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## Revanth Dares BRS on Free Power

CM vows free farm power, defends borrowings and accuses BRS-BJP nexus, Targets KCR, Harish Rao and KTR

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday launched a sharp attack on the BRS leadership, challenging the opposition party on the issue of free electricity for farmers while taking aim at K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), T. Harish Rao and K.T. Rama Rao (KTR). Defending his government's commitment to farmers, Revanth Reddy said the Congress administration is establishing a dedicated Rythu Discom to ensure un-



interrupted 24-hour free power supply to the agriculture sector. He asserted that the move would improve accountability and transparency in power distribution. Throwing down a political challenge, the Chief Minister said that if his government ever installs meters on agricultural pump sets or withdraws

free power for farmers, Congress would not seek votes in elections. He then asked whether BRS would stay away from elections if the government successfully continued free electricity to farmers. The Chief Minister also hit back at criticism over state borrowings, accusing senior BRS leader Harish Rao of presenting misleading figures. He said that while the government was raising loans of around Rs 70,000 crore annually, it was simultaneously repaying nearly Rs 95,000 crore in existing liabilities. Revanth

Reddy maintained that the state remained within FRBM limits and was adhering to fiscal discipline. Escalating his attack, the Chief Minister challenged Harish Rao to swear on KCR that he would never leave the BRS. Claiming to have knowledge of Harish Rao's political contacts, Revanth hinted at behind-the-scenes developments but stopped short of revealing details. He also questioned Harish Rao's recent visit to Delhi after leaving a party meeting midway.

IMD Predicts Widespread Rainfall Across Kerala For The Next Five Days

The southwest monsoon has been delayed and is now expected to arrive in Kerala between June 2 and 4, a setback attributed to a cyclonic system over the Bay of Bengal that has disrupted the atmospheric conditions needed for its advance. Consequently, the IMD has revised its forecast, pushing back the monsoon's usual onset date of June 1, which was earlier anticipated as May 26. Meanwhile, heavy rains hit Kerala's capital, Thiruvananthapuram, causing waterlogging in several parts of the city, even as the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) sounded a yellow alert in seven districts predicting widespread rainfall across the state for the next five days.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an orange alert for Thiruvananthapuram, forecasting heavy to very heavy rainfall between 115.6 mm and 204.4 mm over the next 24 hours, accompanied by winds reaching up to 50 kmph. A yellow alert has been declared for seven districts — Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Malappuram and Kozhikode — with widespread rainfall expected across the state over the next five days.

## Mob Throws Stones, Eggs At TMC Leader Abhishek In Bengal



**KOLKATA**  
Wakeup telangana

Trinamul Congress (TMC) general secretary Abhishek Banerjee was attacked by a mob in Sonarpur town of West Bengal on Saturday while visiting victims of post-poll violence. According to reports, a group of people hurled stones, eggs and shoes at Banerjee and raised slogans against him. He was escorted out by aides and security personnel, wearing a protective helmet amid the scuffle. The incident occurred in the Kamrabad area under Rajpur-Sonarpur municipality when Banerjee tried to enter the locality on a motorcycle. He was forced to disembark as locals gathered, shouting slogans and blocking his movement. Despite resistance, he proceeded on foot for about a

kilometre before being escorted away. Visuals showed Banerjee with torn clothes during the confrontation. Police and Central forces later reached the spot and evacuated him as protests continued, with women seen holding broomsticks and bamboo sticks and raising slogans. "They wanted to kill me. The whole incident has been captured on camera. We will definitely let the High Court know about this. We will also let the governor know about this. I will definitely move court," Banerjee said. "It's all BJP-sponsored. Look what they have done. This is their example of democracy. It hasn't even been a month, and the police are nowhere to be seen. My head was somehow spared; fortunately, I was wearing a helmet.

**WEATHER**

MAX: 39.0°C  
MIN: 27.0°C  
RH: 23%  
RAINFALL: 0MM  
FORECAST: MAINLY CLEAR SKY  
MAX/MIN temp. 40/28°C

### RBI To Push e-Rupee via Welfare Schemes, Cross Border Payments

The Reserve Bank of India is planning to expand the digital rupee to more applications in welfare payments and test its use in cross-border transactions, it said in its 2025-26 annual report on Friday. The move comes as India seeks to broaden the use of the digital rupee and explore its role in overseas payments. The RBI has conducted multiple welfare-linked central bank digital currency pilots during the 25/26 fiscal year including in states and union territories such as Gujarat, Puducherry and Chandigarh where beneficiaries received food subsidies through digital rupee, the RBI said. "At the institutional level, multiple government agencies commenced pilots in various direct benefit transfer (DBT) schemes leveraging the programmability feature of CBDC to ensure productive utilisation of public funds."

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## Gen Chauhan Retires as Chief of Defence Staff

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Gen Anil Chauhan on Saturday superannuated as Chief of Defence Staff after a three-year-and-eight-month stint in the country's top military post, during which he focused on improving synergy among the three services. Lt Gen N.S. Raja Subramani (retd) will take charge as India's next Chief of Defence Staff on Sunday. "I had a very satisfying and excel-



lent tenure," the outgoing CDS said after he was accorded a ceremonial tri-services guard of honour. Gen Chauhan, a former Eastern Army Commander, took charge as the country's senior-most military commander in

September 2022, more than nine months after India's first CDS, Gen. Bipin Rawat, died in a helicopter crash in Tamil Nadu. As Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Chauhan played a key role in the planning and implementation of Operation Sindoor along with the three service chiefs. Last month, he submitted a formal proposal to the defence ministry on the formation of theatre commands after years of deliberations with the chiefs of the

Army, Navy and Air Force. "It is a matter of great honour for me to superannuate with a tri-services guard of honour. I thank the three services and Headquarters IDS (Integrated Defence Staff) for it. With the conclusion of the guard of honour, I bid farewell to my colleagues in uniform, comrades in arms," Gen Chauhan said. "I just laid a wreath at the War Memorial for the last time in uniform, as a humble tribute.

## Sidda's Son Yathinda Set for Cabinet Berth

**BENGALURU**  
Wakeup telangana

The exercise for formation of new Council of Ministers is deliberated by Congress leaders while the name of MLC Dr Yathindra, the son of acting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is in the reckoning for a cabinet berth, but not for Deputy Chief Minister's post. Making Yathindra a cabinet minister was one of the conditions put forward by Siddaramaiah to the Congress

High-Command leaders for him to resign from the post. The central leaders reportedly agreed to his demands including a cabinet berth for Yathindra. Siddaramaiah after tendering his resignation, left for New Delhi on Thursday to meet central Congress party leaders - Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, President of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) Mallikarjun Kharge, to thank the

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### India's 11,000 km Coastline Face Immediate Climate Risks: Report

India's coastal regions are facing an imminent climate crisis that will reshape lives, livelihoods, and ecosystems within the next couple of years, according to the 'Indian Coastal Region: Climate Projections 2021-2040' report released by Azim Premji University, Bengaluru. Focusing on near-term projections (2021-2040) the study provides actionable insights for policymakers and local communities, using CMIP6 model projections corrected for regional bias to improve accuracy. The report

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## US Ready to Hit Iran Again if No Deal: Hegseth

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The U.S. is ready to re-start attacks on Iran if a deal cannot be reached, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said on Saturday, as negotiators from Washington and Tehran worked to bridge major differences blocking an agreement. "Our ability to recommence if necessary...we are more than capable," Hegseth said in Singapore. "Our stockpiles are more than suited for that, both there and around the globe, so we're in a very good place," he added. Hegseth, speaking at the

"We can do two things at one time. We're super-charging our defence industrial base so that we're building 2X, 3X, 4X the munitions very soon to ensure that all of our (operations) plans are properly funded throughout the world," —Pete Hegseth

Shangri-La Dialogue, Asia's premier forum for defence leaders, militaries and diplomats, said the U.S. has not turned its back on the Asia-Pacific region despite being engaged in conflict with Iran. "We can do two things at one time. We're super-charging our defence industrial base so

that we're building 2X, 3X, 4X the munitions very soon to ensure that all of our (operations) plans are properly funded throughout the world," he said. The Pentagon chief said President Donald Trump was "patient" and wants to make a "great deal" that ensures Iran does not get

a nuclear weapon. On Friday, Trump said he would meet in a secure White House room to make a "final determination" on a proposal to end the Iran war, which would extend an early-April truce for another 60 days, giving negotiators time to forge a permanent end to the conflict. The war launched by the U.S. and Israel on February 28 has killed thousands of people, mainly in Iran and Lebanon, and caused global economic pain by pushing up energy prices due to Iran's effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

### Donald Trump's Daughter Visits Taj Mahal

American President Donald Trump's daughter Tiffany visited the iconic Taj Mahal with her husband Michael Boulos on Saturday and spent about an hour exploring the monument, officials said. Trump arrived at the Taj Mahal around 11 am along with Boulos and a few close friends. During her visit, she extensively toured the monument and clicked pictures at various locations within the complex. Tourist guide Ramesh Diwan said she showed keen interest in the history and architecture of the monument and asked several questions about its construction. After completing the visit, Trump praised the beauty

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## US Calls India Key Anchor for Indo-Pacific Stability

**NEW DELHI**  
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US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth described India as a critical pillar of regional stability, saying the country is strengthening its military capabilities to help maintain a balance of power across the Indo-Pacific. Speaking on the second day of the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, Hegseth said, "In South Asia,

India is a critical anchor to hold the line. A powerful India acting in its own self-interest advances our shared goal of maintaining a balance of power across the region." He praised India's military modernisation efforts, particularly its expanding role in the Indian Ocean region. "India is modernising its military to carry its share of the security burden, particularly in the Indian

Ocean," Hegseth said. Highlighting India's growing defence manufacturing capabilities, he noted that the country is building the industrial and logistics capacity needed to sustain high-end military operations, including the repair and maintenance of shared platforms and support for US Navy vessels operating in the region. Hegseth also pointed to expanding defence co-

operation between Washington and New Delhi, including plans for joint production initiatives. "We've also committed to pursuing co-production with India to advance capabilities like Javelin anti-tank guided munitions. Real, tangible steps to improve the collective readiness of our forces," he said. The Pentagon chief linked India's growing defence-industrial strength to broader

efforts by the United States and its partners to enhance military preparedness across the Indo-Pacific. "This kind of industrial muscle isn't just a long-term goal, it's an immediate operational imperative," he said. Hegseth further outlined the Trump administration's plans to significantly expand US defence spending and manufacturing capacity.

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## DGP C.V. Anand for Comprehensive Reforms in Law & Order, Suggests New Initiatives

Director-General of Police C.V. Anand on Saturday directed the implementation of several new initiatives

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Director General of Police (DGP) C. V. Anand on Saturday called for comprehensive reforms in policing to ensure effective maintenance of law and order and deliver accountable, citizen-centric public service across Telangana.

Addressing a video conference with police officers ranging from sub-inspectors to commissioners and superintendents of police on the theme "Adoption of Effective Policing Standards," the DGP emphasized that policing must evolve in response to changing social conditions and emerging challenges. He said the government expects a



transformation in police functioning that reflects modern-day requirements and public expectations. Anand stressed the need to eliminate negligence in duties, procedural violations, corruption, and disregard for the chain of command. He urged personnel at all levels to uphold strict discipline and abandon outdated practices that hinder efficient service delivery. Highlighting changing security priorities, the

DGP noted that Telangana Police had focused heavily on combating Maoism over the past three decades. However, with Maoist influence having significantly declined during the last 15 years, he said it was time to reassess the relevance of specialized anti-Maoist units such as the Greyhounds and consider restructuring them to meet current policing needs. The DGP also directed

officers to intensify efforts against narcotic drugs and cybercrime, both of which have emerged as major threats in recent years. He instructed police officials not to compromise on women's safety and child protection measures and called for further strengthening of Bharosa Centres and She Teams. Senior police officials, including Mahesh M. Bhagwat, V. V. Srinivasa Rao and Charu Sinha, briefed participants on the functioning of their respective departments. DG (SPF) Swati Lakra and IGP's Chandra Sekhar Reddy, Ramesh Naidu and Gajarao Bhumal were also present. As part of a broader modernization drive, Anand announced several

new initiatives, including the creation of a Traffic Management and Road Safety Bureau, a dedicated wing to combat food adulteration, and a vigilance and enforcement wing to prevent government revenue leakage. He also ordered the formation of a "DGP Tech Team" to monitor police technology systems and enhance the use of Hawk Eye Ultra and TG-COP Ultra applications. Additionally, four special DIGs will oversee district policing, monthly crime review meetings will become mandatory, surprise inspections will be conducted regularly, and all police units will reserve daily time slots for hearing public grievances.

## Ramchander Rao Hits Out at CM Over SIR Remarks

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao on Saturday hit out at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's remarks linking the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) to the BJP's victory in West Bengal. Speaking to reporters in Karimnagar, Rao called the CM's suggestion that SIR was responsible for the BJP win totally wrong and politically motivated. He argued that if that standard were to be applied universally, it would also have to explain victories by other parties in different states. "When the Congress loses elections, it blames the SIR, EVMs, or the electoral system. However, it stays silent when it wins. This kind of blame game is not good for democracy," he



said. Rao defended SIR as a legal, constitutional process overseen by the Election Commission of India and backed by the Supreme Court, and urged the Congress to stop false propaganda and baseless allegations. He explained that SIR is meant to purify electoral rolls through rectification, noting that around 57 crore voters' details have already been rectified nationwide, with verification for another 37 crore voters underway including in Telangana. He also pointed out that all political parties nominate booth level agents,

who take part in voter-list verifications, countering claims that the process is unilateral. Urging cooperation rather than politicisation, Rao asked the Congress, BRS and MIM to work together to ensure eligible voters are enrolled, and called on parties and citizens to guard against ineligible entries, including alleged illegal foreign infiltrators, Bangladeshis and Rohingyas. On grain procurement, Rao alleged the Congress government's negligent attitude was exposed during BJP leaders' visits to procurement centres across the state. He claimed farmers have been facing pressure from officials and millers to sell directly without sending their produce to procurement centres.

## Mala JAC Seeks Roster Reforms, Submits Report to Congress

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A delegation of the Mala Joint Action Committee (JAC), led by Minister Vivek Venkataswamy, Vardhanna MLA Nagaraju, JAC Chairman G. Chennaiyya and other leaders, submitted a detailed report to AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, demanding immediate amendments to the roster system. The delegation alleged that the existing roster structure has resulted in inadequate representation of the Mala community in government jobs and promotions. They sought proportional representation based on population, protection of existing rights,



and reforms to prevent dilution of opportunities under SC sub-categorization. Meenakshi Natarajan assured the delegation that the report would be examined and its recommendations conveyed to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the Congress high command. The JAC emphasized that correcting the roster system is essential to ensuring social justice and fair opportunities for Mala youth.

## Ponguleti Praises Revanth's Housing Initiative

Indiramma Houses a Gift from Revanth Reddy to Urban Poor, Says Minister Ponguleti

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy here on Saturday assured that advanced Indiramma houses would be constructed and provided within the vicinity of the areas where the urban poor currently reside, ensuring no disruption to their livelihoods. He clarified that not only will the foundation stone for the one lakh houses approved in the first phase within the Qura limit soon be laid by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, but also



measures will be taken to complete their construction within a year. Srinivas Reddy, along with fellow ministers Pongam Prabhakar and Mohammed Azharuddin, laid the foundation stone for the Integrated Sub-Registrar Offices to be

built in Banjara Hills for the community. On this occasion, speaking at the meeting organized as a chief guest, Minister Srinivas Reddy addressed the gathering. Stating that unlike the previous BRS government, which intended to scatter houses 30-40 kilometers away from where people lived, he said each constituency will be treated as a unit, and houses will be constructed within that constituency for its residents—this is a great gift to the poor, presented by Revanth Reddy. The Minister affirmed that

the people's government schemes are being implemented to reach right to the doorsteps of the poor in the state. He explained that these integrated buildings are being constructed to bring services from departments like Stamps and Registration, Survey, and others under one roof. As part of the reforms introduced by their government, the Minister stated that 13 Sub-Registrar Offices within the limits of three corporations are being boldly brought into operation in a corporate style, defying the private sector.

## BRS Leaders Felicitate Outgoing MPDO in Regode Mandal

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BRS Party leaders organized a grand felicitation programme in Regode Mandal, Medak District, to honour outgoing MPDO Smt. Seetha Ramamma and welcome newly appointed MPDO Sri Gangadhar on Saturday. Leaders appreciated Seetha Ramamma's services and her contribution to implementing welfare schemes and developmental activities during her tenure. They expressed confidence that Gangadhar's administrative experience



will strengthen public service delivery and accelerate development works across the mandal. The programme was attended by BRS mandal leaders, public representatives, activists and local residents who extended best wishes. Leaders assured full cooperation in addressing public issues and strengthening grassroots governance in Regode region effectively.

## BRS Slams Balka Suman Arrest, Targets Congress Rule

The arrest of former BRS MLA Balka Suman in Hyderabad sparked sharp criticism from party leaders, who accused the Congress government of authoritarianism and political vendetta. Party leaders alleged the government was targeting opposition voices to divert attention from its failures.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) leaders strongly condemned the arrest of former MLA Balka Suman on Saturday, accusing the Congress government of adopting undemocratic and repressive measures against opposition voices.



Police registered cases against Balka Suman at Nampally Police Station over his recent controversial remarks. After receiving information that he was present at Telangana Bhavan, a large contingent of police personnel was deployed at the party headquarters. Tension prevailed for some time as BRS workers resisted police attempts to enter the premises. Despite protests and slogan-shouting by party activists, police arrested the former MLA and took him into custody. Reacting sharply to the arrest, former minister V. Srinivas Goud accused the

Congress government of pursuing political vendetta against opposition leaders. He alleged that the State government had made it a routine practice to target BRS leaders and social media activists whenever they questioned its failures and policies. "The BRS strongly condemns Balka Suman's arrest. This is a vindictive act. Congress leaders have made far more offensive remarks in the past, yet the government has failed to take action against them," Srinivas Goud said. He further alleged that the Congress government was following a

double standard by applying one set of rules to its own leaders and another to BRS leaders. BRS MLC Deshapathi Srinivas also criticized what he described as the Congress government's repressive attitude. He alleged that the administration was filing illegal cases and harassing opposition leaders in an attempt to silence criticism of its policies. Questioning the government's approach, Deshapathi Srinivas claimed that Balka Suman had been booked under an unlawful case. He referred to past remarks made by

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy regarding Pragathi Bhavan and argued that those comments were defended as freedom of expression, while similar comments made by opposition leaders were being treated as criminal offenses. Former minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy said the Congress government's actions posed a threat to democratic values. He alleged that false cases were being filed against opposition leaders who were raising public concerns, particularly issues affecting farmers. According to Prashanth Reddy, targeting Balka Suman for highlighting farmers' problems reflected the government's intolerance toward criticism. He accused the Congress government of using such actions as a diversionary tactic to shift attention away from its failures and shortcomings in governance.

## Hafeezpet Station redevelopment nears completion, inauguration soon

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

Hafeezpet Railway Station has been transformed into a modern passenger-friendly facility under a major redevelopment project costing around Rs.33 crore. The works have been completed to



nearly 99 percent and the station is expected to be inaugurated soon. Union Coal Minister G.

Kishan Reddy stated that the redevelopment aims to provide passengers with improved amenities and international-standard infrastructure. As part of the upgrade, a 12-metre-wide Foot Over Bridge with ramps, platform roofing, modern toilets, a renovated station building, improved cir-

culating area, reconstructed platforms, new signboards, two lifts, and escalators have been completed. The revamped station is expected to significantly enhance passenger convenience and improve the overall travel experience for commuters using the Hafeezpet railway station.

## Prema Hastham Foundation Organizes Annadanam Program at Uppal

Over 250 Passengers and Daily Commuters Benefited

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Usha Sree

In a remarkable display of compassion and social responsibility, the Prema Hastham Foundation organized a large-scale Annadanam (free meal distribution) program on Saturday at the newly established bus stand center near Nallacheruvu, Uppal. The humanitarian initiative was led by Prema Hastham Foundation Founder and Chairman Rev. Dr. Vijay Darla and Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Darla, who, along with RTC staff and Foundation volunteers, personally served meals to passengers, pedestrians, auto-rickshaw drivers, daily wage



workers, and other members of the public. More than 250 people benefited from the food distribution drive, which aimed to provide relief and support to travelers and working-class citizens, particularly during the ongoing summer season. Speaking on the occasion, Rev. Dr. Vijay Darla said that serving food to the needy is one

of the noblest forms of service to humanity. He emphasized that the Foundation remains committed to carrying out welfare and charitable activities that bring hope and support to underprivileged sections of society. The event witnessed active participation from Foundation members including C.H. Parimala, Sneha Darla, Neha, Naomi,

Ribka Rani, Rajarao, Hanok, Enosh, Cherry, and several other volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the program. Beneficiaries and local residents appreciated the Foundation's efforts, describing the initiative as a meaningful act of kindness and community service. "Feeding the hungry is not merely charity; it is a reflection of love, compassion, and humanity," the organizers stated. The Prema Hastham Foundation has been actively involved in various charitable and social welfare initiatives and continues to serve society through its mission of Love, Service, and Care.

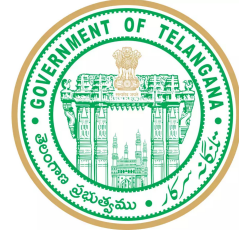
## Amoy Kumar Appears Before ED Again in Bhoodan Case

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

## Telangana to Unveil New Fee Reimbursement Policy, to Pay ₹200cr pm

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The state government has decided to introduce a new fee reimbursement and scholarship policy from the 2026-27 academic year to end inordinate delays and mounting arrears that have plagued the system since it was introduced in 2007-08. Official sources said, under the revamped mechanism, the government will release ₹200 crore every month to ensure that there are no fee reimbursement and scholarship dues from the new academic year. The decision comes against the backdrop of a mounting fee reimbursement crisis. In the past, reimbursement funds meant for a particular academic year were released in the following year, and even that process was not implemented effectively. As a result, arrears accumu-



lated over as many as five academic years, severely affecting students dependent on government support for their education. Fee reimbursement arrears have been accumulating since 2021 during the previous BRS government. The Congress government, which assumed office in December 2023, inherited nearly ₹7,000 crore in dues from the previous BRS regime. Private colleges, however, claim that the total dues, including those for the current 2025-26 academic year, have crossed ₹10,000 crore. The issue had triggered widespread protests by private educational institutions. In 2025, managements of

professional colleges under the Federation of Associations of Telangana Higher Education Institutions (FATHI) announced an indefinite shutdown of colleges from September 15, demanding immediate clearance of pending dues. Following discussions with the government, which assured a release of ₹1,200 crore, nearly ₹300 crore was released on October 1, 2025, leading to a temporary withdrawal of the agitation. However, the standoff resurfaced during the Dasara period when colleges intensified their protest plans by announcing a 'Chalo Hyderabad' programme involving faculty members and students. The renewed pressure forced the government to release an additional ₹200 crore. Despite these payments, college managements maintain that only about ₹500 crore of the

₹1,500 crore demanded by them has been released so far. Private colleges managements claim the government still owes more than ₹10,000 crore in fee reimbursement dues. Managements stated that colleges have been facing severe financial stress due to the prolonged non-payment of reimbursements, affecting their day-to-day operations and financial stability. The delay in releasing reimbursement funds has also had a direct impact on students. With government payments either delayed or withheld since 2021, many students have been forced to bear tuition fee burdens upfront. Pass-out students have been particularly affected, as several private colleges have reportedly refused to issue degree certificates and transfer certificates unless students clear the dues themselves.

## Pharma City farmers stage dharna, demand repeal of G.O.Ms. 31

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Accusing the Congress government of adopting double standards on the proposed Pharma City project and failing to honour promises made in its election manifesto, farmers opposing the acquisition of fertile agricultural lands demanded the repeal of GOMs 31. They also urged the State government to withdraw the Future City, Greenfield Expressway and other projects that involve large-scale acquisition of fertile agricultural lands. Under the banner of the Pharma City Vyathireka Porata Samithi, farmers and agricultural labourers from Yacharam, Kandukur and other parts of Rangareddy district staged a dharna at Indira Park here on Saturday. The protesters alleged that despite stay orders issued by the High Court on land acquisition, the govern-

ment was proceeding with acquisition and executing project-related works. Samithi convenor Saraswathi Kavula recalled that ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections, Congress leaders had extended support to the agitation and promised to scrap the Pharma City project. The assurance was also incorporated in the party's Abhaya Hashtam manifesto, she said. According to Saraswathi, Congress leaders had also promised to protect farmers' lands and grant permanent ownership rights. However, farmers in Kurmidla village were now being pressured to part with their lands for the proposed Greenfield Expressway project, she alleged. The farmers displayed flex banners carrying photographs of Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Rythu Commission Chairman M Kodanda Reddy, Panchayat

Raj and Rural Development Minister D Seethakka and Roads & Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy. The banners read: "While in opposition, Congress leaders promised to protect our lands and opposed the Pharma City project. Now, they are untraceable despite our best efforts." The farmers alleged that despite continuing a relay hunger strike for the past 60 days, the government had ignored their concerns. Telangana People's Joint Action Committee leader Kanneganti Ravi alleged that tenders had been floated and contracts awarded to Raghava Constructions and L&T despite the court's stay orders. "Two to three police contingents are being deployed in villages. Farmers are being threatened with dire consequences and their lands are being forcibly.

## Kavitha Promises to Repeal GO 111

**Telangana Rakshana Sena Rangareddy President Ponguleti Reddy Assures Accelerated Development and Welfare Initiatives Across the Region**

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Zaffer abedi

Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha toured Ranga Reddy district on Saturday, visiting religious sites and addressing a public meeting on key regional issues. Kavitha began her visit at the renowned Chilkur Balaji Temple, where she offered special prayers for the welfare and prosperity of Telangana. She also performed rituals at the Shiva temple within the temple premises. Later, she reached Moinabad and paid floral tributes to the statue of B. R. Ambedkar. She also unveiled the Telangana Rakshana Sena party flag in the presence of party leaders and supporters. Addressing a public gathering, Kavitha criticized the impact of GO 111 on farmers in the Chevella and Moinabad regions. She said the re-



strictions had prevented farmers from getting fair value for their lands despite rising property prices. Accusing successive governments of failing to fulfill promises to repeal the order, she assured that Telangana Rakshana Sena would remove GO 111 if it came to power. She also attacked the current government over its policies, claiming they

had adversely affected farmers and the real estate sector. Highlighting her party's priorities, Kavitha promised greater support for women and youth, including employment opportunities and collateral-free loans ranging from ₹2 lakh to ₹20 crore for aspiring entrepreneurs. Large numbers of party workers and local residents attended the programme.

## Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner Inspects Development Works in Ameenpur Circle

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit, IAS, conducted a field inspection of various infrastructure development works underway in Ameenpur Circle along with engineering officials. The Commissioner reviewed road construction works being carried out in Srujana Lakshminagar, Narregudem, and Brindavan Teachers Colony. He also inspected bund development and fencing works at Pishakbowli Lake. During the visit, Narayan Amit examined storm-



water drain outlet issues in Srujana Lakshminagar Phase-III and underground drainage (UGD) works in Brindavan Teachers Colony. He also reviewed the UGD outlet problem in Old Ameenpur. After assessing the progress of the projects, the Zonal Commissioner di-

rected officials to complete all works within the stipulated timeframe while maintaining quality standards. He instructed officials to speed up the execution of works and ensure that residents do not face inconvenience during the implementation process.

## BRS Leaders Extend Solidarity to VOA Indefinite Strike in Regode

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Thalka Anjaiah

Leaders of the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) in Regode Mandal on Saturday extended their solidarity to the ongoing peaceful indefinite strike being carried out by Vilage Organization Assistants (VOAs) under the banner of the Telangana State IKP VOA Joint Action Committee. The strike, which has been continuing since May 18

at the Regode Mandal headquarters, is aimed at drawing the government's attention to the long-pending issues and demands of VOAs who play a crucial role in implementing rural development and welfare programs. Speaking on the occasion, BRS Mandal General Secretary Sunke Ramesh said that VOAs have been serving as an important link between the government and rural communities, particularly in strengthening women's Self-Help Groups, imple-

menting welfare schemes, and supporting poverty alleviation initiatives. He urged the State Government to respond positively to the concerns of the VOAs and immediately fulfill their legitimate demands. He emphasized that adequate recognition, job security, fair remuneration, and a comprehensive service framework should be provided to the VOAs in recognition of their dedicated services to rural development.

## Kishan Reddy Blames State for Farm Distress

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Union minister G. Kishan Reddy on Saturday accused the Congress government of failing to deliver the "change" it promised and of neglecting farmers, whom he said were being squeezed between the administration, rice millers, officials and middlemen. Speaking at the BJP state office, Kishan Reddy blamed lack of political will for distress in the farm sector and pointed to unseasonal rains and lapses that left produce piled in market yards. "Farmers' interests are being sidelined, and the whole system revolves around other interests," he said, adding that BJP legislators' "Raitu Gosa — BJP Bhariosa" tour had exposed the administration's inaction while ministers remained confined to offices. He stressed that management of procurement centres, purchases and movement of paddy to rice mills fall squarely within the state's remit. Under pre-season agreements, Telangana was to deliver 5.225 million metric tonnes of rice to the FCI for Kharif and Rabi, and the Centre had agreed to procure that quantity. "The state must answer why it could not carry out purchases fully when such an agreement existed," he said, calling it "highly objectionable" to shift blame to the Centre. The minister criticised neglect of coarse-rice



farmers and failure to provide seeds for higher-demand grain types. He accused the administration of prioritising commissions, contracts and land dealings over farmers' needs. Kishan Reddy also highlighted gaps in planning for alternative rice varieties and marketing strategies. He cited national procurement figures, saying of roughly 8.7 million tonnes procured across India, the Centre had taken about 5.1 million tonnes from Telangana, pointing to the Centre's commitment. Recalling the 2020-21 Rabi season, he said the state failed to supply rice to the FCI despite nine deadline extensions, and similar lapses persisted. He said it was wrong to criticise the Centre without first meeting the year's procurement target of 5.224 million tonnes. On PDS costs, he said the Centre bears Rs 41.73 per kg for free-ration rice against the state's Rs 15.69, yet distribution outlets display only state leaders' photos. Kishan Reddy urged the government to draw up a comprehensive plan, hold consultations with farmer organisations, and fulfil its primary responsibility for paddy procurement rather than shifting blame.

## CEO Orders Survey for Vital School Access

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Dp Srinivasa rao

Cantonment Board, under CEO Arvind Kumar Divedi's directions, has launched a fresh survey to explore construction of an alternative road linking New Boinpally Pension Line main road to Faizan High School. Students earlier used a military quarters route, which was closed during the pandemic, leaving them without direct access to school. Previous propo-



sals worth Rs. 35 lakh were prepared after inspections by former officials, but the project remained unimplemented for years. Now, frustrated residents and leaders of the Boin-

pally Muslim Board, including Hifzar Rahman, Shakib Sharif, Khader Pasha, and Talha, offered to fund the road themselves. Acting on their request, CEO Divedi ordered an engineering sur-

vey with former Vice President Jampanna Pratap to assess feasibility. Officials said the move aims to restore safe, direct connectivity for school-children and resolve a long-pending civic issue. Local representatives welcomed the initiative, stating that the proposed road would significantly ease daily commute challenges faced by students and improve overall access to educational infrastructure in the Cantonment area once implemented at the earliest possible stage.

## Telangana Leads Rehabilitation Drive for SC/ST Atrocity Victims

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Thalka Anjaiah

Telangana has emerged as a pioneer in social justice by deciding to provide 2BHK houses to victims of SC/ST atrocity cases, along with livelihood support and pension benefits for long-term rehabilitation. The initiative was highlighted during the District Vigilance and Monitoring Committee (DVMC) review meeting held at the Medchal-Malkajgiri Collectorate on Friday. Additional Collector Faizan Ahmed said the government's decision re-



flects its commitment to protecting the rights and dignity of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. He directed officials to ensure speedy issuance of caste certificates, conduct Civil Rights Day meetings on the 25th of every month, and expedite investigation of pending atrocity cases. The meeting also

focused on strengthening legal support for victims, with officials seeking the appointment of an additional Public Prosecutor to reduce delays in atrocity-related cases. Departments were instructed to organize health camps for sanitation workers, distribute protective equipment, and implement the 25 percent reservation

policy in private schools. SC/ST Commissioner Jilla Shankar stressed the need for faster justice, timely compensation, and immediate assistance to victims. He said the Commission is closely monitoring the district and will intervene wherever necessary. The Commission recommended that rehabilitation measures extend beyond compensation by providing housing, livelihood opportunities, and pensions to ensure economic stability and social security for affected families.

## Bengali Filmmaker Anik Dutta Dies After Fall from Terrace

Filmmaker Anik Dutta died on Wednesday after allegedly falling from the terrace of his multi-storey residence in south Kolkata, police said. He was taken to a private hospital near Dhakuria, where doctors declared him dead, a senior officer said. A police team started an investigation at the site, though the family has not issued any statement. Several actors, directors and members of the Bengali film industry gathered at the hospital following the incident.

Anik Dutta shot to fame with 'Bhooter Bhabishyat' in 2012. The film, noted for its political and social satire woven into a horror narrative, is regarded by many as a milestone in Bengali cinema.

He continued in a similar vein with 'Ascharya Pradip', which also carried strong social messaging. The filmmaker also directed acclaimed films such as 'Aparajito', 'Meghnadbodh Rohoshyo' and 'Borunabur Bondhu'.

## India, EAEU in Talks on 'Temporary Free Trade Zone': Russian Minister

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

India and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) are discussing a "limited and temporary" trade arrangement covering selected groups of goods as part of negotiations on a proposed free trade agreement, Russia's Economic Development Minister Maxim Reshetnikov has said, according to a media report. Describing the negotiations as "complex", Reshetnikov said on Friday that the Indian side's requests were "quite ambitious".

"Things are more complicated with India: the economy is larger, mutual interests are more complex, so to speak. And, frankly, our colleagues' requests are also quite ambitious," he said in an interview with the Vesti pro-



gramme, according to the state-run TASS news agency. "Therefore, we are currently discussing a limited and temporary free trade zone, that is, for a list of goods defined by product groups," he added.

Reshetnikov's remarks came hours after Russian President Vladimir Putin said negotiations on trade liberalisation between India and the EAEU had gained momentum. Speaking at a meeting of the Supreme Eurasian Eco-

conomic Council in Kazakhstan's capital Astana, Putin was quoted as saying by TASS: "Last year trade agreements were concluded with Mongolia and the United Arab Emirates, as well as with Indonesia, intensifying negotiations on trade liberalisation with India."

The Russian president added that the EAEU supported launching talks on free trade agreements with new partners and that all aspects of such coopera-

tion would be carefully analysed. The EAEU is a five-member economic bloc comprising Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Armenia. It was established in 2015 to promote economic integration through a common market, removal of trade barriers and coordination of economic policies among member states. The India-EAEU free trade agreement process has gathered momentum in recent years. In August 2025, India and the EAEU signed the Terms of Reference to formally launch negotiations for a free trade agreement. At the time, the two sides said bilateral trade turnover had reached USD 69 billion in 2024, up seven per cent from the previous year. The first round of negotiations was held in November last year.

## Future Wars Will Span Cyber, Space Domains: Army Chief Gen Dwivedi

**PUNE**  
Wakeup telangana

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday said future conflicts would extend beyond conventional battlefields and be fought across multiple domains, including cyber, space and cognitive warfare. Speaking to reporters after reviewing the Passing Out Parade of the 150th Course at the National Defence Academy (NDA) in Pune, General Dwivedi said recent military operations had underscored the importance of integrated and technology-driven warfare capabilities.

Referring to Operation Sindoor, the Army Chief said the operation demonstrated India's resolve and the armed forces' ability to deliver a calibrated and precise re-



sponse. "Future conflicts will not be limited to conventional battlefields alone. They will be fought across land, air, sea, space, cyber, electromagnetic and cognitive domains. Operation Sindoor demonstrated India's resolve and the armed forces' ability to deliver a calibrated, precise and purposeful response," he said.

He added that the operation highlighted the importance of integrated planning, real-time intelligence, precision targeting, strong air defence systems, secure communications and synergy across multiple domains. Highlighting the Army's ongoing modernisation efforts, General Dwivedi

said the force is transforming itself into a future-ready military under its "Decade of Transformation" initiative. "The Indian Army is fully conscious of these changes. We are transforming ourselves into a future-ready force under the decade of transformation, wherein the role of the younger generation would be pivotal," he said.

He noted that the raising of First Regiment Battalions, Divyastha Batteries, Shaktimaan Regiments, Bharat Battalions and other technology-enabled formations is part of this transformation process. The Army Chief also praised the growing participation of women in the armed forces, noting that 18 women cadets were among the graduating batch. "It is a matter of immense pride and deep personal emotion.

## India's 11,000 km Coastline Face Immediate Climate Risks: Report

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

India's coastal regions are facing an imminent climate crisis that will reshape lives, livelihoods, and ecosystems within the next couple of years, according to the 'Indian Coastal Region: Climate Projections 2021-2040' report released by Azim Premji University, Bengaluru. Focusing on near-term projections (2021-2040) the study provides actionable insights for poli-

cymakers and local communities, using CMIP6 model projections corrected for regional bias to improve accuracy. The report warns that the window for adaptation is rapidly narrowing as the 1.5°C warming threshold is expected to be reached across India's administrative regions in the near future.

The CMIP6 is the latest global framework for climate forecasting, combining data from over 30 international laboratories to create the world's

most accurate climate simulations. It allows scientists to "zoom in" on specific districts with much higher resolutions than ever before.

"Climate change is not some distant future challenge-it is the reality of today. 2040 is just 14 years away," said Anurag Behar, CEO, Azim Premji Foundation.

"This dataset brings to life the impacts of climate change with much greater immediacy, highlighting how we must restructure our



infrastructure and governance to ensure we collectively address this crisis."

The report traces how specific changes-from rising wet-bulb temperatures in Kerala to inten-

sifying monsoons in Maharashtra-are already rendering traditional knowledge systems, like

the Nakaih wind calendar, unreliable. It aims to provide the foundational data necessary for local authorities to build district-level resilience.

"The data in this report is a mirror that reflects a reality we can no longer afford to ignore. For decades, we treated climate change as a global abstraction - a problem of polar ice caps and distant centuries. But our findings show that for the Indian coastline, the crisis is hyper-local and immediate. Whether it is the

heat stress in Ernakulam or the rising salinity in the Sundarbans, our vulnerability is visible in all aspects of our daily lives. We have a short window of time to move from reactive mitigation to proactive adaptation - we need to craft a future that acknowledges the ecological challenges faced by our nation," said Harini Nagendra, Director, School of Climate Change and Sustainability, Azim Premji University.

## Donald Trump's Daughter Visits Taj Mahal

**AGRA**  
Wakeup telangana

American President Donald Trump's daughter Tiffany visited the iconic Taj Mahal with her husband Michael Boulos on Saturday and spent about an hour exploring the monument, officials said. Trump arrived at the Taj Mahal around 11 am along with Boulos and a few close friends. During her visit, she extensively toured the monument and clicked pictures at various locations within the complex. Tourist guide Ramesh Diwan said she showed keen interest in the history and architecture of the monument and asked several questions about



its construction. After completing the visit, Trump praised the beauty of the monument, according to people present during the tour. Police said she arrived in Agra from Delhi by a char-

tered aircraft and landed at the city's Agra Airport. She then travelled by road to a hotel before proceeding to the Taj Mahal through the golf course route.

Elaborate security arrangements were made for the high-profile visit, with authorities creating a high-security corridor from the airport to the Taj Mahal.

Additional police personnel were deployed along the route and around the monument, police said. After visiting the Taj Mahal, Trump returned to her hotel with her husband. The couple is scheduled to stay overnight in Agra and then carry on with the rest of their India trip, officials said.

## Tribal Body Seeks Legal Definition of STs

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

A 27-member delegation of the RSS-linked Janjati Suraksha Manch met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Droupadi Murmu on May 28, seeking legal changes concerning the status of Scheduled Tribes (STs). According to a statement issued by the organisation on Friday, the delegation raised three key demands, including a clear legal definition of STs based on Lokur Committee criteria

and contemporary realities.

It also sought an amendment to the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950, to provide for "de-listing" of individuals who, after religious conversion, abandon traditional tribal faith, customs and practices. A third demand related to protection of the cultural identity and constitutional rights of tribal communities. "The issue is not merely about reservations or legal interpretation but concerns the cultural identity, traditions

and existence of millions of tribal people," Janjati Suraksha Manch national co-convenor Raj Kishore Hansda said.

The organisation claimed that a section of the tribal population that had converted to Christianity continued to avail ST reservation benefits along with minority welfare schemes, describing it as a "dual benefit". The delegation also urged the President to refer the matter to the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes for examina-

tion. Satyendra Singh, national president of the Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, who was part of the delegation, said the concerns were conveyed to both the Prime Minister and the President and described the response as positive.

He said the demand to delist converted tribal individuals from ST benefits had been raised earlier as well. "This demand is based on truth and justice. We believe it will happen, although it is difficult to say when," he said.

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#### US Calls India Key.....

"This kind of industrial muscle isn't just a long-term goal, it's an immediate operational imperative," he said. Hegseth further outlined the Trump administration's plans to significantly expand US defence spending and manufacturing capacity. "America is undergoing a historic national manufacturing mobilisation of our defence industrial base. We will produce the best weaponry in the world at scale, at speed, and at a reasonable price," he said.

Calling it a personal commitment, Hegseth added, "This is my personal commitment to all of you, and it is our pres-

ident's demand." Referring to President Donald Trump, he said the administration plans a major increase in defence investment, aiming to strengthen America's military capabilities for decades to come. Hegseth also urged US allies and partners to increase their defence spending and security commitments. "We demand 3.5 per cent from our allies and partners, and we are going well beyond that number. We expect every single ally and partner to match that kind of resolve," he said. He added that nations willing to take greater responsibility for their own security would receive priority in future US cooperation efforts. "As our

strategy states, we will prioritise working with model allies—those nations that are most capable, clear-eyed, and ready to defend their national interests. For those nations, we are moving them to the front of the line," Hegseth said.

#### Sidda's Son.....

Siddaramaiah after tendering his resignation, left for New Delhi on Thursday to meet central Congress party leaders - Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, President of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) Mallikarjun Kharge, to thank the leaders for giving him an opportunity to serve as Chief

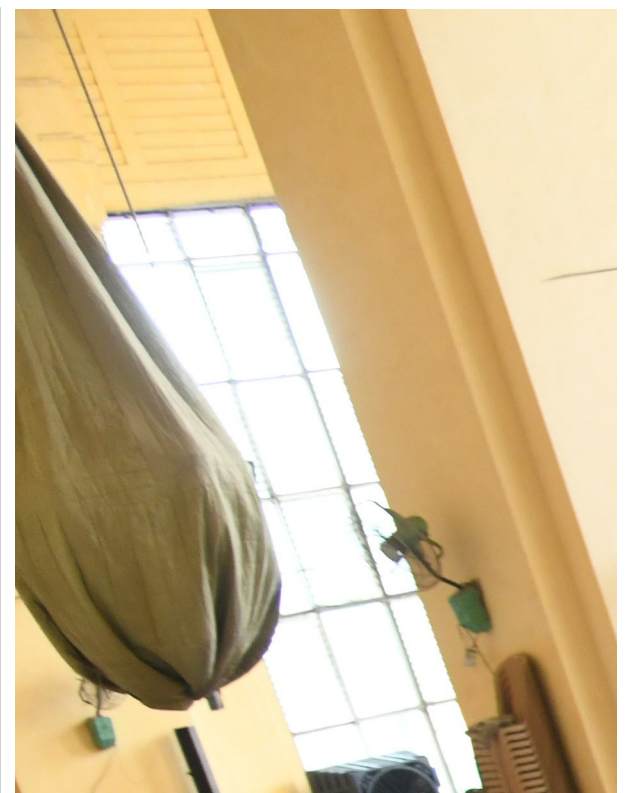
Minister for the second term from May, 2023 to 28th May 2026, the date of his resignation. A day later, the resignation was accepted by Governor Thawarchand Gehlot.

In the meeting with Rahul Gandhi, Siddaramaiah took Dr Yathindra for a face-to-face interaction and to make the road easier for his son's elevation. A Congress leader "Yathindra making into the cabinet is almost confirmed but would not ascend to the post Deputy Chief Minister." He questioned the credentials of Yathindra and contributions to the party and stated "Who is he?"

"The move to induct Yathin-

dra into the new cabinet is to please Siddaramaiah. An unhappy Siddaramaiah would pose a threat or hurdle in the smooth functioning of the government under DK Shivakumar," said a leader close to a cabinet minister. However, High-Command is yet to clear the names of new Council of Ministers.

According to sources, along with Yathindra, Siddaramaiah has lobbied for inclusion of 12 of his close aides as cabinet ministers in the new government. The central leaders reportedly agreed to his demands, prior to Siddaramaiah confirming his exit plan.



## CRIME

### Cyberabad SHE Teams Conduct 104 Decoy Operations; 29 Caught for Indecent Acts

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

Cyberabad SHE Teams intensified their enforcement and awareness activities between May 23 and May 30, 2026, conducting 104 decoy operations across various locations and catching 29 persons red-handed while indulging in indecent acts in public places. Police booked 37 petty cases and counselled the remaining offenders. During the same period, SHE Teams also received 20 complaints from women through different complaint channels. The Cyberabad Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) rescued four victims and apprehended one accused in a case registered under the Prevention of Immoral



Trafficking Act (PITA). Family Counselling Centres and CDEW Centres also helped reunite 39 families facing marital disputes through counselling and mediation efforts. As part of awareness and preventive measures, SHE Teams and AHTU conducted several awareness programmes across Cyberabad, reaching around 1,844 participants. The sessions focused on issues

including human trafficking, child trafficking, eve-teasing, cyber bullying, cyber frauds, social media harassment, child marriages, child labour, stalking, child rights, women's safety and emergency helpline services. Meanwhile, the Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC), in association with Thomson Reuters International Services Pvt. Ltd., orga-

nised a "Bring Your Child to Work" initiative at Madhapur on May 29. More than 50 children aged between 8 and 15 years, along with their parents, participated in the interactive awareness programme.

Deputy Commissioner of Police, Women & Child Safety Wing, K. Srujana, addressed the gathering and encouraged children to pursue their goals confidently while viewing the police as approachable protectors of society. SCSC Director Rashmi educated participants on personal safety, cyber safety, responsible social media usage and the importance of reporting unsafe situations. The event also featured interactive activities aimed at promoting teamwork, awareness and family bonding.

### Telangana HC Adjoins Till June 4 Plea Alleging Illegal Detention Of Advocate Murder Accused's Kin

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The vacation bench of the Telangana High Court on Saturday adjourned a habeas corpus petition alleging the illegal detention of family members of individuals accused in the murder of senior advocate Khaja Moizuddin. The matter has been posted for further hearing on June 4. A division bench comprising Justice Nagesh Bheemappa and Justice Vanki Ramakrishna Reddy heard the petition filed by Syed Sadiq. The petitioner sought directions for the production of the parents and relatives

of the main accused, Hasan Bin Ali Yafai and Muneeruddin, before the court. He alleged that police authorities had illegally detained and harassed several members of Hasan Bin Ali Yafai's family since May 25 in connection with the ongoing investigation. According to the petition, those allegedly detained include Hasan's mother, Akhtar Unisa Begum, his wife, Safina Khatun, his brother, Omer Bin Ali Yafai, and a minor son. The petitioner contended that the continued detention of the family members was unlawful and sought the court's intervention to ensure their release and pro-

tection of their rights. During the hearing, the High Court examined the submissions made by the petitioner and deferred further proceedings in the matter. The bench directed that the case be listed again on June 4 for a detailed hearing. The petition arises amid the ongoing investigation into the murder of senior advocate Khaja Moizuddin, a case that has drawn significant public and legal attention in Telangana. The High Court is expected to consider the allegations of illegal detention and the response of the authorities when the matter comes up for hearing next week.

### Chain-Snatching Bid on Woman Foiled in Kompally

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

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

### Boy drowns in Kushaiguda pool

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

### Arjun Gang Member Held in Extortion Case

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Special teams probing Arjun's gang, which targeted and extorted wealthy women, have arrested another accused, Jitender Reddy, in the case. Jitender Reddy, acting on the instructions of kingpin Chandrashekar Azad alias Arjun, trapped and extorted Rs 2 lakh from a minor girl residing in the Cyberabad police commissionerate limits, police said. So far, police have arrested 10 members of Arjun's gang, including Saraswathi, Arjun's

mother Meena Kumari, her paramours Taraka Prashanth and Vinil Chaudhary, Arjun's friend Jitender of Jagadgirigutta, N. Hemant of Kesamudram, and Swathi. Over a dozen others have been questioned. Other conspirators, including Meena Kumari's son Ritesh, have reportedly been taken into custody from Bangalore, while Sreejith and two others remain at large. Jitender Reddy, a resident of Khairatabad, has been booked under the PocsO Act. Police have recorded the victim's statement. "The case is under inves-

tigation and we will be seeking police custody of the arrested during further probe," a police officer disclosed. IT and FSL teams have seized Jitender's mobile phone and are retrieving deleted data. It is reported that he extorted other victims on the instructions of Arjun's gang.

"Stern action will be taken against the gang which has been trapping minor girls and women, blackmailing them by extorting videos and extorting money. We appeal to victims to fearlessly come forward and file a complaint.

### Telangana Women Face The Highest Marital Violence in South India

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Nearly one in three married women in Telangana has experienced violence from their spouses, according to the sixth edition of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6), 2023-24. The prevalence of domestic violence stays constant challenge, despite the state seeing a change in women's digital literacy, mobile ownership, and financial independence over the last five years. The latest survey shows

the difference between women's upward social mobility and their safety at home. Telangana recorded the highest occurrence of spousal violence among the southern states at 30.8% followed by Tamil Nadu at 28.5% and Andhra Pradesh at 22.7%. Although this total figure represents a decrease from the 37.2% recorded in NFHS-5 (2019-21), the frequency of abuse remains significantly higher than the national average of 22.3%. The violence is notably more common in rural

Telangana, where 33.0% of ever-married women reported experiencing physical and sexual violence from their husbands, compared to 24.8% of women from urban areas. On the more positive side, Telangana has stood as a leader in bridging the gender digital divide as women using internet in the state has more than doubled. The figures have gone from 26.5% in NFHS-5 to 64.8% in 2023-24. Digital adaptation is higher with 80.3% of women having used inter-

net in urban centres and 65.8% of women now using a mobile phone that they own themselves. The data also suggests that Telangana women are actively gaining control over their finances and education. Women having and using their own bank or saving accounts rose to 92.3%, up from 84.4% in the previous survey. Over half of the women, 53.2% worked in the last 12 months and were paid in cash, an increase from 45.1% five years ago.

## EDITORIAL

### AFTER SC BACKS EC ON SIR, BALL IN PARL COURT

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court order upholding the ongoing special intensive revision of the electoral rolls across India as a genuine constitutional process is not just in harmony with its unfortunate approach to the conduct of the exercise but in fact sets a dangerous precedent of looking the other way when the government in power arbitrarily strips people of their constitutional right. The court's position comes in the backdrop of a series of litigations questioning the SIR conducted in several states, especially in Bihar and West Bengal. The Bihar SIR started and was completed in a matter of 30 days, which was too little time for many citizens to get their documents ready, particularly in the case of those working outside the state. West Bengal's was the worst experience, where

about 90 lakh voters were removed from the voters' list. There are about 27 lakh people who were denied their voting rights in the recently held Assembly election there on account of "logical discrepancies" in their document, a term even the apex court found to be inappropriate. Natural justice demands that a person is convinced as to why a right previously enjoyed by him is going to be denied to him before it is finally taken away. The Supreme Court has now given its stamp of approval to the injustices caused by the EC's inefficiency. Instead of penalising the floundering authority, it has now punished its victims. The argument the Supreme Court presents to legitimise a process gone awry is that it cannot be invalidated just because it did not adhere strictly to modalities. It also said that the SIR is in consonance with

the Representation of the People Act and the 1960 Rules. It is "intended to secure the constitutional mandate of free and fair elections by ensuring that the roll on which the election rests is accurate and reliable", the court has stated. But this is a strawman argument as nobody was questioning the idea in the first place. It is not the first time that such an exercise has been conducted in India. For instance, there were no complaints about the last SIR in West Bengal when it was conducted in 2002. It is unsettling that the top court in the country makes light of the procedural mandates of such an important exercise. That the law does not prescribe a fixed process for the periodic clean-up of the voters' list does not mean that the Election Commission has got a free run on deciding who can vote and who cannot. It is the duty of the courts

to come to the aid of the citizen when they are faced with the threat of losing a critical constitutional right and unacceptable that the Supreme Court in this case has refused to do so. The Supreme Court is of the opinion that examining questions bearing upon citizenship "must be undertaken with due regard to the presumption operating in favour of an elector whose name is already borne on the roll" but has chosen not to make it binding on the EC. It is a costly contradiction. Universal adult franchise is the bedrock of representative democracy and the Constitution is the document that guarantees it. The Supreme Court has practically washed its hands of the matter of protecting voting rights. It is up to the Parliament now to ponder over ways to ensure justice for the unsuspecting voter.



# “Silence Is Not the Solution”

## Society Must Openly Speak About Menstrual Health: Dr. Priyanka Thalka

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Usha Sree

“Periods are natural... silence, shame, and fear are not.” This powerful message resonated strongly during an impactful panel discussion on menstrual health organized by the Youngist Foundation in Hyderabad.

The panel discussion titled “The Future of Menstrual Health: Leadership, Policy & Action” was held under the campaign theme “Break the Silence – Edition 6,” with the mission of building a #PeriodFriendlyIndia. Representing the Department of Public Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Priyanka Thalka, Medical Of-



ficer, UPHC, actively participated in the discussion and emphasized the urgent need for awareness, education, dignity, and social acceptance around menstrual health.

Dr. Priyanka stated that many young girls continue to suffer silently due to painful periods, irregular cycles, weakness, anemia, infections, emotional stress, and reproductive health

concerns, as they hesitate to speak openly about these issues. She said menstruation should never be treated as a taboo subject, as it prevents girls and women from accessing timely medical guidance and hygienic care. She stressed that menstrual health awareness must begin at home, continue in schools and colleges, and become a regular public health

discussion in society. She also highlighted that both men and women must actively participate in these conversations to remove stigma and support women's health with dignity and compassion.

“Open conversation can protect health, confidence, education, and even lives. Menstrual problems are medical issues — not matters of shame,” Dr. Priyanka observed.

The event was held at WeWork Raheja Mindspace, Hyderabad, bringing together doctors, youth leaders, healthcare professionals, and social activists to discuss policy reforms, hygiene awareness, affordable sanitary products, men-

tal health support, workplace sensitivity, and stronger healthcare outreach in villages and underserved communities.

The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Santoshi Gollapalli. Dr. Priyanka Thalka expressed heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Sheba Hyat, DIO Rangareddy, for nominating her to participate in this prestigious discussion and described the event as “an evening to be remembered.”

The gathering concluded with a strong public message urging society to normalize conversations around menstruation and encourage girls and women to seek medical support without hesitation.

## P.S. Ananthraj to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award 2026

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Eminent social worker and retired defence scientist Sri Puli Swamy Ananthraj has been selected for the Maadari Bhagya Reddy Varma Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award 2026 in recognition of his decades-long service in public welfare, social justice movements, and Buddhist philosophy propagation. The award will be presented on 22 May 2026 at Ravindra Bharathi.

Born on 12 May 1950 in New Boiguda, Secunderabad, Ananthraj built a distinguished career in the Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL), Hyderabad, where he served for 38 years and retired as Senior Technical Officer-C. Alongside his scientific career, he actively engaged in SC/ST welfare movements and supported landmark struggles such as Karamchedu and Chun-



duru, working closely with prominent leaders of social justice movements. Inspired by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, he embraced Buddhism and has since contributed extensively to the promotion of Buddhist values across India and abroad.

He has been associated with organizations like BAMCEF and the Buddhist Society of India, and has participated in international conferences, including at the London School of Economics. He has also supported and mobilized resources for Buddha Viharas and several social service initiatives.

Through the Adi Hindu Social Service League,

Ananthraj has been actively involved in spreading the teachings of Bhagya Reddy Varma and supporting marginalized communities. His lifelong commitment to education, literature dissemination, and financial assistance to social causes has earned him wide respect.

At 76, he continues to remain active in social service. The award committee highlighted his contribution as a blend of scientific excellence and unwavering dedication to social transformation, stating that his life stands as an inspiration for future generations committed to equality and justice.

# RBI Warns Global Risks Could Impact Growth, Inflation

**MUMBAI**  
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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cautioned that a prolonged conflict in West Asia could pose significant risks to India's economic growth and inflation outlook through higher energy prices, supply chain disruptions, financial market volatility, and weather-related uncertainties.

In its Annual Report 2025-26 released on Friday, the RBI projected

that the Indian economy will remain resilient despite global challenges. The central bank expects the economy to grow by 6.9 percent in 2026-27, while retail inflation is projected at 4.6 percent, though risks remain tilted to the upside.

For 2025-26, India's economy is estimated to expand by 7.6 percent, an improvement from 7.1 percent recorded in 2024-25. The RBI attributed this growth momentum to strong macroeconomic

fundamentals, robust domestic demand, and a stable policy environment.

According to the report, India remains relatively insulated from external shocks due to its lower dependence on exports as a key growth driver. The RBI highlighted healthy corporate and banking sector balance sheets, sustained government capital expenditure, and the implementation of trade agreements with major global partners as impor-



tant factors supporting investment and economic expansion.

However, the central bank emphasized the need for continuous monitoring of global developments

amid increasing uncertainty. It warned that domestic bond yields could face pressure if the global monetary easing cycle slows or reverses, particularly in response to persistent oil price shocks arising from geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

The report noted that the impact of US tariff measures on India's economy remained limited. While concerns emerged initially, net exports reduced growth by only 0.1 per-

centage points, indicating minimal overall disruption.

On inflation, the RBI said price stability is expected to remain broadly aligned with its target due to adequate foodgrain stocks, sufficient reservoir levels, and favorable agricultural prospects despite the possibility of El Niño conditions and above-normal summer temperatures.

Nevertheless, inflationary pressures could emerge from rising global fuel

and commodity prices, increased input and wage costs, and exchange rate volatility. These factors could challenge efforts to maintain price stability in the coming year.

The report also highlighted stable employment conditions across the country. Worker population ratios and unemployment rates recorded only marginal changes. The RBI said recently enacted labour reforms are expected to improve labour market flexibility, reduce

compliance burdens, expand social security coverage, and encourage formal job creation.

India's digital payments ecosystem continued its rapid growth during the year. Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transaction volumes surged by 30 percent, crossing the landmark of 200 billion transactions annually. To support the growing scale of digital transactions, the RBI introduced additional security measures aimed at strengthening.

## AIMTC urges Centre to cut diesel prices amid fall in crude oil rates

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

All India Motor Transport Congress (AIMTC) on Saturday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to reduce diesel prices amid a decline in international crude oil rates.

AIMTC, in a statement, said the road transport fraternity of India had earlier made a sincere and urgent appeal to the Prime Minister to provide relief to the nation's transport sector by reducing diesel prices in line with the recent decline in international crude oil rates.

Harish Sabharwal, National President, AIMTC, said transporters across the country are experiencing severe financial stress.

Diesel constitutes nearly 60 per cent of the operating cost of commercial vehicles, and the continued high fuel prices are adversely impacting lakhs of truck operators, small fleet owners, drivers and their families, Sabharwal added.

According to him, rising fuel costs have also contributed to higher logis-

tics expenses, inflationary pressures and increased prices of essential commodities.

“International crude oil prices have witnessed a significant correction in recent weeks, with Brent crude declining sharply from its earlier highs.

Global reports indicate that crude prices have fallen nearly 20 per cent during May 2026, marking one of the steepest monthly declines in recent years. Despite this easing trend in global markets, the benefit has not yet been adequately reflected in domestic diesel prices,” he said.

AIMTC said the road transport sector, which serves as the backbone of India's economy and ensures the uninterrupted movement of essential goods across the country, requests the central government to pass on the benefit of lower crude prices to consumers and the transport community. “Such a step would provide immediate relief to the transport sector, help control inflation, reduce logistics costs, and support economic growth,” it said.

## TGDDCF Expands Vijaya Dairy Network in Hyderabad

### Plans for 25 New Telangana Vijaya Parlours in Malkajgiri Discussed with Municipal Commissioner

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Thalka Anjaiah

In a significant step towards strengthening the retail network of Telangana Vijaya Dairy, TGDDCF Ltd. Chairman Sri Gutha Amith Reddy paid a courtesy visit to Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation Commissioner Sri T. Vinay Krishna Reddy on Friday and held detailed discussions regarding the expansion of Telangana Vijaya Parlours within the municipal limits.

During the meeting, both officials discussed the establishment of nearly 25 new Telangana Vijaya Dairy Parlours across the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation jurisdiction. The discussions focused on identifying suitable locations, obtaining necessary civic permissions, and ensuring the speedy implementation of the proposed outlets.



Chairman Gutha Amith Reddy explained that Telangana Vijaya Dairy is actively expanding its consumer outreach network to make quality dairy products more accessible to urban residents. He emphasized that the proposed parlours would serve as dedicated consumer points for fresh milk and value-added dairy products while also strengthening the cooperative dairy sector in Telangana.

Responding positively to the proposal, Commissioner T. Vinay Krishna Reddy assured full cooperation from the Mu-

nicipal Corporation. He stated that the civic body would facilitate the process by extending necessary permissions and assisting in the identification and allocation of suitable locations for the proposed parlours at the earliest.

TGDDCF Ltd. (Telangana Dairy Development Co-operative Federation Limited), headquartered at Vijaya Bhavan, Lalapet, Secunderabad, plays a key role in supporting dairy farmers and supplying quality milk and milk products across Telangana through its cooperative network. The federation operates under the trusted “Vijaya Telangana” brand and continues to strengthen procurement, processing, and marketing infrastructure throughout the state. The Vijaya Dairy product range includes Vijaya Milk, Curd, Buttermilk, Ghee, Butter, Paneer, Lassi, and Doodh Peda,

which are widely recognized among consumers for quality and reliability. The federation is also expanding its retail presence through dedicated Vijaya Parlours and outlets to ensure direct availability of dairy products to customers.

Officials noted that the proposed expansion in Malkajgiri is expected to enhance consumer convenience, strengthen the Vijaya brand presence, generate local employment opportunities, and provide greater market support to dairy farmers associated with the cooperative sector.

The initiative is being viewed as another important step in TGDDCF's mission to connect Telangana's dairy farmers directly with consumers while delivering fresh and hygienic dairy products through an expanding network of Vijaya outlets across the state.

## OMCs Impose Curbs On Diesel Supply To Transport Vehicles

**VIJAYAWADA**  
Wakeup telangana

The Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are imposing curbs on the supply of diesel to goods and passenger transport vehicles in Andhra Pradesh. HPCL and BPCL are supplying diesel up to 200 litre per transaction against the requirement of diesel of 250 to 300 litres for heavy vehicles like trucks and buses. So is the case for farming machinery for the farmers where the requirement for diesel is around 300-500 litres.

Fuel stations say the OMCs are not allowing bulk sale of fuel by imposing a limit. In case they violate the limit by supplying fuel to the regular customers or those who are in need of more quantity of fuel, they are being served with notices. Their sales are even getting blocked through automation systems. The petroleum traders approached civil supplies commissioner Kanna Babu and submitted a representation seeking his intervention. They informed him that the big vehicles

require diesel in the range of 350 to 400 litres and the vehicle operators were insisting on filling up the full tank for long-distance travel.

The fuel stations urged the government to issue suitable directions to the OMCs to ensure uninterrupted supply of fuel to the transportation, agriculture, and other sectors involved in dealing with essential services. General secretary of the AP federation of petroleum traders general secretary P. Ravi Kumar said, “We appeal to the state government to ensure supply of fuel full tank to the vehicles transporting goods and passengers so that there will not be any problem in transportation of goods and also the passengers.” Meanwhile, transporters too approached the civil supplies commissioner seeking his intervention. General secretary of the lorry owner's association Y.V. Eswara Rao said, “Though OMCs claim that they have adequate quantities of fuels, they are not supplying them as per demand.”

# Don 3 Fallout: Ranveer Singh Faces ₹45 Crore Compensation Demand

What began as excitement over actor

Ranveer Singh stepping into the iconic role made famous by Shah Rukh Khan in Don 3 has now evolved into one of Bollywood's most talked-about industry disputes. A disagreement involving Ranveer Singh, filmmaker Farhan Akhtar, Excel Entertainment, and the Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE) has escalated into a high-profile stand-off over compensation, project delays, and industry protocol.

According to reports, Ranveer Singh exited Don 3 several months before filming was scheduled to begin. Sources close to the development claimed that the actor was dissatisfied with repeated delays in the project and the absence of a finalized script, leading him to withdraw from the film.

The situation intensified when Excel Entertainment reportedly sought compensation of ap-



proximately ₹45 crore, alleging that the production house suffered significant financial losses due to the delay and disruption caused by the actor's departure. The compensation demand has since become the central issue in the ongoing dispute.

Following the fallout, FWICE issued what it described as a "non-cooperation directive" against the actor. However, the federation clarified that the move should not be interpreted as a ban. FWICE President B.N. Tiwari stated that the directive was intended as a message rather than punitive action. He further alleged that Ranveer

Singh did not respond to repeated attempts by the federation to contact him and reportedly maintained that the matter did not fall under FWICE's jurisdiction.

In an effort to resolve the issue, Ranveer Singh's representatives reportedly proposed a settlement package to Excel Entertainment. As per industry sources, the offer included an upfront payment of ₹10 crore along with a ₹25 crore discount on a future film collaboration. However, the producers are said to have rejected the proposal, insisting instead on direct monetary compensation amounting to ₹45 crore. Reports also suggest

that Ranveer expressed interest in collaborating on another project with filmmaker Zoya Akhtar, with whom he previously delivered the critically acclaimed film Gully Boy. The development has fueled speculation about his future association with the production banner despite the ongoing dispute.

Amid rumors that actor Salman Khan had stepped in to mediate between the parties, recent reports have clarified that no such intervention has taken place. While sources claimed Salman had advised both sides to consider the broader interests of the film industry and settle the matter privately without involving third parties or industry bodies, it has now been confirmed that he has not played any formal role in resolving the conflict.

With negotiations reportedly at a standstill and no settlement in sight, the Don 3 controversy continues to attract attention across

## Pune Porsche Case: Actor Vishal condemns family

MUMBAI  
Wakeup telangana

A viral video showing members of the Agarwal family celebrating after securing bail in a case linked to the 2024 Pune Porsche crash has sparked widespread public outrage and renewed debate over justice, accountability, and the influence of wealth in high-profile criminal cases. The controversy stems from the tragic accident that took place in Pune in May 2024, when a luxury Porsche allegedly driven by a juvenile rammed into two young IT professionals. Both victims lost their lives in the crash, which shocked the nation and drew attention to issues surrounding reckless driving and juvenile justice.

The latest wave of criticism emerged after the Supreme Court granted bail to three accused in a connected evidence-tampering case. While the court imposed strict conditions to ensure that the accused do not misuse their liberty, a video allegedly showing members of the



Agarwal family celebrating the bail order quickly went viral on social media, triggering strong reactions from the public. Among those who strongly condemned the celebrations was South Indian actor Vishal. Taking to social media, the actor expressed anger over what he described as an insensitive display by the family in the aftermath of a tragedy that claimed two innocent lives.

In a direct message aimed at juvenile accused Vedant Agarwal, Vishal stated that there was nothing about the incident that should make the family proud. He emphasized that two young individuals had lost their lives due to alleged drunk and reckless driving and questioned the appropriateness of celebrating while the victims' families con-

tinue to suffer.

The actor further remarked that wealth, influence, and powerful connections may help individuals exploit loopholes within the legal system. However, he warned that moral accountability extends beyond courtroom proceedings. Referring to the principle of karma, Vishal wrote that actions inevitably have consequences and urged the accused to remember that justice is not limited to legal technicalities.

"What goes around comes around. Not cursing you. But honestly, you don't deserve to rejoice even if your dad has managed to plug all the loopholes in your case," Vishal reportedly posted on social media.

The actor also appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maharashtra

## King vs Prince: Kohli-Gill Headline the IPL 2026 Final



NEW DELHI  
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The Indian Premier League 2026 is down to its finale, to be played at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 31st of May. The final showdown is between the defending champions, Royal Challengers Bengaluru and IPL 2022 season winner Gujarat Titans. Both the teams have 1 trophy each to their names and will be eyeing their second IPL title on Sunday.

The rivalry between RCB and GT has been quite balanced over the years. Since GT's debut season 2022, both the teams have had 9 meetings so far, RCB has won 5 games while GT has won 4. RCB's highest team

total against GT stands at 254, while their lowest score is 155. On the other hand, GT have recorded a highest score of 205 against RCB, whereas their lowest total is 147. With such exciting scoring trends, clashes between these two teams continue to be highly anticipated by fans.

Win Probability RCB: 46% chances of winning GT: 54% chances of winning, since the final game is at their home ground. Players to look out for Virat Kohli – The Big Match King Playoffs and pressure games usually bring out the best in Kohli. With his experience, intent in the power-play and ability to anchor difficult chases, he could once again become RCB's big-

gest weapon tonight. Ahmedabad's batting-friendly conditions are expected to suit his style perfectly.

Shubman Gill – GT's Calm Commander Gill has led from the front throughout the season and remains the backbone of Gujarat's batting lineup. His ability to pace an inning and accelerate late makes him one of the most dangerous players in knockout cricket.

Sai Sudharsan – GT's Silent Run Machine Sai Sudharsan has been among the most consistent batsmen of the tournament, scoring heavily at the top order while maintaining composure under pressure. On a surface where timing matters, he could be the difference maker.

## Vikings PC Crowned First-Ever CCPL Club League Hyderabad

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Vikings PC emerged as the champions of the inaugural CCPL Club League Hyderabad, bringing an exciting and highly competitive 10-week pickleball season to a memorable conclusion. The league, presented by Praneeth Group, culminated with the grand "State of the League" finals at Crosscourts Sports Club, Gandipet, where the city's best teams battled for the coveted championship trophy.

The tournament marked a significant milestone in Hyderabad's growing pickleball ecosystem. Formerly known as the HPL Club League, the competition was re-branded as the CCPL Club League Hyderabad and expanded its reach across 19 venues in the city. Over the course of the season, more than 350 registered athletes, including 92 women players, participated in over 220 competitive matches. The

league also attracted more than 8,000 spectators, highlighting the sport's rapidly increasing popularity.

The road to the championship was filled with intense contests and dramatic moments. In the Conference A Final, Penguin PC defeated DRC Sports Foundation by a score of 4-2 to secure their place in the title match. Meanwhile, the Conference B Final delivered one of the most thrilling encounters of the season. Vikings PC and Build Crew finished level at 3-3, forcing a decisive game-breaker. Vikings held their nerve under pressure and edged past their opponents 25-22 to book a place in the grand finale.

Riding the momentum from that dramatic victory, Vikings PC entered the championship match with confidence and determination. The team produced a commanding performance against Penguin PC, registering a comprehensive 4-0 vic-



tory to become the first-ever CCPL Club League Hyderabad champions. League co-founder Yashwanth Biyyala said the competitive nature of the season made the finals particularly exciting, with all four top teams displaying the potential to win the title. Fellow co-founder Vikrant Rao noted that strong fan engagement and growing team identities had added a unique energy to the competition, making the finals

a fitting culmination of weeks of hard-fought action.

The league also succeeded in attracting talented athletes from other racquet sports. Former international tennis player Abhaya of Vikings PC credited the welcoming pickleball community and vibrant match atmosphere for her successful transition to the sport. Similarly, former international tennis player Sai Saran praised the league's com-

petitive environment and said adapting to the unique movement and ball dynamics of pickleball had been an enjoyable challenge.

With rising participation, growing fan support, and increasing professional interest, the CCPL Club League Hyderabad has firmly established itself as a premier platform for the development of pickleball in the city.

**TGSRTC's special summer discount in GHMC limits ends tomorrow**



The Telangana State Road Transport Authority's (TGSRTC) three-month special summer discount given to passengers travelling on the Metro Deluxe and e-Metro Air-conditioned buses under the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation's (GHMC) limits ends on Sunday, May 31.

TGSRTC Managing Director Y Nagi Reddy said that the previous fares that were being charged before March will come into effect from June 1, without any new hike in the bus fares. TGSRTC had announced the special summer discount from March 1 to May 31, with a view to provide comfortable and convenient bus service to the passengers in view of the summer heat.

## Congress Ignored Weaker Sections After Elections: KTR

BRS working president KT Rama Rao accused the Congress government of failing to fulfil promises made to SCs, STs, BCs and Minorities. He alleged favouritism in awarding contracts, demanded repeal of GOMs 17 and sought a white paper on contractor funds.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) Working President K. T. Rama Rao on Saturday accused the Congress government of neglecting SCs, STs, BCs and Minority communities after coming to power and failing to honour the promises made before the Assembly elections.

Addressing a Maha Dharna organized by the SC, ST, BC and Minority Contractors Joint Action Committee (JAC) at Indira Park, Rama Rao alleged that the Congress had announced multiple declarations, guarantees and promises to various sections of society but had failed to implement them after assuming office.



He said the Congress had assured reservations in government contracts for marginalized communities under the Chevella and Kamareddy declarations, including 18 percent for SCs, 12 percent for STs and 42 percent for BCs. However, he claimed that these commitments remained unfulfilled.

Rama Rao criticized the government for introducing Government Order Ms No. 17, alleging that it enabled large corporate firms to secure contracts

while sidelining local and small-scale contractors. According to him, contractors from weaker sections lost opportunities to supply essential commodities such as vegetables, milk, bread and chicken to Gurukul institutions due to the policy.

Demanding the immediate repeal of GOMs 17, he said the BRS would continue its fight until contractors belonging to marginalized communities received their rightful share in government

works.

The BRS leader also alleged that major contracts were being awarded to a select group of individuals linked to influential political leaders. He claimed that contracts worth thousands of crores were being handed over to associates and relatives of ruling party leaders, while small contractors were being ignored.

Rama Rao further alleged that despite the State accumulating significant debt, contractors from SC, ST and BC communities had not benefited from government spending. He demanded that the government release a white paper detailing funds allocated to small contractors and the total debt incurred by the State.

**Bengaluru court clears Gali Janardhan Reddy in ore cases**

In a significant development, Gangavati MLA and former Karnataka minister Gali Janardhan Reddy has secured major legal relief in connection with alleged illegal iron ore transportation cases. A Special Court for MPs and MLAs in Bengaluru on Saturday, May 30, discharged Janardhan Reddy and several other accused from two cases registered by the Lokayukta Special Investigation Team (SIT).

The court passed the order after considering petitions filed by the accused seeking to be discharged from the proceedings. After hearing detailed arguments from both the prosecution and defence, the court concluded that there was insufficient basis to proceed with the trial against the accused in the two cases and accordingly dropped the charges.

Along with Janardhan Reddy, the court discharged Mehfooz Ali Khan, industrialists Hottur Abdul Wahab, Hottur Noor Ahmed, Hottur Mohammed Iqbal and Trident Mining Company from the cases. The allegations stemmed from investigations into illegal mining and transportation of iron ore during the period when Janardhan Reddy was a powerful political figure in Ballari district.

**CM Revanth appears before Hyderabad court in two cases**

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy appeared before a local court on Saturday, May 30, in connection with two cases registered against him in the past.

While one case was registered at Huzurnagar police station in Suryapet district, the other was booked in Kamalapur police station in Karimnagar district. They were registered during the previous BRS regime. The 2019 case at Huzurnagar police station concerns the alleged presence of people beyond the permitted limit



during a road show.

The case at Kamalapur police station was booked in 2021 over the alleged violation of Covid-19 norms, including not wearing a mask.

Lawyer Ch Vishveshwar Rao told PTI Videos that the case registered at Kamalapur police station was posted for judgement on June 4. The Huzurnagar case was posted for trial on June 18.

**15 Lakh TG Farmers to Receive Weather Updates Via Messages**

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Fifteen lakh farmers in Telangana will henceforth receive updates on weather – focused on their mandal – with the state government launching the 'Telangana Weather Advisory' messaging service on Saturday. The first test message they received said the chances of the regular rainy season – the monsoon – beginning before June 10 were poor, with only a 15 per cent possibility of the rainy season starting before that date.

The message titled "When will the rainy season begin?", said "rains in you mandal could begin any day after June 10 with chances of the rainy season beginning around that time being high. There is 85 per cent chance that the monsoon season will begin after this date. (This is based on information from May 28)." Launching the service on Saturday, agricul-

ture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao said the messaging service, will provide mandal wise information on rains, temperature and overall weather conditions on a regular and timely basis. All the 15 lakh farmers who are Rythu Bharosa beneficiaries will receive the messages.

Nageswara Rao said farmers with smartphones using WhatsApp can send any questions they have using the voice messaging on the app, and answers will be provided with the help of an artificial intelligence response system. The messaging service has been designed by Development Innovation Lab India and Evidence Action which have signed a memorandum of understanding with the agriculture department to provide weather updates to farmers on a regular basis. Ankur Garg, the country director for Evidence Action explained how the firm was using AI systems to help farmers.

**HYDRAA Protects Muskin Cheruvu From Encroachers**

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Saturday said it had fenced 52.2 acre of Muskin Cheruvu located in Puppalguda and Narsingi, saving land worth Rs 5,500 crore approximately. HYDRAA alleged that an attempt was made to grab 34.21 acre by constructing an embankment in the middle of the lake under the guise of lake development. A construction



firm had undertaken lake development works using corporate social responsibility funds. According to HMDA records, the 52.2 acres

acres constitute government shikam (lake bed) land and the remaining was privately owned. The encroachers attempted to encroach land in the FTL area by taking up construction activities in violation of regulations and by erecting huts. According to HYDRAA, encroachers were using people from the economically weaker sections as a human shield to stop enforcement activity. In addition, the encroachers had dumped construction debris and soil to alter the lake's topography.

**Owaisi urges voters to treat SIR in Telangana as 'life and death' issue**

"I urge you all to take this very seriously, as it is a highly sensitive issue," he said.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi has called on voters across Telangana to actively participate in the upcoming Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, describing it as a crucial exercise that should be treated as a "life and death" issue for the community.

Addressing an Eid gathering at the AIMIM headquarters, Darussalam, on Friday, Owaisi informed citizens that the electoral roll revision process would commence in the State on June 25. He urged voters to cooperate fully with Booth-Level Officers (BLOs), who will visit households to distribute enumeration forms and verify voter details.

The Hyderabad MP advised residents to carefully complete and verify the forms provided by BLOs. He particularly ap-



pealed to those who are unable to read or understand the documentation process to seek assistance from trusted individuals, including AIMIM workers serving as Booth Level Agents (BLAs), who have been deployed to support voters during the exercise.

"I appeal to all voters to take the Special Intensive Revision very seriously. This is a highly sensitive matter, and everyone must ensure that their voter details are accurate and updated," Owaisi said.

The AIMIM chief emphasized that voter participation in the revision process is essential to safeguard electoral rights and ensure that eligible

citizens remain on the voter rolls.

During his address, Owaisi also criticised governments that have imposed restrictions on offering namaz on public roads. He argued that if prayers on roads are prohibited, similar standards should apply to all religious events and celebrations conducted on public streets.

Referring to the issue, Owaisi alleged that selective restrictions targeting Muslim religious practices contribute to the marginalisation of the community. He claimed that such measures are part of broader efforts that could reduce Muslims to the status of second-class citizens.

The AIMIM leader urged people to remain vigilant during the electoral revision process and ensure that all eligible family members are properly registered as voters before the exercise concludes.

**Two Elderly Women From Guntur Die In Nalgonda NH Road Accident**

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Two elderly women died and four persons were injured when a car hit a road divider and rammed another car on National Highway 65 at Kattangur in Nalgonda district due to speeding and negligent driving, police said. The deceased were identified as Salichippala Susheela, 80, and Manduri Yashoda Devi, 80, both natives of Guntur in Andhra Pradesh. Police said the accident occurred around

12.30 pm when the car, travelling from Guntur to Hyderabad, hit the divider, crossed over and collided with another car heading from Hyderabad to Vijayawada.

Susheela died on the spot. Yashoda Devi, who was shifted to the Government General Hospital in Nalgonda, died while undergoing treatment. Four persons travelling in the Hyderabad-Vijayawada car sustained injuries and were admitted to the same hospital.

**Cyber Security Bureau inspector in ACB net over Rs 9L bribe**

An inspector posted at the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TCCSB), Hyderabad, was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Saturday, May 30, for allegedly demanding a Rs 9 lakh bribe.

According to the ACB, the accused, Bathula Mahendar, had demanded the bribe in exchange for not involving the complainant's friends and family in a cyberfraud case registered at the TCCSB. Mahendar had already accepted Rs 5 lakh in cash but kept threatening the complainant for the remaining amount.

He was caught by the Central Investigation Unit (CIU) Team of ACB while accepting Rs 4 lakh at his office.

**₹530 Crore Flyover and Underpass Project to Ease Traffic in Miyapur-Hafeezpet Corridor**

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi, along with former Corporator Uppalapati Srikanth and HICTI officials, inspected the proposed ₹530 crore flyover and underpass project connecting Miyapur and Alwyn Colony. The project includes a 1,790-metre six-lane flyover and two three-lane underpasses linking Hafeezpet-Miyapur and Bachupally-Alwyn Colony. It aims to reduce traffic congestion and improve connectivity in the Serilingampally region. Gandhi said the project will be launched soon under



Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's leadership and will help reduce travel time, fuel consumption, and traffic bottlenecks for commuters travelling through Miyapur, Hafeezpet, Chandanagar, and Bachupally. Local leaders, officials, and residents participated in the inspection.

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