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Modi Receives Sweden's Prestigious Award Royal Order of Polar Star

Instituted in 1748, Sweden's Royal Order of the Polar Star honours outstanding public service and national contributions

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded Sweden's highest honour, the 'Royal Order of the Polar Star, Degree Commander Grand Cross,' on Sunday, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to bilateral ties and his visionary leadership. The award is the highest distinction that can be given to a Head of Government. This is Prime Minister Modi's 31st international honour. "A reaffirmation of friendship! Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden conferred upon PM @narendramodi the 'Royal Order of the Polar Star, Degree Commander Grand Cross' in recognition of his exceptional contribution to the India-Sweden relationship and his visionary leadership," Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post on X. "The Prime Minister dedicated the honour to the historic ties between India and Sweden, and



described it as a tribute to the warmth and affection shared between the people of India and Sweden," he added. The Royal Order of the Polar Star was instituted in 1748 and is intended to recognise personal endeavours for Sweden or for Swedish interests, particularly within public activities, as well as the successful performance of public tasks and duties, according to the official website. Also, PM Modi and his Swedish counterpart Ulf Kristersson exchanged special gifts commemorating Rabin-dranath Tagore and the enduring civilisational

and intellectual ties between India and Sweden in the presence of Swedish Crown Princess Victoria. Tagore, the first non-European Nobel Laureate, was unable to travel to Sweden in 1913 to receive the Nobel Prize. He was later received by King Gustav V during his visit to Sweden in 1921. This year also marks the 100th anniversary of Gurdudev's historic visit to Sweden in 1926. Modi arrived in Sweden on Sunday for a two-day visit. He was received by his Swedish counterpart, Ulf Kristersson, at the Gothenburg Airport.

One Indian Worker Killed in Drone Attack in Russia

The Indian Embassy in Moscow said that one Indian worker has lost his life and three others have been injured in a drone attack in Moscow region earlier today. According to press reports, the strike, which was one of Ukraine's largest drone strikes on Russia, killed at least four people, including three near Moscow, and wounded a dozen others, local authorities said Sunday. Debris fell on Russia's largest airport without causing damage. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed the drone strikes, saying that they were "entirely justified". Russia has repeatedly launched similar attacks on Ukraine's capital and other cities during the war, and an expert said that the strikes appeared to be retaliation for recent Russian attacks on Kyiv. Russian drone strikes on Ukraine overnight wounded eight people, Ukrainian authorities said. In Ukraine's strikes on Russia, a woman was killed after a drone hit her home in Khimki, a Russian city just northwest of Moscow, and two men died in the village of Pogorelki,

Uranium Transfer, Nuclear Limits: US Sets 5 Conditions In Ongoing Iran Talks

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The United States has reportedly placed five major conditions before Iran during ongoing negotiations. Washington has refused to pay any compensation to Iran for losses caused by earlier sanctions and policy decisions, according to a report by Iran's Fars News Agency. In addition to this, the US has also reportedly demanded that Iran hand over 400 kilograms of enriched uranium to America as part of the negotiations. Another condition mentioned in the report is that only one set of Iran's nuclear facilities should remain operational. The US is also said to have rejected releasing even 25 per cent of Iran's frozen overseas assets. In addition, it has linked the end of conflicts on various fronts to the continuation and completion of negotiations. The report also mentioned that the threat of American



and Israeli aggression will remain in place even if Iran meets these conditions, according to Ynetnews. Iranian media on Sunday said the US failed to make any concrete concessions in its response to Iran's proposal for negotiations to end the war. "The United States, offering no tangible concessions, wants to obtain concessions that it failed to obtain during the war, which will lead to an impasse in the negotiations," Mehr news agency said. Iranian media also reported that Tehran has set out five "confidence-building" preconditions for any talks. These include an end to conflicts

on all fronts, especially in Lebanon, the lifting of sanctions on Iran, and the release of frozen Iranian funds. Iran has also demanded compensation for war-related damages and recognition of its sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz, a key global oil shipping route. Iran's armed forces spokesperson has warned the US that any renewed military strikes will be met with "more crushing and severe blows", according to Turkiye Today. Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Esmail Baqaei, has accused the US of using diplomacy as a cover for military goals.

Girl Tops Eapcet's Engineering Stream

M. Rushi of Medchal and Mukkaram Ahmed of Hyderabad secured first rank in engineering and agriculture and pharmacy streams, respectively, in the Telangana Eapcet 2026 results released on Sunday. Rushi is believed to be the first woman topper of the engineering stream in Telangana; in 2022, Nakka Sai Deepthika had come second. Among the top 10 rankers in the engineering stream was another girl, Mallavarapu Aasna at sixth rank. Aasna was the female topper in JEE Main 2026. Other top engineering toppers include Bejugama Anshul, (Rank 2), Adula Sai Nikith (Rank 5), Vivan Sharad Mahishwari (Rank 7), a JEE Main topper, Telluri Shreyas Reddy (Rank 8), Bommireddy Sameeraj Reddy (Rank 9) and Rapolu Jayanth (Rank 10).

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Satheesan Picks 14 Freshers For Team, Swearing-In Today

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Chief Minister-designate V.D. Satheesan has picked 14 freshers for his Cabinet which will take the oath of office at 10 am today in the presence of Congress top leaders and Chief Ministers of party-ruled states. Interestingly Satheesan himself is a first-timer in the Cabinet. The Cabinet will have two women ministers and two members of the Scheduled

Caste community, which did not have representation in the outgoing LDF ministry. Eleven ministers are from the Congress; Satheesan has met the quota allocations for the UDF allies, except Kerala Congress (Joseph) which was displeased with receiving only one berth in-

stead of the two it sought. Kerala with its 140-member House can have a Cabinet of 20 ministers and the Chief Minister. The No. 2 in the Cabinet appears to be Ramesh Chennithala, who first became a minister 40 years ago, and was recently miffed at being passed over for the top job. He has been allocated the home and vigilance portfolios. AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal,

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State Govt Aims to Secure Rs.40,000cr UCF Funds from Centre for Urban Infra Projects

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The state government has pitched projects worth nearly Rs.40,000 crore for support from the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF), announced by the Centre in the Union Budget with a Rs.1 lakh-crore corpus. The municipal administration (MAUD) department topped the list with proposals of Rs.14,000 crore. This is followed by the HMWS&SB tops the state



list (₹12,030 crore) and the HMDA (₹12,000 crore). The HMWS&SB's proposals focus mainly on drinking water supply augmentation, pipeline modernisation, sewage treatment and reduction of water losses in Hyderabad and surrounding areas. The government has already begun leveraging

the UCF funding for key projects. In March, it sanctioned ₹5,257.20 crore for the first phase of a comprehensive underground drainage system in the Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation area covering the tri-cities of Warangal, Hanamkonda and Kazipet. The project aims to address chronic waterlogging, improve sanitation and replace incomplete drainage works executed under earlier schemes. Official sources said the Warangal project follows

the UCF funding model, with about ₹1,314 crore expected as Central support, a matching contribution from the state government, and the remaining amount through external assistance or loans. Karimnagar Municipal Corporation also submitted proposals worth ₹895 crore under UCF. The corporation sought funds for construction of model roads, junctions, skywalks, foot over bridges, create non-motorised transport facilities

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US Rule May Hit Indian Visa Applicants

The United States government has introduced a new immigration rule that could create serious problems for visa and green card applicants. Under the new rule, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will have the power to reject or deny immigration applications if officials later decide that a signature on the form is invalid. This can happen even after the application has already been accepted for processing. The rule was published in the Federal Register on May 11 and will come into effect from July 10. Earlier, if there was a signature mistake, USCIS often allowed applicants to correct the error or re-submit the form. Ho-

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BRSV Demands Rescheduling of Degree Exams Coinciding with Bakrid

BRSV Leader Mirr Qurram Ali Urges Telangana Government to Postpone Osmania University Exams Scheduled on Bakrid Festival

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BRSV BRS Student Wing GHMC Coordinator and advocate Mirr Qurram Ali has appealed to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to postpone the degree examinations scheduled by Osmania University on May 28, citing the observance of Eid al-Adha (Bakrid). In a representation submitted to the Chief Minister, Qurram Ali stated that

conducting examinations on a major religious festival would create stress and inconvenience for Muslim students, affecting their concentration and academic performance. He urged the government and university authorities to take a student-friendly and humanitarian decision by rescheduling the examinations. The exams scheduled on May 28 include BCom 4th Semester Business



Statistics, BCom 6th Semester Accounting Standards and Corporate Governance, BSc Hon-

ours 4th Semester Computer Science (Big Data), BSc Honours 6th Semester Optimization Techniques, BSc Biomedical Science 4th Semester, BA (CBCS) 6th Semester Mathematics, and BSW (CBCS) 4th Semester Social Work Methodology III. Speaking on the issue, Mirr Qurram Ali said students celebrating Bakrid would face difficulty balancing religious obligations and examinations on

the same day. He appealed to authorities to consider the sentiments and welfare of students and announce revised dates at the earliest. The demand has also reportedly received support from students and community representatives, who urged the university administration to avoid scheduling examinations on important religious occasions and ensure equal academic opportunity for all students.

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Groundwater data links Telangana paddy growth to Kaleshwaram project

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Over the past two years, the Congress government has repeatedly argued that the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) is redundant and that Telangana's record paddy output of 2.8 crore tonnes in 2025-26, achieved in its absence, proved the claim. However, data suggests otherwise, indicating that the bumper harvest was made possible by the groundwater reserves built during the previous BRS regime and that those reserves are now thinning. A detailed analysis of successive editions of the National Compilation on Dynamic Ground Water Resources of India, published by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), affirmed that Telangana's agricultural surge was directly linked



to large-scale groundwater recharge created through the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, Mission Kakatiya and Mission Bhagiratha during the BRS years. The CGWB's 2022 report explicitly attributed Telangana's improving groundwater position to "government interventions like water conservation activities under Mission Kakatiya, improvement in surface water irrigation and drinking water supply under Mission Bhagiratha." Total annual groundwater recharge rose sharply from 16.63 bcm (billion cubic metres) in 2020 to 21.11 bcm, while the

stage of groundwater extraction dropped from 53.32 per cent to 41.6 per cent. The 2023 report recorded that recharge climbed from 21.27 bcm to 23.14 bcm, with the CGWB again directly crediting Mission Kakatiya, Mission Bhagiratha and expanded surface irrigation. Extractable groundwater resources reached 20.92 bcm, and extraction stress eased further to 38.65 per cent. Irrigation experts stated that this period coincided with the full-scale expansion of the Kaleshwaram project under Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara

Rao. Large inflows into reservoirs, tanks and irrigation channels lifted groundwater tables across several districts, particularly in north Telangana, where paddy cultivation expanded rapidly. The situation began reversing after the change of government in December 2023. The CGWB's 2024 report recorded a sharp fall in total annual recharge from 23.14 bcm to 20.40 bcm, attributing it "mainly to a decrease in recharge from other sources." Extractable resources fell from 20.92 bcm to 18.44 bcm, extraction rose from 8.09 bcm to 8.47 bcm, and the extraction stage worsened from 38.65 per cent to 45.91 per cent. Experts interpreted the phrase "other sources" as indirect recharge generated through large irrigation systems, tanks, canals and drinking water infras-

structure, the very networks sustained by Kaleshwaram, Mission Kakatiya and Mission Bhagiratha. The 2025 report showed a partial recovery, with recharge rising to 21.93 bcm due to heavy rains. However, this remained well below the 2023 peak. Extraction climbed further to 9.26 bcm, pushing the extraction stage to 46.69 per cent. Agricultural experts argued that the Congress government was utilising groundwater reserves accumulated during years of heavy BRS-era recharge and not from any comparable irrigation intervention of its own. Despite nearly two years in office, the government has yet to restore operations at the damaged Medigadda barrage, a critical component of the Kaleshwaram project network.

Stone pelting in Gudimalkapur after row over suspected cattle transport

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Several persons suffered injuries and vehicles were damaged during stone pelting by two groups at Gudimalkapur following a row over suspected transportation of cattle. Trouble erupted at Royal Sea Hotel, Tappachabutra, around 11 pm on Saturday, when a gau raksha group spotted a truck loaded with plywood sheets and suspected cattle was being transported, started raising slogans and allegedly attacked the truck driver, Shaik Rasool of Maharashtra. The police then reached the spot and directed the truck towards Shamshabad. On reaching PVNR

Expressway pillar number 63, a few alleged cow vigilantes waylaid the truck, climbed on the vehicle and started throwing the plywood sheets on the roads. Noticing this, people belonging to other communities gathered on the spot and started raising slogans. Soon, both groups started pelting stones at each other, leading to injuries to a few people. A policeman was also injured in the stone pelting. At this point in time, the police swung into action and resorted to a lathi-charge. On learning about the incident, AIMIM Nampally MLA, Majid Husain, along with followers, reached the PVNR Expressway Pil-

lar Number 63 and boarded it. He then brought the vehicle to the DCP (Golconda) office and staged a protest demanding action against persons who attacked the truck driver and stone pelters. Senior officials rushed to the spot and beefed up security in the area. Following the skirmish, traffic flow on the busy Mehdiatnam to Attapur road was affected for some time. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Golconda), G Chandra Mohan, said the situation was peaceful in the area and efforts are on to identify the people who created trouble. "Cases are being registered against the persons involved in the vandalism," he said.

MLA's Efforts for Kapra Lake Beautification Praised: Regalla Satish Reddy

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Narra Srinivas Reddy

Telangana State Youth Wing leader and Bhagnanagar Ganesh Utsav Samiti Kapra convenor Regalla Satish Reddy praised Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy for securing funds for the beautification and restoration of Kapra Lake. Speaking at the programme, Regalla Satish Reddy said the MLA had been consistently pursuing the issue with the gov-



ernment for several months, resulting in the sanction of ₹35 crore for the lake development works. He stated that the initiative would bring a major transformation to Kapra Lake and greatly benefit

local residents. As a mark of appreciation, the MLA was felicitated with a shawl and thanked for his efforts towards the development of the area. Satish Reddy expressed confidence that the beautification works would improve the surroundings of Kapra Lake and enhance the overall appearance and environment of the locality. Several leaders, party activists and local residents participated in the programme.

Revanth to Attend Swearing-in of Kerala's New CM

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will lead the state Congress delegation to the swearing-in ceremony of V.D. Satheesan as Kerala's Chief Minister at Thiruvananthapuram on Monday. Accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Revanth Reddy will leave for Kerala later on Sunday night. The Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) scored a landslide victory in the Kerala elections, linking 102 out of 140 seats and ended a decade of LDF (Left Democratic Front) rule. Revanth Reddy, as a star campaigner, covered several constituencies and was present at the release of the UDF's manifesto along with Satheesan. The presence of Revanth Reddy, alongside other Congress Chief Ministers like Karnataka's Siddaramaiah and Himachal Pradesh's Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, is intended to project a strong united southern political front and boost opposition solidarity. Top AICC national leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and Mallikarjun Kharge, are expected to attend the event. Revanth Reddy's campaign covered the Assembly constituencies of Nemom, Kovalam, Mavelikkara and Pathanapuram. His aggressive style and strategic messaging are credited with significantly contributing to the UDF's decisive victory.

Sanjay Ganathe Reappointed as BJP OBC Morcha Vice President

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In recognition of his unwavering commitment, dedication, and tireless service to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), senior leader Sanjay Ganathe has been reappointed for the second consecutive term as Vice President of BJP OBC Morcha. His appointment is effective from May 17, 2026. Sanjay Ganathe previously served as



Vice President in the OBC Morcha under the leadership of Anand Goud, where he played an active role in strengthening the organization and expanding the party's outreach among OBC communities. Prior to that, in the team led by Ale

Bhaskar, he held the important responsibility of General Secretary of OBC Morcha, showcasing exceptional organizational skills and leadership. Known as a dedicated, persevering, and hardworking BJP activist, Sanjay Ganathe has consistently worked for the growth and strengthening of the BJP in Telangana State. His commitment to party ideology, grassroots engagement, and organizational development has

earned him respect and recognition within the party ranks. His reappointment reflects the confidence and trust placed in his leadership and continued contribution toward empowering the OBC Morcha and further strengthening BJP's presence in Telangana. Party leaders and supporters have welcomed this decision and extended their congratulations to Sanjay Ganathe on this significant achievement.

Panel To Identify Telangana Activists

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The first meeting of the Telangana Movement Activists Recognition Committee (TMARC) on Sunday resolved to formally identify, recognise and honour Telangana Udyamakaru (statehood movement activists). The newly formed panel is chaired by Government advisor Keshavarao. The high-level meeting at his residence was attended by Transport minister Ponnam Prabhakar, MLC Prof. M. Kodandaram, MLC Addanki Dayakar, former MLC Ramulu



Naik and Mothe Shobhan Reddy. It was decided to categorise genuine participants under four groups — martyrs, injured activists, those facing legal or incarceration cases, and grassroots-level participants. The committee will set up its office beneath the Amaraveerula Jyothi (Martyrs' Memorial

flame) opposite the Secretariat. An all-party meeting will be convened shortly to seek wider proposals on recognising martyrs. The panel also plans statewide district tours to hold public consultations and invite suggestions from joint action committees, employee unions, artists, lawyers, caste associations and activists dating back to the 1969 movement. Its ultimate objective is to compile a comprehensive, verified list and recommend specific state honours, facilities and courtesies for eligible activists.

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Corruption Allegations Rock Motakondur Mandal

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Serious allegations of corruption, abuse of power, illegal land transactions, bribery, and administrative negligence are creating widespread concern among the public in Motakondur Mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District. Residents allege that without bribes, files do not move in several government offices, particularly in the Electricity and Revenue Departments. Local people say ordinary farmers and poor families are being forced to run from office to office for months, while influential persons allegedly receive quick approvals and special treatment through political backing and unofficial payments. ACB Trap Ex-

posed Alleged Bribery Network The recent arrest of an Assistant Lineman (ALM) of the Electricity Department by Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials has intensified public anger over alleged corruption in the mandal. According to officials, the employee, identified as Pappula Ramesh of TGSPDCL, was caught red-handed while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs.35,000 from farmer Mokala Anantha Reddy of Rayikuntapalli village for sanctioning an agricultural transformer connection. The farmer reportedly approached ACB authorities after allegedly being told that the transformer would not be sanctioned unless the bribe was paid. The incident has triggered serious debate over alleged corruption in the

process of granting agricultural electricity transformers and service connections. Allegations of Preferential Treatment-Villagers from Mator and nearby areas allege that electricity line shifting works and transformer sanctions are being carried out selectively in favour of politically connected persons and local influential leaders. While ordinary farmers are allegedly asked to bear additional expenses for conductors and infrastructure, influential individuals reportedly receive immediate electricity facilities for agricultural lands. There are also allegations that electricity supply was provided to certain fish ponds without proper approvals or official sanctions.

Professor Jayashankar Badi Bata Coordination Meeting Held in Sangareddy District

A district-level coordination meeting was held on Saturday as part of the "Praja Palana Pragathi Pranali ka" programme to ensure the successful implementation of the Professor Jayashankar Badi Bata initiative and to strengthen admissions in government schools across Sangareddy district. The meeting was attended by Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Pandu, District Education Department officials, MEOs, and representatives from various departments. Discussions mainly focused on increasing school enrollment, identifying dropout and never-enrolled children, and bringing them back into the mainstream education system. Officials informed that nearly 5,903 children in the age group of 5 to 14 years have been identified across the district. While around 10,000 students were admitted into Class-I during the previous academic year, the district administration has now set a target of achieving nearly 1.24 lakh admissions across all classes for the current academic year. A detailed action plan has been prepared to identify dropout students and children who never attended school. Authorities decided to organize awareness campaigns at the village level, conduct meetings with parents, and involve youth committees to motivate families toward school education. As part of the campaign schedule, special Gram Sabha awareness programmes will be conducted on June 3 focusing on school admissions. A stakeholders' meeting is planned on June 4, with special emphasis on the enrolment and mainstream participation of CWS.

Major Revamp for Kapra Lake as ₹35 Crore Beautification Works Begin

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Beautification and restoration works of Kapra Lake were formally launched under the leadership of senior BRS leader Byri Naveen Goud, with Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy attending the programme as chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said the government had allocated ₹35 crore for the development and beautification of Kapra Lake to provide a pleasant and healthy envi-



ronment for residents of the Kapra area. He stated that the project would include greenery development around the lake along with modern public amenities such as walking tracks, parks, lighting systems and resting areas for visitors. He added that the initia-

tive was aimed at creating a recreational space where people could spend quality time during mornings and evenings. Bandari Lakshma Reddy expressed confidence that once completed, Kapra Lake would emerge as a major attraction in the city and offer a healthier at-

mosphere for local residents. Among those who participated in the programme were former corporation chairman Ravula Sridhar Reddy, former corporators Kotta Ramarao, Prabhudas, Srinivas Reddy, Golluri Anjaiah, Pannala Devender Reddy, BRS state leaders Somasekhar Reddy, Sai Jen Shekhar, Bannala Praveen Mudiraj, Gandham Nageshwar Rao, Neelam Reddy, Damarod, BA Ramchander Goud, Sanjeev Reddy, party leaders and activists

CPM Stages Protest Against Rising Fuel Prices

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Leaders of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) strongly criticised the BJP-led Central Government for continuously increasing petrol, diesel, and cooking gas prices across the country and imposing heavy financial burdens on common people. As part of the protest against the rising fuel prices, the CPM Pargi Area Committee organised a demonstration near Kolimi in Pargi town on Saturday. Addressing the gathering, CPM District Executive Member M. Venkataiah and party leaders Bussa Chan-



draiah and E. Gopal Reddy alleged that the Central Government has completely neglected the needs of the people and is functioning only for the benefit of corporate companies and big business houses.

Police Close In on Tanuja Killers



Special teams of city police probing the murder of Tanuja, wife of retired IPS officer Vinay Ranjan Ray, arrested Sunil Pariyar in Mumbai, a key receiver and aide of domestic help Dharma, the Nepali name of prime suspect Kalpana. Three suspects of Nepali origin were also brought to the city for questioning, though Pariyar's arrest is yet to be formally announced. Combined investigations by special teams comprising Central Crime Station (CCS) and task force units in Mumbai were ongoing, sources said. The teams identified two of Dharma's associates as Suresh Shahi, and Ganesh Shahi, all from Nepal. So far, seven gang members have been identified as aides of Dharma, who murdered Tanuja on May 8 and fled with 22 tolas of gold and cash from the second floor of her house in Prashasannagar, Jubilee Hills. They boarded the Telangana Express, split up en route and headed in different routes.

Fallen Tree Branches Cause Traffic Obstruction in Tarnaka



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Heavy winds that lashed Hyderabad during Saturday night resulted in tree branches collapsing in the Tarnaka area, causing obstruction to traffic movement and inconvenience to pedestrians and commuters.

The fallen branches were found lying across the

roadside and footpath on Sunday morning, partially blocking public movement and raising safety concerns in the busy locality. Motorists and pedestrians expressed concern that such incidents could lead to serious accidents if timely preventive measures are not taken by the civic authorities. Residents of the area appealed to the Greater Hyderabad Mu-

nicipal Corporation (GHMC) to immediately remove the fallen branches and conduct inspections of weak, old, and dried trees along major roads and residential areas. Citizens stressed that regular pruning and proper maintenance of roadside trees are essential, particularly during windy and monsoon seasons, to prevent dangerous situations.

Commuters stated that the fallen branches not only disrupted smooth traffic flow but also posed a serious risk to two-wheeler riders and pedestrians using the footpath. They urged the authorities to strengthen emergency response systems and ensure continuous monitoring of vulnerable trees across the city. Fortunately, no injuries or casualties were reported in the incident. However, local residents emphasized that proactive action by GHMC could help prevent future mishaps and significantly improve public safety in high-traffic areas such as Tarnaka. The incident once again highlighted the importance of urban tree maintenance, disaster preparedness, and timely civic response during adverse weather conditions.

Konda Surekha Invites CM for Saraswati Antya Pushkaralu

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Konda Surekha, along with priests of the Sri Kaleshwara Mukteshwara Swamy Temple, met A. Revanth Reddy at his residence and formally invited him to participate in the 12-day 'Saraswati Antya Pushkaralu' celebrations beginning on May 21. The sacred Pushkaralu, to be held at Kaleshwaram in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district, is one of the most significant spiritual gatherings in Telangana. The event marks the holy confluence of the rivers Godavari, Pranahita, and the subterranean Saraswati river, drawing lakhs of devotees from across the country for ritual baths, special prayers, and spiritual activities. Officials expect nearly 30 lakh devotees to visit



Kaleshwaram during the Pushkaralu period, which will continue till June 1. Elaborate arrangements are being made by the Endowments Department and district administration to ensure smooth conduct of the mega religious event. Facilities related to crowd management, drinking water, sanitation, transportation, accommodation, medical aid, and security are being strengthened in anticipation of the huge influx of pilgrims. During the meeting, the temple priests performed traditional rituals and

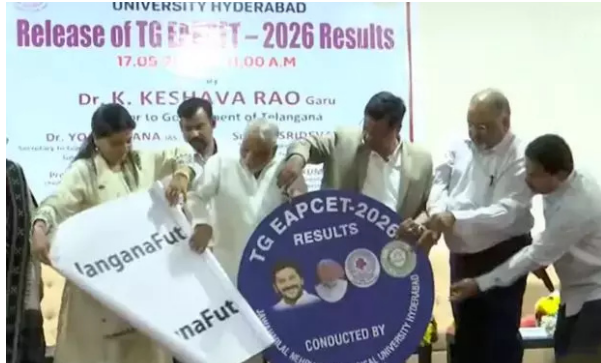
sought the Chief Minister's blessings and support for the successful conduct of the Pushkaralu festivities. The Chief Minister assured full cooperation from the state government for organizing the event on a grand scale. Among those present were Vem Narender Reddy, Endowments Principal Secretary Sailaja Ramaiyer, Commissioner Hanumantha Rao, Sri Kaleshwara Mukteshwara Swamy Temple Executive Officer Mahesh, and several temple priests and officials associated with the arrangements for the Pushkaralu.

Girl Tops Eapcet's Engineering Stream

As many as 1,97,241 students appeared for the exams in the engineering category and 84,954 in the agriculture and pharmacy categories

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M. Rushi from Medchal created history by securing the first rank in the engineering stream of the Telangana EAPCET 2026, becoming the first woman topper in the stream in the state. In the agriculture and pharmacy stream, Mukkaram Ahmed from Hyderabad secured the top rank. The results were released on Sunday by state education and higher education officials. Rushi's achievement marks a significant milestone for women candidates in Telangana's engineering entrance examination. Earlier, in 2022, Nakka Sai Deepthika had secured the second rank, but no girl had topped the engineering stream until now. Another girl candidate, Mallavarapu Aasna, secured sixth rank in engineering. Aasna had also emerged as the female topper in JEE Main 2026. The top engineering ranks were secured by Bejugama Anshul (Rank 2), Maraka Vamsidhar



from Kadapa district in Andhra Pradesh (Rank 3), J. Roshan Manideep Reddy from Guntur district in Andhra Pradesh (Rank 4), Adula Sai Nikith (Rank 5), Vivan Sharad Mahishwari (Rank 7), Telluri Shreyas Reddy (Rank 8), Bommireddy Sameeraj Reddy (Rank 9) and Rapolu Jayanth (Rank 10). In the agriculture and pharmacy stream, Mukkaram Ahmed topped with a score of 150.1 out of 160. Tador Nivrutt Sai Venkat secured second rank, while Sahiti Geetika Gunithi stood third. Girls also performed strongly in this stream, with Nathan Sheba Jerusha from Andhra Pradesh securing sixth rank and Rutambika Mohanty obtaining tenth

rank. Other top rankers included Mayuk Jayasimha, Amair Anas, Periketi Anurag, Bura Sai Sharan and Mirthipati Maruthi Satya Sai. According to officials, 2,10,766 candidates registered for the engineering stream. Of them, 1,97,242 appeared for the examination and 1,44,704 qualified, recording a pass percentage of 73.34. In the agriculture and pharmacy stream, 90,977 candidates registered, 84,954 appeared and 73,294 qualified, achieving an 86.27 percent pass rate. Girls slightly outperformed boys in both streams. In engineering, 73.72 percent of girls qualified compared to 73.10 percent boys.

Mudiraj Leaders Seek Greater Representation in BRS Party Posts

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Representatives of the Malkajiri Mandal Mudiraj Sangham met Marri Rajasekhar Reddy and urged him to provide greater representation to Mudiraj community leaders in party positions within the BRS. The delegation, led by Malkajiri Mandal Mudiraj Sangham president Cheruku Sambaraju, submitted a memorandum to the MLA at his camp office in Soujanya Colony, Boinpally, Cantonment on Sunday. Leaders including Nee-rudu Ashok Mudiraj, Jink-



ala Venugopal Mudiraj, Bikshapathi Mudiraj, Mahesh Mudiraj, Prasad Mudiraj, Suresh Mudiraj and Gangadhar Mudiraj participated in the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, Cheruku Sambaraju said Mudiraj leaders have been actively working for the BRS for the past two decades under the inspiration of K. Chandrashekar Rao. He

stated that community members have consistently worked for the party's growth and victory in every election and therefore deserve priority in the party's division-level posts. The representatives said the MLA responded positively and assured them of adequate opportunities for Mudiraj leaders in upcoming party appointments.

16th Free Mega Medical Camp Organised at SR Estates Colony in Miyapur



RANGAREDDY
Wake up telangana Srirangam Venkatesh

A free mega medical camp was organised at SR Estates Colony under Miyapur Division under the leadership of senior leader DSRK Prasad with the support of Medicover Hospitals. PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi inaugurated the 16th medical camp as the chief guest along with former corporators Upalapati Srikanth and Narne Srinivasa Rao. Speaking on the occasion, PAC Chairman Gandhi appreciated the organisers for conducting continuous free medical camps for poor and middle-class fam-

ilies and said such programmes help people receive timely healthcare services. Specialist doctors from General Medicine, Gynecology, Pediatrics, Orthopedics, Dermatology, Neurology, ENT, Dental, and Ophthalmology departments participated and provided free consultations, medical tests, medicines, and health advice. Services including blood tests, BP and sugar tests, ECG, X-ray, dental check-ups, eye tests, and free spectacles for eligible beneficiaries were provided at the camp. Doctors, medical staff, leaders, colony residents, and others participated in the programme.

Uppal-Warangal Stretch Closure Irks Commuters

HYDERABAD
Wake up telangana

No vehicular movement was observed on Sunday along the temporarily closed stretch from Uppal towards Warangal, as construction of the elevated corridor between Uppal and Narapally is under way. Commuters expressed concern over the inconvenience caused and demanded clarity on how long the

closure would last. Preeti, who travels daily from Uppal to her workplace in Hanumakonda, said, "The roads in Uppal are already in poor condition and take extra time to cross. Now this closure forces us to go around and take U-turns, making us late to offices." R. Krishna Ravi added, "There are many research offices on the route from Habsiguda to

Uppal, but most officers live beyond Narapally. This closure will add to their travel time. Nowhere is the duration mentioned — we should know until when this will be." Authorities said the closure is essential to facilitate construction of the elevated corridor, but commuters insist that timelines must be clearly communicated to ease travel discomfort.

A.E. Vijay Kumar Joins Telangana Rakshana Sena Party

HYDERABAD
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Prominent social activist and founder president of the Cantonment Constituency Citizens Welfare Association, A.E. Vijay Kumar, joined the Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) Party on Sunday. He formally enrolled in the party in the presence of party chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha at the party office in Banjara Hills under the leadership of Cantonment leader Kelletti Srinivas. Welcoming Vijay Kumar into the party fold, Kavitha draped the party scarf around him and congratulated him on joining the organisation. Party leaders and supporters



expressed confidence that his entry would strengthen the party in the Cantonment constituency, particularly among residents of bastis, slum dwellers, poor families, and middle-class communities. Known for his long-standing work on social issues and welfare activities, Vijay

Kumar is expected to play a key role in expanding the party's reach at the grassroots level. Local leaders believe his social service background and strong public connect will help the Telangana Rakshana Sena gain wider acceptance among various sections of society in the constituency. Speaking on the occasion, Vijay Kumar said he felt proud to join a party founded to protect the self-respect and aspirations of Telangana people under the leadership of a woman. He pledged to unite people from all communities in the Cantonment constituency and work towards establishing the party as a strong force in the hearts of the public.

BC Study Circle Invites Applications for "AI & Life Skills" Training Programme

HYDERABAD
Wake up telangana usha sree

The BC Study Circle, functioning under the Telangana Government's Backward Classes Welfare Department, has invited applications for a four-day training programme on "AI & Life Skills" for eligible candidates from Sangareddy and Medak districts. According to District Backward Classes Welfare Officer Akarapu Jagadeesh, who released a press note, the training programme is being organized in collaboration with the Magic Bus India Foundation and will be conducted from May 21 to May 26, 2026, at the BC Study Circle, Sangareddy. The workshop aims to pro-



vide students and youth with awareness on Life Skills and the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence (AI), including its various applications and practical uses. The programme is designed to equip participants with modern technological knowledge and help them effectively utilize emerging technologies for livelihood and career de-

velopment. Interested candidates from Sangareddy and Medak districts can submit their applications directly at the BC Study Circle Office, located at Velugu Office Campus, Bypass Road, Sangareddy, during office hours from May 18 to May 20, 2026. Officials stated that the training programme would help participants improve their communication skills, digital awareness, problem-solving abilities, and understanding of AI-driven technologies, which are becoming increasingly important in today's competitive world. For further details, candidates may contact the BC Study Circle office at 08455-277015 or 9494390803 during office timings.

Qantas Bans Passenger for Biting Crew Member

Australia's Qantas was forced to divert a flight bound for the United States over a disruptive passenger, with local media reporting the man bit a flight attendant. The flight from Melbourne was headed to Dallas on Friday when it was forced to make a stop-off in Papeete, the capital of French Polynesia, due to the disruptive passenger. The man was restrained by fellow passengers, with local media including national broadcaster ABC reporting he bit a member of Qantas staff. The man was met by local authorities on arrival and has been slapped with a no fly ban on all Qantas planes. "The safety of our customers and our crew is our number one priority and we have zero tolerance for disruptive or threatening behaviour on our flights," a Qantas spokesperson told AFP on Sunday.

PM Modi Visits Dutch Dam Afsluitdijk, Eyes Cooperation In Water Management

WASHINGTON
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accompanied by the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Rob Jetten, visited the iconic Dutch water management structure Afsluitdijk on Sunday. Prime Minister said the Netherlands has done pioneering work in water resources, adding that the global community can learn from its experience. "An area in which the Netherlands has done groundbreaking work is water management. The entire international community can learn a great deal from this. This morning, I had the opportunity to visit the Afsluitdijk and gain insight into the key features of this project. I am grateful to Prime Minister Rob Jetten for



accompanying me here. We are committed to bringing modern technology to India, which is intended to help with irrigation, flood protection, and the expansion of the inland waterway network," PM Modi said in a post on X. The visit underscored the shared commitment of both nations to innovative water management solutions, climate resilience, and sustainable infrastructure. The Afsluitdijk, a 32-kilometre-long dam and cause-

way, is a global benchmark in flood control and land reclamation, protecting large parts of the Netherlands from the North Sea while enabling freshwater storage. PM Modi also posted photographs on X from his visit to the Afsluitdijk. The visit to the Dam put a spotlight on the parallels between the Afsluitdijk and India's ambitious Kalpasar project in Gujarat. The Kalpasar project aims to create a freshwater reservoir across

the Gulf of Khambhat, integrating tidal power generation, irrigation, and transportation infrastructure. In this regard, the two sides welcomed the signing of the Letter of Intent between Ministry of Jal Shakti of India and Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of the Netherlands for technical cooperation on the Kalpasar project. The two leaders noted that Dutch expertise in hydraulic engineering and India's scale of implementation present opportunities for mutually beneficial partnerships. The visit reaffirms the India-Netherlands Strategic Partnership on Water, highlighting shared commitment to innovation and sustainability.

Iran Warns Against Transit Of 'Enemy' Weapons Through Strait of Hormuz

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Iran said that it will no longer allow "enemy" military equipment to transit through the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz, according to Iran's First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref, as reported by Al Jazeera. Aref said, "We had given up our right of sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz, and we previously allowed the passage of military equipment that was intended to be used against us through the Strait of Hormuz. We will not permit that again." Earlier on Saturday, Head of the Iranian Parliament's National Security Committee Ebrahim Azizi said that Iran has prepared a "professional mecha-



nism" to regulate maritime traffic in the Strait of Hormuz through a designated route, which will be unveiled soon. In a post on X, Azizi said the proposed mechanism has been developed within the framework of Iran's national sovereignty and with the aim of ensuring the security of international trade. He further stated that only commercial vessels and parties cooperating with Iran would be permitted to benefit from the mechanism. Azizi also said that the proposed route

would remain closed to operators associated with the so-called "freedom project" (United States). "Iran, within the framework of its national sovereignty and the guarantee of international trade security, has prepared a professional mechanism to manage traffic in the Strait of Hormuz along a designated route, which will be unveiled soon. In this process, only commercial vessels and parties cooperating with Iran will benefit from it. The necessary fees will be collected for the specialized services provided under this mechanism. This route will remain closed to the operators of the so-called 'freedom project'," said the 'X' post from Azizi.

India's Keen Eyes On Sri Lanka's EOI Offer To Lease Airport Near Hambantota Port

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India is closely monitoring Sri Lanka's decision to offer foreign investors control of an airport near the China-controlled Hambantota port, as it could present a rare opening for Indian firms seeking strategic footholds in the Indian Ocean, people familiar with the matter said on Sunday. The Sri Lankan government has already called for expressions of interest from domestic and international investors by June 9 to take control of the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) in Hambantota under a 30-year build-operate-transfer (BOT) model.



port, located about 250 km from the capital Colombo, has endured a troubled first decade, the people said. Launched in 2013 with grand ambitions, the project cost USD 209 million, funded primarily by China's Export-Import Bank. However, despite having a swanky terminal building and a 3,500-metre runway, it failed to draw the passenger traffic and airline commitments required for commercial survival.

In 2017, China gained control of the strategic Hambantota port through a 99-year lease that had raised concerns in New Delhi in view of the location of the mega transit hub. New Delhi is watching the new opportunity with a keen eye, as both neighbouring countries have been looking to forge greater trade and strategic relations following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the island nation in April last year. The Mattala Rajapaksa International Air-

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contract for civil airport operations, requiring a minimum of five years' relevant aviation experience or operation of at least one international airport handling over one million passengers annually, the people cited above said.

The second is landside operations, offered on a BOT model with a 30-year lease and extension provisions. It will provide for the development of 238 hectares of land, comparable in scale to the Chinese-developed Colombo Port City but without any of the political risks, they said. The land parcel can be used for setting up maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities, a flying school, logistics parks, solar installations, industrial parks, and resort hotels. Crucially, the two tracks are independent: investors can enter via landside operations alone, airside alone, or both -- allowing meaningful flexibility to

build a diversified, de-risked portfolio, the people said. From India's perspective, they said, the project has a strategic dimension against the backdrop of China's increasing attempts to expand its political and economic influence over the island nation. "An Indian presence in Hambantota will be a tangible expression of India's Neighbourhood First policy and Vision MAHASAGAR commitment to the Indian Ocean region, especially as a confidence-building investment in a close partner," said one of the people. Explaining the importance of the project, the people said India's aviation sector is the world's fastest-growing and its MRO industry is under significant capacity pressure. Mattala's long runways, uncongested air-space and generous land footprint make it a natural candidate for an MRO hub serving Indian carriers -- reducing turnaround times and costs while establishing a genuine Indian Ocean base, they said. A flying school here makes equal sense: pilot training capacity in India is stretched, and Mattala's uncongested skies are an asset, not a liability, they noted.

US Rule May Hit Indian Visa Applicants

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



The United States government has introduced a new immigration rule that could create serious problems for visa and green card applicants. Under the new rule, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will have the power to reject or deny immigration applications if officials later decide that a signature on the form is invalid. This can happen even after the application has already been accepted for processing.

The rule was published in the Federal Register on May 11 and will come into effect from July 10. Earlier, if there was a sig-

nature mistake, USCIS often allowed applicants to correct the error or re-submit the form. However, the new rule gives immigration officers wider authority to deny the application completely. The rules also state that applicants will lose their filing fees, which can run into thousands of dollars.

The rule applies to many immigration forms, including H-1B work visa petitions, green card applications, employment authorisation requests,

family petitions and student-related immigration benefits. USCIS says the move is meant to prevent fraud and ensure that all applications follow proper legal procedures. The impact will be especially significant for Indian applicants, as thousands of Indian professionals apply every year for H-1B visas, employment-based green cards and dependent visas. Many also rely on immigration consultants, lawyers and employers to prepare forms on their behalf.

The rule changes by USCIS come at a difficult time for Indian applicants, who are already facing long green card backlogs and visa delays. Recent US visa bulletin updates

have shown further retrogression in employment-based categories for Indians, especially EB-1 and EB-2 visas. Law firms and immigration experts have advised applicants to carefully review every form before submission. "Applicants should personally verify each and every signature, and avoid using copied or electronically pasted signatures unless specifically permitted by USCIS," said Rajeswar Rao, an immigration consultant from Hyderabad. He further said the new rule could be used to increase immigration rejections over technical mistakes, rather than actual eligibility issues.

Fadnavis Reaffirms June Deadline for Farm Loan Waiver

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday reiterated that his government would implement a farm loan waiver before June 30. Speaking after an event in Pune, Mr. Fadnavis said the Cabinet had discussed issues related to the loan waiver and that the implementation plan was in its final stage. In October 2025,

the State government constituted a committee headed by Praveen Pardeshi to formulate criteria for the loan waiver and recommend both short-term and long-term measures to address agrarian distress in Maharashtra. The committee was formed following protests led by Bachchu Kadu demanding a farm loan waiver. The Pardeshi-led committee submitted its report to the State govern-

ment around 21 days ago, and the report is currently being examined by the Cooperation Department. A senior official said the loan waiver proposal is expected to be tabled before the Cabinet for approval in the coming days. Around 51.24 lakh farmers are likely to benefit from the scheme. Responding to a query on the issue in Pune, the Chief Minister said the Cabinet sub-committee had al-

ready held a meeting on the farm loan waiver. "We have sought more information from some districts. Once it is received, we will start the process. Before June 30, we will complete the process," he said. During the Budget Session, Mr. Fadnavis, who also holds the Finance portfolio, announced the Panyashlok Ahilyabai Holkar Loan Waiver Scheme for farmers.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Satheesan Picks 14....

The No. 2 in the Cabinet appears to be Ramesh Chennithala, who first became a minister 40 years ago, and was recently miffed at being passed over for the top job. He has been allocated the home and vigilance portfolios. AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal, who lost the CM race to Satheesan, is said to have secured a larger share for his supporters in the Cabinet, reportedly enjoying the backing of 45 of the 63 Congress legislators in the CLP.

Alongside Satheesan, the first-timers in the Cabinet include Kerala PCC president Sunny Joseph, Bindu Krishna, P.C. Vishnunadh, M. Liju, Roji M. John, T. Siddique, O.J. Janceesh, and K.A. Thulasi.

Veteran leaders returning from previous governments include A.P. Anil Kumar from the Scheduled Caste community, and K. Muralidharan, son of former chief minister K. Karunakaran. After Congress, the Indian Union Muslim League holds the largest share with 22 MLAs. Of its five ministerial berths, four are newcomers, while senior leader P.K. Kunhalikutty, a veteran of several UDF ministries, returns to the Cabinet. K.P. Basheer, who played a key role in Priyanka Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi's campaigns in Wayanad, has also joined, along with firebrand K.M. Shaji, N. Shamsudeen, and V.E. Abdul Gafoor. While the Muslim League is satisfied, the Kerala Congress (Joseph) is displeased with receiving only one

berth instead of the two it sought, though the Congress has offered the Government Chief Whip post. Mons Joseph will represent the party in the Cabinet. The RSP, with three MLAs, is bringing in Shibu Baby John, while single-MLA parties are also represented with C.P. John of the CMP and Anoop Jacob of the Kerala Congress (Jacob).

State Govt Aims to....

Apart from UCF, the state government is also attempting to secure funds under central schemes such as SASKI, Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and AMRUT 2.0. The Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme provides 50-year interest-free loans to states for capital projects.. It aims

to boost economic growth, infrastructure, and tourism, often focusing on developing iconic tourist centres to a global scale. Special emphasis has been laid on obtaining financial support for completion of the Godavari Drinking Water Supply Phase-II and Phase-III projects aimed at addressing Hyderabad's growing drinking water requirements. Officials said the Centre's UCF guidelines require a 25 per cent contribution from the Centre, 25 per cent from the state government or implementing agency, while the remaining 50 per cent has to be mobilised through loans or borne by the executing agency. As part of the ambitious Musi rejuvenation programme, the state government has also decided to divert 20 tmc ft

of water from Mallannasagar through Phase-II and Phase-III of the Godavari drinking water project to ensure long-term drinking water security for Hyderabad. Construction works are progressing rapidly under the hybrid annuity model (HAM).

One Indian Worker....

In Ukraine's strikes on Russia, a woman was killed after a drone hit her home in Khimki, a Russian city just northwest of Moscow, and two men died in the village of Pogorelki, which is 10 kilometers (6 miles) north of the capital, according to local Gov. Andrei Vorobyev. Ukrainian drones had also damaged unspecified "infrastructure" and several high-rise buildings, Vorobyev said on social media. One

man was also killed after a drone struck a truck in the Belgorod region, which borders Ukraine, according to local authorities. In Moscow itself, at least 12 people were wounded in the nighttime strike, mostly near the entrance to the city's oil refinery, mayor Sergei Sobyenin reported. Sobyenin reported that the "technology" of the refinery hadn't been damaged. Russia's largest airport - Moscow's Sheremetyevo - said that drone debris had fallen on its grounds without causing damage or affecting flights. Russian defences shot down 81 drones headed for Moscow overnight, state agency Tass reported, citing Sobyenin, marking one of the largest attacks on the city since Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

CRIME

Telangana police on high alert ahead of Bakrid to prevent illegal cattle transport

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

With Eid al-Adha, popularly known as Bakrid, nearly ten days away, the Telangana police are on high alert to prevent any communal flare-up and prevent illegal transportation of cattle in the State. Telangana DGP CV Anand had held a meeting with the Superintendent of Police of all districts and the Commissioners of Police across the State and directed field officers to maintain strict vigilance against illegal cattle transportation and smuggling during the festival period.



He also warned that strict action would be taken against violations of animal transport and slaughter laws. He said 52 interstate check posts and 203 checkpoints within the State have been activated to monitor suspicious vehicle movement and enforce transport

regulations. He appealed to the gau rakshak groups not to take law into their hands and inform the police if they have any suspicion about illegal transportation of the cattle. In Hyderabad, the police set up border check posts and inter-zonal check posts at different points to

prevent illegal transportation of cattle.

The DGP had instructed the officials to intensify vehicle checks, monitor cattle fairs, and prevent any attempts to disturb communal harmony, including through social media posts or public gatherings.

The cattle traders buy the animals from the weekly cattle markets conducted at different villages across Telangana. The State government had tightened the norms for cattle sale and purchase, making veterinary doctor certificates mandatory to finalise the deal.

Cyberabad Traffic Police Book 300 Drunk Driving Cases During Weekend Special Drive

RANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

Cyberabad Traffic Police conducted a special weekend drunk and drive enforcement drive and apprehended 300 offenders across various locations under the Cyberabad Commissionerate limits. According to officials, the highest number of cases were registered against two-wheeler riders with 253 cases, followed by 38 four-wheeler drivers and 9 three-wheeler drivers. No heavy vehicle drivers were booked during the drive. Police stated that 232 offenders recorded Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) levels between 36 mg/100 ml and 200 mg/100 ml, while 35 offenders recorded BAC levels between 201 mg/100 ml and 300 mg/100 ml. Another 33 offenders were found with dangerously high BAC levels ranging from 301 mg/100 ml to 550 mg/100 ml. All offenders will be produced before



the court. Cyberabad Police warned that drunk driving is a serious offence and stated that if any person causes a fatal accident while driving under the influence of alcohol, a case will be booked under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, which carries a punishment of up to 10 years imprisonment along with a fine. Officials further stated that during the last week from May 11 to May 16, a total of 96 drunk driving cases were disposed of in courts. Among them, 7 persons received jail punishment along with fines, 2 persons were awarded fine along with social service, and 87 persons were imposed fines only. The details were shared by ADCP Traffic-I G. Hanmantha Rao.

RIMS Male Nursing Officer Held For Misbehaving With Medico

Adilabad Two-Town police arrested a male nursing officer of RIMS, Adilabad, for allegedly misbehaving with a post-graduate medico in an operation theatre, police said. RIMS director Jai Singh Rathod said the incident took place late on May 3 and came to light after the medico lodged a police complaint on May 14. The medico had earlier complained to the director, who formed a fact-finding committee. The committee conducted an inquiry and submitted a report. The director submitted the report to collector Rajarshi Shah, who asked the women and child welfare officer to conduct a separate inquiry. Police arrested the accused and produced him before court, which remanded him.

14-Year-Old Dies 3 Days After Being Hit By Cricket Ball

A 14-year-old boy died in Girinbavi village of Dugondi mandal in Warangal district after being hit on the head by a cricket ball, police said on Sunday. The incident occurred three days ago while the boy was playing cricket with friends. He collapsed after being struck by a hard ball and was shifted to a nearby hospital. He died on Sunday while undergoing treatment. Police said no complaint had been received from the family and enquiries are under way.

Kacheguda Cops Clear Fallen Trees



Kacheguda Traffic Police SI Ganeshwar Along With Law & Order DRF Staff Clears Fallen Trees, Restores Traffic Movement.

Stalker Dies In Mob Attack After Killing Woman In Jadcherla

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 27-year-old man stabbed a 22-year-old woman to death on Saturday at Nimmalabayigadda in Jadcherla mandal of Mahbubnagar district because she refused to marry him. Soon after, a group of local people chased him, tied him up and assaulted him. He succumbed to injuries later in a hospital. According to police, M. Ramchander murdered G. Vaishnavi Teja just 100 metres from her house in

public. Vaishnavi was working at SVKR School in Polepally Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Jadcherla town as a receptionist. "The attack took place when the woman was getting out of an autorickshaw after completing her work and was about to reach her home in a couple of minutes. The accused attacked the woman with a knife. She was rushed to a hospital, where doctors declared her dead," the police said. In a video recorded by locals, Ramchander was

seen telling the villagers, who confronted him after the murder, that he and Vaishnavi were in a relationship for a couple of years, and accusing her of taking money from him. He alleged that she not only refused to return his money but also started avoiding him. Following the incident, the villagers detained Ramchander and beat him badly. He was taken to the Mahbubnagar district government hospital where he succumbed to injuries while undergoing treatment late at night, po-

lice said. Before he died, the Jadcherla police registered a murder case against Ramchander. Police also booked a case against the villagers for attacking Ramchander. The case is under investigation. Speaking to Decan Chronicle, Mahbubnagar deputy superintendent of police (DSP), P. Vekateswarlu said Ramchander died at around 11 pm on Saturday in the mob attack. The DSP said the villagers chased Ramchander for over 400 metres, caught hold of him, tied his

EDITORIAL

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

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Storytelling is critical in electoral politics. But the gap between political storytelling and official data has rarely been wider. The BJP offered voters a storyline about industrial revival, jobs, cash support for the vulnerable, and an end to economic despair, alongside huge dollops of Hindutva, its calling card. The narrative was emotionally potent: other governments fail the people; the "double-engine" BJP model delivers. It worked.

The BJP enters mid-2026 with unprecedented political dominance: direct control of 16 states and influence over nearly three-fourths of India's population through its NDA alliance partners. With the polls over, bread-and-butter concerns must be centre stage. The challenge for the BJP: operationalising its promises across the country. Out-migration was a potent election issue. In West Bengal, BJP

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

Even though Census 2011 is the last comprehensive, door-to-door official count of migration, experts and government bodies use alternative high-frequency proxy data to estimate current migration patterns. Debroy and Misra used high-

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

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



20,000-tonne LPG shipment safely docks at Kandla port

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A vessel carrying 20,000 metric tonnes of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) safely arrived at the Deendayal Port Authority in Kandla, Gujarat, after crossing the strategically crucial Strait of Hormuz amid the ongoing West Asia crisis, officials confirmed on Sunday. The Marshall Islands-flagged MV SYMI began its voyage from Qatar and docked at Kandla Port around 11.30 pm on Saturday.

Officials said the vessel successfully crossed the Strait of Hormuz on May 13 despite heightened tensions and disruptions in the region. The arrival assumes significance as the



Strait of Hormuz, located near the coast of Oman, remains one of the world's most sensitive maritime trade routes. Nearly one-fifth of global energy supplies pass through the narrow waterway, which has witnessed increasing instability following the escalation of conflict in West Asia. Since early March, a total of 13 India-flagged

vessels — including 12 LPG tankers and one crude oil tanker — have crossed the Strait of Hormuz, reflecting India's continued efforts to maintain uninterrupted energy imports despite mounting security concerns.

The crisis intensified after the conflict that began on February 28, when the United States and Israel launched co-

ordinated attacks on Iran, prompting retaliatory strikes. The confrontation has severely disrupted maritime movement and triggered fears of one of the worst global energy crises in recent decades. India has also raised concerns over the safety of commercial shipping in the region. Addressing a special meeting of the United Nations Economic

and Social Council (UN-ECOSOC) on safeguarding energy and supply chains,

India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Parvathaneni Harish, termed attacks on commercial vessels and threats to freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz as "unacceptable".

The remarks came days after an India-flagged commercial vessel was attacked off the coast of Oman on May 13.

Omani authorities rescued all 14 crew members on-board the ship, which was sailing from Somalia. However, officials have not yet identified the group responsible for the attack.

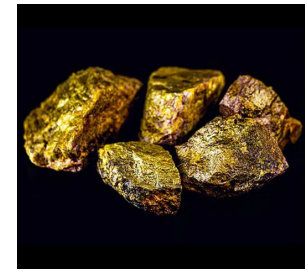
UCIL to extract uranium from Hindustan Copper's tailings

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Uranium Corporation of India Ltd (UCIL), a public sector company under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), will set up a recovery plant in Jharkhand to extract uranium from tailings of State-owned Hindustan Copper, a top official said on Sunday.

The move would help in augmenting domestic supplies of the strategic mineral used in nuclear power and defence applications.

In an interview with PTI, Hindustan Copper Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Sanjiv Kumar Singh said that the copper PSU has reached an understanding with UCIL under which tailings will be handed over to the Uranium Corporation of India to extract uranium. Copper tailings are finely



ground waste rock and water that remain after copper minerals are extracted from mined ores. Singh said, "UCIL was concerned with our proposal and technically agreed because there is a presence of uranium in small quantities in our tailings, which they can extract".

UCIL will process the tailings and, after extracting uranium, return the treated tailings to HCL, he said. The process will take time because UCIL operates under the DAE and follow atomic-energy clearances and protocols, the CMD said.

Industry experts believe that the agreement could

have both strategic and environmental benefits.

Recovering uranium from tailings can provide an additional domestic feedstock for the country's civil nuclear programme and reduce reliance on imports. "It also converts a waste liability into a resource besides addressing legacy environmental management." The country is aggressively pushing for expanded uranium production and international sourcing to support India's nuclear power target of 100 GW by 2047.

Hindustan Copper Ltd on Friday reported a 137.3 per cent surge in net profit to Rs 444.27 crore for the quarter ended March 31, 2026, on the back of higher revenue. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 187.18 crore in the year-ago period for the same period.

Maharashtra Cyber Dept. Issues Notices To Google, Apple Over Bike Taxis

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

In a major development, the Maharashtra Cyber Department has issued notices to tech giants Google LLC and Apple seeking the removal or disabling of bike taxi applications such as Ola, Uber and Rapido from their digital platforms over alleged unauthorised operations in the state.

The notices were issued under Section 79(3)(b) of the Information Technology Act, 2000, following

a complaint lodged by Maharashtra Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik. Maharashtra Cyber, the state's nodal agency for cyber-related crimes, initiated the action after receiving a formal communication from the minister regarding the alleged illegal functioning of bike taxi services across Maharashtra.

Deputy Inspector General of Police Sanjay Shintre, acting on behalf of the Additional Director General of Police, Maharashtra Cyber, sent separate

notices to both companies directing them to disable access to bike taxi applications facilitating passenger transport services in violation of transport regulations.

According to the notices, several app-based platforms are allegedly operating large-scale passenger bike taxi services without obtaining valid permissions, approvals or licenses mandated under the Motor Vehicles Act and rules framed by the Maharashtra Transport Department.



Authorities stated that these operations are being conducted without compliance with the state's transport norms, raising serious legal and public safety concerns. The department noted that the unauthorised services could pose risks to com-

muters due to inadequate driver verification procedures, lack of proper insurance coverage, weak emergency response mechanisms and concerns related to women's safety.

The notices further alleged that the companies are prioritising commercial profits while disregarding the legal framework governing public transport operations in the state.

"It appears that the operation of such bike taxi services is being carried out primarily for financial

gain while disregarding the existing legal framework under the Motor Vehicles Act and the rules and regulations framed by the Transport Department," the notice stated.

The Maharashtra Cyber Department also warned that such unauthorised operations are creating challenges for the state's transport system and endangering public welfare. In view of these concerns, the department urged Google and Apple to immediately remove the applications from their

respective platforms to prevent wider public usage.

Officials also clarified that since both companies maintain business operations and physical presence in India, they are legally bound to comply with Indian laws and directives issued by law enforcement agencies.

Authorities cautioned that failure to comply with the notices could invite strict legal action against the companies. Officials further warned that any untoward incident arising

from delays in implementing the directives could result in liability being fixed on the companies concerned.

Speaking on the issue, Minister Pratap Sarnaik said bike taxi operators must secure necessary permissions from Regional Transport Offices before operating in Maharashtra. He further stated that companies should submit complete driver details and vehicle registration information to the Transport Department to ensure accountability.

HPRC Equestrian Challenge Thrills Riders



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club successfully conducted the morning session competitions of the HPRC Equestrian Challenge 2026 on May 17, featuring outstanding performances from young and professional riders across multiple jumping categories.

Riders from leading academies including Archi Horse Riding Academy, HPRC, Royal Caballo Club, Billionaire Polo & Riding Club, Rancho De Caballos and Telangana Horse Riding Academy displayed exceptional skill, balance and precision in technically challenging events. In the Jumping CH-190 CM category, Sauryaram Varma Indukuri on Happiness secured first place, while Samara on Star finished second. In the 90

CM Open category, Ayaan Varma Nadimappili riding Darcy clinched the top position for HPRC.

The Junior 105 CM title was won by Khaled Ali on Moonstone representing Royal Caballo Club, while Aamir Shahnawaz riding Darcy emerged victorious in the 105 CM Open section.

Young riders also impressed in the 40 CM categories. Leahak Mehta dominated the Under-12 event, while Sauryaram Varma Indukuri won the Under-14 category. Khaled Ali continued his strong performance by winning the Under-14 Open and CH-II 80 CM Open events.

In the CH-II 80 CM category, Mysha Gupta riding Agni secured first place for Archi Horse Riding Academy. The competitions were judged by Dr. KCS Reddy and Mr. Kishore Futnani.

Adani Group to invest in big infra, energy projects in Bihar: Adani

Gautam Adani met Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary to discuss investment plans and reaffirmed the Adani Group's commitment to Bihar's development through infrastructure, energy and social service initiatives. He also announced major eye care and healthcare training projects in the state

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani said on Sunday that the Adani Group is fully committed to giving a new direction to the development of Bihar through active collaboration in big-ticket infrastructure and energy sectors, along with employment generation and social service in the state.

Gautam Adani met Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary in Patna on Sunday to discuss the Adani Group's investment plans for the state.

"Today's fruitful meeting with Bihar's popular and energetic Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary in Patna further strengthened our confidence in the state's bright future," Gautam Adani posted on X.

"The Adani Group is fully committed to giving a new direction to Bihar's development through active collaboration in the infrastructure and energy sectors, along with em-



ployment generation and social service," he added.

Earlier in the day, Gautam Adani announced the launch in Bihar of 'ACE - Adani Centre for Eye Diseases' in collaboration with Akhand Jyoti Hospital and the Adani Foundation, saying the initiative aims to provide accessible and affordable eye treatment to people in need.

He also said that "ATOM - Adani Training Centre for Ophthalmic Medicine" will help prepare a new generation of eye specialists and women healthcare workers.

"We are joining hands with Adani Foundation and Akhand Jyoti Hospital to launch 'ACE - Adani

Centre for Eye Diseases, which will be a major effort to provide accessible and affordable eye care to those in need," Gautam Adani said.

"At the same time, through ATOM - Adani Training Centre for Ophthalmic Medicine, we will prepare a new generation of eye specialists and women healthcare workers," he added.

According to Gautam Adani, the initiative is aimed at expanding quality eye care services across the country in the coming years.

"Restoring a person's eyesight is not merely medical treatment, but a way of bringing back

hope, confidence and dignity in their life," the Adani Group Chairman said during his visit to Mastichak in Bihar, where he visited the Gayatri Shaktipeeth and praised the social service efforts being carried out by Gayatri Parivar and Akhand Jyoti.

"Service is not just a slogan for us, it is the inspiration to turn compassion into action," he said.

He added that the 'Adani Akhand Jyoti Trust' will continue to work with dedication and sensitivity towards humanitarian causes.

He also announced a commitment of more than Rs 700 crore over the coming years to support these service-oriented healthcare initiatives.

Calling Bihar a land that has historically given new direction and consciousness to the nation, Gautam Adani said the campaign is an effort to spread "new light" across the country through service, values and commitment.

Education Week Concludes at Hayathnagar College



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Government Degree College, Hayathnagar, concluded the week-long "Education Week" celebrations on Sunday with a grand closing ceremony held under the leadership of Principal Dr. P. Suresh Babu. The programme was organised from May 11 to May 17 as part of the Telangana Government's prestigious '99 Days of Public Governance - Progress Plan'.

Throughout the week, the college conducted various academic, cultural, skill-development and awareness programmes aimed at enhancing students' overall personality development and employment opportunities. Students actively participated in cultural performances during the valedictory

function. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Dr. P. Suresh Babu said the Education Week created new enthusiasm among students and highlighted the importance of technology, artificial intelligence, social service, skill development, physical fitness and cultural awareness alongside classroom education. He thanked faculty members, non-teaching staff, donors, alumni and all contributors for making the programme successful. Meritorious students from the 2024-25 academic year and achievers from NCC, NSS and cultural activities were felicitated with prizes. Among those honoured were Tejashri, who secured second rank in Zoology Telangana PG CET, and Anil Kumar, who secured employment in the Telangana High Court.

Being Authentic Is Almost Like an Act of Rebellion Right Now

A For Sanjeeta Bhattacharya, music has never been separate from who she is. Standing before a room full of aspiring performers at the HYBE India and Shopper's Stop collaboration event in Hyderabad, the singer-songwriter and actor reflected on her journey with the honesty of someone who has spent years understanding herself through art. "I have been doing music since I was five," she said, smiling as she spoke about the role music has played in shaping her life. "Nothing can ever change that because it is kind of like who I am."

The conversation naturally turned to *Jawan*, the film that introduced her to an even larger audience. While many know her today for her acting, Bhattacharya admitted that stepping into cinema changed the pace of



her musical life for a while. "Music took a back seat in the sense that I wasn't able to perform as much," she explained. But the experience also brought unexpected rewards. "I gained a lot of listeners who kind of knew me for my acting and then found out that I am also a singer and songwriter." For her, *Jawan* became more than just an acting project. "I also sang and wrote a song for *Jawan*, so it was all my worlds coming together into one project." When asked the inevitable question about choosing

between acting and singing, Bhattacharya laughed before admitting that the answer is far from simple. "Music is my default," she said. "Acting is a new-found love." She described herself first and foremost as a musician, someone who has spent years honing her craft. "If you were to ask me what I am better at, I would undoubtedly say I am a better musician because it is a skill I have worked on since I was a kid." At the same time, she acknowledged how her background in Kathak dance may have unknow-

ingly prepared her for acting. "Kathak might have helped me with my expressions and being free in front of people, in front of the camera, on stage perhaps." One of the most emotional moments during the interaction came when Bhattacharya spoke about her song *Watercolor*, a track born out of heartbreak just before the lockdown. "The first few times I performed it, I would literally choke up," she admitted. "I would be like, I can't do this." Over time, however, the song evolved into something healing. "That's the best

part about writing about heartbreak," she reflected. "After a while, you normalize it in your head. It becomes something that happened and now you are better for it."

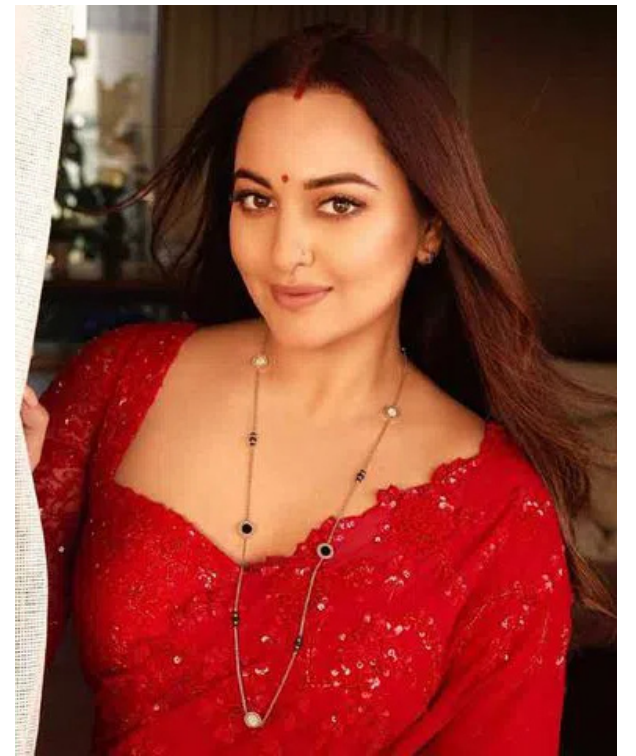
The discussion also touched upon the changing landscape of music and the growing pressure on artists to create songs designed for virality. Bhattacharya did not hesitate to acknowledge the reality of the industry today. "There is a huge pressure to go viral," she said. "People can literally search online how to make a viral song. They'll tell you how long the hook should be, how quickly the chorus should come in." Comparing today's music culture with artists she admires, she pointed out how attention spans have changed drastically. "There used to be songs by Pink Floyd where the introduction itself is one minute long and people would still listen to it."

Sonakshi Sinha says films are for entertainment, not social reform

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Bollywood actress Sonakshi Sinha, who is gearing up for the release of her streaming movie *System*, doesn't agree with the opinion that cinema is just a medium of bringing in social change.

The actress spoke with IANS, along with veteran actress Jyothika, during the promotions of the film in Mumbai. When asked if she agrees with the opinion about films being seen just as a medium of setting the society on the right path, she said, "I actually don't agree with that because a film is made for entertainment as well. You should learn from your parents what is right and what is wrong. And you should learn this in school. This is not our job as film and creative people. Today, we will make a story about a lawyer, and tomorrow we will make a story about a serial killer. It doesn't mean that you go and kill people. She further mentioned, "So I feel those morals and ethics are taught at home. And it's not our job to teach you. By the



time you watch our film, we have ratings for the 12, 16, 18 year old audience because it's for a certain level of audience, who can understand it. And can differentiate between right and wrong. I feel that a lot of the times, such a big conversation is made about this is wrong, this should not be shown in a film. This should not be that. No, I'm sorry. The actress feels that the audience has to have to make that judgement for themselves, one has to learn that at home.

The audience should watch a film to be entertained by it. It's a

story at the end of the day. Only then can we make good stories. There are so many times where films are based on real life incidents, on true stories. Art is a reflection of society. So I feel people should be able to make that difference for themselves. And I feel watch a film for entertainment as well. If a film like *System*, for instance, forces you to think at home, that's a good thing. At least you're thinking about it, she added. Produced by Pammi Baweja, Harman Baweja, and Smitha Baliga, '*System*' will drop on May 22 on Prime Video.

Ballari NBKA Students Achieve Black Belts After Successful Grading Examination



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Nayak Budokan Karate Academy (NBKA) successfully conducted its Black Belt Grading Examination for Karnataka students at the Head Branch in Shiva Ganga Nagar, where three students achieved Black Belt certification after years of dedicated training. Students B. Mani Manogna, N. Sai Ram, and K. Harsha participated in the examination and delivered outstanding performances in all grading categories. Following the successful completion of the test, the students were awarded Black Belts and certificates by the academy.

The students were trained under the guidance of

Coach Raghavendra and Prashanth, whose continuous efforts and five years of intensive coaching helped prepare them for the prestigious examination. Their dedication and commitment were widely appreciated during the event.

NBKA President P. Ganesh Nayak Sir congratulated the students and trainers for their discipline, perseverance, and remarkable achievement. He praised the hard work put in by both the participants and coaches in reaching this milestone. Several senior masters, including K. Ravindhar, S. Hemant Kumar, and Ch. Ajay, attended the program and encouraged the students to continue excelling in karate and martial arts activities.

Sri Laxmeshwara Temple Chairman Dhamodhar Reddy Garu and Chattrinka Congress Senior Leader Raju Yadav Garu participated as special guests and honored the students with shawls, belts, and certificates. They assured their support for karate activities and highlighted the importance of martial arts in daily life.

Speaking on the occasion, the guests said karate plays a vital role in developing self-discipline, self-confidence, physical fitness, and self-defense skills among students and youth. The event concluded with congratulations to all achievers, trainers, and supporters for making the occasion a proud and memorable success.

Mitchell Starc's four-wicket haul powers Delhi Capitals to crucial win over Rajasthan Royals

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

Mitchell Starc produced a game-changing four-wicket haul to halt Rajasthan Royals' charge before Delhi Capitals completed a crucial five-wicket win to keep their IPL play-offs hopes alive here on Sunday.

Starc's superb 4/40 sparked a dramatic collapse after Rajasthan had stormed to 160 for two in 14 overs, with the visitors eventually managing only 33 runs while losing six wickets to finish at 193 for eight.

Delhi then made the chase look comfortable for large parts as KL Rahul (56 off 42) and Abishek Porel (51 off 31) laid the perfect platform with a 105-run opening stand in just 10.1 overs.

While Porel attacked from the outset with seven fours and a six, Rahul paced his innings smartly before falling to Dasun Shanaka.

Sahil Parakh chipped in with a quick 9 before skipper Axar Patel provided the finishing flourish with an unbeaten 34 off 18 balls, striking two fours and two sixes.

Despite Jofra Archer removing Tristan Stubbs and Brijesh Sharma get-



ting rid of David Miller in the latter stages, Ashutosh Sharma's unbeaten 18 off just five balls sealed the chase in 19.2 overs.

The victory lifted Delhi from eighth to seventh in the points table with 12 points, keeping them in contention ahead of their final league match against Kolkata Knight Riders next Sunday, when they will know exactly what is required to secure a play-offs berth, provided a couple of other results go their way as well.

Earlier, opener Yashasvi Jaiswal began brightly, driving and cutting fluently against Starc, but his stay was brief as Lungi Ngidi removed him for 12.

Teen sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi then lit up the innings with another fearless knock. The youngster mixed elegant stroke-play with mature defence and aggression, scoring at a rapid pace while taking on the Capitals attack with confidence.

Suryavanshi was handed a reprieve on 31 when Sameer Rizvi dropped him while running backwards off Tripurana Vijay, and the left-hander continued to attack before eventually falling for 46.

Playing only his second IPL game, Madhav Tiwari provided the breakthrough as Suryavanshi failed to clear the ropes while attempting a lofted hit straight down the ground.

At the other end, Dhruv Jurel (53) played the perfect supporting role before accelerating smoothly. Jurel took Mukesh Kumar apart with two fours and a six as Rajasthan ended the powerplay at a commanding 75 for one.

Jurel and Suryavanshi added 70 runs for the second wicket to put Delhi under severe pressure. Skipper Rryan Parag (51) continued the assault. He nearly perished early when Madhav induced a mistimed heave with a short ball, but Tristan Stubbs could not complete a low catch cleanly.

Parag made Delhi pay heavily thereafter. He launched Axar Patel for towering sixes and then hammered Mukesh

Kumar for 23 runs in an over as Rajasthan's scoring rate nearly touched 12 an over. Parag soon overtook Jurel in scoring pace and brought up a brisk half-century.

Just when Rajasthan seemed poised for a daunting finish, Starc swung the momentum decisively. The Australian left-arm quick dismissed the rampaging Parag to provide Delhi a desperately-needed breakthrough.

Starc then struck again immediately, removing Donovan Ferreira for a golden duck, and followed it up a ball later by trapping Ravi Singh leg-before as Rajasthan suddenly slipped to 161 for six.

Madhav joined the party, dismissing Shubham for five as Rajasthan lost four wickets in the space of 15 deliveries and the flow of runs dried up considerably.

Despite the collapse around him, Jurel stayed composed to complete a well-crafted half-century, anchoring the innings till the final overs.

Starc returned to remove impact substitute Shanaka for 10 and finish with four wickets, his best haul of the season and a timely intervention in a must-win encounter for Delhi.

Major fire at Yadadri Thermal Power Plant damages key components

A major fire erupted at Yadadri Ultra Mega Thermal Power Station (YATP) on Sunday, leaving a few key components extensively damaged. Officials claimed there was no loss of life or injuries in the incident.

The fire erupted near the turbine-driven boiler feed pump at the Unit 3 location in the plant. Immediately, the workers and officials working at the plant ran for their lives.

According to preliminary investigation, it has been ascertained that the fire occurred due to lubrication oil leakage at the pump. Due to the oil leakage, thick smoke enveloped the plant area. A few key components, including control cables and valves, were damaged in the fire. With the plant staff responding immediately and extinguishing the fire, main equipment, including turbines and boilers, was not affected by the fire, as per reports.

KTR demands Bandi Sanjay's dismissal to ensure impartial investigation in POCSO case

BRS working president KT Rama Rao demanded the removal of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar from the Union Cabinet, alleging interference in the POCSO case involving his son. He also accused BJP and Congress leaders of trying to suppress the issue

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Sunday demanded the immediate removal of Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar from the Union Cabinet to ensure a fair and impartial investigation into the POCSO case involving his son Bandi Sai Bageerath. He said as long as Bandi Sanjay remained in office, the investigation could not be transparent and independent. Addressing the party gathering in LB Nagar, Rama Rao said it was perhaps unprecedented in India for a look-out notice to be issued against the son of a sitting Union Minister. "Who protected him for nine days while



he was absconding? That question must be answered," he said.

The BRS working president said far from distancing himself from the case, Bandi Sanjay had personally threatened and intimidated the victim's parents. "The Union Minister's son committed an injustice against a minor girl, and the Union Minister himself went after her family. Allowing such a person to continue in a constitutional position is an insult not just to Telan-

gana but to the entire country," he said. Calling out Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" campaign, Rama Rao said such slogans were meaningless if those in power shielded the accused instead of protecting the victim. He said justice could not be achieved if such slogans remained merely political rhetoric. He warned that unless influential individuals were held accountable, women and minor girls would be discouraged from reporting abuse in the future. "Society must not send the message that influential individuals are above the law," he said. The BRS working president trained guns on the Congress government, accusing Chief Minister A

Revanth Reddy of attempting to dilute the gravity of the case. He said both the BJP and Congress colluded to suppress the issue by branding it a "honey trap" and influencing sections of the media to limit coverage. He praised the victim's mother and her family for refusing to yield despite sustained pressure from both State and Central leaders. "Their historic courage in standing firm when everyone was pushing back deserves the respect of society," he remarked. Appreciating the role of the party cadre, Rama Rao credited BRS women leaders, student organisations and social media activists for keeping public pressure alive.

POCSO accused Sai Bageerath remanded to 14-day judicial custody

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Bandi Sai Bageerath, who surrendered before Petbasheerabad police station, on Saturday was remanded to 14-day judicial custody and shifted to Central Prison, Cherlapally. As per Cyberabad police, Sai Bageerath was arrested at the Telangana State Police Academy junction. He was shifted in a convoy of vehicles to the Petbasheerabad police station. Kukatpally DCP Ritiraj, the supervisory officer in the case, also reached the police station. After



recording Sai Bageerath's statement and completing necessary legal formalities, the police shifted him to a primary health centre at Medchal for medical checkup. After the medical examination, Bageerath was produced before a magistrate, who sent him on judicial remand till May 29. Advocate Karuna Sagar, legal counsel for Sai Bageerath, said that on in-

structions of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar, he along with Sai Bageerath went to APPA junction and handed him over to Special Operations Teams of Cyberabad police. He was later shifted by the police to Petbasheerabad police station. "He was produced before the court and remanded to judicial custody till May 29. We will file a bail application on the next working day before the court. We have faith in the judicial system. Our man will come out clean from the case. We will plan our future course of action," said Karuna Sagar.

Chemists Urge AIMIM Chief's Support



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Chamber of Chemists and Druggists (TCCD) has urged AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi to take up their demands with the Union government. Ahead of the one-day nationwide bandh called on May 20 by the All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists (AIOC), the association sought his intervention against "illegal e-pharmacy operations" and demanded withdrawal of Notification GSR 817(E) dated August 28, 2018, issued by the Department of Health and Family Welfare. Chemists and druggists

are protesting against the unchecked sale of medicines by online pharmacies, predatory pricing by corporate companies and what they termed the government's indifferent attitude. More than 12.40 lakh chemists and distributors across the country are expected to join the agitation. Other demands include withdrawal of Notification GSR 220(E) dated March 26, 2020, issued during the COVID-19 pandemic. Owaisi assured the delegation that his party would support their demands and said he would raise the issues in Parliament during the upcoming Monsoon Session. He also extended full support to the bandh call on May 20.

Rohingya, Bangladeshi names should be removed during SIR: Kishan

He urged all political parties to appoint booth-level agents (BLAs) and cooperate with the Election Commission during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Union Minister for Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy on Sunday said that the names of any Rohingyas or Bangladeshis should be removed from the voters' list during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process. Addressing a press conference, Reddy said that, except for Indian citizens, the names of other nationals should be removed from the electoral

rolls. He assured that BJP booth-level agents would extend full support to Election Commission officials involved in the SIR process to ensure that any non-Indian whose name appears in the voters' list is removed. Attacking the Congress party, he asked why Rahul Gandhi and his party were "feeling the pinch" when illegal Bangladeshi voters were removed during the SIR exercise in West Bengal.



"Bangladeshis or Rohingyas, whoever is staying illegally in our country, if their names are found in the voters' list, they should be removed. Though Rahul Gandhi opposes SIR, I have faith in booth-level Congress workers. I

request them to cooperate with the EC during SIR to help remove fake votes," Reddy said. Alleging that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy did not have trust in Booth Level Officers (BLOs), the union minister said the CM was politicising the SIR process and speaking in a "provocative manner". Reacting to criticism by the CM over the recent hike in petrol and diesel prices, Reddy said the issue was not under the

control of the Central government as it was due to the crisis in West Asia. He further said that when crude oil prices were lower earlier, the Central government had reduced excise duty and requested state governments to cut VAT, which was followed by several states, but not Telangana. Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C Sudharshan Reddy on Saturday said that the SIR of electoral rolls would be conducted in the state from June 15.

Doctors Link Health to Peace at IDPD Meet

The 13th National Conference of Indian Doctors for Peace and Development (IDPD), held on May 16-17 at IMA Hall, Hyderabad, reiterated that health is a fundamental human right, increasingly denied due to wars, militarisation and diversion of resources away from welfare. Affiliated with the Nobel Peace Prize-winning International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), IDPD delegates warned that conflicts in Ukraine, West Asia, Sudan and elsewhere are devastating health systems and displacing populations. Any escalation involving nuclear powers or attacks on facilities such as Zaporizhzhia could trigger irreversible ecological damage, they cautioned. Speakers condemned the continuing assault on Gaza as a grave humanitarian tragedy, citing the destruction of hospitals and the deaths of thousands of children. The National Health Seminar highlighted India's challenges in achieving universal healthcare. Dr K. Srinath Reddy, chancellor of the Institute of Public Health Sciences, noted that insurance-based systems fail to cover outpatient care, which accounts for nearly 70 per cent of health expenditure, with medicines imposing heavy costs on patients.

Gulzar Houz Fire: Survivors Await Justice

The building, located in the congested lanes of Gulzar Houz, remains sealed and blocked off. Survivors say the delay has added to their trauma, preventing them from rebuilding their lives.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A year has passed since the devastating fire at Gulzar Houz near Charminar, which claimed 17 lives, including eight children. But for the surviving members of the family, time has done little to heal the pain of one of Hyderabad's worst fire tragedies. In the early hours of May 18, 2025, a massive fire broke out in a three-storey building housing a jewellery and pearl shop on the ground floor and residences above. The victims, many of whom had gathered for a reunion during the summer holidays, were sleeping on the first floor. By the time they could respond and attempt to escape, the only staircase was blocked by the fire, trapping them on the first floor. All 17 victims belonged to the same extended family, and several died due to smoke inhalation before rescuers could reach them. Now, one



year later, the surviving relatives say they are still struggling to move forward. Speaking with Decan Chronicle, family members said authorities have not handed over the fire-damaged house, leaving several survivors displaced and emotionally shattered. "Our family is still coping with the emotional and financial aftermath of the incident. While the government and officials showed unconditional support in the immediate aftermath, over time we felt completely forgotten," said Yogesh Modi, a family member. He added, "Since then, we have faced challenges at every step — whether it was ob-

taining death certificates, receiving the ex-gratia that was announced, or dealing with official procedures related to the case." The building, located in the congested lanes of Gulzar Houz, remains sealed and blocked off. Survivors say the delay has added to their trauma, preventing them from rebuilding their lives. "Authorities had taken control of the property with the assurance that it would be respectfully handed back to us once the investigation was completed. However, even after one year and multiple requests, the house has still not been returned to us," Yogesh said.

Telangana govt sanctions Rs 221 crore for gurukul, hostel schools

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The government on Sunday, May 17, sanctioned Rs 221.24 crore as funds to Gurukul Schools and government residential hostel schools to provide continuous support for nutrition, student welfare and accommodation facilities across Telangana. The funds will be released on a monthly basis and cover food expenses, cosmetic charges and building rents for residential educational institutions functioning under the Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Backward Classes (BC), Minority

Welfare and Education departments. Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said there were eight to nine months delay to release funds, causing severe operational difficulties for residential schools and hostels. "The government is committed to providing quality education and improved residential facilities to students from marginalised communities. Our goal is not only the holistic development and empowerment of students, but also to shape them into responsible citizens who contribute positively to society," he said.

Charlapalli-Tiruchanur Weekly Express Flagged Off

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Union minister G. Kishan Reddy on Sunday flagged off a new weekly express train service between Charlapalli and Tiruchanur, aimed at improving rail connectivity between Telangana and Tirupati. Train No. 17059 Charlapalli-Tiruchanur Weekly Express will depart every Sunday at 9.30 pm, reaching Tiruchanur at 12.30 pm the next day. In the return direction, Train No. 17060 will leave Tiruchanur every Monday at 4 pm



and arrive at Charlapalli at 8 am the following day. The train will halt at major stations including Malkajgiri, Kacheguda, Mahbubnagar, Gadwal, Kurnool, Dhone, Gooty, Tadipatri, Kadapa and Re-

ngunta. Railway officials said the service comprises seven sleeper coaches, seven AC 3-tier coaches, two AC 2-tier coaches and four general coaches, catering to passengers across categories.

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