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Marco Rubio Meets PM Modi, Extends Invite To Visit White House

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US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Saturday extended an invitation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit the White House in near future. The US ambassador to India Sergio Gor confirmed the same on his social media account. Taking to X, Gor wrote, "Secretary Marco Rubio extended an invite on behalf of President Donald Trump, for Prime Minister Modi to visit the White House in the near future!"



US Secretary of State Marco Rubio met Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Saturday after arriving for his first official visit to India -- a trip aimed at recalibrating the bilateral relations that have faced headwinds

since mid-last year. The top US diplomat is scheduled to hold wide-ranging talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, in addition to attending a meeting of the Quad foreign ministers in New Delhi. On Sunday, he is

scheduled to hold bilateral talks with Jaishankar and attend the US Embassy's Independence Day celebrations.

"Landed in India. Looking forward to a great visit," Rubio said in a social media post after he reached Kolkata this morning. He visited the Mother House -- the headquarters of Saint Teresa's Missionaries of Charity -- before flying to the national capital. "Warmly welcome Secretary of State Marco Rubio of the USA to New Delhi."

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Cockroach Party Out of Social Media

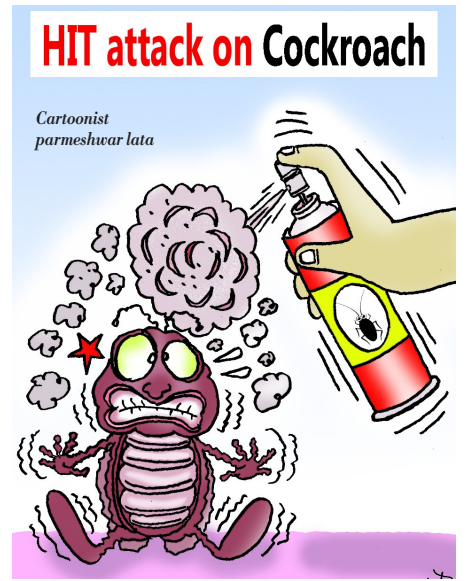
Abhijeet Dipke alleged crackdown on CJP, claiming social media accounts were removed after repeated takedowns and hacking incidents Saturday

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Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Saturday alleged a crackdown on the satirical digital outfit, stating that it had lost access to all its social media platforms following a series of takedowns and hacking incidents. In a post on X, Dipke said his personal Instagram account had also been hacked and that the organisation no longer had control over its accounts. "Crackdown on Cockroach Janta Party. Instagram page hacked. My personal Instagram hacked. Twitter account withheld. Back up account also taken down," he said.

"Please note that we currently do not have access to any of our platforms. Any post made after this should not be considered an official statement from the Cockroach Janta Party," he added. The development follows the withholding of the CJP's account on X in India earlier this week, after which Dipke created a new account. The outfit had launched a campaign seeking Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation over alleged systemic failures in the education sector and the NEET-UG 2026 paper "leak".

Dipke also claimed he had received death threats and shared screenshots of messages. He linked the action against the platform to its campaign. "Action should have been taken against the edu-



cation minister for the paper leak. For the student who lost his life due to the government's failure. But in New India, action is being taken against the Cockroach Janta Party for demanding accountability," he said.

The CJP website was also reported to be inaccessible. In posts from a backup handle, 'Cockroach is Back', the outfit said it had crossed one million registrations on its website within a week. "The movement keeps getting bigger despite all the crackdown!" it said. The handle also stated that the official Instagram account had been hacked and issued a clarification distancing the organisation from any protest call. "The Cockroach Janta Party has not given any such call.

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Coal Mine Gas Explosion in China Kills 82

Eighty-two people were killed in a gas explosion in a coal mine in China, according to an official media report.

The gas explosion occurred at the Liushenyu coal mine at 7:29 pm on Friday. Rescue efforts are ongoing.

The death toll rose to 82 following a coal mine accident in Qinyuan County, north China's Shanxi Province, state-run Xinhua news agency reported, adding that nine others are still trapped underground. Chinese President Xi Jinping has issued instructions for a comprehensive rescue operation and treatment of the injured. He has called for proper handling of the aftermath of the accident and sought a thorough investigation into its cause, with accountability pursued in accordance with the law.

World wants to become part of India's 'Vikas Yatra': PM

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly-appointed youth in various government departments and organisations at the 19th Rozgar Mela on Saturday (May 23, 2026) and said that the world is very excited about India's youth and technological progress. Addressing the gathering virtually, Mr. Modi said, "Today, more



than 51,000 youth have received appointment letters for government jobs and all of you are becoming key partners in the 'Vikas Yatra' of the nation... All of you will play a significant role in fulfilling the resolve for

Viksit Bharat in the coming years."

"To reach this point, all of you must have done a lot of preparation and hard work. I congratulate you and your family on this achievement. The contribution of parents and family in reaching this stage is very important. But it is not only the family; society also plays a very big role in your success. We do not reach here only because of ourselves or only because of our families. The contribu-

tion of 140 crore citizens of this great nation is also very significant," he said. Talking about his recently concluded five-nation visit, the Prime Minister said, "This was not just any tour. During this, I talked to leaders of various big companies, and everywhere, I realised one thing -- the world is very excited about India's youth and technological progress. The world wants to become a part of India's 'Vikas Yatra'. India is forming partner-

IndianOil Denies Fuel Crisis

Calls Disruptions at Select Outlets "Highly Localised"

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Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the nation's largest oil firm, on Saturday said there was no overall shortage of petrol and diesel in the country and described fuel outages reported at some retail outlets as "highly localised" and temporary, caused by regional demand-supply mismatches and shifting sales patterns. The state-owned fuel retailer said higher demand



at certain outlets was driven by a seasonal rise in diesel consumption during the harvesting season, migration of customers from private pumps where retail prices were relatively higher, and increased institutional purchases at public sector

outlets as bulk fuel supplies were being priced in line with elevated international rates. The company said petrol sales during May 1-22 rose 14 per cent year-on-year, while diesel sales increased around 18 per cent, reflecting "sustained and exceptionally high" growth in demand that it continued to meet across the country.

In a statement, IOC said it "wishes to reassure customers and the general

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Heatwave Claims 16 Lives In Telangana

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Telangana Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Saturday said 16 people died due to heatwave conditions prevailing in the state during the current summer. Reddy, who held a meeting with officials on the situation arising out of the heatwave, said the 16 deaths took place in seven districts of the state. Quoting reports received from district Collectors, he said four persons died in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district, followed by three

each in Warangal Urban, Karimnagar and Nizamabad and one each in Jogulamba Gadwal, Ranga Reddy and Suryapet.

The government would provide an ex-gratia of Rs four lakh each to the kin of the deceased persons, he said, according to an official release. The revenue minister directed officials to identify villages recording very high temperatures and send alerts about the heat through media, social media and other means to those villages. He said drinking water, butter milk, and ORS packets should be

made available at bus stations, markets, major roads and places where workers work in large numbers. Steps should be taken to prevent loss of life due to the heat, he said.

The minister urged that senior citizens, pregnant women, children and unwell people should not venture out of their homes between 11 AM and 4 PM. He instructed district Collectors to specially monitor heatwave conditions and government employees from mandal to village level should be on the field as part of

heat-relief measures. Along with human life, the administration should arrange drinking water for animals and birds in the villages, he said.

Citing reports from the Met department, Reddy said Karimnagar, Peddapally, Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubnagar, Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy district would witness severe heat conditions till May 26. He urged the district Collectors to take measures to provide relief to the people.

Hormuz Closure Deepens Crisis for Stranded Gulf Sailors

Iran's publication of a new map asserting its control over the Strait of Hormuz risks extending an already punishing ordeal for thousands of mariners trapped on ships in the Gulf. More than 20,000 sailors are stuck on around 2,000 vessels in the Gulf, many of them unable to leave ship, lacking adequate supplies of food and fresh water, and fearful of an uncertain future at sea in a war zone. "The only thing we do here is plan how to spend the night and pray to God that we do not get hit during an attack," Indian sailor Salman Siddiqui said by phone from his stranded ship last month. When Reuters travelled on a resupply boat to ves-

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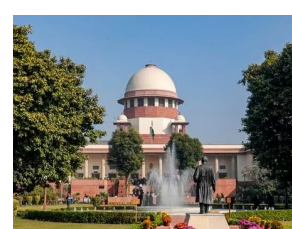
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The Supreme Court on Friday modified its March 11 order that had directed the Centre, states and others to disassociate from three academics, following a row over an NCERT book chapter containing "offending" contents on corruption in the judiciary. The apex court left it open to the Centre, states, Union territories, public universities and institutions that receive funds from the

central or state governments to take an independent decision on the issue, without being influenced by its observations made in the March 11 order.

A bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pandhori also recalled the part of the March 11 order that had recorded that the three academics -- Professor Michel Danino, Suparna Diwaker and Alok Prasanna Kumar -- had "deliberately and know-



ingly misrepresented the facts" in order to project a negative image of the Indian judiciary to the students of Class 8.

The bench passed the order while hearing a plea moved by the three academics who explained their stand, saying no individual had the sole say in the drafting of the

content and it was a collective process. The court also observed that its comments were made in context of the contents and not the individuals. On March 11, acting tough against the three experts involved in the drafting of the controversial chapter in the National Council of Educational Research and Training's (NCERT) social science book for Class 8, the court had directed the Centre and all states to disassociate from them.

It had directed the Centre to form a committee of domain experts within a week for the purpose of finalising the curriculum of the NCERT's legal studies for not only Class 8 but higher classes as well. The bench was hearing a suo-motu (initiated on its own) case titled "In Re: Social Science textbook for Grade-8 (part-2) published by NCERT and ancillary issues". The court was informed that the chapter was drafted by the textbook development

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District cooperative marketing societies (DCMSs) to be merged with Markfed

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The Telangana Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday approved a series of major decisions, including allocation of Rs 1,000 crore for preparations related to the Godavari Pushkaralu scheduled to be held from June 26 to July 7 next year. The Cabinet also sanctioned Rs 300 crore as the first instalment to begin execution of works ahead of the mega religious event. In another significant decision, the Cabinet approved allocation of Rs 587 crore for land acquisition, rehabilitation and infrastructure devel-

opment under the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme. The move is expected to accelerate pending works linked to the major irrigation project aimed at providing water to drought-prone regions. The Cabinet meeting cleared multiple administrative and infrastructure proposals across various sectors. Among the major decisions was the merger of District Cooperative Marketing Societies (DCMSs) with Markfed to strengthen cooperative marketing operations in the State. The Telangana Rural Infrastructure Corporation (TGRIC) will also be merged with Hyderabad Agricultural Co-



operative Association (HACA) as part of administrative restructuring measures. Focusing on the education sector, the Cabinet sanctioned 20 regular teaching posts, six non-teaching posts and three outsourcing posts for the newly established degree college at Gangadhara mandal headquarters in

Karimnagar district. The approvals are expected to facilitate smooth functioning of the college and improve higher education access for students in the region. The Cabinet also approved 18 posts for the newly proposed fire station at Kesamudram in Mahbubabad district to strengthen emergency and

disaster response services. In another key development, land allocation was cleared for establishment of group centres of Assam Rifles, Border Security Force (BSF) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in Karimnagar district. The approved allocations include four acres at Veladi in Manakondur mandal and five acres each at Rukmapur in Choppadandi mandal and Ganneruvaram mandal. The Cabinet decisions reflect the State government's focus on religious tourism, irrigation infrastructure, administrative reforms, education and strengthening security-related infrastructure across Telangana.

Asaduddin Owaisi alleges conspiracy behind advocate's death in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) President Asaduddin Owaisi on Saturday, May 23, alleged a conspiracy behind the death of senior advocate Khaja Moizuddin. "It was indeed a big conspiracy to kill him... His son has also given his statement on who he thinks carried out this attack on him. I request Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to immediately arrest the perpetrators and provide security for Moizuddin's family." Owaisi told reporters after visiting the advocate's residence in Nampally. He said that the advocate had been receiving threats for the past 4-5 years because he was



protecting Waqf properties. "It is unfortunate that such things are happening in Hyderabad... At least the people in the car should have been arrested by now, but even that has not happened," he added. Calling for an impartial enquiry, he said whoever did the crime should be brought to justice, regardless of their status. Earlier in the day, an SUV rammed into Moizuddin outside his residence as he was getting into his car. The force of the crash was so in-

tense that he was thrown several feet ahead on the road. He died while undergoing treatment. His son has named two individuals, Mujahid Alam Khan and Mahbub Alam Khan, as accused against whom his father had been fighting cases. "Anwar-ul-Uloom and Mumtaz Yar ud Daula in Malakpet have been built on Waqf land. Madrasa-e-Aiza and Nawab Shah Alam Khan Engineering College are all Waqf institutions. The duo grabbed all three of these properties," he said. His son said that he, too, was subject to threats and warned that if anything were to happen to him or his family, the two "land grabbers" should be held responsible.

Drizzles in South Telangana But Scorching in North

According to Telangana Development Planning Society (TGDPs) data, Hyderabad recorded an average maximum temperature of 40.8°C, with Bahadurpura the hottest at 42.1°C. Late at night, many areas of the city received some rainfall.

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Fifteen districts recorded maximum temperature of above 43° Celsius and Dummugudem in Bhadradi Kothagudem and Dharmapuri of Jagtial recorded the state's highest temperature at 46.3°C even isolated rainfall activity was reported in southern Telangana districts. According to Telangana Development Planning Society (TGDPs) data, Hyderabad recorded an average maximum temperature of 40.8°C, with Bahadurpura the hottest at 42.1°C. Late at night, many areas of the city received some rainfall. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said heatwave conditions prevailed in isolated pockets of Khammam district and issued orange warnings for Adilabad, Komuram



Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Khammam, Warangal and Hanamkonda districts for May 23. Yellow heatwave alerts remained in force for districts including Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mulugu and Jagtial. At the same time, isolated rainfall activity was reported in southern Telangana districts. Wanaparthy recorded the highest rainfall in the state at 31.5 mm at Dagada and 30.5 mm at Wanaparthy town. 18.8 mm at Atma-

kur and 16.5 mm at Kothakota. Telangana's overall average rainfall for the day stood at 0.3 mm. The IMD said light to moderate rain or thunderstorms are likely at isolated places over the next seven days, alongside thunderstorms with lightning and gusty winds of 40-50 kmph in several districts. It also said there would be no major change in maximum temperatures for the next four days, followed by a gradual fall of 1-2°C.

HILTP Guidelines, Portal Launched

The state government on Friday operationalised the Hyderabad Industrial Lands Transformation Policy (HILTP) by issuing detailed guidelines under GO No. 81 and launching a dedicated online portal to receive applications from eligible industrial units. At the launch, IT and industries minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu unveiled the digital platform that will allow unit owners to submit, monitor and track applications. The policy, first issued under GO No. 27 in November last year, seeks to facilitate relocation of polluting industries in 21 industrial parks and standalone units within Hyderabad's Core Urban Region (CURE). As part of the framework approved by the Cabinet Sub-Committee, the government announced a development impact fee of 10 per cent. Applications filed on or before June 30, 2026, will be considered using existing sub-registrar office market rates.

Kavitha Warns Government Over Centring Workers' Agitation Crisis

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Santosh Chowdary

K. Kavitha on Saturday warned the Telangana government that neglecting the demands of centring workers could severely impact the ruling party in the upcoming GHMC elections. Addressing a dharna organised by centring workers at Indira Park, she extended complete support to the protesting workers and demanded immediate talks with them. Kavitha praised the con-



tribution of centring workers in building Hyderabad's modern skyline, stating that the city's glass towers stand because of their hard work and life-risking efforts. She noted that workers handle lakhs

worth of construction material while working at dangerous heights, yet receive no proper protection or compensation. Criticising the government's demolition drives, she alleged that houses

were being demolished without notice, causing heavy losses to centring workers whose materials were destroyed during demolitions. She said workers and contractors had halted work at 86 sites for the last ten days. Kavitha termed the workers' demands — including ESI cards, ₹51 per square metre wages, and compensation for accidental deaths — as completely justified. She warned that if the government failed to resolve the issue within two days, she would personally join the agitation and intensify

102 CCTV Cameras Inaugurated in Mayuri Nagar Colony at Miyapur

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PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi inaugurated 102 newly installed CCTV cameras in Mayuri Nagar Colony under Miyapur Division. The cameras were installed by the Mayuri Nagar Colony Welfare Association at an estimated cost of ₹16 lakh. The programme was attended by Cyberabad Police Commissioner M. Ramesh, DCP Ritiraj, Additional DCP Sudarshan, ACP Ravi Kiran Reddy, CI Shiva Prasad, and former Corporator Uppalapati Srikanth. Speaking on the occasion, PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi appreciated the colony residents for coming forward to install CCTV cameras for public safety. He said CCTV cameras play a key role in crime prevention, crime detection, and maintaining law and order in residential colonies. He stated that cameras should be installed at important junctions, parks, and sensitive locations in every colony and said "one CCTV camera is equal to 100 police personnel" in helping solve cases quickly. Gandhi also mentioned that ₹1 crore has been allocated through MLA



funds for CCTV camera installations in various areas. He appealed to residents of all colonies and bastis to actively participate in strengthening public safety by installing surveillance systems. He assured that efforts would continue for the development of Miyapur Division and Serilingampally constituency by improving civic infrastructure and addressing public issues. Colony association members and local residents participated in the programme.

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BJP Will Bring Transparent Governance: Ramchander Rao

Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao on Saturday said that educated youths, intellectuals, women and the public were closely watching the BJP's working style and the corruption-free governance being delivered under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership over the past 12 years. Modi had emerged as a leader who worked tirelessly for the country, he said. Rao alleged that the Congress government was preparing massive detailed project reports in the name of new projects, while giving priority to its own interests over public welfare. He said the state was being pushed deeper into debt in the name of development, placing an additional burden on the people. He said the Congress government had completely failed farmers on paddy procurement. He said Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who promised to procure maize, jowar and other crops, has failed to honour the assurance, leaving farmers cheated and distressed.

Allegations of Irregularities in Singareni Educational Institutions Recruitment

MANCHERIAL
Wakeup telangana
Golla Thirupathi

The Progressive Democratic Students Union (PDSU) has strongly demanded immediate action against the management of Singareni High School in Srirampur, Naspur mandal, over alleged irregularities in the recruitment of teachers and other staff members. PDSU District General Secretary D. Srikanth stated that the management had issued a recruitment notification on April 25, 2026, which prompted a large number of educated, unemployed youth to apply for teaching and non-teaching positions. However, instead of evaluating the



candidates based on their qualifications, the school management allegedly bypassed the rules to favor and re-hire former employees. The student union leader further alleged that although official interviews were conducted on May 21, 2026, certain former teachers who did not even attend the interview process were selected. The manage-

ment is accused of acting arbitrarily and handpicking preferred individuals, which has sparked severe outrage among the qualified youth who applied for these positions. In light of these irregularities, the PDSU have urged the Singareni C&M.D. Director (PA), and the General Manager of Singareni Educational Institutions to intervene immediately. The union demanded a thorough inquiry into the hiring process and called for the removal of the Srirampur school management responsible for these violations. PDSU District Vice President K. Karthik, Town Vice President Vamshi, and other members participated in the program to express their solidarity with the affected candidates.

Free Clothes Distributed On Bheemsen Jaiswal Death Anniversary

HYDERABAD
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On the occasion of the 5th death anniversary of Late Adamiya Bheemsen Jaiswal Ji, free clothes were distributed to needy people at Gowliguda, opposite Old CBS, Hyderabad, as a mark of remembrance and service to society. Family members, friends, and supporters participated in the programme and paid heartfelt tributes to his memory. Ravi Jaiswal, Ashok Jaiswal, Raju Yadav, Anil Yadav, Sandeep Jain, Amit, Roshan, and Sai Ram attended the event. The programme concluded with prayers for peace and homage. Om Shanti, Shanti, Shanti.



ACB nabs govt engineer for taking bribe worth Rs 25,000

The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday, May 22, arrested an Assistant Divisional Engineer (ADE) for taking a bribe of Rs 25,000 to forward bills of a contractor. The accused, Muddam Ramana Reddy, sought the bribe from a contractor to forward 11 work bills amounting to Rs 3,13,882 to Divisional Engineer Electrical Operations Medak. Based on a complaint from the contractor, the ACB registered a case and trapped Reddy when he accepted the bribe. Following his arrest, the accused was produced before the Additional Special Judge for Trial of SPE and ACB Cases Court at Hyderabad. In April, the ACB nabbed an Assistant Divisional Engineer from Devarakonda town of Nalgonda district for allegedly taking a Rs 30,000 bribe. According to the ACB, the accused officer, Sirikonda Saidulu, had taken the bribe in exchange for processing a bill of Rs 10 lakhs for the electrical work carried out by the complainant for the restoration of the damaged 33/11 KV line.

Revamped Power Sector SOP for TG

Centre plan to boost strained power firms

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Telangana has joined the revamped distribution sector scheme (RDSS) in the power sector following a decision taken by the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy here on Saturday. The RDSS is a Central initiative launched by the Union power ministry to help state-owned power distribution companies (discoms) improve operational efficiency and achieve financial sustainability.

As part of the scheme, the state government will roll out smart electricity meters aimed at eliminating estimated billing and enhancing transparency in power consumption and billing. Priority for installation of smart meters will be given to



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government offices, commercial establishments and households with high electricity consumption. The government clarified that there would be no upfront installation charges for consumers. Briefing the media on the Cabinet decisions, information and public relations minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the previous BRS government had signed a tripartite agreement with the Centre on January 2, 2017, for implementation of the RDSS but had sub-

sequently kept the process on hold. Srinivas Reddy said the present Congress government had decided to honour the agreement entered into by the previous government and move ahead with implementation of the scheme.

The minister said the Centre provides financial assistance to states under the RDSS in the form of grants. However, release of funds was linked to conditions such as publication of audited financial reports, timely revision of electricity tariffs and clearance of pending subsidy dues by the state government. Srinivas Reddy added that the Centre would provide assistance of up to 60 per cent of the approved project cost for works other than smart metering.

KTR Highlights Crucial Role of CAs in Growth

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K. T. Rama Rao stated that Chartered Accountants play a decisive role in India's economic development and future business growth. Speaking as the chief guest at the graduation ceremony of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India in Hyderabad, KTR said the importance of CAs has expanded rapidly with the rise of GST, new taxation systems, startups, and digital financial governance. Addressing newly qualified graduates, KTR said becoming a Chartered Accountant is not merely about clearing examinations but about overcoming pressure, uncertainty, and repeated challenges with determination. He congratulated the students for successfully complet-



Sridhar Muppalla with K. T. Rama Rao and Dayanivas Sharma during the ICAI graduation ceremony in Hyderabad.

ing one of the toughest professional courses in the country and encouraged them to confidently face future challenges.

KTR observed that India is witnessing massive growth in entrepreneurship and startups, increasing the demand for financial guidance and strategic support from Chartered Accountants. He said CAs are not only tax advisors but also key contributors to strengthening businesses and improving government revenues, which ulti-

mately support welfare and development programs.

Highlighting Telangana's economic growth, KTR said the state emerged as one of India's most successful startup destinations between 2014 and 2023, recording strong tax revenue growth and a significant rise in per capita income. He also advised CAs to adapt to emerging technologies, including Artificial Intelligence, to remain future-ready in their profession.

Telangana to Fast-track Tourism Projects with Private Sector Participation

Inviting industrialists, investors and tourism entrepreneurs to come forward with investments, the minister assured that proposals along with detailed project reports would be processed on priority and approvals would be granted without delay.

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As part of the plan to accelerate tourism projects through private sector participation, the government would soon invite expressions of interest (EOIs) for the development of selected tourism destinations, said Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao. For the shortlisted agencies, the government would bear the cost of project designs and estimated project reports, he said. The government was committed to transforming Telangana into a globally competitive tourism destination and positioning tourism as a major engine of economic growth, Krishna Rao said, while addressing the tourism conclave 'Destination Telangana - Road Ahead' at the national institute of tourism and hospitality management (NITHM), Gachibowli, on Saturday. The conclave was orga-



nised as part of the government's 99-days 'Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranaliika' initiative and marked the culmination of Tourism Week celebrations.

Inviting industrialists, investors and tourism entrepreneurs to come forward with investments, the minister assured that proposals along with detailed project reports would be processed on priority and approvals would be granted without delay. The minister stated that underutilised government assets could be offered on long-term lease for tourism development projects, enabling easier

implementation and professional management of tourism infrastructure. He encouraged stakeholders to bring innovative and creative tourism concepts to Telangana. Rao observed that some locations lacked basic amenities such as drinking water, restrooms, accommodation and restaurants. He appealed to private investors and hospitality operators to partner with the government in developing modern tourism infrastructure including mobile glass houses, eco-tourism facilities, canvas tents and other visitor-friendly amenities.

Centering Contractors Continue Strike in Kondapur, Demand Wage Hike and ESI Cards

RANGAREDDY
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Centering contractors under the Kondapur Centering Union continued their strike demanding an increase in centering rates to ₹51, issuance of ESI cards for workers, and prevention of centering material thefts at construction sites. Union Chairman Vishwanadh Yadav, President Ramu Yadav, General Secretary Sama Ellareddy, and Vice Chairman Srinivas Reddy stated that the strike has



been ongoing since May 16.

As part of the 8th day of the protest, around 200 contractors from the Kondapur Union conducted a two-wheeler rally from Kondapur to Dharna Chowk and participated in the agitation programme

on May 23. Speaking on the occasion, General Secretary Sama Ellareddy said the strike would continue until their genuine demands are fulfilled. The union also decided to extend the protest for another week.

Officials Review Census Activities in Khajaguda, Urge Public Cooperation

RANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner Narayana Amit, along with the Central Census team and Deputy Commissioner of Serilingampally, visited Jains Carlton Creek Apartments in Khajaguda to review the ongoing census activities.

During the visit, the officials inspected the field-level enumeration process and reviewed the progress of the census survey. They emphasized the impor-



tance of accurate, transparent, and comprehensive data collection for the successful implementation of the census programme.

The officials also interacted with the survey staff and enquired about the challenges being faced

during the door-to-door enumeration process.

They appealed to the public to cooperate with census officials and provide correct information to ensure smooth and effective completion of the census exercise.

Reservation in India: History, Constitutional Vision and the Debate on Social Justice

HYDERABAD
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Thalka Anjaiah

Reservation in India remains one of the country's most debated socio-political issues. While some consider it essential for social justice and representation, others question its impact on merit and equal competition. However, reservation was introduced not as charity, but as a constitutional mechanism to address centuries of caste-based discrimination and social exclusion.

Historically, communities now classified as Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) were denied access to education, public institutions, land ownership, and government employment. Social reformers like B. R. Ambedkar, Jyotirao Phule, Savitribai Phule, and Periyar strongly advocated representation and social equality.

The roots of reservation policies predate Independence. In 1902, Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj introduced reservations in

government jobs for backward communities in Kolhapur State.

Later, the 1932 Poona Pact provided reserved seats for depressed classes within the electoral system. After Independence, the Indian Constitution incorporated provisions such as Articles 15(4), 16(4), and 46 to support socially and educationally backward communities. Today, Central Government reservations generally include 15% for SCs, 7.5% for STs, 27% for OBCs, and 10% for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

The debate over merit versus representation continues. Supporters argue that true merit cannot be judged without considering unequal access to education, resources, and opportunities. Despite criticisms, reservation has enabled millions to access education, employment, and political participation.

Ultimately, reservation remains closely tied to India's constitutional vision of equality, social justice, and inclusive representation.

Yugandhar Reddy Urges BRS Workers To Reconsider Loyalty

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Congress Party Kukatpally A Block Vice-President Madireddy Yugandhar Reddy on Saturday launched a sharp attack on BRS Working President K. Taraka Rama Rao and Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao, alleging that the BRS leadership has repeatedly deceived its own party workers by making promises that were never fulfilled.

Addressing the media ahead of the BRS workers' meeting sched-



uled on the 25th at NKNR Garden in Kukatpally, Yugandhar Reddy claimed that the gathering was being organized only to once again influence and mislead party activists ahead of the upcoming GHMC elections.

He alleged that during previous MLA and Corpo-

rator elections, KTR had assured dedicated party workers that they would be rewarded with nominated posts for their tireless efforts during the Telangana movement and election campaigns. However, according to Reddy, those promises remained unfulfilled even after the party came to power.

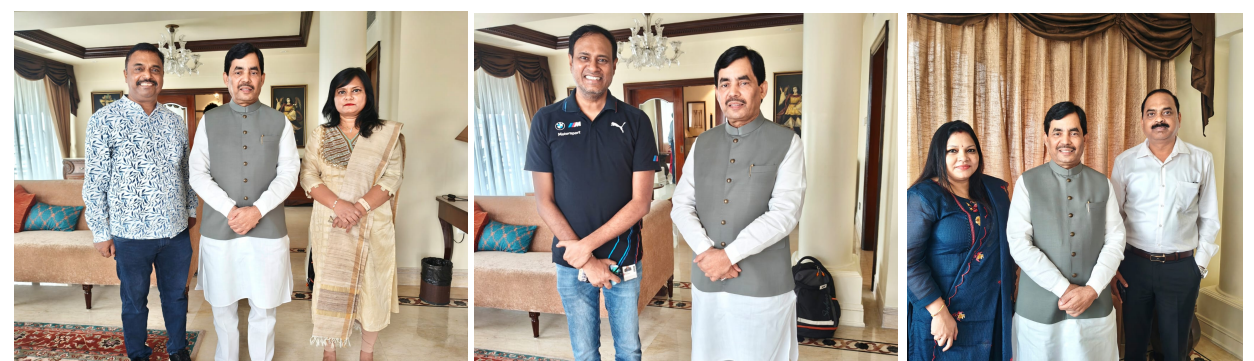
The Congress leader accused the BRS leadership of using party workers merely for political gains and abandoning them afterward. Drawing a sharp comparison, he remarked that activists were treated "like curry leaves in len-

tils," useful only until power was secured.

Yugandhar Reddy further alleged that while Madhavaram Krishna Rao and his family witnessed continuous political and financial growth over three consecutive terms, ordinary party workers who trusted the leadership were left without recognition or development.

With senior BRS leaders expected to visit Kukatpally on Monday, he appealed to party cadre to introspect honestly and avoid being misled by "false promises" once again.

Alka Manoj Meets Shahnawaz Hussain, Discusses Bihar Development Initiatives



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Senior BJP Telangana leader Alka Manoj, along with her husband Manoj, met former Union Minister and BJP National Spokesperson Shahnawaz

Hussain at Taj Krishna in Hyderabad. The meeting was also attended by Vinod Singh, Sunita Singh, and Amit Bhushan from Bihar.

During the interaction, the leaders held detailed discussions on the devel-

opment and progress of Bihar, focusing on infrastructure, employment opportunities, industrial growth, and welfare initiatives.

They exchanged views on strengthening development-oriented policies

and enhancing public welfare in the state.

The meeting reflected a shared commitment towards contributing to Bihar's growth and future progress through constructive dialogue and coordinated efforts..

3 Girls Drown In Stepwell While Bathing In Madhya Pradesh

Three minor girls, including two sisters, drowned while bathing in a stepwell in Madhya Pradesh's Raisen district on Saturday, police said. Another girl accompanying them survived and alerted family members about the incident, they said. The incident occurred around 11 am in Sagor village in Gairatganj tehsil, about 60 km from the district headquarters. Sub-inspector Virendra Vishwakarma, in charge of the Garhi police outpost, said four girls had gone to bathe in the stepwell. One of the girls slipped into deep water and started drowning. Two other girls tried to save her, but all three drowned, he said. The minors have been identified as Radha Advansi (12) and her sister Tanu Advansi (13), daughters of Halke Ram Advansi, and their cousin Amrita Advansi (12).

India To Become Major Arms Exporter In 25-30 Years: Rajnath

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said no power can stop India, once considered an importer of weapons, from becoming the biggest exporter in 25-30 years. After inaugurating an ammunition manufacturing unit in Shirdi, Singh said a nation that makes its weapons writes its own future. He said the role of private players in defence manufacturing was negligible a few years back, which now stands at 25-30 per cent, while the government has set a target to increase it further to 50 per cent. "The private sector is not just a supplier of nuts and bolts in defence, but also a producer of state-of-the-

art weapons systems," he said. Singh said India was considered a weapons importer, but no power can now stop it from being the biggest exporter in 25-30 years. He said that when the government's vision and the private sector's innovation align, then the country reaches new heights. "All have to work together to make India the hub of munitions and automation," he added. During the rule of the British East India Company, potassium nitrate was used as raw material to make gunpowder, and the company strengthened its military capability, Singh said. He said India has come a long way as far as its defence industry is concerned. Singh said that



while ordnance factories existed even before Independence and the defence industry is deeply rooted in the country, after Independence, there was no balance between the country's old capabilities and modern requirements. The main reason behind this was that private players did not get the opportunities and the sector was restricted to defence PSUs and ordnance factories, the defence minister said. He listed steps undertaken by the Central gov-

ernment to increase private participation in the defence sector, including policy-related reforms and liberalisation of foreign direct investment. He said the government implemented a strategic partnership model, prepared a positive indigenisation list of 5,000 items, making it mandatory for armed forces to procure them in India. Young innovators, too, are being encouraged, Singh added. On the defence manufacturing unit, Singh said a golden chapter of self-reliance is being written in India's defence and space sector. Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also attended the event.

UN Nuclear Non-Proliferation Talks End in Failure

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Talks at the UN to reaffirm nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament goals failed on Friday, according to the leader of the talks, after four weeks of negotiations held amid low expectations. Vietnam's Do Hung Viet, the president of the conference, said that "despite our best efforts... it is my understanding that the conference is not in a position to achieve agreement on its substantive work." "I do not intend to put the document forward for adoption," he added. Negotiators were reviewing the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), the cornerstone of nuclear weapons control, amid fears of a renewed arms race. Previous reviews in 2015 and 2022 were also unsuccessful. With expectations low, participants negotiated over a

repeatedly reviewed and watered-down text, which they ultimately failed to adopt. Experts pointed out that even in the absence of a review agreement for the third time in a row, the treaty continues to exist, but with diminished legitimacy. "The text keeps on becoming less and less anchored in the realities of current conflicts and proliferation risks," including North Korea and Iran, analyst Richard Gowan of the International Crisis Group said before the outcome was announced. The latest version of the text seen by AFP on Friday merely stated that Tehran must "never" develop nuclear weapons. The paragraph was in brackets, signaling persistent disagreement, despite the removal of the reference to Iran's "non-compliance" with its obligations that appeared in the first draft. Also gone were expressions of concern about North Korea's

nuclear program, or even any mention of the "denuclearization" of the Korean Peninsula. Gone as well was the direct call on the United States and Russia to begin negotiations on a successor to the New START treaty limiting Russian and American arsenals, which expired in February. The diluted text still covered "the risk of a resumption of nuclear testing by Russia, China and the United States, the growth of arsenals, and attacks on nuclear infrastructure," Heloise Fayet of the French Institute of International Relations said earlier on Friday. Exactly why the review failed isn't yet known. "The majority of countries are indeed working in good faith for disarmament," said Seth Sheldon of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), commenting on the failure of the talks.

WHO Raises Alarm as Ebola Risk Peaks in DR Congo

NEW DELHI
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The risk from the deadly Ebola outbreak has been raised to the highest level for the Democratic Republic of Congo, the World Health Organization said Friday, as the toll continued to rise. There are now 82 confirmed cases and seven confirmed deaths in the DRC, with almost 750 suspected cases and 177 suspected deaths, the WHO said. The outbreak, which experts suspect was circulating under the radar for some time, was caused by the less common Bundibugyo strain of Ebola, for which there are no approved vaccines or treatments. The WHO is prioritising certain existing treatments to see how effective they might be in combating the strain. WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the situation was "especially challenging" as health workers scramble to catch up with the spread of the virus and track down contacts of everyone thought



to be infected, in highly insecure areas. "We know the epidemic in DRC is much larger" than the confirmed cases, he told journalists at the WHO headquarters in Geneva. Tedros said the situation in neighbouring Uganda was "stable", with two cases confirmed in people who travelled from DRC and one death. Intense contact tracing appeared to have prevented further spread, he added. While a US national who was working in the DRC has tested positive and been transferred to Germany for care, Tedros said another US national deemed to be a high-risk contact had been transferred to the Czech Republic. Rwanda's health ministry announced Friday that any foreign nationals who had travelled

through the neighbouring DRC would be refused entry. Rwandan nationals and foreigners with Rwandan residency would be allowed in, subject to a mandatory quarantine period "in line with public health protocols". In the Netherlands, Radboud University Hospital said Friday it had admitted a patient with a "low suspicion" of Ebola and had put him in isolation pending the result of diagnostic tests. Ebola is a deadly viral disease spread through direct contact with bodily fluids. It can cause severe bleeding and organ failure. The WHO upgraded its risk assessment level from high to very high for the DRC, while keeping the regional risk level at high and the global risk level at low. The assess-

ment determines the potential impact of a public health threat and the necessary response measures, with WHO advice set to follow. "The potential of this virus spreading rapidly is very high, and that changed the whole dynamic," said the WHO's emergency alert and response director Abdi Rahman Mahamud. Speaking from the field, Anne Ancia, the WHO's representative in the DRC, said the case numbers would keep rising until all the response operations could be put in place. The virus has been "rampant and silently disseminating for a few weeks already", she said. "We are sprinting behind" playing catch-up, with the spread "not yet under control", she added. With no treatments or vaccines available, finding contacts and isolating them for 21 days was the only way to disrupt transmission, she said. WHO's Africa regional director Mohamed Yakub Janabi said Ebola had had a silent early phase, when symptoms resemble malaria or typhoid.

Achhe Din for PR, Not for People: Oppn Slams Centre on Fuel Price Hike

CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

The Punjab Congress and the AAP on Saturday slammed the BJP-led Centre over a third fuel price hike in just nine days, saying it has put yet another financial burden on ordinary citizens. On Saturday, petrol and diesel prices were increased by 87 to 91 paise per litre, bringing the total rise in retail fuel prices to nearly Rs 5 per litre in less than ten days, as state-owned companies responded to soaring international oil prices.

Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring slammed the Centre over the price hike, calling it the "real economics" of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government. "First create headlines with symbolic 'simplicity', then quietly transfer the burden to ordinary citizens through rising fuel prices. PM Modi showcases a '2-car convoy for cameras,'" Warring said in a post on X. He emphasised that when diesel prices rise, it leads to inflation across the entire economy, causing transport, vegetables,

milk, farming, logistics, and daily essentials to become more expensive. "This government has mastered optics, not relief. For the BJP, perception management comes first. For citizens, survival is becoming expensive. "Achhe Din" for PR agencies. Inflation and hardship for the people," Warring said, taking a dig at the BJP. Aam Aadmi Party leader and MLA Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal also criticised the BJP-led government for the latest fuel price hike, stating that he had previously predicted the government

would once again raise fuel rates, and that prediction has now come true. "Where will farmers go? Where will ordinary citizens go?" he asked. Dhaliwal claimed, "Fuel prices will rise again," labelling the BJP-led Centre as "anti-farmer" and "anti-people." Petrol and diesel prices were increased by Rs 3 per litre each on May 15 and 90 paise a litre on May 19. The back-to-back increases follow a prolonged freeze in retail fuel prices and come amid elevated crude oil prices in the global market.

NCERT Textbook Cartoons Under SC Scrutiny

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court on Friday asked a committee headed by former apex court judge Justice Indu Malhotra to examine cartoons published in NCERT textbooks. A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant issued the direction after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta

raised objections to the use of cartoons in school textbooks. "A textbook is not a place where you use cartoons," Mehta submitted, adding that while there was no objection to cartoons as such, their use in school material needed scrutiny as the books are read by children of an impressionable age. The court directed the issue to be examined by

the committee headed by Justice Malhotra. The panel also includes senior advocate K.K. Venugopal and Prof. Prakash Singh, vice chancellor of Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University. It is working with the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal, on the legal studies curriculum for school students. The court had earlier noted that satire should

not be assessed from the perspective of a "touchy and hyper-sensitive individual" but from that of a reasonable person. In its 2020 judgment in *Indibly Creative Pvt Ltd vs State of West Bengal*, the court had said satire has a "unique ability to quickly and clearly make a point" and cautioned against curbs on freedom of expression.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Marco Rubio Meets.....

On Sunday, he is scheduled to hold bilateral talks with Jaishankar and attend the US Embassy's Independence Day celebrations. "Landed in India. Looking forward to a great visit," Rubio said in a social media post after he reached Kolkata this morning. He visited the Mother House -- the headquarters of Saint Teresa's Missionaries of Charity -- before flying to the national capital. "Warmly welcome Secretary of State Marco Rubio of the USA to New Delhi. His visit will add further strength to India-USA Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership," Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Randhir Jasiwal said on X. US Ambassador Sergio Gor,

welcoming the Secretary of State, outlined a forward-looking agenda aimed at strengthening bilateral ties. He underlined the upcoming Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting and Washington's focus on realising President Donald Trump's strategic vision for a stronger US-India partnership. Rubio called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi after reaching the national capital. The Secretary of State will travel to Agra and Jaipur on Monday before returning to Delhi on Tuesday morning for the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting. Ways to bolster India-US ties in energy, trade, investment, critical technology and people-to-people exchanges are likely to dominate the talks between Jaishankar and Rubio, people familiar with the matter

said. Rubio's trip to India comes over five weeks after Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri undertook a three-day visit to Washington DC that focused on stabilising the ties after a spell of uncertainty and strain. The relations between the two countries witnessed a major downturn after Washington imposed punitive tariffs on India and President Donald Trump made controversial assertions regarding his role in de-escalating the India-Pakistan military clashes last May. **Hormuz Closure.....** When Reuters travelled on a re-supply boat to vessels moored off the Saudi coast this week, sailors on a tanker gathered by the hand-rail to wave, a rare moment of con-

tact with the outside world. For nearly three months, the sailors trapped in the Gulf have led isolated lives, each with a small group of shipmates, moving between tiny living quarters, communal dining areas and scorching, sun-baked decks. Tehran closed the strait, a global oil supply route, after U.S.-Israeli attacks on Iran began on February 28. Thousands of ships were trapped in the Gulf and, with peace negotiations stalled, Iran is doubling down on the effective blockade. The Persian Gulf Strait Authority, a body Iran has set up to manage requests for passage, published a map on Wednesday reaffirming Tehran's claims to a wide stretch of water either side of the choke point.

IndianOil Denies.....

In a statement, IOC said it "wishes to reassure customers and the general public that there is no overall shortage of petrol and diesel in the country. The current situation being witnessed at certain retail outlets is highly localised and temporary in nature, arising due to local demand-supply imbalances and redistribution of sales patterns in select areas". It said only a "very small number" of outlets in its network of more than 42,000 fuel stations had witnessed supply disruptions, while stocks and supplies at the majority of pumps remained normal and adequate. The higher demand being witnessed at some locations is attributable to "seasonal increase in diesel demand during the ongoing

harvesting period, temporary shift of customers from certain private retail outlets, owing to relatively higher retail prices at some private pumps, and increased migration of institutional and commercial demand to PSU retail outlets, as bulk and institutional supplies are currently priced significantly higher in line with prevailing international market prices". IOC added that state-owned oil marketing firms continued to maintain sufficient fuel inventories nationwide and were taking steps to address isolated disruptions and ensure uninterrupted supplies. "Despite this sustained and exceptionally high growth in demand, IndianOil continues to consistently meet customer requirements across the country."

CRIME

Telangana HC Directs Costs on Govt for Forcing Petitioner Into Litigation

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Justice J. Anil Kumar of the Telangana High Court faulted the revenue authorities and ruled that they had “abdicated their responsibility to put in physical possession” a person whose lands were submerged and patta was granted for alternate land. D. Chinnakka Chinnamma of Nizamabad filed a writ petition complaining of failure on the part of the revenue authorities in not allotting her lands due to submergence of her agricultural lands under the Sriramsagar project. The petitioner would lay her claims under a rehabilitation scheme of the government. She would in her writ petition complain that though she was assigned



over three acres of land in Bholapur village of Malapur Mandal in Karimnagar, the land was not demarcated and she was not put in possession of the same since 2006. Her tryst with officialdom started as early as in 2009 and in vain. Chronologically it appears that her lands were submerged in 2006, the assignment was made in the same year and to date she was suffering the “pillar to post” syndrome. Justice Anil

Kumar in his verdict took note of the admitted fact that under the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme, alternate land and house plots were to be allotted /assigned to the project affected families. On assignment of the lands to the petitioner the revenue authorities were found dragging their feet since the records revealed that the land in question was already in the name of a third party. Describing this as a classic case

of the administration “abdicated their duties and responsibilities”, Justice Anil Kumar said “the conduct of the State Government and its authorities is shocking to the conscience of the Court” Allowing the writ petition, the judge imposed costs of Rs 25000. He also recorded a finding that property right is not only a constitutional guarantee but also a human right, “Citizens whose land is acquired by State for public purpose or whose lands get submerged for a public purpose project, should be allotted/assigned alternated land as per the scheme at an early date. Undue delay in allotting alternate land is not just an administrative lapse, but is unconstitutional”, the court ruled.

Two Teenagers Killed In Highway Accident Near Narayanavanam

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Two teenagers were killed and another seriously injured in a tragic road accident on the national highway near Ralla Kalava in Narayanavanam mandal of Tirupati district on Saturday. According to police, Yuvaraj (17), Yuvaraju (18), and Uday, all residents of Govindappanaidukandriga village, had gone to Singiri Kona on a motorcycle on Saturday afternoon. While they were returning home, their motorcycle was allegedly hit by a car travelling from Puttur towards Nagalapuram near Ralla Kalava.

The impact of the collision threw all three youths onto the road. Police said another car coming from Nagalapuram towards Tirupati reportedly ran over them moments later, worsening the tragedy. Yuvaraj and Yuvaraju died on the spot due to severe injuries, while Uday sustained serious injuries and was immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment.

His condition is said to be critical. Police officials rushed to the accident spot soon after receiving information and shifted the bodies for postmortem examination. A case has been registered, and an investigation is under way to ascertain the exact cause of the accident.

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The Hyderabad zonal unit of Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) has arrested a businessman Srikanth from Karimnagar in connection with alleged tax evasion. After arresting him, the officials produced him before the economic offences court in Nampally after which it remanded him to judicial custody. The DGGI conducted extensive inspections at the offices of several granite shops and transporters in Karimnagar in the last two days. It was found that granite worth about Rs 100 crore was moved through invoices and waybills generated by the bogus company.

Tribal Minor Pregnant, Boy Booked Under POCSO

Police in Rangareddy district booked a minor boy under the Pocco Act after a tribal girl from the same village was found nine months pregnant. The case came to light when her family took her to a private hospital and lodged a complaint. The girl, who had recently completed her SSC exams, disclosed during counselling that the boy was responsible. Police recorded her statement in the presence of the Bharosa team. Based on medical reports and technical evidence, the boy was shifted to a juvenile shelter home after examination. Authorities moved the victim to a government caretaker home in Hyderabad for protection and medical care. “We are thoroughly investigating the case and a strong,

Chutney Row Turns Violent at Quthbullapur Tiffin Centre

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Tension prevailed briefly at a tiffin centre in Quthbullapur on Saturday after a dispute over serving extra chutney turned violent. According to reports, a customer visiting the eatery asked the staff to provide additional chutney along with his breakfast. The request reportedly led to a heated argument between the

customer and the staff members. As the argument intensified, the customer allegedly lost his temper and suddenly grabbed an onion-cutting knife kept at the tiffin centre.

In a fit of rage, he attacked the staff indiscriminately and also threatened a few customers who were having breakfast at the premises. The sudden attack created panic among the customers and passersby in

the area. The tiffin centre staff, along with local residents, quickly intervened and managed to overpower the accused before the situation worsened further.

They detained him and later handed him over to the police. Police reached the spot and took the accused into custody for questioning. A case is being registered and further investigation into the incident is underway.

Lok Adalat of criminal court too is enforceable rules HC

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Justice S. Nanda of the Telangana High court ruled that even an Award passed by the Lok Adalat bench of the criminal unit is capable of execution as an enforceable decree of the civil court.

The court faulted the South Central Railway for arbitrarily rejecting the case of the second wife of a deceased employ for family pension. Justice S. Nanda was dealing with a writ petition filed by D

Laxmi Bai challenging an order of rejection made by the Personnel Department of the SC Railway. It is the case of the petitioner that her Late husband Late D. Satyanarayana retired as a Technician. He had matrimonial dispute with his first wife. His disputes were settled through a MOU recorded by Lok Adalat.

Under the said Award the first wife was to get a monthly sum of Rs 1000 of the family pension and the rest would go to the petitioner. The Railways

instead of acting on her representations required her to obtain a declaratory decree from the competent civil court. It is the case of the petitioner that the Lok Adalat Award was executable and thus another decree was not required under the law.

The Lok Adalat Award emanated from a DVC case filed by the first wife against her husband during his life time.

The warring couple then entered into a MOU in July 2012 whereby the first wife was also given a

lumpsum towards final settlement of permanent alimony. According to the petitioner she and her differently abled daughter thus were entitled to the remaining portion of the family pension. Faulting the Railway authorities for rejecting the case of the petitioner without considering all the relevant documents and for also being contrary to the law, Justice Nanda directed the authorities to reconsider the case of the petitioner in accordance with the relevant Rules.

EDITORIAL

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

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

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

leaders painted grim pictures of lakhs of desperate workers fleeing their states. Exaggeration proved to be a potent electoral strategy. The data, however, tells a more nuanced story. People all over India are on the move, not just from West Bengal to other states in search of work. As the late Bibek Debroy and Devi Prasad Misra noted in EAC-PM’s (Economic Advisory Council to PM) December 2024 working paper “200 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.



Daily Almonds Boost Brain and Blood Sugar Health

New Study Links Daily Almond Consumption to Better Brain and Metabolic Health in Adults with Prediabetes

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A new study published in the Journal of Nutrition has found that daily almond consumption may significantly improve brain function and metabolic health in middle-aged adults with prediabetes. Conducted in New Delhi by researchers Dr. Anoop Misra and Dr. Seema Gulati, the 24-week study highlighted that adding almonds to the daily diet helped improve executive function, blood sugar control, body composition, and inflammation markers. The study involved 60 Asian Indian adults aged between 40 and 60 who



had prediabetes but showed no signs of cognitive decline. Participants were divided into two groups after receiving guidance on a balanced diet. While the control group continued their regular diet, the in-

tervention group consumed 32-42 grams of almonds daily, accounting for about 20 percent of their calorie intake. At the end of the study, researchers observed notable improvements among participants who

consumed almonds regularly. The almond group demonstrated enhanced executive function and processing speed, key indicators of cognitive performance. They also showed lower fasting blood glucose levels, improved HbA1c levels, and reduced blood sugar levels after meals.

In addition, the almond-consuming group experienced reductions in body weight, body fat, BMI, waist circumference, total cholesterol, and LDL cholesterol. Researchers also noted lower levels of inflammation and oxidative stress, along with increased Vitamin E levels, an antioxidant linked to brain health.

Dr. Misra stated that adults with prediabetes are vulnerable to cognitive decline and that a simple dietary addition like almonds could help support brain health while reducing the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Dr. Gulati explained that the nutrient-rich profile of almonds, combined with their ability to reduce inflammation and oxidative stress, may contribute to these positive outcomes.

Rich in protein, fiber, healthy fats, magnesium, potassium, and Vitamin E, almonds can be easily added to cereals, yogurt, salads, and curries as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Gokaldas Exports Q4 net profit falls 31.97 pc to Rs 35.96 crore

Gokaldas Exports reported a 31.97 per cent fall in consolidated net profit to Rs 35.96 crore in the March quarter due to US tariffs and geopolitical volatility. However, the apparel manufacturer recorded revenue growth and maintained stable EBITDA margins during the period

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Apparel manufacturer Gokaldas Exports has reported a 31.97 per cent year-on-year decline in consolidated net profit to Rs 35.96 crore during the quarter ended March 31 due to disruptions following US tariffs and geopolitical volatility.

The company's net profit stood at Rs 52.86 crore during the corresponding period of the previous year, Gokaldas Exports said in a regulatory filing.

Revenue from operations grew by 5.27 per cent during the quarter under review to Rs 1,068.84 crore, compared with Rs 1,015.33 crore in the same period of the previous fiscal year. "Disruption due to penal US tariffs and volatile



geopolitical events impacted our costs and margins during the year. Exceptional teamwork, strong customer relationships and relentless execution in the face of strong adversities helped us deliver a superior business performance. We grew our revenue and more or less maintained our EBITDA margin," Gokaldas Exports Vice Chairman and Managing Director Sivaramakrishnan Ganapathi said. He said the company is confident of its leadership depth and business capability to address external shocks that may come its way in the near

term. "In the long term, we see the macroeconomic trends favour sourcing from India and other low-cost regions, and are hopeful that we are poised to leverage these trends to emerge as a strong global entity," he added.

The company's total income from India grew by 2 per cent YoY despite tariff challenges in the fourth quarter of FY26, while the Indian apparel industry's exports declined by 10 per cent. "Our Africa business experienced healthy growth of 17 per cent YoY, as the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) was renewed and the region had a better US tariff position vis-a-vis other countries," it added.

Gold prices rise 0.9 pc amid geopolitical uncertainty and crude oil swings

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Gold prices ended the week higher amid persistent geopolitical tensions, volatility in crude oil prices, and uncertainty surrounding the US-Iran negotiations, even as bullion markets witnessed mild weakness towards the weekend. Gold prices rose 0.19 per cent during the week, while silver also remained under pressure due to rising US bond

yields and strengthening of the rupee. On Friday, MCX gold June futures slipped 0.06 per cent, while MCX silver May futures declined 0.09 per cent on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX). Gold futures were trading at Rs 1,58,588 per 10 grams, while silver futures stood at Rs 2,71,600 per kilogram. According to data released by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA), the price of 10

grams of 24-carat gold rose to Rs 1,58,117 on Friday from Rs 1,57,821 recorded at the beginning of the week. Analysts said gold prices remained slightly weak towards the weekend as COMEX gold stabilised near the \$4,535 mark.

Appreciation in the Indian rupee also weighed on domestic bullion prices. However, ongoing geopolitical uncertainty, especially surrounding devel-



opments in the Strait of Hormuz, continued to provide support to precious metals. Media reports indicating progress in US-Iran negotiations reduced safe-

haven buying in gold. Yet, uncertainty over the final outcome of the talks kept market volatility elevated. Analysts noted that positive developments in the ne-

gotiations helped COMEX gold maintain support around the \$4,500 level. Meanwhile, India's gold demand is expected to witness a decline in calendar year 2026. A report by the World Gold Council projected a 10 per cent year-on-year drop in demand, translating into a reduction of nearly 50-60 tonnes. The decline is largely attributed to the sharp increase in gold import duty. The duty

was raised from 6 per cent to 15 per cent, marking the biggest single hike on record and completely reversing the import duty reduction announced in July 2024. Market experts said future movement in gold and silver prices will depend largely on developments in the US-Iran talks, fluctuations in the dollar index, and volatility in the rupee. Higher US bond yields are also emerging

as a major headwind for bullion prices. The yield on 30-year US Treasury bonds remained above 5 per cent, while the yield on 10-year Treasury notes closed the week above 4.5 per cent. Analysts believe rising bond yields could push the US Federal Reserve towards higher interest rates by the end of CY26, increasing the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding assets such as gold and silver.

Yatra Online Q4 revenue drops 26 pc, EBITDA falls sharply

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Yatra Online on Saturday reported a 26 per cent decline in its revenue for the fourth quarter of FY26, while net profit also witnessed a marginal drop.

The company posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 8.2 crore in the January-March quarter, down 1 per cent from Rs 8.3 crore reported in the previous quarter.

While revenue from operations decreased by 26 per cent quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) to Rs 189 crore, compared to Rs 256.8 crore in the preceding quarter.

Moreover, the company's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) fell sharply by 51 per cent to Rs 10.9 crore from Rs 22.4 crore reported in Q3FY26.

In addition, EBITDA margin stood at 5.8 per cent during the quarter, compared to 8.7 per cent in the previous quarter, reflecting pressure on operational profitability.

The company, in the exchange filing, highlighted that its total expenses rose around 24 per cent year-on-year to Rs 979.85 crore in FY26, against Rs 788.15 crore in FY25.

On a year-on-year basis, Yatra reported an 8 per cent rise in gross bookings to Rs 2,021 crore, while total transactions increased 17 per cent to 18.84 lakh.

Additionally, the company's air passenger volumes rose 10 per cent YoY to 13.68 lakh.

Shares of Yatra Online have remained under selling pressure, with the stock declining around 20 per cent since its listing in September 2023.

The stock has plunged over 40 per cent in the last six months and more than 30 per cent in the past three months.

In the shorter term, it has fallen over 15 per cent in the last one month. The stock touched a 52-week high of Rs 201.85 and a 52-week low of Rs 81.81.

Rupee movement driven by market forces: Goyal

NEW DELHI
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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday clarified that the Indian government does not interfere in determining the exchange rate of the rupee, stating that currency values are largely driven by market forces and influenced by global economic conditions. Addressing reporters, the minister explained that fluctuations in the rupee are natural in a globalised economy and are impacted by several international factors, including crude oil prices, foreign investment flows, trade balances and the strength of the US dollar.

Goyal pointed out that the rupee had appreciated significantly over the last two to three days, indicating that market movements can change quickly depending on global and domestic developments. He stressed that the government's role is not to artificially



control the exchange rate, but to create strong economic fundamentals that support long-term growth and stability.

The minister's remarks come at a time when the Indian rupee has been under pressure and has emerged as one of the worst-performing emerging market currencies this year. On Friday, however, the rupee strengthened for the second consecutive session and closed sharply higher at 95.60 against the US dollar. The recovery was supported by easing crude oil prices and expectations of intervention by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Economists and market experts have expressed concern over the rupee's recent decline, as it reflects broader economic challenges facing the country. Rising crude oil prices have increased India's import bill, while foreign capital outflows and widening trade deficits have further weakened the domestic currency. Additionally, the continued strength of the US dollar has added pressure on many emerging market currencies, including the rupee.

Despite these concerns, Goyal expressed confidence in India's economic direction and highlighted several pol-

icy initiatives aimed at strengthening the country's industrial and export sectors. He said the government has finalised nine free trade agreements in recent years, which are expected to improve India's access to global markets and boost exports.

The minister also underlined the importance of reducing import dependence, especially in critical supply chains, through policies encouraging import substitution and domestic manufacturing. He noted that initiatives to improve ease of doing business and decriminalise minor business-related offences are helping create a more investor-friendly environment.

According to Goyal, these measures will support India's industrialisation, attract greater investments and strengthen the overall economy, thereby contributing to long-term economic resilience despite short-term currency volatility.

Free Mega Medical Camp Organised by Yelamanchi Uday Kiran Charitable Trust in Miyapur



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A free mega medical camp was organised under the aegis of Yelamanchi Uday Kiran Charitable Trust at BK Enclave Community Hall in Miyapur Division with the support of Mamata Academy of Medical Sciences Hospital and Big TV.

Serilingampally Assembly Congress In-charge and TPCC General Secretary V. Jagadeeshwar Goud, along with Telangana State Yadav Corporation Chairman Maraboyina Raghunath Yadav, attended the programme as chief guests.

Speaking on the occasion, the guests appreciated Congress leader and Miyapur Division Congress General Secretary Yelamanchi Uday Kiran for his commitment towards social service and

welfare activities. They said he has been actively organising service programmes such as summer cooling stations and free medical camps in rural and backward areas, earning recognition and public support across the region.

The speakers stated that many people are unable to identify health problems or afford hospital treatment, and such free medical camps help provide timely healthcare services to the needy. They congratulated the organisers and medical teams for conducting the initiative. Yelamanchi Uday Kiran thanked the chief guests, supporters, and volunteers for encouraging the trust's service activities in Miyapur Division. He said the organisation would continue conducting welfare and healthcare programmes for the benefit of the public.

Toxic Actress Rukmini Vasanth Warns Over Bikini Pics

Actress Rukmini Vasanth has strongly condemned the circulation of AI-generated bikini photos falsely claiming to depict her, calling the incident a "serious violation of privacy" and warning of strict legal and cybercrime action against those responsible.

The actress issued a public statement through her Instagram profile after manipulated images began spreading widely online. Clarifying that the photos were completely fabricated, she urged people not to share or engage with the content.

"My team and I have come across certain AI-generated images being circulated online claiming to be me. I want to state clearly that these images are entirely fake and fabricated," she wrote.

She further stated that creating and circulating such explicit AI-generated content was "deeply irresponsible" and harmful. "The creation and circulation of such manipulated content is deeply irresponsible and a serious violation of privacy. We are taking this matter seriously and initiating the necessary legal and cybercrime action against those involved in creating



and spreading these images," the actress added. Requesting support from fans and social media users, she appealed to everyone to refrain from sharing the fake images online. The issue of AI-generated deepfake images has increasingly become a concern in the

film industry, with several actresses facing similar incidents in recent months. The misuse of artificial intelligence tools to create morphed or explicit content has sparked debate over online safety, privacy, and stricter cyber regulations. In an earlier interaction,

Rukmini Vasanth had also questioned the culture of invasive photography and the tendency to excessively focus on actresses' appearances through zoomed camera shots. Professionally, the actress continues to enjoy a successful career across South Indian cinema. She made her acting debut in the Kannada film *Birbal Trilogy Case 1: Finding Vajramuni* in 2019 and later gained widespread recognition for her performances in *Sapta Saagaradaache Ello - Side A* and *Sapta Saagaradaache Ello - Side B*. Her critically acclaimed performance earned her the Filmfare Critics Award for Best Actress - Kannada in 2023.

Her other notable films include *Baanadaryalli*, *Bagheera* and *Bhairathi Ranagal*. She also became familiar to Telugu audiences with *Saptha Sagaralu Dati* and later appeared in *Appudo Ipudolu Eppudu*. Currently, Rukmini Vasanth is working on multiple high-profile projects, including the pan-India film *Toxic* opposite Yash. She is also set to star in the Telugu film *Dragon* alongside N. T. Rama Rao Jr. under the direction of Prashanth Neel.

Vijay's Jana Nayagan Continues to Face Censorship Delay



MUMBAI
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The upcoming Tamil movie *Jana Nayagan* is still waiting for its official certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification. The film was originally scheduled for a grand theatrical release in January for the Pongal festival. However, a complaint from an examining committee member pushed the movie to a revising committee, causing a five-month delay. Despite legal efforts from the makers, no relief has

been granted by the courts yet.

Producer Venkat K Narayana of KVN Productions has addressed the media regarding the status of the film. He stated that the team is waiting for the censor certificate. He assured fans that the release date will be announced well in advance once the certificate is secured. The producer also mentioned that the movie will get a massive worldwide release. The film's lead actor Vijay has recently become the

chief minister of Tamil Nadu, matching the movie's title. Reports state that Vijay even asked the producer to cut his Cannes visit short to manage the situation. *Jana Nayagan* is directed by H Vinoth and produced by Venkat K Narayana under KVN Productions. The film features music composed by Anirudh Ravichander. It stars Vijay, Mamitha Baiju, Pooja Hegde, and Bobby Deol in prominent roles.

Sachin's 140: A Knock that Became a Tribute

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Some knocks are remembered for the records they create, while some stay alive because of emotions that they carry. On May 23, 1999, Sachin Tendulkar delivered one such unforgettable knock that touched millions of hearts. Returning to the 1999-world cup a few days after his father's demise, Sachin scored an unbeaten 140 against Kenya while staying not out. A knock that became more than just a century, turning into a heartfelt tribute to his late father watched by millions around the world.

Former Indian cricket team captain and legendary batsman Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar has scored as many as 100 international centuries during his 24 long year career as a team India player. But out of those 100, his century against Kenya in Bristol, England, during the 1999 World Cup match was one of the most special ones. Sachin was going through personal tragedy and grief but still managed to come



on the ground and hit a memorable hundred, which he later dedicated to his father. Sachin's father passed away on 19th May 1999 during the cricket mega event for which Tendulkar had to return home for four days for the last rights.

In that important group-stage match against Kenya, Sachin came to bat at number four after opener Sadagoppan Ramesh lost his wicket in the 21st over, he remained at the crease till the end of 50 overs. He added 237 runs for the third wicket with former Indian captain and now head coach Rahul Dravid who scored 104 in 109 balls while being not out as well and

helped India post a total of 329 runs on the board for the loss of two wickets.

During his time at the crease, the Master Blaster faced 101 balls and, with the help of 16 fours and 3 sixes, scored 140 not out. After reaching the three-figure mark, he raised his bat and dedicated his hundred to his father. Sachin was too emotional after his father's sudden demise, and he only returned to the World Cup when his family insisted. In Sachin's absence, India had suffered a shocking defeat against Zimbabwe, and therefore, the game against Kenya was a must-win match for India, and the legendary batsman did not disappoint the Indian cricket fans and did just enough to revive India's campaign.

However, India did not qualify for the semi-finals, Sachin helped the Indian team reach the super six stage. They finished 6th overall in the tournament. The tournament was eventually won by Australia marking their 2nd title, which came after defeating Pakistan.

Punjab Kings Crush LSG by 7 Wickets to Snap 6-Match Losing Skid

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Punjab Kings delivered a commanding performance to defeat Lucknow Super Giants by seven wickets in a crucial Indian Premier League clash on Saturday. Led by a sensational unbeaten century from skipper Shreyas Iyer and an explosive knock from opener Prabhsimran Singh, Punjab Kings chased down the target of 197 with remarkable ease to strengthen their chances of reaching the IPL playoffs. Batting first, Lucknow Super Giants posted a competitive total of 196 for 6 in their allotted 20 overs. Opener Josh Inglis played a brilliant innings of 72 runs off just 44 balls, smashing nine boundaries and two sixes. He provided a solid foundation for

LSG with aggressive stroke play during the powerplay and middle overs. In-form batter Ayush Badoni further accelerated the innings with a quickfire 43 off only 18 deliveries, putting pressure on the Punjab bowlers. Towards the end, Abdul Samad chipped in with an unbeaten 37 off 20 balls to help LSG finish strongly.

Despite the strong batting effort from Lucknow, Punjab Kings bowlers managed to control the scoring rate during crucial phases. Veteran leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal was outstanding with figures of 2 for 25, using his experience to break partnerships and slow the opposition. All-rounder Marco Jansen also impressed with the ball, taking 2 wickets for 33 runs and providing impor-

tant breakthroughs. In reply, Punjab Kings came out with attacking intent from the beginning. Prabhsimran Singh gave the team a flying start with a blistering 69 off 39 balls.

His aggressive batting ensured PBKS stayed ahead of the required run rate throughout the chase. However, the star of the match was captain Shreyas Iyer, who produced a magnificent unbeaten 101 off just 51 balls. Iyer's innings was filled with classy stroke play, powerful hitting, and calm leadership under pressure. He anchored the chase perfectly and guided Punjab Kings to victory in just 18 overs. With this dominant win, Punjab Kings kept their playoff hopes alive and gained valuable momentum heading into the final stages of the tournament.



Telangana CM reduces convoy on PM Modi's austerity appeal

Following the example set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy reduced the number of vehicles in his convoy on Saturday, May 23. The chief minister's convoy consisted of three cars without any high security or jammers. He was on his way to attend the cabinet meeting at Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla had also reduced his convoy's vehicle count by half on May 14, following the austerity measures suggested by the prime minister during his public meeting held at the Parade Grounds in Secunderabad on May 10. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has also reduced his convoy size from 11 to four. Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan trimmed his convoy by 50 per cent, and IT Minister Nara Lokesh followed the same. The prime minister's appeal was intended to encourage the people to save fuel at times when there has been severe disruption in oil trade and supply routes due to the war in the middle-east between US-Israel and Iran.

T'gana Approves 1 Lakh Indiramma Houses For GHMC core urban region

The state cabinet has also approved introducing breakfast with milk and mid-day meal scheme in all government schools and junior colleges from the coming academic year.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Cabinet on Saturday approved 1 lakh houses under the second phase of the Indiramma housing scheme in the Core Urban Region covering the limits of the Greater Hyderabad, Malkajgiri and Cyberabad Municipal Corporations. The decision was taken during the Cabinet meeting held at Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat. Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said the government also sanctioned 2.5 lakh Indiramma houses for rural areas under the second phase. Each Assembly constituency in rural Telangana will receive 2,000 houses, including 500 houses reserved for bene-



ficiaries who had applied under the earlier Gruha Laxmi scheme introduced during the Bharat Rashtira Samithi government. The Minister said beneficiaries who could not complete houses under the earlier Indiramma scheme during the undivided Andhra Pradesh government led by Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy would also be considered. Families living in incomplete houses and 14,800 hut-dwelling households identified across the state will also be included in the second phase. For the urban hous-

ing component, the Minister stated that nearly 6-7 lakh applications were received earlier from the three municipal corporations, but only 18,500 applicants owned land. Proceedings for these beneficiaries would be issued immediately under Phase-I. The government also plans to provide housing for 3 to 3.5 lakh eligible landless poor families. The state has classified beneficiaries into Low Income Group (LIG) and Middle Income Group (MIG) categories, with 30 percent of the proposed 1

lakh houses reserved for MIG applicants. The flats will reportedly be built near existing slums to avoid affecting livelihoods, unlike the earlier 2BHK housing projects constructed far from city centres.

The proposed flats will have an area of 400-420 square feet, with beneficiaries receiving Rs 5 lakh assistance along with a share in the undivided land.

The Cabinet also approved joining the Centre's RDSS power reform scheme, extending breakfast and mid-day meals to junior colleges, Rs 587 crore for PRLIS land acquisition, Rs 1,000 crore for Godavari Pushkaralu 2027, and a roadmap to make Telangana a top-five life sciences hub by 2030.

Revanth Waits in Helicopter for 15 Mins After Helipad Confusion

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday remained in his helicopter for about 15 minutes after landing at the helipad on Peddagutta in Yadagirigutta, as no officials were present to receive him. The situation was reportedly caused by lack of coordination among officials over the designated landing point. Two helipads had been arranged for the Chief Minister's visit — one at Peddagutta and another at the foothill. MLAs and officials were waiting at the helipad at the foothill, while the Chief Minister's helicopter landed at Peddagutta. With no reception at the site, the Chief Minister waited in the helicopter until protocol officers and elected representatives reached the Peddagutta helipad. Sources said the issue arose due to circulation of two separate schedules for the visit. One schedule stated that the Chief Minister would arrive at Peddagutta helipad at 9.15 am.

BRS Leaders Focus on Nampally Membership Drive

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Shaik Abdullah Sohail, BRS Nampally Incharge, held a constructive meeting with BRS Leader Anand as part of the BRS membership drive in the Nampally constituency. The discussions focused on strengthening the party at the grassroots level, increasing youth participation, and expanding outreach among the public. Reaffirming their commitment, they empha-



sized taking the vision and policies of BRS to every household while further strengthening the organization across the constituency.

DGP Anand Pushes AI Policing Drive

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Director General of Police C.V. Anand on Saturday directed officers to adopt cutting-edge technologies and artificial intelligence (AI) to strengthen crime investigation, law and order management and overall policing efficiency in the state. At a review meeting in the DGP's Office, Anand stressed the need to bring major police technology platforms — including the Telangana police website, Hawkeye, CCTNS and HRMS — under a unified framework. He announced a permanent technical team to ensure continuity of initiatives irrespective of transfers, with young personnel encouraged to join and learn emerging AI systems. Anand instructed that a high-speed platform be developed for quick integration of data layers and proposed an AI Task Force, on the lines of



“Marvel,” to monitor all AI-related projects. He suggested a unified mobile platform, “TS-COPS,” integrating systems such as CCTNS and HRMS for single-interface access. The DGP directed officers to prepare a joint action plan for AI-based platforms like CCTNS 2.0 and data-driven dashboards, and ordered integration of all offices with the e-Office system. He emphasised that technology must translate into practical outcomes at field level. To ensure timely completion, Anand constituted a five-member IPS core team with a six-month target. Hyderabad joint CP N. Shweta will oversee CCTNS 2.0 and HRMS, DIG R. Bhaskaran.

Quick-Commerce Fuels Exotic Snack Craze in Hyderabad

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Korean chips, probiotic drinks, chilli lime makhana, protein puffs and electrolyte mixes are replacing regular chips in many homes this summer, with quick-commerce platforms turning into late-night snack aisles for students, cricket fans and work-from-home employees. Amid the IPL season, school holidays and soaring temperatures, consumers are increasingly ordering experimental snacks and cooling drinks through apps such as Zepto, Blinkit and Swiggy. Industry reports show sharp growth in demand for ready-to-eat foods, beverages and impulse purchases, particularly among younger urban buyers. “Earlier we just bought chips or soft drinks from nearby stores. Now there are Korean corn chips, wasabi peanuts, peri peri lotus seeds, flavoured seaweed snacks and even pickle-flavoured almonds available in less

than 10 minutes,” said Poojitha Kasula, a 24-year-old software employee from Himayathnagar. Students say affordability matters. “Some of these snacks cost less than café food or ordering proper starters. You can try five or six different things together,” said Snehal Pritam, a postgraduate student in Venkatagiri. City-based content creator Pranay Raj said Korean and Japanese-inspired flavours have become especially popular. “People want novelty. They are bored of plain salted chips. Social media trends and quick commerce availability are pushing people to try things they would never find in a normal kirana store,” he said. Hydration products are also in demand as temperatures cross 40°C in Hyderabad. Coconut water, electrolyte drinks, flavoured water, iced teas and instant cooler mixes are among commonly ordered items.

Kishan Reddy Hands Over Job Letters To 218 Recruits

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, attended the 19th 'Rozgar Mela' held at Rail Kalarang, Secunderabad, on Saturday. During the event, Kishan Reddy distributed appointment letters to 218 newly recruited candidates across six different central government departments. The 19th tranche of the nationwide 'Rozgar Mela', was organized by the Central Government across 47 locations and distributed appointment



letters to around 51,000 recruits. Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed the event. Addressing the gathering, Kishan Reddy said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the 'Rozgar Mela' initiative not only to provide employment but also to empower the unemployed youth of the nation. He

highlighted that since 2022, lakhs of youth have secured central government jobs through these mega recruitment drives. He stated that the Central Government is actively filling vacancies across all government departments and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to provide jobs to unemployed youth. He noted that today, India's youth are transforming from job-seekers into job-creators. He further added that startups are generating lakhs of jobs, and the 'Make in India' initiative

has significantly boosted employment in the manufacturing sector. Congratulating the newly selected candidates, Kishan Reddy reminded them that a government job offers a valuable opportunity to serve the nation for the next 20 to 30 years. He urged them to work with dedication and a spirit of public service for the country's development. He also advised them never to neglect their parents, who made numerous sacrifices for their success, and to support them wholeheartedly in their old age.

AI App Launched for Police Complaints

HYDERABAD
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City police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar on Saturday launched AI-CopWriter, described as India's first artificial intelligence-powered multilingual mobile app that enables officers to record, transcribe and translate complaints in 10 major Indian languages in real time. “Language should never stand between a citizen and justice. With AI-CopWriter, it no longer will,” Sajjanar said. He noted that the police had been using AI through the C-Mitra platform for drafting cyber-crime complaints and for duty allocations of City Armed Reserve personnel. By moving from manual methods to automated systems, the department ensures a transparent and unbiased process for postings, he said. The city police have also deployed AI in their Social Media Surveillance platform SOCEYE, which automatically monitors online content, tracks ha-



bitual cyber offenders and identifies narratives that threaten public order or women's safety. With the latest initiative, Hyderabad City Police has integrated AI into complaint registration, marking a step toward smarter and more efficient public service. Sajjanar said any citizen can now lodge a complaint in their mother tongue, with the app transcribing and translating spoken words into a complete FIR within seconds. Each exported PDF includes FIR number, complainant and accused names, recording officer's details, police station and relevant sections of law, ensuring full attribution and record integrity. Sajjanar unveiled AI-CopWriter at TGICCC

in Banjara Hills and reviewed its functionality, stating that the tool is designed to streamline documentation and report-writing through AI technology. Citizen Benefits at a Glance
Equal access to justice — Petitioner's language is no longer a barrier at the police station.
Faster filing — Complaints processed in seconds, not hours.
Verbatim accuracy — Every word captured exactly as spoken.
Transparency — Officer-attributed, tamper-evident records.
Dignity & comfort — Citizens can speak in their native language, reducing intimidation.

Traffic diversions on Hyderabad-Mumbai Highway from May 24

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Traffic will be diverted from May 24 on the Hyderabad-Mumbai Highway (NH-65) due to the ongoing construction of retaining (RE) walls, the Cyberabad Traffic Police said on Saturday, May 23. The road construction is a part of the vehicle underpass project at the Noppan Junction. Vehicles travelling from ORR and Sangareddy towards Patancheru will be

diverted at Pocharam Kaman onto the left-side service road up to Patancheru Vegetable Market Road, where the traffic will rejoin NH-65. Traffic from Patancheru towards Sangareddy will be diverted onto the right-side service road near Incor Lake City Apartments up to Ramky Infra Tower before merging back onto NH-65. The diversions will remain in place until the completion of the road works, the traffic advisory said.

Hyderabad man held for lifting woman's kurti after video goes viral

A 26-year-old man was arrested for lifting a woman's kurti in broad daylight, Narsingi police said on Saturday, May 23. The incident occurred on May 14 at Alkapur Township, Manikonda, when the woman was returning after picking up her 2.5-year-old child from a nearby play-school. On May 19, a case was registered under sections 78 (stalking) and 79 (insulting the modesty of a woman) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The footage of the incident went massively viral on social media, prompting police to form special teams to nab the accused, Vadde Nagaraju.

Khairtabad SC Cell Praises Revanth Reddy Leadership

HYDERABAD
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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has played a crucial role in empowering Dalit and marginalized communities by ensuring greater representation in the party and government, said Khairtabad DCC SC Cell Chairman Bainla Srinivas. He expressed gratitude to Revanth Reddy, Mahesh Kumar Goud and Rohit Reddy for continuously supporting grassroots leaders in Khairtabad and encouraging SC community participation in leadership roles. Srinivas also appreciated State SC Cell Chairman Kavvampally Satyanarayana and Khairtabad DCC President Motha Rohith for their effective coordination at the district level.



He stated that the present Congress leadership has opened new avenues for marginalized sections in political decision-making and social empowerment. According to him, the government's inclusive approach has strengthened confidence among SC communities and provided opportunities for active participation in public leadership and welfare-oriented initiatives across Telangana.

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