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PM Modi Backs Dialogue, Diplomacy To Resolve Ukraine, Middle East Tensions

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"Through this strategic partnership, our companies will develop global solutions across sectors - from clean energy to climate resilience, and from the blue economy to green shipping - by combining India's scale, speed, and talent with Norway's technology and capital," he said.

The prime minister said the 'Green Strategic Partnership' will be beneficial for the entire world. The prime minister also touched upon the upswing in India-Europe ties and described it as a "golden era" of the relationship.

"Today, the world is passing through a period of instability and uncertainty. Whether it is Ukraine or West Asia, many parts of the world continue to face conflict. At such a time, India and Europe are en-

tering a new golden era in their relationship." In his remarks, Modi thanked Norway for supporting India after last year's Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people, mostly tourists.

"I was scheduled to visit Norway last year, but the trip had to be postponed due to the terrorist attack in Pahalgam. During that difficult time, Norway stood firmly with India against terrorism, reflecting the strength of our friendship," he said.

"Today, as I visit Norway, I express my heartfelt gratitude for that solidarity," he added.

In his remarks, Modi also underlined the need for reform of global institutions to deal with emerging global challenges.

"We are also in agreement that reform of global institutions is essential to address the growing global challenges. And eliminating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations is our shared commitment," he said.

The prime minister met Store hours after landing in Oslo. Modi also referred to the Trade and Economic Partnership

Agreement between India and the European Free Trade Association, describing it as a blueprint for ensuring shared progress and prosperity. He said the pact envisages USD 100 billion investment in India and creation of one million jobs over the next 15 years.

They underlined the aim of doubling the value of current trade between India and Norway by 2030. The two leaders noted potential in defence cooperation and defence industrial collaboration.

The prime minister said both sides agreed to deepen cooperation in sustainability, ocean energy, geology and health, while linking universities and start-up ecosystems in sectors such as engineering, artificial intelligence, cyber and digital technologies.

He said cooperation in skill development and talent mobility would also expand further.

Highlighting Arctic cooperation, Modi described Norway as an important country in the Arctic region and thanked it for supporting the operation of India's Arctic research.

Modi, Norway PM Unveil Green Pact

Key focus on clean energy, climate, and shipping

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks on Monday with Norway's PM Jonas Gahr Store in Oslo, after which the two nations announced a "Green Strategic Partnership" in the areas of clean energy, climate resilience, blue economy and green shipping. Later, at a special ceremony hosted in Oslo, Norway's King Harald V conferred the "Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit" award on Modi. The award is Norway's highest honour bestowed on foreign heads of government, and is "conferred in recognition of the outstanding service in the interest of Norway and humankind". This comes ahead of the third India-Nordic Summit on Tuesday in Oslo that will be attended by Modi along with the leaders of the five Nordic nations -- Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland -- that "will impart a more strategic dimension to India's relationship with the Nor-



dic countries". On Monday while welcoming greater investments by Norwegian enterprises in India, the two Prime Ministers, after their talks, also underlined the aim of doubling the value of current trade between India and Norway by 2030. In his media remarks, Modi pointed out that India had earlier inked the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) with the member states of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) that comprise the four nations of Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which he described as the "blueprint for shared progress and prosperity". TEPA has been imple-

mented from October last year. Modi noted that the pact creates an investment pathway of \$100 billion over 15 years and will result in the creation of one million jobs. It must be noted that while Norway is a European, Nordic and Scandinavian nation, it is not part of the 27-nation European Union (EU). Pointing out that India and Norway are entering a "golden chapter" in their ties, Modi said the two nations would work together in the fields of ocean energy, geology, health engineering, artificial intelligence, cyber and digital sectors, which would be part of the research and innovation bilateral cooperation that he

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13 Killed in Tempo-container Collision on Mumbai-Ahmedabad Highway

At least 13 people died and 25 others were injured after a tempo carrying guests to an engagement ceremony collided with a speeding container trailer in Maharashtra's Palghar district on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Highway on Monday. The accident occurred near Dhaniwari village under Dahanu taluka at around 4 pm, when the tempo with nearly 40 passengers was heading for the engagement ceremony. A container trailer coming from the opposite direction reportedly rammed into the left side of the tempo. Palghar Superintendent of Police Yatish Deshmukh stated, "A tempo carrying 30 to 40 people was driving on the wrong side of the road on the Gujarat-Mumbai road. A container was coming from the opposite direc-

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India Continues Russian Oil Imports Despite US Waiver Uncertainty

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The government on Monday said that India has continued buying Russian oil before, during and after US sanctions waivers. The comments of a senior official came after the United States allowed a waiver covering some Russian crude purchases to expire over the weekend. "India's crude purchases from Russia have not depended on the

US waiver framework, and are driven by commercial considerations. Regarding the American waiver on Russia, I would like to emphasise that we have been purchasing from Russia earlier. I mean before waiver also, and now also," said Sujata Sharma, joint secretary in the petroleum ministry while briefing the media. Indian refiners and oil traders have reportedly indicated that supplies re-

main available despite the latest expiry of the American exemption. Earlier, India has sought an extension of sanctions waiver from the US for procuring Russian crude oil. The US President Donald Trump had initially approved the waiver in March before extending it further, with the current waiver expired on May 16.

However, sources said that supply disruptions due to blockage of the

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Pakistan Deploys Jet Squadron, Thousands of Troops to Saudi Arabia During Iran War

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Pakistan has deployed 8,000 troops, a squadron of fighter jets and an air defence system to Saudi Arabia under a mutual defence pact, ramping up military cooperation with Riyadh even as Islamabad serves as the main mediator in the Iran war. The deployment, the full scale of which is reported here for the first time, was confirmed by three security officials and two govern-



ment sources, all of whom described it as a substantial, combat-capable force intended to support Saudi Arabia's military if the kingdom comes under further attack.

Pakistan's military and foreign office and Saudi

Arabia's government media office did not respond to requests for comment on the deployment. The full terms of the defence agreement, signed last year, are confidential, but both sides have said it requires Pakistan and Saudi Arabia to come to each other's defence in the event of an attack. Defence minister Khawaja Asif has previously implied that it places Saudi Arabia under Pakistan's nuclear umbrella.

According to the sources, Pakistan has deployed a full squadron of around 16 aircraft, mostly JF-17 fighters made jointly with China, which were sent to Saudi Arabia in early April. Two of the security officials said Pakistan had also sent two squadrons of drones. All five sources said the deployment includes around 8,000 troops, with a pledge to send more if needed, as well as a Chinese HQ-9 air defence system.

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Kerala's New UDF Govt Unveils Free Bus Travel for Women, Welfare

Within hours of taking office, Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan led his first Cabinet meeting on Monday, rolling out a host of major welfare measures. The move marks the beginning of a bold, people-focused governance style under the new Congress-led UDF administration. In a big move, the government has announced free travel for women on KSRTC buses starting June 15, delivering on one of its main election promises. His announcement was welcomed by women across the state.

CM Satheesan also revealed plans for a new department focused on senior citizens' wel-

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Friends' Reunion at Satheesan CM Oath Event: Revanth

He attended the ceremony along with Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar

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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy expressed confidence that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi would one day become the Prime Minister of India after attending the oath-taking ceremony of the UDF government led by V. D. Satheesan in Kerala. Sharing his experience from the event, Revanth

Reddy described the occasion as "a reunion of friends and colleagues" and said the atmosphere in Kerala was filled with "hope, energy and enthusiasm."

He attended the ceremony along with Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivaku-

mar, and Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, among others. "The hope, energy and enthusiasm is palpable in the air. The same energy will strengthen as we will all work together for our biggest common goal — for the day when our leader Shri Rahul Gandhi ji will take oath as Prime Minister of India," Revanth Reddy said in a social media post.



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Telangana Set for Infrastructure Boom

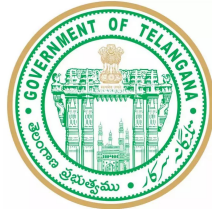
Capital Expenditure Outlay Surges by 30% to RS 47,267 Crore

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Telangana has emerged as the top-performing state in terms of capital expenditure (capex) utilisation during 2025-26, recording the highest spending efficiency at 147.58 per cent. The latest monthly accounts analysis released by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) highlighted that the national average capex utilisation declined to 77.23 per cent in FY26 from 80.23 per cent in FY25. Telangana outperformed all other states and registered the sharpest improvement in capital spending, which is double the national average. Capital expenditure refers to government spending on the creation of durable assets such as roads, bridges, flyovers, schools, hospitals, airports and railway lines, besides expenditure aimed at reducing liabilities such as

repayment of debt. Such expenditure is considered crucial for long-term economic growth. In contrast, revenue expenditure relates to recurring day-to-day operational expenses incurred for running government departments and public services, which neither create long-term assets nor reduce liabilities.

The government repaid debt of Rs.33,574 crore incurred on the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS), which contributed to the capex spending. The CAG analysis showed that 20 states together utilised ₹7.92 lakh crore, 77.23 per cent of their combined budgeted capital expenditure of ₹10.26 lakh crore. This represented a decline from FY25, when 26 states collectively spent 80.23 per cent of their budgeted capex, indicating a slowdown in the pace of state-level capital spending. Telangana not only



topped the country in FY26 but also recorded the largest year-on-year improvement in capex utilisation. The state increased its utilisation from 108.13 per cent in FY25 to 147.58 in FY26, a jump of nearly 39 percentage points. Telangana's budget estimate for capital expenditure stood at ₹36,504.45 crore, while the actual expenditure till March far exceeded the figure at ₹53,873.31 crore.

Karnataka stood second with 102.46 per cent, followed by Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Gujarat where it was 82.28 per cent. At the bottom end, West Bengal spent only 48.06 per cent

of its budgeted capex, Rajasthan (51.82), Chhattisgarh (57.12), Tripura (63.34). The report also noted major shifts in capex performance compared to the previous financial year. Haryana posted a sharp rise in utilisation from 57.86 per cent in FY25 to 96.56 per cent in FY26, while Himachal Pradesh improved from 71.58 per cent to 96.73 per cent. Andhra Pradesh too registered improvement, moving from 42.26 per cent to 66.11 per cent. The CAG report further observed that state governments witnessed the customary year-end surge in spending. After the first 11 months of FY26, 22 states had utilised only a little over 55 per cent of their annual capex allocations, indicating that a substantial portion of capital expenditure was incurred during the final month of the financial year. On the revenue expenditure front, the 20

states spent 87.77 per cent of their combined budgeted revenue expenditure of ₹50.16 lakh crore during FY26, lower than the 90.72 per cent recorded by 26 states in FY25. Bihar topped at 101.63 per cent, exceeding its budget estimate, followed by Chhattisgarh (96.85), Gujarat (96.35), Punjab (95.47) and Himachal Pradesh (95.42 per cent). Tripura recorded the lowest revenue expenditure utilisation at 73.59 per cent, followed by Uttar Pradesh (80.94), Maharashtra (80.95) and Assam (83.65). In terms of tax revenue collections, states together collected 91.64 per cent of their budgeted tax revenue target of ₹36.94 lakh crore during FY26, lower than the 95.27 per cent recorded in FY25. Haryana led the country with collections equivalent to 99.23 per cent of its annual target, followed by Maharashtra at 98.28.

TRS Slams BRS Over Palamuru Project Delay

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Leaders of the Telangana Rakshana Sena strongly criticised Bharat Rashtira Samithi over its proposed padayatra demanding completion of the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy project, questioning why the project was not completed during the party's ten-year rule. Addressing the media at the Telangana Rakshana Sena office in Banjara Hills, TRS leaders alleged that the people of the united Mahabubnagar district were betrayed despite repeatedly trusting BRS with power. TRS leader Gongalla Ranjith said the people of Palamuru had high hopes after the formation of Telangana and elected 12 MLAs expecting irrigation benefits through the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy



project. However, he alleged that even after ten years in power, BRS failed to provide irrigation water to even a single acre. He accused the previous BRS government of increasing the project cost from ₹35,000 crore to ₹85,000 crore to benefit contractors while neglecting farmers. TRS leaders alleged that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and senior BRS leaders were responsible for migration, backwardness and hardships in the Palamuru region. They further claimed that corruption and financial irregularities

had weakened public trust in BRS. Criticising the proposed padayatra, TRS leaders said people would no longer believe "political dramas" and demanded that BRS apologise to the people of Mahabubnagar for failing to complete the project while in power. The leaders also criticised the ruling Congress government, alleging that no significant progress had been made on the project in the last two-and-a-half years. TRS leaders Metrakadi Prabhakar, Krishna, Sravani, Soujanya Reddy and others participated in the media conference.

Former Corporator Bannala Geetha Felicitates Telangana EAPCET State Topper Rushi

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Former corporator Bannala Geetha, along with BRS leaders, felicitated M. Rushi of Chilkanagar for securing the State First Rank in the Telangana EAPCET results. Bannala Geetha Praveen Mudiraj visited the student's residence and honoured her with a shawl in

recognition of her outstanding achievement. Congratulating the student, she said Rushi, daughter of Kondal Reddy and Srilatha from Chilkanagar, had brought

pride not only to her family but also to the entire locality by securing the top rank in the state. The former corporator appreciated the student's hard work and dedication and wished her greater success in the future. She also assured all possible support and encouragement for the student's higher education and career aspirations.

TG POLYCET 2026 counselling schedule released

The Technical Education Department on Monday released the Telangana Polytechnic Common Entrance Test (TG POLYCET) 2026 admission schedule, with the first phase counselling commencing May 27.

As per the schedule, online registration and slot booking for certificate verification is scheduled from May 21 to 31, followed by certificate verification from May 29 to June 1. Web options will be available from May 29 to June 3 and provisional seat allotment is on or before June 6. Students who received seat allotment have to pay the fee and self-report online through the website between June 6 and 9.

Candidates have to report at the allotted college between June 8 and 9, and academic session will commence on June 9, with orientation scheduled on June 9 and 10. The final phase registration and slot booking for certificate verification is on June 15 and certificate verification is on June 16. Web options can be exercised on June 16 and 17 and provisional seat allotment is on or before June 20. Fee payment and self-reporting online should be completed between June 20 and 22. Students should report at the allotted college between June 22 and 23.

Cyber Crime Crackdown: Six Arrested in Five Major Fraud Cases

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The Malkajgiri Cyber Crime Police busted five major cyber fraud cases and arrested six accused involved in interstate cyber crime networks during special operations conducted between May 10 and May 16. Police also recovered ₹6.80 lakh and returned the amount to victims through court procedures. According to police, the arrested persons were acting as "mule account" agents by providing bank accounts to cyber fraudsters in exchange for commissions. In the first case, Kasani Satish from Suryapet district was arrested in connection with a fake German job and visa scam. Fraudsters posing as overseas consultants collected passports and certificates from unemployed youth and cheated victims of ₹5.39 lakh by issuing fake offer letters and collecting security deposits. In another case, Indarapu Naveen from Peddapalli district was arrested for assisting cyber criminals who posed as an Army officer named "Captain Pawar" and cheated a woman searching for a rental flat online. The victim lost ₹2.75 lakh after being convinced to make advance payments. Police also arrested

Kommu Vishnu of Hyderabad and Makkala Aravind of Outbullapur in a fake stock market investment scam operated through a WhatsApp group titled "Invenco Q2 Co-Investment Plan-VIP." Victims were lured into investing in fake IPO and block trading schemes and lost ₹21.50 lakh. In another fraud case, Pandula Srikanth from Vanasthalipuram was arrested after cyber criminals impersonated Customs and RBI officials and cheated a victim of ₹4.79 lakh by claiming a parcel containing gold chains and foreign currency had arrived from the United Kingdom. In the fifth case, Nannaka Raghunath from Vanasthalipuram was arrested after cyber criminals hacked a company Managing Director's WhatsApp account using a malicious APK file disguised as an e-challan application. Fraudsters then instructed the company accountant to transfer funds, leading to a loss of ₹40.08 lakh. Police urged citizens to remain alert against online job frauds, fake investment schemes, suspicious links and APK files sent through social media, SMS and emails. Officials advised victims of cyber fraud to immediately contact the national cyber crime helpline 1930 or report complaints through the official cyber crime portal.

MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy Participates in District Review Meeting

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Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy participated in the district-level review meeting held at the Medchal-Malkajgiri Collectorate under the chairmanship of District Collector Manu Choudhary and in the presence of District In-charge Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu. During the meeting, the MLA raised several public issues concerning Uppal constituency. He alleged that Uppal Government Hospital lacked basic infrastructure and facilities and stated that patients were being forced to lie on the floor due to a shortage of beds. He also expressed dissatisfaction over the functioning of DMHO Uma Gowri and urged officials to

improve healthcare services. Responding to the concerns, the District Collector assured that he would soon visit the hospital for inspection. Bandari Lakshma Reddy also requested the administration to ensure there was no shortage of teachers in government schools across the constituency. The MLA further brought several development-related issues to the notice of the government. He urged authorities to take up road widening works at Habsiguda X Road to address severe traffic congestion. He pointed out that commuters travelling from Nacharam towards Habsiguda

were facing major difficulties due to bottleneck traffic issues and suggested coordination with Indian Institute of Chemical Technology officials for land acquisition required for road expansion. He also requested allocation of government land for establishing a government degree college in Uppal Bhagayat or within the Uppal Assembly constituency limits. The MLA demanded that 50 percent of double-bedroom houses in Uppal constituency be allotted to local residents. He further stated that closure of the Uppal Ring Road due to Bandari Rajireddy Corridor construction works was causing inconvenience to the public and appealed to the government to repair alternative roads to facilitate smooth traffic movement.

Hyderabad Hitech City | IT Corridor Turns Into 'Garbage Dump' as Waste Piles Up Near Residential Areas

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Srirangam Venkatesh



Huge piles of garbage are causing inconvenience to residents near Hyderabad's Hitech City IT corridor, particularly in Rajiv Vaddera Basti under Anjaiah Nagar Division of Madhapur Circle in the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation limits. Residents alleged that garbage has been piling up along the roads, creating foul smell and unhygienic conditions in colonies and nearby slum areas located within walking distance of the IT corridor. Locals said they have repeatedly complained to authorities regarding the

issue, but no permanent solution has been provided so far. They expressed concern that the roads have become difficult to use due to the increasing garbage accumulation. Residents questioned the implementation of "Clean Hyderabad" and "Clean Telangana" initiatives and

demanded immediate action from civic authorities to clear the waste and improve sanitation in the area. They also urged officials to create awareness among local residents regarding proper garbage disposal and maintaining cleanliness in public places.

"No Percentage... No File Movement?"

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 enrolment, 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.

Congress Holds Review Meeting on Organisational Strengthening in Uppal

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A review meeting was held in Uppal constituency to discuss strengthening the Indian National Congress party structure from the booth level ahead of upcoming local body elections. The meeting was attended by Malkajgiri Parliament coordinator and Rajya Sabha member Anil Kumar Yadav, Medchal-Malkajgiri District Congress Committee president Totakura Vajresh Yadav, and Uppal constituency Congress in-

charge Mandumula Parameshwar Reddy along with division presidents and district executive members. During the meeting, party leaders discussed speeding up the appointment process of Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and finalising division presidents. Discussions were also held on strengthening the party at the grassroots

level and taking government welfare and public governance programmes to every household. Addressing party leaders and workers, Anil Kumar Yadav said the government led by Revanth Reddy was working effectively for the people and urged party workers to actively publicise government initiatives among the public. He stressed that

every party functionary, from BLAs to division presidents, should work like dedicated soldiers for the organisation. Mandumula Parameshwar Reddy stated that the Congress party would be strengthened further in Uppal constituency and expressed confidence that organisational strength would ensure electoral success. He assured that every hardworking party worker would receive due recognition within the party. Former corporators, division presidents and district executive members also participated in the meeting.

UoH Named Lead Knowledge Institution

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The University of Hyderabad (UoH) has been nominated as the Lead Knowledge Institution (LKI) for Telangana under NITI Aayog's State Support Mission (SSM), tasked with providing research-based policy support and technical expertise across key sectors. The Telangana planning department

identified UoH for its multidisciplinary research strengths to aid evidence-based governance and policy planning. Under the initiative, the university will work with government agencies on policy inputs, monitoring and evaluation, data analytics, sectoral studies, thematic action plans and capacity-building programmes. The collaboration will span economics, agriculture,

industry, infrastructure, health, education, urban development, technology, entrepreneurship and human resource development. The initiative also aims to support Telangana's Vision 2047 goals through inclusive, research-driven policy frameworks. UoH vice-chancellor in-charge Prof. J. Anuradha said the nomination was a matter of pride and an opportunity for faculty.

PSC Rejection Of Faulty Application Upheld

Justice K. Sharath of the Telangana High Court ruled that a candidate is bound to fill in an application form for a public post strictly in accordance with the specified rules and laxity would cost them a post. The judge consequently junked a writ plea filed by Manem Jhansi. She had challenged the action of the Public Service Commission for not considering her case under the category of economically weaker sections (EWS) while effecting selections to Group I services based on a notification issued in September 2025. The notification was issued after the High Court earlier set aside an earlier notification for leakage of the question paper. The crux of the present controversy was that the petitioner had not filed her income certificate for the relevant period and contended that she had filed her EWS status in the earlier round. PSC counsel P.S. Raja Shekar pointed out that the candidate had failed to upload her EWS certificate in consonance with the notification for the posts in question. Justice Sharath while dismissing the writ petition pointed.

TG LAW CET 2026 Candidates Face Severe Hardships at Old Alwal Online Examination Centre

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Thalka Anjaiah

Serious inconvenience and mismanagement allegedly prevailed during the TG LAW CET 2026 entrance examinations for both 3-Year and 5-Year Law Courses conducted on Monday at the 8753 code Ion Digital Online Examination Center, Old Alwal. Several candidates who attended the second shift examination held from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM expressed deep dissatisfaction over the poor facilities, unhygienic surroundings, inadequate staffing, and lack of proper crowd management at the centre. According to students, the examination premises suffered from extremely poor maintenance. Computer tables, desktops, and surrounding areas were reportedly covered with dust and dirt, mak-



ing it difficult for candidates to sit comfortably and concentrate during the examination. Examinees alleged that the unhygienic atmosphere created unnecessary stress during an already competitive and pressure-filled entrance test. Candidates further complained that the drinking water area remained wet and poorly maintained, while washrooms emitted foul smell due to lack of cleanliness and sanitation. Students stated that despite examinations being conducted batch-wise throughout the day, the management allegedly failed to maintain

cleanliness standards between sessions. One of the major issues highlighted by candidates was the severe congestion near the locker and baggage deposit area. Students alleged that a very narrow space was allotted for depositing mobile phones, bags, and personal belongings, with no proper entrance and exit arrangements. Due to inadequate space and insufficient staff deployment, candidates were reportedly forced into long queues and pushing incidents while trying to obtain locker receipts and deposit their belongings before the examination. Several candidates expressed frustration that they had to wait for hours under scorching summer heat outside the centre due to lack of security personnel and poor organizational arrangements. Students stated that the suffering outside

the examination hall became more stressful than the examination itself. Many candidates and parents questioned how such an important State-level entrance examination centre could function without minimum basic infrastructure, crowd management systems, sanitation standards, and sufficient supporting staff. They demanded that the concerned authorities conduct an immediate inspection into the conditions prevailing at the centre and take corrective measures against lapses in management. Affected students urged the authorities to ensure proper waiting areas, clean washrooms, hygienic surroundings, adequate security staff, organized locker systems, and separate entry-exit facilities in future examinations to prevent recurrence of such difficulties

K. Kavitha Launches Official TRS Flagpole Design

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Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Monday unveiled the official model of the Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) flagpole at the party's State General Body meeting held at the TRS office in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, and called upon party cadres to organize a month-long "Flag Festival" across the state from May 20 to June 20. Addressing party leaders and activists, Kavitha said the newly designed TRS flagpoles would be constructed in a uniform model throughout Telangana to reflect discipline, identity, and organizational unity. She instructed party ranks to strictly follow the approved design specifications and color codes to ensure consistency in every district and village. According to the guidelines unveiled during the meeting, the TRS flagpole will have a total height of three feet and a width of two feet. The base portion of the structure will measure one foot in height, while the upper flag section will extend another two feet. The design includes a green-colored base featuring the words "Telangana Defence Force" written in Telugu. The



upper portion of the flagpole will be yellow in color, while a blue Telangana map will be placed prominently in the middle. The letters "TRS" in English will be inscribed within the Telangana map. Party leaders explained that the official color codes finalized by the leadership must be followed without deviation so that all TRS flags and flagpoles installed across the state maintain a common appearance and identity. Kavitha urged party workers to actively participate in the month-long flag festival and take the party's ideology and organizational message to the grassroots level across Telangana.

Farmers Ignored, Sand Scams Flourishing Under Congress Rule: RS Praveen Kumar

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Dr. RS Praveen Kumar launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, alleging that vehicles meant for transporting farmers' grain are being diverted for sand scams under the rule of A. Revanth Reddy. He accused the government of neglecting farmers who have been waiting for the procurement of their grain for the past two months. Addressing a farmers' Maha Dharna in Nalgonda district on Monday, RS Praveen Kumar criticized the Chief Minister's lengthy review meetings, alleging that they focused more on real estate expansion than farmers' distress. He claimed that discussions revolved around acquiring thousands of acres for "Future City" projects instead of resolving procurement issues. He alleged that a ₹4,000 crore six-lane road contract linked to the proposed Future City was awarded to a company associated with BJP MP C. M. Ramesh to boost



real estate business in the region. Praising former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, RS Praveen Kumar said KCR used to conduct advance reviews before procurement seasons to ensure farmers faced no inconvenience. He stated that during the BRS regime, officials arranged lorries, tarpaulins, bags, and procurement facilities well in advance. He highlighted that the previous BRS government spent nearly ₹70,000 crore on Rythu Bandhu assistance and constructed around 400 godowns with an expenditure of ₹1,100 crore. However, he alleged that the current Congress government has failed even to utilize those storage fa-

cilities effectively. The BRS leader also recalled how the previous government staged protests in Delhi with ministers, MPs, and MLAs when the Centre delayed grain procurement, forcing authorities to respond in favour of Telangana farmers. In contrast, he alleged that the current Congress government has shown little concern for farmers' welfare. RS Praveen Kumar further accused Congress ministers of prioritizing personal gains over public service and demanded the resignation of the Agriculture and Civil Supplies ministers. He urged farmers to remember their hardships and respond wisely in the next elections.

Beerla Ilaiah Leads 27-Km Cycle Rally Over Fuel Hike

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Protesting against the recent hike in petrol and diesel prices, Aler MLA and Telangana Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah undertook a 27-km cycle rally from Yadagirigutta to Kolanupaka on Monday. Addressing the media, Ilaiah accused the Central Government of increasing fuel prices immediately after elections, stating that the hike had sharply raised transportation charges and the prices of essential commodities, burdening common and middle-class families. He demanded an im-



mediate rollback of fuel prices and warned of intensified protests if no action was taken. The rally began at the foothills of the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Yadagirigutta and concluded at the historic Someshwara Temple in Kolanupaka, where Ilaiah offered special prayers for the welfare of Telangana people. During the yatra, he vis-

ited paddy procurement centres in Wangapally, Aler, and Kolanupaka, urging officials to speed up procurement to prevent farmer losses due to unseasonal rains. Mahila Congress leader Neelam Padma Venkataswamy, local representatives, farmers, women supporters, and Congress activists participated in large numbers.

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



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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.

Governor Invited to Saraswathi Anthya Pushkaralu



Telangana Endowments Minister Konda Surekha, along with Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramaier and Commissioner Hanumantha Rao, met Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhavan and invited him to the Saraswathi Anthya Pushkaralu to be held from May 21 to June 1, 2026.

Collector Directs Officials to Resolve Prajavani Complaints Without Delay

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District Collector C. Narayana Reddy directed officials to promptly address public grievances received during the Prajavani programme and instructed departments not to keep petitions pending. The Prajavani programme was held on Monday at the Integrated District Offices Complex meeting hall, where a total of 92 complaints were received from people across the district. Petitioners submitted their grievances directly to the District Collector seeking solutions to various issues. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said officials of



all departments must review the petitions regularly and ensure speedy resolution of public problems. Out of the total complaints received, 32 were related to the Revenue Department while 60 belonged to other departments. Later, the Collector also reviewed preparations related to the Census-2027 programme. He instructed enumerators to conduct house list-

ing surveys effectively and strictly follow government guidelines while collecting details from every household. He emphasized that no family should be left out during the survey process and directed officials to ensure accurate and transparent data collection. The Collector also instructed staff to complete digital entries on time and create awareness among people about the importance of the census. Additional Collectors Chandra Reddy (Revenue) and Kiranmayi (Local Bodies), District Revenue Officer Sharada, district officials from various departments, and other concerned officers participated in the programme.

Jawahar Soccer Club Wins All India Veterans Football Title

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clinched the prestigious All India Invitation Football Tournament for Veterans title in Chennai, earning accolades for their outstanding performance and teamwork. To celebrate the national-level triumph, a grand felicitation ceremony was held at Ammuguda ground in the presence of sports personalities, local leaders and football enthusiasts. Former TPCC SC Cell Chairman and Chairman of , Dr. Narsimhan Kan-



nan attended as the chief guest and honored the victorious players for bringing pride to the Secunderabad region. Special invitees included

Dr. P. Navin Raj, former Alwal Municipal Chairman Jevegan and Bolarum Sporting Club Secretary Bhagirath Chary. Speaking at the event, Dr. Kannan

praised team captain Krishna Murthy and coach-manager Niranjan for their leadership and dedication that guided the team to victory. Dr. Kannan also announced financial support for grassroots sports and aid for underprivileged children excelling in academics and sports. He further revealed sponsorship for the upcoming Bolarum Challenge Cup, scheduled in June 2026 under floodlights, aiming to boost local football infrastructure and talent development.

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.

US Drops All Charges Against Gautam Adani, Case Closed Permanently

NEW DELHI
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The US Department of Justice has permanently dropped all criminal charges against Indian tycoon Gautam Adani and his nephew Sagar, bringing high-profile securities and wire fraud case in New York to a complete close after prosecutors concluded they could not sustain the allegations. With this, multiple US regulatory and legal investigations involving the group have all closed in the last couple of days. Last week, the US Securities and Exchange Commission settled civil allegations against the two men tied to disclosures made to investors in connection with solar energy projects in India. Court filings showed Gautam Adani agreed to pay USD 6 million and Sagar Adani USD 12 million, without



admitting or denying wrongdoing. Thereafter, the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) settled allegations of the Adani Group violating US sanctions on Iran in LPG imports. This followed the Indian conglomerate agreeing to pay USD 275 million while extending "extensive cooperation" with the investigation and making "proactive" disclosures. Now, the US prosecutors at the Eastern District of New York dropped all charges against Gautam Adani and his nephew Sagar Adani. In a filing before the court, the US Department

of Justice requested for dismissal of the indictment against the Adanis with prejudice. "The Department of Justice has reviewed this case and has decided, in its prosecutorial discretion, not to devote further resources to these criminal charges against individual defendants," it said. Thereafter, the court ordered that the indictment against Adani and others "be dismissed with prejudice". The closure marks a dramatic turn in a case that had threatened to disrupt the Adani Group's global expansion plans. The SEC and DOJ cases, filed in late 2024, alleged the Adanis orchestrated a USD 265 million bribery scheme involving Indian officials to secure solar power contracts and concealed the arrangement from US investors and lenders while raising cap-

ital. The dismissal was "with prejudice", preventing the case from being reopened. Such dismissals are uncommon in US criminal proceedings and typically reflect a determination that pursuing the case is no longer warranted after extensive review. The case turned in Adani's favour after prosecutors found no clear US linkages and insufficient evidence to sustain the allegations, according to people familiar with matter. The anticipated decision follows months of aggressive engagement between US prosecutors and a formidable legal team assembled by the Adanis. Five American legal counsel from Sullivan & Cromwell, alongside Nixon Peabody, Hecker Fink, Norton Rose Fulbright and Bracewell.

Kerala's New UDF Govt Unveils Free Bus Travel for Women, Welfare Push

NEW DELHI
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Within hours of taking office, Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan led his first Cabinet meeting on Monday, rolling out a host of major welfare measures. The move marks the beginning of a bold, people-focused governance style under the new Congress-led UDF administration. In a big move, the government has announced free travel for women on KSRTC buses starting June 15, delivering on one of its main election promises. His announcement was welcomed by women across the state. CM Satheesan also revealed plans for a new department focused on senior citizens' welfare, calling it the first of its kind in the country. In-



spired by Japan's elderly care system, he said a detailed study of the model will be completed in the next two months. The Chief Minister said after the Cabinet meeting; "the way a society treats its elderly speaks volumes about its values, and Kerala is on track to becoming a model state in providing care for senior citizens." The government quickly acted on long-standing demands from Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) workers, granting a Rs 3,000 increase to their monthly

honorarium, bringing it up to Rs 12,000. "When the ASHA workers sat in strike in front of Secretariat for 265 days, I as opposition leader met them and promised to resolve their problems after coming to power. We will implement retirement benefits as well," he said. Anganwadi workers, catering staff, pre-primary teachers, and ayahs also received a Rs 1,000 wage hike. The Chief Minister mentioned that more benefits could be introduced as the state's finances get better. The Cabinet decided to bring a white paper on state's financial situation. With public debt reportedly nearing 3.57 lakh crore, the state's finances have gone from bad to worse.

70 Bastar Security Camps To Become Public Service Hubs, Announces Amit Shah

RAIPUR
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In his first visit to post-Naxalism Bastar in Chhattisgarh, Union home minister Amit Shah on Monday unveiled the first security camp-turned public service centre at Netanar near Jagdalpur, headquarters of Bastar. The move heralds the launch of the Bastar 2.0 roadmap where security camps, established in the remote areas of Bastar, are being 'repurposed' for public welfare utility works to reach development to the 'last village', thus denying any space for Maoism to stage a comeback to the tribal region. Bastar was declared Naxal-free region on March 31. "Seventy of the 196 security camps established in Bastar to combat Naxalism will be developed into 'seva kendras' (public service centres) over the next one-and-a-half years", Mr. Shah said. The Union minister declared that the state government, sitting in Raipur, will be brought to the doorsteps of people in Bastar in the coming one and half years. He described the inauguration of the 'seva kendra' at Netanar, the birthplace of the tribal freedom



fighter Gundadhar, as a revolutionary event. The centre has been named after the tribal freedom fighter. The CRPF's 80th battalion established a camp at Netanar in 2013 to combat Naxalism. Maoists had once unleashed a reign of terror in Netanar by killing six jawans and destroying schools and hospitals in the area, he said and added that the area is now completely free from Naxal influence. He said that there was a time when Maoists terrorized people by killing innocent tribals and stealing the childhood of the tribal kids by drafting them into their cadre. The decades-long Leftwing Extremism had pushed Bastar to backwardness by halting all developmental works in the last 50 years. The loss will be made up in the coming four-five years

by speeding up developmental works in the region, he said. Mr. Shah said that the National Institute of Design (NID) has been asked to prepare a model for these public service centres which will not only provide all kinds of government services but also for skilling the locals for self-employment. According to officials, the camps of the Central Para Military Forces in Bastar are being developed into platforms for public services by the state government in coordination with the Union home ministry. These centres will act like a common service centre for people to provide services such as Aadhar updates, banking facilities, applications for income, caste and domicile certificates, ration card services, Ayusman Bharat cards, e-Shram

registration, electricity bill payment, online applications, railway and bus ticket booking. The Union minister interacted with the local tribal women to know about their livelihoods and tasted the tamarind grown in Bastar, exclaiming that it is sweet, not sour. Earlier, he visited the 'Amar Vatika' in Jagdalpur and paid tribute to the jawans martyred in the fight against Naxalism. He also interacted with the family members of the slain jawans on the occasion. Mr. Shah who arrived in Raipur on Sunday night on his three-day tour to Chhattisgarh on Monday morning inaugurated the hi-tech Dial 112 service in the state by flagging off 400 Dial 112 vehicles. He is scheduled to review the security situation in the post-Naxalism period in Bastar and also developmental works being carried out in the region at a high-level meeting during his stay in Bastar. He is scheduled to chair the 26th meeting of the Central Zonal Council comprising the states of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand on Tuesday before winding up his three-day visit to Chhattisgarh on the same day.

13 Killed in Tempo-container Collision on Mumbai-Ahmedabad Highway

MUMBAI
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At least 13 people died and 25 others were injured after a tempo carrying guests to an engagement ceremony collided with a speeding container trailer in Maharashtra's Palghar district on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Highway on Monday. The accident occurred near Dhaniwari village under Dahanu taluka at around 4 pm. when the tempo with nearly 40 passengers was heading for the engagement ceremony. A container trailer coming from the opposite direction reportedly



rammed into the left side of the tempo. Palghar Superintendent of Police Yatish Deshmukh stated, "A tempo carrying 30 to 40 people was driving on the wrong side of the road on the Gujarat-Mumbai road. A container was coming from the opposite direction and collided with the side of the tempo, resulting in the death of 13 people and an additional

16 hospitalised. The police and city administration initiated rescue efforts. Traffic was normalised immediately." The injured have been taken to Vedantaa Hospital in Dahanu and Kasa Sub-District Hospital for medical treatment. The Palghar District Administration has launched an investigation into the accident. President Droupadi Murmu expressed her condolences on social media, stating, "The news of the loss of lives in the road accident that occurred in the Palghar district of Maharashtra is extremely heartbreaking. I

express my deepest condolences to the families of the deceased and pray for the swift recovery of those injured in this accident." Union Home Minister Amit Shah also offered his sympathies, writing, "The road accident that occurred in Palghar, Maharashtra, is extremely heartbreaking. I express my deepest condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in this accident. The local administration is providing the highest level of medical facilities to the injured. I pray to God for the swift recovery of all the injured."

ECI Announces Polls to 16 Maharashtra Council Seats

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The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Monday announced bye-election to one seat and biennial elections to 16 seats of the Maharashtra Legislative Council (Vidhan Parishad) from Local Authorities' Constituencies. The polling is scheduled for June 18 and the counting of the votes will be held on June 22. These elections are

critical for these local authorities' constituencies, which could not be conducted earlier due to the non-fulfilment of mandatory criteria related to the functioning of local bodies and the availability of electors. "Now, the CEO of Maharashtra has informed that these criteria have been fulfilled in respect of all the said constituencies. Therefore, the commission has decided to con-

duct the biennial election to the Maharashtra legislative council from the above-mentioned 16 Local Authorities' Constituencies," the ECI notification said. The BJP-led Mahayuti is anticipated to perform well given their prior majority in local bodies' elections. In the 288-member Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, the BJP-led Mahayuti has 234 members, whereas the opposition Maha Vikas Ag-

hadi (MVA) has only 49 members. The 16 local authorities constituencies going to the polls include Solapur, Ahmednagar, Thane, Jalgaon, Sangli-cum-Satara, Nanded, Yavatmal, Pune, Bhandara-Gondia, Raigad-Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, Nashik, Wardha-Chandrapur-Gadchiroli, Amravati, Osmanabad-Latur-Beed, Parbhani-Hingoli, and Aurangabad-Jalna.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Modi, Norway PM.....

Pointing out that India and Norway are entering a "golden chapter" in their ties, Modi said the two nations would work together in the fields of ocean energy, geology, health engineering, artificial intelligence, cyber and digital sectors, which would be part of the research and innovation bilateral cooperation that he termed an important "pillar" in ties. "They noted potential in defence cooperation and defence industrial collaboration, agreed to explore third-country cooperation in digital public goods, and tasked ministries to establish a Joint Working Group on Digitalisation to drive the digital transition," New Delhi said. Modi also welcomed Norway's

decision to join the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative and pledged closer cooperation in maritime security and strengthening the marine economy. Emphasising cooperation in the spheres of skill development and talent mobility, the Prime Minister thanked Norway for its role in India operationalising its Himadri station in the Arctic as part of polar research. Both nations also decided to strengthen space cooperation. A triangular Development Cooperation Agreement for cooperation in the Global South nations was also agreed upon. The two nations also signed several pacts, including one on health, to provide high-technology quality health services. In his remarks, the Norwegian PM described India as a global "leading force in technology and innova-

tion" and said the Green Strategic Partnership will be vital for a Green Transition. On global issues, he admitted that the two nations "do not always see eye to eye", but added that "cooperation delivers better results".

Pakistan Deploys.....

The equipment is operated by Pakistani personnel and financed by Saudi Arabia, they said. The military and air force personnel deployed during the Iran conflict will primarily have an advisory and training role, according to two of the security officials, who said they had seen exchanges between the two countries and documents on the military assets' deployment. The deployment adds to thousands of Pakistani troops with a combat

role that were already stationed in the kingdom under previous agreements, all three security officials said. One of the government sources, who has seen the text of the confidential defence pact, said it provides for the possibility of up to 80,000 Pakistani troops being deployed to Saudi Arabia, to help secure the kingdom's borders alongside Saudi forces. Two of the security officials said the agreement also involved the deployment of Pakistani warships. Reuters was not able to determine whether any had reached Saudi Arabia. The scale and composition of the deployment — combat aircraft, air defences and thousands of troops — mean Pakistan has sent far more than a symbolic or advisory mis-

sion, the sources said. Reuters previously reported that Pakistan had sent jets to Saudi Arabia after Iranian strikes hit key energy infrastructure and killed a Saudi national, raising concerns that the Gulf kingdom might retaliate heavily and widen the conflict. **India to Continue.....** However, sources said that supply disruptions due to blockage of the Strait of Hormuz following the West Asia conflict had earlier forced India to request the United States to continue its waiver permitting the imports of Russian crude as supply disruptions have persisted for nearly two and half months due to the Iran war. "It (buying oil) is basically the commercial sense which should be

there for us to purchase. I think there is no shortage of crude. Enough crude has been tied up repeatedly and this, whatever waiver or no waiver, it will not affect," the joint secretary said. The US first issued a waiver in March this and later expanded it through an authorisation valid until May 16 to help ease pressure on global oil prices through additional supply. While Russian crude is not under blanket sanctions, Washington had earlier also urged India to reduce discounted purchases from Moscow following the Russia-Ukraine war. Meanwhile, on the loss of oil companies, Sharma also said that a Rs 3-per-litre increase in petrol and diesel prices has helped state-run oil marketing companies trim daily losses by nearly a quarter.

CRIME

“No Percentage... No File Movement?”

Serious Allegations of Corruption Rock Treasury Offices Across Telangana Retirement benefits, medical bills, panchayat payments allegedly cleared only after “settlements”.

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Serious allegations of corruption and illegal collections in Treasury offices across Telangana are triggering widespread concern among government employees, retired staff, teachers, contractors, and local body representatives, family members sharing on many Social Media platforms for publication. Victims allege that bills are not being processed or released unless “percentages” or unofficial payments are made to Treasury staff. From retirement benefits and medical reimbursement claims to Gram Panchayat bills and pension files, almost every transaction is allegedly linked to fixed-rate collections in several District Treasury Offices (DTOs) and Sub-Treasury Offices (STOs).

Employees claim that in many offices, “rates” are already fixed depending on the category and value of the bill. In some cases, collections are reportedly made as a percentage of the sanctioned amount. Retired Employees Facing Hardships Retired government employees are said to be among the worst affected. After serving the government for decades, many pensioners are allegedly forced to run from office to office for months — sometimes

years — to receive their legitimate retirement benefits. A retired employee from Karimnagar reportedly waited nearly two years for his retirement settlement. Though the government had sanctioned the benefits months earlier, Treasury staff allegedly delayed the release by repeatedly raising objections and citing “missing details” and “technical issues.” According to sources, the file moved swiftly only after an unofficial payment — allegedly around four percent of the total bill amount — was made through intermediaries. Victims say that phrases such as: “The server is not working,” “File is under verification,” “Documents are incomplete,” “Come back next week,” have become routine responses in many Treasury offices.

Medical Bills Allegedly Cleared Only After Payments
Government employees are also expressing concern over alleged corruption in processing medical reimbursement bills. In several districts including Medak, Siddipet, and Sangareddy, employees allege that up to 10 percent of the bill amount is being demanded for clearing medical claims. For example, an employee seeking reimbursement of ₹80,000 reportedly has to pay nearly ₹8,000 un-

officially to ensure timely processing. Otherwise, the file allegedly remains pending for weeks or months under the pretext of server issues or technical discrepancies. **Pension Files, Panchayat Bills Also Under Scanner**
Even pension applications are reportedly not spared. Retired employees allege that they are forced to pay money merely for verification and processing of pension files. Similarly, Gram Panchayat representatives and Panchayat Raj staff claim that bills related to development works are delayed unless commissions ranging from 2 to 10 percent are paid. There are also allegations that private middlemen and even some employees’ union leaders are acting as coordinators between applicants and Treasury officials.

“No Written Objections... Only Delays”
As per Treasury rules, whenever a bill is rejected, the reasons must be officially recorded. However, victims allege that in many cases files are neither formally rejected nor processed. Instead, applicants are allegedly subjected to repeated verbal objections, unnecessary delays, and unofficial demands until they agree to pay. Employees say this has created an atmosphere of fear, helplessness, and mental stress among pensioners and staff who de-

pend on timely payments. **Concerns Over Lack of Vigilance**
Despite widespread allegations from multiple districts, employees and public representatives are questioning why anti-corruption and vigilance agencies are not conducting comprehensive investigations into Treasury operations. Though isolated Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) cases have surfaced in some Treasury offices in the past, employees say systemic irregularities continue unchecked. Demand for Transparency and Reforms Several employee groups and public representatives are now demanding immediate reforms in the Treasury system, including:
✓ Online tracking system for every file
✓ Mandatory written reasons for bill rejection
✓ Strict action against middlemen and corrupt officials
✓ Dedicated grievance redressal mechanism
✓ Special vigilance and ACB inspections in Treasury offices
“Government Treasury Offices Must Serve the Public... Not Become Collection Centres”
This sentiment is now being strongly echoed by employees, pensioners, contractors, and citizens across Telangana who are seeking accountability, transparency, and clean administration in the Treasury system.

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.

Habitual Burglar Arrested in Begum Bazar; Gold, Cash Worth ₹30 Lakh Recovered

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Hyderabad City Police arrested a 20-year-old habitual burglar and recovered stolen gold ornaments weighing 206 grams and ₹2.14 lakh in cash, with the total seized property valued at around ₹30 lakh. The accused, Amar Sonkambale, a resident of Kishan Bagh working as a waiter at function halls, was arrested by the Begum Bazar police crime team on Sunday in connection with a house

burglary reported in Hindi Nagar, Goshamahal. Police said the theft occurred on May 6 at the residence of M. Krishna, where gold ornaments weighing about 235 grams and ₹10 lakh cash were stolen. CCTV footage from the area helped investigators identify and trace the accused. Officials said Sonkambale, originally from Maharashtra’s Latur district, was previously involved in three burglary cases and one POCSO case in Hyderabad. Further investigation is underway.

Digital Governance Redefines Corporator’s Role: Purushottam Mankala

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As government services increasingly shift online, the traditional role of corporators is coming under scrutiny, says Purushottam Mankala, founder and general secretary of the Society for Crusade Against Corruption. He argues that with citizens now able to access civic services through digital platforms, local political offices must evolve from intermediaries into accountable community leadership roles. Mankala said politics in

many areas has become more of a “commercial business” than public service. According to him, political positions are often pursued for financial benefits rather than civic responsibility, leading to misuse of public resources and distorted development priorities.

For decades, corporators acted as the link between residents and municipal authorities by addressing issues such as roads, sanitation, drinking water, and public grievances. However, the rapid growth of e-governance systems, mobile applications, and centralized complaint mechanisms has reduced citizens’ dependence on middlemen for basic services. He stressed that while technology has improved transparency and direct access to services, corruption and misuse of office continue to remain con-

cerns in local governance. Mankala called for stronger candidate scrutiny, mandatory asset disclosures, financial audits, civic education, and stricter legal action against corruption in public office. Residents remain divided, with some welcoming digital governance while others believe dedicated corporators are still necessary for resolving complex community issues. Mankala said corporators must now focus on oversight, facilitation, and public accountability to retain citizens’ trust.

EDITORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

Gallivant Opens 3rd Luxury Bowling & Gaming Hub In Hyderabad



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Premium entertainment brand Gallivant Entertainment has launched its third luxury bowling and gaming center in Hyderabad at Suncity, Bandlaguda Jagir, expanding its footprint in Telangana's growing family entertainment sector. The newly opened flagship outlet, located above Ratnadeep

Select on Aaramaaisamma Temple Road, was inaugurated by B. Gnaneshwar Mudhiraj in the presence of local leaders, families, business representatives, and media members. More than 200 guests attended the inauguration ceremony. The launch ceremony began with a ribbon-cutting event, followed by a walkthrough of the facility showcasing premium



bowling lanes, modern arcade gaming zones, and dedicated celebration spaces for birthdays, parties, and corporate events. To officially mark the launch, B. Gnaneshwar Mudhiraj bowled the ceremonial first ball. Speaking at the event, the chief guest praised the initiative and said entertainment facilities like Gallivant contribute to balanced urban com-

munity development by offering safe and quality recreational spaces for families and youth. Gallivant Entertainments said the new Suncity center reflects the company's commitment to bringing world-class leisure experiences with a focus on safety, hygiene, and premium hospitality standards. The company already operates successful gaming and bowling

centers near Peddamma Temple in Jubilee Hills and at Preston Prime Mall in Gachibowli. With the latest expansion, the company aims to cater to the fast-growing residential communities in the Suncity-Bandlaguda Jagir belt, which has witnessed rapid urban growth in recent years. The newly launched venue is now open to the public and is offering special inaugural offers till May 31, 2026. The facility includes premium bowling experiences, next-generation arcade games, and customized spaces for social gatherings and celebrations. Gallivant officials invited families, youngsters, and entertainment enthusiasts to visit the venue and experience a new destination for recreation and celebrations in Hyderabad.

CELLUMA LED Therapy Debuts at Dr. Nishita's Clinic

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Dr. Nishita Ranka on Sunday launched the advanced CELLUMA LED Light Therapy at her flagship clinic in Banjara Hills, making it the first clinic in India to introduce the globally recognised photobiomodulation platform. The technology was inaugurated by Sravanthi Chokarapu in the presence of media representatives and clinic staff. The FDA-cleared CELLUMA technology is designed to support skin rejuvenation, acne treatment, hair restoration, pain management, and faster wound healing through non-invasive LED light therapy. The treatment works by stimulating mitochondrial activity in skin and tissue cells, promoting collagen production and natural repair without downtime or ther-



mal damage. Speaking at the launch, Dr. Nishita said dermatology is increasingly focusing on long-term skin health and cellular ageing rather than temporary cosmetic results. She noted that CELLUMA enables clinically validated support for skin repair and longevity while aligning with the clinic's evidence-based approach to advanced dermatology and aesthetics. The clinic plans to integrate the technology into anti-ageing facials, post-laser and microneedling recovery, scalp wellness

programmes, and treatments for inflammatory skin conditions. Sravanthi Chokarapu praised the clinic for bringing the national-first technology to Hyderabad and highlighted Dr. Nishita's contribution to advancing science-led dermatology care in India. The launch reflects the growing demand in India's wellness and aesthetic sector for non-invasive technologies focused on patient comfort, biological longevity, and measurable clinical outcomes.

Rupee Hits Record Low Of 96.40 Per Dollar

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The Indian rupee on Monday extended its losing streak for the seventh straight session closing at its lowest level of 96.34 against the dollar after making an intraday low of 96.40 as the US and India's bond yields spiked rose more than 5 basis points reflecting market anticipation of prolonged elevated interest rates. Additionally, elevated energy prices and sus-

tained dollar strength, continue to intensify pressure on India's import bill, inflation outlook and broader macroeconomic stability. The benchmark 6.48 per cent 2035 bond yield rose about 7.5 basis points to 7.1427 per cent, hovering around a six-week high, nearing its highest in two years. Bond prices move inversely to yields. Brent crude neared \$110 per barrel amid ongoing tensions in the Middle East and disruptions to ship-

ping flows through the Persian Gulf. For India, which imports close to 90 per cent of its crude oil requirements, the sustained rise in oil prices sharply worsened concerns over the country's external balances and inflation outlook. India's trade deficit widened to \$28.4 billion in April, significantly above expectations while Wholesale price inflation accelerated sharply to 8.3 per cent y/y in April from 3.88 per cent previously,

far exceeding market expectations. A weakening rupee is impacting the common man as his everyday expenses have started to rise. Already fuel prices have increased and last week milk prices were increased by Rs 2 per litre across the country. Many experts believe that there could be more fuel price hikes in the coming weeks. Explains Ponmudi R, chief executive officer, Enrich Money, "A weak rupee silently acts like in-

flation for the common man. What becomes expensive are imported essentials — fuel, cooking gas, electronics, mobile phones, laptops, foreign travel, education abroad, and products dependent on imported raw materials. Since India is a major crude oil importer, a weaker rupee can gradually increase transportation costs and eventually impact everyday expenses from groceries to household goods." "At the same time, what becomes rel-

atively cheaper or more competitive are Indian exports and services. Sectors such as IT services, pharmaceuticals, textiles, manufacturing exports, and tourism can benefit because foreign buyers get more value for their currency. For the common man, however, the immediate effect is usually felt more on the cost side than the benefit side, because imported inflation reaches households faster than export gains." The strong US dollar at 99.15 kept

rupee lower as RBI stepped in at 96.34 to calm down the market which was biddish for the dollar. The rupee has become Asia's worst performing and in the last two years has fallen by more than 15 per cent while the other underperformers like the Indonesian Rupiah has fallen by 8 per cent though both are at their lowest. Inflows are the biggest requirement to arrest the rupee's slide. "The RBIs support to the rupee has

been just to slow down the fall as it has allowed all levels to be breached consistently. For tomorrow, the range will be between 96.00 to 96.75 unless we see some developments on the Iran front or fresh steps being taken by the RBI/government to control the fall," said Anil Bhansali, head treasury at Finrex Trading Advisors. "Going forward, the trajectory of crude oil prices, US monetary policy expectations, and the RBI's ability to stabilize.

Religious Summer Camp Stresses Moral Values, Academic Excellence



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A spiritually enriching Summer Camp organized under the banner of the All India Sunni Ulema Board at Kuliyaatul Baneen, Jamia-tul-Mominat, Moghalpura, highlighted the importance of character building, religious education, and academic excellence among students. Addressing the gathering, Maulana Mufti Dr. Hafiz Mohammad Saber Pasha Quadri said the future of society depends on the proper upbringing and guidance of children. He emphasized that students with strong moral values, religious knowledge, discipline, and good character would emerge as responsible citizens and future leaders. He noted that Summer Camps play a key role in developing self-confidence, responsibility, and spiritual awareness among stu-

dents. Urging participants to make productive use of their time, he advised them to remain committed to education, prayers, and ethical conduct. The Maulana also encouraged students to respect parents and teachers and follow the teachings and Seerah of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in daily life. He said true success lies in faith, honesty, humility, and moral excellence alongside worldly achievements. Prominent scholars including Maulana Mufti Muhammad Hasanuddin Naqshbandi, Maulana Mufti Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Mastan Ali Quadri, Maulana Syed Hamid Hussain Shatari, Maulana Qutb-ur-Rahman, and Maulana Hafiz Muhammad Riyaz Ahmad Ashrafi attended the programme. The event concluded with special prayers for students' bright future and communal harmony.

Stock Markets End Marginally Higher on Buying in IT Counters

However, a weak rupee against the US dollar and rising global crude prices amid escalated tensions in West Asia capped the gains, traders said

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Indian benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty ended marginally higher on Monday after staging a sharp recovery from steep intraday losses, supported by value buying in IT and select blue-chip stocks during a highly volatile trading session. The 30-share BSE Sensex gained 77.05 points, or 0.10 per cent, to settle at 75,315.04. During the day, the benchmark had plunged as much as 1,134.78 points, or 1.50 per cent, touching an intraday low of 74,180.26 before recovering strongly in the latter half of the session. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty 50 index edged up 6.45 points, or 0.03 per cent, to close at 23,649.95 after witnessing intense fluctuations throughout the day. Market experts attributed the volatility to escalating geopolitical tensions in West Asia, a weakening rupee against the US dollar, and rising global



crude oil prices, which kept investor sentiment cautious despite the recovery. Among the Sensex constituents, IT stocks led the rebound. Tech Mahindra, Infosys, HCL Technologies and Tata Consultancy Services emerged among the top gainers, reflecting strong buying interest in the technology sector. Other major gainers included Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Finance and Sun Pharma. On the losing side, Tata Steel, Power Grid Corporation, State Bank of India and NTPC were among the major laggards, dragged down by concerns over rising costs and global uncertainty.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Investments Limited, said the prolonged tensions between the United States and Iran continued to pressure global markets. However, value buying in banking and IT counters helped domestic equities recover from their early losses. He further noted that rising bond yields, elevated crude oil prices and rupee depreciation were adding to inflationary concerns, making investors cautious about future market direction. Brent crude oil, the global benchmark, rose 0.73 per cent to USD 110.1 per barrel, increasing concerns over infla-

tion and the impact on India's import bill and currency stability. Hari Prasad K, Founder of Livelong Wealth, said Indian markets witnessed a strong intraday rebound as investors shifted from panic-driven selling to selective value buying and aggressive short covering. He added that the IT sector emerged as a defensive play amid global uncertainty, with the Nifty IT index rising more than 2 per cent during the session. In Asian markets, Japan's Nikkei, China's Shanghai SSE Composite and Hong Kong's Hang Seng indices ended lower, while South Korea's Kospi closed in positive territory. European markets traded mixed, while US markets had ended over 1 per cent lower on Friday. According to exchange data, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 1,329.17 crore on Friday, providing some support to domestic markets amid prevailing uncertainty.

Pallavi International School Students Excel in CBSE Class 12 Results



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Narra Srinivas Reddy

Pallavi International School once again achieved outstanding results in the CBSE Class 12 board examinations for the academic year 2025-26, maintaining its strong academic record with 100 per cent pass results. The achievement reflected the hard work of students, dedication of teachers and continuous support from parents. Among the 40 students who appeared for the examinations, several students secured top scores across Humanities, Science and Commerce streams. Abhay Pratap Singh secured 95.4 per cent, Dhairya Nema scored 95 per cent, Nishita Mishra achieved 94.2 per cent and Sahaj Mukka secured 94

percent marks, emerging among the top performers. The school stated that 10 students scored above 90 per cent, while 25 students secured more than 89 per cent marks, showcasing consistent academic excellence. Students also achieved centum marks and national-level ranks in subjects such as Psychology, Mass Media and Physical Education. The school noted that impressive results in vocational and skill-based subjects reflected its focus on future-ready education and skill development. School management and principal Hema Madabushi congratulated the students, teachers and parents for the remarkable achievement and expressed confidence that students would continue to excel in their future endeavours.

Forza Horizon 6: Unbeatable experience

After spending more than 300 hours exploring the vibrant landscapes of Mexico in Forza Horizon 5 during 2021 and 2022, it seemed impossible for any racing title to surpass what Playground Games had achieved. From high-speed supercars like the Bugatti Chiron and Porsche Taycan to drifting through deserts and forests in legendary Hoonigan machines, Horizon 5 delivered one of the finest open-world driving experiences ever created.

However, just 20 hours into Forza Horizon 6, that perception has completely changed.

Set in Japan, Horizon 6 expands the franchise in every possible way, delivering a larger world, richer environments, and a stronger connection to automobile culture. The game's recreation of iconic locations such as Mount Fuji and Tokyo instantly elevates the experience for racing enthusiasts.

One of the standout moments comes from discovering the



legendary 1971 Nissan Skyline 2000 GT-R, popularly known as the "Hakosuka," hidden as a barn find in the Nangan region. Cruising through Tokyo's illuminated streets or drifting around mountain roads lined with cherry blossoms captures the essence of Japanese car culture in breathtaking detail.

With more than 600 cars available, the game offers immense variety. Players can transition from classic JDM legends to modern hypercars while exploring snowy mountain roads, dense urban districts, countryside

trails, and off-road environments. Compared to Mexico in Horizon 5, Japan feels more alive, more expansive, and visually more stunning.

The game also improves upon the franchise's established strengths. The open world is significantly larger, the terrain diversity is unmatched, and the number of events and challenges is greater than ever before. Every region introduces new driving styles and experiences, making exploration consistently rewarding.

Despite its many achievements, Hori-

zon 6 is not without flaws. The sheer scale of the game can feel overwhelming, particularly for newcomers. Unlike traditional racing games with a structured progression system, Horizon 6 continues the series' free-form approach. Players are given freedom to explore and participate in events in any order, but that lack of direction may frustrate those seeking a more focused narrative experience.

Although the newly introduced color-based wristband system attempts to guide progression, the game still prioritizes freedom over storytelling. Some

players may prefer a tighter campaign structure rather than endlessly roaming across Japan.

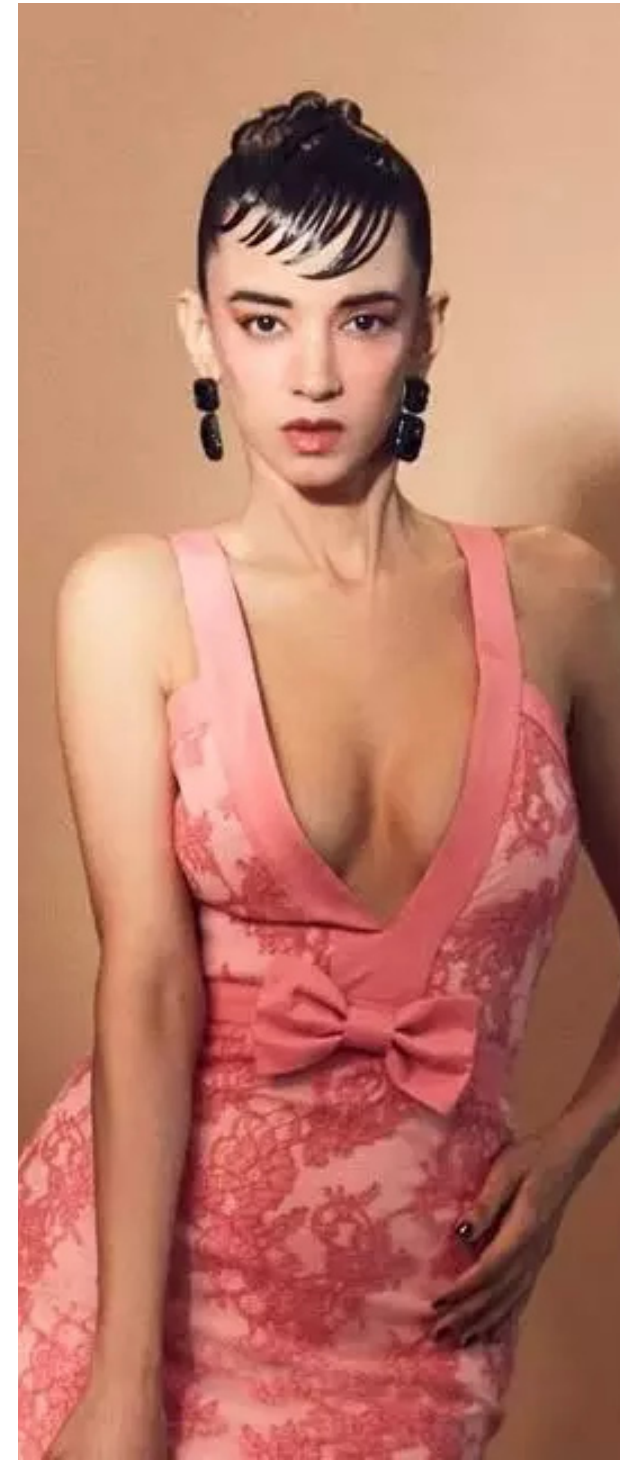
Even with these concerns, Horizon 6 emerges as a strong contender for Game of the Year. Its stunning visuals, unmatched driving mechanics, enormous car collection, and immersive recreation of Japan make it arguably the finest driving game to date.

Verdict
Innovative Gameplay: 8.5/10
Game Handling & Quality: 9.5/10
Value for Time: 9.5/10
Value for Money: 9.5/10

Saba Azad To Play a Struggling Gynaecologist

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After winning hearts as Kashmir's first public female singer in Songs Of Paradise, Saba Azad is returning with another story on modern womanhood in Who's Your Gynac?, where she plays struggling gynaecologist Dr Vidushi Kothari. The series follows the journey of a struggling young doctor navigating modern womanhood, friendships and personal insecurities while trying to build her own clinic. Speaking about the role, Saba said, "Slipping back into Vidushi's shoes for Season 2 felt like coming home, except this time, the home is her own clinic!" She added that the new season authentically explores self-doubt and the feeling that "everyone around you has it more figured out." The actor also shared that she enjoys portraying Vidushi's imperfections. "Vidushi is still gloriously imperfect, still



fumbling, but she's also growing in ways that I think will feel

very real to a lot of people," she said

Hyderabad Equestrian Challenge 2026 Celebrates Young Riding Champions



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The Hyderabad Polo and Riding Club (HPRC) successfully hosted the "HPRC Equestrian Challenge 2026," showcasing exceptional talent from young riders and professional equestrians across various show jumping and hacks categories. The prestigious event witnessed spirited participation from riding clubs across Hyderabad and beyond, with riders displaying remarkable discipline, balance, and competitive skill.

In the Hacks Under-10 category, Zoha Faiyaz on Zing Bang and Dia Deshpande on Tango shared

the first position with 40 points each. Reya on Barretta and Neharika on Elegance secured second place with 38 points, while Reya N riding Ajeera claimed third place.

Faizan Khan riding Goldenstar from Stallion Horse Riding Academy emerged victorious in the Jumping 40 CM Under-12 Open category. Teja Dior and Mohammed Amaan Ali secured second and third places respectively.

The Jumping Junior 105 CM title was won by Khaled Ali on Moonstone, while Aamir Shah Nawaz riding Darcy clinched the Jumping Junior 105 CM Open title representing HPRC. In the Table C

(105-110 CM) category, Amogh Varsha Datla riding Captain secured first place.

Sauryam Varma Indukuri on Happyness won the Jumping Top Score Under-14 Years event, while Eeshaan Bharadwaj Anakal dominated the Jumping Top Score Open category with impressive performances on Peterbolt and Leonidas. The event concluded with prize distribution in the presence of Radhika G, K. Shiva Sena Reddy, Chaitania R Kumar, Kunwar Sai Vijender Singh and Reaz Ahmed, who congratulated the winners and encouraged young equestrians.

Ishan powers Sunrisers Hyderabad to five-wicket win over CSK, seals playoff berth

CHENNAI
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Ishan Kishan struck a fluent 70 after Pat Cummins displayed his mastery over length and pace with a three-wicket burst as Sunrisers Hyderabad ensured an IPL 2026 playoff berth with a smooth five-wicket victory over Chennai Super Kings here on Monday.

Chasing 181 was never going to be easy on a slowish Chepauk track. But Kishan, who hammered seven fours and three sixes in his 47-ball knock, and an equally enterprising Heinrich Klaasen (47 off 26 balls) added 75 runs for the third wicket, powering Hyderabad to 181 for five in 19 overs.

SRH now have 16 points with a game in hand — good enough to carry them to the playoffs and the night's result meant that Gujarat Titans (16 points) also marched into the playoffs, leaving other contenders to fight it out for the lone remaining place.

The Super Kings, who have 12 points from 13 matches, also are not yet completely out of the race



to the knockouts. Cutting back to the match, the Sunrisers did not have a particularly bright beginning to the chase, losing Travis Head early. Abhishek Sharma too struggled for his timing, crawling to a 21-ball 26 as SRH could not find momentum in the Power Play, which they ended on 45 for one.

But once Klaasen, who was dropped on 18 by Spencer Johnson off Noor Ahmad, joined Kishan, the complexion of the game changed.

The duo neutralised CSK spinners — Akeal Hossain and Ahmad — with exemplary shot-making and foot work during their alliance as SRH closed in on the target.

Kishan completed his 50 in 37 balls but lost Klaasen to a brilliant stumping by Sanju Samson off Ahmad. However, the left-hander, who played some brilliant shots around the field, converted that fifty into something more substantial to drive his side's charge.

However, he was not there to take SRH home as he fell to Anshul Kamboj but by then the 2016 champions needed just six runs to win.

Earlier, pacer Cummins displayed his absolute control over his craft, but a collective batting effort helped CSK reach a competitive 180/7.

The Hyderabad skipper (3/28) struck at crucial

junctions of the match to ensure that CSK would not embark on a lopsided run after the home side elected to bat.

Samson gave a thunderous start to the Super Kings, smashing Nitish Kumar Reddy for 6, 4, 4, to eke out 17 runs in the first over.

Samson handed an equally harsh treatment to Praful Hinge in the next over, biffing him for a hat-trick of fours.

But Cummins introduced himself in the third over, and pitched one up at good pace, and Samson's booming drive ended in the safe mitts of stumper Ishan Kishan.

Urvil Patel gave an early warning of hitting abilities with two successive sixes

off Cummins, but Sakib Hussain's slow ball beat his horizontal bat to rattle the stumps.

Chennai captain Ruturaj Gaikwad and the impressive Kartik Sharma (32, 19 balls) constructed a 42-run stand for the third wicket to keep their side on the track.

Kartik underlined his fast-growing maturity with some stunning shots like an inside out four off Hinge and a pulled six of left-arm wrist spinner Shivang Kumar.

But Cummins returned to account for the young right-hander as a pace off delivery outside off-stump robbed momentum from his upper cut, which ended with Nitish at deep. Soon, Cummins' pacy chest-high bouncer accounted for Gaikwad, snapping his painful 15 off 21 balls. Gaikwad's lame pull could not clear Eshan Malinga in the deep.

Stranded without any force, CSK found some wind through Dewald Brevis (44, 27 balls) and Shivam Dube (26), who added 59 runs for the fifth wicket.

Brevis, who struggled for his range in this IPL so far, was impeccable on the night, creaming Cummins for six and Nitish for a maximum and a four.

Lulu Hypermarket in Kukatpally raided, 150 Kg unsafe food seized

A total of 150 kilograms of unsafe food articles, including sweets, oils, flour, meat and pulses, were seized from Lulu Hypermarket, Kukatpally, by the Commissioner of the Food Safety Department in a surprise inspection. Officials found gross food safety violations, poor hygiene conditions, decayed vegetables and expired packaged food articles with either torn or misleading labels. Leftover food was found stored in refrigerators, and the FSSAI licence on many products was missing. The floor is infested with pests, and worms were detected in besan flour, atta and dals packets. Pungent smell emanated from the meat area, and drains were clogged, posing serious health risks. Gross violations were observed across almost every section, including the butchering area, retail section, and in-house kitchen.

Supreme Court Halts Tree Felling in KBR Park Eco-Sensitive Zone; H-CITI Flyover Works Stalled

The H-CITI plan involves the construction of several structures, flyovers and underpasses, to relieve traffic congestion in the Jubilee Hills area

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The Supreme Court on Monday stopped tree felling within the eco-sensitive zone around Hyderabad's KBR National Park while hearing a petition filed by environmental activist Kaajal Maheshwari, who challenged the Telangana High Court's refusal to grant interim relief in the matter. A Supreme Court bench of Justice B.V. Nagarathna and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan directed that no trees should be felled within the 25 to 35 metre eco-sensitive zone around the park. The petition was regarding the government's flyover and underpass works under the H-CITI corridor project. The order is expected to

temporarily stall portions of the ongoing works near KBR Park.

Activists and residents were campaigning against the Hyderabad City Innovative and Transformative Infrastructure (H-CITI) project, part of the Strategic Road Development Plan (SRDP), under which a flyover and underpass works were to be built. They described the order as temporary relief. The court issued notice to the authorities and posted the matter to July 27. The case has its roots in an earlier challenge before the Telangana High Court. The original PIL in the High Court was filed by Kaajal Maheshwari, Jasveen Jairath and Sagar Dhara in 2021, questioning the eco-sensitive zone notification and the lack



of a public hearing before the buffer around the park was reduced.

Vata Foundation founding member Uday Krishna, reacting to the Supreme Court order, said the dispute was not only about tree cutting but also about how the eco-sensitive zone was reduced. "There was no public hearing done while declaring the eco-sensitive zone," he said. "The problem is the eco-sensitive zone was declared without a public hearing." Krishna



said the eco-sensitive zone functions as a protective layer around the park's core area and reducing it exposes the forest patch to higher pollution and disturbance. "Some stretches have been reduced from 100 metres to even three metres. That is not enough to protect the core area," he said, adding that KBR Park supported several species of flora and fauna despite being surrounded by dense urban development.

To recall, the order came days after protests intensified near in Jubilee Hills, where activists alleged that tree-cutting continued at night. Inspection records of the Tree Protection Committee earlier showed that 1,942 trees had been identified along the proposed flyover and underpass corridor. Of these, 1,532 trees were approved for felling, 380 for transplantation and 30 for retention. "Imposing one-way traffic around the KBR Park would have given them signal-free movement without these flyovers," Vata Foundation's Krishna said. "These flyovers will not really solve the problem." He argued that the city should focus more on improving public transport connectivity and increas-

ing bus and metro capacity instead of repeated road expansion works. "At the end of the day, how many flyovers can you build and how wide can you make a road," Krishna asked. Environmental groups have argued that the scale of tree felling around the park would reduce green cover in one of the city's few remaining urban forest stretches and raised concerns about the survival rate of transplanted trees based on earlier city projects. The H-CITI plan involves the construction of several structures, flyovers and underpasses, to relieve traffic congestion in the Jubilee Hills area. Flyovers: KBR Park entrance to Road No. 36, Jubilee Hills. Yousufguda to

Jubilee Hills Road No. 45. KBR Park entrance to Banjara Hills Road No. 2 via Mugdha Junction. Maharaja Agrasen Junction to Road No. 10. Filmnagar Junction to Road No. 12. Filmnagar to Maharaja Agrasen Junction. Jubilee Hills Checkpost to Road No. 45/Durgam Cheruvu. Underpasses: Road No. 45 to KBR Park entrance junction and Yousufguda. Jubilee Hills Checkpost to Basavarakam Cancer Hospital. KBR Park entrance to Banjara Hills Road No. 2. KBR Park entrance to Maharaja Agrasen Junction. Indo-American Cancer Hospital Junction to Filmnagar Junction. Maharaja Agrasen Junction to Road No. 45. Filmnagar Junction to Jubilee Hills Checkpost Junction.

Fake Israel Job Scam:

Youths Abandoned in Egypt by Hafeezpet-Based CD Overseas, Victims Approach Miyapur Police

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A consultancy in Hyderabad allegedly cheated several unemployed youths by promising high-paying jobs in Israel and later abandoning them in Egypt after collecting lakhs of rupees from each candidate. According to victims, the consultancy identified as CD Overseas, located in Hafeezpet, collected between Rs.4 lakh and Rs.8 lakh from job seekers by assuring warehouse supervisor jobs in Israel with salaries ranging from Rs.1.8 lakh to Rs.2 lakh per month. The consultancy operators, identified as Archana Priya and Swami Shankar, allegedly informed candidates that direct processing to Israel was difficult and advised them to travel to Egypt on tourist visas for faster processing. Believing the promises, several unemployed youths travelled to Cairo, Egypt, using their own money. Victims said nearly 40 youths from Hyderabad and other areas were sent



to Egypt in batches. After reaching Cairo airport, they were reportedly received by a person identified as Soma Shekhar, who arranged accommodation and informed them that the Israel visa process was underway. However, the candidates were allegedly kept waiting in Egypt for nearly six months. The consultancy reportedly delayed the process repeatedly, citing reasons including the Iran war and visa processing issues. Later, the victims received legal notices through WhatsApp stating that the consultancy had no responsibility towards them. Realizing they had been cheated, the victims approached the Indian Embassy in Cairo, but were advised to return to India and lodge complaints with local police authorities. After borrowing money to return home, the victims reached Hyderabad and found the consultancy office in Hafeezpet

Hyderabad Police launch AI tool SOCEYE to track online trouble

Hyderabad Police have launched SOCEYE, an AI-based social media surveillance system designed to detect and track harmful online content.

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The Hyderabad City Police have launched an advanced AI-powered platform named "SOCEYE - Social Media Observation and Cyber Intelligence" to monitor and curb harmful online content that could disturb public peace and harmony. The initiative is aimed at strengthening cyber surveillance and ensuring faster identification of objectionable social media activity.

City Police Commissioner V. C. Sajjanar said the SOCEYE application enables intelligent automated surveillance, real-time analysis, and investigative support through a unified AI-driven system. The platform significantly reduces the extensive manual effort previously required for round-the-clock monitoring of social media platforms. According to the Commissioner, the application has already shown remarkable results during

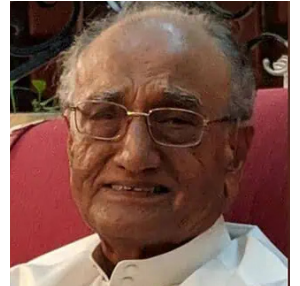


its pilot phase. SOCEYE successfully identified 85 hateful and communally sensitive social media posts related to the Purnapur X Road incident earlier this year. It also traced 126 objectionable posts from multiple social media handles concerning the Gudimalkapur issue. Based on these findings,

police initiated timely takedown requests to social media platforms, helping maintain peace and communal harmony while also identifying individuals involved in spreading provocative content. One of the major highlights of SOCEYE is its "Integrated Intelligent Dashboard," which combines data from multiple sources to provide real-time situational awareness for law enforcement agencies. Another important feature is the "Auto-

mated Alert" system, which continuously monitors activities of cyber troublemakers, including communal and suspicious social media handles. The platform also assists police in escalating harmful or objectionable content to concerned social media companies for immediate action. In addition, it maintains detailed digital records and tracking systems for all takedown and escalation requests, improving transparency and efficiency in cyber investigations.

Former Saudi royal physician passes away in Hyderabad



Renowned cardiologist Dr Mohammad Iqbal Sanai, who served the Saudi royal family and several prominent families in the Kingdom, passed away in Hyderabad on May 14, 2026. He was 95. According to his son, who spoke to Siasat.com, Dr Sanai is survived by his wife, Bader Babu Khan, daughter of late Khan Bahadur Abdul Kareem Babu Khan, and their four children. Born in 1931, Dr Sanai completed his MBBS in 1955 before moving to Scotland for higher studies. He earned his MRCP in Cardiology from the University of Edinburgh in 1960. He began his medical career as a government doctor in Warangal and later worked at Osmania Hospital in Hyderabad. Dr Sanai moved to Jeddah in 1965, where he emerged as one of the city's earliest specialist cardiologists. He became closely associated with several well-known business families, including the Bin Mahfouz, Binladin, Bugshan, Sharbatly, Ali Reza, Zainal and Gabel families. In the early 1970s, he started attending to then Crown Prince Khaled bin Abdulaziz and later became his family physician.

BRS trying to defame BJP over Bandi Bageerath's POCSO case: Ramchander Rao

"The BRS, as if it has nothing else to do, is harping on the minister's son. It is spending crores of rupees on wall posters, social media campaigns and its own media outlets," he said.

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Telangana BJP president N Ramchander Rao on Monday, May 18, alleged that the BRS was trying to defame the saffron party over the POCSO case registered against the son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar. Addressing a meeting of party leaders and workers here, he said the BJP would take action against Bandi Sanjay if he had committed any wrongdoing. However, he asserted that the union minister had done nothing wrong. He added that the legal process would take its course if Bandi Sanjay's son was found to be involved in any wrongdoing. Observing that applying for anticipatory bail is a legal remedy, Rao said the union minister's son surrendered before the police after his plea for anticipatory bail was rejected. "The BRS, as if it has nothing else to do, is harping on the minister's son. It is spending crores of rupees on wall posters, social media campaigns and



its own media outlets. BRS leaders, especially KTR (K T Rama Rao), are trying to defame an individual and the BJP," he claimed. Rao said the case involving Bandi Sanjay's son should be left to the police and that the law should take its course. The BJP leader claimed that crimes against women rose by 67 per cent during the BRS's 10-year tenure. He said 14,147 cases of crimes against women were registered in 2014, when the BRS came to power, compared with 23,679 cases in 2023, when the party lost office. Rao referred to several high-profile cases involving crimes against women during the BRS regime, such as the 2022 Jubilee Hills minor rape case, the 2019 gang rape of a woman in Asifabad district, the harassment of a woman doctor, and allegations made by a BRS sar-

panch against an MLA. "Did the then CM K Chandrasekhar Rao or then minister K T Rama Rao resign from their posts over these crimes against women?" he asked. "Did KCR or KTR resign when a woman from your family (Kavitha) was sent to jail in the Delhi liquor policy case?" Rao said. In February this year, a Delhi court discharged former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, his deputy Manish Sisodia, Telangana Jagruthi president K Kavitha (daughter of KCR) and 20 others in the politically charged liquor policy case. "What moral right does the BRS have to attack the BJP?" he asked. Alleging a tacit understanding between the ruling Congress and the BRS, Rao said the Congress government should take action against BRS leaders in cases related to alleged irregularities in the Kaleshwaram project, built during the previous BRS regime, and the Formula E race case, in which K T Rama Rao is an accused.

Save Musi Movement demands release of EIA report on Gandhi Sarovar Project

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Save Musi Movement (SMM), an Independent non-party movement, demanded Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy disclose and make access the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report related to the Gandhi Sarovar Project linked with Musi Riverfront Project. In a press release on Monday, SMM condemned the Chief Minister's remarks that encroachments near water bodies would be demolished at any cost without hesitation for the Musi project. "Instead of acting as a democratic custodian of people, the Chief Minister

has chosen to issue warnings and threats to citizens who are merely defending their lives, livelihoods, and the ecological future of Hyderabad," it said. SMM said that spending hundreds of crores of taxpayer money while keeping the actual blueprints hidden behind the administrative veil of G O No 921, and deliberately bypassing the mandatory Social Impact Assessment (SIA), was a direct assault on public accountability. It also demanded the release of base-level scientific studies regarding the destruction of the river's self-purification mechanisms and riparian vegetation, complete reports on the 1,800 million litres.

Governor Interacts with Group-I Deputy Collectors Trainees at Dr. MCR HRD Institute

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Governor of Telangana Shiv Pratap Shukla interacted with 44 Group-I probationary Deputy Collectors undergoing training at the Dr. MCR HRD Institute under the leadership of Vice Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Shanti Kumari. Addressing the officers, the Governor said that as future administrative leaders, they carry the



vital responsibility of serving people with integrity, compassion, and dedication. He emphasized that public service is not merely a position of authority, but a responsibility towards society and the nation.

Expressing confidence in the young officers, he said their commitment and dedication would contribute significantly to good governance and the overall development of the State. The Governor also congratulated the probationary officers and conveyed his best wishes for their future careers. He interacted warmly with each officer and appreciated their commitment to public service.

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