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Mamata: I Didn't Lose Poll, BJP Stole It, Will Not Resign

"We did not lose the elections. It is their forceful attempt to defeat us," the incumbent CM asserted, refusing to concede defeat

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A day after suffering defeat in her home turf, Bhowanipore, and losing power in West Bengal, Trinamul Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday refused to follow the tradition of resigning from the Chief Minister's post despite accepting the reality of not having "the chair" anymore. Addressing a press conference in Kolkata, Banerjee also made clear that she would not even visit Lok Bhavan, the erstwhile Raj Bhavan, to tender her resignation to Governor R.N. Ravi as per custom because she still believed neither she nor her party had lost the battle to the BJP in the just-concluded Assembly elections.

Instead, the TMC chief made a bold claim of her party's "moral victory" against the "forcible occupation" of power by the BJP. She accused the BJP of looting more than 100 seats out of the total 207 it won with the help of the



"villain" Election Commission during the counting of votes on Monday. The term of the Assembly ends on May 7. Banerjee's vow of not stepping down as the head of the outgoing government has not only sprung a surprise in the political circles and beyond but also sent a message to the TMC ranks that she intends not to bow to the first-ever BJP government in the state.

Asked about her resignation, Banerjee, at her first press meet after the TMC lost to the BJP, said, "Why? For what? If anyone thinks I will go to submit my resignation, it is not going to be the case. We didn't lose, so we will not resign. I would have tendered my resignation if

I lost or had to take the oath. Now the question does not arise." Banerjee added: "If anyone feels that a 'forcible occupation' will make me resign, it is not going to happen. All we want to say is that we didn't lose the election. It was their (the BJP) forceful attempt to defeat us. They may or can defeat us officially through the EC. But morally, I am telling you, we won the election."

The outgoing CM pointed out: "Earlier I was in the chair, so I digested all the atrocities of the BJP. Now I have no chair. I'm a free bird and a commoner. So I can go and fight anywhere. I was and will be on the street because I belong to the street. We will fight and bounce back."

The TMC chief described the outcome of the just-concluded polls as a "black chapter". She called Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar a "villain" and central forces "goons" for scripting it through the "most atrocious acts". She also alleged that she was abused and assaulted during her visit to the counting centre at Shakhawat Memorial School on Monday.

Reaching out to I.N.D.I.A. bloc parties, Banerjee thanked Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav for calling her up since Monday night to offer their support to her. The TMC chief sounded defensive on the question about her MP nephew Abhishek Banerjee's role, which is widely believed inside and outside their party to be responsible for its downfall after 15 years, and reminded the media

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Modi Urges To End Attacks, Backs UAE

3 Indians hurt in Fujairah; Prime Minister Narendra Modi calls for peace

NEW DELHI
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After a sudden re-start of hostilities between the United States and Iran on Monday, and retaliatory attacks by Tehran that struck an oil refinery in Fujairah emirate, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday condemned the attacks on the UAE without naming or blaming Iran. He said, "Targeting civilians and infrastructure is unacceptable", while pledging firm solidarity with close friend and strategic partner, the UAE.

In a separate statement, New Delhi called the attack on Fujairah "unacceptable" and called for cessation of hostilities. Three Indian nationals had been injured in the attacks on Fujairah. PM Modi posted on X, "Strongly condemn the attacks on the UAE that resulted in injuries to three Indian nationals. Targeting civilians and infrastructure is unacceptable. India stands in firm solidarity with the



UAE and reiterates its support for the peaceful resolution of all issues through dialogue and diplomacy.

Ensuring safe and unimpeded navigation through the Strait of Hormuz is vital for enduring regional peace, stability and global energy security." In its statement on Tuesday, the MEA said, "The attack on Fujairah that resulted in injury to three Indian nationals is unacceptable.

We call for immediate cessation of these hostilities and the targeting of civilian infrastructure and innocent civilians. India continues to stand for dialogue and diplomacy to deal with the situation, so that peace and stability may be restored across

West Asia. We also call for free and unimpeded navigation and commerce through the Strait of Hormuz in keeping with international law.

India stands ready to support all efforts for a peaceful resolution of issues." The Indian Embassy in Abu Dhabi had late on Monday stated, "Three Indian nationals have been injured in today's attacks in Fujairah. We are in touch with local authorities for ensuring adequate medical care and welfare of the affected Indian nationals."

According to international news reports, the UAE has accused Iran of attacking the country with a barrage of missiles and drones, setting an oil refinery ablaze in the eastern emirate of Fujairah and wounding three Indian nationals. As per these reports, the attacks on Monday mark the first on the UAE since Iran and the United States agreed to a ceasefire on April 8.

Centre unveils Rs 18,100 crore relief, backs semiconductors



Amid the challenges posed by the West Asia conflict, Centre on Tuesday announced some measures to provide a big relief to the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), airlines sectors and other related companies to help them meet their working capital. The Union Cabinet cleared an emergency credit line guarantee scheme (ECLGS) with an outlay of Rs 18,100 crore. Besides, the government also approved two more semiconductor-manufacturing units with cumulative investment of more than Rs 3,936 crore.

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Vijay to be Sworn in as Tamil Nadu's New CM on May 7

CHENNAI
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Tamil Nadu is set for a major political shift, with Vijay, the leader of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), scheduled to take the oath of office as the state's new Chief Minister on May 7, sources said. The swearing-in ceremony is expected to take place at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai, they said. Vijay's



political debut has been nothing short of spectacular, as TVK emerged as the single largest party in the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, winning 108 seats out of the 234-member legislature. The party's performance

is a significant upset to the long-standing dominance of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), with TVK falling just 10 seats short of the majority mark of 118. To form the government, TVK is expected to seek support from smaller parties, including Congress, PMK, Left parties, CPI(M), and

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CM Naidu Welcomes Notification on SCR Zone

VISHAKAPATNAM
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Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday welcomed the Railway ministry's gazette notification for establishment of the South Coast Railway (SCoR) Zone with Visakhapatnam as its headquarters. Naidu described this as the fulfilment of a long-pending demand of the people of Andhra Pradesh. The Centre issued the notification on May 4, stating that the new railway zone would come into effect from June 1, 2026. This would be the 18th railway



zone. The new zone will have jurisdiction over Guntakal, Guntur and Vijayawada divisions of South Central Railway, along with the reorganised Waltair Division of East Coast Railway, which will now be renamed Visakhapatnam Division. The Waltair division will be bifurcated, with one part remaining under East Coast

Railway as the new Rayagada division, while the remaining portion will be integrated into the South Coast Railway Zone.

The new zone will cover Andhra Pradesh, along with parts of Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Officials said the restructuring is aimed at improving administrative efficiency and strengthening railway operations. Work on the administrative aspects of the new zone gained momentum after the Naidu-led alliance government assumed office in the state in 2024. Last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Indian Pharma Majors Plan to Invest in US

NEW DELHI
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Twelve Indian pharmaceutical companies, including at least three from Hyderabad, are all set to announce major investments in the United States during the 2026 SelectUSA Investment Summit here on Tuesday. Of these, eight are from the top 15 pharma companies in India. The United States is the biggest market for Indian generic drug products by sales. Lupin, Aurobindo Pharma, Sun

Pharma, and Dr Reddy's Laboratories are top players, with some deriving over 30 per cent of their revenue from the US. Hyderabad-based Divi's Laboratories supplies active pharma ingredients to major American pharma companies. Last week, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd had announced a \$12-billion deal to acquire New Jersey-based Organon & Co. In the last one year, Indian pharma companies such

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Emergency Evacuation at Chandigarh Airport Power Bank Fire

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A power bank caught fire inside an IndiGo flight from Hyderabad after it landed at Chandigarh, which prompted an emergency evacuation of 198 passengers and six crew at the airport. No one was injured, according to the aviation regulator though a passenger said his wife had suffered a fracture during the evacuation. An emergency evacuation involves the use of slides to help passengers clear stricken aircraft. An Air-



bus 321 aircraft operating Flight 6E 108 from Hyderabad had landed at Chandigarh and was stationary when smoke was noticed inside the cabin. Reports indicate the device ignited near a seat pocket around Row 39 and smoke spread quickly.

The cabin crew used fire extinguishers and brought the situation under control. An evacuation was carried out soon after as a precaution. All slides were deployed and passengers exited onto the tarmac. Minor injuries were reported during the

process. "After landing during taxi into the bay at Chandigarh, a power bank kept in a pouch in the seat pocket by a passenger seated on 39C caught fire. Aircraft was stopped in the bay," aviation watchdog Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said in a statement. The regulator said cabin crew used two fire extinguisher bottles to put out the fire, and all six slides of the aircraft were deployed to evacuate the passengers. The DGCA said that no passenger injury has been reported.

IndiGo confirmed the sequence in a statement to the media. "On 5 May 2026, while IndiGo flight 6E 108 from Hyderabad to Chandigarh was stationary after landing, an incident involving a customer's personal electronic equipment catching fire was reported," the airline said. "In the interest of safety, an immediate evacuation was carried out... all customers have been safely moved to the terminal," it added, and said the aircraft would undergo checks before returning to service.

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KTR Demands Crop Procurement warns of protests over Congress govt's inaction

BRS working president KT Rama Rao accused the Congress government of failing farmers due to delayed crop procurement in Telangana. After visiting Warangal centres, he alleged administrative paralysis, lack of MSP support, and warned of intensified protests if issues persist

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Zaffer Abedi

BRS working president KT Rama Rao demanded that the Congress government wake up from its deep slumber and take immediate steps to expedite crop procurement across Telangana. He criticised the State government for its complete inaction, despite large quantities of paddy, maize, groundnut, and other crops already arriving at market yards. Rama Rao visited multiple procurement centres in erstwhile Warangal district on Tuesday to assess the ground situation. He inspected centres at Yashwanthapur in Jangaon constituency, Ukal Society in Geesukonda mandal of Parakal constituency,



and Narsampet market yard. During his visit, he interacted with farmers and listened to their grievances in detail. Farmers complained of uncertainty and delays in the procurement of their crops, with procurement stalled for over 15 days, leading to mounting losses and hardships. They informed him that appeals to MARK-FED officials and district authorities yielded no response.

Responding immediately, the BRS working president spoke to MARK-FED Managing Director Srinivas Reddy and sought clarity on the government's procurement plan. He demanded that the government clarify whether it intends to procure the crops or abandon farmers to their fate. He alleged that maize procurement did not even meet minimum procurement targets, claiming that even minimal quantities

were not being purchased despite official claims of procurement. While the government claimed to have procured 6 lakh metric tonnes, he said the ground reality told a different story, with farmers struggling to sell their produce.

Rama Rao charged that the government was deliberately avoiding procurement to escape payment of the Minimum Support Price and the promised bonus to farmers. He accused the government of diverting nearly Rs 23,000 crore raised in the name of MARK-FED for other purposes, leaving the agency without working capital to procure crops. He termed it a financial scandal that had paralysed procurement operations.

"The Congress government has completely failed the farmers. If it has any sense of responsibility, it must immediately release Rythu Bharosa funds and ensure procurement of all crops without any conditions," he demanded. He warned that if the government continues to neglect farmers, the BRS will intensify its agitation and lay siege to the government across the State. At the Ukal centre, women farmers narrated hardships, stating that they were left helpless despite securing good yields. Many farmers explained that they had struggled to obtain fertilisers until recently and were now facing uncertainty about selling their produce.

Bike linked to PMJ jewellery dacoity found in Dharmapuri

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One of the bikes reportedly used by burglars to escape after the PMJ jewellery dacoity was found in Dharmapuri temple town on Tuesday. Besides the black-coloured Pulsar bike, a helmet and a water bottle were found near the Mahalakshmi Pushkar Ghat on the banks of the Godavari river.

Police suspected that the thieves could have crossed the river on foot after leaving the bike at the Pushkar Ghat. It is suspected that they might have fled to Maharashtra. After learning about the abandoned bike, police rushed to the spot and began an investigation from different angles. Officials are investigating whether the vehicle has any connection with the dacoity.



The movements of the two bikes used in the jewellery shop theft were recorded on a CCTV camera fixed in front of a house in Rudramam of Ramadugu mandal. The suspects reportedly reached Dharmapuri after passing through Jagtial. Instead of travelling on the national highway, they reached Dharmapuri through the Beerpur forest area. Police are now examining CCTV footage from rural areas. The suspense in the case continues since only one vehicle was found though two bikes were reportedly

used in the robbery. Police are verifying the details of the bike, including the owner and address, based on the number plate. On the other hand, police are also searching for the whereabouts of the other bike in the Beerpur forest area. It is learnt that the dacoits reportedly chose rural routes after the theft to avoid CCTV cameras and police checking while travelling to their destination. Except in Rudramam, their movements were not captured anywhere.

OBC Groups Slam 2027 Census Format

OBC Association Slams 2027 Census Questionnaire Over Missing Backward Class Enumeration Column

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Dp Srinivas rao

The HAL OBC Employees Welfare Association has strongly objected to the draft questionnaire for the 2027 Census, alleging that it fails to adequately represent Backward Classes (BC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC). Association President Ravi Mudhiraj warned that the omission could distort demographic data and impact welfare distribution across states like Telangana. At the center of the controversy is the digital self-enumeration format, which currently provides specific categories for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST), but does not include a separate column for BCs or OBCs. Instead, members of these communities are expected to register under a general "Others" category. The Association argues that such classification under-



mines the visibility of a large section of India's population. Mudhiraj stated that this structural gap in the census design could lead to inaccurate data collection, ultimately affecting policy decisions, reservations, and welfare schemes. He emphasized that without precise enumeration, governments may lack the necessary data to allocate resources fairly or assess the socio-economic status of backward communities. The Association has demanded immediate revisions to the questionnaire before the census process begins. It has specifically called for the inclusion of more than 40 BC sub-castes to ensure comprehensive representation. According to Mudhiraj, beginning the

census without these corrections would result in systemic exclusion and long-term consequences for marginalized groups. Highlighting the broader implications, the Association noted that caste-based data plays a crucial role in shaping public policy, especially in areas like education, employment, and social justice. The absence of a clear OBC category could weaken efforts to address inequality and reduce the effectiveness of targeted welfare programs. Mudhiraj urged the Government of India to treat the issue with urgency and ensure that the 2027 Census reflects the true social composition of the country. He stressed that accurate enumeration is not merely administrative

but a matter of constitutional and social importance. The Association has also hinted at mobilizing wider support if their demands are not addressed, signaling that the issue could escalate into a larger debate on caste representation in national data systems. As the real estate sector continues to expand, the need for stricter regulatory oversight and proactive enforcement has become more critical than ever. Authorities are expected to thoroughly examine such allegations and ensure transparency in land dealings. At the same time, developers must take responsibility by providing clear documentation and addressing public concerns. For investors, the message remains clear: due diligence is not optional—it is essential. Closing Line (Impact): "In real estate, what lies beneath the surface matters more than what appears on paper."

Bansilalpet Launches Summer Water Relief Camp

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In response to rising summer temperatures, a Fresh Water Chilling Camp has been inaugurated in Bansilalpet Division at Jabbar Complex Command, offering immediate relief to commuters and residents facing extreme heat conditions. The facility provides free chilled drinking water and is expected to operate throughout the summer season. The initiative was led by Congress leader Y.M. Vijay Kumar, who emphasized the im-



portance of accessible hydration during heatwaves. He stated that the camp will remain functional daily to ensure no individual suffers from dehydration, especially those working outdoors or traveling during peak hours. The inauguration

witnessed the presence of key political leaders, including Dr. Kota Neelima, Sanath Nagar Constituency Incharge and TPCC Vice President, and Deepak John, DCC President and Chairman of the Christian Minority Corporation. Both leaders high-

lighted the significance of community-driven welfare initiatives during extreme weather conditions. Strategically located on a busy main road, the camp aims to serve a large number of pedestrians, daily wage workers, and commuters. Local leaders and residents participated actively in the program, welcoming the move as a timely and essential public service. The initiative reflects a coordinated effort to address heat-related challenges and support vulnerable populations during the summer months.

TVK Victory: Vijay Thalopathy Gets Praise

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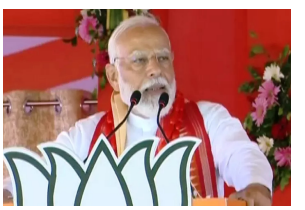
The TVK party's sweeping victory in Tamil Nadu, securing 107 seats and emerging at the forefront, has drawn congratulations for its leader Vijay Thalopathy from various organisations in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Representatives from the Dalit Rights Struggle Committee, Gad-



dar Fans Association, Jajjanaka Kala Mandali, SC, ST, BC, Muslim Front, and Telangana Ambedkar Youth Association praised his leadership. They stated that Vijay Thalopathy has risen as a leader com-

mitted to social justice and equality, inspired by the ideals of Jyotiba Phule, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, and Periyar Ramasamy. His approach towards addressing public issues has earned the trust and confidence of the people, they noted. The organisations expressed hope that Vijay Thalopathy will assume the role of Chief Minister and work towards the development of Tamil Nadu.

BJP Gears Up For Modi's Telangana Rally



The Telangana BJP has launched a high-octane mobilisation drive for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first public rally in the state after beginning his third term. Scheduled for May 10 at Secunderabad's Parade Grounds, the event is being projected as a show of strength to reinforce the "double-engine" government model and consolidate BJP's position as the main challenger to the ruling Congress. Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao said the rally would mark a political shift, signalling a surge "from Gangothri to Ganga Sagar." Party MP D. Arvind claimed it would send shivers down the spines of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and BRS chief K. Chandrashekar Rao. Rao kickstarted the campaign on Tuesday with a wall-writing drive in Tarnaka, painting the BJP lotus symbol himself. Leaders, booth workers, MLAs, MPs and office-bearers are engaged in poster campaigns, flex banners and door-to-door outreach to ensure a massive turnout. Union minister G. Kishan Reddy described the rally as "Modi's grand Telangana welcome."

Bridge Delay Attributed to 'Commission Politics': Sudarshan Reddy

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Thalka Anjaiah

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders staged a protest in Ghatkesar on Tuesday, expressing strong concern over the prolonged delay in the construction of a long-pending railway bridge in the area. The protest was led by local BJP president Kommidhi Mahipal Reddy. Medchal constituency BJP in-charge and former MPP Enugu Sudarshan Reddy attended the event as the chief guest and addressed



party workers and residents. Speaking on the occasion, Sudarshan Reddy alleged that the 17-year delay in completing the railway bridge — a long-standing demand of the people of Ghatkesar — reflects serious negligence by successive govern-

ments. He blamed both the Congress and BRS parties, which have governed the state over the past two decades, for failing to resolve the issue. He also launched sharp criticism against local MLA and former minister Chama-

kura Malla Reddy, stating that there has been no tangible progress beyond assurances. "There is no real development on the ground. Delaying payments to contractors by asking for additional documentation is an unfair practice," he said. He urged the MLA to facilitate immediate release of funds by accepting the required documents as surety. "Please accept our documents as guarantee and ensure that payments are released without further delay," he demanded.

PAC Chairman A. Gandhi Inspects Road Works in Madhapur

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Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman A. Arikupudi Gandhi inspected the service road widening and CC road works from Hittech Food Court to Yashoda Hospital in Madhapur, being taken up at a cost of ₹74 lakh, along with CMC Engineering officials. He also reviewed lake inlets and drainage channels. Gandhi said heavy traffic congestion between Hittech City flyover and Yashoda Hospital has been a long-standing issue, and the project will ease traffic and benefit commuters. He directed officials to complete the



works quickly with strict quality standards, noting it will reduce congestion, save time and fuel, and improve convenience. He also stressed desilting of drains before monsoon, identifying waterlogging areas, and ensuring smooth water flow, with

necessary flood drainage works taken up promptly. He reaffirmed his commitment to developing Serilingampally through improved infrastructure and transport facilities. Officials and local representatives were present.

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

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

KTR Consoles RTC Driver's Family, Slams Govt

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

Senior leader of K. T. Rama Rao visited Muthujipet village in Narsampet constituency on Tuesday to console the family of TGSRTC driver Shankar Goud, who died by suicide reportedly due to unresolved demands related to RTC merger and Pay Revision Commission (PRC) implementation.

During the visit, Rama Rao handed over financial assistance of ₹5 lakh on behalf of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and spent time interacting with the bereaved family members. He was accompanied by several prominent party leaders, including Legislative Council Opposition Leader S. Madhusudhana Chary,



Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra, and former ministers Errabelli Dayakar Rao and Satyavathi Rathod. Addressing the media, Rama Rao launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, accusing it of failing to fulfill key election promises, particularly the merger of RTC with the government and implementation of

PRC within 100 days of assuming power. He alleged that the delay and neglect had pushed RTC employees into severe distress, leading to tragic incidents like the death of Shankar Goud. Rama Rao also criticized the police for allegedly detaining BRS leaders who attempted to visit the victim's family earlier. He claimed that the govern-

ment's indifference and inefficiency were responsible for the hardships faced by RTC workers. Recalling the previous BRS government's initiatives, he stated that steps had already been taken to merge RTC with the government and recognize employees as government staff. However, he alleged that the process had stalled under the current regime.

He further remarked that the government announced ₹12 lakh compensation to the family only after his visit was scheduled. Calling for unity, Rama Rao urged RTC workers to collectively fight for their rights and assured continued support from the BRS until their demands are met.

Ponguleti Reiterates State Govt Committed to Farmers' Welfare

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Tuesday reiterated that the Telangana government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is pro-farmer and committed to farmers' welfare. Inaugurating a State-Level Mega Rythu Mela at the Arts and Science College Grounds in Hanamkonda on Tuesday, the minister pointed out that the previous BRS government had taken 10 years to implement its ₹1-lakh loan waiver scheme. But the current Congress government has already disbursed ₹21,000 crore to farmers despite inheriting a state burdened by debt.

Ponguleti recalled that the previous regime had discouraged paddy cultivation, while the present government is providing ₹500 per quintal bonus for fine variety (sanna) paddy,



in addition to the minimum support price (MSP). The minister underlined that the state government is extending ₹12,000 per acre in financial assistance to farmers, alongside essential agricultural equipment. In this regard, he asserted that the state has provided ₹1,200 crore as matching grant to secure central government funds.

Ministers Konda Surekha and Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka) joined Ponguleti in the inaugural event. They urged farmers to adopt modern agricultural techniques and new technologies to improve their yields and income. During the event, the ministers visited various stalls

set up by the agriculture, horticulture and animal husbandry departments. They interacted with farmers, apart from the various government schemes for the farmers. The ministers maintained that such fairs are crucial for strengthening the agricultural sector and providing farmers direct access to modern farming knowledge.

The programme saw a large turnout of high-profile attendees, including Warangal MP Kadiyam Kavaya, mayor Gundu Sudharani, MLC Baswaraju Saraiah, and MLAs Kadiyam Srihari, Naini Rajender Reddy, K.R. Nagaraju and Revuri Prakash Reddy, principal secretary (Agriculture) Surendra Mohan and district collectors Satya Sharada (Warangal) and Chahat Bajpai (Hanamkonda).

RRR North deadline 2029; costs rise ₹9,000 crore

The revised cost estimates have significantly increased the project outlay. Initially pegged at ₹15,000 crore for the 161.518-km stretch, the cost has now risen by nearly ₹9,000 crore, sources added.

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The Centre has set a three-year deadline, up to 2029, for completion of the northern part of the Hyderabad Regional Ring Road (RRR-N), with the project cost escalating sharply by nearly ₹9,000 crore due to delays in execution. In a fresh letter to the state government, the Centre stated that the public private partnership (PPP) appraisal committee under the Union finance ministry had approved ₹23,995.60 crore for the RRR-N project, enabling officials to open long-pending tenders and effectively ending a prolonged delay in its execution, official sources said. The RRR project had remained stalled for nearly a year despite completion of land acquisition and the calling of tenders, as both the Centre and the state government proposed changes to the project, leading to tenders being kept on hold. With the latest approvals now in place, construction is set to commence shortly. The revised cost estimates have significantly increased the project outlay. Initially pegged at ₹15,000 crore for the 161.518-km stretch, the cost has now risen by nearly ₹9,000 crore, sources added.

The proposed six-lane access-controlled road will intersect national and state highways at nine locations, where large interchanges spanning 100 to 120 acres each will be constructed. The northern stretch



will be divided into Package 1 covering 83.518 km from Girmapur in Sangareddy district to Pragapur in Siddipet district and Package 2 spanning 78 km from Pragapur to Tangedpalli in Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri district.

Originally planned as an eight-lane highway, the RRR project has been scaled down to six lanes, with the alignment width reduced from 100 metres to 90 metres. The remaining 10 metres will be handed over to the state government. The Centre has opted for the hybrid annuity model (HAM) for execution after evaluating other models such as public-private partnership and build-operate-transfer. Under HAM, the Centre will fund 40 per cent of the project cost, while the contractor will mobilise the remaining 60 per cent. The National Highways Authority of India will enter into a 15-year agreement with the contractor and repay the contractor's share, along with interest, in instalments during this

period, with the contractor responsible for maintenance of the road.

The project includes a range of major and minor infrastructure components, including 44 major bridges, 127 minor bridges, 1,262 box culverts, four road overbridges, 44 underpasses, and one vehicle overpass. A detailed cost break-up showed ₹8,106.19 crore allocated for civil construction, ₹5,357.59 crore for utility shifting, ₹1,366.65 crore towards pre-construction expenses, ₹683 crore for escalation provisions, and ₹5,349.26 crore for land acquisition. Meanwhile, the alignment for the southern stretch of the RRR is yet to be finalised. The state government has proposed a 208-km alignment, which is currently under review by the NHAI, with a detailed project report expected to provide clarity on the costs and execution plan.

Best Director Award for "Amma Nannu Kshaminchu"

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The short film "Amma Nannu Kshaminchu" has won the Best Director Award at the Dasari Narayana Short Film Competition 2026 held at Ravindra Bharathi. Directed by G.V. Trinadh under Korukonda Creations, the film received top honors for its impactful storytelling and direction.

The competition was jointly organized by the Tollywood Creative Directors Association and



Rainbow Children's Film Society, drawing participation from talented filmmakers across the region. Adding to its success, the film also secured the Best Picture Award on the same day in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh,

marking a significant achievement for the team. Director Trinadh expressed gratitude for the recognition and thanked organizer K. Mohan for conducting the event successfully.

CBI Drama To Divert Attention From Election Results: Bandi Sanjay

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Union minister of state for home affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar has alleged that the Telangana government is using CBI investigations as dramas to divert public attention from the BJP's success in the five-state assembly elections. "They are doing this also to divert attention from the upcoming public meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Secunderabad," he said on Tuesday. Speaking to the media at the Khajipur grain procurement centre



in Karimnagar, the minister said the state government was failing to address the issues of farmers.

He slammed the Congress government for the "sluggish pace" of paddy procurement, noting that farmers were suffering in

the blistering heat at the purchase centres.

Sanjay alleged that while the Centre provided funds for every grain and even paid a commission to the state, the local administration failed to provide basic facilities at these centres. "Out of an expected 90 lakh metric tonnes of grain, only 15 lakh metric tonne has been procured so far, leaving farmers at the mercy of middlemen who are reportedly charging commissions for the issuing of procurement tokens," the central minister said.

BRS ridicules Congress govt for turning education system into musical chairs

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Dasoju Shraavan, a Member of the Legislative Council from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi, has alleged that the Congress-led government in Telangana is destabilising the administration of the Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TGSWREIS) through frequent transfers and excessive centralisation of authority. In a strongly worded statement, Shraavan accused the Indian National Congress government of following a "musical chairs" approach by repeatedly reshuffling officials heading TGSWREIS. He pointed out that as many as six officers have been changed in the key post since December 2023, raising serious concerns over administrative continuity and governance efficiency. Highlighting what he described as a deviation from long-standing norms, Shraavan stated that for the first time since 1974, a non-IAS and non-Group-1 officer had been appointed as Secretary (FAC) of the society through a recent government order. He argued that such a move

undermines institutional integrity and sets a questionable precedent in the management of residential educational institutions meant for underprivileged students. The BRS leader further alleged that the frequent reshuffling of senior officers was a calculated strategy to prevent experienced IAS officers from uncovering potential irregularities within the department. According to him, the government is centralising procurement processes, with major tenders allegedly being routed directly through the Chief Minister's Office, increasing the risk of opaque and non-transparent dealings. Referring to past allegations of procurement irregularities, Shraavan demanded immediate intervention by vigilance authorities and the Anti-Corruption Bureau. He stressed that public funds allocated for students' welfare must be strictly protected and used transparently. Warning of accountability, Shraavan asserted that anyone involved in the misuse of funds or administrative malpractice would be held responsible and face strict action.

Yellow Sapphire Hotel Opens at DLF Cyber City

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The Yellow Sapphire Hotel group has expanded its presence in the city with the grand launch of its fourth property at DLF Cyber City, marking a significant addition to Hyderabad's growing hospitality sector. The hotel was inaugurated by prominent leaders including Arekapudi Gandhi, Eatala Rajendar, and Muta Gopal, alongside several Tollywood personalities. The opening ceremony



witnessed the presence of film figures such as Karthik Dandu, Shafi, Mahesh Achanta, and Madhoo, adding glamour to the event. Located in one of the city's prime business

hubs, the hotel is designed to cater to corporate and leisure travelers with modern amenities, refined interiors, and personalized services. Managing Director Praveen Kumar Goli stated that the vision is to

offer guests a "home away from home," combining comfort with convenience.

The property emphasizes business accessibility, aesthetic design, and consistent service quality, aligning with the fast-paced lifestyle of urban travelers. With this launch, Yellow Sapphire Hotels aims to strengthen its reputation for upscale hospitality and continue expanding its footprint in key locations across the city.

Adv Kaleru Naresh's 40th Birthday Celebrated Grandly at T'gana HC

HYDERABAD
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The 40th birthday of High Court Advocate Kaleru Naresh was celebrated grandly at the Telangana High Court Advocates' Association Hall, Hyderabad, under the leadership of Society for Civil Legal Aids Chairman Advocate Mir Qurram Ali.

The celebration was attended by members of the Telangana Bar Association Committee, senior advocates, junior advocates, and several members of the legal fraternity. Advocates and

well-wishers gathered to extend their heartfelt wishes to Kaleru Naresh on the special occasion.

Speaking during the event, Advocate Mir Qurram Ali praised Kaleru Naresh for his dedication to the legal profession and wished him continued success, good health, and happiness in life.

The programme concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony, greetings from fellow advocates, and a cordial interaction among members of the legal community.



90% Voters' Turnout in 15 WB Booth Repoll

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

India-UAE, India-US Among Top 10 Migration Corridors in 2024: UN

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India to the United Arab Emirates and India to the US were among the top 10 international country-to-country migration corridors in 2024, according to a report by the United Nations agency on migration. The World Migration Report 2026, released by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) on Tuesday, said that globally around 304 million people lived in a country other than their country of birth as of mid-2024. The proportion of international migrants as a share of the total global population has also increased, but only incrementally, from 2.9 per cent in 1990 to 3.7 per cent in 2024. The report said that the Mexico-to-United States country-to-country corridor remains the largest in the world, with around 11 million people. The second largest is Afghanistan to Iran (more than 3.7 million migrants) followed by Syria to Turkiye (over 3.5



million), comprising mainly refugees displaced by the Syrian civil war. The corridor between Russia and Ukraine takes up the fourth spot. The India-United Arab Emirates corridor is the fifth-largest, comprising mainly migrant workers. More than 8 million international migrants lived in the United Arab Emirates (comprising 74 per cent of the population), with Indians (more than three million) being the top nationality, the report said. The India to US migration corridor is the sixth largest in the world, the report said. However, the India-United States of America corridor is the second largest migration corridor involving North American countries, after the Mex-

ico-United States corridor. The report said that around 3.2 million Indian migrants were living in the United States in 2024, the second largest foreign-born group after Mexicans. However, according to current estimates by other agencies, the Indian diaspora in the US is about five million strong. "The number of international migrants from India has increased continuously and significantly over the last several decades, with many arriving in the United States as highly skilled workers or international students," the IOM report said. It added that the number of Indians in the US is followed by migrant numbers from two other Asian countries, China and the Philippines, which had nearly 2.5 million and about 2.3 million migrants, respectively, living in the United States in 2024. The report noted that diasporas also engage in political activism, advocating for policy changes in both origin and destination

countries. "The Indian diaspora in the United States, particularly through organisations like the United States-India Political Action Committee (USINPAC), has influenced United States-India relations. Indian-Americans have played a role in strengthening bilateral trade agreements, defence co-operation and visa policies that benefit both countries," the UN report said. Some of the other significant migration corridors from Asia involve large numbers of migrant workers from countries such as India and Bangladesh to Gulf countries such as the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. The top 20 international country-to-country migration corridors in 2024 also include the Bangladesh-India corridor in 11th spot and India-Saudi Arabia (14). The report noted that in Asia, the distribution of female and male migrants in the top 10 countries of destination and origin is much more.

Shiv Sena (UBT) Alleges BJP 'Pattern' Behind 5-State Poll Results

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The Shiv Sena (UBT) on Wednesday alleged that the results of the recent Assembly elections in five States were "exactly as the Bharatiya Janata Party had planned". The Uddhav Thackeray-led party claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah have established a specific "pattern" to influence electoral outcomes. In an editorial published in the party mouthpiece Saamana, the Shiv Sena (UBT) alleged that the BJP had deployed a similar "pattern" in Assam and West Bengal, and in dislodging the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) in Tamil Nadu. Questioning the conduct

of the West Bengal polls, the party claimed that the BJP's surge in the State was not the result of a fair contest but was "engineered". It alleged that Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar acted in a manner favourable to the ruling party at the Centre. The editorial further claimed that the deployment of three lakh paramilitary personnel and the alleged removal of 92 lakh voters, purportedly supporters of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, were part of a pre-planned exercise. The BJP won 207 of the 293 Assembly seats in West Bengal. The voter turnout exceeded 90 per cent, and no major incidents of violence were reported during the polling process. Despite this, the Shiv Sena (UBT) said Opposition

parties must question whether contesting future elections under the current system remains viable. It also alleged that the BJP's preparations for victory indicated that the outcome had been decided well before the counting of votes. Referring to Tamil Nadu, the party said the emergence of actor Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) had disrupted the traditional bipolar contest between the DMK and the AIADMK. It alleged that the BJP "orchestrated" a change in power by ensuring a split in votes. "While Vijay's TVK did not secure a full majority, it was ensured that the party would win over a hundred seats by dividing the vote," the editorial claimed.

Centre unveils Rs 18,100 crore relief, backs semiconductors

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Amid the challenges posed by the West Asia conflict, Centre on Tuesday announced some measures to provide a big relief to the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), airlines sectors and other related companies to help them meet their working capital. The Union Cabinet cleared an emergency credit line guarantee scheme (ECLGS) with an outlay of Rs 18,100 crore. Besides, the government also approved two more semiconductor-manufacturing units with cumulative investment of more than Rs 3,936 crore. As far as the ECLGS scheme is concerned, the scheme is expected to help in providing additional credit flow of Rs 2.55 lakh crore, including Rs 5,000 crore, was approved by the central government. "The scheme, having an outlay of Rs 18,100 crore, would help airlines as well as MSMEs and airline sector impacted by the West Asia crisis," said information



and broadcasting minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, while briefing the media on the Cabinet decisions. However, the government said in its official statement that the scheme aims to enable businesses to tide over the challenges arising from the West Asia conflict. "Additionally, this is expected to help businesses maintain their operations, protect jobs, and sustain supply chains. The proposed credit guarantee scheme is a major step to help businesses, particularly MSMEs and airline sector, to ensure their additional working capital needs are catered by the banks and financial institutions," it said. It has been observed that MSMEs as well as airlines have been facing substantial financial head-

winds due to the West Asia conflict that started in February. By providing timely liquidity, the government said that the scheme would sustain the businesses and prevent job losses. "It will also promote uninterrupted domestic production and maintain the resilience of the ecosystem," it said. Meanwhile, the Union Cabinet also approved two more semiconductor-manufacturing units with cumulative investment of more than Rs 3,936 crore. The semiconductor projects, Vaishnaw said, have been approved under India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), which includes the country's first commercial mini/micro-LED display facility based on Gallium Nitride or GaN technology and a

semiconductor packaging facility. The semiconductor manufacturing facilities will be set up in Gujarat with a cumulative investment of about Rs 3,936 crore and are expected to generate cumulative employment for 2,230 skilled professionals. "Crystal Matrix Limited (CML) will establish an integrated facility for compound semiconductor fabrication and ATMP in Dholera, Gujarat, for manufacturing mini/micro-LED display modules," the minister said. As per the government, Suchi Semiconductor Private Limited (SSPL) will set up an Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) facility in Surat, Gujarat, for manufacturing discrete semiconductors. "With these two approvals, the semiconductor ecosystem in the country would get a significant boost as the number of approved projects under India Semiconductor Mission reaches 12, with cumulative investments of about Rs 1.64 lakh crore," it said.

C'garh High Court Declares Marriage Between Sisters' Children 'Null And Void', Calling It 'Prohibited Relationship' Under Hindu Wedding Law

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

The Chhattisgarh high court has declared the wedding between sisters' children 'null and void', calling it a 'prohibited relationship' under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. A bench comprising Justices K Agrawal and Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal has rejected the verdict by the family court upholding the marriage of a man with his cousin, citing a custom in his community. The family court had held

that although the marriage fell within the prohibited degree of relationship, the union cannot be declared as null and void on the ground that a custom prevalent in the Patel community to which the couple belonged allowed such a marriage. The family court had held that in the Patel Samaj, the marriage between the daughter and the son of a sister-sister, brother-sister and maternal uncle-paternal aunt is prevalent which is called 'Brahma Marriage'. The man later

challenged the family court's verdict in the high court. The high court has dismissed the family court's judgment and allowed the plea by the man to declare his marriage null and void, citing the absence of the proof that 'Brahma Marriage' is legally recognized custom. "The defendant has only pleaded that in Patel Samaj (community), marriage between daughter and son of sister-sister, brother-sister, and maternal uncle-paternal aunt is prevalent and it is called

as Brahma marriage..... Whereas it is required to be pleaded and established that such a custom permitting marriage between the parties of degrees of prohibited relationship is prevalent in their society and they are continuously and uniformly observing the said custom for a fairly long time and that it has obtained the force of law", the order by the high court, delivered on May one, said.

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

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



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

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

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

FROM FRONT PAGE

No Question of Me.....

We didn't lose that we will go to resign. I would have tendered my resignation if I lost or had to take oath. Now the question does not arise also." She added, "If anyone feels that a 'forcible occupation' will make me resign, it is not going to happen. All we want to say is that we didn't lose the election. It was their (BJP) forceful attempt to defeat us. They may or can defeat us officially through the EC. But morally, I am telling you, we won the election." The former CM pointed out, "Earlier I was in the chair and digested all the atrocities of the BJP. Now I have no chair. I'm a free bird and a commoner. So I can go and fight anywhere. I was and will be on the

street because I belong to the street. We will fight and bounce back." Her vow against stepdown as the head of the previous government has not only sprang a surprise in the political circles and beyond but also sends a message to TMC ranks about her indomitable spirit of not to bow to the first ever BJP-rule in the state. It also coincides with the term of the existing assembly which ends on May 7. Ms Banerjee then described the outcome of the polls as a 'black chapter' in the history and labelled Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar as a 'villain' and central forces as 'goons' for scripting it through the 'most atrocious acts.' She alleged that she was abused and assaulted during her visit to the

counting centre at Shakhawat Memorial School. **Vijay to be Sworn.....** To form the government, TVK is expected to seek support from smaller parties, including Congress, PMK, Left parties, CPI(M), and VCK, which could push it past the majority threshold. The election results also delivered a major setback for outgoing Chief Minister MK Stalin of the DMK, who lost in Kolathur to TVK's VS Babu by a margin of 8,795 votes. The DMK secured only 59 seats, a significant decline for the party. Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Arlekar on Tuesday accepted the resignation of MK Stalin and his Council of Ministers, following the electoral result. The Governor has

requested Stalin to continue in office until the new government takes charge. Vijay's rise to power marks a historic moment, as Tamil Nadu will witness its first government outside the DMK and AIADMK dominance since June 1977. His victory has shattered long-held perceptions about actors struggling to transition into politics, placing Vijay among the ranks of iconic actor-turned-leaders like NT Rama Rao, MG Ramachandran, and J Jayalalitha. **Indian Pharma.....** Last week, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd had announced a \$12-billion deal to acquire New Jersey-based Organon & Co. In the last one year, Indian pharma com-

panies such as Zydus Lifesciences, Syngene International, Thirumalai Chemicals, Stallion Lab have expanded their footprint in the US either through acquisition or by constructing new manufacturing facilities. Several US governors, meanwhile, pitched their respective states for investment from Indian entrepreneurs during an India Reception hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industries at the SelectUSA Investment Summit. While Delaware Governor Matt Meyer emphasised on business-friendly ecosystems in his state, Maryland Governor Aruna Miller focused on her state's diversity, with a special reference to a large Indian diaspora. According to Brandon Remington, US deputy undersecretary (policy and inter-

national trade administration) in the department of commerce. **CM Naidu Welcomes.** The new zone will cover Andhra Pradesh, along with parts of Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Officials said the restructuring is aimed at improving administrative efficiency and strengthening railway operations. Work on the administrative aspects of the new zone gained momentum after the Naiduled alliance government assumed office in the state in 2024. Last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the zonal headquarters building in Visakhapatnam. The Chief Minister, in a statement, thanked the PM and Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for issuing.

CRIME

Missing Man's Tragic End Final Rites of Yellaiah Held Amid Grief

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Thalka Anjaiah

The tragic case of Mr. Byagari Yellaiah (48), a resident of Ellikatta village in Farooknagar Mandal, concluded with emotional scenes as his final rites were performed in his native village on Wednesday. Yellaiah had come to Hyderabad to assist a relative undergoing treatment at the Osmania General Hospital. However, he went missing from the Afzalgunj area on May 1.

He was later traced in a critical condition with the efforts of police and Wakeup Telangana media representatives and admitted to Osmania General Hospital, where he succumbed on the night of



Villagers and relatives take part in the final rites procession of Yellaiah at Ellikatta village.

May 4. Following completion of hospital formalities, his body was handed over to the family. The funeral procession witnessed a large gathering of villagers, relatives, and well-wishers, who paid their last respects with deep sorrow. The atmosphere in Elli-

katta village turned mournful as people expressed grief over the unfortunate incident. Many were seen accompanying the procession, highlighting the respect and affection Yellaiah had earned in the community. Villagers emotionally stated that

Yellaiah, who had gone to the city with good intentions to help a relative, returned home lifeless—an incident that has deeply shaken the village. "This incident reminds us how uncertain life is. No one can predict what may happen in the next moment," locals said.

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Petition challenges appointment of Shivadhar Reddy as Telangana's State Security Adviser

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A petition has been filed before the Telangana High Court challenging the appointment of retired IPS officer B. Shivadhar Reddy as State Security Adviser (SSA), contending that the move is illegal and contrary to established norms.

The petition, moved by advocate Dhangopal Rao, seeks suspension of G.O. Ms. No. 559, issued on April 29, 2026, a day prior to Mr. Reddy's retirement as Director Gen-

eral of Police. The petitioner has questioned the legality of issuing such an order on the eve of retirement and contended that the appointment lacks statutory backing. It has been argued that the conferment of status and rank equivalent to that of the Chief Secretary upon the SSA is arbitrary and without legal basis. The petitioner has further contended that the post of State Security Adviser is, at best, a protocol-driven or advisory position, and cannot be equated with a constitutionally or stat-

utorily recognised office carrying such parity. Seeking interim relief, the petitioner has urged the Court to stay the operation of the impugned Government Order and pass appropriate directions in the interests of justice. The matter is expected to be taken up for hearing shortly. It may be recalled that the petitioner had earlier approached the Court challenging the appointment of Mr. Reddy as Director General of Police as well.

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.

Members' Welfare is the Priority – Admin DCP Annapurna

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

The first General Body meeting of the Cyberabad Home Guards Cooperative Credit Society was held on Tuesday at the CP Office auditorium. Key discussions were held on society activities, members' welfare, future plans, and financial matters.

Admin DCP T. Annapurna said the society, the first of its kind in the state, is functioning well. She stated the meeting was conducted to ensure transparency and keep members informed. She



appreciated the support from members and encouraged them to continue. She added that more welfare initiatives will be taken up and thanked Cyberabad CP Dr. M. Ra-

mesh for his support. SI Mallesham presented the resolutions. The event was attended by DCP Sanjeev, Addl. DCP F. Rehman, Addl. DCP Shameer, RI Vijayanand, and other officials.

Shia Council Opposes MLC Nomination in High Court

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A legal challenge has been mounted against a recent nomination to the State Legislative Council under the Governor's Quota, with a writ petition filed before the High Court of Telangana questioning the validity of G.O. Ms. No. 71.

The petition (W.P. No. 16285/2026), filed by the Shia Civil Council for Social Justice and represented by Advocate Venkata Raghu Mannampalli, seeks an immediate stay on the Government Order, citing constitutional

and procedural violations. At the heart of the dispute is the interpretation of Article 171 of the Constitution of India, which governs nominations to Legislative Councils. The petition argues that such nominations must be limited to individuals with distinguished contributions in fields like literature, science, art, cooperative movements, or social service. According to the petitioners, the current nominee does not meet these mandated criteria. The plea also raises concerns over alleged lapses in due diligence, claiming that the state government

failed to adequately verify the background and legal standing of the nominee before making the recommendation. It further questions whether any pending legal issues or adverse antecedents were overlooked during the selection process. Highlighting broader concerns of representation, the petition underscores the need for transparency and inclusivity in such appointments.

The Shia Civil Council for Social Justice contends that the Governor's Quota should not be used for political considerations but must reflect genuine con-

tributions to society. The petitioner has sought multiple directions from the court, including an immediate suspension of G.O. Ms. No. 71, a restraint on administering the oath to the nominee until the case is resolved, and a directive to the state government to produce all relevant records related to the nomination process. The matter is expected to come up for hearing soon, with legal scrutiny likely to focus on constitutional compliance and the integrity of the nomination mechanism.

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.



Mahindra University Hosts IAC 2026, Launches Arbitration Centre

Mahindra University Launches Arbitration Confluence 2026, Unveils Centre, Signs MoU with HNLU Raipur

HYDERABAD
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Mahindra University's School of Law inaugurated the International Arbitration Confluence 2026 at the APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium, marking a major international platform focused on the convergence of law, technology, and dispute resolution. The three-day event, held under the Seeding Centre for Peace and Justice in collaboration with IIAM-APCAM and HNLU Raipur, also witnessed the launch of a campus-based arbitration centre and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with HNLU, strengthening academic and institutional cooperation in arbitration and alternative dispute resolution.

The inauguration was presided over by Justice V. Kameswar Rao as Chief



Guest, alongside Justices Jasmeet Singh, Advait Sethna, Ravindra Bhat (former Supreme Court judge), and G. Raghuram (former National Judicial Academy director). Senior Advocates Gourab Banerji and Dr. Pinky Anand also attended the event. Speakers reflected on the evolving landscape of arbitration and the increasing role of technology in justice delivery. Justice G. Raghuram called for critical evaluation of ADR systems and warned against structural inefficiencies, while Justice Ravindra

Bhat emphasised a shift toward restorative and humane justice beyond adversarial models. Justice Advait Sethna highlighted dialogue as the foundation of dispute resolution, and Justice Jasmeet Singh stressed the continuing importance of human judgment in the era of artificial intelligence, particularly in interpreting arbitration law.

Mr. Anil Xavier emphasised the need to integrate law schools more deeply into justice delivery systems and advocated for arbitration that is prompt,

affordable, and accessible. The event also featured the announcement of an MoU between Mahindra University and HNLU Raipur, aimed at fostering joint research, academic exchange, and collaborative training programmes. A key highlight was the unveiling of the Seeding Centre for Peace and Justice, the first of its kind in India, designed as a campus-based institutional arbitration and mediation hub offering live dispute resolution, professional training, and technology-enabled ADR aligned with global standards. The Confluence will continue for two additional days with over 40 speakers from the judiciary, academia, legal practice, and industry. The sessions will include expert talks, panel discussions, and a fireside chat on institutionalising dispute resolution through

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Musk Settles to Pay \$1.5 Million Over Twitter Share Purchase Dispute

NEW DELHI
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Elon Musk on Monday agreed to pay a small amount to end a government lawsuit that accused him of breaking stock market rules when he was secretly buying up shares of Twitter before his \$44 billion takeover of the social media platform in 2022. Musk's trust will pay a \$1.5 million fine under the deal, which was filed in a Washington federal court and still needs a judge's approval.

The case involves Musk's missing a statutory deadline for notifying regulators as he bought more and more Twitter shares ahead of the takeover. Musk's attorney Alex Spiro cast the outcome as a vindication, saying his client "has now been cleared of all issues related to the late filing of forms in the Twitter acquisition, as we said from the outset he would be."



"A trust vehicle has agreed to a small fine for being late on one filing," Spiro said.

In an email to AFP, Spiro added that the deal with the US government was not a settlement "because he did nothing wrong." "The case against him was dismissed," Spiro said. The case centered on a simple rule: when an investor buys more than five percent of a publicly traded company, they are required by law to disclose that stake within 10 days. The Securities and Exchange Commission, the federal agency that polices financial markets, in January 2025 said Musk blew past that

deadline by 11 days when he was building up his position in Twitter in early 2022.

The SEC said Musk's delay allowed him to keep buying at bargain prices, saving himself an estimated \$150 million at the expense of other shareholders who sold without knowing what was happening. Despite those allegations, the deal with the SEC does not require Musk to pay back any of those savings. His trust agreed only to the \$1.5 million penalty and a promise not to violate the same rule again -- without admitting he did anything wrong.

The SEC said it amended its complaint to add Musk's trust as a defendant and filed the proposed settlement at the same time. If the judge signs off, the agency said it will drop Musk personally from the case, ending it entirely.

Global Debt To Touch 100 PC One Year Before in 2029: IMF

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The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has warned that global public debt is now on a steeper and more dangerous trajectory due to the combined impact of West Asia tensions and already fragile fiscal conditions across major economies. According to its latest assessment, global debt is projected to reach 100 percent of global GDP by 2029—one year earlier than

previously expected—highlighting the accelerating strain on public finances worldwide. The IMF notes that the current geopolitical conflict in the Middle East is adding fresh pressure to an already stressed global economy. Rising energy and food prices, tighter financial conditions, and increased uncertainty are once again forcing governments to consider additional fiscal support measures.

These developments are unfolding at a time when many



countries have not yet recovered fiscally from successive global shocks. Before the outbreak of recent conflicts, public finances were already weakened by a series of crises. The COVID-19 pan-

demically significantly increased government borrowing, followed by the 2022 surge in global energy and food prices. In addition, ongoing trade disruptions and geopolitical fragmentation have further complicated fiscal recovery. Although global economic growth remained relatively strong in 2025, this did not translate into meaningful fiscal consolidation. Many countries continued to run high deficits, while debt levels and interest payments kept rising.

The global fiscal deficit stood at around 5 percent of GDP in 2025, while gross public debt increased to 94 percent of GDP. A major concern is the rapid rise in interest expenditure, which has climbed from about 2 percent to nearly 3 percent of GDP within just four years. This reflects tighter global financial conditions and the growing cost of servicing accumulated debt.

The IMF highlights that fiscal pressures are increasingly structural rather than

temporary. Governments are now facing persistent demands related to social welfare, defence spending, energy transition, and climate-related investments. At the same time, higher interest costs are limiting fiscal flexibility. Revenues, however, have not kept pace with these rising obligations, widening fiscal gaps in many countries.

The report also stresses that the difference between current fiscal plans and what is required to stabilise debt has

widened significantly. Without corrective action, debt vulnerabilities could deepen further, reducing governments' ability to respond to future shocks. To address these challenges, the IMF calls for stronger fiscal frameworks, improved transparency, and clearer communication of policy trade-offs. It emphasizes that early and decisive fiscal action will be essential to restore stability and prevent debt from becoming a long-term constraint on global

Range Rover SV price reduced by Rs 75 lakh after India-UK FTA push

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Jaguar Land Rover India on Tuesday announced a sharp reduction in prices of its flagship Range Rover models by up to Rs 75 lakh, as it moves to pass on anticipated benefits from the proposed India-UK free trade agreement to customers. The company said that the price cuts apply to completely built unit (CBU) models imported from the UK, with the biggest revisions seen in the high-end SV portfolio. The Range Rover SV has been repriced from Rs 4.25 crore to Rs 3.5 crore (ex-showroom), while the Range Rover Sport SV now starts at Rs 2.35 crore, down from Rs 2.75 crore.

According to the company, the revised pricing reflects changes expected under the new duty structure once the India-UK FTA comes into effect. The new prices are effective immediately, signalling the company's confidence in the agreement's rollout.

Commenting on the move, Managing Director Rajan Amba said the company is extending the an-

anticipated benefits of the trade deal to its customers in advance.

He noted that the updated pricing reinforces JLR India's customer-first approach and aims to make its premium SV range more accessible to buyers. "The revised prices reflect the new duty structure enabled by the FTA and will be effective immediately," it said.

He added that the free trade agreement is expected to expand the appeal of the brand's aspirational portfolio and further strengthen the company's growth trajectory in India's luxury car market.

However, the company clarified that prices of its locally manufactured models — including Range Rover, Range Rover Sport, Range Rover Evoque, Range Rover Velar and Discovery Sport — will remain unchanged, as they are not impacted by import duty revisions. It also said that models such as Defender and Discovery will continue with their current pricing since they are produced in Slovakia and do not fall under the scope of the India-UK trade agreement.

USFDA, DCA hold second regulatory forum in Hyderabad



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The second regulatory forum between representatives of Drugs Control Administration (DCA), Telangana and their counterparts from the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) was held on Tuesday at DCA Headquarters in Vengal Rao Nagar in the city. The regulatory forum served as a knowledge-sharing platform aimed at exchanging and learning best regulatory practices related to the inspection of medical products and the advancement of public health. Several technical sessions on Advanced Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) concepts were delivered by USFDA investigators during the forum, a statement from DCA said.

The DCA officers presented their recent initiatives, inspection approaches, and inspection trends, particularly with regard to Revised Schedule M and sterile manufacturing facility inspections. The forum significantly enhanced the understanding of DCA inspectors regarding

BASF to Set up Twin Hubs in Hyderabad

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Germany-based BASF, one of the world's largest chemical companies, has signed a letter of intent with the Telangana government to establish a global service hub and a global digital hub in Hyderabad. Operated under BASF Global Business Services Private Limited. The two hubs will operate as separate legal entities and are slated to begin operations in the second quarter of 2026 and will collectively employ 3,000 skilled professionals in phases.

The Letter of Intent (LoI) was handed over to IT minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu by Sarvesh Singh, CEO, Telangana Life Sciences, and Tobias Dratt, president, global business services



at BASF. Sridhar Babu said Hyderabad had emerged as one of India's fastest-growing destinations for Global Capability Centres (GCCs), adding over 75 in the past year alone. He announced a target of 100 new GCCs and over one lakh jobs this year, citing flagship initiatives including AIKAM, Young India Skills University, a proposed 200-acre AI City, Quantum Hub, and 1BioLab. "Hyderabad is moving decisively from

incubation to innovation," he said.

Founded more than 160 years ago, BASF operates in 200 countries with 234 manufacturing facilities and 1,08,000 employees worldwide, generating annual revenues of about \$60 billion. After a competitive evaluation across multiple geographies, Hyderabad was chosen as the site for the new hubs, which will support global operations in finance, HR, supply chain, regulatory serv-

ices, and in-house consulting, complementing BASF's hubs in Berlin, Kuala Lumpur, and Montevideo.

Tobias Dratt said Hyderabad offered the right ecosystem and talent base for scalable, high-quality services. Alexander

Gerding, managing director of BASF India Limited, described the investment as a defining milestone in BASF's India journey.

With this, Hyderabad joins the ranks of global majors including NVIDIA, Microsoft, Google, Vanguard, Eli Lilly, Marriott International, and The Hartford, reinforcing its position as a preferred destination for complex, high-value operations and a source of opportunity for local talent.

India among top 5 spam-hit countries, says Truecaller report

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India ranks as the fifth most spam-hit country in the world, with sales and telemarketing calls driving the menace, according to a report by Truecaller.

Indonesia topped the global list of the most spam-affected nations, followed by Chile, Vietnam, and Brazil.

The insights, based on anonymised and aggregated data from Truecaller's global user base of 500 million, revealed that the platform identified more than 68 billion spam and fraud calls worldwide in 2025.

In India, which recorded a spam intensity of 66 per cent, the nature of unwanted calls showed a strong commercial bias.

Sales and telemarketing calls accounted for the highest share at 36 per cent, followed by financial services at 18 per cent. Scams contributed 12 per cent of all spam activity in the country.

From Ajanta to diamonds: India's grand Met Gala showcase

Raja Ravi Varma, Ajanta cave paintings, Subodh Gupta, intricate embroidery and gemstones galore... art from the past and present and artists known and unknown came together spectacularly at Met Gala 2026, where a band of Indian celebs made carefully curated style statements. Isha Ambani wore a sari-inspired outfit woven with 1,000 diamonds and 800 other precious stones, Sudha Reddy sported a USD 15 million necklace, and Ananya Birla hid behind a glittering steel mask by Gupta.

With the industrialists at fashion's biggest night on Monday were filmmaker Karan Johar in a resplendent cape replicating Varma's most famous paintings, philanthropist and entrepreneur Natasha Poonawala in an elaborate orchid-inspired gown, Gauravi Kumari and Sawai Padmanabh Singh, members of Jaipur's erstwhile royal family, dressed in chiffon and velvet, and designer Manish Malhotra in a bandhgala with an ornate black and white cape.

Each outfit was literally a work of art, taking many hundreds of hours to make with



scores of artisans working round the clock to achieve the final look in accordance with the theme Costume Art and the dress code Fashion is Art. In creating the outfits, designers used traditional embroidery like ari, dabka and nakshi, kalamkari, zardozi and hand painting.

The annual event, held each May at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, was co-chaired this year by Beyonce, Venus Williams, Nicole Kidman and Anna Wintour. The Met Gala is strictly invitation only with individual tickets reportedly cost-

ing around USD 100,000. A full table can run up to USD 350,000 or more. The seats and tables for celebrities is usually purchased by fashion houses, luxury brands and corporations.

Johar, who made his Met Gala debut, roped in longtime friend and designer Malhotra to create his bespoke outfit, called Framed in Eternity. The power-shouldered vintage jacket was layered with dori embroidery, oil and acrylic finishes, varnishing and hand paintings to achieve the depth of Varma's famously colour saturated imagery, said a statement from his team.

The piece was developed over 5,600 hours, created entirely freehand by Malhotra's lead artisans at his atelier without digital intervention, merging painting, sculpture and textile. It was crafted by over 50 artisans.

"It's amazing to represent your nation, your culture and heritage on a global platform as magnificent as the Met, which truly signifies the work of art. Today's theme really beautifully blends fashion and art, and I couldn't have chosen a better debut on a theme like this," Johar told reporters at the Met carpet.

Ambani, who has become a regular at the annual New York fashion gala, wore a Gauravi Gupta Couture ensemble that pushed the boundaries between jewellery and textile and the blouse alone took 500 hours and 40 artisans to complete.

The jewellery-integrated blouse was made with over 1,000 diamonds and precious stones totalling over 1,800 carats, including heirloom old mine diamonds, rare emeralds, and traditional polki and kund elements drawn from her mother Nita Ambani's personal collection.

It was paired with a handwoven gold tissue saree, the border of which was hand-painted by artisans and embroidered with motifs drawn from the Ajanta frescoes — among the earliest recorded depictions of the sari in Indian art.

A sculptural resin-draped cape, created by folding the gold tissue saree into a preserved, fluid structure, completed the look. The entire ensemble was crafted over 1,200 hours by more than 50 artisans, Gupta said in a statement.

Hyderabad-based businesswoman and philanthropist Reddy arrived in a regal navy blue velvet lehenga by Malhotra. The outfit featured intricate gold zardozi embroidery on the bodice, paired with a dramatic floor-sweeping long cape adorned with vibrant multicoloured floral and botanical embroidery in gold, red and green.

The centrepiece of her ensemble was a historic necklace valued at more than USD 15 million from her personal collection. It featured a Victorian-finished chain of large triangular and pear-shaped rose-cut diamonds set in floral clusters.

Jana Nayagan actress says she predicted Vijay's Assembly election win



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Congratulatory messages have not stopped pouring in ever since TVK chief Vijay Thalopathy's impressive win in the recently held Tamil Nadu Assembly Election.

The fact that this is the actor-turned-politician's first election made the win even more special. However, his 'Jana Nayagan' co-star Pooja Hegde claimed that she had predicted Vijay's win in advance.

Taking to her official Instagram handle, Pooja dropped a behind-the-scenes video from the set of 'Jana Nayagan', where she was seen playfully suggesting that Vijay would win the election.

The 'Deva' actress pointed to a question on a whiteboard that read, "Who wins the elections?" Next, Pooja stood

in front of Vijay and winked at him, suggesting he and his party would win the election.

This adorable gesture made Vijay blush. Embarrassed, he covered his face and walked away. "Guess I called it before it happened? Here's to dreams turning into reality, Vijay sir @actorvijay (sic)," Pooja captioned the post.

Before this, Pooja published a photo featuring herself with Vijay on her Instagram Stories, along with the text, "Congratulations actor Vijay sir. This Thalopathy Kacheri is just getting bigger and bigger. Onwards and upwards only. Party time. Let's gooo."

For the unversed, Vijay managed to win not one, but two constituencies where he chose to contest, Perambur in Chennai and Tiruchirappalli East.

Besides Pooja, many

members from the entertainment world decided to send their wishes to Vijay through social media posts.

Actor Riteish Deshmukh congratulated Vijay, saying, "The verdict is out !! Huge congratulations to @actorvijay on this incredible and monumental victory. May the force be with you, may you tirelessly work for the good of the people."

Keerthy Suresh added, "You don't get here by just being loved, but by also being hated.

Through the noise & all that hatred, you never gave up & always showed up. This is pure hard work, commitment and passion for the people. Like I've said before, you're an emotion & this win is a testament to that very statement; the start of a new legacy!"

HCA launches sweeping measures for league and player development

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The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) annual league season will start from May 12, featuring the A-Division and B-Division T20 Championship, according to HCA Secretary M Jeevan Reddy.

"Detailed schedules, team registrations and playing conditions will be communicated to all affiliated units well in advance to ensure smooth conduct of the league," he said on Tuesday.

The HCA Secretary also informed that a POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) committee will be constituted shortly to ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all stakeholders. The committee will comprise members as mandated under the POSH Act, 2013, and will establish a strictly confidential and sensitive mechanism for reporting and addressing complaints, ensuring that no complainant faces re-



taliation or bias.

Reddy added that the HCA Academy will undergo comprehensive revamping to enhance player development, infrastructure and training standards. The revamped Academy will focus on structured age-group programs, qualified coaching staff, modern training equipment and regular assessment systems to identify and nurture talent at the grassroots level.

"The whole objective is to build elite-level cricketers through scientific training, provide year-round coaching and performance programmes, and establish Hyderabad as a high-performance cricket hub," the HCA of-

official said.

"These initiatives reflect the commitment of the Apex Council to promote transparency, professionalism and the overall growth of cricket in Hyderabad," he added.

"A dedicated email ID has also been created for reporting grievances related to cricketering matters and corruption: hcagrievance@gmail.com. All grievances will be promptly acknowledged and addressed within a set timeframe. Strict confidentiality will be maintained at every stage of the redressal process to protect the identity and interests of the complainant," Reddy explained.

Sanju Samson powers CSK to eight-wicket win over Delhi Capitals

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Sanju Samson paced his unbeaten 87 off 52 balls perfectly on a tricky track as Chennai Super Kings kept themselves relevant in the Indian Premier League with an eight-wicket win over a self-destructing Delhi Capitals here on Tuesday.

After opting to bat, DC's struggles with the bat at home continued as they ended with a below par 155 for seven on a pitch offering assistance to the spinners with odd ball holding up.

Samson and Kartik Sharma (41 not out off 31 balls) forged a 114-run unbroken partnership off 66 balls for the third wicket, taking CSK home in 17.3 overs for their fifth win of the season. For DC, the road to play-offs got a lot tougher with their sixth loss in 10 matches.

While the CSK spin duo of Akeal Hosen and Noor Ahmad excelled, DC's lead spinner Kuldeep Yadav conceded 34



runs in his three overs. He was hit for four sixes in those 18 balls, releasing all the pressure DC had put on the opposition by limiting them to 44 for one in the powerplay.

While skipper Axar Patel did the containing job well, Kuldeep failed to get a wicket in the middle overs to make it easier for CSK. Trump card Mitchell Starc was not able to strike early on though Lungi Ngidi removed Rituraj Gaikwad in his opening over. It seemed Samson had it all figured out in his head. Having laboured to 15 off his first 17 balls,

he targeted Kuldeep post the powerplay to anchor the chase for his team. His innings included half a dozen sixes.

The opener has also struck two hundreds in his debut season for the storied franchise. Earlier, DC's free fall began with the loss of opener Pathum Nissanka who failed to clear the mid-on fielder off a slower ball from left-arm pacer Mukesh Choudhary.

Both Nissanka (19 off 15 balls) and K L Rahul (12 off 13 balls) began with crisp boundaries but did not last long. After Nissanka, Rahul at-

tempted an inside-out hit off left-arm spinner Akeal Hosen but could not get to the pitch of the ball on the charge to be caught by opposition captain Rituraj Gaikwad.

DC laboured to 37 for two in the powerplay with Hosen bowling half of the overs, including one from the other end that produced the wicket of Rahul.

With DC's innings not gaining any momentum, the crowd, mostly in yellow supporting CSK and M S Dhoni, who did not even travel for the game, built more pressure on the 'home team'. Chants

of 'CSK, CSK' were heard regularly during the innings.

With a poor batting performance like that, it seemed DC had not overcome the mental demons of 75 all out in their last game here.

After the powerplay, another spinner Noor Ahmad dominated the opposition, removing Karun Nair and Nitish Rana, who both fell to a poorly executed sweep shot.

Axar had the ideal opportunity to make an impact with the bat but fell to a soft dismissal, offering a sitter to the cover fielder off a Gurjapneet Singh ball that appeared to stop on him. DC were then reeling at 69 for five in 11 overs. Tristan Stubbs (38 off 31 balls) and impact player Sameer Rizvi (40 not out off 24 balls) hit a flurry of sixes to take the innings forward in their 65-run stand but the damage done in the first half of the game could not be reversed as DC ended with an underwhelming total.

Hyderabad cybercrime police arrest 56 in April

The Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police Station has intensified its crackdown on digital offences during the month of April, leading to the arrest of 56 individuals involved in a range of cyber-crime activities across multiple states. The accused were apprehended through coordinated operations conducted in Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Karnataka, highlighting the interstate nature of cybercriminal networks operating in the country. During these enforcement drives, the police also seized several incriminating materials from the suspects, including 34 mobile phones, eight cheque books, and other electronic and financial documents suspected to have been used in fraudulent transactions. Officials stated that the recovered items are being analysed to trace further links in ongoing cyber fraud cases and to identify additional beneficiaries and accomplices. In a parallel effort to curb online illegal activities, the Cyber Crime Police, under its cyber patrol initiative, monitored social media platforms extensively. During this surveillance, authorities identified 184 social media profiles that were collectively running 801 paid advertisements promoting illegal online gaming.

CM Revanth Pushes AI Integration In Telangana Education System

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday asked Reserve Bank of India former governor Raghuram Rajan for recommendations for the formation of a committee to examine the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into education curricula at all levels and in all sectors in the state. The Chief Minister also briefed Rajan about the establishment of the Skills University and Advanced Training Centres (ATCs) to facilitate the creation of middle-level employment opportunities.

During a meeting presided over by the Chief Minister on the development plans of Telangana, Rajan, who took part via videoconference, said that the establishment of new industries and investments flow depended significantly on the government's 'Ease of Doing



Business' policies. He underscored the need to provide encouragement to the startups which would yield even more beneficial results. Rajan said enhancing the skills among job-seekers would provide more employment opportunities to them. Rajan stressed that addressing the issue of malnutrition is crucial for the development of human resources.

The former RBI Governor remarked that if AI was utilised in a proper and systematic manner, it would prove beneficial for everyone. He suggested that adopting an industrial policy similar to Tamil Nadu could help attract greater investments. Rajan

also observed that data centres entailed significant consumption of both electricity and water. He stated that he intends to visit Hyderabad within the next three to four months. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, who attended the meeting via videoconference, affirmed that the state possessed all the necessary facilities including required land and infrastructure for industrial growth. Electricity is also being generated to meet the future requirement, he said. Bhatti said that amenities including an international airport and the Outer Ring Road was in place and fully operational. In addition to establish-

ing Regional Ring Roads, the government was developing radial roads and creating specialised clusters for industries. Law and order was also being maintained with great rigor. The state has already been divided into three distinct zones to facilitate a focused approach toward development, the Deputy CM elaborated. Bhatti stated that the administration is moving forward based on the "CURE, PURE and RARE" model, segregating the state to the core urban area of Hyderabad, a peri-urban area comprising its surroundings and the rest of the rural areas. The Young India Skills University had been established to enhance skill development among the youth. The ITIs (Industrial Training Institutes) are being upgraded into ATCs (Advanced Training Centers) to impart vocational skills to students.

Telangana to set up biogas plant in Gambhiraopet to curb straw

Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka announced that Telangana will set up a compressed biogas plant in Gambhiraopet mandal to curb pollution from paddy straw burning and boost farmers' income.

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said that in order to protect the environment, the state government has come up with an innovative idea of producing biogas by utilizing paddy straws.

Deputy CM along with Ministers D Sridhar Babu, Tummala Nageshwar Rao and Ponnamp Prabhakar laid foundation for a compressed biogas plant in Gambhiraopet mandal on Tuesday. The plant will be developed by Biostratam Technologies Private Limited.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the air quality index (AQI) has fallen due to the pollution caused by the burning of paddy straws in fields itself. To put an end to pollution, the government has come up with an idea



of biogas plants. In order to provide quality air to the farmers, who were providing food to the society, the government has come up with a biogas plant idea.

Besides environmental protection, farmers would also get additional income with biogas plants. In the wake of extensive debate on clean and green energy being done across the world, the government desires the Telangana farmers to follow the footprints of developed countries.

Talking about the irrigation project, deputy CM appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide national status to Dr

BR Ambedkar Pranahita-Chevella project.

According to AP Reorganization Act, a main irrigation project from Telangana should be accorded national status. So, the central government should provide national status to the Pranahita-Chevella project. Each and every crop produced by farmers has been procured by providing a minimum support price (MSP). So, the Centre must take the entire crop procured by the state, he said. Vikramarka advised farmers to follow crop changing patterns. Instead of cultivating only paddy, farmers should go for horticulture crops, millets, oil form and other profitable crops. He also laid the foundation for eleven 33/11 kV sub-stations to be developed in Sircilla, Vemulawada and Choppadandi constituencies.

Hunting Gang Busted in Shadnagar, Makthal Forests



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A gang allegedly involved in poaching wild animals such as deer, peacocks, rabbits, quail and doves was busted in a joint operation by the Golconda task force and forest department. Six hunters were arrested, and property worth Rs 8 lakh, including four airguns, a licensed rifle with 20 live rounds, a Scorpio car and mobile phones, was seized. Task force additional DCP Anand Srinivasa Rao said the accused were illegally hunting in Shadnagar and Makthal forest areas, recording videos of their acts on the mobile phone of one of their associates, Mohd Muzaffar Hussain.

The arrested men were identified as Muzaffar Hussain alias Guddu, Mir Ahmed Amir, Abdullah

Bin Sahain, Saud Bin Mohd Balab, Masood Bin Mohd and K. Shekar, who guided them to animal locations.

Police said Amir, a professional shooter representing the Telangana Rifle Association, was found in possession of a licensed 30.06 sporting rifle. The gang habitually hunted deer, peacocks and other animals, storing the meat at Muzaffar's house. Videos retrieved from his phone showed incidents including the shooting of a peacock in January, a wild pig in March, and multiple deer in Makthal forests last year and in April 2025. The accused have been handed over to the forest range officer, Hyderabad East Range, for further action. A case has been registered under sections of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

CM Revanth Aims to Develop Heerapur as Model Gram Panchayat

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District officials have conducted a 'Prajavani' programme at Heerapur village in Indravelli mandal to resolve problems of the locals and sanction welfare schemes in saturation mode ahead of chief minister A Revanth Reddy's visit to the village. Revanth Reddy is likely to visit Heerapur in the last week of May or the first week of June. Officials of various government departments are doing surveys in the grampanchayat to imple-

ment the welfare schemes and development works before the arrival of the CM.

The chief minister aims to develop Heerapur as a model gram panchayat by giving it a facelift with the implementation of the Six Guarantees and development initiatives. On April 20, 2021, Revanth Reddy as the then TPCC working president visited Heerapur and had a community lunch with the advisors on April 20, 2021. Recently, the chief minister talked about the decentralisation of Prajavani services and directed the



officials to take this programme that's going on at Praja Bhavan every Tuesday to various locations. This, he had noted, was nothing but a grievance redressal mechanism with a time-bound response.

The CM noted that it was difficult for the people to travel to Hyderabad to get their grievances resolved at Prajavani. "Let us take this, instead, to the man-

dal headquarters level," he said. Subsequently, a grama sabha was held as part of Prajavani in Heerapur, where villagers poured out their grievances on May 4. Local MLA Vedma Bojju, collector Rajarshi Shah and ITDA project officer Manda Makarandu participated in the event.

Collector Rajarshi Shah promised the villagers to resolve the revenue department-related land problems in 15 days. The administration, he said, has prepared proposals for drinking water supply with a fund of Rs.25 lakh

for seven habitations in the Heerapur gram panchayat.

The collector said that a survey process was going on to issue ROFR and revenue pattas to the lands being possessed and cultivated by the tribals. Efforts are being made to conduct Prajavani at the division and mandal headquarter levels instead of just confining this to the district headquarters. Officials would go through each application and resolve the grievances within 30 days and inform the results to the applicant.

Illegal mining and stone crushing units shut down by HYDRRA

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In a major operation on Tuesday, the Hyderabad Disaster Response & Asset Protection Agency (HYDRRA) conducted raids on illegal mining and stone crushing units at six locations in the city, and seized the machinery. The units, engaged in mining, crushing and production of ready mix concrete, were being operated without any permission, HYDRRA informed through a statement. A total of 12 RMC plants were removed from the locations at Vatnagulapally village in Gandipet mandal, Gowlidoddi village in Serilingampally, and Kotvalguda in Shamshabad mandal, of Ranga Reddy district, due to absence of working licence.

The agency acted upon a complaint from the Ranga Reddy District Collector about the illegal mining, blasting and the resultant dust pollution in these areas, the statement said.



HYDRRA chief A.V.Ranganath clarified that the agency did not have mandate to conduct operations against illegal mining. It only provided men and machinery based upon a request from the Mining department and Ranga Reddy Collector.

The statement named several companies involved in the mining activity, including Great India Mining, Paramesh Singh Stone Crusher, Prithvi Stone Crusher and Tirumala Metal Industry. Ready-mix plants belonging to BSR, Ultra-Tech and ACP were also found at the site.

Mining by Tirumala Metal Industry was initially attributed to Raghava Constructions, but the latter clarified that it

had only leased out its crusher unit to Tirumala, leading to the confusion. Raghava Constructions also sourced metal for its Hyderabad Road Development Corporation projects from the same firm.

Most units are being run by noted establishments under 'benami' ownership, the statement issued by HYDRRA said. Despite notices issued by Revenue and Mining departments and the Telangana Pollution Control Board, the mining operations have not been stopped.

Notwithstanding power cuts owing to non-payment of bills worth crores of rupees, the units were being run using diesel, it said.

Telangana BJP Chief Targets Congress Over Poll Results

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In a sharp political attack following the Assembly election results, Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao said Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was "the happiest person after the results of five states," claiming they validated his controversial remark that "Congress is Muslim and Muslim is Congress." In a social media post, Rao cited election data to argue that of the 90 Congress MLAs elected across the five states, only 12 were Hindus, while Muslims accounted for 78 seats. He said this meant Muslims formed 87 per cent of the party's winning candidates, with Hindus making



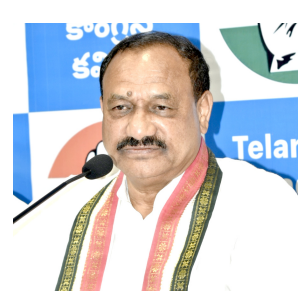
up just 13 per cent. Rao highlighted that in West Bengal, where Congress won two seats, both victors were Muslims, while in Assam 18 of the party's 19 winners were Muslims. He described the trend as evidence of "people's deep resentment against the party's anti-Hindu, anti-Sanatan and anti-India mindset," and claimed the results marked a rejection of Congress's ideological positioning.

BRS struggling to stay politically relevant: TPCC president

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Claiming that BRS president and former chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao was forced to step out of his farmhouse due to the pressure created by his daughter K Kavitha, TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud on Friday alleged that the pink party was losing its political relevance.

Addressing the media at Gandhi Bhavan, the Congress leader said: "Kavitha's move to launch a new political party has put pressure on KCR. That's



why he stepped out of the confines of his farmhouse."

Mahesh Goud also claimed that the BRS leadership doesn't know how to deal with the situation. "Kavitha raised quite a few questions against the BRS. But KCR and his son KTR

have no courage to respond to questions raised by her," he said, adding that "BRS is struggling to maintain its political relevance".

Hitting back at the BRS for criticising the Congress government over the housing scheme, he challenged the pink party leadership to release details of the 2BHK housing scheme, questioning how many houses were allotted and handed over to the beneficiaries during their 10-year rule, and compare it with the present Congress government's Indiramma housing initiative.

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