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Centre Forms Panel on Illegal Immigration, Demographic Shift

The move follows Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day speech in 2025, where he spoke about concerns surrounding demographic imbalance and promised a "High-Powered Demography Mission."

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah officially announced the formation of the High-Level Committee on Demographic Change on Tuesday, May 26, 2026. Multiple national media outlets and government-linked sources reported the development today. The Union Government has constituted a high-level committee to examine demographic changes across India caused by illegal immigration and what it described as "unnatural" factors, with the Centre calling the issue a serious challenge to national security and social stability.

In a statement posted on social media, Shah said illegal infiltration and demographic changes pose risks not only to sovereignty, but also to law and order, social structure, and the protection of tribal communities. The newly formed committee will be headed by retired Supreme Court judge Jus-



tice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar. Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra, former Bureau of Police Research and Development chief Balaji Srivastava, economist Dr. Shamika Ravi, and the

Census Commissioner of India are among the members of the panel. According to the Ministry of Home Affairs, the committee has been tasked with scientifically studying demographic shifts at the level of religious and social communities, identifying causes behind abnormal settlement patterns, and suggesting mechanisms for identifying and deporting undocumented

immigrants through a time-bound legal framework. The panel will also recommend reforms to strengthen border management and improve coordination between Central and State governments on population and security-related issues. The committee has been given one year to submit its report, with the possibility of a six-month extension if required.

IYC Launches 'Indian Youth Cockroaches' Campaign

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Amid the growing popularity of the online satirical outfit, the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), the Indian Youth Congress (IYC) on Tuesday launched the 'Indian Youth Cockroaches' campaign, describing it as a nationwide youth resistance movement against unemployment, paper leaks and corruption under the BJP-led Centre. The campaign, launched under the leadership of



IYC in-charge Manish Sharma and the wing's president Uday Bhanu Chib, seeks to reclaim the term 'cockroaches', which the organisation said had been used to mock protesting youth.

The term 'cockroaches' has been gaining widespread attention in the Indian political discourse following the emergence

of the Cockroach Janta Party, a digital-only satirical campaign. The CJP was founded by 30-year-old Abhijit Dipke after Chief Justice of India Surya Kant compared unemployed youth who drift into activism and journalism to "cockroaches" and "parasites." Chib said the movement would continue both online and on the ground through protests and mobilisation by the Youth Congress workers across the country.

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Quad Ministers Meet, Discuss Indo-Pacific Cooperation

The foreign ministers of Australia, India, Japan and the United States, also known as the Quad, are meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday on how to strengthen their cooperation in the Indo-Pacific and common concerns about China's growing influence in the region. The meeting brings together India's Foreign Minister Subrahmanya Jaishankar, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Japanese Foreign Minister Tomimitsu Motegi and Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong. India's foreign ministry said the ministers would discuss recent developments in the Indo-Pacific and ways to advance cooperation among their nations.

The leaders are also expected to discuss the Iran war and halted energy shipments through the Strait of Hormuz. The four nations make up the Quad group, a key strategic partnership for cooperation on maritime security, supply chains and regional strategy as China expands its military and economic influence in the Indo-Pacific.

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India, US Finalize Key Critical Minerals Pact Amid China Tensions

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India and the US on Tuesday firmed up a key framework for cooperation in ensuring steady supplies of critical minerals, a move that comes amid growing concerns over China's export controls on rare earth elements and strategic metals vital for global technology supply chains. The framework on securing supplies of mining and processing of critical minerals was signed on the sidelines of the Quad foreign ministers' meeting in New Delhi.

"It is something very timely and critical," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said in presence of US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. "This framework aims to deepen our cooperation across the entire critical minerals and rare earth supply chain, including mining, processing, recycling and related investment," he said. The external affairs minister said the framework will strengthen resilient and diversified supply chains,



help financing of projects as well as ensuring effective management of critical minerals and rare earths.

"It is one more sign of how close our cooperation has been in a world where there are so many challenges but also so many opportunities," he said. In his remarks, Rubio highlighted the strategic partnership between the US and India and how important it is for the respective national interests of both countries. "It is a tangible example of that," he said referring to the inking of the pact. "We are two countries that have strategic interests in ensuring reliable long-term access to critical minerals and supply chains that are important for our innovation economy," he said. Rubio also mentioned the US-backed Pax Silica.

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Congress High Command Meets Karnataka Leaders Amid Leadership Buzz

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday met Congress general secretaries KC Venugopal and Randeep Surjewala at the party headquarters, Indira Bhavan, ahead of a meeting with the Congress high command amid speculation over a possible leadership change in the state. Earlier in the day, Siddaramaiah held a breakfast meeting with Karnataka ministers MB Patil, G Parameshwara, Bhyrati Suresh, Satish Jarakiholi, KJ George, HC Mahadevappa, MLC BK Hariprasad and legal advisor AS Ponnanna at Karnataka Bhavan in New Delhi.

Meanwhile, 17 MLAs arrived at Karnataka Bhavan, while more legislators were expected to reach the national capital later in the day ahead of the Congress leadership meeting. Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar also arrived at Indira Bhavan to attend the meeting amid continuing speculation over a leadership transition in the state.

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Monsoon Delay Likely in TG Rains Expected After June 5

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The southwest monsoon is expected to enter Telangana State only after June 5, according to India Meteorological Department (IMD). It said that in the wake of El Niño's impact, the movement of monsoon has slowed down and predicted less rainfall than the normal this year. Usually, the southwest is likely to enter the State by this month end but owing to El Niño's impact, the monsoon is expected to reach between June 5 and 10.

Meanwhile, Telangana continues to reel under hot conditions for the last few days with the day temperatures crossing 45 degrees Celsius. Vemulapalli mandal of Nalgonda district recorded a day temperature of 46.5 degrees Celsius on Monday. Thirteen districts registered a maximum temperature of 46 degrees Celsius and half a dozen districts recorded 45.8 degrees Celsius. The IMD forecast that the State would continue to witness hot conditions for the next three days.

Top Maoist Leader Narahari Surrenders Before Telangana Police

In yet another setback to the CPI (Maoist), the central committee member Narahari surrendered before Telangana police here on Tuesday. Reliable sources said that Narahari surrendered because of health issues. With this, only two central committee members - Vartha Sekhar and Muppala Lakshmana Rao, popularly known as Ganapathy, who is a founding leader of the Indian Maoist movement, are still with the Maoist party. Both were reported to be missing for the last few decades. These two leaders were also suffering from health problems.

Old City Goat Rush



Ahead of Eid-ul-Adha, large numbers of goats arrived at markets across Hyderabad's Old City as Muslim families thronged the bazaars to purchase sacrificial animals for the festival. While several buyers complained about the steep rise in goat prices this year. — Photo: Mir Zulfeqar Ali

Indian-Origin Woman Shot Dead Inside US Supermarket

An Indian woman from Gujarat was shot dead at a departmental store in the USA's Virginia. The incident was caught on CCTV camera. The victim is identified as Meghnaben Patel, 45, who has been working at the supermarket for 10 years. She was a native of Janapur Taluka of Mehsana district. According to the CCTV footage that surfaced on social media of what looks to be an attempt of robbery, a masked assailant, posed as a customer is engaging with Meghnaben, who was standing at the billing counter. After a brief period of conversation, the assailant pulls out a gun and shoots her multiple times, with the victim collapsing on the ground. The gunman flees the scene after the shooting, the video shows.

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US Conducts 'Self-Defence Strikes' on Iranian Boats, Missile Sites

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The US military carried out "self-defence strikes" targeting Iranian missile launch sites and boats near the Strait of Hormuz amid an ongoing ceasefire between the two countries, CNN reported, citing US Central Command (CENTCOM). "US forces conducted self-defence strikes in southern Iran today to protect our

troops from threats posed by Iranian forces," CENTCOM spokesman Timothy Hawkins told CNN in a statement when asked about reports of explosions near the strategic waterway.

He said the targets included missile launch sites and Iranian boats attempting to deploy mines. "US Central Command continues to defend our forces while using restraint during the ongoing

ceasefire," Hawkins added. US and Iranian forces have previously exchanged fire during the ceasefire period. In early May, US forces had struck Iranian military facilities allegedly involved in "unprovoked" missile, drone and small boat attacks on American warships transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

The development comes hours after the US made progress in ceasefire ne-

gotiations, with US President Donald Trump stating that Iran's enriched uranium would either be "turned over" to the US for destruction or destroyed at an agreed location. Trump said the process would take place "in conjunction and collaboration" with Iran, signalling Tehran's softer stance as both sides work towards a peace agreement.

"The Enriched Uranium

(Nuclear Dust!) will either be immediately turned over to the United States to be brought home and destroyed or, preferably, in conjunction and coordination with the Islamic Republic of Iran, destroyed in place or, at another acceptable location, with the Atomic Energy Commission, or its equivalent, being witness to this process and event," Trump wrote on

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Telangana Govt Committed to Women's Safety, Empowerment: Seethakka

Seethakka said the government is setting up working women's hostels to provide safe accommodation for women coming to Hyderabad from rural areas in search of employment and job opportunities

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Minister for Women and Child Welfare Department Danasari Anasuya Seethakka inaugurated the working women's hostel "Sakhi Nivas" and One Stop Center "Sakhi Centre" on Road No. 12, Banjara Hills here. Speaking on the occasion, Seethakka said the government is setting up working women's hostels to provide safe accommodation for women coming to Hyderabad from rural areas in search of employment and job opportunities. She informed that accom-



modation facilities have been provided for about 150 women in this hostel. She stated that special facilities have been arranged so that mothers coming with young children can also stay here. Seethakka noted that the Telangana government is working with utmost priority for women's safety, dignity, self-confidence, and economic inde-

pendence. She said some people are criticizing because they cannot tolerate women's progress, but such criticisms do not stand before women's power. She remarked that women themselves will teach a lesson to the opposition parties that cannot digest women's advancement. The Minister informed that the

state government has increased the interest-free loan limit for women's groups from five lakhs to ten lakhs rupees. She said they are providing employment opportunities such as rice mills, petrol bunkers, and women's supermarkets to women's groups. From a situation where they once had to depend on others for expenses they are being elevated to the level of bearing household costs, taking responsibility for children's education, and providing employment to four people, she stated. The Minister clarified that empowering

women as a force for wealth creation is the government's goal. She pointed out that when women's income increases, the family strengthens, and the state becomes prosperous. She said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is working with the goal that a woman should rise in every family. Seethakka revealed that solar power plants set up under the leadership of women's groups will be inaugurated on Wednesday, and in Madhira constituency, they will be launched through the hands of Deputy Chief Minister Batti Vikramarka.

KTR Hails T-Works Success

T-Works is not just a structure, it is a platform that transformed into technological powerhouse, says KTR

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Former IT Minister and BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao on Tuesday said T-Works had emerged as a technological powerhouse for youth and innovation, crediting former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao for envisioning the country's largest prototyping centre in Telangana. Describing T-Works as more than just a building, Rama Rao said the institution had become a symbol of innovation, self-confidence and the "Make in Telangana" spirit. He stated that the facility introduced Telangana's future potential to the world and empowered young innovators with world-class infrastructure and advanced technology. In a post on X, Rama Rao said the BRS government had supported startups not



merely with words, but by creating a complete ecosystem that offered cutting-edge equipment, technological freedom and opportunities for experimentation. According to him, the foundation for sectors such as drones, defence technology and electronics was laid in Telangana years ago under KCR's leadership. The former minister said T-Works had evolved into a laboratory where the dreams of Telangana's youth were transformed into reality. He noted that Hyderabad was positioned as a global innovation hub because of the foresight

shown by KCR in establishing large-scale innovation infrastructure. Rama Rao further stated that the institution was now receiving recognition at the national level, which, he said, reflected the visionary approach adopted for Telangana's development during the BRS government. T-Works, regarded as India's largest prototyping facility, has been developed to support startups, makers, innovators and entrepreneurs by providing access to advanced manufacturing tools and collaborative workspaces.

No Ebola cases in T'gana so far: Health Minister

58 passengers have landed in Hyderabad till May 25 from countries where Ebola cases were reported and none of them has any symptoms

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Telangana Health Minister C Damodar Rajanarasimha assured people on Tuesday, May 26, that there is no need for panic over the Ebola virus, emphasising that the state government is fully prepared to deal with any situation. Following a meeting with officials, he said no Ebola case has been reported in the state and no person with symptoms has been identified so far. Officials informed the minister that 58 passengers have landed in Hyderabad till May 25 from countries where Ebola cases were reported and none of them has any symptoms, according to an official release. The officials said preventive measures, as per the Centre's directives,



have been taken. Screening and thermal scanning protocols are active at the city's RGI airport for passengers arriving from countries, including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and South Sudan, where Ebola has been detected. In addition to teams of doctors, health inspectors and state-run 108 emergency service ambulances are being stationed round the clock at the airport. According to officials, a special isolation ward with 10 beds has been set up in the Gandhi government hospital in the city and the Head of the Department of Gen-

eral Medicine has been appointed as nodal officer. Samples of suspects would be sent to the National Institute of Virology in Pune. The asymptomatic persons who came from countries where Ebola has spread would be kept in home isolation for 21 days. Health teams in districts would keep surveillance on them. The minister instructed officials to admit symptomatic persons to the isolation ward in Gandhi Hospital and scrupulously follow the infection control protocols. Officials were also asked to ensure coordi-

nation among health teams at the airport, district surveillance personnel and hospitals. Union Health Minister J P Nadda on Monday said no case of Ebola Virus has been reported in India so far, directing officials to ensure all surveillance and testing arrangements remain in a state of readiness. "India has not reported any case of Bundibugyo Ebola disease to date," Nadda said. The Centre has intensified precautionary measures after the World Health Organization declared the Ebola outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention has also designated it a Public Health Emergency of Continental Security (PHECS).

Cyberabad CP Holds Coordination Meeting Ahead of Bakrid Festival

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Ahead of the upcoming Bakrid festival, Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh conducted a coordination meeting through Zoom with officials from CMC, Revenue, and Veterinary departments to ensure peaceful and hygienic celebrations. Senior police officials, SHOs, and department officials participated in the meeting. Discussions mainly focused on sanitation, public health, and proper disposal of animal waste during the festival. Officials discussed arrangements such as providing thick black polythene covers for waste collection near Eidgahs, mosques, and



residential areas, along with deploying vehicles for waste transportation. Adequate water tankers, sanitation staff, and bleaching powder usage were also planned to maintain cleanliness and prevent foul smell in public places. Speaking on the occasion, Cyberabad CP Dr. M. Ramesh urged people to celebrate Bakrid peacefully and maintain communal harmony. He requested citizens to

follow cleanliness guidelines and avoid dumping animal waste in open areas. The CP instructed CMC, Revenue, and Veterinary departments to work in coordination to ensure smooth sanitation management during the festival. He also directed police stations to appoint special officers to coordinate with concerned departments and respond quickly to any issues. The Commissioner appealed to the public to cooperate with police and civic authorities in maintaining hygiene, public health, and peaceful festival celebrations. SB DCP Sudheendra, Crimes DCP Muthyaram Reddy, Cyber Crimes DCP Sai Manohar, CAR Headquarters DCP Sanjeev, and other senior police officials attended the meeting.

BRS Protest Held in Madhapur Against Petrol and Diesel Price Hike

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BRS party leaders and activists staged a protest at Hitech City Circle in Madhapur against the increase in petrol and diesel prices under the leadership of BRS Youth General Secretary Rayala Karthik. During the protest, Madhapur police detained and arrested several leaders and party workers who were participating in the



dharna. Speaking on the occasion, BRS leaders said their fight against the government's decision to increase fuel prices and burden the public would continue. BRS leaders Maraboyina

Ravi Yadav, Mamatha, Nimmala Ramakrishna Goud, Sangareddy, Srikanth, Srinivas, Gopa Raju Srinivas Rao, Santosh, and others participated in the protest.

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 Chandrayanpally 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.

TPCC Leader Condemns MLA's Remarks, Seeks White Paper on Kukatpally Development

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Prashanth reddy

TPCC official spokesperson and PCC member Dr. Satyam Srirangam on Tuesday strongly condemned the remarks allegedly made by Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao against the Chief Minister during a BRS party workers' meeting held in Kukatpally. Addressing the media, Dr. Srirangam accused the MLA of using "unparliamentary and objectionable language" and



urged political leaders to uphold decorum in public life. He alleged that attempts were being made to mislead people through "false narratives" and said public representatives must focus on governance and service rather than inflammatory rhetoric. Demanding ac-

countability from the MLA, Dr. Srirangam called for the release of a white paper detailing development works carried out in Kukatpally during Mr. Krishna Rao's tenure. He questioned claims relating to developmental achievements and sought transparency on projects implemented in the constituency. Stating that development was a continuous process and not confined to electoral considerations, he said the Congress government had initiated a new phase in Hyderabad's growth trajectory

with a long-term vision of transforming the city into a global metropolis. Referring to administrative reforms, Dr. Srirangam said the government's decision to bifurcate the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) into three independent corporations was aimed at improving governance efficiency and accelerating development. He maintained that the move reflected the Congress party's commitment to sustained urban expansion and administrative decentralisation.

Jyothsna-Srikar Couple Joins TRS in Presence of Kavitha

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Prominent social workers Agulla Jyothsna and Pilli Srikar joined the Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) party on Tuesday in the presence of Kalvakuntla Kavitha, founder president of the party. Kavitha welcomed the couple into the party by draping TRS scarves over them during a meeting held at her residence. The joining programme was organised under the leadership of local TRS leaders Sumalatha Sharma and Sudhakar Sharma. Speaking on the occasion, Kavitha called upon party



cadres to celebrate the TRS flag festival grandly across the state, including district and mandal headquarters as well as every village. She alleged that despite the long struggle, sacrifices and movements made for the formation of Telangana, both the previous and present governments had failed to fulfil the aspirations of the

people. Kavitha said the TRS would work towards distributing Telangana's wealth equally among all sections and strive for the overall prosperity of the state after coming to power. Jyothsna and Srikar said they joined the party inspired by its ideology and commitment towards social welfare and Telangana's development.

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.

Harish Rao alleges Rs 1,000 crore land scam in Shamshabad, seeks SIT or CID probe

BRS leader T Harish Rao alleged a Rs 1,000 crore land scam involving 179 acres in Shamshabad and demanded a SIT or CID probe. He accused officials of illegally converting government land into private property and sought strict action against those responsible

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BRS Deputy Floor Leader T Harish Rao on Tuesday alleged a Rs 1,000 crore land scam in Shamshabad and demanded that the Congress government constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) or order a CID probe to protect government lands. He also sought stringent action against all those allegedly involved in the land scam.

Addressing a press conference here, the BRS Deputy Floor Leader charged that a conspiracy was hatched to hand over 179 acres of government land under survey numbers 173 to 183 in Pedda Shapoor village of Shamshabad to private individuals.

According to Harish Rao, the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) had instructed the Tahsildar to recognise the land parcel



as government land and ensure that it remained free from encroachment. The RDO had also directed that the land be included in the prohibitory list under Section 22-A, he said. The former Minister stated that the same was formally recorded in an affidavit submitted before the High Court on January 30, 2026. Further, on February 24, 2026, the Tahsildar officially confirmed that the land belonged to the government, he added. "However, on February 28, the Tahsildar issued an order reversing the earlier decision and declaring that the land belonged to private individuals. How

could government land transform into private property within four days?" Harish Rao questioned.

He further alleged that instructions were subsequently issued to list the land as private property on Bhu Bharathi online portal. Pointing out that the RDO and the Tahsildar had issued contradictory declarations, he questioned how the Government Pleader (Revenue) could present a unified stand before the High Court.

"Any official order submitted before the High Court generally requires prior approval from the District Collector. Under what circumstances did the Collector grant such approval?" he asked.

Harish Rao also questioned on what basis the Advocate General had accorded approval in the matter. Claiming that the lands

were worth nearly Rs 1,000 crore, he alleged that despite the magnitude of the scam, no disciplinary action had been initiated against the officials involved. He alleged that after reports regarding the issue surfaced in the media, authorities merely transferred the MRO to the Collector without taking any substantive action. The BRS leader further alleged that ACB officials had initially planned to conduct a raid but later backed off as a close associate of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was allegedly linked to the case. "It was solely due to political pressure that the MRO was simply transferred and no serious disciplinary action was initiated," he alleged. "Who are the influential figures shielding the MRO? Their identities must be exposed," Harish Rao demanded.

Sangareddy BJP Camp Witnesses Heated Exchanges, Walkouts

"BJP TUMHARE BAAP KI PARTY NAHI HEIN... SAB KI HEIN : Patil"

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Tension prevailed at the BJP district training camp in Sangareddy on Tuesday after internal differences among party leaders led to heated arguments and walkouts during the meeting. The controversy erupted following a sharp verbal exchange between Sangareddy BJP District President Godavari Anji Reddy and former MP B.B. Patil.

According to party sources, B.B. Patil expressed strong dissatisfaction over not being given an opportunity to speak at the gathering. He also alleged that he was disrespected on the stage during the programme. Amid the tense atmosphere, the former MP walked out of the meeting in protest.

During the altercation, Patil reportedly remarked that "the BJP is not your father's property," trigger-



BJP Former MP B.B. Patil



Godavari Anji Reddy

ing further commotion among party leaders and workers present at the venue. The heated exchange created unrest in the camp and exposed apparent factionalism within the district unit.

The situation escalated further when Patancheru BJP leader Ashish Goud confronted district president Godavari Anji Reddy. Ashish Goud alleged that he was not invited to the training camp despite contesting elections on behalf of the BJP in the past.

Following the argument, Ashish Goud, along with several BJP leaders and

supporters from Patancheru, staged a walkout from the meeting. The incident highlighted growing internal disagreements and dissatisfaction among local BJP leaders in Sangareddy district.

The back-to-back confrontations and walkouts reportedly disrupted the training camp proceedings for some time, drawing attention from party cadres and political observers.

The developments have sparked discussions within political circles over the unity and coordination among BJP leaders in the district ahead of upcoming political activities.

Kavitha Says Govt Destroying Peace Of Affected Families

K. Kavitha Alleges Congress Government Harassing Farmers, Demolishing Houses, Misleading Women And Ignoring Triple R, Velugumatla Victims In Telangana

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Santosh Chowdary

Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) chief K. Kavitha on Tuesday accused the Congress government of harassing farmers and poor families through forced land acquisition and house demolitions, and alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was misleading people with false promises.

Kavitha, along with Dharma Samaj Party president Visharadhan Maharaj, met Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma at Lok Bhavan in Hyderabad along with victims from Velugumatla, Triple R and Parigi areas. The delegation submitted representations seeking justice for families affected by house demolitions, land acquisition and displacement.

Addressing the media later, Kavitha said the Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) and Dharma



Samaj Party have been fighting for the rights of people affected by the Velugumatla land acquisition, Triple R alignment issues and Parigi industrial park proposals. She claimed that due to their protests, the government was forced to allot land to some Velugumatla victims and temporarily halt acquisition activities in Parigi and Triple R areas.

Kavitha alleged that several families were suffering because of the government's actions. Referring to demolitions in Velugumatla, she said a woman suffered a miscarriage during the eviction drive and accused

the government of destroying the peace of families, including girl children affected by demolitions.

She also criticised the government over pending procurement of paddy, alleging that farmers' grain was still lying in fields across the state. "Not a single farmer is happy. The government should immediately purchase farmers' grain," she demanded.

Kavitha said the Governor listened to the grievances and assured the delegation that he would seek a report from the government and try to ensure justice for the affected people. She said the Governor expressed surprise after learning that the Triple R alignment had allegedly been changed four times.

Warning of intensified protests if justice is denied, Kavitha said the organisations would continue democratic agitations through joint action in the future.

Jampana Yuva Sena Distributes Sports Kits to Curb Mobile Addiction

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DP Srinivasa rao

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 strengthened 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.

ACB traps Shamirpet official in bribery case

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The Anti-Corruption Bureau officials on Tuesday caught the Tahsildar and Executive Magistrate, and Joint Sub Registrar, Shamirpet mandal when she demanded, and accepted Rs. 2 lakh as part payment of 30 lakh for doing official work. The official, T Sucharitha, had demanded Rs. 30 lakh from the com-



plaintain for "processing and approving an application for NALA (non-agricultural land use) conversion of agricultural land of 30 acres," said ACB officials.

The official had accepted the Rs. 2 lakh part payment through her private driver V Nagesh. On a complaint, the ACB registered a case and laid a trap. The driver was caught when he accepted Rs. 2 lakh on behalf of the official.

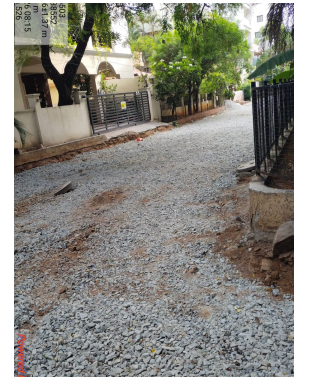
Sucharitha, and Nagesh were arrested and being produced before the First Additional Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Nampally.

Tarnaka Roads Turn Hazardous

Residents Urge GHMC to Complete Pending Road Works

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Residents of Tarnaka Street No.1 have expressed serious concern over the poor condition of roads after excavation works were carried out by civic authorities. Though the existing road was dug up and metal gravel was spread across the surface, the cement concrete road work has still not been completed, causing severe inconvenience to the public. Local residents say the road has become extremely difficult for pedestrians to walk on and dangerous for motorists to travel. Uneven gravel surfaces, potholes, and unfinished stretches are creating daily hardships, especially for senior citizens, school children, bike riders, and auto drivers. People allege that several damaged roads in the Tarnaka area are being neglected, while in some places even good roads are reportedly being dismantled and relaid unnecessarily. This has triggered public criticism regarding the planning and execution of civic road works. The situation below Lalapet Bridge has become particularly alarming. Residents and commuters state that several manholes on the road are damaged, making travel highly risky. Drivers of two-wheelers, autos, and Vijaya Dairy vehicles are reportedly struggling to navigate through deep ditches and uneven road conditions every



day. Citizens pointed out that road repair works were taken up during the previous monsoon season, but the quality of work appears inadequate, as the roads have deteriorated once again within a short period. Locals fear that if heavy rains begin, the condition of the roads may worsen further, leading to traffic congestion, accidents, and public safety concerns. They have appealed to GHMC Tarnaka officials and concerned engineering authorities to immediately inspect the affected roads and complete all pending cement concrete works without delay. Residents stressed that these are traffic-important roads used daily by hundreds of commuters and urged officials to respond swiftly in the interest of public safety and convenience. Public Voice "Roads were excavated, but completion works are nowhere in sight. If rains arrive, travelling on these roads will become impossible," expressed local commuters and residents.

Village Washerman's Son Honored At White House

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Born into a poor Rajaka family in Tharigoppula village of Telangana's old Warangal district, Professor Mamidala Ramulu transformed his life from poverty and humiliation to international recognition through education and determination. His parents, Somaiiah and Venkamma, survived by washing clothes for villagers, and society expected young Ramulu to continue the

same profession instead of studying.

After fifth standard, villagers and landlords reportedly pressured him to quit school, asking who would wash clothes if he pursued education. But Ramulu boldly declared that he would study while working. Facing caste discrimination and poverty, he eventually ran away from home to continue his education in Jangaon hostel under extremely difficult conditions. Despite hunger and financial struggles, he ex-

celled academically and later moved to Hyderabad without money. He survived hostel life, worked as a laborer, and took tuition classes while studying Mechanical Engineering at Osmania University. His brilliance earned him admission to IIT Delhi for Production Engineering.

In 1977, Ramulu travelled to the United States and completed his PhD at the University of Washington. He later became a globally respected professor, researcher, and aero-

space engineering expert. His contributions to advanced manufacturing and aerospace technologies associated with Boeing brought him worldwide recognition. Former U.S. President George W. Bush honored him at the White House with a prestigious award. Today, Professor Ramulu supports poor students and educational initiatives in Telangana, inspiring youth to overcome hardship through education and courage.

Spiritual Transformation Through Guru Sannidhya

Sankalpa Siddhi Deeksha" Advanced Yoga Gurukul Camp to be Held at Amrutha Vanam Near Chityal

CHITYAL
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In an inspiring initiative aimed at spiritual awakening and inner transformation, the "Sankalpa Kriya Yoga" team is organizing a five-day advanced spiritual training camp titled "Sankalpa Siddhi Deeksha" from June 3 to June 7 at the serene and spiritually vibrant Amruthavanam, near Chityal. The special Gurukul-style residential program is exclusively designed for seekers and practitioners who previously partici-

pated in the free Sankalpa Kriya Yoga training sessions. The camp offers a rare opportunity to experience deep spiritual practices directly under the guidance and divine presence of Gururji. Organizers stated that the course focuses on complete purification of the mind and body while enhancing spiritual energies through powerful yogic and meditative techniques. Participants will receive direct instruction in advanced practices such as Samadhi meditation training, Yoga Nidra, Soham meditation, chakra

activation kriyas, samskara purification processes, and several unique spiritual exercises personally guided by Gururji. In today's fast-paced and stressful lifestyle, such spiritual programs are becoming increasingly important for achieving mental peace, emotional balance, and inner strength. The five-day immersive experience in Guru Sannidhya is expected to help participants reconnect with themselves and discover higher levels of awareness and positivity. The organizers empha-

sized that this advanced course is highly beneficial not only for spiritual growth but also for achieving success, clarity, discipline, and confidence in personal life. Since accommodation and food arrangements are being made within the Gurukul campus, interested participants are requested to register in advance by paying the prescribed fee. As only limited seats are available, seekers are encouraged to utilize this sacred opportunity to transform their lives through spiritual practice and divine guidance.

New Kalyana Chalukya-Era Inscription Discovered At Lakkundi

A new stone inscription belonging to the Kalyana Chalukya period has been discovered at Katihah in the historic town of Lakkundi, throwing fresh light on the administrative and religious history of the 12th century. The inscription, written in Kannada language and script, is a fragmentary record consisting of 13 lines. Preliminary study by experts has identified it as belonging to the reign of Chalukya emperor Jagadekamalla II, who ruled between 1139 CE and 1149 CE. The inscription carries references to the Chalukya royal eulogy and points to the reign of Jagadekamalla II. It contains references to administrative regions such as Kuntalanadu and Masavadi. The inscription also praises a Mahamandaleshwara, a feudatory chief serving under Jagadekamalla II, though his name is not available as portions of the inscription are damaged and missing. The inscription begins with an invocation to Lord Shiva and thus it is likely to be related to a land grant made to a Shaivite temple.

Quad Foreign Ministers Meet In New Delhi To Discuss Indo-Pacific Cooperation

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The foreign ministers of Australia, India, Japan and the United States, also known as the Quad, are meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday on how to strengthen their co-operation in the Indo-Pacific and common concerns about China's growing influence in the region. The meeting brings together India's Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi and Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong. India's foreign ministry said the ministers would discuss recent developments in the Indo-Pacific. The



Pacific and ways to advance cooperation among their nations. The leaders are also expected to discuss the Iran war and halted energy shipments through the Strait of Hormuz. The four nations make up the Quad group, a key strategic partnership for cooperation on maritime security, supply chains and regional strategy as China expands its military and economic influence in the Indo-Pacific. The

Quad has repeatedly accused China of flexing its military muscles in the South China Sea and aggressively pushing its maritime territorial claims. Beijing maintains that its military is purely defensive to protect what it says are China's sovereign rights and calls the Quad an attempt to contain its economic growth and influence. The meeting comes days after U.S. President Donald Trump visited China, a trip

closely watched in New Delhi for signs of any shift in Washington's approach toward Beijing. Rubio, who arrived in India on Saturday, said that Washington wants the Quad to move beyond being a dialogue platform and take more concrete action on issues including maritime security and critical minerals. He also said officials were working toward a summit of the four leaders later this year, although no date has been announced. The four countries had hoped to hold a leaders' summit in India last year, but the plan was delayed because of strains in U.S.-India relations, including disagreements over tariffs..

Kerala CMVD Satheesan Holds First Official Meeting with PM Modi

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Kerala Chief Minister VD Satheesan on Tuesday held his first official meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi after assuming office earlier this month. During the meeting, Satheesan presented the Prime Minister with a wooden figurine depicting a Kathakali dancer, symbolising Kerala's rich cultural heritage. The meeting comes days after the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) returned to power in Kerala after a gap of 10 years. Satheesan took oath as the state's 13th Chief Minister on May 18 at a ceremony held at the Central Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram. Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered the oath of office and secrecy to Satheesan and his coun-



cil of ministers in the presence of supporters, party workers and political leaders. Along with the Chief Minister, 20 ministers were sworn in, including 14 first-time ministers, two women ministers and two representatives from the Scheduled Caste community. The Congress secured 11 ministerial berths in the new cabinet, while ally Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) received five portfolios. Other allies, including Kerala Congress factions, the Revolutionary Socialist Party and the Communist Marxist Party, were also repre-

sented in the ministry. The UDF recorded a decisive victory in the Assembly elections held on April 9. Results declared on May 4 showed the alliance winning 102 seats in the 140-member Assembly, while the Left Democratic Front (LDF) secured 35 seats and the BJP won three seats. Earlier this month, the Kerala government announced portfolio allocations for the new cabinet. Chief Minister Satheesan retained major departments, including Finance, Law, Ports, Airports, Railways, Metro Rail and Pollution Control.

Clashes Erupt After SFI Wins Kerala University Union Polls

NEW DELHI
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Clashes have erupted in the state capital after the results of the Kerala University Union elections were announced, with SFI leaders alleging that KSU activists attacked a victory procession taken out by the Left student outfit after its sweeping win in the polls, police said on Tuesday. The confrontation began during the SFI celebration march near the university area on Monday night. According to SFI leaders, KSU workers allegedly hurled stones at the procession and damaged a police vehicle. However, police alleged that SFI activists threw stones and sticks at KSU workers, while around 20 KSU activists reportedly retaliated by throwing stones back. Registering an FIR against 10 identifiable SFI workers and 40 others, police alleged that during the stone-pelting carried out by SFI activists, the left arm



bone of an SHO was fractured near the elbow, while other police personnel also sustained injuries. They were shifted to various hospitals. As tensions escalated and clashes spread onto the streets, police used water cannons and carried out a lathi charge to disperse the crowd. The Students' Federation of India (SFI), the student wing of the CPI(M), retained its dominance in the Kerala University Union by winning 35 of the 37 seats. The Kerala Students Union (KSU), the student outfit of the Congress, won two seats in the election. The celebrations later split outside the campus

and turned tense, prompting a heavy police presence in the area. Rajya Sabha MP and DYFI leader A A Rahim, who reached the spot after the clashes, alleged that KSU activists carried out a "planned attack" after the SFI procession had ended peacefully and media personnel had left the area. He claimed that several SFI workers, including women activists, were injured in the stone-pelting. Rahim also criticised the police action, alleging that officers used force against SFI protesters who were staging a sit-in on the road instead of taking action against those responsible

for the violence. Police said repeated warnings were issued asking the protesters to disperse, but the SFI activists allegedly refused to leave. Following this, tear gas and water cannons were used against them. Police alleged that SFI activists damaged the front windscreen of a police vehicle by pelting stones, causing an estimated loss of around Rs 30,000 to the Kerala government. The protesters blocked the road, following which a lathi charge using "necessary force" was carried out to disperse them, police said. The accused are also alleged to have obstructed police personnel from carrying out their lawful duties and to have continued the protest till around 11.30 pm. Police further alleged that the protesters used stones and pieces of wood in their possession to attack police officers and acted together with a common intention, thereby committing offences.

Himanta Biswa Sarma Urges Restraint on Cow Slaughter, Economic Growth

GUWAHATI
Wakeup telangana

Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who on Tuesday reaffirmed the commitment of his government to make Assam a Rs 10 lakh crore economy, urged people to refrain cow sacrifice on the eve of Eid al-Adha (Bakrid) saying no religious scripture makes it compulsory. Participating in the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address in the state assembly, Mr Sarma



said that some Bengali Muslim organisations in Assam had decided not to use cows for sacrifice this Eid, "respecting the sentiments of the Hindu community". "This indicates a new era and presents a clear direction for the future before us," the chief minister

said, while thanking the Muslim community in Assam for what he described as a thoughtful step towards communal harmony. Pointing out that the decision, if implemented widely, would have a deep impact on the Hindu community and strengthen peaceful coexistence in the state, he said, "We have always wanted people in Assam to live together peacefully, and this step will definitely take that spirit forward." The chief minister reiter-

ated that those who had not yet made a decision to draw inspiration from others should refrain from using cows for sacrifice this time. "Many people have already taken this decision," he said. Referring that the Uniform Civil Code Bill, introduced in the state assembly, would provide social security to men and women from minority communities, Mr Sarma flagged that Assam's GDP had risen to Rs 8.71 lakh crore over the last five years.

Piyush Goyal, Mark Carney Discuss Boosting India-Canada Ties

NEW DELHI
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India and Canada signalled renewed momentum in bilateral trade negotiations, with Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney highlighting progress towards a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). In a post on X on Monday (local time), Goyal said he met Carney and conveyed greetings from Prime Minister Narendra Modi while discussing ways to strengthen ties between



the two countries. "Called on the Prime Minister of Canada, Mark J Carney, and conveyed warm greetings from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Fondly recalled his recent visit to India, which has imparted fresh momentum and renewed confidence to the India-Canada partnership,"

Goyal said. He added, "We had forward-looking discussions on further deepening bilateral co-operation and expressed optimism towards the early conclusion of the India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which would unlock new avenues of growth and prosperity for both nations." Goyal's remarks came in response to Carney's post on X, in which the Canadian Prime Minister described the proposed trade pact as "a game changer" for Canadian businesses and workers. "We're ne-

gotiating a free trade deal with India. This will be a game changer for Canadian workers and businesses -- unlocking a massive new market," Carney posted. He added that both countries were moving quickly in negotiations and exploring opportunities in sectors such as energy, agri-food, technology and education. "We're working fast -- I met Minister @Piyush-Goyal to review our progress so far and explore the opportunities ahead for both our countries in energy, agri-food, tech, and education," Carney said.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Congress High.....

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Congress general secretary KC Venugopal, Rajya Sabha MP Randeep Surjewala and Congress leader Sachin Pilot were also present for the discussions. "No one has any information about it. It could be about the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections, MLC elections... There could be a cabinet reshuffle as well... Only Rahul Gandhi knows about it," Patil said. Karnataka MLC A Puttarangashetty said the decision on leadership rested with the party high command and described himself as a "disciple of Siddaramaiah". "Whether it will happen or

not is a matter at the high command level. Since the beginning, I have been a disciple of Siddaramaiah. Siddaramaiah is the CM now. No change. But we don't know yet; we have to see what happens in the future," he said. According to Congress sources, clarity regarding the Chief Minister's position is expected within the next two to three days. Sources also said discussions are likely to cover several other issues, including Rajya Sabha elections, a possible cabinet reshuffle and MLC polls. Earlier, Siddaramaiah told reporters he was invited to the meeting but was unaware of the agenda. "The high command called me, so I have come. I don't know the subject matter of the meeting. Venugopal

ji invited me for the meeting, and I have come," he said after arriving in New Delhi.

US Conducts 'Self...

The statement also appeared to confirm a New York Times report that Iran has agreed in principle to give up its stockpile of highly enriched uranium under a US-led framework aimed at reducing regional tensions. The move reportedly addresses a major sticking point in negotiations, as CNN had earlier reported disagreements over "language on Iran's nuclear programme and the lifting of sanctions" had slowed efforts to finalise a broader agreement between Tehran and Washington. Earlier, Trump asserted that any future accord with

Tehran would only proceed if it was a "great and meaningful" deal, warning that the US would walk away otherwise. Iran, meanwhile, indicated that progress had been made on several issues but expressed concern over Washington's shifting positions during the talks. Esmail Qaebani, spokesperson for Iran's Foreign Ministry, said, "It is correct that we have reached conclusions on a large portion of the discussion topics, but to say that this means the signing of an imminent agreement is something no one can claim. The frequent changes in the positions of American officials complicate every negotiation."

India, US Finalize.....

"The groundwork was laid for this

on February 4 when you joined us at the Critical Minerals Forum that we hosted in Washington DC," he said, adding it gained momentum after India signed on to Pax Silica. "Today, because we both have a strategic and shared interest in the fact that vibrant innovation economies such as ours cannot afford to leave the foundational materials of these industries vulnerable to single source monopoly that could deny us these things, not just in a time of conflict, but as a leverage point contrary to our sovereign national interests," he said. "I'm glad we were able to sign this because in addition to being an important document and important agreement, it brings a tangible example of the strategic partnership between the US and India," he

said. The Pax Silica initiative was launched in December to build a secure, resilient, and innovation-driven supply chain for critical minerals and artificial intelligence (AI).

IYC Launches.....

Chib said the movement would continue both online and on the ground through protests and mobilisation by the Youth Congress workers across the country. In a statement, the youth wing of the Congress party alleged that young people raising concerns over unemployment and alleged institutional failures were being 'labelled anti-national, jailed, intimidated and silenced'. "If demanding jobs, justice and accountability make India's youth cockroaches.

CRIME

Vikarabad Revenue Employees Allege Injustice in Transfers.G Vijayender, President, Vikarabad District, TESRA

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Usha Sree



Demand Reduction of Service Requirement from Three Years to Two Years-Telangana — Revenue employees in Vikarabad District are expressing serious dissatisfaction over the latest government transfer guidelines, alleging that the rules are causing injustice to district employees, particularly those working in the Revenue Department. According to the transfer guidelines issued by the government last month, only employees who completed three years of service at one station as of January 1, 2026, are eligible to apply for transfers. Additionally, employees who completed four years of service at the same station by December 31, 2025, are mandatorily liable for transfer. Employee unions argue that this condition is creating severe hardship for district-level staff. Revenue employees from Vikarabad

district are demanding that the government reduce the minimum service requirement from three years to two years. They claim that the present rules are affecting career opportunities and preventing fair transfers to neighboring districts such as Ranga Reddy District, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad and Sangareddy District. Employee unions allege that Vikarabad district employees are facing discrimination in the transfer process. They point out that while employees from other districts are being transferred into Vikarabad, local employees are not being given opportunities to move into other districts under the Charminar Zone. The issue has re-

portedly become a major concern among district revenue staff. Speaking on the matter, District TRASA President G. Vijayender stated that the district should be treated as a "station" for transfer purposes and transfers should be implemented accordingly. He alleged that zonal posts such as Nayab Tahsildars, Senior Assistants, and Gir-dawars are being denied transfer opportunities on technical grounds related to station tenure. He further explained that, in practice, revenue employees generally do not remain in one station for more than two years, as district collectors frequently make administrative transfers based on departmental requirements.

However, the present rules are allegedly being used to block transfers from Vikarabad district to Ranga Reddy, Medchal, Hyderabad and other neighboring districts. Employee unions claim that during transfers conducted over the last two years, more than 40 employees from Vikarabad district were shifted only to Hyderabad district, while employees from Ranga Reddy and Medchal districts were not transferred into those positions. They allege that this has resulted in imbalance and injustice toward Vikarabad district employees. The unions are now demanding that senior officials in the CCLA office and the state government intervene immediately and ensure justice to the revenue employees of Vikarabad district. They are also urging the government led by A. Revanth Reddy to respond positively to their concerns and amend the transfer policy in the interest of district employees.

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?

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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.

SC Refuses Urgent Hearing of PIL Seeking Complete Ban on Cow Slaughter

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to grant urgent hearing of a PIL seeking effective implementation of the law imposing a complete ban on cow slaughter ahead of Bakrid. "You remembered this a day before. No urgency. Thanks," said a bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi. Advocate Barun Kumar Sinha

mentioned the matter before the bench seeking urgent hearing. "Day after tomorrow is Bakrid. This is a plea to seek implementation of anti-cow slaughter law. If this can be listed tomorrow," Sinha said. The plea, filed by Satish Kumar Aggarwal, former vice-president of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha, seeks directions to enforce anti-slaughter laws to protect the cow and its progeny from slaughter. It also wants a direction to state governments to notify guidelines for regulating slaughterhouses in each and every state in accordance with law.

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Chain-Snatching Bid on Woman Foiled in Kompally

An alert resident foiled the attempts of a person to snatch a gold chain from a woman at Jayabheri Colony in Kompally.

The accused entered an oil shop on the pretext of a customer and tried to snatch gold from a woman sitting inside. When she raised an alarm, local residents rushed to her rescue and caught hold of the accused. The residents assaulted the accused before handing him over to the police, who booked a case and took up investigation.

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

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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 Police Warn Public Against Online Astrology & Tantra Frauds

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Srirangam Venkatesh



Cyberabad Cyber Crime Police have warned the public against rising online frauds being carried out in the name of astrology, tantra services, love problem solutions, business growth, and family dispute resolutions through social media platforms like Instagram, WhatsApp, and Facebook. According to police, cyber fraudsters are attracting people with advertisements promising

solutions for personal, financial, relationship, and health-related problems. Initially, they demand small amounts for services and later extort larger sums by giving various excuses. Police said that when victims stop payments or

block the fraudsters, the accused begin threatening them through WhatsApp calls and messages, claiming they would harm family members or leak personal information and photos on social media. Cyber criminals are reportedly using fake social

media accounts, fake photos, fabricated reviews, and multiple bank accounts to cheat innocent people. In several cases, the same gang is operating under different names to mentally harass victims. Police advised citizens not to trust online advertisements related to astrology, tantra, vashikaran, or instant problem-solving services. People were also asked not to share personal details, bank information, OTPs, or UPI PINs with unknown persons.



"Abhi Toh Yeh Trailer Hai"

Top Market Voice Sounds Alarm On India's White-Collar Jobs

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India's white-collar workforce is staring at a potential bloodbath as AI rapidly moves from experiment to execution, according to Saurabh Mukherjea, who warned that millions of jobs could disappear as companies race to automate work once done by humans. Speaking on a podcast, the founder of Marcellus Investment Managers pointed to projections tied to a report from US software giant ServiceNow suggesting that as many as 18 million Indian jobs could be affected by AI automation by 2030, while only about 3 million new tech jobs may emerge in their place. Mukherjea framed the numbers as a potential net loss of 15 million jobs.



ServiceNow's own language, however, describes many of those roles as being "redefined" or transformed by AI rather than entirely eliminated. Still, Mukherjea argued the disruption could be severe and far more immediate than most workers expect. "Abhi toh yeh trailer hai. Yeh shuruat hai," Mukherjea warned, saying the layoffs currently rippling through the technology sector are only an early glimpse of what happens once AI systems become capable of performing

digital work at near-human levels. According to Mukherjea, AI has already reached roughly 50% human reliability across a range of coding related tasks. Within the next two to three years, he believes those systems could hit 90% or even 100% reliability across large sections of tech work. "That's when the big threat to AI jobs will come," he said. The shift is being fueled by an unprecedented wave of AI spending from hyperscalers including Mi-

crosoft, Amazon, Alphabet, Apple and Anthropic. Mukherjea claims those firms have collectively doubled AI capital expenditure in just the last 12 months, pouring roughly \$800 billion into AI infrastructure, chips, data centers and large language model training. "That's 25% of Indian GDP," he noted. What has changed dramatically in recent months, he argued, is that hyperscalers are finally beginning to see explosive revenue growth from those investments. "I think tipping point aa gaya," Mukherjea said, pointing to exponential AI revenue growth over the last three to four months. He cited Anthropic as a key example, claiming enterprise revenue tied to its Claude AI platform surged from roughly \$1 billion in early 2025 to

nearly \$30 billion in annualized run rate revenue within just 15 months. "That's economies of scale. That's takeoff. That's tipping point," Mukherjea said. The result, he warned, is that hyperscalers now have even greater incentive to automate aggressively and cut labor costs faster. An EY survey cited by Mukherjea found that 58% of Global Capability Centers in India are already investing in agentic AI while over 80% are investing in generative AI. The same survey showed that 24% of tasks inside GCCs are already fully automatable and another 42% can be significantly augmented by AI systems. "If I was running a GCC, those 24% tasks which are fully automatable, I would immediately say there should be no human.

Marico Launches Parachute Advanced Protein Shampoo

HYDERABAD
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Marico Limited has entered India's fast-growing hair cleansing market with the launch of Parachute Advanced Protein Shampoo, marking one of the company's biggest category expansions in recent years. The new range strengthens Marico's innovation-driven strategy and aims to capture a larger share of the country's ₹10,000-crore shampoo segment. The shampoo range is built around the goodness of coconut milk and natural ingredients, extending the trusted Parachute Advanced brand beyond traditional hair oils. The company said the products are designed to prevent protein loss in hair while addressing consumer demand for nature-based personal care solutions. Marico India Core Business



CEO Ashish Goupal described the launch as a strategic step to leverage Parachute Advanced's strong coconut equity in the rapidly growing shampoo category, which is witnessing annual growth of 9-10 percent. He added that the company sees long-term potential in the segment following encouraging initial consumer response. The portfolio includes eight variants targeting concerns such as hair fall control, shine, and damage repair. Ingredients across the range include aloe vera, rosemary, amla, shikakai, and almond. The

lead variant combines coconut milk and aloe vera for damage repair benefits. Marico has launched the products in multiple pack sizes, including sachets priced at Re.1 to drive mass trials and penetration. The shampoos will be available through general trade, modern retail, and e-commerce channels in sizes ranging from 80ml to 1.2L. The company said the shampoo business is expected to become a key growth driver for the Parachute Advanced brand in the coming years.

SpaceX IPO Buzz Grows, But History Of Big Listings Warns Investors

NEW DELHI
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Wall Street is abuzz with next month's expected blockbuster debut of Elon Musk's rocket and satellite maker SpaceX, but few of the biggest IPOs in recent years have paid off for investors who bought in when the deals came to market. A Reuters analysis of the 50 IPOs with the highest valuations in the past five years shows that investors would have been

better off buying an S&P 500 index fund about three-quarters of the time. The data underscores the difficulty of finding bargains among companies whose valuations have often surged long before the stock's debut. An investor who bought each of the IPOs tracked by Reuters would be up an average of 27 per cent through May 21. That compares to an average gain of 53 per cent in the S&P 500 over those same periods. The analy-

sis assumes the buyer would be able to purchase shares at the IPO price -- often not possible for a retail investor -- or simply buy the broad-market S&P. Historical returns for investors buying during the frenzied first day of trading of a stock fare even worse, the analysis showed. "It's difficult to make money unless you're in the early stages of these things and buying these things before the IPO," said Dennis Dick, a proprietary

trader at Triple D Trading. SpaceX's debut is expected to be followed by OpenAI and Anthropic, tapping into demand for AI-related companies that has sent the US stock market to record highs. Set to trade under the ticker 'SPCX', SpaceX filed its prospectus on Wednesday, with a share sale potentially as early as June 11. Founder Elon Musk is making some shares available to retail investors through Robin-

hood, SoFi and other trading platforms that would allow them to get in at a lower price. The space exploration company is expected to target a \$1.75 trillion valuation that would dwarf all previous Wall Street stock listings, but the Reuters analysis shows that such superlatives are no guarantee investors will make money. University of Florida professor Jay Ritter, who studies IPOs, said that while most public list-

ings underperform the S&P 500 over the long run, companies with particularly high valuations as measured by price-to-sales tend to fare the worst. At a \$1.75 trillion valuation, SpaceX's price-to-sales ratio would be nearly 100, compared to AI heavyweight Nvidia's price-to-sales ratio of 24. SpaceX lost nearly \$5 billion last year. "Every one of these companies where investors are willing to pay a very high price-to-sales ratio

has a compelling story for why the future potentially can be really bright," Ritter said. "But, you know, stuff could go wrong." Among the IPOs analysed, AI-related chip designers Astera Labs and Arm Holdings have been the biggest winners. Astera has surged over 700 per cent since its 2024 IPO, while Arm has soared about 400 per cent since its 2023 debut. Both of those performances outpace the S&P. Cerebras Systems, another AI chip designer,

soared 52 per cent from its May 14 IPO price; it is down around 27 per cent from its first intraday high. Among the biggest disappointments in recent years, Chinese ride-hailing giant Didi Global was delisted from the New York Stock Exchange in 2022 following its heavily oversubscribed IPO the year before. Now trading over-the-counter, Didi Global shares are down about 74 per cent from their \$14 IPO price.

HCLTech Warns 43% Enterprise AI Projects May Fail

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Global technology giant HCLTech has warned that nearly 43% of large-scale enterprise AI initiatives could fail as companies struggle to deliver results within shrinking timelines. The findings were revealed in the company's latest "AI Impact Imperatives 2026" report based on a survey of 467 senior executives from enterprises with over \$1 billion in annual revenue. The report said AI adoption has rapidly expanded across software engineering, IT operations and business functions, but organizations are finding it difficult to convert AI ambitions into consistent enterprise-wide outcomes. Nearly half of business leaders expect measurable returns on AI investments within 18 months, increasing pressure on organizations to execute faster while simultaneously transforming internal systems and workflows. According to the study,

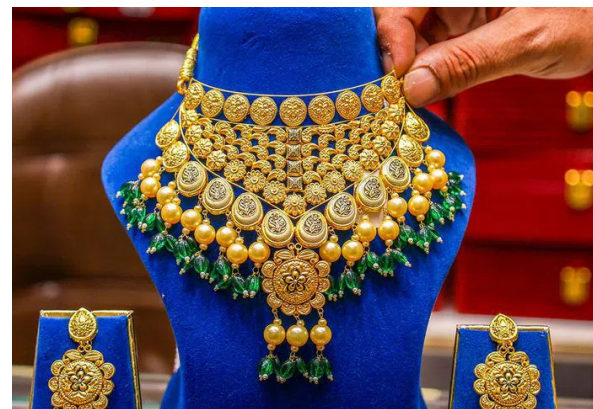
scaling AI is exposing weaknesses in enterprise application systems, data environments and operating models that were never designed for autonomous and continuously learning technologies. The report also highlighted growing interest in Agentic AI and Physical AI applications across manufacturing, engineering and operations, though concerns around reliability, accountability and oversight remain significant. A major concern identified in the report is inadequate change management. Many organizations are deploying AI tools without properly preparing employees to work alongside them, making workforce readiness a key execution risk. Vijay Guntur, CTO and Head of Ecosystems at HCLTech, said AI has evolved from a technology initiative into a core enterprise operating reality, requiring stronger leadership alignment, people readiness and organizational trust to ensure long-term success.

Gold, silver trade lower amid renewed West Asia tensions

Gold and silver prices fell in Mumbai after US strikes on Iran, with gold futures dropping 0.61% to ₹1,58,110 and silver sliding nearly 2% to ₹2,71,972. Analysts cited geopolitical tensions, safe-haven demand, and technical resistance levels influencing trade

NEW DELHI
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Gold and silver prices traded lower on Tuesday, declining up to nearly 2 per cent after the US military launched fresh strikes on southern Iran. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold futures (June 5) were trading 0.61 per cent or Rs 971 lower at Rs 1,58,110 at around 10.25 am. The yellow metal touched an intraday low of Rs 1,58,000, down 0.67 per cent or over Rs 1,000 from the previous close of Rs 1,59,081. It also recorded an intraday high of Rs 1,58,789, down 0.18 per cent or Rs 292. On the other hand, silver futures (July 3) also witnessed selling pressure, slipping nearly 2 per cent or over Rs 5,000 to hit an intraday low of Rs 2,71,972 so far. At the last count, the white metal was trading at Rs



2,72,008, down 1.7 per cent or Rs 4,708. It recorded an intraday high of Rs 2,74,727, still lower by 0.71 per cent or Rs 1,989. On the commodity exchange, silver and gold earlier opened at Rs 2,74,727 and Rs 1,58,789, respectively. The selling pressure in the precious metals came after the US military launched fresh strikes in southern Iran and targeted missile sites and boats allegedly attempting to lay mines. Washington described it as a 'self-defence' operation.

The attacks came even as senior Iranian negotiators were in Doha for talks with Qatar's prime minister on a possible agreement to end the three-month-long conflict involving the US and Israel. According to commodity market experts, MCX gold opened with a mild gap down and continued to trade above the Rs 1,58,000 mark, indicating a cautious undertone in price action. "Immediate resistance is placed in the Rs 1,59,000-Rs 1,59,500 range, while a sustained move above this zone

could push prices towards the Rs 1,60,000-Rs 1,60,500 levels," they said, adding that on the downside, a break below Rs 1,58,000-Rs 1,57,500 may extend weakness towards the Rs 1,56,000-Rs 1,55,000 zone. For silver, they said that MCX silver was holding above the Rs 2,73,000 mark, with resistance seen near Rs 2,75,000. A sustained breakout above the level could support recovery towards Rs 2,77,000-Rs 2,78,000, while support is placed around Rs 2,72,000. "Safe-haven demand and geopolitical developments continue to influence the direction of precious metals," the experts noted. Meanwhile, global crude oil prices rebounded, with international benchmark Brent crude rising 1 per cent to \$98 a barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude gained more than 3 per cent to nearly \$94.

Stock Markets Recover From Early Losses To Trade Flat

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Market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty were trading flat after falling in early trade on Tuesday amid mixed trend in Asian equities and a rise in crude oil prices. The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 264.82 points to 76,224.14 in opening trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty dipped 27.6 points to 24,004.10. However, later both the benchmark indices rebounded and were trading marginally higher. The BSE benchmark traded 44.43 points up at 76,521.93, and the Nifty quoted 17.20 points higher at 24,048.85. From the 30-Sensex firms, Eternal, Infosys, State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Bharat Electronics and Maruti were among the major winners. Sun Pharma, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Trent and Titan were among the laggards. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, traded 1.90 per cent higher at USD 97.97 per barrel. US President Donald Trump on Monday said negotiations with Iran to end the war

were progressing "nicely", but officials pointed out that a final decision may take some time due to the complex communication networks Tehran deploys to consult with its supreme leader. In Asian markets, South Korea's benchmark Kospi and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index traded higher, while Japan's Nikkei 225 index and Shanghai's SSE Composite index quoted lower. US markets were closed on Monday for Memorial Day. "Even though negotiations are continuing for an end to the West Asia crisis there are no indications of an imminent end to the conflict. The 'self defence' strikes by the US in Southern Iran has come as a dampener to the ongoing negotiations. But this is not viewed by the markets as the beginning of another round of military strikes. That's why Brent crude remains around USD 98 having fallen more than 20 per cent from the peak," VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said.

BTS Goes Fully Global After AMA 2026

The 52nd American Music Awards, 2026, which was held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas and hosted by Queen Latifah, clearly reflected how rapidly pop culture is evolving. The biggest headline of the night was undeniably BTS, as the group made a massive comeback by winning the Artist of the Year for the second time in their career, along with Song of the Summer with SWIM, the Billboard Hot 100 topping lead single from their recent album ARIRANG. They also bagged the Best Male K-pop Artist award, proving their fanbase remains one of the strongest cultural forces in the industry.

The AMAs were equally defined by the rise of a newer generation. Forbes highlighted the breakout dominance of KATSEYE, as they swept all three of their nominations, including New Artist of the Year. During one emotional acceptance speech, the group thanked BTS for "paving the way," a moment that instantly became one of the ceremony's most talked-about clips online. Sabrina Carpenter solidified her position as full-fledged



pop powerhouse, as her album Man's Best Friend won Album of the Year, while also securing Best Female Pop Artist and Best Pop Album. The wins confirmed that Carpenter is no longer merely having a "breakout year", rather she is now one of the defining faces of mainstream pop. Meanwhile, the cultural impact of Netflix's Kpop Demon Hunters continues to shine through, as the main theme song "Golden", performed by EJAE, Audrey Nuna and Rei Ami, won Song of the Year and Best Pop Song. Forbes described it as yet another milestone in the expanding crossover between animation, streaming cul-

ture and mainstream pop music. Indie artist Sombr quietly emerged as one of the ceremony's biggest success stories with three awards, including Best Rock/Alternative Song for "Back to Friends." The victories reflected how alternative and internet-driven artists are increasingly competing on equal footing with chart giants.

This year's AMAs saw a good mix of the expected and the unexpected, as the internet sensation Zara Larsson won the Breakthrough Album of the Year and her collaboration with Pink Panthe-ress on the song "Stateside", which took the internet by storm, secured the Collaboration of

the Year. Despite entering the ceremony with the highest number of nominations, Taylor Swift surprisingly left without a win. The ceremony also leaned heavily into nostalgia. Reunions and throwback performances from acts like Black Eyed Peas, The Pussycat Dolls and New Kids on the Block gave the night an almost early-2000s atmosphere, while rock icon Billy Idol received the Lifetime Achievement Award. The 2026 AMAs ultimately felt less like an American music ceremony and more like a preview of where pop culture is heading next, at the centre of which, stood BTS, not just as winners.

Veteran Actor Ramakant Daima Dies at 69

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The entertainment industry is mourning the loss of veteran actor Ramakant Daayama, who passed away at the age of 69 on May 26, 2026, following a prolonged illness. The news of his demise was shared by actor and close friend Shubhangi Latkar through an emotional social media tribute. Remembered for his work across films, television, theatre, and digital platforms, Daayama was widely respected for bringing authenticity and emotional depth to character-driven performances. He was known for his roles in 'Chak De! India', 'Dhanak', and the acclaimed web series 'Scam 1992: The Harshad Mehta Story'. In her heartfelt note, Latkar described the late actor as "a truly beautiful soul" and someone she deeply admired both personally and professionally. "Today, we lost a truly beautiful soul... and I am simply speechless," she wrote, adding, "Ramakant Daima was not just a dear friend and family friend to me, but someone I deeply admired and respected." Recalling his personality and artistic spirit, she added, "Full of life, warmth, and energy. He truly knew how to



enjoy life despite every challenge. A spontaneous dancer, a soulful singer, a brilliant actor, and for me, a wise advisor whose words always carried meaning." Latkar also reflected on Daima's resilience during his prolonged health struggles. "He may have looked tiny in appearance, but he was one of the strongest and most courageous people I have known," she wrote.

The actor further revealed that the two had been planning to collaborate again on a Hindi play and a stage presentation of poetry. "We had so many unfinished plans. After years, I had truly wished to work with him again. We had decided to do a beautiful Hindi play together. When I requested him, he smiled and said, 'Let me get well soon.' We had even planned to present selected beautiful poems together on

stage. That dream, too, now remains unfinished," she wrote. Concluding her tribute, Latkar wrote, "Some losses leave behind a silence that words fail to express. Today feels like one of those days. You will be deeply missed, Ramakant ji. Your warmth, your courage, your art, and your beautiful spirit will always remain alive in our hearts. May your soul rest in peace." Daayama most recently appeared in the award-winning short film 'Thursday Special' alongside Anubha Fatehpuria. The film was presented by acclaimed filmmakers Shoojit Sircar and Vikramaditya Motwane. The actor was the father of actor and digital creator Yashaswini Daayama, recognised for her performances in 'Dear Zindagi' and the web series 'Adulging.'

Travis Head's Wife Faces Online Abuse Over Virat-Travis Spat

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What began as an intense on-field rivalry between Virat Kohli and Travis Head during IPL 2026 after the Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Sunrisers Hyderabad match has now turned into a full-fledged social media controversy, with reports emerging that abusive messages and online hate were directed at Head's wife, Jessica. The incident, which initially seemed like another heated cricketing moment meant to remain only to the ground, quickly escalated after clips of a reportedly cold post-match interaction between the two players went viral across social media platforms.

The controversy traces back to the high-voltage IPL clash where tensions between Kohli and Head were visibly intense on the field. Fans began dissecting every moment, from aggressive celebrations and verbal exchanges to what many called a "handshake snub" after the match. Social media users amplified slowed-down clips and screenshots, fuelling spec-



ulation that the two players were involved in a serious argument. The issue gained further attention because Head has repeatedly been at the centre of heartbreak for Indian fans, particularly after his match-winning performances against India in major ICC tournaments, including the 2023 ODI World Cup final where Travis Head performed match winning knocks for his country.

As the clips spread online, fan wars between supporters of both cricketers intensified. Soon, the discussion moved beyond cricket, with trolls targeting Head and eventually his family members. Reports claim Jessica Head received hateful comments, abusive direct messages and "Rape Threats" on social media, forcing many within the cricket community to call out the toxic side of fan-

dom culture in the country. Several users online criticized how a sporting rivalry had crossed personal boundaries. The controversy became even bigger after screenshots and reactions related to Instagram activity surrounding the players started circulating online. Fans began closely monitoring stories, follows, likes, and indirect social media interactions, adding more fuel to already-heated narratives. While neither Kohli nor Head has publicly escalated or addressed the matter themselves, the internet chaos has continued to grow with every new viral clip and fan theory. Ironically, the situation also triggered confusion online, with some users mistakenly trolling rapper Travis Scott instead of Travis Head after the controversy exploded across social media platforms.

RCB's Kohli Becomes First IPL Batter To Register Four Successive 600-Plus Run Seasons

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Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) batting icon Virat Kohli became the first Indian Premier League (IPL) in history to register four successive 600-run seasons on Tuesday. Virat achieved this milestone in the Qualifier one against the Gujarat Titans (GT), scoring a quickfire 43 in 25 balls, with five fours and a six at a strike rate of 172.00. In 15 innings this season, Virat has scored 600 runs at an average of 50.00 and a strike rate of 164.38 (his best in a season), with a century and four fifties and a best score of 105*.

After suffering a slump during the 2022-season, where he made just 341 runs in 16 matches at an average of 22.73 with



just two fifties, Virat's comeback in the IPL and reinvention as a T20 cricketer has been extraordinary, especially considering his growing age and the fact he retired from T20Is after 2024 T20 World Cup, improving his numbers season by season in

different aspects. In the 2023 season, it was a comeback, as he ended with 639 runs in 14 innings at an average of 53.25 and a strike rate of 139.82, with two centuries and six fifties. His best score was 101* and he was the fourth-highest run-

getter of the tournament. The next season saw him improve his game against spin and unleash some of his most brutal six-hitting in years. He topped the run-charts with 741 runs in 15 innings at an average of 61.75 and a strike rate of 154.69, in-

cluding a century and five fifties. He hit a total of 38 sixes in that edition, tying with his best tally of 38 sixes in the 2016 season. Last season, he was instrumental in RCB's title win, leading their batting from the front, with his excellent adaptability and tempos in different conditions. He was the third-highest run-getter in the tournament with 657 runs in 15 innings at an average of 54.75 and a strike rate of 144.71, with eight fifties. Coming to the match, GT won the toss and opted to field first. Whoever wins the match, gets a direct spot in the final, while the loser plays the winner of the eliminator (between SRH and RR) in Qualifier two for the second final spot.

SCBA Condemns Brutal Murder of Senior Advocate in Hyderabad

The Supreme Court Bar Association on Tuesday condemned the "planned, brutal, and shocking murder" of senior advocate Khaja Moizuddin in Hyderabad and sought a "fair, expeditious and thorough investigation" for bringing perpetrators to justice. Senior lawyer Khaza Moizuddin, 63, died after being allegedly run over by unidentified assailants in an SUV on May 23. The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), headed by senior advocate Vikas Singh, issued a statement, saying, "The attack resulting in the death of a member of the Bar is not merely a crime against an individual but an assault on the institution of justice itself." The resolution, signed by SCBA Secretary Pragna Baghel, said the death "clearly looks like a planned, brutal and shocking murder of the senior advocate". "The incident has deeply disturbed the legal fraternity and raises serious concerns regarding the safety and security of advocates discharging their professional duties... The legal profession forms an essential pillar of the justice delivery system, and any act of violence against advocates strikes at the very foundation of the rule of law," the statement said.

RTC driver faces action after advising Congress leaders to focus on farmers

An RTC bus driver in Jagtial was reportedly removed from duty after suggesting Congress leaders focus on paddy procurement instead of fuel price protests

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In an incident that has triggered allegations of political intolerance, a driver of a hired RTC bus in Jagtial was reportedly removed from duty after advising Congress leaders to focus on paddy procurement issues instead of protesting against the hike in fuel prices.

The incident came to light on Tuesday after Ashok, who drives a hired RTC bus attached to the Jagtial depot, was allegedly taken off duty over remarks he made during a Congress protest on Monday.

Congress leaders, including SC and ST Welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar and local MLA Dr Sanjay Kumar, had staged



a dharna near Jagtial RDO office against the increase in petrol and diesel prices. As part of the protest, party workers blocked the road, forcing vehicles to halt.

Ashok, who was driving a bus from Jagtial to Dharmapuri, was stranded at the protest site. During the delay, he reportedly remarked that Congress leaders should focus on paddy procurement and helping farmers. His comments were recorded on

mobile phones and circulated widely on social media.

Following the circulation of the video, Dharmapuri Congress mandal president C Laxman lodged a complaint with RTC officials. Subsequently, the Jagtial depot manager reportedly instructed the owner of the hired bus to withdraw Ashok from bus services.

When Ashok reported for duty on Tuesday morning, he was allegedly not assigned any work. Responding to the action against him, Ashok maintained that he had not made any objectionable remarks against any political party or leader and had merely suggested that attention should be paid to paddy procurement issues. Reacting strongly to

the development, BRS leader Gangula Kamalakar accused the Congress of misusing authority against individuals expressing their opinions. He demanded that RTC officials immediately revoke the decision and reinstate Ashok. Kamalakar warned that the BRS would stage a dharna at the Jagtial depot manager's office if the driver was not reinstated by 5 pm. Meanwhile, it is learnt that Transport Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar intervened and directed RTC officials to withdraw the action taken against the driver and restore his duties.

RTC officials are understood to have subsequently asked Ashok to resume duties after two days.

Telangana inter exam rescheduled due to holiday for Bakrid festival

In view of the holiday announced for the Bakrid festival, the Telangana Board of Intermediate Education (TGBIE) has rescheduled the Environmental Education exam for inter students in the state. Earlier, the examination was scheduled to be held on May 28. However, the board has now postponed it to May 29.

As per TGBIE, there is no change in the examination timings, and the test will continue to be conducted from 10 am to 1 pm. The board has instructed colleges to inform all students appearing for the Intermediate Public Advanced Supplementary Examinations about the revised Environmental Education exam date.

The Telangana government has declared May 28 as a holiday on the occasion of Eid-Al-Adha. As per the Telangana calendar, the government had declared the holiday on May 27. However, as the crescent moon marking the beginning of Dhul-Hijjah 1447 AH was not sighted in Hyderabad or other parts of Telangana on Sunday, May 17, the festival will be celebrated on May 28 and, accordingly, the government made changes.

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Hyderabad Emerging as Global GCC Hub: Sridhar Babu



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IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu said that Hyderabad is increasingly emerging as the preferred destination for leading global companies to establish their Global Capability Centres (GCCs), owing to its world-class infrastructure and availability of a highly skilled talent pool. He stated that the rapid growth of GCCs in Hyderabad is expected to create significant employment opportunities for IT engineers and technology professionals.

The Minister expressed happiness that Regeneron, a global biotechnology major headquartered in Tarrytown, New York, USA, has chosen Telangana to establish its first

GCC outside the United States, which he said would further enhance the state's global reputation. Regeneron's corporate headquarters and R&D operations are based in Tarrytown, New York. A delegation led by Mr. Bari Kowal, Senior Vice President of Regeneron, met the Minister at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on Tuesday. On this occasion, Bari Kowal and Telangana Life Sciences CEO Sarvesh Singh have exchanged the MOUs. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that while Regeneron already operates offices and manufacturing facilities in countries such as Ireland, the United Kingdom, Germany and the Netherlands, the Hyderabad centre will function.

Charminar, Golconda Fort now open from 6 am daily

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Falling in sync with the rest of the country, the Charminar and Golconda Fort are now open for visitors from 6 a.m. everyday. Earlier, the monuments, which are managed by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), used to open at 9 a.m.

The ASI was however allowing visitors to enter the Golconda Fort at 7 a.m. after the COVID-19 pandemic for a year or two, but eventually dis-

continued the practice. It may be noted that all ASI managed sites across India always open with sunrise. Even the Taj Mahal in Agra follows similar timings and is open for people to visit at the beginning of dawn, which helps ease the rush.

An ASI official, who did not want to be quoted, said that visitors to the Charminar are only allowed to be on the ground floor until 9 am as of now. The first floor, till where visitors are allowed generally with a

ticket, opens up only from 9 a.m. onwards. "Right now we have a few staff members who come early morning, and the rest of them come by 9 a.m. If we let people go up at 6 a.m. without supervision it may lead to some untoward incidents," he added.

In Hyderabad, the Charminar and Golconda Fort are the only two monuments operated by the ASI, while the rest, are either privately owned or run by the Telangana government. The Chowmahalla Palace and HEH

Nizams Museum are both privately owned, while other monuments like the British Residency and Qutb Shahi Tombs are run by the state government. The palace, museum and the British Residency all open by 10 a.m. only, which is quite late compared to monuments in other cities. In fact, many heritage lovers have often appealed to the state government to open monuments early in the morning during summer especially to beat the scorching heat.

HYDRAA Clears 22 Acres of Encroachments at Kokapet Lake



HYDRAA also removed road encroachments in Khaitalapur under Kukatpally mandal.

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In a major enforcement drive, the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) carried out a large-scale operation to remove encroachments at Kokapet Kotha Cheruvu in Gandipet mandal of Rangareddy district. Officials identified encroachments over nearly 22 acres within the lake's Full Tank Level (FTL) area, which spans about 72 acres. Of this, around 1.20 acres had been occupied for the development of play areas and parks

linked to a villa project, while nearly 20 acres were encroached upon by multiple construction firms through fencing and other structures. Acting on numerous complaints from local residents seeking protection of the lake, HYDRAA, along with officials from concerned departments, conducted field inspections before initiating action on Tuesday. Encroachments within the FTL limits were cleared, including removal of fencing and temporary boundary structures. Authorities are now demarcating the lake boundaries

and putting up protective fencing. In a parallel operation, HYDRAA also removed road encroachments in Khaitalapur under Kukatpally mandal. Around 1,700 square yards of road space in front of a gated community had been encroached upon. After verification, officials demolished structures including an office room and cattle sheds belonging to a construction firm. The agency stated that such drives will continue to protect public land and water bodies from illegal occupation.

Viral Video Shows Stray Dog Inside Hyderabad Airport, Sparks Outrage

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A viral video showing a stray dog roaming inside a passenger lounge at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport has sparked outrage on social media, raising concerns over passenger safety and airport hygiene standards. The incident, captured by passengers and widely circulated online, prompted sharp reactions from netizens, many questioning how a stray animal managed to enter a high-security airport zone.

Responding to the controversy, airport authorities termed it an "isolated incident" and said enhanced wildlife and stray animal control measures are already in place across the airport premises. "As part of strengthened wildlife management measures, we are working in close coordination with GHMC, the designated authority for stray dog control. GHMC teams conduct regular drives within the airport premises, and 21 stray dogs have been addressed since January 2026.

court sends man to jail for misbehaving with woman

A court in Hyderabad sentenced a 24-year-old man to five days in jail for misbehaving with a woman and creating a public nuisance. The incident took place in the area that falls under the jurisdiction of Malakpet Police Station. The accused who was identified as N. Sudheer Kumar is a resident of Shaivahan Nagar, Musarambagh in Hyderabad. According to police, the man was caught behaving inappropriately with a woman. Following the incident, Malakpet Police registered an E-Petty Case under Section 70-C of the City Police Act.



Hyderabad Traffic Police deployed special arrangements for roadside shops and vehicle parking to ensure smooth traffic movement and control congestion in busy market areas ahead of Eid-ul-Adha, as crowds gathered to purchase sacrificial animals.----Photo: Mir Zulfequar Ali

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