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Centre Not Cooperating In Paddy Procurement: Revanth Reddy

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday said the state government is purchasing paddy from farmers though the Centre is not "cooperating" in the process.

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday asserted that the state government is purchasing paddy from farmers despite lack of cooperation from the Centre. During meetings with leaders of Communist Party of India and Communist Party of India (Marxist), the Chief Minister said the government is also procuring maize from farmers even though the Centre is not buying the crop. He stated that the state was incurring losses in maize procurement but continued the process in the interest of farmers, especially after a bumper maize harvest this season. Revanth Reddy alleged that the Centre was not procuring even 30 per cent of the produce from farmers and said questions should be raised on the Centre's role in the procurement process. Responding to criticism from opposition parties

over the alleged delay in procurement, he explained that there was a shortage of labourers, as many workers from West Bengal had returned to their home state during the recent Assembly elections. The Chief Minister further said procurement activities at agriculture market yards were being affected during afternoons due to intense summer heat. However, he assured that the state government was committed to purchasing every grain brought by farmers. He also highlighted that the government was providing a bonus for fine varieties of paddy. To ensure smooth and speedy procurement before the onset of monsoon rains, the government has increased the number of paddy procurement centres and instructed officials to accelerate procurement of both paddy and jowar across Telangana.



CM Revanth Unveils New Indiramma Saris For Bathukamma This Year

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy unveiled the new Indiramma sari designs at the Secretariat on Tuesday. The state government this year will distribute parrot green saris to one crore women across Telangana for free during November-December 2026. Last year, the state had distributed blue-coloured saris, and this year the colour was parrot green with a maroon border. Breaking from the BRS regime's practice of repeating colours and designs of Bathukamma saris, the

Congress government has decided to change the sari colours and designs annually. The move aims to bring variety to the flagship free sari distribution scheme for women. In the review meeting held today regarding empowering women belonging to Self-Help Groups (SHGs) across the state, the Chief Minister announced several key decisions. He directed officials to formulate comprehensive plans to establish "Mahila Shakti Super Bazars" - a corporate-style retail outlet in all constituency head-

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Dharmendra, N. Rajam Receive Padma Vibhushan

President Murmu Confers Padma Vibhushan on Late Dharmendra, Violinist N. Rajam

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President Droupadi Murmu on Monday conferred the prestigious Padma Vibhushan awards on veteran actor Dharmendra and acclaimed violinist N. Rajam at a Civil Investiture Ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Actor and BJP MP Hema Malini received the honour on behalf of her husband Dharmendra, who was recognised for his exceptional and distinguished contribution to the field of art. The ceremony marked the first phase of the Padma Awards presentation for 2026. President Murmu presented two Padma Vibhushan awards, six Padma Bhushan awards and 58 Padma Shri awards during Monday's ceremony. The remaining honours will be conferred at a second Civil Investiture Ceremony scheduled later this year. Among those honoured with the Padma Bhushan were former Uttarakhnad chief minister Bhagat



Singh Koshyari, renowned scholar and Avadhana exponent R. Ganesh, Uday Kotak and noted gastroenterologist Kallipatti Ramasamy Palaniswamy. The Padma Bhushan was also conferred posthumously on advertising legend Piyush Pandey and former parliamentarian Vijay Kumar Malhotra. Their family members accepted the awards on their behalf during the ceremony. Several distinguished personalities received the Padma Shri award, including Indian women's cricket team captain Harmanpreet Kaur, veteran Bengali actor Prosenjit Chatterjee, Paralympic athlete Praveen Kumar and former CRPF Direc-

tor General K. Vijay Kumar. The Padma Awards are among India's highest civilian honours and are given in recognition of distinguished service across various disciplines including art, public affairs, literature, science, medicine, sports and social work. For 2026, the President approved conferment of 131 Padma Awards, comprising five Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri honours. The awards recognise individuals who have made exceptional contributions in their respective fields and continue to inspire the nation through their achievements.

Outrage Over Cops Laughing in Briefing on Girl's Murder, TN CM Orders Strict Actions

CHENNAI Wakeup telangana

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Monday directed the police to promptly register cases against those involved in sexual crimes, expeditiously investigate and ensure stringent punishment to the culprits. Reviewing the law and order situation along with senior officials, especially in the wake of the sexual assault and the brutal murder of a

10-year-old girl in Coimbatore, Vijay directed that those involved in heinous crimes should be dealt with strictly and the suspects awarded severe punishment. The meeting also comes amidst opposition criticism of the law and order situation under the TVK government. During a press briefing on this issue on Sunday, Inspector General R.V. Ramati Bharati and colleagues appeared to smile and laugh, drawing sharp criticism

for insensitivity from retirees, activists, and the public amid protests. Various political parties, including main opposition DMK have been lashing out at the TVK dispensation over a spate of murders and sexual crimes. At the review meeting, the CM directed the Advocate General to speed up the trial, ensure precautionary measures and awareness in cases pertaining to crimes against women and children.

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Fuel Prices Surge Again; Petrol Crosses ₹115 in Hyderabad

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Fuel prices have gone up sharply once again across the country. State-run oil marketing companies increased petrol prices by ₹2.84 per litre and diesel prices by ₹2.86 per litre. The revised rates came into effect from 6 am today. This is the fourth fuel price hike in recent weeks. Following the latest revision, petrol in Delhi is priced at ₹102.12

The diplomatic initiative comes at a time when peace efforts have largely stalled

per litre, while diesel costs ₹95.20. In Mumbai, petrol has risen to ₹111.21 and diesel to ₹97.83 per litre. Chennai recorded petrol at ₹107.77 and diesel at ₹99.55 per litre. In Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, fuel prices have reached record levels. In Vijayawada, petrol is now priced at



₹117.19 per litre and diesel at ₹104.88. Guntur recorded petrol prices at ₹117.59 and diesel at ₹105.28 per litre. In Hyderabad, petrol is being sold at ₹115.58 per litre, while diesel costs ₹103.74 following the latest nationwide hike.

Panic as Gulmarg Gondola Grinds to a Halt Mid-Air

SRINAGAR Wakeup telangana

Panic and anxiety gripped scores of tourists on Monday after the Gulmarg Gondola cable car system suffered a major technical malfunction, abruptly halting operations and leaving hundreds of passengers suspended mid-air over the picturesque slopes of Kashmir's premier ski resort. The sudden stoppage of the gondola, particularly along the stretch between the Base Station and

Phase-I at Kongdoori, triggered scenes of distress among those trapped inside the cabins. Many passengers, including families and first-time visitors, were left stranded at considerable heights for an extended period, with reports of tourists crying, panicking, and pleading for immediate rescue as uncertainty loomed over their safety. Officials said the malfunction brought the entire system to a standstill, freezing dozens of cabins in place and stranding

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Mujahid Offered Rs.10 Crore Supari for Moizuddin's Murder, Says Accused

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The main accused in the murder of senior advocate Khaja Moizuddin reportedly revealed that Mujahid Alam Khan had offered Rs.10 lakh in advance and Rs.10 crore worth of land as supari (consideration) for killing the senior advocate, according to sources, Vinay of Kavadiguda, the main accused and the driver of the SUV that killed Moizuddin, hired five people to murder Moizuddin after accepting Mujahid's mur-

der contract. After knocking down the advocate, the assailants escaped from Telangana. However, police tracked the assailants through Vinay's Paytm app, which he had used to pay for refilling diesel in his vehicle at a petrol pump in Aramghar. Two of the assailants fled to Goa, where the police teams arrested them using one of their mobile phones' GPS location. So far, five persons, including Mujahid, Mahub, Vinay and two others from Goa, have been arrested and brought to the city, police sources disclosed.



During the investigation, special teams examined over 300 CCTV cameras and tracked Vinay's mobile number used for the UPI payment. The police also tracked the mobile phones of other members of the accused gang and arrested two of them in Goa. Police have reportedly collected strong evidence against conspirators Mujahid and Mahub Alam Khan. Technical

teams collected the Call Data Records and voice recordings of the conspirators who pressured Moizuddin to withdraw cases against them or face dire consequences. Sources said police also found from RTO records that the Scorpio vehicle, which was allegedly used for the murder, was originally owned by a person from the Alam family. The vehicle was sold to another person and was repurchased by another person from the Alam family, but it was not registered in the buyer's name. The vehicle's ownership history, transfer

records, and possession details are under scrutiny by the investigating authorities. These aspects are expected to play a significant role in establishing the sequence of events and identifying any persons connected with the offence. The victim's son, M.S. Farhan, along with AIMIM MLA Majid Husain, met DGP C.V. Anand and city police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar and urged them to intensify the investigation and take stern action against Mahub Alam, his son Mujahid Alam Khan and other hired criminals.

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Harish Rao Demands 10% VAT Cut on Fuel Prices

BRS leader T Harish Rao urged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to reduce VAT on petrol and diesel, alleging that rising fuel prices were burdening people. He claimed the Telangana government was earning higher revenues through increased fuel taxes while people struggled with inflation

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Former minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Monday urged Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to immediately reduce VAT on petrol and diesel by at least 10 per cent to provide relief to people struggling with rising living costs. In an open letter addressed to the Chief Minister, Harish Rao said the Congress government had failed to fulfil its pre-election promise of reducing fuel prices. He stated



that continuous hikes in petrol and diesel prices were placing a heavy burden on poor and middle-class families, farmers, transport operators, small traders and salaried employees across the State. Highlighting the current fuel rates in Hyderabad, Harish Rao said petrol was being sold at

Rs 115.62 per litre and diesel at Rs 103.76 per litre. He alleged that repeated fuel price increases had significantly boosted VAT collections for the Telangana government because the tax was levied as a percentage of fuel prices. According to the calculations mentioned in

his letter, Telangana was likely to receive nearly Rs 2,000 crore in additional VAT revenue every year due to the increased fuel prices. While people were suffering because of inflation and rising household expenses, the government was earning huge revenues through higher fuel taxes, he alleged. Harish Rao also reminded Revanth Reddy that during his tenure as Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president, he had criticised the previous BRS government over fuel VAT and assured the

public that the Congress would reduce taxes after coming to power. However, the Congress government had not reduced VAT "even by 0.1 percent" after assuming office, he claimed. The BRS leader demanded that the State government immediately cut VAT on petrol and diesel to ease the financial burden on the public. A copy of the letter was also sent to Rahul Gandhi, requesting him to advise the Telangana Chief Minister to honour the Congress party's promise on fuel tax reduction.

Kishan Orders Fast-Tracking of Mining, Exploration Projects

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Union minister for coal and mines G. Kishan Reddy on Monday directed national mining and exploration agencies to fast-track pending projects and adopt a mission-mode approach to bolster India's mineral security and strategic growth. Chairing high-level review meetings in Bengaluru with senior officials of the Geological Survey of India (GSI), National Institute of Rock Mechanics (NIRM), Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) and the Remote Sensing & Aerial Survey (RSAS) division, the minister underlined the need for speed, transparency and measurable outcomes. The Union minister stressed adoption of advanced technologies, including AI, remote sensing, integrated geoscience analytics and data integration and called for



coordinated timelines, accountability and visible outcomes. He said the sector must be future-ready to support self-reliance and industrial expansion. Kishan Reddy reviewed ongoing exploration and technological initiatives, with particular focus on critical and strategic minerals such as Rare Earth Elements, lithium, nickel, cobalt, tungsten, vanadium and platinum group elements. Agencies presented updates on resource augmentation, geospatial surveys, mine sustainability, AI/ML enabled targeting and advanced exploration systems aimed at strengthening the domestic resource base aligned with the Viksit

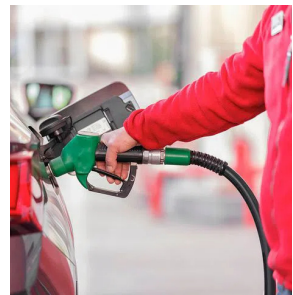
Bharat 2047 vision. The GSI reported major exploration outcomes across Karnataka and Goa — identifying gold, copper, nickel, cobalt and Platinum Group Elements (PGE) bearing zones, and outlined a five year road-map for thematic mapping and large scale advanced exploration covering nearly 48,000 sq. km. NIRM showcased its rock mechanics, geotechnical and seismic monitoring capabilities deployed for hydropower, metro, tunnel and sensitive site blasting projects. IBM reviewed sustainable mining practices, operationalisation of auctioned blocks, scientific mine closure and beneficiation, while RSAS highlighted progress under the National Aerogeophysical Mapping Programme that has covered over 6.5 lakh sq. km and generated over 200 exploration leads. During the Bengaluru visit.

Govt says adequate fuel stocks available amid panic buying in several states

Government assures adequate fuel stocks despite panic buying and temporary shortages

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The government is monitoring fuel supplies across the country on a daily basis and taking immediate corrective steps to ensure adequate stocks are available, a senior official said on Monday, citing panic buying at petrol pumps in parts of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh. Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, said the country has enough stocks of petrol, diesel and domestic cooking gas LPG and dryouts at a few pumps was a result of a 20-30 per surge in demand due to a combination of factors, such as increased consumption in agriculture and bulk users tapping petrol pumps for their needs because of the price difference. Also, private pumps selling petrol and diesel at rates that are at least Rs 5 and Rs 3 per litre higher than PSUs led to a shift to retail outlets of



oil marketing companies, resulting in dryouts in some parts. Sharma said oil marketing companies were closely tracking retail outlets and replenishing stocks to prevent any fuel dry-outs as demand surged in some regions. "All retail outlets are being closely monitored at the level of oil marketing companies and the petroleum ministry... supply situation is being closely monitored to immediately address any intermittent dryouts and to replenish stocks of petrol and diesel at all retail outlets," she said. "The country has a sufficient supply of LPG, petrol and diesel." She urged consumers to avoid panic buying, conserve fuel and shift to alternatives, such as piped natural gas and induction

cookers, wherever possible. Explaining the situation, she said petrol pumps normally hold stocks to meet 2-3 days of requirement. And when there is a sudden growth of 20-30 per cent, there could be some difficulty due to last-mile constraints in immediately moving stocks. "It isn't that depots and terminals do not have sufficient stocks, but last-mile constraints lead to some difficulty," she said. "To manage such a situation, monitoring of the retail network is being done daily. And it is being endeavoured that if there is any place needing replenishment of stocks, it is done at the earliest." Also, state governments' help is being sought to check hoarding and mismanagement. She said the government had conducted a video conference with officials from all states and union territories, asking them to monitor local supply situations and prevent hoarding or mismanage-

ment. Despite disruptions to global energy flows from the West Asia conflict, Sharma said India had sufficient stocks of petrol, diesel and LPG, and that all efforts were being made to ensure uninterrupted fuel supplies nationwide. The official said the crisis had affected about 40 per cent of India's crude oil imports, 90 per cent of LPG imports and 65 per cent of natural gas imports. While crude oil (raw material for making fuels like petrol and diesel) is being sourced from alternative sources, LPG production at refineries has been ramped up to around 50,000 tonnes per day to support domestic availability. The ministry said the panic buying was driven partly by higher agricultural demand, bulk purchases, and consumers shifting from private fuel retailers to state-run outlets due to price differences.

Live Authentication Mandatory for Asara, Cheyutha Pensioners

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The Telangana government has made live authentication compulsory for all Asara and Cheyutha pension beneficiaries across the state. Officials have directed pensioners to complete the verification process at the earliest to ensure uninterrupted pension benefits. Special authentication centres have been established at mandal offices and nearby community halls in Hyderabad and



other districts. At these centres, officials are verifying Aadhaar details of beneficiaries and capturing live photographs through a mobile application to update government records. Authorities stated that the verification drive is pro-

gressing actively across Telangana as part of efforts to streamline beneficiary data and prevent irregularities in pension distribution. Pensioners have been urged to visit the designated centres without delay and complete the authentication

process. To avoid inconvenience to vulnerable groups, the government has made special arrangements for senior citizens, women, and differently-abled persons at the centres. Officials said adequate staff and support facilities have been deployed to assist beneficiaries during the verification process. The administration also appealed to beneficiaries to carry their Aadhaar cards while visiting the centres and cooperate with officials to complete the process smoothly.

Sudden downpour disrupted traffic, power in Medak town

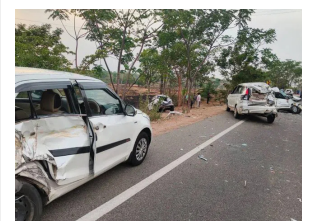
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Unseasonal rains accompanied by strong gusty winds created havoc in Medak town and several neighbouring mandals on Monday evening, disrupting normal life and causing heavy inconvenience to residents. Due to the sudden downpour, many low-lying colonies and roads were inundated, re-

sulting in waterlogging and traffic disruptions at multiple junctions across the town. In rural parts of the district, farmers suffered losses after paddy stocks kept at procurement centres were damaged by rainwater. The strong winds uprooted trees and electric poles in several areas, blocking roads and affecting transportation.

Power supply was severely disrupted after electricity lines snapped due to the heavy winds and rain. Residents in many localities faced darkness for several hours. Transco officials and municipal staff rushed to the affected areas and initiated restoration and clearance works to bring the situation back to normal.

Seven cars and two trucks damaged in accident at Indalvai, Nizamabad



Seven cars and two trucks were severely damaged in a major road accident on NH-44 at Chandrayangutta in Indalvai mandal here on Monday evening. Officials said no casualties were reported, though six persons sustained injuries. The injured were shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment. According to reports, the accident occurred after a truck suffered a tyre burst and brake failure, causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle. The truck rammed into two cars travelling ahead of it, forcing them to stop on the highway. Five cars travelling behind the truck then crashed into the vehicles, resulting in a massive pile-up on the highway. Meanwhile, another truck carrying coconuts, which was following the cars, lost control while trying to avoid the collision. The vehicle skidded off the road and overturned in nearby fields. The accident triggered chaos on the busy highway, with motorists struggling to understand the sequence of events. Traffic movement on NH-44 remained disrupted for a long time as police and rescue teams cleared the damaged vehicles. Videos and photographs of the accident were widely circulated on social media platforms.

BJP Vikarabad District President Race Heats Up

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Thalka Anjaiah



The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) marked its 25th anniversary with large-scale "Galli-Galli" flag hoisting celebrations across Hyderabad, showcasing strong grassroots mobilization and renewed political confidence ahead of upcoming elections. Major celebrations were held in key city divisions, including 121, 122, and 123, where local leaders Ravula Kolla Nagaraju and Nara Nagaraju led processions and community programs. Pink

flags dominated the streets as party workers organized rallies, burst crackers, and raised slogans in support of party leadership and Telangana pride. The event also served as a platform to reinforce the party's commitment to local governance. Leaders assured residents of Indira Nagar Colony that public grievances would be ad-

ressed promptly, promising accelerated development with community participation. Flag salute programs in areas such as Bairagi Guda, Kismatpur, Hyder-shakot, and Parmesh Hotel Square drew enthusiastic participation, boosting cadre morale and signaling organizational strength at the grassroots level. Senior leaders used the occasion to criticize opposition parties, particularly Congress, accusing them of misleading the public. Expressing confidence, BRS leaders predicted a decisive victory in the

forthcoming elections. As BRS enters its 26th year, the celebrations highlighted its continued influence and deep-rooted connection with Telangana's identity and people. Currently, while mandal and town presidents have already been appointed in many areas, the post of BJP district president for Vikarabad remains pending. Prahladav has been handling responsibilities as district convener in the meantime. Sources suggest that the final announcement regarding the district president may come at any moment.

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Prashanth reddy

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Bhagyanagar District, successfully conducted a key SIR BLA-2 Meeting in Chandrayangutta Assembly Constituency, bringing together party representatives from Uppuguda, Lalithabagh, Jangammet, and Rayasat Nagar Divisions. Niranjan Yadav, President of BJP Bhagyanagar District, attended the programme as the Chief Guest and provided a comprehensive overview of the responsibilities and strategic importance of



BLA-2 functionaries in strengthening booth-level operations and organizational efficiency. The meeting was attended by Kowdi Mahender (Contest MLA), Srinath Garu, Pandarinath Garu, District General Secretaries, Edla Vijay (SIR In-Charge), Madari Chandrashekhar, Chiranjeevi, Uradi Satyanarayana, along with district

and state-level leaders, senior leaders, morcha representatives, division presidents, BLA-2 members, Shakti Kendra In-Charges, and party workers. The session focused on enhancing grassroots coordination, reinforcing booth management, and empowering cadre members to effectively implement party programmes at the ground level. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and reaffirmed BJP's commitment toward strengthening its organizational structure and expanding public outreach across the constituency.

Amoy Kumar Appears Before ED Again in Bhoodan Case

Senior IAS officer Amoy Kumar on Monday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) at Basheerbagh in connection with a case relating to the alleged alienation of Bhoodan land at Nagole in Medchal Malkajgiri district. The Central economic intelligence agency took up the investigation based on a case registered at the Maheshwaram police station against private persons and government officials on the illegal sale of 42 acres of Bhoodan government land through forged documents and manipulated government revenue records. Amoy, who is currently posted in the animal husbandry and dairy development department, served as the district collector of Rangareddy and Medchal Malkajgiri districts earlier. The ED had questioned Amoy in October, 2024. Though Amoy was not named as an accused in the FIR, his role in the use of the Dharani portal and registration of properties which were under prohibited categories came under scrutiny during the ED's probe.

Telangana, Karnataka Agree to Resolve Krishna River Issues Amicably

Uttam Kumar Reddy also said that he informed Bose Raju that any decision Karnataka takes on projects on Krishna should not have an adverse impact on Telangana.

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Telangana and Karnataka have agreed to resolve all issues related to the sharing and utilisation of Krishna river waters through mutual understanding and cooperation, Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said on Monday. The announcement came after a high-level meeting held at the Secretariat with Karnataka Minor Irrigation Minister Bose Raju, where both leaders discussed several irrigation and drinking water projects concerning the two neighbouring states. During the meeting, the two states decided to form a joint committee to study the feasibility of constructing two barrages — one at Kolpur in Narayanpet district on the Krishna river and another at Tangidi village on the Bhima river in the same district. The committee will examine technical, environmental and water-sharing aspects before any final decision is taken. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the discussions were held in a positive atmosphere and both states agreed to ensure that their respective irrigation and drinking water requirements are addressed without af-



fecting each other's interests. He emphasised that Telangana expects Karnataka to ensure that any future projects taken up on the Krishna river should not adversely impact Telangana's water share or ongoing irrigation needs. The minister further stated that the Telangana government is committed to protecting the state's rightful share in Krishna waters while maintaining cordial relations with Karnataka. He added that

anpet district on the Krishna river and another at Tangidi village on the Bhima river in the same district. The committee will examine technical, environmental and water-sharing aspects before any final decision is taken. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the discussions were held in a positive atmosphere and both states agreed to ensure that their respective irrigation and drinking water requirements are addressed without af-

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will be briefed about the discussions and further decisions regarding the proposed projects and water-sharing issues will be taken after consultations at the highest level.

Several prominent leaders and officials attended the meeting, including Ministers Vakiti Srihari and Jupally Krishna Rao, State Planning Board Vice-Chairman G. Chinna Reddy, Raichur MP G. Kumar Nayak, Nagarkurnool MP Mallu Ravi, Raichur Rural MLA Basanna Gowda, along with MLAs Bandla Krishnamohan Reddy, Sivakumar Reddy and Vamsi Krishna, besides senior irrigation department officials from both states.

Waqf Activists Face Threats, Attacks

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Waqf activists and officials working to protect Waqf properties against alleged encroachments are facing frequent intimidation, life threats and, in some cases, brutal attacks. Several Waqf properties in the State continue to remain under dispute, with management and control issues pending for years. Activists noted that many long-pending disputed Waqf properties have been neglected by the Waqf Board, leaving those working for their protection vulnerable to threats and attacks.

Deccan Waqf Protection Society president Osman Bin Alhajri, who has been fighting alleged encroachments on the Waqf-notified Toli Masjid lands

spanning over 27 acres, also faced a life-threatening attack. "Although the attack left me in critical condition for nearly 10 days, I have been fighting the encroachment issue till date," he said, adding that even his son was attacked while trying to save encroached property.

According to Alhajri, in 2017 the High Court asked the government to remove the encroachments, but the order was not implemented. Since then, he has been submitting representations to GHMC and the Waqf Board, but no action has been taken. Waqf activist Md. Habeebuddin said due to the Board's weaknesses, many disputes have dragged on for years. "I was also attacked by a self-styled management for raising the issue of mismanagement. An at-

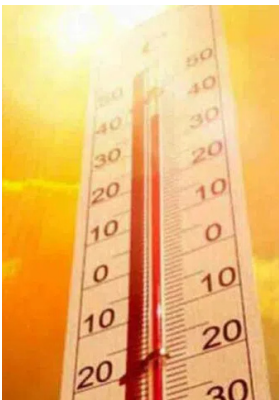
tempt was also made to register a false case against me," he said.

Even at sites under status quo orders, attacks have continued. Sources said that six months ago, land sharks attacked security guards at midnight who had been deployed by the Waqf Board to protect Idgah Alamgir, 90.17 acres of Waqf land in Gut-tala Begumpet. Not just activists, but Waqf Board officials have also faced attacks and murders. About two decades ago, assistant secretary Abdul Khadeer was allegedly murdered for raising his voice against Razak Manzil encroachments. His body was reportedly disposed of in a sewage pipeline. Sources said several other officials had also faced attacks from land grabbers.

Telangana heatwave likely to push temperatures above 44 degrees Celsius

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People in Telangana will continue to endure a severe heatwave cycle that is expected to push maximum temperatures above 44 degrees Celsius, especially in northern and eastern districts, along with sporadic but intense thunderstorm activity till the end of the month.



drop by 2 to 3 degrees during the subsequent four days.

Meanwhile, the maximum temperatures on Monday, based on data from the Telangana Development Planning Society (TSDPS), continued to remain just below 47 degrees Celsius.

Between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm on Monday, the highest maximum temperature of 46.5 degrees Celsius was recorded at multiple locations, including Buggabaviguda in Nalgonda and Ichoda in Adilabad.

Kagaznagar in Kumram Bheem Asifabad, Nerralla in Jagtial and sev-

eral regions in Suryapet recorded 46.4 degrees Celsius, while Enkuru in Khammam recorded a maximum of 46.3 degrees Celsius.

The maximum temperatures in core Hyderabad and surrounding districts also hovered between 41 degrees Celsius and 43 degrees Celsius. The Edi Bazaar area in Charminar recorded a maximum of 42.5 degrees Celsius in the core Hyderabad region, while Dundigal (Gandimaisamma area) in Medchal-Malkajgiri district recorded 43.3 degrees Celsius.

In the neighbouring Sangareddy district, Narayankhed recorded a maximum of 42.8 degrees Celsius, while Chevella in Rangareddy recorded a maximum of 42.6 degrees Celsius.

Multiple locations in Bhongir district recorded maximum temperatures ranging between 43 degrees Celsius and 44 degrees Celsius, TSDPS data indicated.

Aleru MLA Ilaiah Gains Public Support

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Warm wedding anniversary wishes poured in for Beerla Ilaiah and Smt. Anitha Garu on May 25, with leaders, party workers, supporters, and well-wishers greeting the couple through meetings, calls, banners, and social media. Known for his accessibility and active role in resolving public issues, Beerla Ilaiah has strength-



ened his image as a people's leader in Aleru constituency.

His focus on welfare schemes, infrastructure, farmers' issues, education, healthcare, youth employment, and women empowerment has increased

his popularity among the public.

Political circles are also witnessing growing discussions that his consistent public service and active role as Government Whip may pave the way for a future cabinet berth in the Telangana government. Telangana Mahila Congress leader Neelam Padma Venkataswamy personally conveyed anniversary wishes and praised his dedication to public service.

Taluka Rajesh's 43th Birthday Celebrated Grandly

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The 43rd birthday celebrations of Taluka Rajesh, State President of The National Ambedkar Sena, were held on a grand scale at the party headquarters in Basheerbagh, Hyderabad, drawing large participation from party leaders and allied sangams.

The celebrations were led by National President Manne Sridhar Rao, who congratulated Rajesh and praised his dedication to the Ambedkarite movement and social justice. Leaders from 43 sangams participated in the



event, marking the occasion with a massive cake-cutting ceremony and slogans in support of Rajesh's leadership.

Several prominent leaders including Gum-mala Kamal Kumar, Kalyan Gokula, Arun, Vinay, Manne Rakesh, Dasari Vishal, Shastri Vinay Kumar, Pramod,

Ramesh, and Praveen attended the celebrations. Addressing the gathering, Taluka Rajesh thanked party cadre and supporters for their affection and reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening the organization and continuing public service efforts.

Temples Play a Vital Role in Promoting Spirituality in Society: Dr. Satyam Srirangam



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PCC Member and Official Spokesperson Dr. Satyam Srirangam participated as the Chief Guest in the oath-taking ceremony of the newly formed temple committee of Sri Sri Sri Nalla Pochamma Devasathanam at Musapet. On the occasion, he offered special prayers to Goddess Nalla Pochamma along with local leaders and devotees.

Extending his congratulations to the newly elected governing body, Dr. Satyam Srirangam conveyed his best wishes to Chairman Rachamalla Bikshapathi Goud and committee members Kavalu Pandu, M. Ramesh, Perumandla Narsing Rao, Nomula Babu Rao, and Mettu Vinod. He also inaugurated the Annaprashadam Distribution Programme and personally distributed prasadam to devotees.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Satyam Srirangam emphasized that temples play a crucial role in nurturing spirituality

and preserving cultural values within society. He prayed that the divine blessings of Sri Nalla Pochamma continue to shower happiness, prosperity, good health, and well-being upon all people.

He urged the newly sworn-in governing body members to remain accessible to devotees and work with dedication towards temple development and community service.

Highlighting the government's commitment to temple welfare, Dr. Satyam Srirangam stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the Congress-led people's government is allocating special funds for temples and making every effort to strengthen religious institutions and support their development.

Expressing his happiness at participating in the ceremony, he praised the spirit of devotion and collective participation shown by the devotees and local leadership.

CEO Reviews Rural Development Works in Yadadri

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Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District CEO N. Shobharani on Monday reviewed the progress of rural development works with MPDOs and Panchayat Raj Engineering officials at the District Praja Parishad Meeting Hall.



The review meeting focused on the implementation of Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDP), progress of works under the 15th Finance Commission, preparations for the 16th Finance Commission, labour mobilization, and completion of pending development works in village panchayats. Officials were directed to speed up

pending works and ensure quality execution of all developmental activities in rural areas. The CEO stressed the need for proper planning based on local public needs and government guidelines to strengthen grassroots governance and improve village infrastructure. During the meeting, officials discussed action plans to effectively

implement schemes and development projects across the district. Special emphasis was placed on labour mobilization to avoid delays in ongoing works and to create more employment opportunities in villages.

The CEO instructed departments to work in coordination and complete all sanctioned works within the stipulated timelines. The progress of projects being implemented under the 15th Finance Commission was reviewed in detail, while officials were also advised to prepare plans in line with the objectives of the upcoming 16th Finance Commission. The meeting was attended by the Dy CEO and DPRE PR officials.

PMO Responds To Tobacco Control Plea

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In a significant response to a citizen's appeal, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has acknowledged a request seeking a ban on the sale of tobacco products near schools and colleges. The appeal was made by Tobacco Control Hero Award recipient and Civil Supplies Department Enforcement Deputy Tahsildar, Machana Raghunandan, ahead of World No Tobacco Day observed on May 31. Raghunandan had written to Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi urging strict tobacco control measures around educational institutions. In his appeal, he requested, "Honourable Prime Minister Modi Ji, please ban tobacco products sale at schools and colleges," stressing the need to protect students and youth from tobacco addiction. Responding to the representation, the PMO informed Raghunandan that the matter has been accepted for examination on priority. The response from the Prime Minister's Office has

brought hope to anti-tobacco activists and public health advocates. Expressing happiness over the development, Raghunandan said it is rare for an ordinary citizen's appeal to receive attention and acknowledgment from the PMO, especially on an issue like tobacco control. He termed the response a positive sign and expressed confidence that the Centre could take a landmark decision in the interest of public health. He further stated that declaring areas around schools and col-

leges as "No Smoking Zones" would become a historic and impactful move in India's tobacco control efforts. According to him, stricter restrictions on tobacco sales near educational institutions are essential to safeguard future generations from the harmful effects of tobacco consumption. Raghunandan urged the government to implement stronger tobacco control policies and ensure complete prohibition of tobacco product sales around educational campuses across the country.

Indian Sailors Risk Their Lives at Sea, as Iran War Grinds On

Born to landless Indian farmers, Sunil Pooniya thought a job at sea would be his ticket out of poverty, instead his first voyage saw him diving into the ocean to escape a deadly attack driven by the Iran war. For hundreds of thousands of Indians, merchant shipping jobs are a lucrative proposition despite the inherent risks. The attack on Pooniya's ship killed two fellow Indians — the country's sailors are among the highest merchant maritime casualties from the Middle East war. Dalip Singh and Ashish Kumar Singh were the first Indians killed in the conflict, after their oil tanker was hit on March 1 by projectiles off Oman's Khasab port. "There was a huge noise and the whole ship shook," Pooniya recalled. "I thought something had gone wrong with the engine, but a missile had hit us," Pooniya added, who had been on the Palau-flagged MV Sky-light. "The whole ship was up in flames."

Trump Demands Widespread Sign-Up To Abraham Accords As Part of Iran Peace Deal

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US President Donald Trump on Monday called on Muslim-majority nations across the Middle East and beyond to normalize diplomatic relations with Israel as part of a broader peace framework linked to ongoing negotiations with Iran. Trump said countries participating in discussions aimed at ending tensions with Iran should also commit to joining the Abraham Accords, which were brokered during his first term in office. In a lengthy Truth Social post, Trump said the United States had invested significant effort in trying to "pull this very complex puzzle together" and argued that countries involved in the peace process should, at a minimum,



sign onto the accords simultaneously. He described such a move as essential to making the emerging Iran settlement a historic diplomatic breakthrough. Trump disclosed that he had held discussions with leaders from Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Pakistan, Turkiye, Egypt, Jordan and Bahrain during a conference call on Saturday focused on efforts to end the conflict involving Iran. He pointed out that the

UAE and Bahrain are already signatories to the Abraham Accords. The Abraham Accords, signed in 2020, established formal diplomatic relations between Israel and several Arab countries and were widely viewed as one of the major foreign policy achievements of Trump's presidency. While the agreements were welcomed by many Western governments and diplomatic observers as a step toward regional stability, they continue to face

opposition among large sections of the Arab population because they do not directly address the long-standing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Trump said Saudi Arabia and Qatar should immediately join the accords and suggested that other countries should follow their lead. He warned that nations unwilling to participate may not be included in the broader peace arrangement being negotiated with Iran, saying refusal would indicate "bad intention." The US President also made the unexpected suggestion that Iran itself could eventually become part of the Abraham Accords if negotiations with Washington succeed. He said it would be an "honor" to welcome Iran into what he described as an "unparalleled world coalition."

Cockroach Party Outcome Of Youths' Frustration, Not Political: TDP

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) on Monday said the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) is the outcome of the frustration of the youth in the country and that it should be seen through the lens of young people's concerns. Days after the government banned the social media handles of CJP, TDP state president Palla Srinivas Rao said the issue of CJP should not be viewed from a political angle. "The issue of CJP should not be seen through a political angle alone but also through the lens of young people's emotions to understand them," he said in a statement. The TDP leader noted that demo-



cratic governments should responsibly receive the feelings being expressed by the country's youth about their aspirations, employment opportunities, competitive examinations, and economic pressures. Observing these trends on social media, Rao said the government should incorporate necessary policy changes and amendments to fulfil young people's aspirations. He said the government's goal is to rule in such a fashion that

youth do not feel that they were cheated, but that their aspirations were fulfilled. According to the TDP leader, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu are always concentrating on these aspects, including the future of youth and economic development. He emphasised that the NDA government is moving ahead with long-term plans on employment generation, Digital India, startups, the manufacturing sector, industrial development, and attracting international investments. Social media is turning into an uncontrollable venue, including a platform to exert influence from across the border or overseas.

Fuel Prices Hiked For 4th Time

In Less Than A Fortnight; Petrol Up By ₹2.61, Diesel By ₹2.71

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Fuel prices witnessed another sharp increase on Monday, marking the fourth hike in less than two weeks and adding further burden on consumers already grappling with rising living costs. Petrol prices were increased by Rs 2.61 per litre, while diesel became costlier by Rs 2.71 per litre, pushing fuel rates to their highest levels since May 2022. With the latest revision, cumulative increases in petrol and diesel prices have nearly touched Rs 7.5 per litre since oil companies resumed price adjustments on May 15 after a prolonged freeze. The hikes are expected to significantly impact household budgets, transportation expenses, and the prices of essential commodities across the country. In Delhi, petrol prices climbed from Rs 99.51 to Rs 102.12 per litre, while diesel rates rose from Rs 92.49 to



Rs 95.20 per litre. Similar increases were reported across major cities depending on local taxes. In Mumbai, petrol was priced at Rs 111.21 and diesel at Rs 97.83 per litre. Kolkata recorded petrol at Rs 113.51 and diesel at Rs 99.82, while in Chennai, petrol touched Rs 107.77 and diesel Rs 99.55 per litre. Private fuel retailers also raised prices in line with state-owned oil companies. The repeated fuel hikes triggered strong criticism from Opposition parties, which accused the Centre of burdening the common man. Opposition leaders argued that rising fuel prices would increase logistics

and transportation costs, ultimately pushing up food and commodity prices. However, the government defended the increase, citing volatility in global crude oil markets and geopolitical tensions in West Asia. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the ongoing crisis in West Asia was not merely a geopolitical issue but one that directly affects fuel costs, shipping charges, cargo movement, and export orders. Officials from the petroleum sector stated that state-run oil marketing companies had suffered heavy losses by holding fuel prices steady despite rising international

crude oil prices. According to Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, daily losses of oil companies have reduced from nearly Rs 1,000 crore to below Rs 600 crore after the recent hikes. ONGC Director Sushma Rawat also pointed to uncertainty in international markets, saying crude oil prices fluctuate sharply depending on developments related to the US-Israel conflict and tensions involving Iran. She maintained that India has managed to shield consumers from the full impact of global price volatility. Industry experts said the hikes appeared calibrated to reduce pressure on oil companies without causing an immediate inflation shock. Still, analysts warned that continued increases could intensify inflationary pressures in the coming months, especially on transportation and essential goods.

12 Suspected Bangladeshi Infiltrators Sent to West Bengal Holding Centres

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

A dozen suspected illegal immigrants from Bangladesh have been detained and lodged by the police at 'holding centres' in two districts of West Bengal in the last 24 hours following the BJP government's order to the administration to open the facilities for the infiltrators' deportation to their country. While nine of them were caught in Malda, three were held in Murshidabad. Both the districts



have the India-Bangladesh border. The nine suspects have been kept at a 'holding centre' in English Bazar of Malda. Among them, three are women and six are children including boys and girls. All

of them were caught from Gajole in the district. Malda North BJP MP Khagen Murmu said, "Those who aren't Indians but illegally entered our country have to return to their homeland. This is very important in making our state and country safe. Trinamul Congress had turned the state into a corridor for Rohingyas and Jihadis." Among the three other suspects in Murshidabad, two were detained from Lalgola while one was caught at Bhagabangola. They have been put

up at a 'housing centre' opened in Padma Bhavan of Lalgola. Local Congress leader Abdur Razzaq said, "If these detainees are originally Bangladeshi nationals, we have no problem. But we will launch a movement if the deleted voters in the guise of Bangladeshi nationals are deported." BJP leader Shakhrov Sarkar said, "No infiltrators will be allowed here. We have taken a zero-tolerance policy against them."

PNG Customers Barred From Buying LPG Cylinders

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The government on Monday said that it barred piped natural gas (PNG) customers from buying and refilling liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders with immediate effect. The move comes after the government cut LPG supplies to some industries due to the shortage caused by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz following the



Gulf war. In a notification, the ministry of petroleum & natural gas said that it has amended the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Amendment Order, 2026, saying that the new

amendment aims to provide additional relaxation and convenience to domestic LPG consumers who subsequently obtain PNG connections. "Under the amended provisions, LPG consumers who have PNG connections as well may apply for termination of the LPG connection within 30 days of obtaining PNG connection or consumers may obtain a transfer voucher for future restoration of LPG con-

nection in a non-PNG area," the notification said. The government further said that this amendment provides significant relief and flexibility to consumers who may subsequently shift to areas where PNG infrastructure may not be feasible. "The provision is particularly beneficial for transferable employees, migrant households, tenants, students, and/or families shifting to non-PNG areas," it said.

FROM FRONT PAGE

CM Revanth.....

In the review meeting held today regarding empowering women belonging to Self-Help Groups (SHGs) across the state, the Chief Minister announced several key decisions. He directed officials to formulate comprehensive plans to establish "Mahila Shakti Super Bazars" - a corporate-style retail outlet in all constituency headquarters, to facilitate the economic growth of women's groups. In addition to the Indira Mahila Shakti Super Bazars, the Chief Minister directed District Collectors to prepare proposals for the construction of rice mills and warehouses in every Mandal, to be operated under the aegis of the Self-Help Groups. He clarified that the government

would assume the responsibility of facilitating the necessary bank loans for these projects. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Dasari Anasuya (Seethakka) and Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, along with senior government officials, participated in the meeting.

Outrage Over Cops..

At the review meeting, the CM directed the Advocate General to speed up the trial, ensure precautionary measures and awareness in cases pertaining to crimes against women and children. "Sexual assault cases should be tried expeditiously and the culprits given severe punishment by conducting the case properly so as to serve as deterrent to others," Vijay directed

the officials, a state government release said.

On Sunday, the Chief Minister spoke to the family of the girl who was allegedly sexually assaulted and killed in Coimbatore over the phone and assured them that justice would be ensured. The sexual assault and brutal murder of the child in Coimbatore's Sulur has led to shock and outrage across Tamil Nadu, and chief minister Vijay on Saturday promised strict action following opposition uproar. Two men, including an acquaintance of the girl, have been arrested in connection with the incident. The meeting, held at state Secretariat, was attended by Chief Secretary M Saikumar, Home Secretary K Manivasan, Advocate General Vijay Narayan, Secretary, Social Welfare

and Women's Rights Department Mariam Pallavi Baldev, Director General of Police Sandeep Roy Rathore, and other senior officials.

Rescue teams.....

According to initial assessments, as many as 65 cable cars were affected by the disruption, underscoring the scale of the incident. A large-scale rescue and evacuation operation was immediately launched involving multiple agencies, including the Indian Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police, the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), and the civil administration. Personnel from the Army's Butapathri Battalion swiftly mobilised three Casualty Assistance Teams (CATs) to the affected zone, while All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)

were deployed to navigate the rugged landscape and assist in evacuating stranded passengers. Additional ATVs were arranged through local associations to bolster the operation, especially as restoration of the gondola system was expected to take time, officials said.

Rescue teams worked in a coordinated and systematic manner to bring passengers to safety. Officials confirmed that 17 cable cars from the Phase-I side were successfully evacuated, rescuing 94 tourists, while another 15 cabins from the Base Station side were cleared, leading to the safe evacuation of 90 more individuals. In total, 184 stranded passengers had been rescued at the time of the last reports, with efforts continuing to

ensure that every individual was brought down safely.

Ladakh Body Seeks...

The top court, which issued notice on a plea filed by the Federation of All India Medical Association (FAIMA), through lawyer Tanvi Dubey said it is tagging all the similar matters together. It directed the Centre-appointed committee led by former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chief K Radhakrishnan for overhaul of the functioning of the NTA to detail the steps taken for compliance of its directions. The medical body has urged the top court for direct restructuring or replacement of NTA with a robust and autonomous system to conduct NEET-UG, citing a direct assault.

CRIME

5 Held for Revenge Killing of BRS Leader

NALGONDA
Wakeup telangana

Five persons were arrested on Monday for allegedly murdering BRS leader Chintalapati Madhu at Tallagadda in Suryapet district to avenge the 2007 killing of former Yerikam sarpanch Midde Ravinder, police said. The arrested were identified as Midde Jeevan, 27, Midde Anand, 24, both residents of Yerikam, Chinta Saidulu, 45, and Medari Prasad, 34, natives of Ramannagudem, and Kakkireni Bharath Chand, 21, a resident of Tallagadda in Suryapet. Another accused, Mulkalapalli Bhavani, is absconding. Addressing a media conference at the District Police Office in Suryapet, superintendent of



police K. Narsimha said five special teams were formed and the accused were arrested within 24 hours of the murder. Police seized a car and knife allegedly used in the crime. Police said the murder stemmed from a long-standing personal rivalry. Madhu was the prime accused in the 2007 murder of former Yerikam sarpanch Midde Ravinder. Seeking revenge for his father's killing, Jeevan allegedly hatched a plan

to murder Madhu with the help of his associates. The accused were arrested at a T-junction on Khammam Road on the outskirts of Suryapet. During interrogation, Jeevan allegedly confessed to killing Madhu to avenge his father's murder. Police said he had made two earlier attempts to kill Madhu, but failed. According to police, Jeevan rented a house for Saidulu in the Tallagadda area and bore

his living expenses. He allegedly informed Bhavani, wife of Saidulu, about the murder plan and promised her ₹3 lakh to cooperate. Saidulu and Prasad allegedly befriended Madhu and lured him to the rented house on the pretext of a liquor party. When Madhu was intoxicated, Jeevan and Prasad allegedly entered the house and attacked him with a knife. Police said Prasad caught hold of Madhu while Jeevan and Saidulu stabbed him. Bharath Chand allegedly assisted Jeevan in executing the murder plan. Police said Jeevan, Anand, Saidulu and Prasad were involved in several criminal cases earlier. The SP said the Preventive Detention Act would be invoked against the accused.

714 Cases Booked in Special Drive Against Unauthorized Vehicle Lights in Malkajgiri

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Malkajgiri Traffic Police conducted a special drive against unauthorized and dazzling vehicle lights under the Traffic Trimulgherry Division on Sunday. Acting on the directions of senior officials, police booked 714 cases during the enforcement drive. According to Traffic Police, Begumpet Traffic Police Station booked 239 cases, Trimulgherry Traf-



fic Police Station registered 233 cases, and Alwal Traffic Police Station booked 242 cases. The violations included usage of high beam and modified lights, dazzling lights, and vehicles operating without proper

headlights, all in violation of CMVR rules. Traffic Police stated that such unauthorized lights pose a serious threat to road safety, especially during night hours, by causing inconvenience and temporary blindness to motorists. Officials appealed to vehicle users to follow traffic rules and avoid illegal modifications. ACP G. Shankar Raju said special drives will continue to ensure public safety and smooth traffic management.

Auto Driver Jailed for 20 Years in Minor Assault Case

The Rangareddy district Fast-Track Special Court on Monday sentenced Shadnagar Arun, an autorickshaw driver from Hanuman Nagar Colony, Rajendranagar, to 20 years' rigorous imprisonment for abducting and sexually assaulting a minor. The court also imposed a fine of ₹8,000 and directed payment of ₹3 lakh compensation to the victim. Police said that on February 12, 2019, Arun lured the victim with a false promise of marriage, took her to a temple, and performed a sham marriage. He then subjected her to repeated sexual assault despite knowing she was underage.

Boy drowns in Kushaiguda pool

An 11-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool at a sports complex in Kushaiguda on Monday evening. The deceased, a Class VI student at ECIL, and resident of BN Reddy Nagar, Cherlapally, had gone to the pool at Sportivo Sports Arena when the incident occurred. According to initial information, he drowned under circumstances yet to be ascertained. Staff and others rushed him out of the water and shifted him to a nearby private hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

OU student critical after suicide attempt

A 20-year-old engineering student sustained critical injuries after attempting suicide on the campus of Osmania University on Monday morning. The incident occurred near the women's technical hostel around 9:15 am, triggering panic among students in the vicinity. According to police, the victim is a first-year mining engineering student. He was immediately rushed to Gandhi Hospital by authorities and is currently undergoing treatment. Confirming the situation, Osmania University Station House Officer M. Mahesh stated that the student's condition remains critical and he is under close medical supervision in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Preliminary investigations revealed that this was the student's third suicide attempt in the past six months. Police sources indicated that he was reportedly distressed due to a failed relationship, which may have contributed to the repeated attempts. His family members from Mahabubabad district have been informed and have since reached Hyderabad. Eyewitnesses described a chaotic scene

as the student was heard screaming before running out of the hostel premises, causing alarm among female students nearby. Several rushed to alert authorities while others sought help from fellow students. In a courageous effort to save him, three of his college mates intervened and managed to rescue him, though they too sustained injuries during the process. They were also provided medical assistance. Doctors at Gandhi Hospital confirmed that the student remains in a critical state, with continuous monitoring and treatment underway.

Cyberabad CP Dr. M. Ramesh Appeals for Peaceful Bakrid Celebrations

RANGAREDDY
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Srirangam Venkatesh



Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh appealed to people to celebrate Bakrid peacefully and maintain communal harmony. A Peace Committee Meeting with religious leaders and community representatives was held at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate ahead of the festival. The CP urged citizens to cooperate with police and ensure that no un-

toward incidents take place during the celebrations. He warned that strict action would be taken against anti-social elements trying to disturb law and order. Dr. Ramesh said special arrangements have been

made for the past 45 days, including check-posts across the city and coordination with various government departments for smooth festival management. He also advised people to stay alert against fake

news, old videos, and misleading social media content, and requested citizens to contact Dial 100 during emergencies. Quthubullapur DCP N. Koti Reddy, Serilingampally DCP C.H. Srinivas, and Kukatlally DCP Ritiraj appealed to people to celebrate the festival peacefully and support police in maintaining law and order. Senior police officials, Station House Officers, religious leaders, and community representatives attended the meeting.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
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The Centre's latest appointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn't. When postings cut across agriculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it's less about filling vacancies and more about recalibrating the government's operating system. Joint secretaries sit at that crucial junction where policy leaves the drawing board and meets the real world. Change the people there, and you often change how things actually get done. The headline move is the appointment of Hardik Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That's not just a posting — it's a signal. It tells you who's in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn't an iso-

lated reshuffle; it's part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi government has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, favouring officers who deliver, move files efficiently, and stay aligned with the larger political direction. With another round of changes expected later this year, this looks like scaffolding being put in place for the road to 2029. There's a logic to it. Governments don't run on announcements; they run on execution. And execution, in India, is only as good as the babu handling the file. Put the right people in the right slots, and things move. Get it wrong, and even flagship schemes start gathering dust. But let's not pretend this is purely technocratic. Babu reshuffles have always doubled as political messaging. There's also the issue of churn. Move people around too often, and institutional memory takes a hit. Projects that need steady hands

don't always benefit from musical chairs. Still, the intent is hard to miss. This is about tightening the system, placing trusted officers where they matter most, and getting the machinery ready for the next phase. Whether it delivers sharper governance or just smoother optics will depend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply? Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

deep imprint, but if the early signals around Samrat Choudhary hold, this isn't just about moving babus around. The idea is to build a compact core team, bring in technocrats who understand industry, and push Bihar toward manufacturing-led growth, which it has long promised but rarely delivered. The logic is sound. States like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu didn't attract investment by accident. They got the basics right — land, power, roads — and ensured the bureaucracy didn't become a bottleneck. Bihar, for all its ambition, has struggled precisely here. The sectoral focus on food processing, textiles and automobiles is sensible. These are scalable, job-heavy industries. But sectors don't grow because policy says so. They grow when businesses can actually set up shop without getting lost in paperwork.



Interfaith Conference Spreads Message of Peace and Unity

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Auxiliary Hyderabad organised an Interfaith Conference 2026 under its global motto, "Love for All, Hatred for None," bringing together women from different faiths and communities to promote peace, mutual respect, and interreligious harmony.

The conference witnessed the participation of intellectuals, academicians, social activists, and women representatives from various religious backgrounds. The event focused on encouraging dialogue, understanding, and cooperation among different faith communities at a time when the world is witnessing in-



creasing division, intolerance, and conflict. Speakers at the conference stressed that religion should become a force for unity, compassion, justice, and service to humanity rather than a source of division. They emphasised the importance of creating platforms where people of different beliefs can engage in meaningful discussions and work collectively for peaceful coexistence.

The formal proceedings began with the recitation

of the Holy Quran, followed by a welcome address by representatives of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Auxiliary Hyderabad. Representatives from different faith traditions later shared their views on the importance of interfaith dialogue and the need to strengthen harmony in society.

During the conference, organisers highlighted the teachings and mission of the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Mirza Ghulam

Ahmad, who is believed by Ahmadi Muslims to be the Promised Messiah foretold by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). They stated that his mission was to end religious conflicts, reject violence and bloodshed, and restore peace, morality, and justice in the world.

The organisers also spoke about the institution of Khilafat in the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and acknowledged the leadership of Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the Worldwide

Head of the community, under whose guidance humanitarian service and peace initiatives are being carried out globally.

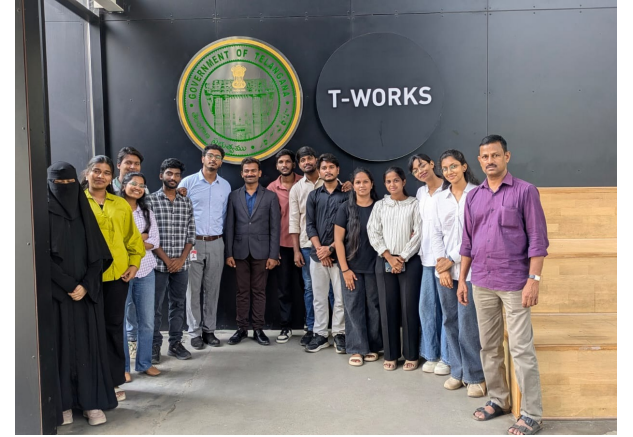
Quoting His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad, speakers said true peace can only be achieved through justice, equality, fairness, and by valuing the rights of others as one values one's own rights. The conference concluded with participants reaffirming their commitment to promoting interfaith harmony, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence. Guests appreciated the initiative by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Auxiliary Hyderabad for creating a meaningful platform dedicated to peace and unity.

CBIT Students Explore Innovation at T-Works

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

MCA II Semester students of Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology, currently undergoing internship training at SANSI Digital Intelligence Pvt. Ltd., visited T-Works as part of an industrial and innovation exposure program aimed at strengthening practical knowledge and industry readiness.

During the visit, students explored advanced facilities related to electronics, IoT, robotics, artificial intelligence applications, rapid prototyping, 3D printing, mechanical fabrication, and digital manufacturing technologies. Technical experts and mentors at T-Works interacted with the students and explained how innovative ideas are transformed into scalable



products through design thinking, engineering practices, and interdisciplinary collaboration. The exposure program was conducted to provide students with real-time understanding of modern innovation ecosystems, startup incubation, and emerging technology trends shaping the digital industry. Students also participated in interactive sessions and group discussions focused on entrepreneurship, future

technologies, and digital transformation initiatives. The management and faculty of CBIT appreciated SANSI Digital Intelligence Pvt. Ltd. for facilitating industry-oriented internships and experiential learning opportunities. Students expressed happiness over the visit, stating that the experience enhanced their technical knowledge, creativity, and awareness of future career opportunities in the technology sector.

District Collector C. Narayana Reddy Participates in Women's Week Nutrition Mission Programme

RANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

District Collector C. Narayana Reddy said that people can protect themselves from diseases by consuming nutritious food. As part of the 99-day "Prajapalana Pragathi Pranalika" action plan, the Women Development and Child Welfare Department organised a Nutrition Mission programme during the Women's Week

celebrations at the Integrated District Offices Complex on Monday. The Collector attended the programme along with Additional Collector Kiranmayi.

During the event, the Collector visited nutrition stalls set up by various projects in the district, tasted different food items, and appreciated their quality. He suggested that similar nutritious food should be provided to pregnant women through Angan-

wadi centres. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said various theme-based programmes have been conducted successfully every week since March 6 under the 99-day action plan. He urged officials and staff to work collectively to make the Women's Week celebrations successful as well. He stressed the importance of consuming quality and organic food to stay healthy and avoid diseases. He also



directed Anganwadi teachers to create awareness among rural women about the benefits of nutritious food. The Collector said the government is providing nutritious and protein-rich food to pregnant women and children through Anganwadi centres as part of wel-

fare measures. He added that the Nutrition Mela was organised to spread awareness among both officials and the public. Additional Collector Kiranmayi said maintaining good health through proper food habits is important to prevent diseases. As part of the Women's Week celebrations, nutrition food exhibitions and cooking competitions for Anganwadi beneficiaries and parents were organised. Su-

supervisors and Anganwadi teachers displayed stalls featuring millets, pulses, vegetables, fruits, and healthy food items while also explaining the harmful effects of junk food and the benefits of nutritious food through awareness charts. With support from the Health Department, anaemia tests were conducted for pregnant women, lactating mothers, and adolescent girls. Iron and folic acid

tablets were distributed, and winners of the cooking competitions received prizes from the Collector. Several officials, including District Revenue Officer Sharada, DRDO/DWO Sri-latha, CPO Soumya, GM Industries Sri-lakshmi, Adult Education Director Anita, PD MEPMA officials, CDPOs, supervisors, Anganwadi teachers, and staff participated in the programme.

Pune Set For Rs 400 Crore Project, 1,000 New Jobs

MUMBAI
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The government of Maharashtra on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Aggreko India to establish a global engineering and manufacturing center in Pune. The agreement, signed in the presence of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, outlines a Rs 400 crore investment over the next ten years, which is projected to generate approximately 1,000 direct employment opportunities.

The upcoming facility will be located in Fulgaon, Pune district, with construction scheduled to commence later this year. According to government officials, this project will serve as Aggreko's most significant engineering and manufacturing hub outside of Scotland. The state government has committed to providing administrative assistance, including necessary clearances, registrations, and policy-based incentives, to facilitate the

timely execution of the project. Speaking at the signing ceremony held at the Sahyadri Guest House, Chief Minister Fadnavis highlighted Pune's growing status as a prominent hub for global capability centers (GCCs). "The state would extend full cooperation through the departments of industry, energy, labour, and mining to streamline the investment process and ensure an optimal operational environment for the company," he said. Aggreko India, which specialises in energy and temperature control solutions, plans to utilise the facility to develop high-efficiency energy systems and sustainable technologies. The company aims to improve regional energy efficiency, cut carbon emissions, and support infrastructure that can withstand climate change. It also promised to help Maharashtra meet its climate action goals by expanding eco-friendly heating and cooling systems.

"Your Choice May Feel Right to You... But Someone Else's Pain Is Real Too"

The One Who Wins Hearts Is the True Victor...

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In today's world, most human problems are not created by the outside world... they are born from the way people think. Relationships are breaking... hearts are drifting apart... and love is slowly turning silent, not because people hate each other, but because every person believes that what they like is "right" and what they dislike is "wrong." From childhood, many people grew up with one strong belief: "I must win..." "My words must prevail..." "My wishes alone should come true..." A mind raised with such thinking struggles to accept even the smallest situation that goes against its desires. The reason is simple — many people learn to love their expectations more than they learn to understand life itself. Just think for a moment... Rain in the morning may bring peace and happiness



to one person. But the same rain may destroy the daily wages of a poor laborer waiting for work by the roadside. One person may desire silence at home for peace of mind... While a little child in the same house only wants to laugh and play freely. Victory may feel joyful for one person... But the same victory may become another person's painful defeat. This is the truth of life: What feels good to you may not always be good for everyone. The biggest mistake human beings make is seeing the world only through their own eyes, without trying to understand another person's heart.

That is why people become upset over small words... Why do they feel emotionally shattered when someone they love ignores them... Because they are attached not to life itself, but to expectations and emotional assumptions. Consider a mother who dreams of seeing her son become a doctor. But the son may deeply love music and dream of becoming an artist. Neither of them is wrong. But the moment both insist that "Only my wish is correct," love slowly transforms into ego. Likewise, a wife may wish to spend quality time with her husband... While the husband works day and night only to secure the family's future. Both are acting out of love. Yet when one person fails to understand the emotional needs of the other, the home gradually becomes emotionally silent. Life is not about forcing our desires upon the world. True humanity lies in en-

suring that our actions do not break another person's heart. Every individual has a unique perspective. A color that brings happiness to you may remind someone else of sorrow. A joke that feels harmless to you may wound another person deeply. A decision that benefits you may unintentionally hurt someone else. That is why people must learn not only to value their own feelings, but also to respect the emotions of others. At the end of the day, if everything in life happens exactly the way you want, it may feel like your victory... But somewhere, silently, another heart may be suffering because of it. A truly great person is not someone who fulfills only personal desires, but someone who understands the pain, struggles, and emotions of others. Because in the end... The real winner in life is not the person who defeats others... but the one who wins hearts without losing people.

Carbon Pricing Revenues at \$107 Billion in 2025: World Bank

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Carbon pricing covers 30 per cent of emissions and its revenues have tripled over the past decade to more than \$107 billion for public budgets in 2025. India is progressing on a rate-based Emissions Trading System, finds the World Bank. Carbon pricing revenues have tripled over the past decade—rising from below \$30 billion in 2016 to mobilizing more than \$107 billion for public budgets in 2025. Direct carbon prices have grown 7 per cent since last year's edition and have doubled over the last decade. The average carbon price is now nearly \$21/tCO₂e. Carbon credit prices declined slightly across 2025, but certain types of projects continued to have a price premium, including those eligible for use by international airlines, or highly rated forest conservation and reforestation projects. All large middle-income economies have now either implemented or are planning direct carbon pricing instruments, with the most significant developments in the past year

in India and Vietnam. Brazil, India, and Türkiye have met key milestones to facilitate Emissions Trading System implementation, while Colombia and Indonesia expanded coverage. Most new and planned instruments are ETSs. While designs vary, many governments including India have selected a rate-based approach. Under this approach, a country sets an emissions intensity benchmark per unit of production rather than an absolute cap on total pollution. Emitters that perform better than the benchmark earn tradable credits, while those who underperform must purchase credits. It does not penalize an industry for expanding production. Since emissions limits are relative to output. Jurisdictions comprising almost two-thirds of global GDP have a direct carbon price in place and the largest middle-income economies, including Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, and Türkiye have implemented or are moving toward implementing carbon pricing.

Raashii Khanna opens up on choosing emotionally layered roles

Actress Raashii Khanna continues to carve a niche for herself with a diverse filmography spanning Bollywood and the South Indian film industries. Known for choosing layered and emotionally nuanced roles, the actress recently shared insights into the kind of characters that resonate deeply with her. Taking to Instagram on Monday, Raashii revealed that she is particularly drawn to roles that portray an illusion of strength while hiding emotional depth beneath the surface.

In her post, she reflected on the complexity of such characters, writing, "I have always been drawn to characters who look like they are holding it together but are carrying something much heavier underneath. Some things don't leave you. They just change the way you move. Coming soon!" The statement hints at yet another intense performance from the actress, building anticipation among her fans.

On the professional front, Raashii is gearing up for



the release of her upcoming OTT series "Lukkhe," which is set to premiere on Prime Video on May 8. The series promises a gritty narrative set in

Chandigarh, exploring the intersection of rap culture, ambition, and crime. Alongside Raashii, the show features rapper King, Lakshvir Singh

Saran, Nakul Roshan Sahdev, Kritika Bharadwaj, Shivankit Parihar, Yograj Singh, and Ayesha Raza Mishra in pivotal roles.

The story revolves around rival rappers MC Badnaam and OG, whose personal vendetta escalates into a gripping tale of revenge and redemption, blurring the boundaries between art and hostility. In addition to "Lukkhe," Raashii is set to reprise her role as Megha in the second season of Farzi, starring Shahid Kapoor and Vijay Sethupathi.

The first season received widespread acclaim, and the sequel is eagerly awaited by audiences. Her upcoming projects also include "Talakhon Mein Ek" alongside Vikrant Massey and "Bridge" with R. Madhavan. Additionally, she is working on an untitled film directed by Anees Bazmee, featuring Akshay Kumar and Vidya Balan. With a strong lineup and a clear inclination toward meaningful storytelling, Raashii Khanna continues to evolve as a versatile performer in Indian cinema.

Aryan Khan's Netflix debut wins big at Screenwriters Association

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Aryan Khan's directorial "The Ba***ds Of Bollywood" and Vikramaditya Motwane's "Black Warrant" dominated the winners list of the 7th edition of the Screenwriters Association Awards.

The event, which honours groundbreaking films, series, and TV shows of 2025 that pushed the envelope of storytelling, was held on Saturday in Mumbai.

Khan's directorial debut, which released on Netflix in 2025, was honoured with an award in the Web Comedy/Musical/Romance-Best Screenplay category, which went to Khan, Bilal Siddiqi, and Manav Chauhan.

It also got the Web Comedy/Musical/Romance-Best Dialogue award, which went to Khan.

"Black Warrant", featuring Zahan Kapoor, also got two wins in the Web Drama - Best Screenplay category, which went to Satyanshu Singh and Arkesh Ajay, and TV/Web - Best Lyrics category, awarded to Anvita Dutt for "Naseeba" in the series.

Filmmaker Aranya Sahay won the Best Debut with his film "Humans in the Loop". Smita Singh won Web Drama - Best Story for "Khauf" with Sudip Sharma, Abhishek Banerjee, Rahul Kanojia and



Tamal getting awarded in Web Drama - Best Screenplay category for "Paatal Lok - Season 2".

Other winners, including the names of Rajesh Joshi and Shabia Walia, in the Television - Best Story category for "Pushpa Impossible". Harneet Singh for "Itti Si Khushi" in the Television - Best Screenplay category. Chirag Garg and Avinash Dwivedi for "Dupahiya" in Web Comedy/Musical/Romance-Best Story category.

Gulzar for "Hum Fanaa" from "Gustaakh Ishq" in Film - Best Lyrics category. Karan Tejpal, Gaurav Dhingra, and Swapnil Salkar, for "Agadbumb" in "Stolen" in the Feature Film - Best Story category.

Karan Tejpal, Gaurav Dhingra, and Swapnil Salkar "Agadbumb" for Stolen in Feature Film - Best Screenplay category and Reshu Nath for "Haq" in Feature Film - Best Dialogue category.

The ceremony was attended by Sooraj Barjatya, Sriram Raghavan, Shoojit Sircar, Ashutosh Gowariker, Sujoy Ghosh, Tigmanshu Dhulia, Ramesh Sippy, Rummy Jafray, Kiran Rao, R. Balki, Bejoy Nambiar, Kanu Behl, Vijay Krishna Acharya, Robin Bhatt, Onir, Siddharth Roy Kapur, Aparna Purohit, Himanshu Sharma, Alankrita Shrivastava, Shridhar Raghavan, Abhishek Chaubey, Honey Trehan, JD Majethia and Sudhir Sharma, among others.

EPL Season 3 Inaugurated Grandly in Miyapur



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EPL Season 3, organised jointly by the Center of Excellence Cricket Academy and Yalamanchi Uday Kiran Charitable Trust, was inaugurated grandly at Neelima Greens in Miyapur. Serilingampally Congress Party In-Charge and TPCC General Secretary V. Jagadeeshwar Goud, along with Yalamanchi Uday Kiran, attended as chief guests and launched the tourna-

ment. The organisers said the tournament aims to promote sportsmanship, discipline, teamwork, and leadership qualities among youth while providing a strong platform for local cricketers. A major attraction this season was the IPL-style players' auction, where players were divided into A+, A, and B categories and selected into four teams, creating a professional league atmosphere.

Speaking on the occasion, Jagadeeshwar Goud said sports help

youth build confidence, leadership qualities, and fighting spirit. He appreciated the organisers and praised Yalamanchi Uday Kiran for encouraging sports along with social service activities. The chief guests also appreciated academy founder Manas Muttavarapu and coaches Divakar and Vishnu for supporting young cricket talent. Several organisers, players, coaches, and local youth participated in the programme.

RCB bank on calmness, aggressive bowling in Qualifier 1

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Royal Challengers Bengaluru captain Rajat Patidar believes calmness under pressure and better execution will decide the outcome when RCB take on Gujarat Titans in Qualifier 1 on Tuesday night, with a direct berth in the IPL final at stake. Both teams have enjoyed impressive campaigns this season and shared honours during the league stage. RCB won the first meeting by five wickets at home, while Gujarat Titans bounced back with a four-wicket victory in the return fixture. Patidar said the knockout clash would come down to which side handles pressure situations better.

He stressed that composure and confidence would be vital on the big stage, adding that the team which executes its plans effec-



tively and plays smart cricket under pressure would emerge victorious. Highlighting RCB's biggest strength this season, Patidar pointed to the bowling attack, particularly its aggressive approach during the powerplay overs. According to him, the team has consistently focused on attacking rather than defending, with bowlers looking to strike early and put op-

ponents under pressure. He credited senior pacers Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Josh Hazlewood along with Raskh Salam for setting the tone with the new ball and expressed confidence in continuing the same strategy in the crucial encounter. Patidar also praised Venkatesh Iyer for his recent performances, including an unbeaten 73 and a quickfire 44 in his last two innings.

Calling him a player he has known since childhood, Patidar admired Iyer's flexibility in the batting order and positive attitude. He revealed that even when opportunities were limited, Iyer continued preparing intensely in training sessions and maintained clear communication with the team management. Patidar said the left-hander was fully prepared and grabbed

his chance immediately once selected.

Reflecting on his captaincy journey, Patidar acknowledged the strong support system within the RCB camp. He credited the management, coaching staff and senior players for helping him grow as a leader.

The RCB skipper said he constantly receives valuable inputs from experienced teammates including Virat Kohli, Devdutt Padikkal, Jitesh Sharma, Hazlewood and Tim David. Patidar added that his calm nature and trust in his instincts remain his biggest strengths as captain.

He further underlined the importance of Bhuvneshwar Kumar's experience, saying the veteran pacer's guidance and communication with younger bowlers have been crucial for the team throughout the tournament.

Telangana Governor Promised Action Against Illegal Cow Slaughter: VHP

The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) claimed that Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla had assured them he would take necessary steps within his powers to prevent illegal cow slaughter in the state, after their delegation met him and submitted a memorandum highlighting widespread violations of cattle protection laws ahead of Bakrid. The VHP leaders alleged that cows are being illegally transported for slaughter for Eid, and claimed that the police have turned helpless due to alleged threats and undue influence from leaders of the Majlis e Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM).

The VHP spokesperson, Pagadakula Balaswamy, said that the Governor had said that violation of the law is punishable and emphasised that all religious and cultural beliefs in society must be respected. The Governor also assured the VHP representatives that he would move promptly to safeguard cows within the scope of his constitutional authority. The VHP delegation included Yadagiri Rao, Ramesh, Subhash Chander and several Hindu seers and they have accused the police machinery of acting in a partisan manner and alleged that bonded labour-like conditions are being used to harass VHP and Bajrang Dal workers instead of protecting.

BRS Govt Will Guarantee 24x7 Drinking Water Supply in Hyd: KTR

He also urged party cadres to remain vigilant against alleged fake and duplicate votes registered by Congress and BJP during the special intensive revision of electoral rolls.

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K. T. Rama Rao on Monday asserted that the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS), if voted back to power in Telangana, would ensure round-the-clock safe drinking water supply to Hyderabad. Addressing a meeting of party cadres in Kukatpally, he said the city's residents had suffered severe hardships during the Congress rule before the formation of Telangana, particularly due to prolonged power cuts and acute drinking water shortages.

Recalling the initiatives undertaken during the previous BRS government, Rama Rao said it was BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao who trans-



formed the power sector and ensured uninterrupted electricity supply across the State. He expressed confidence that KCR would once again bring a major transformation by implementing a 24-hour drinking water supply system for Hyderabad after the BRS returns to power. The BRS leader stated that he would personally take responsibility for the successful execution of the proposed drinking

water programme. According to him, the initiative would significantly improve the quality of life of Hyderabad residents and strengthen urban infrastructure in the city. Launching a sharp attack on the ruling Congress government, Rama Rao alleged that it had deceived people from all sections of society with unrealistic promises made during the Assembly elections. He claimed that despite being in power for nearly two-and-a-half years, the Congress government had failed to allocate or spend any substantial additional funds for the development of Hyderabad.

Criticising Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Rama Rao alleged that the Congress government was

merely taking credit for projects initiated and completed during the previous BRS regime. He cited infrastructure projects such as flyovers, hospitals and other major public facilities as examples of works developed under the BRS government but now being showcased by the Congress administration.

Rama Rao also appealed to BRS cadres to remain alert during the ongoing special intensive revision of electoral rolls. He alleged that Congress and BJP leaders were attempting to include fake and duplicate votes in the voter lists and urged party workers to carefully monitor the revision process to safeguard electoral integrity.

Congress Condemns Fuel Price Hike

The Congress on Monday strongly condemned the consecutive petrol and diesel price hikes, accusing the BJP-led Union government of breaking the backbone of the common man and 'deceiving the public.' In a media statement, transport minister Ponnampalath Prabhakar criticised the timing of the hike, pointing out that the Centre deliberately paused fuel price increases until the Assembly elections in four states concluded and began to hike prices immediately afterwards.

He questioned the seriousness of the state BJP campaign 'Raitu Ghosa - BJP Bharosa' (Farmers' Distress - BJP Assurance). "If the BJP truly cares about the farmers of Telangana, it should first take concrete measures to control the prices of petrol and diesel," he pointed out. Prabhakar accused the Union government of failing to fully procure the harvested crop by Telangana farmers. "Even though the State government requested to procure the surplus grain, the Centre refused," he added.



Asaduddin Owaisi calls Assam UCC Bill 'backdoor imposition of Hindu law on Muslims'

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All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen Chief Asaduddin Owaisi made strong comments on the tabling of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill in the Assam Assembly, calling it "a backdoor imposition of Hindu law on Muslims."

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Assam government tabled the UCC bill, along with seeking a ban on polygamy and mandatory registration of live-in relationships.

In a post shared on his official X handle, Owaisi said that the UCC exempts the tribal communities, making its claim of uniformity meaningless.

"Every community has the right to protect its culture under Article 29, but why is only the tribals' autonomy being protected? This is the imposition of a law that no one wants. The Assam Uniform Civil Code is not uniform at all," read his post.



He alleged that the provisions of the UCC are applicable to every community except Hindus. "This is a backdoor imposition of Hindu law on Muslims. On succession, inheritance and divorce, the Hindu principles are being imposed. Only Hindu culture is being protected, while Muslims have to comply with these so-called 'uniform' rules."

Pest infestation, unhygienic conditions found at Madhapur restaurant

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Multiple food safety violations were found at Chowman restaurant in Madhapur during an inspection conducted on Monday, May 25.

The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Food Safety teams carried out a revealing surprise inspection, where officials found a pest infestation, unhygienic storage of meat and the serving of expired sauces. The raid was part of the ongoing food safety drive across Cyberabad. Officials said that while meat was stored in unhygienic conditions, the non-vegetarian and vegetarian food was kept in the same freezer, raising concerns. The food safety teams found signs of pest infestation and expired sauces. The authorities immediately disposed of the unhygienically spoiled meat. The store was ordered to remain closed on a temporary basis until



the completion of cleaning and sanitation.

The restaurant will be permitted to continue operation after ensuring hygiene standards are being maintained, officials said.

However, the authorities observed that the staff were practising hygiene measures as they were seen wearing hairnets and aprons while handling food. The food safety teams warned that such surprise inspections will continue across restaurants, eateries, kitchens, and other food establishments in Cyberabad to enhance hygiene standards and protect.

DGP Anand inspects office, orders cleanliness, efficiency

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Telangana DGP C.V. Anand conducted a comprehensive inspection of the DGP office on Monday, covering various floors and all sections. During the three-hour review, Anand emphasized the need for cleanliness and smooth functioning across all departments. He instructed officers and staff to maintain their areas meticulously and ordered painting of walls, almirahs, and tables to create a uniform and professional appearance.



Additionally, he directed that all scattered files be sent to the record room to ensure proper documentation and organization. Anand also discussed plans to redesign key spaces, including the conference hall, training hall, and other rooms, aiming to make them more spacious and functional.

The DGP's inspection highlighted a focus on administrative efficiency and workplace standards. During the visit, DG

(Law & Order) Mahesh M. Bhagwat, DG (Organisation & Home Guards) Swati Lakra, DG (Technical Services) V.V. Srinivasa Rao, and DG (CID) M.S. Charu Sinha, along with IGs Chandrasekhar Reddy and Gajarao Bhupal, briefed Anand on the performance and ongoing activities of their respective departments.

The inspection underscores the DGP's commitment to professionalism, effective administration, and a well-organized work environment.

Congress forcing farmers to sell paddy to traders far below MSP: Harish

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Responding to the sudden change in paddy procurement target from 90 lakh metric tonnes to 70 lakh metric tonnes by Congress government, former Minister T Harish Rao lashed out at Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for making farmers struggle at paddy procurement centres.

Speaking to reporters after interacting with farmers at Ensanpally procurement centre on Monday, Harish Rao said that Telangana actually expected 1.40 crore metric tonnes of paddy harvest during Yasangi season. Though the Civil Supplies Department had initially targeted procurement of 90 lakh metric tonnes, it was reduced to 70 lakh metric tonnes, forcing farmers to resort to distress sales far below the Minimum Support Price (MSP). He recalled how BRS leaders had staged a protest in New Delhi when



the Centre refused to purchase the paddy from Telangana during BRS rule.

Even when the Centre stepped back, Rao said former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao took the entire responsibility on his shoulders. Stating that he was receiving multiple calls from farmers every day over the delay in procurement, the former Minister said that the staff at the centres were resorting to the dreaded practise of underweighing, causing a loss of 150 kgs to every acre of harvest to farmers. Due to the inordinate delay, he said that some 10 to 12 farmers died at the centres following various issues while many fell sick due to heat. Since the State was also

witnessing thunderstorms, Rao said that the farmers were finding it difficult to protect their crops.

Responding to Revanth's statement on fast-tracking the procurement, he said that even snails would feel ashamed after seeing the work at ground level. He also reminded how Revanth failed to keep his promise of releasing Rythu Bharosa within 45 days after inaugurating the oil palm factory in Siddipet on March 22. The former Minister said that the Congress government could not keep its promise even 63 days after the announcement. He said that the Ensanpally procurement centre had received just six lorries so far.

Poly Intake Rises in Tech Courses

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From semiconductor fabrication to electric vehicles and artificial intelligence, Telangana's diploma admissions this year are increasingly mirroring industries expanding around Hyderabad's technology corridor, officials said while releasing the counselling calendar. The first phase of TGPO-LYCET 2026 counselling begins May 27, with certificate verification from May 29 to June 1. Web options close June 3, and seat allotments will be announced on or before June 6. A total of 33,140

diploma seats are available across 111 polytechnic colleges, including 18,788 in government institutions and 14,352 in private unaided colleges. Another 2,930 seats fall under the Economically Weaker Section category. Emerging technology programmes show marked expansion. Semiconductor Technology has 720 seats, while Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning offers 990. Automation and Robotics, Electric Vehicle Technology, Cyber Physical Systems and Security, and Cloud Computing and Big Data have also been introduced.

Youth Congress Protests Fuel Price Hike

Youth Congress leaders and cadre staged a protest at Indira Gandhi Chowk in Karimnagar on Monday against the increase in petrol and diesel prices and demanded that the Centre roll back the hike. The protesters displayed placards reading "Darlalu Penchadam Kadu Upashamanam Ivvandi" during the agitation. The Centre has increased petrol prices by Rs.2.61 per litre and diesel prices by Rs.2.71 per litre with effect from Monday.

Iran consulate in Hyderabad takes swipe at Rubio's Taj Mahal visit

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The Iranian Consulate in Hyderabad on Monday, May 25, took a swipe at the visit of US Secretary of State Marco Rubio to the Taj Mahal, saying the monument was crafted by the genius of Iranian architects and accused the US of "threatening" to wipe out Iranian civilisation.

Rubio visited the Taj Mahal with his wife, Jeannette Rubio, on Monday, describing the famed Mughal era monument as "one of the love treasures of the world". The Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Iran-Hyderabad, in a post on 'X' said: "If Rubio knew the history or architecture, he wouldn't have posed for a picture here. This monument was built out of love for the emperor's Iranian wife, crafted by the genius of Iranian architects — meanwhile, his government today threatens to wipe out Iranian civilisation, insulting other civilisations." Obviously, the Consulate was referring to

the "A whole civilisation will die tonight, never to be brought back again, if a deal is not reached," remark made by US President Donald Trump on April 7, targeting Iran, during the Iran-US/Israel conflict. The Consulate tagged a photo of Rubio with his wife taken in front of the Taj Mahal to its post. Rubio, who is on a four-day visit to India, arrived in Agra on Monday and visited the famed monument amid heavy security arrangements, local officials said.

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