



Harish Rao Warns Secretariat Siege Over Job Notifications Delay: P2



Chennai Super Kings crush Mumbai Indians by eight wickets: P7

Modi Hails Buddha Relics Expo in Leh: P4



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Telangana To Clear Dues Of Retd Staff In 100 Days

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday announced four major decisions aimed at the welfare of government employees, including issuing of health cards to all employees by June 1 and clearance of ₹6,000 crore worth of pending retirement dues within 100 days. The Chief Minister also directed the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) to submit its report immediately, stating that the government was ready to take a decision on salary enhancement, and advised employee unions to meet every two months to submit reports on their issues to the government. The announcements were made during a meeting with the Telangana Employees Joint Action Committee (JAC) at his residence, where Revanth Reddy reiterated that the state government remained committed to the welfare of its employees. He acknowledged the crucial role played by gov-



ernment employees in the implementation of welfare schemes and development programmes of the Congress government. Welcoming the announcements, the Employees JAC expressed satisfaction over the government's response and announced withdrawal of dharnas scheduled for May 5 and other protest programmes. JAC chairman M. Jagadish, TEJAC chairman Lachireddy, and members including A. Srinivasa Rao, G. Srinivasa Reddy, P. Damodar Reddy, G. Sadananda Goud, V. Ravinder Reddy, V. Rajashekhar and K. Ramakrishna were present at the meeting. Revanth Reddy noted that one of the first decisions taken by the Congress government was ensuring payment of sal-

aries on the first day of every month. He added that employee unions were given the freedom to conduct their elections independently. Highlighting administrative reforms, the Chief Minister noted that teacher transfers were carried out in a planned manner without confusion or chaos. Responding positively to long-pending demands, the Chief Minister confirmed that health cards would be issued to all employees by June 1. He stated that ₹6,000 crore would be disbursed within 100 days towards retirement benefits, adding that employee unions could decide on prioritisation of fund utilisation. Revanth Reddy said that 67,760 employees had been recruited across various departments since the formation of the Congress

government. He instructed PRC officials to submit their report without delay so that a decision on pay revision could be taken at the earliest. He also suggested that employee unions hold meetings every two months and formally communicate their concerns to the government, assuring them that resolving their issues was the government's responsibility. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, speaking at the meeting, assured that all pending bills would be cleared by Telangana Formation Day on June 2, stating that dues amounting to thousands of crores had accumulated over the past decade during the BRS regime. He said the government had undertaken a comprehensive exercise to address these issues and described the initiative as a testament to its sincere commitment towards employees. He added that the Chief Minister was moving forward with a well-defined plan to resolve all pending concerns.

BRS demands rollback of GOMs 7 over fee reimbursement change

BRS opposes GOM 7, seeks rollback of direct fee reimbursement to students. T. Jeevan Reddy says it will burden students and slams Congress for failed promises and changing welfare policies.

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The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) has demanded that the Congress government withdraw GOMs 7, charging that the order would impose a financial burden on students and their families. The government recently issued the order stating that, from the 2026-27 academic year, fee reimbursement funds will be credited directly into students' bank accounts. At present, the funds are paid directly to colleges. BRS General Secretary T. Jeevan Reddy said the new system would create hardship for students who lack the means to pay fees upfront. Addressing the media on Saturday, he questioned the practicality of the move and termed it unjust. He demanded that the government withdraw the order and restore the earlier system of direct payments to colleges. He said the previous BRS government had implemented the scheme effectively even after the formation of Te-



langana. Reddy alleged that the Congress had promised to strengthen the scheme in its manifesto but had instead put students at risk. He said many students were already facing distress due to pending reimbursements, with some colleges withholding certificates. He noted that college managements had approached courts over unpaid dues, and courts had allowed them to recover fees from students' parents. Referring to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, he said the government should continue the scheme as it was introduced by former Chief Minister Y S Rajasekhara Reddy, regardless of political differences with BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao. Reddy also criticised the

government's performance in other sectors. The Chief Minister evaded the 'Rythu Bharosa' scheme for two consecutive instalments and failed to fulfil his promise of waiving farm loans up to Rs 2 lakh, he pointed out. He further alleged that the promised job calendar had been diluted. According to him, the government reduced its initial promise of two lakh jobs to 60,000 and ultimately delivered only about 17,000. Revanth Reddy had brought Congress MP Rahul Gandhi to Warangal specifically to announce the 'Farmers' Declaration'. Similarly, he brought him to Ashok Nagar to announce the 'Job Calendar', the BRS General Secretary reminded and asked, "Will Rahul Gandhi visit Ashok Nagar now?" Expressing confidence, Reddy said the BRS would return to power and that K Chandrashekar Rao would once again become Chief Minister. The Congress could face a setback similar to its defeat in the 1994 elections, he added.

Chinese Court Bans Firms from Firing Workers to Replace Them with AI



A Chinese court ruled that companies cannot terminate employees just to replace them with artificial intelligence systems, as authorities juggle the need to stabilize the domestic labor market with a global race to develop AI technologies. The court decided that a tech firm in eastern China had illegally fired one of its workers after he refused to take a demotion when his job was automated by AI, according to a statement published by the Hangzhou Intermediate People's Court. "The termination grounds cited by the company did not fall under negative circumstances such as busi-

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SC Backs EC On Counting Staff, Dismisses TMC Plea

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The Supreme Court on Saturday declined to issue further directions on a plea filed by the Trinamul Congress challenging the deployment of Central government personnel during vote counting in West Bengal. A special bench comprising Justices P.S. Narasimha and Joy-malya Bagchi upheld the framework outlined by the



Election Commission of India, stating that its April 13 circular providing for a mix of Central and state government employees in the counting process was not contrary to law. "No further orders are necessary in this case except to record the state-

ment of D.S. Naidu, appearing for the poll panel, that the Election Commission will implement the circular dated April 13 in true letter and spirit. With these clarifications, the special leave petition stands dismissed," the bench said. The court observed that the poll body has the discretion to appoint counting personnel from either the Central or state gov-

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3 DRG Jawans Killed in IED Blast During De-Mining in Chhattisgarh

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Three personnel of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) were killed and one seriously injured in an accidental Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast during a de-mining operation in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district on Saturday, officials said. According to officials, the incident occurred near the Kanker-Narayanpur boundary, where a team was dispatched from Chhotebethiya Police Sta-

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tion for de-mining, area domination, and search operations. During the operation, an IED, believed to have been planted earlier by Maoist insurgents, accidentally detonated while being neutralised. The powerful explosion left four DRG personnel injured. Three of the injured, identified as

Inspector Sukhram Vatti, Constable Krishna Komra, and Constable Sanjay Gadhale, succumbed to their injuries on the spot. Another constable, Parmanand Komra, sustained serious injuries and is currently receiving medical treatment. Bastar Range Inspector General of Police, P. Sundarraj, stated that in recent months, security forces had successfully recovered and defused hundreds of IEDs

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Iran Warns Conflict with United States 'Likely' as Talks Stall

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A senior Iranian military official has warned that a renewed conflict with the United States appears increasingly likely, amid stalled diplomatic efforts and rising tensions. Mohammad Jafar Asadi, speaking from the Khatamal-Anbiya central command, said recent developments suggest Washington cannot be trusted to honor commitments or agreements. His remarks, carried by Fars News Agency, reflect growing skepticism within

Iran's leadership over ongoing negotiations. The warning comes after Donald Trump publicly criticized Iran's latest proposal, further dampening hopes for progress in talks. Diplomatic channels between Iran and the United States have struggled in recent months, with both sides accusing each other of bad faith. Analysts fear that continued mistrust, combined with political rhetoric and regional tensions, could escalate into a broader confrontation if dialogue fails to resume effectively.

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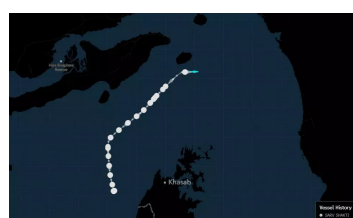
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India-Linked Tanker Laden With LPG Attempts Hormuz Exit

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An India-linked supertanker laden with liquefied petroleum gas is attempting to transit the Strait of Hormuz, a rare crossing that underscores the country's struggle to alleviate a historic energy crisis. The Marshall Islands-flagged Sarv Shakti — laden with around 45,000 tons of LPG, commonly used as cooking fuel — appeared to move northward through the waterway, toward and then past Iran's Larak and Qeshm islands on Saturday, in the direction of the Gulf of Oman, according to ship-track-

ing data. The very large gas carrier has previously made runs between the Persian Gulf and Indian ports and is broadcasting that it is heading to the country and has Indian crew, a safety measure frequently adopted by ships since the Iran war began. State-run Indian Oil Corp. was listed as the buyer of the cargo, according to a shipping document seen by Bloomberg. IOC did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment. If successful, Sarv Shakti's passage would mark the first observed passage by an India-linked tanker since a weeks-old US blockade of ships



tied to Iran began, pushing transits through Hormuz back down to nearly zero. It will also be one of the largest carriers to make the outbound crossing since a chaotic weekend last month, when the strait was briefly opened and then rapidly closed. As the world's third-largest oil importer and the second-biggest consumer of LPG, India has scrambled to fill the supply gap left by Middle East

producers. Acute shortages of the cooking fuel have triggered panic, queues and pared-down menus. New Delhi has focused on the safe passage of LPG carriers since the US and Israel began strikes on Iran at the end of February, even ordering its own ports to prioritize these tankers for berthing and discharging, while cranking up domestic production. Momentum was disrupted, however, by the April weekend when Iran initially said the thoroughfare was restored, only for its military to shoot at ships attempting to cross, forcing many to U-turn. One India-linked vessel, Afra-

max-sized crude tanker Desh Garima slipped through, though only by switching off its transponder signals. Since then, traffic has returned to a near-standstill in Hormuz. India has managed to move eight LPG vessels through Hormuz during the conflict after bilateral negotiations with Tehran, and has been working on other exits. India has also raised domestic production of LPG by 60% to 54,000 tons in order to cope. Its consumption has dropped by 10,000 tons to 80,000 tons daily, Oil Minister Hardeep Puri said Friday. Sarv Shakti entered the Persian Gulf in early February.

Harish Rao Warns Secretariat Siege Over Job Notifications Delay

BRS leader T Harish Rao has threatened to lead a mass protest at the Secretariat if the Congress government fails to release a job calendar and extend the age limit for government jobs. He accused the ruling party of betraying unemployed youth by not fulfilling its promise of issuing two lakh job notifications within a year of coming to power.

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BRS Deputy Legislative Party leader T. Harish Rao has warned that thousands of unemployed youth will lay siege to the Telangana Secretariat if the government fails to immediately release a job calendar and issue notifications for two lakh government vacancies. Addressing unemployed youth at the district library in Siddipet on Saturday, Harish Rao strongly criticized the Congress government for what he described as its failure to fulfill key electoral promises related to employment generation. He de-



mandated that the state government extend the upper age limit for government job applicants by 10 years, similar to the decision taken during the previous BRS regime. Rao alleged that despite coming to power with assurances of large-scale recruitment, the Congress government has not taken any concrete

steps even after two-and-a-half years. He accused Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, of repeatedly raising expectations among unemployed youth through public speeches and election campaigns without delivering results. He further claimed that the BRS government had

already issued notifications for two lakh jobs and successfully completed recruitment for around 1.60 lakh posts. According to him, the remaining 40,000 jobs were later filled after the Congress assumed office, but the government was allegedly claiming credit for those recruitments. The former minister also questioned the government in the Assembly, stating that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had admitted to issuing notifications for only 16,000 posts in the last two-and-a-half years. He demanded immediate release of mega DSC and teacher recruitment notifications to fill long-

pending vacancies in SC, ST, BC, and minority residential schools. Harish Rao also accused the Congress government of misleading unemployed youth with promises of welfare schemes such as mopeds for girl students and honorariums for jobless youth. He said thousands of aspirants were spending significant money and years preparing for competitive exams, yet continued to wait for recruitment notifications. He concluded by warning that the growing frustration among unemployed youth could lead to large-scale protests if the government fails to act soon.

Farmers Intensify Protests in Telangana Over Delayed Procurement

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Undeterred by scorching heat, farmers are hitting the streets and staging protests against the Congress government over the delay in procurement of their stocks. Farmers, who cultivated maize, paddy, jowar, and other crops in different districts, squatted on the roads and raised slogans against the government on Saturday. Tension prevailed in Timmakpally in Kamareddy after paddy farmers charged that officials were not procuring the stocks. It has been over three weeks since crops have been harvested and officials, for reasons better known to them, were failing to commence the pro-



curement, they charged. The farmers entered into arguments with the officials at IKP centre. They demanded the officials initiate measures for procurement and threatened to intensify their protests if their demands were not considered. At Kobhai in Adilabad, jowar and chickpeas farmers squatted on the national highway. They charged that despite repeated appeals, the officials were not

commencing the procurement and forcing them to stage protests under scorching heat. Former Minister Jogu Ramana and other BRS leaders supported the farmers' protest. Due to the protest, traffic on the Adilabad-Maharashtra route was affected severely for a considerable time. Similar scenes were witnessed at Tigarajupalle, Sangem in Warangal.

Beyond the Brochures: Are Unapproved Real Estate Ventures Putting Investors at Risk?

Mushrooming farm land projects, missing NALA permissions, and rising allegations raise serious concerns

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In recent years, the real estate sector has witnessed rapid expansion, with new ventures emerging across urban and semi-urban landscapes "like mushrooms after rain." While this growth reflects increasing demand for land and investment opportunities, it has also triggered serious concerns over regulatory compliance and investor safety. A growing number of projects, particularly those marketed as "farm land" or "weekend villa" ventures, are being promoted with attractive brochures, promising high returns and serene lifestyles. However, industry observers warn that these glossy presentations may not always reflect legal realities on the ground. One of the key issues being raised is the absence of NALA (Non-Agricultural Land Assessment) permissions, which are mandatory for converting agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes. Despite prominently mentioning survey numbers in promotional materials, experts emphasize that survey details alone do not guarantee legal validity or development rights. Allegations have surfaced that several developers continue to market and sell plots even without securing the required approvals from authorities such as RERA, DTCP, or HMDA, depending on jurisdiction. More concern-



ing is the claim that some ventures proceed with sales activities despite being cautioned by concerned officials, raising questions about enforcement and accountability. In this backdrop, Subhpradam Anandavanam farmland ventures have come under public scrutiny. Allegations suggest that these projects may be operating without necessary permissions and in violation of regulatory norms. While these claims are yet to be officially established, they have created uncertainty among customers who have invested their

hard-earned money with hopes of securing their future. Several investors are reportedly seeking clarity, with some expressing frustration over lack of communication and transparency. Attempts by media representatives to obtain an official response from the company have not yielded a detailed clarification so far. However, a representative from the organization has reportedly denied the allegations, terming them "false and baseless." The situation has once again highlighted the risks associated with unverified real estate investments. Past instances in various districts, where issues such as double registrations and unauthorized layouts led to prolonged legal battles, serve as a reminder of the potential consequences. As the real estate sector continues to expand, the need for stricter regulatory oversight and proactive enforcement has become more critical than ever. Authorities are expected to thoroughly examine such allegations and ensure transparency in land dealings. At the same time, developers must take responsibility by providing clear documentation and addressing public concerns. For investors, the message remains clear: due diligence is not optional—it is essential. Closing Line (Impact): "In real estate, what lies beneath the surface matters more than what appears on paper."

Ambedkar Sena Demands SC Reservation Ban for Converts

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National Ambedkar Sena State President Taluka Rajesh has demanded nationwide removal of Scheduled Caste (SC) reservation benefits for individuals who convert to Christianity following a recent Supreme Court verdict on reservation eligibility. He welcomed the judgment stating it reinforces constitutional clarity on caste-based benefits after religious conversion. Rajesh urged the Centre and state governments to immediately discontinue SC certificates and associated welfare benefits for such individuals across Telangana Andhra Pradesh and other states. He also called for a central legislation in Parliament to formally



reclassify SC converts into the Backward Classes (BC) category. According to him, reservation eligibility should be uniform and not differ based on religious conversion and he argued that existing policies require restructuring to ensure equal application of law. Extending his demand, Rajesh said that members of various communities who convert to Christianity should not retain SC status and must instead be placed under BC classification. He cited the need for consistency with the existing Economically

Weaker Sections (EWS) quota framework which applies uniformly across India. The National Ambedkar Sena said it would continue protests until the Centre introduces the proposed legislation. Local leaders backed the demand stating that reservation policy must reflect constitutional equality and clarity. This issue is expected to spark renewed debate on religion caste classification and reservation policy in the coming days across political and legal circles nationwide in India.

Congress Leaders Extend Wishes to Vem Narender Reddy

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Vem Narender Reddy has taken oath as a Rajya Sabha Member in New Delhi on 16 April 2026 after being elected unopposed from the Congress party in Telangana. Previously serving as a government advisor, his elevation to the Upper House marks a significant political step. Senior Congress leader Goneh Solomon Raj, along with leaders Raman Goud, B. Prem Sagar, and P. Venkatesh, met Reddy at his residence to congratulate him on his achievement. The delegation represented the Te-



langana United Christians and Pastors Association (TUCPA), which has been actively advocating for the needs of the Protestant Christian minority community. During the meeting, the delegation extended best wishes and discussed community concerns and leadership opportunities. Reddy responded positively, assuring support for addressing their issues at the national level.

Chaos at Praja Palana as Dubbak MLA leads farmers' protest

Dubbak MLA Kotha Prabhakar Reddy protested over the delay in procuring paddy and other grains from farmers, by squatting on the floor during the "praja palana" programme organised in Dubbak on Saturday. Prabhakar Reddy lashed out at the Congress government for organising such celebrations while the farmers were suffering due to the delay in purchasing the grains. He further termed the praja palana celebrations as the celebration of their two-and-a-half years of failure of Congress in ruling the State. Chaos prevailed as a large number of BRS cadres, wearing party scarves, stormed into the meeting hall on Saturday, supporting Prabhakar Reddy. The police found it difficult to control the BRS cadre as they outnumbered the police. They raised slogans against the Congress government and the district administration. When he tried to address the gathering on the farmers' issues, the organisers switched off the sound system, and the MLA threw the mike in anger.



Hajj Is Journey of Love and Surrender: Hyderabad Imam

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Maulana Mufti Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Sabir Pasha Qadri, Khateeb and Imam of Masjid Telangana State Hajj House, Nampally, delivered a powerful sermon describing Hajj as the ultimate journey of love, humility, and complete surrender to Allah, urging believers to embrace both its outer rituals and inner spiritual essence. He explained that Hajj is not merely a physical pilgrimage but a divine invitation rooted in the legacy of Prophet Ibrahim (AS). The recitation of "Labbaik Allahumma



ships, entering a sacred state of purity through Ihram. He noted that every step taken with sincerity carries immense reward. Elaborating on rituals, he said Tawaf symbolizes the heart's constant devotion to Allah, while Rami teaches believers to reject inner negativity and resist Satanic influences in daily life. Citing examples like Imam Hasan (RA) and Rabia Basri (RA), he emphasized that true Hajj lies in inner transformation. He concluded by stressing sincerity, humility, and praying that every Muslim attains this spiritual blessing.

Massive BJP Workers' Meeting Held in Bhagyanagar District with Strong Leadership Presence

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Bhagyanagar District witnessed a significant political gathering today as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) successfully organized a large-scale workers' meeting, bringing together key leaders and dedicated party cadre under one platform. The meeting was graced by the esteemed presence of BJP Telangana State President N. Ramachandra Rao, along



with State General Secretary Gautham Rao. District In-charge Rangareddy, senior leaders Suresh Reddy, Ale Jitender, and Veerender Yadav also actively

participated in the event. Adding further strength to the gathering, Senior Citizen Convener Subhash Chander, district general secretaries, state morcha office bearers, division in-charges, and division presidents were present in large numbers, reflecting the party's strong organizational network at the grassroots level. The meeting served as a vital platform for discussing party strategies, strengthening coordi-

nation among leaders and workers, and energizing the cadre ahead of upcoming political activities. Leaders emphasized unity, commitment, and proactive engagement with the public to further the party's vision and outreach in the region. The enthusiastic participation and well-coordinated execution of the program highlighted the growing momentum and organizational strength of the BJP in Bhagyanagar District.

25% Discount on LRS Fees From May 1 to July 31

The government has announced a 25 per cent discount rebate on fees under the Land Regularisation Scheme (LRS), valid from May 1 to July 31. The offer applies to those who applied for LRS in 2020, but were yet to clear their dues. The municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD) department issued orders confirming the concession. Officials said that the rebate was aimed at encouraging people to pay pending amounts within the given time. Officials believed that the discount would help speed up the regularisation process across the state, and urged applicants to make use of the limited-time benefit and avoid missing the deadline. The LRS is a government initiative designed to bring unapproved and illegal layouts into the formal planning system. By regularising those plots, owners can obtain legal status for their land. This also makes them eligible for building permissions and ensures smoother property transactions in the future.

Final rites of ORR road accident victims held in Sircilla

Final rites of six persons, including three children, who died in a road accident on ORR near Shamshabad were held in Sircilla. The tragedy left the town in grief, with leaders and residents paying tributes to the victims.

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Final rites of the road accident victims were held at the Manair river on the town outskirts on Saturday. Six persons, including three children of two families from Sircilla, died in a road accident that took place on ORR, near Shamshabad, on Friday. A pall of gloom descended on the Venkampeta locality as relatives and well-wishers started visiting the house of the family after coming to know about the incident on Friday. The bodies were brought to Sircilla in the afternoon after an autopsy was conducted



at Osmania General Hospital. A huge number of people gathered at their residences to have a last glimpse of the victims. Leaders of all political parties, including BRS district president Thota Agaiah, Jindam Chakrapani and Chiti Narsinga Rao, Congress leader Gangipalli Srinivas, BJP leader Gopi and others, paid tributes to the deceased and consoled the family members. Earlier in the morning, local MLA and BRS working president KT Rama Rao paid tributes to the deceased at the Osmania hospital mortuary. Consoling the family members, he as-

sured them of all kinds of support. Bollam Shiva Kumar, his wife Rajeshwari alias Lasya and daughter Rishita, and Shiva Kumar's sister's family, including Kodam Srinivas, his wife Swetha, and sons Krishna Chandra and Madavi, met with an accident when the car they were travelling in rammed into a roadside parked lorry while returning from Yadagirigutta. Except for Swetha, the remaining six persons died in the accident. While Shiva Kumar's family is staying in Sanathnagar, Hyderabad, Srinivas is residing in Sircilla.

Telangana procures 12.38 LMT paddy for Rabi season

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The Telangana Civil Supplies Department has reported large-scale paddy procurement for the Rabi 2025-26 season, highlighting strong farmer participation across the state. According to an official press release, a total of 12.38 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of paddy has been procured so far through the state's procurement network. In a major financial support measure, the government has already credited ₹1,129.43 crore directly into the bank accounts of more than 1.54 lakh farmers as Minimum Support Price (MSP) payments. The department said the direct benefit transfer system has ensured quick and transparent settlement of



dues to cultivators. Procurement operations are being carried out through an extensive network of 8,575 Paddy Purchase Centres (PPCs) across Telangana. These centres are operating at the grassroots level with coordinated support from multiple agencies. Of the total, 4,455 centres are managed by Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), 3,563 centres function under the Indira Kranthi Patham (IKP) initiative,

and the remaining 557 centres are operated by other supporting agencies. The procurement data shows a steady inflow of both major paddy categories. Out of the total quantity procured, 5.07 LMT accounts for fine variety paddy, while 7.31 LMT is of coarse variety, reflecting diverse cultivation patterns across regions. District-wise procurement activity is particularly strong in Nizamabad, Nalgonda, Kamareddy, Suryapet,

'SAFERABAD' Helmet Installations

Delay in operational use of police welfare infrastructure sparks public concern

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In an initiative aimed at enhancing traffic police welfare and promoting road safety awareness, the Telangana State Police, in collaboration with Sarvejana Foundation, has installed large helmet-shaped structures at major junctions across the twin cities. Branded under the slogan "Transforming Hyderabad to SAFERabad," the initiative has drawn both appreciation and criticism. At its core, the idea is commendable. Traffic police personnel spend long hours on congested roads, exposed to extreme weather conditions, air pollution, and occupational stress. Any effort to prioritize their health, safety, and dignity reflects a responsible governance approach. The structures also display striking statistics from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), highlighting that over 1.73 lakh road accident deaths occur annually in India, with 54,568 fatalities attributed to not wearing helmets. Such messaging is intended to create awareness among commuters and encourage safer riding habits. However, the ground reality tells a different story. Despite the installation of these helmet structures at several key junctions, only a handful have been formally inaugurated or made functional. Many remain unused, incomplete, or



inaccessible—raising serious questions about planning and execution. This concern becomes more pressing as the city grapples with peak summer conditions. With temperatures soaring beyond 43°C, traffic personnel continue to endure harsh heat on open roads, often without adequate shade or cooling support. Ironically, the very infrastructure meant to offer relief remains out of reach when it is needed the most. The critical question remains: What purpose do these installations serve if they fail to function during crucial times? If they remain symbolic landmarks or selfie spots rather than practical shelters, the investment risks are being reduced to a mere visual exercise. There is growing public and internal sentiment that these structures must go beyond symbolism. They should be equipped and activated as functional shelters, providing

shade, ventilation, drinking water, and basic cooling systems to support on-duty personnel. What needs to be done: Expedite the completion and activation of all installed units on a war footing. Ensure the structures serve their intended purpose as welfare support systems, not just awareness symbols. Combine awareness campaigns with strict enforcement of helmet usage among commuters. Conclusion: Good intent alone does not guarantee meaningful impact. Delays in implementation risk diluting the very purpose of the 'SAFERabad' initiative. True transformation begins not with slogans, but with action that directly benefits those on the frontlines. As Hyderabad endures the peak of summer, ensuring these installations become operational and effective is not just necessary—it is urgent. Only then will the vision of a safer city truly begin with the safety and well-being of its protectors.

May Day Celebrated Grandly at Gandhi Bhavan Malluri Ramulu Honored as best Employee .

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May Day celebrations were held in a grand and dignified manner at Gandhi Bhavan, Nampally, Hyderabad, on Friday. The state-level event recognized the dedication and hard work of employees, daily wage workers, and mazdoors across various sectors. Addressing the gathering, PCC leader Mahesh Goud emphasized the significance of May Day and appreciated the invaluable contribution of workers in building society. He lauded their commitment, discipline, and service. On



this occasion, awards were presented to outstanding employees and workers from different districts. Among them, Mr. Malluri Ramulu, an Electricity Lineman Gundla gudem native of Raghavapur village in Aleru Constituency, was honored with the Best Employee Award. Currently serving in the Gundla gudem jurisdiction, Ramulu was recognized for his sincerity, dedication, and obedient service. Speaking to the media, Mr. Ramulu Malluri expressed his happiness and gratitude for receiving the award. He is the student of Aleru Social Welfare hostel. In the hostel days several seniors were helped in their studies. He credited his higher authorities for their guidance and support. He also thanked the Chief Minister, officials, public representatives, farmers, and consumers for their cooperation in his work.

Smitha Mahindrakar Earns PhD on UPI Study

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Research Scholar Smitha Mahindrakar has been awarded a Ph.D. for her research titled "Working of UPI System in Telangana State - A Study" at Satavahana University, Karimnagar. Conducted under the guidance of Dr. D. Harikanth, Head of the Commerce Department, the study provides an in-depth analysis of the functioning, growth, and impact of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) across Telangana.



It examines how digital payment systems have transformed financial transactions and accessibility in both urban and rural areas of the state. On the occasion, Vice Chancellor Umesh Kumar, Registrar Satish Kumar, and Controller of Examinations Suresh Kumar congratulated her for this significant academic achievement and contribution to research. The study emphasizes the rapid adoption of digital payments and highlights UPI's role in promoting financial inclusion, transparency, and efficiency. Her research is expected to aid policymakers, academicians, and financial institutions in understanding digital finance trends and improving payment systems in Telangana.

Malkajgiri Commissioner Reviews SIR, Urges Transparent Voter Revision Process



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The Malkajgiri Zonal Commissioner held a meeting today at the Malkajgiri Zonal Office with representatives of various political parties. The meeting was attended by delegates from multiple political organizations operating in the region. The session aimed to strengthen coordination between election authorities and political stakeholders for a fair and updated electoral roll. During the meeting, the Zonal Commissioner provided a comprehensive explanation of the Pre-Special Intensive Revision (Pre-SIR) and Special Intensive Revision (SIR) processes related to the revision of the electoral roll. He emphasized the importance of ensuring transparency, accuracy, and integrity in the elec-

toral process. He further stated that as part of the Pre-SIR and SIR processes, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) would conduct door-to-door verification to collect, update, and verify voter information. He directed officials to carry out these activities strictly in accordance with established guidelines and procedures. Political party representatives present at the meeting shared their views and suggestions regarding the revision process. The Commissioner assured that all feedback would be considered and appropriate action would be taken to address the concerns raised. The Zonal Commissioner concluded the meeting by stressing the need for cooperation from all political parties to ensure that the voter list revision process in the Malkajgiri zone.

Jagdishwar Goud Distributes CMRF Relief Cheques to Beneficiaries

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In Serilingampally constituency on Saturday, Congress Party in-charge and TPCC General Secretary V. Jagdishwar Goud distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques to beneficiary families. The assistance was extended to families facing severe financial distress due to medical emergencies and serious health conditions. The programme was organised to ensure timely financial support for those in urgent need of treatment. Speaking on the oc-



casional, Jagdishwar Goud said the government is committed to providing swift assistance through the CMRF scheme so that patients can access necessary medical care without delay. He emphasized that the initiative is designed to support econom-

ically weaker families during critical health crises. Local leaders and party workers, including Yelamanchi Uday Kiran, participated in the event. They interacted with beneficiaries, understood their difficulties, and as-

sured continued support from the party. The leaders highlighted that the scheme has been instrumental in saving lives by providing immediate financial relief to families struggling with high medical expenses. Jagdishwar Goud stated that every eligible family should make use of the CMRF facility, as it serves as a strong support system in times of distress. He added that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is working with the vision of "Indiramma Rajyam" to ensure welfare reaches every household in the state.

Grand May Day Celebrations at Kala Kruti Apartments

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

International Workers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Srigdha Kala Kruti Apartments in the city. The event was organized under the leadership of Apartment Association member Mrs. Usha Sri Thalka, where housekeeping women staff were specially honored. A cake-cutting ceremony was held to mark the occasion and extend May Day wishes. Speaking on the occasion, Usha Sri Thalka said, "May Day is



a symbol of respect for labor. The cleanliness and beauty of our apartment depend on the hard work of our housekeeping staff." She appreciated the dedicated efforts of Sonali, Pushpa, Rajeswari, Rajitha, S. Rama, Priyadarshini, and Buchanna Garden Keeping with Ramajani. She also praised

the security personnel Prem, R. T. Chari, Latif Pasha, Rama Rao, Narasimha and Kanakayya for their continuous service in ensuring residents' safety. Electrician Shraavan is 24/7 available not only does electricity work he helps all the way to the apartment. She highlighted the importance of May Day, workers' rights,

and the historic struggle for the 8-hour workday. She further added, "If garbage collection stops even for a couple of days, we can imagine the situation. Respecting such workers is our responsibility. Disrespecting them is unacceptable." Contractor Janga Sudarshan, residents, and security staff participated in the event. The association expressed its intent to continue organizing such programs for the welfare of workers in a befitting manner in the future.

90% Voters' Turnout in 15 WB Booth Repoll

Repoll at 15 booths under two assembly constituencies— Mograhat West (11) and Diamond Harbour (4)— in South 24 Parganas of West Bengal recorded around 90% voters' turnout amid peace on Saturday. There was no report of any untoward incident during the repoll. The Election Commission (EC) announced repoll at the 15 booths on Friday after getting a report from special observer Subrata Gupta about the EVM tampering by using tapes on the BJP buttons while CCTV cameras were switched off during the second and final phase of the polls on April 29. BJP had lodged a complaint to the EC on the electoral malpractices by Trinamul Congress. Protests however erupted at Falta, another neighbouring constituency, on Saturday afternoon when a group of villagers, backed by BJP, hit the streets, blocked national highway 17 at Hashimnagar for several hours and demanded a repoll also there. They alleged that a TMC gram Panchayat Pradhan Israfil Sardar, who is a loyalist of ruling party candidate at Falta: Jahangir Khan, and his followers have assaulted and threatened.

Will Be Taking Over Cuba Almost Immediately: Trump

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

US President Donald Trump on Friday said that the US would 'take over' Cuba immediately. Trump, while speaking in The Forum Club of the Palm Beaches Dinner, said that Cuba has got problems. "Cuba, which we will be taking over almost immediately. Cuba's got problems. We'll finish one first," he said. Earlier in the day, a statement by the White House stated, "The policies, practices, and actions of the Government of Cuba continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the US. These policies, practices, and actions are also repugnant to the moral and political values of free and dem-



ocratic societies." The Cuban government has firmly rejected new sanctions levied by Donald Trump, calling them "unilateral coercive measures" intended to impose "collective punishment on the Cuban people". Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said that "these measures are extraterritorial in nature and violate the United Nations Charter", while further asserting that the US

"has no right whatsoever to impose measures against Cuba or against third countries or entities". The remarks came hours after the White House signalled a further hardening of its policy towards Cuba. Earlier on Friday, Trump issued an executive order to expand sanctions on the Cuban government. As per Al Jazeera, the new US sanctions focus on individuals and groups

that help the Cuban government's security forces. The measures also target those involved in corruption, serious human rights abuses, or anyone working as an official or supporter of the Cuban government. Earlier on April 19, in a coordinated diplomatic move, Mexico, Spain, and Brazil issued a joint statement on Sunday expressing their alarm over the "dramatic situation" in Cuba. The communication comes as the island nation faces escalating pressure and repeated threats from Trump. The three nations, currently led by left-leaning governments, voiced their "deep concern regarding the grave humanitarian crisis that the people of Cuba are enduring".

Modi Hails Buddha Relics Expo in Leh

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Hailing the inauguration of the "sacred exposition of the holy relics of the Tathagata" in Leh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said it offers a valuable opportunity for people from across Ladakh to pay their respects. Calling it a matter of immense delight a day after Union home minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Tathagata Buddha relics exposition and the 2569th Buddha Purnima celebrations in Leh during his two-day visit to Ladakh, the Prime Minister posted on X, "It is a matter of immense delight that yesterday, on the occasion of Buddha Purnima, the 'Sacred Exposition of the Holy Relics of the Tathagata' was inaugurated in



Leh." The Prime Minister said these revered relics are linked to the Piprahwa Stupa in Kapilavastu and were excavated in the closing years of the 19th century. "They embody the enduring teachings of Lord Buddha," he said, adding that the exposition will continue until May 14, and in the coming days, it will also travel to Zaskar. "It offers a valuable oppor-

tunity for people from across Ladakh to pay their respects. It will also boost spiritual and cultural tourism in Ladakh," Modi said. The revered Piprahwa relics of Tathagata Buddha—ancient sacred remains and associated objects linked to the lord discovered at Piprahwa, near the Nepal border in the present-day Uttar Pradesh—arrived in Leh on Wednesday.

Canadian Intel Flags Khalistani Threat Foreign Interference

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), in its 2025 report tabled in Parliament, has recognised the threat posed by Khalistani elements in Canada, stating that their activities continue to promote a violent extremist agenda. The report noted that 2025 marked the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Air India Flight 182, the deadliest terrorist attack in Canadian history, which killed 329 people, most of them Canadians. The suspects were linked to Canada-based Khalistani extremist (CBKE) groups. It added that no CBKE-related attacks occurred in Canada in 2025. "Ongoing involvement in violent extremist activities by CBKEs continues to pose a national security threat to Canada and to Canadian interests. Some



CBKEs are well connected to Canadian citizens who leverage institutions to promote their agenda and collect funds that are diverted toward violent activities," the report said. The report also alleged foreign interference in Canadian politics, naming China, Russia, India, Iran, and Pakistan among the main actors involved in espionage and influence operations. It noted that shifting geopolitical dynamics mean these are

not the only countries attempting such interference. Regarding India, the report claimed that it has historically cultivated relationships with politicians, journalists, and members of the Indo-Canadian community to exert influence, including alleged transnational repression activities such as surveillance and coercion. It added that advocacy for Khalistan separatism remains lawful in

Canada. However, recent statements from Canadian officials suggest a shift in assessment under Prime Minister Mark Carney. Earlier this year, officials indicated that India is not currently linked to violent crimes or threats on Canadian soil, a view supported by Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Commissioner Mike Duheme. In an interview with CTV, Duheme said that while earlier investigations had suggested links to foreign agents, current findings do not clearly connect such activities to any foreign entity. India-Canada relations had deteriorated sharply following Canada's allegations that Indian agents were involved in the 2023 killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. India strongly denied the , calling them "politically motivated."

In Extraordinary Move, EC Orders Fresh Poll In Falta

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

In a rare move, the Election Commission (EC) on Saturday ordered a "fresh" election or a repoll in all the 285 polling stations of the Falta Assembly seat in West Bengal on May 21 due to "subversion of democratic process". A spokesperson for the poll panel said the counting of votes for the constituency will take place on May 24. It is rare for the poll authority to order a re-election in an entire Assembly seat. A



fresh poll is a repoll, an official explained. "On consideration of severe electoral offences and subversion of democratic process during the polling in a large number of polling stations on April 29 in Falta Assembly Constituency, EC directs that fresh poll shall be conducted in all the 285 pol-

ling stations, including auxiliary polling stations," the spokesperson said. On Friday, the EC ordered a re-election in 15 polling stations of two Assembly seats in West Bengal — Diamond Harbour and Magrahat Paschim. Reacting to the repoll at Falta, TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh called the EC decision "politically-motivated". "It is a politically motivated decision of CEC Gyanesh Kumar to reschedule the Falta repoll after the conduct of the entire Assembly Election in the state. Why did

he wake up suddenly three days after polls were held there? What was the role of Singham (Ajaypal Sharma) who has been made police observer there? Why couldn't he stop rigging, if it happened there, despite having the deployment of such a huge size of central forces and armoured vehicle? He should be held accountable for this. We are sure our candidate will win at Falta irrespective of political vendetta of the EC. By then we would have formed our government," he claimed.

India's Second Oldest Farman to Get Digitised as Part of GBM

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A royal farman, said to be the second oldest in India — issued by Sultan Feroz Shah Bahmani (1397–1422) in 1406 — will be among close to two lakh manuscripts identified as part of the survey by the Gyan Bharatam Mission (GBM) in Telangana. The GBM is a national initiative by the Union culture ministry to unearth, preserve and digitise India's massive manuscript heritage. This decree on Persian-style handmade paper



is 33 x 10 inches in size, with ink and royal-seal authentication. The document was issued from Gulbarga, which was the seat of power for the Bahmanis before it was shifted to Bidar. The decree grants land as inam to Muhammed Ahmed, Qazi of Kalyani, and

bears the distinctive tughra (monogram) and the Bahmani royal seal. "The handmade paper used for the farman is a rare example showcasing the royal practices of the time," M.A. Raqeeb, assistant director, Telangana Archives, told Deccan Chronicle. Another well-preserved royal farman is of Emperor Shah Alam II, issued in 1773 AD, appointing Maharaja Narayan Rao Bahadur as official caretaker of the riverbank near Allahabad. Believed to be part of preparations for the

Kumbh Mela, the emperor issued clear instructions to officials not to levy fees. All expenses for maintaining the site and facilitating the pilgrims' rituals are to be borne entirely by the Mughal government," the decree says. According to the decree, Hindu pilgrims (yatris) arriving from across the subcontinent — especially from Gujarat and Maharashtra — must be allowed to take the sacred bath and holy dip for spiritual purification without any fee or levy.

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Chinese Court Bans...

"The termination grounds cited by the company did not fall under negative circumstances such as business downsizing or operational difficulties, nor did they meet the legal condition that made it "impossible to continue the employment contract," the court said in the article dated April 28. Companies cannot unilaterally lay off employees or cut salaries due to technological progress, the court said in a separate statement, citing the same case. The ruling comes as Chinese companies race to implement AI systems as part of a state-directed push to dominate the new technology. At the same time, planners in the Chinese Communist Party have

indicated a willingness to prioritize stability in the labor market as the country reckons with a slowing economy and elevated youth unemployment. The employee at the center of the case, a quality assurance professional at a tech company identified only as Zhou, had been responsible for checking the accuracy of outputs by large language models, according to the filing. When an AI system took over his job, he was demoted and forced to take a 40% pay cut. When Zhou refused the reassignment, the company terminated him, pointing to reductions in staffing due to AI. The case went to arbitration and then the Chinese court system, which supported a compensation package. The ruling builds on a precedent

set by another Chinese court in December, which found that AI implementation did not meet the necessary legal standard for a mapping company to terminate one of its employees' contracts. **Revanth Assures.....** Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the TMC, argued that the April 13 circular came to the party's notice only on April 29 and raised concerns over the absence of state nominees and alleged apprehensions of irregularities. He said the EC says it has apprehensions of irregularity, despite having a Central nominee in the counting process; Sibal added the poll body already has a Central government officer at each counting table in the form of a micro observer, and that

the EC has not appointed state nominees even though the circular provides so. Sibal submitted that the Chief Electoral Officer's communication states that there are apprehensions expressed from various quarters regarding possible irregularities in counting. "That is like pointing a finger at the state government..." Sibal said, adding, "There must be some data. Where is (the proof of) the apprehension (raised) from each booth? They have not disclosed this. And why not tell us that they are going to have a Central government nominee?" "The option is open for the Election Commission: whether the counting supervisor and assistant may be of the Central or the state government. When that option is

open, we cannot hold that the notification is contrary to regulations. Even if the EC says that both of them can be Central government employees, we could not have faulted them. Because regulations say that either the Central government or state government officers can be appointed," Justice Bagchi told Sibal. **3 DRG Jawans.....** Another constable, Parmanand Komra, sustained serious injuries and is currently receiving medical treatment. Bastar Range Inspector General of Police, P. Sundarraj, stated that in recent months, security forces had successfully recovered and defused hundreds of IEDs in the region, based on intelligence inputs and information provided by

surrendered Maoist cadres. However, he described today's incident as a "tragic accident" that occurred during an ongoing effort to make the area safer. Further details are awaited. Earlier in April, in a separate development, a Naxal area commander carrying a bounty of Rs 5 lakh was killed in an encounter with security forces in the forests under Chhote Betiya police station limits in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district, according to police. Kanker Superintendent of Police Nikhil Rakhecha said the slain Maoist was identified as area commander Rupi. A body, along with a weapon, was recovered from the encounter site, officials added. Further details regarding the encounter are awaited.

CRIME

Nizamabad Police Honours Retiring Personnel with Grand Farewell

NIZAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Nizamabad Police Commissionerate organized a heartfelt farewell ceremony to honour six police personnel who retired from service at the end of April 2026. The event, held at the Commissioner's Office, was marked by appreciation, respect, and recognition of the officers' decades-long dedication to duty. The retirees included experienced officers from various wings of the department who collectively contributed over four decades each to maintaining law and order. Among them were Sub-Inspectors from the Special Branch, Reserve Sub-Inspectors from Headquarters, and an AR Head Constable, all of whom played crucial roles in strengthening the policing system in the dis-



trict. The personnel who retired are : S. Santosh Reddy (42 years of service), V. Sayan Rao (43 years), Jalagam Chandrashekhar Rao (38 years), V.N. Satyanarayana (42 years), MD. Tajamul Ahmed (42 years), and A. Shankar (41 years). Their careers reflect commitment, discipline, and a strong sense of public service.

During the ceremony, the retirees were felicitated with traditional shawls and presented with certificates and mementos as

tokens of gratitude. The atmosphere was both celebratory and emotional, as colleagues and family members gathered to acknowledge their invaluable contributions. Addressing the gathering, Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya, lauded the officers for their tireless service and professionalism.

He emphasized that completing such long tenures without any negative remarks is a commendable achievement. He further

noted that while retirement marks the end of official duties, the respect earned through sincere service remains lifelong. He assured the retirees that the department would always stand by them in times of need and extended his best wishes for their health, happiness, and continued success in life.

Senior officials, including Additional DCPs, ACPs, Inspectors, and administrative staff, were present on the occasion. Family members of the retirees also attended, making the event more meaningful and memorable. The farewell ceremony served as a reminder of the dedication and sacrifices made by police personnel and highlighted the department's commitment to honouring those who have served with distinction.

EDITORIAL

HOW INDIA BUILT ITS SUCCESS STORY IN IMMUNISATION: NOW WORLD RELIES ON IT

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In my years as a paediatrician, I have watched vaccines transform children's lives. A child who would once have been paralysed by polio, or killed by measles, now grows up healthy. That transformation did not happen by accident. It happened as India decided, decades ago, to build one of the world's most ambitious and resilient immunisation programmes, and then it kept building. What is less well known is that India now does the same for children far beyond its own borders. We are not just vaccinating India. We are vaccinating the world.

India is the world's largest vaccine manufacturer by volume. It produces over 60 per cent of global vaccine supply. It meets 55-60 per cent of Unicef's vaccine needs, 99 pc of WHO's demand for DPT vaccines, and supplies over half the world's BCG vaccines. These are not abstract statistics. Behind every dose is a child somewhere in Africa, Asia or Latin America who will

not die of a preventable disease. Factories in Pune, Hyderabad and Chennai are producing vaccines that support public health systems across the world.

At home, the results are just as striking. Full immunisation coverage has increased to 93.5 pc nationally, a gain of nearly 30 percentage points in a decade. The programme reaches 2.6 crore infants and 2.9 crore pregnant women every year through over 1.3 crore immunisation sessions. Children who were once entirely missed by the system, the so-called zero-dose children, now account for just 0.06 pc of the number of children born each year. The number of children born in India each year exceeds the entire population of New Zealand and Australia combined. Even a one per cent gap here is hundreds of thousands of unprotected children.

The numbers tell only part of the story. I think of the children I used to see in the clinic who no longer arrive with vaccine-preventable conditions that used to be routine. Neonatal death

(within the first 27 days) has fallen from 26 to 19 per 1,000 live births since 2014. Under-five deaths have dropped from 45 to 31. India eliminated polio over 15 years ago and has eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus too. These are not small achievements; but the result of an unbroken chain, including ASHA and district health workers who reach families in every corner of the country. Their work is the foundation on which everything else rests.

India is now looking ahead. It is advancing a malaria vaccine with the capacity to reach 100 million doses a year, priced under \$4 a dose, specifically to make it accessible to poorest countries. An indigenous dengue vaccine is in Phase 3 trials. These are not just domestic health priorities. They are part of India's broader role as the "pharmacy of the world", producing affordable vaccines. For a paediatrician, this is the most exciting development of our generation: the country that once struggled to vaccinate its own children is

now designing vaccines for children everywhere. Nothing demonstrated this more vividly than the Covid-19 pandemic. When the world desperately needed vaccines, it turned to India. The Serum Institute scaled up Covishield at breathtaking speed. Bharat Biotech developed Covaxin, the first indigenously-designed Covid vaccine, through domestic science developed by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

As India was vaccinating over a billion of its own people, it still managed to export more than 300 million doses globally. Of these, 52 million doses went through the COVAX alliance to low-income countries, and 15 million were gifted to neighbouring nations under the Vaccine Maitri initiative. India did not step back when the world needed it most. It stepped up. That is what "India for the world" looks like in practice. What often goes unrecognised is the quiet infrastructure that makes all of this possible.

Man held for murdering mother-in-law

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

CCTV footage played a crucial role in the arrest and judicial remand of a man who murdered his mother-in-law by smashing her head with a helmet while riding towards an isolated spot in Chengicherla.

The accused initially tried to mislead police and family members by claiming she had suffered a fits attack. A special team, including IT personnel of Medipally police, arrested Karu Snehit, 24, on Saturday and sent him to Cherlapally prison.

According to police, the incident occurred on April 29 evening following a quarrel between Snehit and his mother-in-law K. Aruna. Snehit complained to her against his wife Kavya at her house in RTC Colony, Chengicherla. Aruna cross-checked with Kavya and her sister, who accused Snehit of rude behaviour.

Angered that Aruna did not believe him, Snehit abused her over the phone that night. The following day, Snehit returned to Aruna's house, forced her onto his bike, and rode towards Chengicherla.

CCTV cameras captured him striking her head with a helmet while they were on the road. Aruna fell from the bike, said Medipally station house officer Ch. Shankaraiah.

He then took Aruna to a hospital where doctors referred her to another hospital in view of the severity of her injuries. She died at the second hospital while undergoing treatment. Snehit later phoned Kavya, claiming the matter was resolved and falsely stated Aruna had collapsed due to a fits attack. Kavya became suspicious and alerted the police.

Fake Number Plate Scam Busted, Two Held in Hyderabad

Hyderabad police have busted a fake number plate racket, arresting two individuals for tampering with a vehicle registration to evade traffic challans.

In Hyderabad, traffic and Kachiguda police identified the accused as Shaik Abbu Baba (41) and Shaik Rihaan (19), residents of Ramanthapur. Police said the duo altered the original number of a Hero Glamour bike to resemble another registered vehicle, causing wrongful challans to be issued to a Honda Activa owner in Kukatpally. A case has been registered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Motor Vehicles Act. Officials warned strict action, citing CCTV and ANPR surveillance tracking violations.

West Bengal Youth Arrested for Duping 500 Women of Rs 2 Cr Across Country

A 35-year-old man donned a bevy of identities — projecting himself as a lawyer or a doctor, or a film producer — to lure as many as 500 women across the country and fleeced them of Rs 2 crore.

Delhi southwest DCP Amit Goel said the accused, Anand Kumar, a resident of North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, operated with "a high level of sophistication", using fake profiles on social media, dating and matrimonial platforms to identify and target victims.

Plumber Held For Murder, Body Found Under Kitchen Platform

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Special teams of Neredmet police cracked a murder case with the arrest of a plumber who allegedly killed his co-worker five months ago and concealed the body beneath a kitchen platform. According to Malkajgiri DCP Ch. Sridhar, the accused Gavvala Malleesh, a native of Siddipet district, had allegedly murdered mason Kanchi Venkat Ramulu on December 15 last year. The two had met at a la-

bour adda in HB Colony and consumed liquor together after failing to secure work.

During the drinking session, Venkat allegedly insulted Malleesh, leading to an argument during which the accused hit the victim on the head with a rod, causing instant death. Malleesh then tied Venkat's hands, legs, and neck with a rope, concealed the body under a kitchen platform, and built a brick structure to cover it before fleeing. The offence came to light on March 4 when

the house owner, unable to contact Malleesh since December, broke open the premises after noticing a foul smell. Police rushed to the scene with CLUES teams and exhumed skeletal remains.

Sridhar said the investigation was challenging as the victim had little contact with his family and no missing complaint was filed. Based on human intelligence and technical analysis, Malleesh was traced and apprehended at JBS, Secunderabad.

Biryani leg piece row turns violent at hotel

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A dispute over missing leg pieces in a jumbo chicken biryani pack escalated into violence at Victoria Hotel in Bharat Nagar, leaving a customer injured on Friday night. According to Sanathnagar police, the customer initially purchased four single packs after being told a jumbo pack was unavailable.

Later that night, he re-

turned alleging the biryani contained no leg pieces and demanded the owner provide them. When informed the hotel had closed, the customer, accompanied by three associates, allegedly damaged property by throwing sofas and kicking doors in the AC dining area. An argument broke out between the hotel staff and the group, during which the customer sustained bleeding injuries after being as-

saulted with sticks, police said. During investigation, one P. Arun of Bharat Nagar lodged a counter complaint stating he had sent his friend Dileep to buy biryani, but found no chicken pieces in the pack. Arun, along with Dileep, Rakesh, and Shiva, went to the hotel to question the owner, Mohsin. He alleged that the owner and staff verbally abused them and struck him on the head with a large spoon,

causing serious injury. Arun was shifted to Omni Hospital, Kukatpally, where doctors administered eight stitches.

He also claimed their motorcycles parked outside were damaged in the altercation. Police confirmed receiving complaints from both Arun and Mohsin. Cases have been registered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and further investigation was underway.



Spirit Airlines Shuts Down Operations After 34 Years

Spirit Airlines shuts down after 34 years, ending budget travel era in US aviation

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The airline industry witnessed a major shake-up as Spirit Airlines, one of the United States' most prominent low-cost carriers, announced an immediate shutdown, ending its 34-year run.

The company confirmed it has begun "an orderly wind-down" of operations, with all flights cancelled and customer support services halted. The closure affects nearly 17,000 employees and leaves passengers scrambling, as the airline clarified it would issue refunds but not assist with alternative travel arrangements. Known for its ultra-low-cost model, bold branding, and bright yellow



low aircraft, Spirit played a key role in reshaping budget travel in the US. The shutdown follows failed efforts to secure financial rescue. Donald Trump stated that a final proposal involving a taxpayer-backed takeover was made, but negotiations collapsed without a deal. Hopes of federal intervention faded just days before the announcement. Spirit's financial

troubles had been mounting for years. The airline struggled with rising operational costs and declining demand following the COVID-19 pandemic. By November 2024, when it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the company had accumulated losses exceeding \$2.5 billion since 2020. Its financial position worsened further by August 2025, with liabilities reaching \$8.1 billion

against \$8.6 billion in assets. Additional pressure came from soaring jet fuel prices linked to geopolitical tensions, including the Iran war, further straining its already fragile finances. This marked the airline's second bankruptcy filing in less than two years. Employee unions, representing pilots, flight attendants, and ground staff, had urged authorities to step in, warning that the collapse would result in massive job losses and reduced competition in the aviation market.

Legal representatives for the airline indicated that all 17,000 jobs are at risk. Spirit's exit is expected to significantly impact cost-conscious travellers, particularly in

key leisure destinations such as Las Vegas, Fort Lauderdale, and Orlando, where the airline had a strong presence. Reduced competition may lead to higher ticket prices in these markets.

Operational decline had already been visible in recent months. In February, the airline carried around 1.7 million domestic passengers—nearly 500,000 fewer than the previous year. Capacity had also dropped sharply, with available seats reduced to nearly half of May 2024 levels. The shutdown marks the end of a carrier that once revolutionised affordable air travel in the US, leaving a notable gap in the low-cost aviation segment.

PhysicsWallah's Student Akanksha Secures AP SSC Rank 3 with 99.5%

VISHAKHAPATNAM
Wakeup telangana

Akanksha Kunapareddy has secured State Rank 3 in the Andhra Pradesh SSC Class 10 Examinations 2026, scoring an impressive 99.5% and emerging as one of the top achievers among over six lakh students who appeared this year. A resident of Vijayawada, Akanksha scored 597 out of 600 marks, achieving a perfect 100 in Mathematics, Science, Social Science, and her second language. Her outstanding performance highlights a consistent and disciplined approach to preparation, combining school guidance with structured online learning support. Akanksha attributed her success to a well-planned study routine and conceptual clarity. "I began by breaking the syllabus into small daily goals and focused on understanding



concepts instead of rote learning," she said. She also acknowledged the role of her school teachers in preparing her for internal assessments and board exams, along with strong support from her parents throughout the academic year. In addition to classroom learning, Akanksha prepared using PhysicsWallah's Udaan batch and Telugu-language modules tailored for the Andhra Pradesh SSC syllabus. Regular practice through previous years' question papers, along with targeted revision sessions, helped her improve accuracy and time management.

Congratulating her achievement, PhysicsWallah Founder and CEO Alakh Pandey said her result reflects the impact of disciplined preparation and strong fundamentals. He noted that the platform remains committed to making quality education accessible to students across state boards. PhysicsWallah, founded in 2020 and headquartered in Noida, has grown from a YouTube-based initiative into a multi-platform education company offering online, offline, and hybrid learning solutions across India.

Dindayal Gupta Passes Away; Dollar Industries Limited Founder Leaves Lasting

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Veteran industrialist and Founder & Chairman Emeritus of Dollar Industries Limited, Shri Dindayal Gupta, passed away in Kolkata today due to age-related ailments, marking the end of a transformative chapter in India's hosiery and apparel industry. He was 88.

Gupta, a visionary entrepreneur, led Dollar Industries for over five decades,

building it into one of India's leading innerwear and garment manufacturers. Under his stewardship, the company grew into a ₹1700+ crore enterprise, earning a strong foothold in both domestic and international markets.

Born on September 13, 1937, in Manheru village in Haryana's Bhiwani district, Gupta rose from modest beginnings. After moving to Kolkata in 1962, he began manufacturing hosiery products tailored to



Shri Dindayal Gupta
Renowned Industrialist and Founder & Chairman Emeritus, Dollar Industries Limited.

diverse consumer needs. His approach combined localized production, strong retail networks, and expansion into underserved mar-

kets.

In 1972, he formally established Dollar Industries Limited, laying the foundation for what would become a household brand. The company was among the first to penetrate remote and underserved regions, including Madhya Pradesh, the North-East, and hilly terrains like Darjeeling, giving it a unique competitive edge.

Beyond business, Gupta was deeply committed to social and educational

causes. He held leadership roles in Arya Pratinidhi Sabha and contributed to Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha and Paropakarni Sabha, Ajmer. He also played a key role in establishing healthcare infrastructure, including a burns unit at Marwari Relief Society, Kolkata.

His contributions to education were equally significant. He founded Haryana Vidya Mandir in West Bengal and supported Gurukul institutions, while also re-

viving his native village school. His belief in education as a driver of social progress remained central to his life's work.

Gupta was also associated with social welfare organizations supporting the elderly, including Maharshi Dayanand Yogashram and Sukhanand Foundation. His efforts extended well beyond industry, leaving a lasting societal impact. Over the years, he received several honors, including the Lifetime Achievement

Award from the West Bengal Hosiery Association and the Sanmarg Business Award.

He is survived by his wife, four sons, and grandchildren, who continue to lead the Dollar Industries legacy. Dollar Industries today holds around 15% market share in India's organized innerwear segment and maintains a strong global presence across multiple countries, reflecting Gupta's enduring vision and leadership.

Hyderabad Summer Carts Cross ₹11K Amid Ice Cream Surge

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Hyderabad is witnessing a sharp surge in high-value summer grocery orders, with carts crossing ₹11,000, driven by ice cream, mangoes, cool drinks, and buttermilk, according to Instamart's Summer Trends 2026 report. The data highlights how rising temperatures are shaping consumer behaviour, blending hydration needs with indulgent purchases.

Nationally, a clear consumption pattern has emerged. Ice cream demand peaks at 9 PM daily, with orders doubling between 6-9 PM. Chocolate remains the top flavour, accounting for 28% of total orders. Meanwhile, dahi has emerged as the most dominant summer staple, surpassing both cold drinks and ice cream in overall demand.

Hyderabad stands among the top markets for summer spending, while Bengaluru leads national ice cream consumption with a 14%

share. Other cities such as Mumbai, Chennai, Pune, and Hyderabad continue to show strong demand, alongside rising traction in smaller cities. Mango consumption is also accelerating, with Sindhu variety leading nationwide demand. Tier-2 cities like Kozhikode and Madurai are witnessing rapid growth in mango orders, indicating a broader shift beyond metro markets.

Beverage trends show a move beyond traditional colas.

Jeera masala soda has recorded a massive 900% month-on-month growth, while cold coffee demand has surged nearly 700%. Coconut water, lassi, milkshakes, and buttermilk continue to dominate hydration choices, especially during evening hours.

Overall, Instamart's report underlines how India's summer shopping habits are evolving, with consumers prioritising both cooling essentials and indulgent treats as heatwave conditions intensify.

Government appoints Rohit Jain as RBI Deputy Governor



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The government has appointed Rohit Jain as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for a three-year term. Jain is replacing T Rabi Sankar, whose extended tenure ended on Saturday. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved his appointment for a period of three years from the date of joining the post on or after May 3, sources said on Saturday.

Jain is currently Executive Director at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). According to the RBI Act, 1934, the central bank should have four deputy governors — two from within the ranks, one commercial banker, and an economist to head the monetary policy department.

The other three Deputy Governors are Swaminathan J. Poonam Gupta, and SC Murmu. Rabi Sankar was first appointed Deputy Governor in September 2021 for three years and was given a one-year extension in 2024 and subsequently in 2025.

India Allows 100% FDI in Insurance; LIC Cap Stays at 20%

Centre Notifies 100% FDI in Insurance Under Automatic Route; LIC Retains 20% Cap

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

In a significant policy reform aimed at boosting investment and expanding insurance coverage, the Centre has allowed 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in insurance companies under the automatic route. The decision, notified through Press Note 1 (2026 Series) by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, marks a major step in liberalising the sector and attracting global capital into India's insurance market. The move is expected to enhance competition, improve efficiency, and bring in international expertise, ultimately helping deepen insurance penetration across the country. By easing entry norms for foreign investors, the government seeks to strengthen the financial ecosystem and support long-term growth in the insurance industry. However, the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), the country's largest state-run insurer,



will continue to operate under a separate framework. Foreign investment in LIC will remain capped at 20% under the automatic route, ensuring tighter regulatory oversight and preserving its strategic importance. Under the revised policy, foreign investment—including portfolio investments—is permitted in domestic insurance companies, subject to regulatory approvals and verification by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India. This ensures that while the sector opens up, regulatory safeguards remain firmly in place. The reform aligns with the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025, also known as "Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha," which focuses on expand-

ing insurance coverage and modernising the regulatory framework. Most provisions of the Act came into effect on February 5, 2026, except Section 25, indicating a phased implementation approach. To maintain domestic oversight in companies receiving foreign investment, the government has mandated that at least one key managerial position—Chairperson, Managing Director, or Chief Executive Officer—must be held by a resident Indian citizen. This requirement ensures local accountability in decision-making even as foreign participation increases. Additionally, any increase in foreign shareholding must comply with pricing guidelines set by the Reserve Bank of India under the Foreign

Exchange Management Act regulations. These norms are designed to ensure transparency and fairness in cross-border investments. The 100% FDI limit also extends to insurance intermediaries such as brokers, reinsurance brokers, corporate agents, third-party administrators, surveyors, loss assessors, managing general agents, and insurance repositories, subject to IRDAI regulations. This builds upon earlier reforms introduced in 2020, which had already permitted full foreign ownership in intermediaries. Banks functioning as insurance intermediaries will continue to follow sector-specific foreign investment caps applicable to banking, provided that their non-insurance income exceeds 50% of total revenue in a financial year. Moreover, intermediaries with majority foreign ownership must be incorporated as limited companies under the Companies Act, 2013.

Bagmane Prime Office REIT ₹3,405 Crore IPO From May 5

HYDERABAD
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Bagmane Prime Office REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust), a Bengaluru-based commercial office REIT comprising business parks, has fixed a price band of ₹95 to ₹100 per unit for its ₹3,405 crore initial public offering (IPO), which opens on May 5.

The IPO comprises a fresh issue of units aggregating up to ₹2,390 crore by the REIT and an offer for sale of units aggregating up to ₹1,015 crore by BREP Asia III India Holding, an affiliate of Blackstone. The IPO will close on May 7, 2026. Retail investors can bid for a minimum of 150 units and in multiples of 150 units thereafter. The sponsor of the REIT, Bagmane Realty and Infrastructure LLP—the holding entity of the Bagmane Group—is Bengaluru's largest pure-play Grade A+ office owner and developer.

The REIT's portfolio comprises six business parks with a total area of 20.3 million square feet. Its tenant base consists of approximately 89% global capability centres and foreign-headquartered multinational companies.

More Than Collaborators: Tanvi Singh Bhatia on IBTIDA Artists

Ek Mehfil, co-founder and curator, Tanvi Singh Bhatia, is reimagining the traditional mehfil as an immersive, multi-sensory cultural language rooted in depth and authenticity. From QISSA to ARCHIVAL Season 3, she speaks about creating spaces where audiences don't just watch—but belong, feel, and participate. From the very onset, IBTIDA was envisioned as a movement—one that seeks to redefine, revive, and restore culture. Over the years, through various seasons, we've explored this across multiple lenses, conversations, music and immersive cultural experiences. Each season has been shaped by both instinct and observation - some born out of pure emotion, others from gaps we recognized within the industry. There was a clear yearning for something more intimate, more meaningful - spaces where people could truly feel, not just attend. This journey has been built through many such defining moments, each one leading us to where we are today. IBTIDA is not just a series of experiences - it is a cultural movement. One that is



constantly trying to represent India in its truest, most honest form with music, textile, food and monuments and celebrating the India Story. The mehfil remains only one aspect of our eco system. At IBTIDA, it will always be depth over scale. Intimacy over grandeur of large sets; even after 7 years we try to keep the sanity of our values & beliefs from when we started. When the idea of IBTIDA was conceived, it came from a desire to move away from a culture of overconsumption. We live in a time of constant stimulation where attention spans are shrinking

and everything is available, all at once. In that noise, we felt something essential was being lost. Our IP was built as a response to that. It is about slowing down. About pausing. About returning to moments we've forgotten how to notice. At the same time, there is a deep responsibility we feel towards preserving the India Story/classical art forms/. Forgotten cuisines and monuments. We often say this that we might be the last generation that has direct access to this depth of knowledge, to these living legends. And if we don't create spaces where this is experi-

enced, understood and valued, it risks fading away, so we never feel the need to modernise or feel obligated. So IBTIDA becomes a bridge. Between generations. Between past and present. Between art and audience. We want to stay committed to that thought & belief & want to expand it deeper. Intimacy & Closeness is the core of IBTIDA, when we started the whole idea was moving away from larger formats, spectacles and over the years we managed to create that. IBTIDA has always believed in depth over scale & will continue to do so. And that's why intimacy is central to who we are. By moving away from scale and spectacle, and choosing closeness instead, we create room for something far more lasting - connection, understanding and memory. We consciously choose locations that carry history within them such as old havelis, textile stores, dilapidated mills - because these spaces already hold stories which creates scale but maintains the sanity of the core. Growth, for us, has never been about scale alone. It's been about building with intention and nurturing the community,

being mindful of the partners we bring in and shaping every element that contributes to what a cultural IP should stand for. That's what has allowed us to grow to cities & new audiences while still feeling rooted - expanding, yet remaining deeply aligned with who we are. The journey has taken its course and time but its with honest intent & maintaining the brand value. With Archival - Season 3 & Qissa what new story telling layers are you exploring with the mehfil format A conventional performance typically establishes a clear boundary between the stage and the audience, separating the performer from the observer. QISSA removes that line entirely. India holds one of the world's oldest storytelling traditions. These were never intended to be merely watched; they were meant to be inhabited. In QISSA, the story surrounds you. The narrator does not perform at the audience but rather transports them. Due to the intimacy of the space and the lack of physical distance - complemented by the sensory elements of fragrance, food and light.

Rashmika's birthday post for 13-year-old sister Shiman wins hearts online

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Actress Rashmika Mandanna wished her little sister Shiman Mandanna with a lovely social media post as she turned 13 on Saturday. Giving her baby sister a big swishy hug on her special day, Rashmika wrote on the photo-sharing app, "Happiest 13 to you my sweets! 13 is fun so make sure you have fun while you are at it! I love you sweetie!! Biiggggg-geessstttt swiiisss-shhhhy hugs! The latest post of the 'Animal' actress also included some adorable pictures of her sister posing next to her birthday cake. We also see a close-up of her cake-smudge face. It must be noted that Rashmika and her sister have a massive age gap of 16 years. On more than one occasion, the 'Pushpa' actress has revealed that she sees Shiman as her own daughter. Shiman was recently captured attending Rashmika's wedding to actor Vijay Deverakonda in February this year in Udaipur. Talking about her professional commitments,



Rashmika will soon be seen leading Rawindra Palle's eagerly awaited action thriller "Mysaa". Recently, the team commenced a 15-day action schedule in Kerala. IANS had previously reported that Rashmika underwent rigorous training at an intensive stunt and combat bootcamp in Bangkok, Thailand, to perform in the sequences that were to be filmed during this action-packed schedule. According to the sources, 'The Girl-friend' actress trained for more than eight hours every day for "Mysaa" in Bangkok. Rashmika will be seen essaying the role of a tribal Gond girl in her

next. Along with Rashmika, the core cast of "Mysaa" further includes Eshwari Rao, Guru Somasundaram, and Rao Ramesh in pivotal roles, along with others. Over and above this, Rashmika will also be seen sharing the screen with Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon for the first time in the highly anticipated "Cocktail 2". Directed by Homi Adajania and produced by Dinesh Vijan under Maddock Films, the film is a sequel to the 2012 romantic comedy "Cocktail", starring Saif Ali Khan, Deepika Padukone, and Diana Penty as the lead.

India's Thomas Cup title hopes end with semifinal defeat

DENMARK
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India's hopes of reclaiming the Thomas Cup title ended in disappointment as they went down 0-3 to France in the semifinals, settling for a bronze medal here on Saturday. The absence of Lakshya Sen proved costly as HS Prannoy joined Ayush Shetty and Kidambi Srikanth in defeat, losing 19-21, 16-21 to world No. 17 Toma Junior Popov, as India failed to win a single game in a one-sided contest. India, champions in 2022, had already assured themselves of a medal by reaching the semifinals, adding to their bronze finishes in 1952, 1955, and 1979. With the win, France became only the second European nation to reach the final after Denmark's maiden title in 2016. Ayush, drafted into the opening singles with Lakshya nursing a swollen right elbow, went down 11-21, 9-21 in 39 minutes to world No. 4 Christo Popov. All eyes were on Srikanth to restore parity, but the former world No. 1 went down fighting 16-21, 18-



21 to world No. 10 Alex Lanier in the second singles. The onus was then on Prannoy to keep India alive, and though the 2023 World Championships bronze medallist put up a better fight, he could not get past world No. 17 Popov. Srikanth began evenly, matching his younger opponent at 3-3 in the opening game and mixing his strokes well with tight net play and steep smashes. However, Lanier stepped up the pace to open a lead at the interval. With rallies kept short, Srikanth struggled with unforced errors and fell behind 9-14. Though he mounted a brief comeback to close the gap to 15-18, a net error halted his charge as Lanier converted his game points. The second game followed a similar pattern.

Srikanth recovered from an early deficit to draw level at 7-7 with attacking winners, but Lanier's strategy of injecting pace and pressing the forecourt forced more errors, leaving Srikanth to slip to 10-15. Srikanth attempted another late push, narrowing the margin to 15-16, but errors crept in during the closing exchanges. Lanier earned two match points and sealed the contest when Srikanth found the net. Earlier, Ayush, who had been on a strong run in this tournament, suffered his second loss to Popov, having gone down in their only previous meeting at the Hylo Open in 2024. Popov dictated the proceedings from the outset, using deep, probing returns to move Ayush around the court and take early control of the net..

Chennai Super Kings crush Mumbai Indians by eight wickets

CHENNAI
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Chennai Super Kings produced a thoroughly professional display to outclass Mumbai Indians by eight wickets in a critical Indian Premier League match and significantly boost their playoff prospects here on Saturday. Afghanistan left-arm spinner Noor Ahmad led a disciplined bowling effort to help CSK restrict a lacklustre Mumbai Indians to 159 for seven. Noor returned excellent figures of 2/26 in four overs while Anshul Kamboj grabbed 3/32, even as Naman Dhir top-scored for MI with 57 off 37 balls in an insipid display by the visitors after winning the toss. Captain Hardik Pandya consumed 23 balls for his 18, reflecting MI's struggles. Pandya's counterpart Ruturaj Gaikwad then led by example with an unbeaten 48-ball 67 and he was well supported by Kartik Sharma (54 not out off 40 balls) and Urvil Patel (24 off 12 balls). In the chase, CSK's man



in form Sanju Samson was quick off the blocks with a couple of boundaries but Jasprit Bumrah cut short his stay with a beautiful outswinger that took the outside edge and Ryan Rickelton dived to right his to grab the ball. Samson, who punched Bumrah through covers in the previous delivery, paid the price for his lack of foot movement. Skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad smashed Trent Boult for a six over deep square-leg as 17 runs came off the third over. Krish Bhagat leaked 18 runs with Urvil Patel hitting him for two sixes and a four before Ruturaj got a

maximum against AM Ghazanfar. Ghazanfar, though, dismissed Patel as the batter played the ball on to his stumps. Gaikwad and Sharma then took CSK home. Earlier, Mukesh Choudhary started the proceedings for CSK on an excellent note, conceding just one run in the opening over and then IPL debutant Ramakrishna made immediate impact with a stunning catch to send back Will Jacks in the second over bowled by Anshul Kamboj. Off a length ball outside off, Jacks stepped out and tried to hoick but failed to

connect as Ramakrishna ran in from deep backward point and dived to complete the catch, leaving the crowd at MA Chidambaram Stadium delighted. With their campaigns hanging by a thread following a string of disappointing outings, there was a lot riding on this contest for both MI and CSK, and the latter delivered when it mattered. MI, though, are still not out mathematically. MI's first boundary was unconvincing as the ball flew off Naman Dhir's bat after the batter tried to flick it. However, the in-form Rickelton smoked Mukesh for two successive sixes — one over extra cover and another over deep midwicket to set the ball rolling for MI. Naman got into the act as he hit Kamboj for a maximum. CSK skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad introduced Prashant Veer into the attack, and Rickelton welcomed him with three sixes in a productive over for MI, fetching them 18 runs.

Naman smashed Mukesh for his second six as MI ended the powerplay with 57 runs for the loss of one wicket. Naman was dropped by Shivam Dube on 19, and it was a sitter, but CSK hit back almost immediately with the big wicket of Rickelton, dismissed by left-arm spinner Noor Ahmad as the opener got down on one knee to target the deep midwicket region but found Urvil Patel instead. Ghosh gave away just seven runs in his first over in IPL, including a six by Suryakumar Yadav (21 off 12), who also struck Noor for a maximum and a four. Suryakumar, however, again failed to convert his quick start into a significant contribution as Ghosh had him caught in the deep for his maiden wicket after the batter tried to get on top of the ball and guide it over cover. MI, who were playing quite a few dot balls in the middle overs, lost another big wicket when Tilak Varma got a top-edge while trying to sweep.

99-Day Praja Palana Programme a Sham: Vivekanand

BRS Quthbullapur legislator K.P. Vivekanand Goud on Saturday said even after two and half years in power, the Congress remained focused on trying to fool the people instead of doing any work. Addressing a press conference, Vivekanand said that nearly 900 days had passed since the Congress came to power, but it had not kept any of the promises it had made to come to power. Sixty days of the 99-day 'Praja Palana — Pragathi Nivedika' campaign had passed, and the government had nothing to show for its work. "With tens of thousands of applications on grievances pending, and none attended to so far, the Pragathi Palana celebrations are nothing more than an exercise to prove its existence by the Congress," he said. The programme had not made any difference to the lives of people. The government had not even paused to review its promises, Vivekanand said. Instead of wasting time with such programmes, the government should focus on supply of drinking water, ensure proper distribution of Indiramma houses, and uninterrupted power supply, he said.

Bathukammakunta Is a Lake: Ranganath

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath on Saturday claimed that the existence of Bathukammakunta in Amberpet as a lake was backed with historical, documentary and satellite evidence. Government records, maps and satellite imagery from as early as 1975 clearly showed the lake. Addressing the media on Saturday, Ranganath showed irrigation documents, along with the municipal records from Amberpet from 1975, that described Bathukammakunta as a lake. "According to revenue and GHMC records, the lake spreads across 9 acres and 19 guntas, existing on Survey No 563/1. The adjoining bund, recorded as 'Masan Katta', exists on Survey



No. 563/2 over six guntas", Ranganath said. "The court has asked the other party to prove his ownership, and he has nothing but an unregistered sale agreement. Using that document, he claims ownership of that land. He does not have a sale deed, and the court has previously declared that he has no ownership rights. But they appealed to the High Court, where the case is being heard," Ranganath explained. HYDRAA has showcased Survey of India maps generated in 1971, which showed the area as a

water body. It also provided satellite pictures captured by National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (Nasa) Landsat programme in 1989, which also showed a water body. "It is a clear indication that the lake is a water body which was not a small pond as the other party has claimed," Ranganath said. Ranganath added that following the contempt orders by the High Court and the orders of the Supreme Court, that no party should claim ownership of the land until the final verdict, the agency had re-

Telangana to Launch Traffic Safety Bureau Soon

Following recent accidents on the Outer Ring Road, the DGP noted that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has expressed serious concern and directed strict measures to prevent such incidents.

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Telangana Director General of Police (DGP) C.V. Anand on Saturday announced that the state government is in the process of setting up a Traffic Management and Road Safety Bureau aimed at improving coordination and reducing road accidents across the state. He said the initiative is moving forward and the bureau is expected to become operational soon, according to an official press release. The announcement came after a comprehensive review meeting held with Joint Commissioners of Police (Traffic) and Deputy Commissioners of Police (Traffic) under the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits, where



prevailing traffic conditions in the city were assessed in detail. During the meeting, the DGP stressed the need for stronger coordination between multiple departments to ensure smoother and more effective traffic regulation in Hyderabad, which continues to face growing vehicular congestion. He also referred to recent accidents on the Outer Ring Road (ORR), noting that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has expressed serious concern over the incidents and directed authorities to take strict preventive measures. The Chief Minister emphasized enforcing speed

limits and ensuring strict compliance with road safety norms to avoid further tragedies. The CM also instructed that traffic movement should not be halted for extended periods during convoy movements, so that public inconvenience is minimized, the release stated. DGP Anand directed traffic police officials to perform their duties efficiently while ensuring minimal disruption to commuters. He urged officers to adopt dynamic traffic management strategies in response to the rising vehicle density in the city and to enforce stricter control measures wherever required. He further instructed intensified enforcement against traffic violations, especially drunk driving, and strict compliance with helmet and seatbelt rules.

Tarnaka Museum to Reopen With 200 Rare Deccan Documents

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The Telangana Archives and Research Institute (TGRAI) will be re-launching its renovated archival museum soon. Some 150-200 rare documents, mostly related to the Deccan, including manuscripts, maps and portraits, will be on display for history enthusiasts and researchers at the facility in Tarnaka. The documents, in Persian, Urdu, Telugu, Marathi and English, will be displayed in a 1,650 sq ft hall for history buffs. These include the second-oldest document in the country; a decree of Shah Alam about arrangements for the Allahabad pilgrimage (Kumbh Mela); Tipu Sultan's treaty with the Nizams and Marathas; the Gazette of the Hyderabad merger; Nizam farmans granting the Bhadrachalam temple; Nizam farmans about the construction of the High Court, Osmania Hospital

and Osmansagar; and several gold-sprinkled documents. One of the interesting documents is the proclamation enforcing a ban on the practice of sati. The decree, issued under the rule of Nizam VI Mir Mahboob Ali Khan in 1876 AD, ordered tough measures to enforce the ban, which had already been enforced by British India. "The official order reaffirms the earlier decree of more than two decades prohibiting the practice of Sati," said M.A. Raqeeb, assistant director, Telangana State Archives. Addressed to all officers — taluqdars, assistant taluqdars, zamindars and jagirdars — the order emphasised strict enforcement following widespread negligence and numerous complaints of continued violations. "The document stands as a significant reminder of state efforts to abolish harmful practices and uphold justice," the official added.

Kishan Reddy Credits Modi for Globalising Yoga

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Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for elevating yoga as India's global contribution to health and well-being. He credited PM Modi with successfully securing United Nations recognition of June 21 as International Day of Yoga in 2014, supported by over 170 countries. Speaking at the 50-day countdown to the 12th International Day of Yoga



(IDY) held at Kanha Shanti Vanam in Ranga Reddy district, organised by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga under the Ministry of Ayush, Reddy highlighted yoga's growing global acceptance. He noted that yoga promotes physical fitness, mental balance and discipline, especially in an era affected by pollution, unhealthy food habits and digital lifestyle stress. He urged that yoga should become an integral part of daily life and be

practiced in every home, school, village and workplace. He also emphasized the need to position Hyderabad as a global yoga hub, alongside its established reputation in the IT and pharmaceutical sectors. Praising Kanha Shanti Vanam as a model centre for sustainable living, meditation and holistic wellness, the Union Minister appreciated the efforts of Ayush Minister Pratap Rao Jadhav for organising the countdown event and promoting yoga aware-

ness across the country. Reddy further stated that initiatives such as yoga, Ayurveda, and cultural revival projects like the Ram Mandir reflect India's civilisational strength and would contribute to building a healthier and more peaceful society. He expressed confidence that these efforts would play a key role in achieving the vision of a "Viksit Bharat" by 2047, where India emerges as a developed and spiritually balanced nation.

New Osmania Hospital to Be Ready by 2027, Says Minister

Construction of the new Osmania General Hospital complex at Goshamahal was targeted to be completed by next year, health minister Damodar Rajanarsimha said here on Saturday. The design, the minister said, was being tailored to ensure ease and efficiency for patients, doctors and healthcare staff alike. Rajanarsimha was addressing the 175th MBBS graduation ceremony at Osmania Medical College, where he, along with Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, conferred degrees on students. Senior officials, including Kaloji Narayana Rao Health University Vice Chancellor Dr Ramesh Reddy, DME Dr Narendra Kumar and principal DR Rajarao, were present. Congratulating the graduates, the minister urged young doctors to prioritise patient care and empathy over commercial considerations, assuring them of the government's continued support. The existing OGH building continues to serve thousands, and recent milestones such as a successful liver transplant on an 18-month-old child underscore the clinical expertise available. Once operational, the new complex is expected to significantly expand super speciality services, emergency care and access to advanced treatment.

4% BC-E reservation boosting minority education, says Shabbir Ali

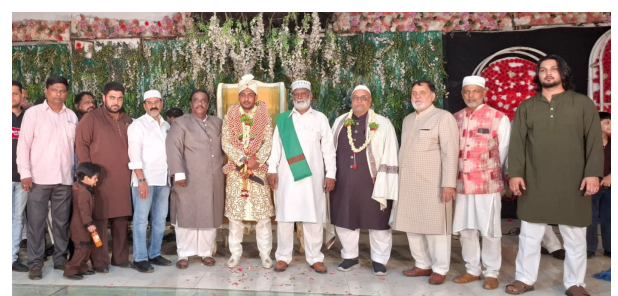
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The 4 per cent reservation for poor Muslims under the BC-E category is significantly boosting educational advancement in the community, Government Adviser Mohammed Ali Shabbir said while addressing a felicitation programme for state rankers at Kalabharathi Auditorium in Kamareddy. He attended as the chief guest and honoured students of Sandeepani Junior College who secured top ranks at the state level, presenting them with cash awards. Asma Jabeen secured second rank in BiPC second year, Satvika secured third rank in MPC second year, K. Akshaya secured second rank in MPC first year, and Ayesha Siddeeqa secured fourth rank in BiPC first year. Highlighting the achievements, Shabbir Ali said girl students are setting a new benchmark by excelling in academics and securing top ranks, thereby building



strong foundations for their future careers. He noted that many of these achievers come from rural and economically modest backgrounds, making their success even more significant. He stated that the BC-E reservation policy has opened doors for deserving minority students to access quality education and compete at higher levels. According to him, the consistent performance of such students reflects the positive impact of inclusive policies. Shabbir Ali said the achievements have brought pride to Kamareddy district and demonstrate that dedication, proper guidance, and opportunities can help students reach great heights. He appreciated the role of parents and teachers in shaping students' success and encouraging them to pursue excellence. He urged students to continue their academic journey with the same commitment and contribute meaningfully to society. He also reiterated the Congress government's commitment to strengthening the education sector and supporting talented students. District Collector Ashish Sangwan, College principal, faculty, parents, and public representatives attended the programme.

Grand Nikah Ceremony Held at Noori Palace



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A grand Nikah ceremony was held on Thursday, 30 May 2026, at Noori Palace Function Hall, Bandlaguda, Hyderabad. The groom, Mohammed Osman, son of Mohammed Lateef Ahmed, entered into wedlock with the daughter of Mohd Viqar Hussain. The event witnessed the presence of several distinguished

personalities from the city, adding grace to the occasion. Among the attendees were Janab Habeeb Mohammad Sikandar, National President of Al Indo-Arab Federation and CEO of Al Madina Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., along with Mohd Waseem Hussain, Mohd Kareem Uddin (Nawab), Sheikh Mehboob Basha, Mohd Majid Ahmed, Mohd Rawoof Khan, Salman Hussain, and Syed Athar.

120 CCTV Cameras Installed at Enumamula Market

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Endowments minister Konda Surekha on Saturday inaugurated a network of 120 CCTV cameras at the Enumamula Agriculture Market to improve transparency in market transactions. Accompanied by Wardhannapet MLA K.R. Nagaraju and district collector Satya Sharada, the minister said the surveillance system was introduced to ensure fair and impartial dealings for farmers. She said the government is taking measures to curb irregularities and safeguard farmers' interests, adding that transparency and farmer protection remain priorities. Referring to the government's policies, she said



under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, steps are being taken to strengthen farmer welfare and ensure procurement of produce. The event was attended by Chamber of Commerce president Ravinder Reddy, district marketing officer Surekha and other officials.

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