



**Telangana State Govt to Bear Additional Burden Faced by Haj Pilgrims: P8**

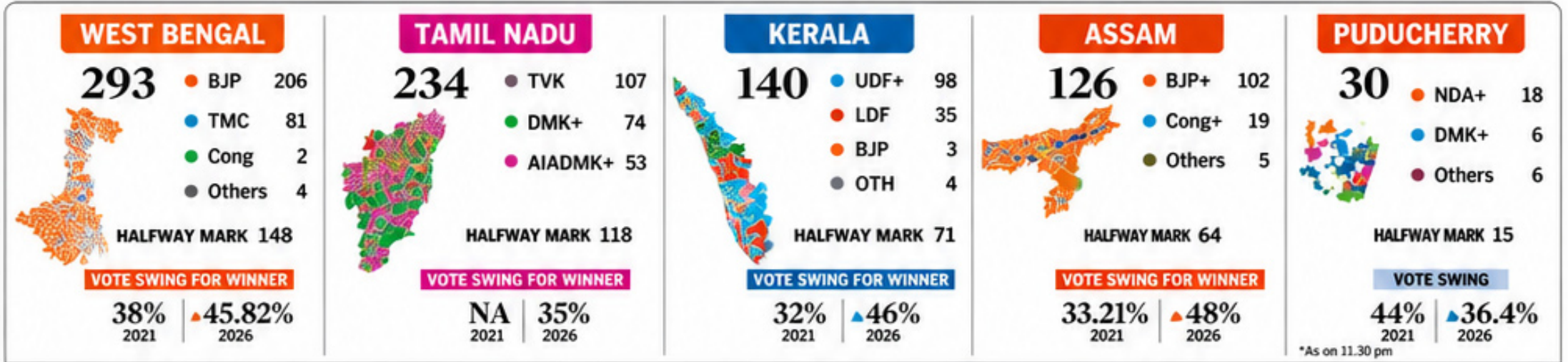


**Rohit Sharma, Ricketon power Mumbai Indians to emphatic win over LSG: P7**

**KT Rama Rao slams Congress over law and order failure: P3**



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**UAE Emirate Says Iranian Drone Sparked Fire At Oil Facility**



The United Arab Emirates' eastern emirate of Fujairah says an Iranian drone sparked a fire at an oil facility. Fujairah is the terminus of a pipeline the UAE has used to avoid shipping some of its oil through the Strait of Hormuz in the Iran war. The UAE on Monday issued its first three missile alerts since a ceasefire took hold. The U.S. military said Monday that two American-flagged merchant ships had successfully transited the Strait of Hormuz after it launched a new initiative to restore traffic. Iran has effectively controlled the critical wa-

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## BJP Storms Bengal in Historic Power Shift

TMC chief Mamata, DMK chief Stalin lose seats in their respective strongholds in elections



## Vijay Outclasses DMK In Tamil Nadu On Poll Debut

**CHENNAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Landing stylishly in his maiden appearance on the state's electoral scene by emerging as the leader of the single largest party in the elections to the state Assembly hardly two years after its formation, Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) president Vijay on Monday started exploring options to form a coalition government with other parties. The party's tally including the lead position and victories comes to 107 at around 10 pm leaving the TVK with a shortage of 11 seats to touch the majority mark of 118 in a House of 234 seats. Vijay won both the seats he contested. He won the Perambur seat by a margin of 53,715 votes, defeating DMK opponent R.D. Shekar while in Tiruchi East, he defeated S.I. Irudaya Raj of the DMK by 27,416 votes. The ruling DMK received one of the worst drubbings at the hustings as its tally was limited to 60. It received the double whammy when party president and Chief Minister M.K. Stalin lost



his Kolathur seat to TVK's V.S. Babuby a margin of 8,795 votes. His son and deputy chief minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, how ever, managed to retain Chepauk-Thiruvallikeni constituency with a margin of 7,140 votes. Following TVK's strong performance, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi spoke with party chief Vijay on Monday to congratulate him, emphasizing that the mandate reflects the growing voice of the youth, which cannot be ignored. In a post on X, Gandhi said, "I spoke to Thiru Vijay and congratulated him on TVK's spectacular result. This man date reflects the rising voice of youth, which cannot, and will

not, be ignored." The TVK will be able to form a government with the support of the Congress and the PMK besides the DMDK and AMMK. The stand of the Communist parties and VCK which have two seats each will also be watched. The AIADMK, which was aiming at returning to power after its loss in 2021 ended up at the third place with 47 seats, 19 less than what it won in the 2021 Assembly elections. The Congress, which fought the election in alliance with the DMK, won five seats. AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami who recorded 1,48,933 votes in Edappadi beat his near-

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**DMK Analyses Stalin's Kolathur Defeat: TKS Elangovan**

DMK spokesperson TKS Elangovan said the party has begun reviewing the reasons behind outgoing Chief Minister MK Stalin's defeat from the Kolathur Assembly constituency in the Tamil Nadu Assembly election. Speaking to ANI, Elangovan said on Monday, "We discussed the reason behind the defeat of CM Stalin from the Kolathur seat." Earlier, Stalin was seen leaving the DMK headquarters, 'Arivalayam', in Chennai following the election results. DMK supremo and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin (74,202) was de-

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## Lotus Is Blooming From Ganga To Gangotri: Modi

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the lotus is now blooming from Gangotri to Ganga-sagar with the BJP's historic victory in West Bengal and asked all parties to work for change, not revenge, and ensure that the state's future trumps over fear. Addressing BJP workers at the party headquarters after the win in assembly elections in West Bengal, Assam and Puducherry, Modi said it

was a special day in many ways as it heralds a bright future for the country. "It is a day of trust in the great democracy of India, trust in the politics of performance, trust in the resolve of stability, trust in the spirit of Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat. "I bow before the people of West Bengal, Assam, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Kerala," he said at the victory celebration event where BJP President Nitin Nabin, Union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh, among others,

were present. Modi said on November 14 last year, when the Bihar election results came in, he told the BJP workers from this very spot that the Ganga flows onward from Bihar all the way to Ganga Sagar (in West Bengal). "And today, with victory in West Bengal, from Gangotri (Uttarakhand) to Ganga Sagar (West Bengal), it is nothing but the lotus in full bloom. Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and West Bengal today, in these states sur-

rounding Mother Ganga, there are BJP-NDA governments," he said. Democracy, not fear, won in this festival of democracy in West Bengal, Modi said. When the BJP has won in Bengal, there should be talk of 'badlav' (change) not 'badla' (revenge), 'bhavishya' (future) not 'bhay' (fear), he said. The Prime Minister said winning and losing are a natural part of democracy and politics, but the people of the five states have shown the

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## Congress sweeps Kerala in decisive victory

**GUWAHTI**  
Wakeup telangana

It's a Congress landslide in Kerala, ending a decade-long drought in power. Yet, even as the revelry begins, the victory uncovers an immediate and delicate challenge for the party. From choosing a Chief Minister from among competing senior leaders to managing internal equations and keeping the party united under a stable leadership, Congress is set for a pro-



longed test of cohesion in days to come. The party entered the Assembly elections without projecting a chief ministerial face and the race for the top

post now has three leaders at the forefront. VD Satheesan, who led the party's campaign over the past five years; Ramesh Chennithala, a seasoned leader with

strong backing of community organisations; and KC Venugopal, a national leader who did not contest the polls but is seen as a contender for the top post. Satheesan, the Leader of the Opposition in the state Assembly, has been the party's most visible face, taking on the CPI(M)-led Left government at several critical political junctures. Internal assessments suggest he enjoys considerable support within the party.

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## BJP Registers Landslide Victory In Assam

**GUWAHTI**  
Wakeup telangana

The Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance on Monday registered a landslide victory in the Assam assembly polls by winning 100 out of 126 seats, reaffirming the political dominance of Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. The BJP created a history by winning 82 seats on its own with its allies Bodoland Peoples Front winning 10 seats and



Asom Gana Parishad getting victory on 8 seats. The opposition Congress was reduced to 19 seats from 29 seats in 2021. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma was elected from Jalukbari with a formidable lead of more than 87,000

votes over his nearest rival, Congress candidate Bidisha Neog. The landslide victory of BJP led alliance flagged a stark failure for the Congress-led opposition as most of stalwarts of opposition including Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi lost the elections. The sitting MP and state Congress chief Gaurav Gogoi lost assembly polls from Jorahat seat. He polled 46,257 votes, while BJP's Hitendra Nath Goswami secured 69,439 votes, retaining

the seat for a third consecutive term. The most visible casualty of this election was also the All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF), which has collapsed from 16 seats in 2021 to just two constituencies. The result also reflected that despite leadership changes and a desperate campaign to reclaim lost ground, Congress failed to woo back its traditional support bases. The party's inability to regain the

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## Paddy Procurement to Be Scaled Up Amid Rain Threat: Minister

Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy directed officials to accelerate paddy procurement and protect farmers from unseasonal rains. With crops damaged across districts, the government has ramped up storage, logistics, and monitoring to minimise farmer losses

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy has directed officials to immediately scale up paddy procurement operations as farmers protest delays and unseasonal rains threaten harvested crops. He also instructed authorities to take urgent steps to protect farmers from losses due to sudden weather changes.

At a high-level video conference with district in-charge ministers, collectors, and Civil Supplies officials on Monday, the Minister reviewed procurement



progress and warned that the next few days are critical.

With forecasts predicting more untimely rains this week, he placed the entire machinery on alert and stressed the need for real-time weather monitoring and timely alerts to farmers. So far, around 14.80 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of paddy has been procured through 8,575 operational pro-

urement centres across the state. Officials said over ₹2,001.96 crore has already been credited to farmers' accounts.

However, with paddy arrivals expected to increase rapidly, the Minister said procurement must be accelerated without delay, especially in high-volume districts like Nalgonda and Nizamabad. Heavy rains and strong winds on

Sunday damaged paddy stocks in several districts, including Nalgonda, Mahabubnagar, Khammam, Suryapet, and Kothagudem. In Nalgonda alone, 299 metric tonnes of paddy were soaked across four centres after a sudden storm blew away protective tarpaulins.

The Minister instructed officials to immediately shift wet paddy to designated parboiled rice mills to prevent further damage. He emphasized proper use of tarpaulins and directed staff to ensure stocks are covered in advance to avoid exposure to rain. To handle the situation, the govern-

ment has arranged intermediate storage capacity of about 16 lakh metric tonnes across districts. It has also secured nearly 16.8 lakh MT equivalent parboiled rice allocation and requested an additional 15 lakh MT. Around 18.5 crore gunny bags have been mobilised to support procurement operations.

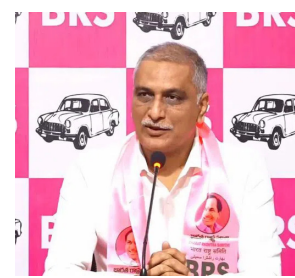
Reiterating the importance of Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations during the Rabi marketing season, the Minister said protecting farmers' produce and ensuring smooth procurement remains the top priority in the coming days.

## BRS leaders congratulate Vijay on TVK's electoral debut in TM

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Senior leaders of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) extended their congratulations to actor-turned-politician Vijay following the impressive electoral debut of his party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), in Tamil Nadu. BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao lauded Vijay's entry into politics, calling it a "disruptive moment" in contemporary political dynamics.

He remarked that Vijay's success had broken several established norms and stereotypes in electoral politics. Highlighting the scale of the achievement, he described it as a truly remarkable debut and expressed confidence that Tamil Nadu would grow stronger



under Vijay's leadership. BRS deputy leader T. Harish Rao also praised the development, terming the TVK's victory a significant milestone in the state's political landscape. He said the mandate clearly reflected the aspirations of the people and indicated their desire for change.

Harish Rao conveyed his best wishes to Vijay for a successful and impactful political journey ahead. Former MP J. Santosh Kumar described the verdict as "historic and resounding," emphasizing that it demonstrated the public's strong faith in

Vijay's leadership and vision.

He recalled Vijay's earlier participation in the Green India Challenge, noting his commitment to environmental protection and public service. Santosh Kumar further expressed hope that under Vijay's leadership, Tamil Nadu would witness accelerated development and inclusive growth. He wished the actor-turned-politician continued success in public life and commended his transition from cinema to politics as both bold and inspiring. Collectively, BRS leaders acknowledged Vijay's victory as a defining moment, not only for Tamil Nadu politics but also as an example of emerging leadership reshaping traditional political narratives.

## BRSV leaders arrested after protest against GO 7 near Secretariat

BRSV activists staged a protest near the Secretariat demanding withdrawal of GO No. 7 on fee reimbursement and release of pending dues. Police detained several protesters, while BRSV leaders alleged that the order would adversely affect students from marginalised communities pursuing higher education



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Tension prevailed near the Secretariat on Monday as activists of the BRSV staged a flash protest demanding the withdrawal of GO No. 7 on fee reimbursement and the immediate release of pending dues amounting to Rs 10,000 crore. Police detained

several protesters on charges of unlawful assembly and shifted them to the Begum Bazaar and Afzal Gunj police stations.

During the protest, BRSV leaders raised slogans against the Congress government led by Revanth Reddy, alleging that the order threatens the future of nearly 14 lakh students from mar-

ginalised communities pursuing higher education.

BRSV State vice president Thunga Balu accused the government of attempting to scrap the fee reimbursement scheme in a phased manner through GO 7. He called the government order a direct assault on access to higher education. He warned

that the move could force poor students to discontinue their studies and urged the government to revoke the order.

Another BRSV State vice president, Padala Satish, demanded the scrapping of the GO and restoration of the earlier disbursement system, while reiterating the demand for the immediate release of arrears.

He said the previous BRS government led by former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao enabled students from SC, ST, BC and Minority communities to access higher education, apart from setting up over 1,000 residential welfare schools under school education. However, he alleged that the Revanth Reddy government was reversing the progress made during the BRS regime.

## Voice of Hyderabad Grand Finale Celebrates Young Talent

**HYDERABAD**  
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The Grand Finale of Voice of Hyderabad – Chaitanya Spandana was successfully conducted at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), drawing enthusiastic participation and showcasing exceptional student talent. A total of 375 participants competed through three rigorous rounds, with 42 finalists from senior and junior categories advancing to the final stage.

The competition highlighted strong communication skills, creativity,



and social awareness among participants. The performances were evaluated by an esteemed jury comprising Karthik Kodakandla, Venu Srirangam, Deepthi Charan, and Vasantha Subbalakshmi,

who appreciated the high standards displayed.

In the senior category, Urjitha Patel emerged as the winner, followed by B. Likhila as runner-up and Damera Vikram as second runner-up. Special

mentions were awarded to Mallela Varsha Sree, Sanjana Chinamthevi, and Vishal Aryan Boorela. In the junior category, Archita Dhulipala secured first place, with P. V. Sai Vedansh and K. V. S. S. Sahasra Prabha finishing as runner-up and second runner-up respectively. Garimella Abhinaya Radha, Vishant Koti, and Srihitha Chaturvedula received special mentions. Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimulu and faculty coordinators lauded the efforts of students and organizers for making the event a grand success.

## MLA A. Arikepudi Gandhi Distributes Kalyana Lakshmi & Shaadi Mubarak Cheques in Serilingampally



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PAC Chairman and MLA A. Arikepudi Gandhi distributed ₹69,08,004 financial assistance under the

Kalyana Lakshmi / Shaadi Mubarak scheme to 69 beneficiaries at the MLA camp office in Miyapur.

The beneficiaries are from multiple divisions including Kondapur, Gachibowli, Madhapur, Miyapur, Hafeezpet, and Chandanagar. Speaking on the occasion, he said the scheme reflects the Telangana government's commitment to supporting poor families during marriages and urged eligible beneficiaries to utilize welfare schemes. Former corporator Uppalapati Srikanth, leaders, beneficiaries, and locals attended the program.

## 800 Quintals Maize Destroyed in Suspected Arson



About 800 quintals of maize were reduced to ashes after unidentified persons allegedly set fire to the stock at Pathralapadu village in Chinthakani mandal of Khammam district on Sunday. According to police, the maize stock was stored at a corner of the Markfed maize procurement centre when the fire broke out in the evening. Fanned by strong winds, the flames spread rapidly, causing extensive damage. The fire also spread to a nearby private farm. Fire tenders from Khammam rushed to the spot and brought the blaze under control after considerable effort. The loss is estimated at around Rs 20 lakh. Based on a complaint lodged by Markfed officials, Chinthakani police have registered a case and launched an investigation to identify those responsible for the incident.

## India's First Work-Site School Opens in Cyberabad

India's First Work-Site School for Construction Workers' Children Inaugurated in Cyberabad

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh and CMC Commissioner Srujana inaugurated India's first Work-Site School for migrant construction workers' children at Rajapushpa Labour Camp, Narsingi. The initiative, in collaboration with the Telangana Education Department, Municipal Administration, and Rajapushpa Properties, aims to provide safe education at construction sites. Dr. Ramesh said mi-



grant workers are vital to Telangana's growth and stressed that their children's education and safety is a shared responsibility, highlighting

value-based and mother-tongue learning with government and private support, including mid-day meals. CMC Commissioner Srujana

emphasized child welfare in urban development and safe learning spaces, suggesting the model be made permanent. Rajapushpa Foundation said the school supports 58 migrant children and may be a first-of-its-kind model in India.

DEO Sushendra Rao said the government is committed to education for all children under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and will expand schooling in labour camps with mid-day meal support through Akshaya Patra.

## TVK Victory Marks Win for Marginalized Sections

Seen as tribute to Ambedkar's Constitution and social justice ideals

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The victory of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) in Tamil Nadu has been widely welcomed by Mala Mahanadu National President Golla Arun Kumar and several Dalit organizations, who described it as a significant moment for marginalized communities.

They stated that the success of a newly formed party within a short span reflects a major shift in India's political landscape. According to the leaders, the rise of actor-



turned-politician Vijay Dalapathy as a leader who garnered support across all sections of society is a symbol of social justice and a mark of respect to the ideals enshrined in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Constitution. They emphasized that this victory is not just political, but a moral

boost for Ambedkarite ideology, youth, and emerging social forces striving for equality. Expressing optimism, they hoped that similar transformations would take place across the country in the coming years.

They also conveyed confidence that the TVK government in Tamil Nadu would deliver good governance, ensure inclusive development, and work towards the upliftment of weaker sections. Several leaders and activists participated in the program, showing solidarity and support.

### Adequate Seed, Fertiliser Stocks Available For Kharif, Says Collector

District collector Rajarshi Shah on Sunday said adequate stocks of seeds and fertilisers are available for the upcoming kharif season in Adilabad district, assuring farmers that there is no need to panic. Addressing the media, the collector said 1,24,700 cotton seed packets and 900 quintals of soybean seeds were available in the district as of May 2. He added that seed companies are prepared to supply additional stocks based on demand. He said cotton and soybean seeds would be fully available at fertiliser and seed outlets across the district within the next week. Providing details of fertiliser availability, Shah said 6,565 metric tonnes of urea, 381 metric tonnes of DAP and 13,759 metric tonnes of complex fertilisers are currently stocked in private shops and market yards. The collector said a control room has been set up at the agriculture office for the benefit of farmers. Farmers can contact the helpline at 8977742854 for information and assistance.

## Unseasonal rains hit paddy stocks, Govt. directs faster procurement operations

Amid farmer protests and unseasonal rains damaging paddy stocks, Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy directed officials to accelerate procurement, safeguard crops, and enhance storage, as arrivals rise during the crucial Rabi marketing season

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

As farmers continue to stage protests over the delay in procurement, Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy directed officials to initiate measures for scaling up paddy procurement operations. He also wanted the officials to take steps in protecting farmers from untimely rains and losses. There is a forecast of untimely rains for the rest of the week.

These apart, heavy showers had battered multiple districts on Sunday triggering havoc on paddy stocks at harvest centres and market yards. The Minister held a video conference with district in-charge Ministers, Collectors, the Civil Supplies officials on Monday. The meeting reviewed the season's progress, including paddy arrivals and pro-



urement. Officials discussed accelerating procurement, tackling bottlenecks, and protecting farmers from heavy losses caused by unseasonal rains and heat-wave conditions across several districts. Putting the official machinery on high alert, the Minister emphasized the need for vigilant monitoring of weather conditions and ensuring that farmers are promptly informed about rainfall forecasts from time to time. Procurement has so far reached around 14.80 lakh metric tonnes (LMT), with all 8,575 Paddy Procurement Cen-

tres (PPCs) fully operational. This includes over 8 lakh metric tonnes of coarse varieties. An amount of over Rs.2001.96 crore has already been remitted to the accounts of farmers, officials stated.

Casting doubt on the proposal to directly transfer funds to students' bank accounts, he noted that no such disbursements had been made so far. He also raised concerns over the state's rising debt of ₹3.75 lakh crore, questioning the lack of allocation for student welfare.

Reiterating his warning, Rama Rao said the BRS would mobilise students across the State if the government fails to revoke GO 7, holding it accountable for the consequences. Stressing that Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations would be crucial in the current month for achieving the targets set

for the Rabi Marketing season, the Minister said paddy arrivals were likely to increase in the coming days, making an immediate ramp-up of purchases critical.

He wanted officials to specially focus on high-volume PPCs, especially those in Nalgonda and Nizamabad districts. Unseasonal rains accompanied by strong winds have drenched significant quantities of paddy in different districts including Nalgonda, Mahabubnagar, and Khammam.

The Nalgonda Collector reported 299 MT of wet paddy across four centres following a sudden 20-minute storm on Sunday evening that blew off tarpaulins despite prior alerts. Similar incidents were reported in Mahabubabad, Suryapet, Khammam, and Kothagudem.

## Paddy drying crisis in Narayanpet forces farmers to use crematorium in Kosgi

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Reflecting the hardships being faced by farming community in the State, a few farmers in Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's Kodangal constituency, dried their paddy stocks in a crematorium.

Before carrying the stocks for procurement, farmers have to ensure there is no moisture content in the stocks. Accordingly, most farmers dry their stocks on the roadsides and at other places. Due to dearth of drying platforms, a few farmers dried their paddy stocks in a crematorium in the first ward of Kosgi Municipality. Though geographically Kosgi falls under Narayanpet district limits, it is part of the Chief Minister's Kodangal constituency. The farmers have been drying



their stocks in the crematorium since Sunday. Officials had suspended procurement, citing lack of hamalis for loading of stocks and other reasons. The procurement centre established Government College ground is about one km away from the crematorium.

Already, other farmers had occupied the available limited space for drying their stocks and left with no choice, the farmers left the stocks there for drying

at the crematorium. Procurement commenced on Monday but farmers had to wait for their turn. Incidentally, the crematorium was constructed during the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government tenure and thrown open to public in 2021. In addition to basic amenities, there is a garden and avenue plantation in the crematorium. However, locals charge that the crematorium lacks of proper maintenance and sanitation.

## Sandeep Reddy Vanga, Naveen Yadav Open Dental Clinic in Manikonda

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Elevating the standards of dental excellence in the city, Priyanka's Infinite Smiles proudly announces its grand opening in Hyderabad. Conceived as a premium, patient-first dental destination, the clinic blends cutting-edge AI technology, refined clinical expertise, and an elevated care experience. Founded by the accomplished dental professional, Dr. Priyanka, Priyanka's Infinite Smiles is designed to deliver world-class oral healthcare in a sophisticated and welcoming environment. The clinic offers a comprehensive portfolio of services, including advanced cosmetic dentistry, smile makeovers, restorative treatments, pediatric dentistry, and preventive care — all tailored to meet the evolving expectations of discerning patients. The inauguration was graced by acclaimed Film Director Sandeep Reddy Vanga, Jubilee Hills MLA Naveen Yadav, Retired IAS Ajay Mishra, Mehr Ramesh, Music Director Koti, Singer Smita, whose presence adds



prestige to the occasion and underscores the clinic's commitment to excellence and quality. Speaking during the launch, Dr. Priyanka shared "Priyanka's Infinite Smiles is built on the philosophy that exceptional dental care goes beyond treatment — it's about trust, comfort, and confidence. Our goal is to create a premium experience where every patient feels valued and leaves with a truly confident smile." Strategically located in Lanco hills Hyderabad, the clinic features state-of-the-art infrastructure, globally

benchmarked sterilization protocols, and a patient-centric design that prioritizes comfort and privacy. With a strong emphasis on precision, aesthetics, and long-term oral health outcomes, Priyanka's Infinite Smiles aims to set a new benchmark in dental care across the region. The launch event hosted an exclusive gathering of distinguished guests, select patrons, and members of the media, reflecting the clinic's vision of offering a refined and personalized healthcare experience.

## TGSPDCL Pushes Zero-Accident Goal During Safety Week

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

TGSPDCL's Bowenpally division observed Electrical Safety Week from May 1 to 7, aiming to achieve a zero-accident target by raising awareness on safe electrical practices among consumers and staff.

The initiative focused on proper wiring, earthing, and safe handling of electrical systems to prevent mishaps. Superintending Engineer L. Gopiah, who chaired the meeting,



stressed the importance of prioritizing safety under the 'Safety First, Work Next' principle.

He noted that the campaign aligns with the 'Prapalana Pragathi Pranalika' and involves coordination with local authorities to strengthen preventive measures. Divisional Engineers Subba Reddy and Ramana Rao, along with Assistant Divisional Engineers Surya Prakash, Satish Babu, and Nagaraj, participated in the programme. Officials are also conducting field visits and awareness sessions throughout the week to educate the public and staff. Assistant Engineers Akbar, Rani Bai, Ramulu, Veena, and others attended, reinforcing TGSPDCL's commitment to accident-free operations.

## Shrama Shakti Awards Honour Workers in Kothagudem

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

International Workers' Day celebrations in Kothagudem saw four workers honoured with the prestigious Shrama Shakti Awards at an event led by Indian National Trade Union Congress leaders. District President Jaleel presided over the ceremony, highlighting workers as the backbone of national development. Awardees included Pechambaram for May Day welfare efforts, M.A. Majid of YTPS for 20 years of union service,



and Burugula Vijayabaskar of KTPS for rising through ranks and supporting worker growth. Vijayabaskar recalled earlier honours, including the Dalit Ratna Award and a doctorate. State leaders praised Gadham Vivek Venkataswamy for advancing

worker welfare schemes. He recently stressed safety measures in hazardous workplaces and proposed multi-specialty hospitals at power plants. Though the main event was in Hyderabad, the local ceremony underscored workers' critical role in nation-building.

## WSW Sensitises 200 Students On Combatting Online Harassment



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Women Safety Wing (WSW) police organised an interactive awareness programme, 'Digital Dignity & Respect - Online Harassment' here on Monday, as part of the 'Stand With Her' campaign aimed at promoting safety and respect for women and children in digital spaces. About 200 students from various colleges participated in discussions, according to WSW Director-General Charu Sinha.

The session focused on creating awareness about responsible digital behavior and emphasised key aspects of digital dignity. Officials explained the importance of respecting individual privacy, consent, and personal bound-

aries online. "Promoting positive interactions and discouraging abusive or harmful content, our officers highlighted various forms of online harassment, including cyberstalking, trolling, bullying, doxing, and misuse of social media platforms," DG Sinha said. Students were educated on legal provisions available under cyber laws and women safety-related laws, and the importance of reporting incidents through appropriate channels such as cybercrime portals and police helplines. DGP directly with students, encouraging them to be responsible digital citizens and to actively intervene, report, and support victims of online abuse.

## 622nd Urs of Hazrat Gesu Daraz (RA)

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The spiritually vibrant region of the Deccan is witnessing an atmosphere of devotion and reverence as the 622nd Urs of Hazrat Khwaja Banda Nawaz Gesu Daraz is being commemorated with great fervor. This significant occasion reflects not only the remembrance of a saint but also the continuation of a timeless spiritual legacy that has shaped the cultural fabric of the region. Hazrat Gesu Daraz (RA), also known as Syed Muhammad Husaini,



emerged as one of the most influential Sufi saints of the Indian subcontinent. His life was devoted to spreading the universal message of love, peace, tolerance, and selfless service. His teachings broke barriers of caste, creed, and language, uniting people under the banner of humanity. Originally born in Delhi in 721 AH, he later migrated to the Deccan during the turbulent

period of Timur's invasion of India. Settling in Gulbarga, he established a great center of spiritual and intellectual activity that attracted seekers from across the region. A devoted disciple of Nasiruddin Chiragh Dehlavi, Hazrat Gesu Daraz (RA) carried forward the Chishti tradition with dedication and wisdom. His khanqah became a hub of learning, where spiritual training was combined with scholarly excellence. His contributions extended far beyond spirituality. As a prolific writer, he authored more than a hun-

dred books covering Qur'anic interpretation, Hadith, jurisprudence, and Sufism. He also holds a distinguished place in the evolution of early Urdu (Dakhni) literature, making him a pioneer in linguistic and cultural development in the Deccan. The Urs celebrations serve as a reminder of his enduring message—promoting unity in diversity and encouraging compassion in a world often divided by differences. His teachings continue to resonate strongly, offering guidance in times of social and moral challenges.

## Farmers' Week Sees Huge Turnout in Mator

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A large number of farmers gathered at Mator village in Motakondur mandal on Monday as part of the Telangana Government's Farmers' Week programme, with a strong focus on soil health awareness and modern farming practices. The event, led by Agriculture Extension Officer (AEO) Suresh, was conducted with extensive arrangements and active participation from farmers and local groups. Soil health management emerged as



the central theme, with officials distributing Soil Health Cards and educating farmers on maintaining soil fertility through balanced fertilizer use and sustainable agricultural practices. Experts stressed that healthy soil is the

foundation for better crop productivity and long-term agricultural sustainability. The programme also featured awareness sessions on key areas such as oil palm cultivation, farm mechanization, use of drones in agriculture,

crop loans, natural farming methods, and the importance of quality seeds. These sessions aimed to promote scientific farming techniques and improve farmers' incomes. Women Self-Help Groups actively participated, highlighting their growing role in strengthening rural agriculture and community development. Addressing the gathering, AEO Suresh urged farmers to adopt modern technologies and prioritize soil health for sustainable growth.

**CBI Nabs Kamlesh Parekh After UAE Extradition In Rs 2,672 Cr Bank Fraud Case**

The CBI has arrested Kamlesh Parekh, a fugitive wanted in a 10-year-old Rs 2,672 crore bank fraud case, after his extradition from the UAE, officials said on Saturday. Parekh, wanted in the bank fraud case filed against Shree Ganesh Jewellery House (I) Ltd, Kolkata, was extradited from the UAE on Friday, they said. The CBI had registered the case in 2016 against the company and others for allegedly cheating a consortium of 25 banks to the tune of Rs 2,672 crore. "The agency had chargesheeted Parekh, the promoter of the company who had been absconding since the probe began, on December 31, 2022," a CBI spokesperson said in a statement. "An open-ended non-bailable warrant was issued against him in 2019, while a Red Corner Notice was issued through Interpol in 2024. The authorities in the UAE detained him on the basis of the said notice after which he was extradited to India," the statement said.

**UAE Emirate Says Iranian Drone Sparked Fire At Oil Facility**

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The United Arab Emirates' eastern emirate of Fujairah says an Iranian drone sparked a fire at an oil facility. Fujairah is the terminus of a pipeline the UAE has used to avoid shipping some of its oil through the Strait of Hormuz in the Iran war. The UAE on Monday issued its first three missile alerts since a ceasefire took hold.

The U.S. military said Monday that two American-flagged merchant ships had successfully transited the Strait of Hormuz after it launched a new initiative to restore traffic. Iran has effectively controlled the critical waterway since the U.S. and Israel launched the war in late February. Breaking Iran's chokehold over the strait would ease global economic concerns and deny Tehran a major source of leverage in talks aimed at ending the war. But U.S. President Donald Trump's latest effort also



risks reigniting full-scale fighting as the U.S. and Iran steadily ramp up pressure.

The United Arab Emirates issued its first three missile alerts since a ceasefire reached in early April and accused Iran of targeting an oil tanker. An explosion and fire meanwhile broke out aboard a South Korean-operated ship anchored in the strait, though its cause was unknown, the South Korean government said. In another sign of possible escalation, Iran claimed to have struck a U.S. Navy vessel near the

strait. The U.S. denied the claim.

Iran's effective closure of the strait, which runs between Iran and Oman, has caused a spike in worldwide fuel prices and rattled the global economy. The U.S.-led Joint Maritime Information Center is now advising ships to cross the strait in Oman's waters, saying it set up an "enhanced security area." It was unclear whether shipping companies, and their insurers, will feel comfortable taking the risk given that Iran has fired on ships in the waterway and

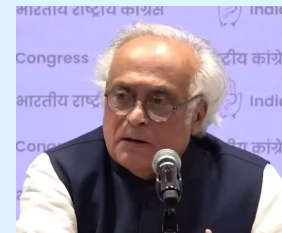
vowed to keep doing so. Iran has said the new U.S. effort is a violation of the fragile ceasefire that has held for more than three weeks.

Trump warns of 'forceful' response if Iran interferes. The U.S. military's Central Command said the two American-flagged merchant ships were "safely headed on their journey" after transiting the Strait of Hormuz. It said Navy guided-missile destroyers in the Persian Gulf were helping to restore traffic. Its statement on X said that U.S. destroyers had also transited the strait. It did not say when the Navy ships arrived or when the merchant vessels departed. Trump's announcement Sunday that the U.S. would "guide" ships out of the strait warned that Iranian efforts to block them "will, unfortunately, have to be dealt with forcefully." He described "Project Freedom" in humanitarian terms, designed to aid stranded seafarers on hundreds

**INDIA Bloc Falters; Mamata, Stalin Lose Bastions, Congress Holds Kerala**

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The Opposition I.N.D.I.A. bloc suffered a setback on Monday with regional titans Mamata Banerjee of the Trinamul Congress and M.K. Stalin of the DMK losing their seats and their home turfs of West Bengal and Tamil Nadu. The Kerala win of the Congress-led UDF was the only silver lining, and came at the cost of the weakening of the Left. The impact will be felt deeply in national politics, with the cohesion of the I.N.D.I.A. bloc set to be tested after the fall of the state stalwarts and the BJP continuing with its winning momentum ahead of the next round of Assembly elections in states including Uttar Pradesh. Only a few days



ago, the I.N.D.I.A. bloc member Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) had lost seven Rajya Sabha MPs to the BJP. Incidentally, the setbacks came just about a fortnight after a combined Opposition defeated the NDA in Parliament on the delimitation Bill. The Opposition bloc would be forced to come together and stand united against a resurgent BJP, PTI reported. Leaders in the Opposition alliance feel they have to rework their strategy and remain cohesive in the fight against the BJP.

For the Congress, the results in Kerala come as a face-saver after a series

of election debacles in Maharashtra, Delhi, Haryana and Bihar. The party is now in power in three southern states of Karnataka, Telangana and Kerala, besides Himachal Pradesh. It will face Assembly polls in Himachal later next year. The loss in Assam does not bode well for the party as it failed to dislodge the BJP which has been in power there for a decade. The BJP under Himanta Biswa Sarma registered an emphatic victory with a two-thirds majority.

The Congress got around 29.5 per cent of the votes in Assam, while it got 28.8 per cent votes in Kerala. In West Bengal, the party polled only 3.13 per cent votes and got 3.38 per cent votes in Tamil Nadu.

**Violence and Vandalism Erupt in Bengal Following BJP's Landslide Victory; TMC Offices Attacked**

**SRINAGAR**  
Wakeup telangana

Following the landslide victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in West Bengal, several offices of the All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) were allegedly vandalised across the state, triggering a fresh political flashpoint between the two rival parties. Incidents of defacement, arson, and clashes were reported from multiple districts, even as the BJP denied any involvement and blamed internal disputes within the TMC. According to TMC leaders, the violence began soon after election trends indicated a decisive BJP victory. Groups described as "miscreants" allegedly targeted party offices in areas including Barui- pur in South 24 Parganas, Tufanganj in Cooch Behar, and Panihati in North 24 Parganas. In Barui- pur, flex boards



and banners were torn down, and photographs of party chairperson Mamata Banerjee and national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee were thrown onto the ground, local leaders claimed. Police confirmed that security forces were deployed promptly to control the situation. A senior officer stated that crowds gathering outside party offices were dispersed and that cases had been registered against unidentified individuals. In the Kasba area near Ruby More, visuals

showed a mob carrying BJP flags vandalising a local club before police intervened and restored order. More serious incidents were reported from Jamuria in Paschim Bardhaman district, where a TMC office was allegedly set on fire by unidentified persons. In Asansol, another party office was vandalised, with TMC leaders accusing BJP supporters of orchestrating the attack. Similarly, in Panihati, TMC alleged that its office was effectively "captured," with party flags re-

moved and replaced by saffron colours and lotus symbols associated with the BJP. Tensions also flared at a counting centre in Barakpore, where TMC candidate Trinankur Bhattacharya from Nowapara was allegedly assaulted while exiting the premises.

However, senior BJP leader Arjun Singh denied the allegations, attributing the incident to internal conflicts within the TMC. Police stated that Bhattacharya was involved in an argument with BJP workers, which escalated into a physical confrontation, but security personnel ensured his safe evacuation. The TMC has accused the police of inaction and alleged that BJP-backed elements are carrying out coordinated attacks on its cadre. Meanwhile, authorities have launched investigations and intensified security to prevent further escalation.

**DMK Analyses Stalin's Kolathur Defeat: TKS Elangovan**

**CHENNAI**  
Wakeup telangana

DMK spokesperson TKS Elangovan said the party has begun reviewing the reasons behind outgoing Chief Minister MK Stalin's defeat from the Kolathur Assembly constituency in the Tamil Nadu Assembly election. Speaking to ANI, Elangovan said on Monday, "We discussed the reason behind the defeat of CM Stalin from the Kolathur seat." Earlier, Stalin was seen leaving the DMK



headquarters, 'Arivalayam', in Chennai following the election results.

DMK supremo and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin (74,202) was defeated by TVK candidate VS Babu (82,997) in the Kolathur constituency by a margin of 8,795 votes. Earlier, MK Stalin for-

mally conceded defeat in a post on X while addressing the people of Tamil Nadu. He accepted the "verdict" with humility and congratulated the winners. "We bow to and accept the verdict of the people. Congratulations to the victors!" he said.

"In the past five years, we have created numerous projects and provided good governance to the people of Tamil Nadu. We have elevated Tamil Nadu in every way. In the electoral arena, we sought votes only by speaking of

our achievements," he added, recalling his government's record. Meanwhile, TVK made a stunning debut in Tamil Nadu, winning 108 seats in the 234-member assembly. It remains short of the majority mark and will need support from other parties to form the government.

The results have also challenged long-held notions about actors struggling to succeed in politics, as Vijay now joins the ranks of prominent actor-turned-leader.

**India, Cambodia to Start Joint Drill CINBAX-II**

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Armies of India and Cambodia will begin a two-week joint military exercise, Exercise CINBAX-II, in Cambodia from Monday, the defence ministry said. The exercise will be held in Kampong Speu province and comes amid evolving global security challenges, the ministry said. The Indian Army contingent comprises 120 personnel, largely from a battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry Regiment, while the



Royal Cambodian Army has deployed 160 personnel.

"The joint exercise will be aligned with the current dynamics of counter-terrorism operations encountered by the peace-

keeping forces during the UN peacekeeping operation," the ministry said. It added, "This aim will be achieved through various practical and comprehensive discussions as well as tactical exercises, leading

to a comprehensive validated training, including drone operations, mortar handling and sniper tactics, will form part of the exercise.

"The primary objective is to enhance interoperability, coordination and operational synergy between the contingents of both nations," the ministry said. It said the exercise would facilitate exchange of best practices and operational experience while showcasing the capabilities of both countries in maintaining global peace.

**FROM FRONT PAGE**

**Lotus Is Blooming.....**

"Democracy is not just a system for us; it is the river of traditions in our veins. Today, not only has India's democracy triumphed, but India's Constitution has also triumphed. Our constitutional institutions have triumphed; our democratic processes have triumphed," he said. Modi said the nearly 93 per cent voter turnout in West Bengal has been historic in itself, and new records of voting have also been set in Assam, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala. He said women's participation in this election has been exceptionally high and this is emerging as the brightest picture of Indian democracy. "Today is a historic day, unprecedented. When years of

penance transform into attainment, the joy that appears on the face, that joy today I am seeing on the faces of BJP workers across the country," he said. The Prime Minister also congratulated the Election Commission, all its employees, all the personnel involved in the voting process, especially the security forces, for the successful conduct of the assembly elections. "History will always remember your contribution to maintaining the dignity of India's democracy," he said.

**Modi Govt Rattled.....**

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami who recorded 1,48,933 votes in Edappadi beat his nearest rival K. Premkumar, an independent candidate supported

by the TVK. Vijay supported the independent candidate since the TVK candidate did not get the required signatures in the nomination papers and did not turn up on the day of scrutiny. DMK general secretary K. Duraimurugan was pushed to the third slot in his native Katpadi which he has won eight times and six times consecutively. Health minister Ma. Subramanian lost in Saidapet and education minister Anbil Poyyamozhi was defeated in Thiruvembur, while minister T.M. Anbarasan was beaten in Alandur. Actor-politician Vijay's TVK on Monday created a record of sorts in the electoral history of Tamil Nadu and emerged as the single largest party by delivering a shock defeat to incumbent DMK and its pres-

ident, Chief Minister MK Stalin in his Kolathur constituency, while the AIADMK was pushed to a distant third spot. This was the first time since 1967, when the first non-Congress government (DMK) came to power in the state, that a party other than the two Dravidian heavyweights emerged victorious in the hustings. Vijay and TVK have many firsts to their credit and the party founder will be the first person from a minority religion - Christianity - to helm the state.

**BJP Registers.....**

The party's inability to regain the trust of the Ahom community, tea garden tribes, and even Muslim voter groups that were once the

bedrock of the party in Upper Assam has left it decimated across key constituencies.

The Congress-led alliance in Assam, comprising Gaurav Gogoi (Congress), Akhil Gogoi (Rajior Dal), and Lurinjyoti Gogoi (Assam Jatiya Parishad), all prominent figures from the Ahom community, was strategically aimed at tapping into the dominant Ahom vote bank in Upper Assam. However, results indicate that the alliance failed to regain the trust of the Ahom community with defeat of leader of opposition Debabrata Saikia trailing by over 40,000 votes from Nazira constituency in Upper Assam's Sibsagar district. He lost to the BJP.

**Congress sweeps.....**

Satheesan, the Leader of the Opposition in the state Assembly, has been the party's most visible face, taking on the CPI(M)-led Left government at several critical political junctures. Internal assessments suggest he enjoys considerable support within the party. He also has the backing of the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), a key ally in the United Democratic Front (UDF), and is credited with forging a broad coalition of social groups against the Left Democratic Front (LDF). However, Satheesan, whose elevation in 2021 marked a generational shift by breaking the long-standing dominance of factional groupings within the party, is not without concerns as a CM contender.

## CRIME

### Fake currency and 1:3 exchange scam uncovered in Warangal, eight held

**WARANGAL**  
Wakeup telangana

Warangal Task Force and Narsampet police arrested eight persons involved in currency related crimes.

Among the arrested, three were involved in printing counterfeit notes and circulating them in the market while five persons were defrauding people promising to exchange real currency for larger amounts of fake currency at a ratio of 1:3. Speaking to the media here on Monday East Zone DCP Ankit Kumar informed that police seized counterfeit currency, genuine cash worth Rs 1.48 lakh, laptops, printers, 13 mobile phones and two cars worth around Rs 28 lakh from the arrested. The



accused were Shaganti Kiran, Neerati Shiva, Neerati Ranjith and Gudikandula Ravi of Narsampet, Porika Rajkumar of Ghanpur in Mulugu; Thanamala Rajasekhar of Vemsoor in Khammam; Mudurukola Yakambaram of Bhuvanagiri; and Chenu Saikiran of Karakagudem mandal in Kothagudem.

Three accused from Narsampet were using a laptop and a printer to create colour prints of genuine Rs 100 notes, which they were then circulating in the market as

authentic currency.

The remaining five accused used to take genuine Rs 500 currency notes, dip them in an iodine tincture solution to turn them black and then dip them in sodium thiosulfate (Hypo) solution-a photographic fixing agent-as a result of the chemical reaction, the notes would revert to their original appearance. Executing their scheme, they would hand over sheets of black paper to the unsuspecting victims assuring them that if they followed the above

procedure, the black papers would transform into genuine currency notes. Then they would collect actual money and abscond, the ACP said.

They committed frauds in Ghanpur in Mulugu, Monda Market in Secunderabad, Vemsoor, Kothagudem, KUC and Subedari. They were booked and were sent to jail in the past. Recently they had carried out similar frauds in Chatrinaka in Hyderabad and Narsampet.

The CP Sunpreet Singh commended Task Force ACP Madhusudhan, Narsampet ACP Ravinder Reddy, Task Force Inspector Babulal, Narsampet Inspector Srinivas, AO Salman Pasha and the personnel for nabbing the accused.

## EDITORIAL

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

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Man held for murdering mother-in-law

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Fake Number Plate Scam Busted, Two Held in Hyderabad

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

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

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

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

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

### Plumber Held For Murder, Body Found Under Kitchen Platform

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

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

### Missing Man Found Near Osmania General Hospital

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

In a relief to family members, a 48-year-old man who went missing in Hyderabad has been successfully traced by the police with the support of Wakeup Telangana media representatives. The man, identified as Byagari Yellaiah from Ellikatta village in Farooknagar mandal of Ranga Reddy district, was found in an unidentified condition near Osmania General Hospital and safely reunited with his



family. Yellaiah had arrived in Hyderabad on April 28 to attend to a relative undergoing treatment at Osmania General Hospital and stayed in the

hospital vicinity for several days as an attendant. However, he went missing on May 1 around 3:15 PM from the Afzalgunj area, triggering concern among his relatives. Following his disappearance, Yellaiah's brother-in-law, Telagamalla Chennakeshavulu, approached Wakeup Telangana media representatives for help and was advised to file a police complaint. Acting promptly, the family lodged a missing person case, after which police teams launched a coordinated search operation ac-

ross multiple locations in the city. Family members suspected that Yellaiah, who reportedly consumes alcohol, may have become disoriented due to lack of access, leading him to wander away. After sustained efforts, police traced him within the hospital surroundings and ensured his safe return. Chennakeshavulu, a teacher, played a key role in coordinating with media and police. The family expressed gratitude for the timely intervention that led to a safe and positive outcome.



# Millet Mission Launched to Promote Daily Consumption

Campaign backed by Nagarjuna Akkineni aims to drive nationwide shift toward healthier diets and sustainable living through daily millet consumption.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Millet Marvels, in collaboration with Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR) and Nutrihub, has launched a nationwide mission titled "One Meal a Day with Millets" to encourage healthier dietary habits across India. The initiative was unveiled at IIMR, Rajendranagar, aiming to integrate millets into daily meals and promote sustainable nutrition. Actor Nagarjuna Akkineni extended his support through a video message, urging citizens to adopt millets and ap-



Shri Janampalli Anirudh Reddy, Hon'ble M.L.A., Jachcherla, Telangana (flanked by L-R) Mr. V. Sandeep Kumar, Business Manager, Nutrihub; Dr. Veeresh S Wali, Chief Business Manager, Nutrihub; Dr. Bharath Reddy, Founder & CEO, Millet Marvels; Dr. Tara Satyavathi, Director, ICAR-IIMR; Dr. J. Stanley, CEO, Nutrihub & PS, ICAR-IIMR & Mr. Shyam Prasad Reddy, Engineer (Retd.), Irrigation Dept.; at the unveiling of a nationwide movement, "One Meal a Day with Millets", through a video campaign featuring renowned actor Nagarjuna Akkineni, today at IIMR, Rajendranagar, the initiative is led by Millet Marvels, Indian Institute of Millets Research (ICAR-IIMR) & Nutrihub.

preciate their health benefits. The campaign aligns with the vision of Narendra Modi to promote nutritious and traditional food choices nationwide. The programme was formally launched by Janampalli Anirudh Reddy, who emphasized the environmental

and nutritional advantages of millets, noting they require significantly less water compared to paddy while offering higher health value. He stressed the need to revive millet consumption, especially among younger generations. Key dignitaries included Dr. C.

Tara Satyavathi, Director of IIMR, and Dr. J. Stanley, CEO of Nutrihub, along with Dr. Bharath Reddy, Founder and CEO of Millet Marvels. They highlighted that millets should constitute at least one-third of cereal intake, as recommended by nutrition experts, due to their

rich composition of essential nutrients. Participants at the event pledged to include at least one millet-based meal daily and promote the message within their communities, creating a chain-based awareness movement. Founded in 2020 by Dr. Bharath Reddy, Millet Marvels focuses on making millet-based foods accessible and affordable. The initiative marks a significant step toward building a healthier, sustainable future by reintroducing traditional grains into modern diets.

## Prudent Launches Edge+ AI Platform for MFD Growth

**AHEMDABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Prudent Corporate Advisory Services Limited has launched Edge+, an AI-powered business management platform designed to help mutual fund distributors (MFDs) scale faster, improve client servicing, and unlock new growth opportunities. Currently available in beta, the platform integrates six powerful modules into a single intelligent interface, focusing on two core outcomes: business growth and time efficiency. Edge+ combines artificial intelligence with distributor expertise, positioning itself as a complementary tool rather than a replacement. While distributors retain the Emotional Quotient (EQ) in client relationships, Edge+ delivers the Intelligence Quotient (IQ), enabling faster decision-

making and sharper execution across operations. At the core of Edge+ is its Goal Planning module, which enables distributors to generate goal-based investment strategies within minutes. By analysing client risk profiles and investment horizons, the platform recommends optimal asset allocation across equity, debt, and hybrid instruments, along with curated scheme suggestions. Advisors can instantly share these recommendations via ready-made email communications and initiate transactions seamlessly. The Business Edge module focuses on identifying untapped opportunities within existing portfolios. It enables segmentation based on age and assets under management (AUM), helping distributors target clients with precision. The system highlights opportunities such as inac-

tive SIPs, high-value portfolios without diversification, and clients lacking complementary financial products, supported by external AUM insights for more informed engagement. Edge+ also includes a Marketing Engine, allowing distributors to run targeted SIP and lump sum campaigns, execute event-based outreach, and communicate with clients through bulk messaging—all powered by AI for speed and personalization. The Research module consolidates critical fund analytics, including metrics such as P/E ratio, beta, Sharpe ratio, and sector exposure. This eliminates the need for multiple tools and enables quick evaluation. Advisors can instantly share "FundzCards," concise, client-ready summaries via email or messaging platforms.

# 100% FDI in insurance with regulatory safeguards

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Centre's decision to allow 100 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) in insurance companies under the automatic route marks a significant shift in India's financial sector policy, aimed at attracting global capital and accelerating industry growth. The move, notified through amendments to the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) Rules, 2019, removes prior approval bottle-

necks and allows foreign investors to directly invest in insurance firms, subject to regulatory safeguards. Under the revised framework, all foreign investments will continue to be governed by the provisions of the Insurance Act, 1938 and will require compliance and oversight from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). This ensures that while capital inflows are liberalised, regulatory discipline and consumer protection remain in-



tact. The policy expansion also extends to insurance intermediaries such as brokers, re-insurance brokers, consultants, third-party administrators, corporate agents, surveyors, loss assessors, and

insurance repositories. This broader coverage is expected to deepen the ecosystem, improve service delivery, and introduce global best practices into India's insurance market. However, the government has retained a key restriction in the case of the Life Insurance Corporation of India. Foreign investment in LIC will continue to be capped at 20 per cent under the automatic route, in line with provisions of the Life Insurance Corporation Act, 1956. This reflects the strategic im-

portance of LIC as a public sector entity and a dominant player in India's insurance landscape. Industry experts believe the reform could unlock significant opportunities. Former IRDAI member Nishesh Sathe described the move as a "red carpet welcome" for foreign players. According to him, the removal of bureaucratic delays will allow foreign insurers currently operating through joint ventures with Indian partners to increase their stakes seamlessly. At the same time, In-

dian conglomerates and banks may find it easier to monetise their investments by diluting stakes. The liberalised regime is expected to boost competition, expand the market, and encourage the introduction of innovative insurance products tailored to India's evolving needs. However, the sector remains highly competitive and capital-intensive, meaning that only serious long-term investors are likely to enter or expand in the market. Additionally, the noti-

fication mandates that at least one of the top leadership positions—Chairperson, Managing Director, or Chief Executive Officer—in an insurance company with foreign investment must be held by an Indian resident citizen. This provision ensures domestic oversight in key decision-making roles. Overall, the policy signals India's intent to position its insurance sector as an attractive destination for global capital while balancing openness with regulatory safeguards.

## May 18 Deadline for Telangana Arekatika Presidential Election Voter Registration



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana State Arekatika Election Committee has announced May 18, 2026, as the final deadline for voter registration for the upcoming State Presidential Elections. Eligible members who have not yet registered are strongly urged to complete the process without delay. Under the aegis of the Telangana Arekatika Trust, the Election Committee has been conducting extensive state-wide tours over the past nine months to facilitate voter enrollment. Registration is open to Mandal, Town, Constituency, and District Associations, along with various State-level bodies. In addition, representatives from social, economic, and credit cooperative societies,

youth groups, women's associations, and other community-focused organizations are encouraged to register. Applicants must submit basic details, including name, phone number, and Aadhaar number, to be included in the voter list. Officials emphasized that no registrations will be accepted after the May 18 deadline, making timely enrollment crucial for participation in the Elections process. For registration and further information, individuals can contact 9494365428 or email TGAKEC@gmail.com. The announcement was made during a meeting at the Election Headquarters in Hyderabad, attended by key members of the Trust and Election Committee along with several community representatives

## PMI Rises To 54.7 in April from 53.9 In March

**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

India's private sector manufacturing activity growth rebounded in April on the back of sharper export growth, after plummeting to a four-year low in March due to West Asia war-linked disruption. However, it remained stuck as weak demand and soaring input costs driven by the Middle East crisis weighed on activity, a private survey showed on Monday. As per the survey, the HSBC India manufacturing purchasing managers' index rose from 53.9 in March to 54.7 in April, signalling the second-slowest improvement in overall operating conditions in close to four years. The index, however, is a gauge of overall conditions derived from measures of new orders, output, employment, supplier delivery times and stocks of purchases. In the PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction. The two largest sub-components of the PMI, new orders and output, rose since March but trailing readings were seen in at least three-and-a-half years. "India's manufacturing PMI rose to 54.7 in April, up from 53.9 in March, but still marking the second-slowest.

# Chinese Investment Policy Called Ineffective

**CHENNAI**  
Wakeup telangana

The government's recent decision to permit automatic foreign investment from firms with less than 10 per cent Chinese ownership has come under criticism, with trade experts calling it restrictive and ineffective. The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) argues that such a blanket policy fails to address the complexities of foreign investments and may not achieve its intended objectives. Ajay Srivastava, founder of GTRI, questioned the rationale behind the move, stating that companies with minor Chinese stakes are unlikely to be influenced by Chinese entities. He emphasized that decision-making in such firms typically rests with the host country or the company's management, not minority stakeholders. As a re-



sult, the policy may not effectively regulate Chinese influence as intended. Srivastava advocates for a more nuanced, case-by-case evaluation of foreign investments rather than a one-size-fits-all approach. According to him, each proposal should be assessed based on its merits, sectoral impact, and potential risks. He noted that concerns surrounding Chinese investments are often overstated and not supported by historical data. Highlighting sector-specific considerations, Srivastava pointed out that investments in sensitive areas such as telecommunications and data infrastructure should undergo rigorous scrutiny due to national

security concerns. On the other hand, investments in sectors like electronics manufacturing and component production could benefit India by enhancing domestic capabilities and boosting industrial growth. He stressed that India's priority should be to strengthen its manufacturing base, particularly in low- and medium-technology sectors where the country has a competitive advantage. For high-technology industries requiring significant capital and expertise, India should selectively attract global investors capable of driving large-scale transformation, similar to past joint ventures that revolutionized sectors like automobiles. Contrary to widespread fears, Srivastava noted that Chinese investments in India have historically been limited, even before the imposition of restrictions fol-

lowing the 2020 Galwan clashes. He argued that easing norms is unlikely to trigger a surge in Chinese capital, as such investments have typically been narrow in scope. Where Chinese investments do occur, they are often focused on facilitating market access rather than building deep manufacturing ecosystems. This includes investments in marketing networks, distribution channels, and assembly operations using imported components, rather than establishing end-to-end production capabilities within India. Srivastava cautioned that such investments may integrate India into supply chains dominated by China without contributing significantly to domestic capability building or technology transfer. This could limit India's long-term industrial growth and self-reliance.

## Recent Relaxation Of Chinese Investments Ineffective

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

India's relationship with China in trade and investment has been contradicting. While imports and the trade deficit touched record highs in FY26, India has been restricting investments from the country, with only hesitant relaxations in recent months. Ajay Srivastava, Founder of GTRI, why fears around Chinese investments may be misplaced and why India needs a more nuanced approach. Let's look at the data over the past five years. Imports have more than doubled, but exports are even less than what they were five years back. As a result, the deficit has increased 2.5 times—from about \$45 billion to around \$112 billion. If we look at dependence, imports from China account for about 16% of India's total imports, but that does not give the full picture. In agriculture, fuel, gold and silver, China's share is less than 1.5%. The worry is in the remaining 98.5%, which are industrial products. China's share in India's industrial imports is more than 30% and rising. These are factory inputs—if something stops, it becomes a big issue for India's industrial capacity.

# Met Gala Guests Take Artistic Liberties With Dress Code

**M**et Gala guests from Beyoncé to Naomi Osaka to Emma Chamberlain did not play it safe this year for the Met Gala, delivering custom works of art in honor of the dress code "Fashion is art." Beyoncé left the cowboy hat at home, dazzled in a custom Olivier Rousteing sculptural skeleton dress with a cream and dust blue feathered train fitted with a diamond crown for "Queen Bey." The award-winning performer and her family, Jay-Z and Blue, stopped to pose as a unit on the carpet together.

Osaka stunned as she left The Mark Hotel for the Gala in a dramatic Robert Wun white sculptural fitted dress with exaggerated shoulders and adorned with red feathers and a matching headpiece. To complete her dramatic look, Osaka's hands were dipped in dripping red paint. A similar look by Wun sits inside the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute exhibit, "Costume Art." On the Met steps, Osaka opened her dress and removed her headpiece for a grand reveal underneath. She wowed in a sleek red



beaded gown embellished with the form of a body.

Chamberlain arrived in a breathtaking Mugler by Miguel Castro Freitas hand-painted dress. The star was dipped in a rainbow of colors from her décolletage down to the spiral train of her body-hugging dress with fringe falling down the cuffs of the long-sleeve gown. With all the fanfare around the "The Devil Wears Prada 2," Met Gala Co-chair Anna Wintour opted for a cool mint ensemble — not the trendy cerulean blue from the first film. Wintour's look featured a feathered cape and a beaded dress by Matthieu Blazy for Chanel that she classically paired with her signature bob and oversized sunglasses.

Other co-chairs of the

evening Nicole Kidman and Venus Williams chose more subdued looks. Williams wore a sparkling black off-the-shoulder gown with a dazzling bejeweled neckpiece in homage to a painting of herself done by Robert Pruitt for the National Portrait Gallery. Event sponsor Lauren Sánchez Bezos arrived in a form-fitting Schiaparelli gown, which she told Vogue was influenced by John Singer Sargent's 1884 painting "Madame X." Artistic references When guests were not wearing art, they were making references to it. Head of Editorial Content for US Vogue Chloe Malle wore an apricot orange Colleen Allen dress inspired by Sir Frederic Leighton's "Flaming June" painting. Actor and author Lena Dunham collabo-

rated with Valentino designer Alessandro Michele for her red feathered dress to depict his interpretation of "Judith Slaying Holofernes." As a child, Dunham told Vogue, she would visit the Met museum on Sundays and admire the paintings in the renaissance section. "One of my favorite painters from that era is Artemisia Gentileschi, who was one of the only women painting professionally in that moment," she told Vogue. "So I sent some of the images to Alessandro, and because he's a genius instead of dressing me like her, he said, 'You are actually the blood spatter as ... Judith cuts the neck off a man.'" Stars also celebrated the dress code with their accessories. Actor and fashion muse Gwendoline Christie playfully covered her face on the carpet with a mask of her own face while pop star Katy Perry opened and closed her fencing-like mask on the carpet to smile at the cameras. Venus Williams was not the only guest to break the fourth wall with an artistic reference to herself. It was a trend of the night with gala host committee members Amy Serrano in Thom Browne donning a

look inspired by her own work of art and pop star Sabrina Carpenter wearing a Dior dress designed with film strips from the 1954 movie "Sabrina." Fashion as canvas Some guests brought out their artistic side as they transformed their dresses into works of art. TikTok followers watched along as Jessica Kayll, who designs colorful silk robes, finished painting her dress in the days leading up to the gala. Kayll painted her own take on the famous Monet water lily scene right on top her dress for the gala. While her "Devil Wears Prada 2" cast mates kept it classic in black, Anne Hathaway made a statement in her custom Michael Kors Grecian-inspired strapless dress, which was hand painted with a dove of peace. "She is the goddess of peace," Kors told Vogue. Dressed body models showed off their toned bodies as part of "Costume Art" exhibit's theme celebrating artistic representations of the body. Supermodels Gigi Hadid and Irina Shayk both wore revealing looks on the carpet. Bad Bunny went full costume, carrying a cane.

# Himesh Reshammiya teams up with Anshul Garg for new track "Sharaab"

**MUMBAI**  
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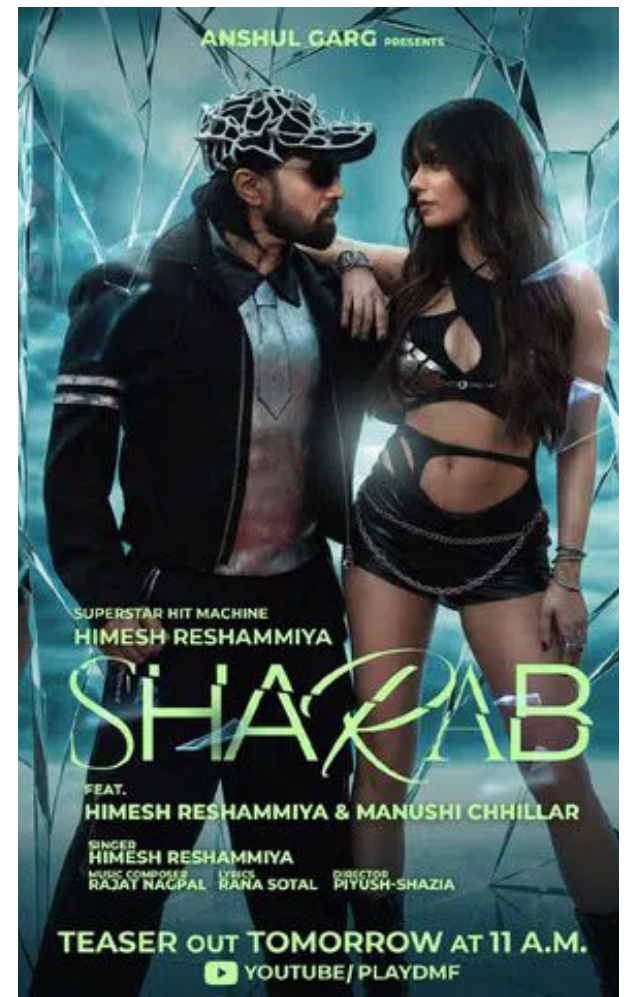
Singer and composer Himesh Reshammiya will be treating the music lovers yet again with his latest track "Sharaab". Himesh has joined forces with music producer Anshul Garg for his latest peppy number.

Sharing the first look poster for "Sharaab" with the netizens, Himesh penned on the photo-sharing app, "Jai MATADI Lets rock. One play won't be enough... Stay Tuned for #Sharaab... Teaser Out tomorrow only on @playdmofficial YouTube channel.

The track will feature Himesh alongside actress and former beauty queen Manushi Chhillar. The music video for "Sharaab" has been choreographed by Piyush-Shazia.

With Himesh lending his voice to the song, the music has been composed by Rajat Nagpal. Rana Sotal has provided the lyrics for the song.

The recently released teaser poster of "Sharaab" has managed to pique the curiosity of the netizens, building on Himesh's high-energy Cap Mania tour. With a career spanning over 125 Hindi films as a composer, more than 2000 hit songs, over 30



reality shows as a judge, and 11 films as an actor, Himesh is the first Indian to feature in Bloomberg's list of top pop stars globally.

Himesh's non-film albums have managed to leave a significant mark on the Indian music scene. His album "Aap Ka Surroor" reportedly sold over 55 million copies, making it one of the highest-selling non-film albums globally, second only to "Thriller".

At the moment, Himesh is busy with the music for Salman Khan's

much-talked-about war drama, "Maatrubhumi: May War Rest in Peace".

Backed by Salman Khan under his home banner, Salman Khan Films, the movie also features actress Chitrangada Singh as the leading lady.

Directed by Apoorva Lakhia, "Maatrubhumi" is a retelling of the real-life events of June 15, 2020, when our Indian soldiers clashed with Chinese troops in the Galwan Valley. The drama sheds light on the tale of.

# Crucial dismissals cost Sunrisers Hyderabad the match, says Daniel Vettori

**DENMARK**  
Wakeup telangana

Sunrisers Hyderabad head coach Daniel Vettori felt his team lost wickets at crucial junctures and the manner in which it happened had an impact as Kolkata Knight Riders scored an emphatic win at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium here on Sunday.

Speaking to the media after the match, Vettori, at the same time, credited KKR for a very good performance.

"We lost the wickets of Head, Klaasen and Ishan at crucial junctures of the game," he said.

"Yes, we were up against two classy spinners in Varun Chakravarthy and Sunil Narine on a wicket which did hold up a bit more, probably because of the softness of the ball," Vettori said.

Reflecting on Nitish Kumar Reddy's absence, the SRH head coach said that the all-rounder was sick for the last two days and that he did try his best by warming up before the game to play. "But it was obviously very difficult



for him to be out there. He is an incredibly crucial part of our combination," Vettori said.

"Well, losing games is always hard and it is imperative for us to regain the winning momentum and in that context, the next game against Punjab Kings is a most important one for us," he said.

On SRH bowling, Vettori said that the attack was up against quality batters who rotated the strike pretty well and it was incredibly difficult to defend such a small total (165).

For his part, KKR's star batter of the evening Angkrish Raghuvanshi said he just wanted to live

in the moment when he walked out there in the middle after a splendid powerplay with Finn Allen hitting all around. "The pitch was the same in both the innings. So, we were ready to do whatever possible to win the game," he said.

On Varun and Narine, Raghuvanshi said the former had a tough start and came back very strongly and it is almost impossible to hit him if he finds the rhythm.

"And, well, Narine has been dominating for years and years, an amazing bowler, and we hope he keeps doing it," he said.

# Rohit Sharma, Rickelton power Mumbai Indians to emphatic win over LSG

**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Rohit Sharma (84) made a gratifying return from an injury-enforced layoff and Ryan Rickelton (83) showcased his hitting prowess as Mumbai Indians crushed Lucknow Super Giants by six wickets in their Indian Premier League match here on Monday.

Openers Rohit and Rickelton put on their third century partnership in the IPL — this time 143 runs — laying the foundation for a much-needed win. MI overhauled LSG's 228/5, finishing at 229/4 in 18.4 overs.

After Nicholas Pooran made the most of some ordinary bowling from MI with a 21-ball 63, Rohit and Rickelton dominated during their 65-ball stand.

The former Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit had missed five matches due to a hamstring injury sustained while batting against



Royal Challengers Bengaluru here on April 12. However, the 39-year-old showed no discomfort while smashing seven sixes and six fours during his 44-ball knock, while Rickelton continued his rich vein of form with commanding stroke play.

Rickelton fell to Mohsin Khan in the 11th over, playing one

straight to cover after hitting two towering sixes earlier.

Rohit looked set for his third IPL century but top-edged impact substitute Manimaran Siddharth (2/47) to be caught at short fine leg in the 14th over.

Tilak Varma (11) failed to make an impact, while MI stand-in skipper Suryakumar

Yadav (12) was once again caught near the ropes, creating some nervous moments for the hosts.

But Naman Dhir (23 not out) and Will Jacks (10 not out) completed the task.

In the PowerPlay, MI were not off to a flyer, but around 50 runs came in the first five overs. The hosts found momentum in the sixth when Avesh Khan was taken apart for 21 runs by Rohit.

Rickelton, who began with a six off Mohsin over deep square leg, lit up the chase with fluent stroke play against both pace and spin.

Earlier, Lucknow Super Giants rode on a whirlwind 20-ball 63 from Pooran to overcome a mid-innings slowdown and post a competitive 228/5.

Pooran capitalised on poor line and length from MI bowlers, smashing eight sixes and a four in his explosive knock, supported by Mitchell Marsh's 44

(25 balls; 4x4s, 3x6s). While Jasprit Bumrah (0/45) remained wicketless and overstepped thrice, Corbin Bosch (2/20) applied the brakes during the middle overs as LSG looked set to cross 240 at one stage.

An off-colour Bumrah struggled with his lengths and overstepped at crucial moments, conceding 21 runs in his fourth over.

Will Jacks also erred in line, allowing Pooran to capitalise with three massive sixes.

Pooran then attacked AM Ghazanfar, smashing two sixes and a four in the sixth over to power LSG to 90/1 in the PowerPlay — the joint second-highest total in that phase for any visiting side against MI here.

Pooran, who had gone 17 innings without a half-century, brought up his fifty in just 16 balls with a six off Rahul Chahar.

**Telangana State Govt to Bear Additional Burden Faced by Haj Pilgrims**



In a major relief to Haj pilgrims, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced that the state government would bear the additional financial burden of Rs. 10,000 placed on each of the Haj pilgrims this year. With the travel of Haj pilgrims from Hyderabad beginning earlier on Monday, a Haj Committee official said those who paid the Rs. 10,000 would be refunded upon their arrival after completion of pilgrimage. Due to the prevailing crisis in West Asia, the Haj Committee of India had mandated additional charges of Rs. 10,000 per pilgrim for Haj airfare. The government had requested the committee to revoke the charges as some pilgrims from other states had already travelled without additional charge. This year, around 7,000 individuals registered for the pilgrimage. However, the surge in fuel prices resulting from the conflict between Iran and the United States has impacted the Haj pilgrimage.

## State Cabinet Seeks CBI Probe Into BRS' Power Irregularities

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Cabinet at its meeting chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday sought a CBI inquiry into alleged irregularities by the previous BRS government in the Bhadradi and Yadadri thermal power projects, as well as power purchase agreements (PPAs) with other states. The report of the Justice Madan B. Lokur Commission, which had scrutinised the alleged irregularities in the power sector, would form the basis for the government demand.

Briefing mediapersons after the Cabinet meeting, ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Ponnampaluri Prabhakar, Aduri Laxman and Vakati Srihari said that the Cabinet had taken decision to hand over the Justice Lokur report to the CBI and seek an inquiry, following legal opinion from the Advocate-Gen-



eral. It was pointed out that the PPAs involved multiple states, and Central government organisations had a role in the execution of the two power plants. "During the Cabinet meeting held on January 4, it was decided to seek the opinion of the Advocate General regarding the course of action to be taken based on this report. In wake of the Advocate General submitting his opinion, the Cabinet deliberated on the advise and resolved to entrust the investigation to the CBI to ensure an impartial inquiry. Orders have been issued to officials to expedite the necessary proce-

dural steps required to facilitate this transfer," Srinivas Reddy said. The Justice Lokur Commission in its 114-page report, submitted in October 2024, had reportedly faulted the construction of the Bhadradi and Yadadri thermal projects far from coal mines, in contravention of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) guidelines. It also studied the impact of outdated technology used in their construction. The previous BRS government was accused of ignoring norms which led to an estimated additional burden of ₹1,600 crore for the Yadadri project. The Cabinet also decided

to revise land prices across the state and to rationalise land values scientifically in certain regions, where significant disparities existed compared to actual market rates. "The registration department has been authorised to undertake this rationalisation of market values in a scientific way. The district-level market value revision committees will take all relevant factors into consideration while revising these values. The revised values are set to come into effect during the last week of this month," Srinivas Reddy said. The Cabinet also decided to extend an opportunity to those applying under the Hyderabad Industrial Land Transformation (HILT) policy. It approved a provision allowing applicants who submitted their requests before the land price hike came into effect, the flexibility to make an initial payment.

## Telangana Additional CEO directs expedition of mapping in SIR

He directed all BLOs to conduct door-to-door visits and expedite the completion of mapping process.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Ahead of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, Telangana Additional Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Venkateswar Reddy, on Monday, May 4, held a video conference with Electoral Registration Officers and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers of 28 Assembly Constituencies. The video conference was specifically held with the EROs and AEROs of six districts, Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Sangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Nizamabad, and Khammam, where mapping of electors was found to be below 50 per cent.

Convened from the Telangana CEO Office in Hyderabad, the Additional CEO reviewed the preparedness for the upcoming SIR. He issued instructions to the officials on electoral mapping, disposal of demographically similar entries (DSE), and



pendency of Forms 6 (inclusion of name in electoral roll), 6A (inclusion of an NRI's name in electoral roll), 7 (deletion of name in electoral roll), and 8 (correction of entries). Additional CEO Reddy stated that every eligible voter in the 2025 electoral roll must be mapped with the existing 2002 voter list. He directed all Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to conduct door-to-door visits, collect details from voters and expedite the completion of the mapping process.

Emphasising the role of Booth Level Agents (BLAs), Reddy said their

assistance should be utilised for efficiency, and EROs and AEROs should organise meetings with Residential Welfare Associations (RWAs). The officers were asked to identify the dead, multiple, and shifted voters and take necessary action as per the Standard Operating Procedure. VVIP and VIP electors should be appropriately marked in the electoral roll, Reddy added. The Additional CEO reiterated that the AEROs must expedite the mapping process according to the action plan and achieve the recommended daily targets.

## Three held for impersonating officials to obtain IPL tickets in Hyderabad

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Three people were arrested by Uppal police on Sunday, May 3, for impersonating officials to obtain high-value tickets for the Indian Premier League (IPL) matches from the Hyderabad Cricket Association.

The three accused have been identified as Gattamaneni Ashok, 25, Kankana Dinesh, 25 and Singamaneni Venumadhav, 26. All three hail from Andhra Pradesh. The crime came to light while the police were on IPL Match bandobasth duty on Sunday. They received information that three individuals were selling tickets at high rates and nabbed them from a Mahindra Thar parked in the RGI stadium parking lot.

Upon searching them, police found five complementary tickets in their possession, each valued at Rs 22,000.

According to the police, the accused would download letterheads of VVIPs/VIPs, including judges, ministers, and



governors, forge their signatures and submit these documents to Cricket Associations in Hyderabad, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka to obtain high-value tickets.

They would then sell these tickets at high prices. Three more accused, all residents of Tamil Nadu, have been identified as players in the racket. They have been identified as Ashish, Senthil and Tansil.

A case has been registered under sections 318 (4) (cheating), 319 (2) (cheating by personation) 338 (forgery of valuable securities) 336 (3) (forgery intended for the purpose of cheating) and 340 (2) (dishonest use of a forged document) read with 3 (5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). They were produced before a court on Monday, May 4.

## Centre Assures Support for Telangana Welfare Scheme

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Union Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Sudhanshu Pant, assured full support from the Centre to Telangana's ongoing welfare initiatives during his visit to Hyderabad on Monday. The senior official undertook a detailed field-level review of key schemes aimed at uplifting marginalized and vulnerable sections across the state. During the review, Pant assessed programmes related to Scheduled Caste



development, Backward Classes welfare—including OBCs, EBCs, and Denotified Tribes (DNTs)—as well as initiatives focused on persons with disabilities and transgender welfare. He emphasized that effective delivery, transparency, and regular monitoring are crucial to ensure that

government benefits reach the intended beneficiaries in a timely manner. Earlier, Pant paid a courtesy visit to Telangana Welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar at the State Secretariat. The minister presented a comprehensive overview of the state's welfare framework, detailing flagship

schemes and ongoing programmes. He reiterated that the Telangana government places the highest priority on inclusive growth and the socio-economic empowerment of disadvantaged communities.

As part of his field visit, Pant inspected a day care centre, an old age home, and a de-addiction centre located at Masab Tank. He interacted with beneficiaries and staff, reviewed infrastructure and services, and expressed satisfaction with the facilities being provided. He par-

ticularly appreciated the state's efforts in elderly care and rehabilitation, noting that such initiatives play a vital role in building a more compassionate and inclusive society.

Highlighting the Centre's commitment to cooperative federalism, Pant stated that the Union government is ready to extend additional financial assistance if required. He assured that proposals from Telangana would be considered positively to further strengthen welfare programmes and expand their reach.

## AI Support Proposed For Patient Care

The Translational AI for Networked Universal Healthcare (TANUH) Foundation has proposed a multi centre collaboration to develop artificial intelligence (AI) tools for patient care at a high level meeting held at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (Nims), Hyderabad, on Monday, with representatives from the Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence in Healthcare at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

TANUH, which focuses on translating AI research into real world clinical applications, outlined its work in computational modelling, medical imaging, multi-modal clinical data integration, and translational bioengineering. Among the key projects discussed were AI based predictive tools for breast cancer risk assessment, currently undergoing validation across multiple hospitals. The team also highlighted ongoing programmes in renal health, diabetes management, and vascular disease modelling. Both institutions expressed interest in establishing a long term strategic partnership, with formal agreements to operationalise the collaboration expected soon.

## ABVP activists attack play by SFI, ASA performers at HCU

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

On the day when the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has won the assembly elections in West Bengal and Assam with a formidable margin, the tremors of the hangover of the victories was felt inside the campus of University of Hyderabad (UoH).

The student activists of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) supposedly drunk on power, attacked the final year students of the Department of Theatre Arts outside the auditorium, in which some of the students sustained minor injuries.

According to a student from the theatre arts, students from the Students Federation of India (SFI) and the Ambedkar Students Association (ASA) belonging to the final year of the department planned to enact a play based on the famous Marathi playwright, screenwriter and actor Mahesh Elkunchwar at the GB Hall in the north campus on Sunday, May 3.

However, a group of ABVP activists had warned the left-wing ac-



tivists not to hurt the religious sentiments of Hindus, as the enacted play had contents about 'cow urine.'

"Dear Swamyevaks and karykarts, Our university is increasingly becoming a space where disrespecting and abusing our Dharma, culture, and beliefs is treated as a matter of pride. What is more concerning is that such behavior is becoming increasingly normalized. Openly abusing Hindus and their traditions is being accepted without resistance," a social media post by ABVP posted on Sunday, May 3, read. The same play was scheduled to be performed again on Monday at the GB Hall at around 6.30 pm.

"I urge everyone who respects our culture and heritage to take note of this and ensure that such blatant disrespect towards

our Dharma and our ancestors does not continue unchecked. "Millions of our ancestors sacrificed to protect this civilization and sanskriti that they are abusing. The least we can do is not remain silent when it is openly insulted," the ABVP activists exhorted their cadre. The next day, on Monday, May 4, the left-wing students decided to enact the same play in the second show at the very auditorium.

A group of over 100 ABVP activists, allegedly led by Shiva Palepu (HCU Students' Union President), Ayush Yadav (ABVP President), and other members surrounded the auditorium and intimidated an equal number of left-wing and Ambedkarite students who bolted the auditorium from the inside, to prevent the ABVP activists from entering the hall.

## TG Students JAC Demands Withdrawal of GO 7

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Students Joint Action Committee (JAC) chairman, Vemula Ramakrishna on Monday demanded that the government immediately withdraw GO 7, which among other things seeks to transfer fee reimbursement money directly to student accounts.

He accusing the state government of attempting to dismantle the fee reimbursement scheme. Ramakrishna al-

leged that there was no clarity regarding when the pending fee arrears would be deposited into the students' accounts.

"If students agree that they will pay their fees only after receiving the reimbursement funds, will the college managements allow them to enroll? The government is dilly dallying by constituting a committee on fee regulation. Why doesn't the government implement a fee regulation act?," he asked.



BJP leaders, led by State President N. Ramchander Rao, celebrated the party's victory in the recent Assembly elections and addressed a press conference in Hyderabad, reflecting on the party's performance in West Bengal and Assam.

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