dollar index, putting additional pressure on precious metals. A stronger dollar makes gold and silver costlier for investors holding other currencies, thereby reducing global demand. Despite the sharp correction, experts noted that silver continues to receive support from expectations of strong industrial demand. Silver remains a key component in sectors such as electronics, electric vehicles and solar energy, which could help limit

further downside in the long term. Meanwhile, crude oil prices continued to rise amid concerns over supply disruptions in the Middle East. International benchmark Brent crude climbed 1.57 per cent to \$107.38 per barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude advanced 1.72 per cent to \$102.92 per barrel. Market participants are now closely watching upcoming US economic data and signals from the Federal Reserve for further direction in bullion prices.

ITR filing process for AY 2026-27 officially begins

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The Income Tax Department on Friday said that it enabled the filing of Income Tax Returns (ITRs) for the financial year 2025-26 (assessment year 2026-27) with the release of Excel utilities for ITR-1 and ITR-4 forms on e-filing portal.

Announcing the update on social media platform X, the department said taxpayers can now access both the Excel utility and online filing options for the two forms.

With the announcement of the offline utilities, the ITR filing process for AY 2026-27 has officially commenced.

Now, taxpayers can fill out the forms offline and generate a JSON file and upload it to the Income Tax Department's e-filing website after completing verification. However, non-audit taxpayers are generally required to file their returns by July 31.

At present, seven different ITR forms are available, depending on the nature of income and taxpayer category.

ITR-1 — known as Sahaj — is meant for resident individuals, includ-



ing not ordinarily resident taxpayers, having an annual income of up to Rs 50 lakh.

ITR-4 — known as Sugam — applicable to resident individuals, Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs) and firms other than LLPs with annual income up to Rs 50 lakh.

Earlier, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) had notified the ITR forms for AY 2026-27 with revised disclosure norms. The changes include additional reporting requirements related to long-term capital gains, losses from share buybacks and certain trading transactions.

Notably, India's net direct tax collections recorded steady growth in the financial year 2025-26, rising 5.12 per cent year-on-year to Rs 23,40,406 crore, according to data released by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

CFG Opens Mega AI Digital Lab for Rural Women

Citizens Financial Group Launches Mega Digital Lab for 700 Women Students in Siddipet

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In a major push towards digital empowerment and skill development for rural women students, Citizens Financial Group, in collaboration with Nirmaan Organization, inaugurated one of the largest Digital Empowerment Labs at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Residential Degree College for Women in Waragal.

The advanced digital facility, equipped with over 100 computers and high-speed internet connectivity, is expected to benefit nearly 700 women students from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The initiative aims to provide structured digital education, AI-integrated learning, and employability-focused training aligned with current industry requirements. The Digital Lab has



been launched under a three-year Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative and will primarily support B.Sc Computer Science and Data Science students. Two dedicated instructors will manage the lab throughout the academic year and assist students across different academic streams.

Speaking on the occasion, Michael Rutledge said access to technology alone is not enough, and emphasized the importance of mentorship, structured learning, and practical exposure to real-world digital tools. He stated

that the initiative aims to equip young women with the confidence and skills needed for the future economy.

Sailaja Josyula highlighted that Cognizant's outreach programme has been supporting rural students in Telangana since 2019, especially women from underserved communities, by improving employability and digital readiness. She welcomed the Citizens Digital Empowerment Lab as a strong addition to these ongoing efforts. The college has been associated with Cognizant's nationwide outreach programme for

several years. Citizens GCC Hyderabad and CFG India joined the initiative in September 2025, with the Digital Empowerment Lab emerging as a flagship project to strengthen technology-enabled education in rural colleges.

Saidulu described the initiative as a significant step towards improving educational outcomes and employability opportunities for women students from underserved communities.

Mayur Patnala said the organisation remains committed to expanding access to quality education through strong CSR partnerships. Organisers believe the initiative will provide many students with their first practical exposure to modern technology and significantly improve their digital skills, career readiness, and future employment opportunities.

Rupee trades lower amid elevated crude prices

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Indian rupee breached the 96-mark against the US dollar on Friday amid persistent global pressures, rising crude oil prices, and continued geopolitical tensions linked to the Iran conflict.

Earlier in the day, the domestic currency opened at 95.86 in the interbank foreign exchange market and slipped to 95.94 during early trade, after touching an all-time low of 95.96 in the previous session.

Pressure on the rupee also intensified after oil marketing companies (OMCs) increased petrol and diesel prices by Rs 3 per litre with immediate effect.

According to experts, the rupee has remained under pressure in recent weeks and emerged as one of the worst-performing currencies in Asia as India's import bill comes under strain from surging energy costs.

In addition, market sentiment remained fragile after talks between US President Donald Trump

and Chinese President Xi Jinping failed to deliver significant progress on key geopolitical flashpoints, particularly on the US-Iran front.

Despite pressure on the rupee, domestic equity markets showed resilience. BSE Sensex rose 0.62 per cent or 471.64 points during intraday trade, while the Nifty 50 gained 0.63 per cent or 150 points to touch 23,839.30.

On the commodities front, international benchmark Brent crude surged 3.46 per cent to \$109.38 per barrel.

Similarly, US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude advanced 4 per cent to \$105.24 per barrel.

Indian oil marketing companies (OMCs) have raised petrol and diesel prices by Rs 3 per litre.

According to a senior official, the marginal increase in fuel prices is significantly lower than the losses being absorbed by public sector oil companies due to soaring global crude oil prices, which have crossed the \$100-per-barrel mark.

When Football Meets K-Pop: Lisa Set for Historic FIFA World Cup Performance

FIFA World Cup gears up for one of a kind 23rd edition, this time hosted by USA, Canada, and Mexico taking place from June 11th to July 19th 2026. For the first time FIFA is adopting a never witnessed before Super-bowl halftime style spectacle which anticipates massive entertainment and performances by world renowned artists. Mexico is setting the stage as the country to open the three legged tournament that will continue across Canada and the USA. In partnership with Balich Wonder Studio, each ceremony is attached by a shared creative concept that reconceptualises the FIFA World Cup trophy through the eyes of each host countries' culture. Papel Picado, a significant and powerful symbol of tradition, joy and craftsmanship is the theme brought to life in Mexico through the detailed celebration of art. Lalisa Manobal, known mononymously by her stage name Lisa, is making history as the first Thai artist and the first female



KPop artist to perform at the FIFA World Cup opening ceremony. The performance is to take place on June 12, 2026 at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, USA. It will take place during the opening celebrations just before the match between the US and Paraguay. Lisa will be performing alongside global megastars Katy Perry, Future and Anitta, to name a few.

To take a look back, in 2023, Lisa gave dynamic performances as part of Blackpink as well as a solo set that broke barriers between KPop and western music festivals. Lisa also delivered a power-packed solo performance at the Global Citizen Festival in 2024. One that went viral was when she graced the stage at the 2024 Victoria's Secret Fashion show de-

living a show-stopping solo set. Lisa truly has a history of major solo stages where her solo tracks gave her a global recognition and appreciation. What does this mean for a female artist from Asia? Lisa is breaking gender barriers by representing female Asian and KPop soloists on the world's most watched and loved sporting event

stage. She proves that demand for Asian acts extends way beyond the traditional group setting. She elevates Thailand's cultural soft power and provides a significant visibility for Southeast Asian talent in the western dominated mainstream music industry. Her appearance alongside big global names just adds and solidifies the fact that the interactive multi-lingual stars from outside the US or UK can harbour enormous, multi-national sports and entertainment spectacles such as the Fifa world cup. She is paving the way for girls all around the world who look up to her as a source of inspiration. Lisa's headline performance for the FIFA World Cup 2026 is more than just a massive musical milestone, it is a defining cultural moment. Lisa shatters geographical and gender boundaries within the entertainment industry. This historic moment is proof of the fact that KPop's reign is not just a phase or a trend that will eventually pass but a permanent, dominant pillar in global pop culture, with Lisa leading the charge as an unstoppable force.

Karuppu Faces Release Issues; RJ Balaji Reacts to Last-Minute Hurdles



MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

Actors Suriya and Trisha Krishnan are awaiting the release of Karuppu, a film that has been making headlines ahead of its grand debut. However, the movie has run into problems before its release. The film team informed the public that early shows were cancelled, much to the disappointment of fans. Producer SR Prabu took to X in the early hours of May 14 to apologize to audiences for the sudden cancellation. Sharing an update regarding the "unavoidable reasons" behind the delay, he

wrote, "Due to unavoidable reasons 9am shows will be cancelled for Karuppu. Our sincere apologies to everyone!"

Director and actor RJ Balaji also spoke about the last-minute hurdles, stating that the producers are trying to resolve the issues before the official release. Talking about the problems faced by the film over the last 32 months, RJ Balaji wrote, "Dearest fans, I don't have a concrete answer to the current situation. Producers are doing their best to solve the hurdles. This film has always had hurdles, and somehow God

has made us sail through all that and here we are after 32 months. This time as well, I have faith, complete faith, in Him."

Suriya fans are protesting and asking the production house to share updates, as well as to release the movie smoothly without further delay. The film's trailer received a positive response from all quarters. Directed by RJ Balaji, the movie also features Indrans, Natty, Swasika, and Sshivada, among others, in important roles. The music for Karuppu has been composed by Sai Abhyankar.

NBKA Karate Player Wins Gold At National League

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

NAYAK BUDOKAN KARATE ACADEMY (NBKA) brought laurels at the prestigious Season 4 Super Gold Karate League 2026, held on May 9 and 10 at Guru Madal Ashramam in Haridwar, where karate players from across the country participated in the national-level competition. NBKA karate player Praksh Nayak delivered an impressive performance and secured the Gold Medal in the Senior Black Belt Kumite event, earning appreciation from sports enthusiasts and academy members. INFY Aerospace Systems Pvt. Ltd. Managing Director Anant Kumar Sinha congratulated Praksh Nayak on the achievement and assured continued support for budding sports talent. He highlighted the importance of karate and martial arts in everyday life, stating that such sports help youngsters develop discipline, confidence, physical fitness, self-defense abilities, and mental strength.



NBKA President P. Ganesh Nayak also appreciated Praksh Nayak for his dedication, commitment, and hard work that led to success at the national-level tournament. He expressed confidence that students of the academy would continue to excel and bring more recognition in future competitions. The academy members and supporters celebrated the achievement and extended their best wishes to Praksh Nayak for greater success in upcoming national and international

championships. The Season 4 Super Gold Karate League 2026 witnessed participation from several talented karate players representing different states and academies, making the event highly competitive. Praksh Nayak's gold medal victory added another milestone to the achievements of NAYAK BUDOKAN KARATE ACADEMY, further strengthening its reputation in promoting martial arts and nurturing young talent.

Mitchell Marsh powers Lucknow Super Giants past Chennai Super Kings

LUCKNOW
Wakeup telangana

Mitchell Marsh's 38-ball 90 was a stunning rhapsody of power, carrying an already-eliminated Lucknow Super Giants to a seven-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings in an IPL match here on Friday. Once the Super Kings posted a healthy 187 for five, which was built around Kartik Sharma's prudent 71, the Super Giants' task was cut out on a slightly two-paced track. But Marsh, who along with his Australia teammate Josh Inglis (36, 31b) added 135 runs for the opening wicket to make a mockery of the pitch and even more so of some listless bowling by CSK. Chennai stayed on 12 points from as many games, and now they need to win both their remaining matches and some other results to go their way to have a chance to enter the play-offs. There was some assistance to exploit on the deck, particularly if you dug the ball in, but the Chennai bowlers were more keen to discover from non-existent swing



while pitching the ball up. On other occasions, the attempted snorters turned out to be pathetic half-trackers, but Marsh was not complaining. The 34-year-old gorged on the offerings in his inimitable style. Pacer Anshul Kamboj felt the brute strength of 'Bison' while getting pasted for four sixes in a row with a four to boot in the fifth over the chase. The over yielded 28 runs. The LSG ended the Power Play with an impressive 86 without loss and Marsh continued to drive his side. Pacer Spencer Johnson

was his next target, hitting him for two fours and a six as the runs flowed in thick and fast. Marsh reached his fifty off just 21 balls, and reaching a landmark only fuelled his desire to score even quicker. But the smooth-sailing alliance was broken when Inglis skied Mukesh Choudhary to Urvil. Marsh, who looked set for a second hundred of the season, departed in an unfortunate manner as Nicholas Pooran's straight drive crashed onto stumps at non-striker's end after taking a deflection from Choudhary's fingers.

The Super Giants seemed to be in a slight worry and also needed 24 runs off 24 balls, but Pooran (32, 17b) struck Kamboj for four sixes on the bounce, just like Marsh did earlier, as they reached home in 16.4 overs. Kamboj ended up with disastrous figures of 2.4-0-63-0. Earlier, Kartik (71, 42 balls) made a composed fifty after CSK's top-order stumbled against LSG bowlers' hard length strategy. Kartik and Dewald Brevis (25) added 70 runs for the fourth wicket as CSK slipped out of a tight 52 for three after 7.2 overs. Kartik has an obvious discomfort against deliveries that raise around his chin but he showed gumption to stay there and overcome the little chink. On this night, the right-hander started off with freeing his arms against spinner Shahbaz Ahmed, smoking him for a six, and later for a maximum and two fours in a row. It's his forte, bashing slow bowlers. At that stage, his strike-rate against LSG pacers was 84, while runs came at 140 against the lone spinner in Ahmed.

But soon the 20-year-old found a way to score off pacers too and he tore into Prince Yadav, smashing him for two successive sixes. Brevis, at the other end, gave him good support, milking a six each off Akash Singh and Ahmed. Kartik soon reached his fifty in style, clobbering Mohammed Shami for six to reach the mark in 35 balls. But the veteran India pacer had a crumb of consolation as a sharp bumper caught Brevis off guard, whose pull ended in the hands of Akash. Kartik too did not last long as he, ironically, fell to spinner Ahmed, lifting him straight to Aiden Markram at long on. He had consumed 42 balls by then. Before Kartik showed his heartening maturity, left-arm pacer Akash (3/26) had CSK in a tangle. The strapping quick used the hard length to a nicety to get rid of Sanju Samson, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Urvil. Akash does not have blistering pace. But Akash, who bowled four overs on the trot, relied on an exemplary line that denied CSK top-order

Drunk man calls cops while lying on railway track in Hyderabad, rescued

A 33-year-old man from Bidar, Karnataka, narrowly escaped death after cancelling his suicide attempt at the last moment and calling the police for help at Kacheguda railway station on Thursday, May 14.

According to police, the man, identified as Madhav, had an argument with his sister following which he consumed alcohol and went to the railway tracks intending to end his life.

However, moments later, fear gripped him and he dialled 100 seeking rescue. Due to heavy intoxication, Madhav was unable to move away from the tracks on his own. Acting swiftly, the Kacheguda police rushed to the spot and rescued him just before an approaching Vande Bharat Express arrived. He was later handed over to the Kacheguda Government Railway Police for counselling and further assistance.

Fuel Price Hike Turns a Blessing in Disguise for Telangana

The state government's earnings from VAT on fuel have steadily increased since the formation of Telangana in 2014

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A hike in petrol and diesel prices by ₹3 per litre has come as a blessing in disguise for the Telangana government, which is expected to earn an additional ₹45 crore per month through Value Added Tax (VAT), translating into nearly ₹540 crore annually for the state exchequer. Telangana imposes one of the highest VAT in the country — 35.2 per cent on petrol and 27 per cent on diesel. After this latest revision on Friday, Hyderabad has emerged as the costliest metro city in the country for motorists to buy fuel.

A litre of petrol in Hyderabad will now cost ₹110.78, while diesel will cost ₹98.90 per litre. The city witnessed the highest increase in fuel prices in



the country, with petrol going up by ₹3.39 per litre and diesel by ₹3.26 per litre. The sharp rise has widened the gap between Hyderabad and other metros. In Delhi, petrol prices increased to ₹97.77 per litre from ₹94.70, while diesel rose to ₹90.67 from ₹87.67 per litre. In Mumbai, petrol and diesel are now priced at ₹106.68 and ₹93.14 respectively. In Kolkata, petrol costs ₹108.74 per litre and diesel ₹95.13 per litre, while Chennai recorded petrol at ₹103.67 and diesel at ₹95.25 per litre. In Bengaluru, petrol is being sold at ₹106 per litre and diesel at ₹94.10 per litre.

According to data from the Union ministry of petroleum and natural gas, Telangana's VAT rates on petrol and diesel are the highest among all states in the country. Since VAT differs from state to state, retail fuel prices vary across the country. The state government's earnings from VAT on fuel have steadily increased since the formation of Telangana in 2014. Data ob-

tained from the commercial taxes department showed that Telangana earned ₹4,526 crore through VAT on fuel in 2014-15. The collections rose consistently over the years except during the Covid-19 pandemic year of 2020-21.

The figures reveal that VAT earnings from fuel increased to ₹6,391 crore in 2015-16, ₹7,552 crore in 2016-17, ₹8,776 crore in 2017-18, ₹10,036 crore in 2018-19 and ₹10,045 crore in 2019-20. Collections dipped to ₹8,690 crore in 2020-21 due to the pandemic-induced slowdown, but rebounded sharply thereafter to ₹13,170 crore in 2021-22, ₹14,928 crore in 2022-23, ₹15,159 crore in 2023-24, ₹15,515 crore in 2024-25 and ₹16,100 crore in 2025-26.

Revanth vows Musi project at any cost

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has reiterated his commitment to the Musi river rejuvenation project, warning that encroachments near water bodies will be demolished without hesitation.

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Friday asserted that the River Musi rejuvenation project would be implemented at any cost and warned against any construction near water bodies.

"All the owners, if they vacate voluntarily, can take away their belongings. Irrespective of the backing they have or those who try to exert pressure through the media, I will not stay calm. Things might get delayed by a day or two, but demolitions will be taken up," Revanth Reddy asserted at a conclave here on Friday.

The Chief Minister stated that all structures built within river boundaries would be demolished and



that encroachments on drains (nalas) would also be cleared without hesitation.

Calling it a warning, Revanth Reddy said people should stay away from water bodies and cautioned that any structures built near them would face demolition. "I will behave ruthlessly," he stressed.

He further said several former Chief Ministers had promised to rejuvenate the Musi river, but none had pursued the

project to completion.

Reiterating his commitment, Revanth Reddy said the Musi rejuvenation project would move forward despite objections from different sections. He maintained that cleaning the river was essential to transform Hyderabad into a world-class city.

He also said the government would deal firmly with drug-related offences and warned that those involved in drug abuse would face strict punishment.

Telangana HC reserves order on anticipatory bail plea of Bandi Sai Bageerath in POCSO case

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The Telangana High Court on Friday reserved orders on the anticipatory bail petition of Bandi Sai Bageerath, in the high-profile POCSO case registered against him in Pet Basheerabad police station.

Justice T Madhavi Devi who heard the prolonged arguments till late in the night said the orders would be delivered in the next sitting of the vacation court.

The High Court saw intense arguments between the counsels who put up their arguments for and against the grant of an anticipatory bail.

The arguments, which began at 9 p.m continued till 11.30 p.m, saw the counsels quoting various Supreme Court and high court orders on whether an anticipatory bail could be granted in a POCSO case.

Before the arguments began, Justice Madhavi Devi referred to what she termed as a 'smear campaign' unleashed against the judiciary in social

media and sought to know from the public prosecutor, the defense counsel and the counsel representing the victim whether they had confidence in her.

She told the counsels that if any of them had any reservation about her, she would not mind recusing herself. However, three counsels have asserted that they did not have any such reservations.

The Public Prosecutor told the judge that he had already brought the smear campaign to the notice of the Hyderabad police commissioner. The city police would launch an investigation into the smear campaign and initiate action.

When Justice Madhavi Devi said that immediate orders could not be issued, the defense counsel pleaded for an order to the effect that at least till the verdict was given, there should not be any coercive action against Bandi Sai Bageerath. However, this was strongly opposed by the counsel representing the victim girl who pointed out that such a relief could not be given.

Hyderabad Police alert fans over fake IPL ticket booking apps

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As excitement builds for the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) clash between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Royal Challengers Bengaluru at Hyderabad's Uppal Stadium on May 22, Hyderabad Police have issued a public warning against fake ticket booking apps and websites targeting cricket fans.

VC Sajjanar on Friday cautioned fans against cyber fraudsters who are allegedly exploiting the

huge demand for match tickets by circulating counterfeit apps and fake booking links on social media platforms.

According to police, several fraudulent advertisements related to IPL ticket bookings are currently being promoted online. Cyber criminals have re-

portedly designed fake applications and websites that closely resemble the official ticketing partner, District, by copying its logo, colours and overall interface to mislead unsuspecting users.

The fake platforms are offering tickets at discounted prices to attract cricket enthusiasts eager to secure seats for the much-anticipated encounter between the two IPL franchises.

Police said many of these fraudulent links appear almost identical to the original app and website,

making it difficult for users to distinguish between genuine and fake platforms. Officials warned that fans who click on such links and proceed with payments could end up losing their money without receiving any tickets. In some cases, sensitive banking and personal information entered on these fake platforms could also be stolen and misused by cyber criminals. Sajjanar urged cricket fans not to trust unofficial ticket booking links circulating on social media or messaging plat-

forms in their eagerness to watch the match live.

"We are keeping a close watch on such fake apps and websites.

If anyone comes across suspicious ticket booking platforms or fraudulent links, they should immediately report them to the police," he said. The Hyderabad Police said monitoring of fake IPL ticketing scams has been intensified ahead of the match, especially with a sharp rise in online fraud attempts linked to major sporting events.

Telangana to conduct state-wide mock exercises on May 18

The Telangana government will conduct state-wide mock drills on May 18 to assess the preparedness of emergency response systems for floods, forest fires and industrial accidents. Secretary Hari Chandana on Friday, May 15, reviewed the arrangements with officials at Command Control Centre and directed all departments and district administrations to ensure effective coordination and timely response during the exercises.

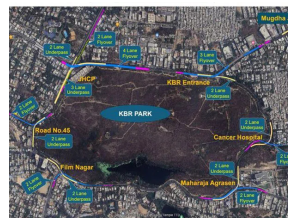
The mock drills will help assess the functioning of Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs), Incident Response Teams (IRTs), communication systems and inter-departmental coordination during emergency situations, the Secretary said.

Speaking at the event, Director General of Fire Services, Vikram Singh Mann, said that mock drills play a crucial role in identifying gaps and minimising loss of life and property during disasters. Lead consultant of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Major General Sudhir Behl (Retd.), gave a detailed presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the departments during mock exercises.

Seven flyovers and underpasses planned around KBR Park by 2028

The GHMC is constructing seven steel flyovers and seven underpasses around KBR National Park under the H-CITI project to ease congestion and create signal-free junctions. The infrastructure works, estimated at Rs 1,090 crore, are expected to be completed by December 2028.

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The road stretch around KBR National Park in the heart of the city is set to get seven steel flyovers and seven underpasses by December 2028 to ease traffic congestion and create signal-free junctions at seven key locations.

The proposed infrastructure works are currently underway at seven locations, with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) executing them in two phases under the Hyderabad City Innovative and Transformative Infrastructure (H-CITI) project.

The first phase of works has commenced and involves multi-level grade separators, including seven steel flyovers, seven underpasses and road widening around KBR Park. The total cost of the phase I and II infrastructure works is estimated to be around Rs 1,090 crore, with the completion timeline estimated at 18 months to two years.

The previous BRS government had initially proposed flyovers and underpasses near KBR Park under the 'Strategic Road Development Project' (SRDP). The Congress government later renamed it the Hyderabad City Innovative and Transformative Infrastructure (H-CITI) project. Flyovers and underpasses at seven locations: Jubilee Hills Check Post, KBR Park Entrance Junction, Jubilee Hills Road No. 45 Junction, Film Nagar Junction, Maharaja Agrasen Island Junction, Indo-American Cancer Hospital Junction and Mugdha Traffic Junction. Seven steel flyovers: At Jubilee Hills Check Post Junction: • KBR Park Entrance to Road No. 36: Four-lane bi-directional first-level flyover • Yousufguda to Road No. 45: Two-lane uni-direc-

tional second-level flyover KBR Entrance and Mugdha Junction: • Punjagutta side to Jubilee Hills Check Post Junction: Three-lane uni-directional first-level flyover Cancer Hospital Junction: • Maharaja Agrasen Junction to Road No. 10: Two-lane uni-directional first-level flyover Maharaja Agrasen Junction: • Film Nagar Junction to Road No. 12: Two-lane uni-directional first-level flyover Film Nagar Junction: • Film Nagar to Maharaja Agrasen Junction: Two-lane uni-directional first-level flyover Road No. 45 Junction: • Jubilee Hills Check Post to Road No. 45/Durgam Cheruvu: Two-lane uni-directional first-level flyover Seven underpasses: Jubilee Hills Check Post Junction: • Road No. 45 to KBR Park Entrance Junction and Yousufguda: Three-lane uni-directional underpass

Fire breaks out in transformer near Purani Haveli

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Panic gripped residents of Purani Haveli for a brief period after a fire broke out in an electric transformer early on Saturday morning, May 16. The incident occurred around 6 am near a naan shop in the locality, triggering fear among nearby residents and shopkeepers. Following information from locals, the police from Mir Chowk Police rushed to the spot and alerted fire officials. A fire tender from a nearby fire station immediately reached the area and launched firefighting oper-



ations to bring the flames under control. According to fire department officials, the blaze is suspected to have been caused by an overload in the electric transformer. No casualties or injuries were reported in the incident.

Ex-IPS officer's wife murder case: Suspect's parents detained in Maharashtra

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The police team investigating the murder of the wife of former Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Vinay Ranjan Ray's has detained the parents of Kalpana, the Nepalese domestic help who is the prime accused in the case. According to a report by the Deccan Chronicle, Kalpana's parents were detained from Maharashtra. Four other persons

were also reportedly detained, though investigators were yet to ascertain their role in the case. Police suspect some of them may have provided shelter and transportation to the accused after the murder. Meanwhile, police have arrested two other accused, Sunil Perriyar and a receiver reportedly named Gopi. Sources tracking the escape route told DC that the gang boarded a train

from Nampally station, got down at Kazipet and later travelled towards Warangal, where they separated to avoid detection. Another source said the accused may have travelled independently or in smaller groups towards the Nepal border and possibly crossed into Kathmandu. The police suspect that the accused may have travelled to the border through the forest to avoid being traced.

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