



Uttam Slams 'Propaganda' on Paddy Procurement, Reassures Farmers: P8



Punjab pummelled as Sunrisers make merry of drop catches, win by 33 runs: P7

Stop pleading, start questioning, KTR asks farmers: P3



Fast Track Metro Ph-2, Revanth Tells Centre

Reddy requested consideration of the RGIA Airport-Bharat Future City Corridor under Phase-III, highlighting its strategic significance in enhancing connectivity and supporting Hyderabad's future expansion.

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday urged the Centre to grant early approval for Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase II and sought Union government participation as a partner in its execution. In a meeting with Union housing and urban affairs minister Manohar Lal Khattar in Delhi, he also requested that the proposed RGIA Airport-Bharat Future City corridor be taken up under Phase III. Revanth Reddy said a comprehensive detailed project report for Phase II, covering seven corridors, had been submitted. Stressing the need for rapid expansion to meet the city's growing transport demands, he pointed out that the state government had taken over Metro Phase I from L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad Limited on April 30 to ensure smoother coordination of future phases. Phase II envisages 122.9



During the meeting, the Chief Minister urged the Centre to grant approval for the Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II project, stressing its importance in improving urban mobility and meeting the city's growing transportation demands.

km of new lines at a cost of ₹38,595 crore. The Chief Minister pressed for its approval as a joint venture between the Centre and the state. He also highlighted the DPR for Phase III, urging inclusion of the RGIA Airport-Future City corridor to strengthen urban mobility. The Cabinet cleared the expansion plan in October 2024, followed by DPR approvals for Phase II in May 2025. The Centre had sought clarity on integration with Phase I, then operated by L&T. With L&T declining to

participate, the state acquired the project, buying 100 per cent equity in LTMRHL for ₹1,461.47 crore and assuming responsibility for refinancing debt of ₹13,538.53 crore. Metro Phase I, launched in November 2017, records an average daily ridership of 4.5 lakh, with cumulative ridership crossing 86 crore. Officials said the takeover clears hurdles for Phase II. Under Phase II (Part A), five corridors spanning 76.4 km are proposed at a cost of ₹24,269 crore,

with contributions from the Centre (₹4,230 crore), state (₹7,313 crore), loans (₹11,693 crore) and PPP (₹1,033 crore). Corridors include Nagole-Shamshabad Airport, Raidurg-Kopakot Neopolis, MGBS-Chandrayangutta, Miyapur-Patancheru and LB Nagar-Hayathnagar. Phase II (Part B) covers 86.1 km across three corridors at ₹19,579 crore, with Centre's share at ₹3,524 crore, state ₹5,874 crore, loans ₹9,398 crore and PPP ₹783 crore. Corridors include Shamshabad Airport-Future City, JBS-Medchal and JBS-Shamirpet. Senior officials present included Union housing and urban affairs secretary K. Srinivas, Chief Minister's special secretary B. Ajit Reddy, HMRL MD Sarfaraz Ahmad, urban transport advisor N.V.S. Reddy, Telangana Bhavan special officer Sanjay Kumar and coordination secretary Advait Kumar Singh.

India, Vietnam Boost Strategic Partnership

Target \$25 billion Indo-Vietnamese bilateral trade by 2030

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India and Vietnam on Wednesday elevated their bilateral ties to an "Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership" following talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vietnamese President To Lam, with both sides signing 13 agreements across sectors. The agreements cover cooperation in radioactive and rare earth elements, digital payments, health, education, conservation and culture. The two countries also set a target to increase bilateral trade to \$25 billion by 2030 from the current \$16 billion and announced Vietnam's participation in the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative to strengthen maritime cooperation. At a briefing, ministry of external affairs secretary (East) P. Kumaran said India has offered support for servicing and maintenance of Vietnam's Sukhoi-30 fighter aircraft and Kilo-class submarines. On the proposed



BrahMos missile deal, he said discussions were ongoing, adding, "Watch this Space". He said projects worth \$300 million have been identified under the \$500 million defence Line of Credit extended by India, including procurement of high-speed patrol boats and offshore patrol vessels, with the remaining \$200 million to be utilised in a subsequent phase. The joint statement emphasised the importance of peace, stability and freedom of navigation in the South China Sea, calling for resolution of disputes in line with international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law

of the Sea, without resort to force. In his remarks, Modi said, "In this era of global turmoil and economic challenges, thanks to their talent, good governance, and economic reforms, India and Vietnam are emerging as the world's fastest-growing economies. Now, through our enhanced strategic partnership, we will support each other's rapid growth." On defence ties, he said, "Vietnam is a key pillar of India's Act-East Policy and Vision Ocean. We also share a common outlook in the Indo-Pacific region. Through our strengthened defence and security cooperation, we will continue to contrib-

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Didi Wants Guv To Sack Her For Refusing To Quit As CM



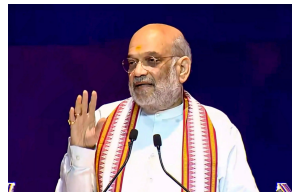
Trinamul Congress chief Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday indicated she would not resign as Chief Minister despite the party's defeat in the West Bengal Assembly elections, and said she was prepared for dismissal by Governor R.N. Ravi, which could lead to President's Rule in the state. At a meeting with newly elected TMC legislators at her Kalighat residence, she also indicated plans to challenge the poll outcome legally, including approaching the Supreme Court. She tasked outgoing Assembly Speaker Biman Banerjee with exploring legal options.

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Shah To Pick 1st BJP Govt's CM Face In WB

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Union home minister Amit Shah will arrive in West Bengal on Thursday to oversee the selection of the chief minister for the BJP's first government in the state, ahead of the swearing-in ceremony scheduled at Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata on May 9. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is ex-



pected to attend the ceremony along with Amit Shah. The event coincides with Pochishe Boishakh, the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Amit Shah, along with Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, has

been appointed as central observer for the election of the BJP legislative party leader. They are scheduled to meet all 207 BJP MLAs-elect in Kolkata. Among the contenders for the chief minister's post is Suwendu Adhikari, who defeated Trinamul Congress chief Mamata Banerjee in Bhowanipore while retaining his Nandigram

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Uncertainty Clouds Vijay's Oath Event

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Uncertainty loomed over the swearing-in of Tamil Nadu Vetri Kazhagam president C. Vijay as the next Chief Minister despite arrangements reportedly being made to hold the event on Thursday at the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium. The party had garnered 108 seats in the Assembly but was struggling to get the support of the mandatory 118 MLAs even after the Congress, having 5 MLAs, rushed in to extend its support on the grounds of 'secular



progressive and welfarist' politics. While Vijay called on Governor Rajendra Arlekar on Wednesday staking his claim to form the government in Tamil Nadu, the request was sent for legal scrutiny as the TVK could only show the sup-

port of 113 MLAs, including the five elected on Congress tickets. That the Congress broke away from the DMK-led alliance, in which it contested and won the five seats, drew acrimonious criticism from DMK top leaders like organisational secretary R.S. Bharthi and treasurer T.R. Baalu. Arlekar, who is said to have given two days' time to Vijay to prove his majority, dissolved the 16th Assembly with effect from May 5 on Wednesday and offered no clarity on the formation of the

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Indian Companies To Invest \$20 Billion In US

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Indian companies have pledged over \$20.5 billion in investments across sectors ranging from healthcare to advanced technology in the United States, underscoring deepening commercial engagement, according to the top US diplomat in India. "Under President Trump's leadership investment is flowing back into the United States at record levels! Indian companies plan to invest over \$20.5 billion in various sectors

including tech, manufacturing, and pharmaceuticals," US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor said in his tweet on X. During the 2026 SelectUSA Investment Summit here on Tuesday, 12 Indian companies announced \$1.1 billion in investments in the US across sectors spanning aerospace, defence, energy and artificial intelligence. "We have 12 Indian companies making investment announcements at this summit, totalling more than \$1.1

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Suwendu Adhikari's Personal Assistant Shot Dead

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In a shocking development within 48 hours of West Bengal assembly poll results, BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari's personal assistant, Chandranath Rath, was shot dead by unidentified assailants in the northern fringes of Kolkata on Wednesday night, triggering sharp political reactions and heightened tension in the area. The incident took place at Doharia in Madhyamgram's Doltala area

in North 24 Parganas district, where Rath, who served as the executive assistant to the leader of the opposition in the state assembly, was shot at point-blank range by motorcycle-borne assailants, sources said. According to preliminary information, the attackers followed Rath's car, intercepted it, shot him through the rolled-up window from the opposite side and fled the scene immediately after carrying out the attack. He was seated in the front seat



next to the driver. Rath's driver also sustained bullet injuries and was shifted to a Kolkata hospital, where his condition was stated to be critical. Local news channels reported that Rath sustained critical injuries in the firing and was rushed to a

nearby private hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival, the official media channel of the BJP said. "The victim was brought dead with multiple bullet injuries on his chest, which pierced his heart, and another bullet in his abdominal area. There was no opportunity to resuscitate him," a hospital doctor said. Rath, according to party sources, played a crucial role in Adhikari's campaigns in the Bhabanipur constituency where the BJP

leader triumphed over former chief minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee. In a statement to a vernacular news channel, BJP leader and MLA-elect Kaustav Bagchi, who was present at the hospital said, "This was a targeted attack. The assailants followed Rath's car for a long time before pumping him with bullets. This is the handiwork of Mamata and Abhishek Banerjee. We will not rest until the criminals are identified.

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Congress in dilemma as Khammam, Warangal civic bodies' terms end

The terms of Khammam and Greater Warangal municipal corporations have ended, leaving Congress in a dilemma over holding elections. With corporators dissatisfied over stalled development works and flood-related issues, BRS leaders are gearing up to highlight Congress's

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With the term of Khammam Municipal Corporation (KMC) and Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation (GWMC) coming to an end, the ruling Congress party seems to have been caught up in a dilemma over holding elections to the urban local bodies.

The term of GWMC ended on Wednesday, during which the last general body meeting of the present municipal council chaired by Mayor Gundu Sudharani, was convened to give approval to works worth Rs 76 crore.

Similarly the term of KMC is going to end on Thursday. The district Collectors of the respec-



tive districts would act as special officers for both the KMC and the GWMC until the elections are held.

BRS has won GWMC elections held in 2016 and 2021. After Congress came to power in 2023, Mayor Sudharani defected to Congress along with 30 corporators. It is being said the defected corporators are unhappy that they could not ensure de-

velopment despite being associated with the ruling party for the past two years. For instance, numerous residential colonies were inundated due to floods during monsoon last year. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, who visited the city at that time promised to expand nalas and other measures to prevent inundation in the affected colonies. But the proposed works

have not yet taken place so far. In view of this the ruling party corporators are said to be disinterested to face the elections immediately fearing backlash from the public.

Former BRS MLA Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar stated that despite all claims the Congress government has miserably failed to deliver its promises to develop the city. The BRS would expose the government's failures in the GWMC elections, whenever they take place, he noted.

In Khammam, elections were held twice after the KMC was formed. BRS has won the Mayor's both times. Incumbent Mayor P Neeraja after getting elected from BRS defected to Congress along

with several corporators after Congress came to power.

Focusing on the next elections, former Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar has already started holding meetings with the corporators and ward level leaders to prepare them for the elections. However, not much enthusiasm is seen in the Congress party.

Except for the projects sanctioned during the BRS regime, Khammam MLA, Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has failed to get any new project sanctioned for the city. The BRS cadres and the public are eager to teach a lesson to Congress in the next elections, Ajay Kumar noted.

BRS leaders fume at BJP, Congress over abusive politics

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Former Minister and BRS MLA Gangula Kamalakar castigated both the Congress and the BJP governments over their utter failure in addressing key people's issues, while indulging in political mudslinging. He reminded that the Opposition, along with people, has every right to question the ruling parties over their failures and irregularities.

Addressing a press meet at Telangana Bhavan on Wednesday, Kamalakar raised strong objection to abusive language used by Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay against BRS working president KT Rama Rao who criticised the failure of both the Centre and the State governments in law and order.

He ridiculed that instead of questioning Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over the recent robbery in Karimnagar at gunpoint, Bandi Sanjay was resort-



ing to reckless and derogatory language against the BRS leaders.

"Such language is unbecoming of a Union Minister. He appears to be speaking as a frustrated party worker rather than a responsible public representative," he observed, suggesting Sanjay to focus on pending projects like railway overbridges and dump yards from the Centre. He also accused him of failing to bring Central funds to the State over the past two-and-a-half years.

He alleged that both Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Bandi Sanjay were working in tandem. He dismissed the BJP leader's warning to BRS leaders against visiting

Karimnagar.

Meanwhile, BRS Assembly Whip KP Vivekananda said the success of Rama Rao's farmers' rally had rattled the government, triggering reactions from the Congress leaders. He accused the ruling party of diverting attention from unfulfilled promises under the Farmers' Declaration and demanded a white paper on its implementation.

Vivekananda also pointed to unresolved farmers' issues, citing delayed paddy procurement and distress among cultivators. He criticised the Congress leaders, including Minister Seethakka, MLC Adanki Dayakar and others, for resorting to abusive rhetoric against the BRS working president, instead of addressing governance failures. He dared Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to participate in a public debate on the Farmers' Declaration, asserting that the party would continue to hold the government accountable on farmer.

OBC Groups Slam 2027 Census Format

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

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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."

Mala Leaders Accuse T'gana Govt of Discrimination

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Dp Srinivas rao

The National Ambedkar Sena has alleged that the Telangana government is discriminating against the Mala community by failing to announce a chairman for the Mala Corporation. Speaking at a press conference held in Gunfoundry on Wednesday, National Ambedkar Sena president Manne Sridhar Rao said the state government had once again betrayed Mala and Madiga communities. He alleged that the government implemented SC



categorisation in an unscientific manner and caused injustice to Malas in roster points. While corporations were announced for several other communities, the government failed to establish separate corporations for Mala and Madiga communities despite their large population in the state, he said.

Sridhar Rao questioned why Mala and Madiga ministers in the state cabinet were remaining silent over what he described as discrimination and suppression of Dalit communities.

He accused elected representatives from SC-reserved constituencies of prioritising their ministe-

rial positions over the welfare of their communities.

State president Taluka Rajesh, general secretary Gummala Kamalakumar and other leaders participated in the meeting.

The leaders demanded that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy immediately establish separate corporations for Mala and Madiga communities and allocate ₹10,000 crore for their development. The organisation warned that if the government failed to respond, they would stage protests and burn effigies of Mala and Madiga ministers.

Peace Committee Delegation Felicitates CV Anand

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Dp Srinivas rao

A 25-member delegation from the Secunderabad Zone Peace Committee met senior police officials at the DGP office near the Assembly and felicitated them for their services and coordination with the public. The delegation was led by President Narayan Reddy and Working President Sharat Shyam. Former PCC Telangana



State Secretary and Peace Committee member Malm Ramesh also participated in the meeting. During the interaction, the delegation particularly appreciated the leadership and administrative role of senior police officer CV

Anand in maintaining peace, public confidence, and effective coordination in the city.

Committee members stated that the police department's proactive approach has helped strengthen harmony and trust among communities. They noted that CV Anand's leadership has played an important role in ensuring better communication between the administration and the public.

Telangana govt appoints heads to 18 Corporations, constitutes Gram Panchayat Tribunal

The State government on Wednesday appointed chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and members to 18 corporations and also constituted the Telangana Gram Panchayat Tribunal. Separate orders to this effect were issued.

Under G.O.Rt.No.601, the government appointed the following chairpersons and vice-chairpersons: Baswaraju Srinivas (Chairman) and Ponnada Subrahmanya Prasad (Vice-Chairman) for Brahmin Samkshema Parishad; Dr Dasariraju Ajay Kumar and Bangaru Babu for Washerman Co-operative Corporation Limited; Motukuri Chandrashekar Goud and Kesam Nagaraju Goud for Toddy Tappers Co-operative Corporation Limited; Dongari Venkateswarlu and Budagam Srinivas for Perika Co-operative Corporation Limited; Sanga Venkatarajam and M Laxmi Narayana for Mera Co-operative Corporation Limited.

Similarly, the government appointed the following chairpersons and vice-chairpersons: Gattu Thimmappa (Chairman) and Boya Nagesh (Vice-Chairman) for Valmiki Boya Co-operative Corporation Limited; Bomma Sriram and Allam Bhaskar for Munnurkapu Co-operative Corporation Limited; M Raghunath Yadav and Gajji Bhaskar Yadav for Yadava Co-operative Corporation Limited; Gunja Renuka Narayana and Baththula Venkatesh for Vaddera Co-operative Corporation Limited; Dudem Venkat Ramana and Jakkani Aneetha for Telangana Handloom Development Corporation Limited; and Bandi Ramesh and Paruchuri Murali for Kamma Corporation Limited.

Transparent Review of Media Accreditation Applications at Nizamabad DMAC Meeting

NIZAMABAD
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The District Media Accreditation Committee (DMAC) of Nizamabad district held its first meeting on Wednesday at the Integrated District Offices Complex, under the leadership of District Collector and Committee Chairperson Ila Tripathi. During the session, committee members extended a warm welcome to the Collector and formally introduced themselves. The meeting primarily focused on examining online applications submitted by journalists seeking accreditation cards for the 2026-2028 period. As per the provisions



of G.O. 252, the committee carefully scrutinized each application. Eligible candidates were approved by the members, and the final sanction was accorded by the Chairperson. Highlighting the importance of a fair and accountable system, the Collector directed officials to ensure that the entire accreditation process is conducted with utmost transpar-

ency and in strict adherence to government guidelines. She emphasized that genuine and deserving journalists must receive accreditation without delay. The Collector also advised that future applications be reviewed with the same level of diligence to maintain credibility and efficiency in the system. The meeting saw participation from District Public Relations Officer N. Padmashri, Deputy Executive Information Engineer M. Umesh Chandra Rao, RTC P.O. Padmaja, and committee members A. Narsimlu, R. Bhoopathi, G. Sai Prasad, CH. Johnson, M.A. Majid, K. Ramdayanand, L. Bal Kumar, S. Sreekanth, and N. Srinivas.

PAC CHAIRMAN HOLDS REVIEW MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES IN SERILINGAMPALLY

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Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman A. Arikpudi Gandhi held a review meeting at the Serilingampally Zonal Office along with Cyberabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner G. Srujana and Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit Malempati to discuss civic issues and development works in the constituency.

Speaking at the meeting, Gandhi said Serilingampally is one of the most densely populated and traffic-congested constituencies in Telangana, and completion of pending



link roads would significantly improve connectivity and ease traffic problems. He stressed the need to complete key roads, including the stretch connecting Aparna Hill Park to NH via Gangaram Cheruvu Hanuman Temple and the link road from NH-65 (BHEL culvert nala) to Sri Devi Theatre road. He said these projects would reduce congestion, save fuel, and

cut travel time for commuters.

He also highlighted the urgent need for foot overbridges at Chandanagar and Botanical Garden to improve pedestrian safety and prevent accidents. Gandhi urged officials to speed up all pending development works and ensure timely release of funds for CC roads, repairs, and civic infrastructure.

Telangana HC grants more time to defected MLAs



The Telangana High Court on Wednesday granted additional time for counters to ten MLAs who were elected from BRS party and allegedly defected to the ruling Congress party.

The division bench comprising Chief Justice Aapresh Kumar Singh and Justice GM Mohiuddin was dealing with writ pleas filed by BRS legislators challenging the Assembly Speaker's decision to dismiss pleas seeking disqualification of the alleged defectors.

The defected MLAs were already granted three weeks time on the previous occasion for submitting their response, however the MLAs sought further time on Wednesday. The petitioners' counsel argued that the Speaker had dismissed the disqualification petitions without considering relevant and material evidence.

Stop pleading, start questioning: KTR asks farmers at BRS Warangal meet

WARANGAL
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Upping the ante against the Congress government, BRS working president KT Rama Rao lambasted it for betraying farmers in the name of Farmers' Declaration in Warangal and failing to implement all 34 promises. He warned that unless the Congress implements its promises, the Chief Minister and Ministers will not be able to step out into the public.

"Stop pleading and start questioning. It is time to bring down this anti-farmer government to its knees," he declared to a roaring crowd at Rythu Sangrama Sadassu (farmers' meet) organised by the BRS in Warangal. Addressing a large gathering, Rama Rao launched a blistering attack on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and the Congress leadership, questioning the fate of the Farmers' Declaration announced by



Rahul Gandhi. He targeted Rahul Gandhi for making tall promises and abandoning farmers of Telangana after the Congress came to power. He reminded that four years since the Farmers' Declaration and over two years in power, the Congress failed to honour even a single promise. "Where is the Farmers' Declaration? What is the Chief Minister doing while farmers suffer at procurement centres?" he asked.

He alleged that the Congress had failed to honour its key promises, including Rs 15,000 per acre investment support, loan waivers, crop insurance and procurement guaran-

tees. Calling the declaration a bogus document, he said, "Farmers were handed a scrap of paper in the name of Farmers' Declaration." He termed the State government's Mega Farmers Mela as deceit mela.

The BRS working president accused the government of failing to procure crops and delaying payments, forcing farmers into distress. Drawing a contrast with the previous regime under K Chandrashekhar Rao, he said while the former procured crops even during COVID-19 crisis, the Congress was proving to be dangerous than COVID-19 for farmers by abandoning them in dire conditions. He reminded that Rythu Bandhu initiated by former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao was replicated by the Central government and 20 other States in the country.

Taking aim at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy,

Rama Rao dared him to prove that the Rs 2 lakh farm loan waiver was implemented successfully across the State. "I am ready to resign if the government can prove full implementation in even a single village. Will the Chief Minister accept the challenge?" he challenged, adding that incomplete loan waivers had pushed farmers into debt traps, with some driven to extreme distress.

He charged that the government reduced critical support schemes to farmers. "The situation has deteriorated to the point where seeds and fertilisers are being distributed at police stations and fire stations. That is the state of governance today," he remarked.

Rama Rao warned of Statewide protests if the government continues to delay procurement any further. "Procure every grain or face the wrath of farmers," he said.

No Modi Visit Without Palamuru Status: Panduranga Reddy

Declare National Status to Palamuru Project Before Visiting Telangana, Says Telangana Rakshana Sena Ranga Reddy district president Kappati Panduranga Reddy

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana Rakshana Sena has demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi fulfil his long-pending promise of granting national project status to the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme before visiting

Telangana. Addressing a press conference on Wednesday, Telangana Rakshana Sena Ranga Reddy district president Kappati Panduranga Reddy said the Prime Minister should not step onto Telangana soil unless the Centre officially announces national status for the irrigation project. He reminded that during the 2014 election campaign meeting in Mahabubnagar, Modi, then the NDA's prime ministerial candidate, had assured the people that the Palamuru-Rangareddy project would receive national



Telangana Rakshana Sena Ranga Reddy district president Kappati Panduranga Reddy

recognition if the NDA was voted to power. Panduranga Reddy alleged that despite being in power at the Centre for the past 12 years, the BJP government had failed to honour the promise or make any serious effort towards granting national status to the project. He said the continued delay reflects the Centre's neglect towards the irrigation and agricultural needs of South Telangana farmers. He further pointed out that even after the BJP won the Mahabubnagar Lok Sabha seat

in the recent parliamentary elections, the Union government remained silent on the issue. According to him, farmers dependent on traditional agriculture and struggling for irrigation water have been severely disappointed by the Centre's inaction. The Telangana Rakshana Sena leader stated that Modi is scheduled to visit Telangana on May 10 for the foundation stone laying ceremony of the Warangal Mamnoon Airport project. Before arriving in the State, the Prime Minister must announce national status for the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, he demanded. Warning the Centre against ignoring farmers' interests, Panduranga Reddy said Telangana society would not remain silent if irrigation concerns continued to be neglected.

Centre Approves Special Railway Project Status for Key ROBs in Nizamabad: MP Arvind Hails

Centre Grants Special Railway Project Status to Indalwai, Jankampet ROBs. Boosting Connectivity and Reducing Traffic Congestion in Nizamabad District

NIZAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a major relief to commuters and a step forward in strengthening infrastructure, the Central Government has granted "Special Railway Project" status to the proposed Road Over Bridges (ROBs) at Indalwai and Jankampet Goods Shed in Nizamabad district. Welcoming the move, Member of Parliament Dharmapuri Arvind expressed his gratitude to Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and the Central Government.

The MP stated that he had repeatedly taken up the issue with the Railway Ministry and senior officials, highlighting the urgent need for ROBs at these busy level crossings to resolve long-standing traffic congestion and safety concerns. The Centre's approval, he said, reflects its commitment to addressing public needs and improving regional connectivity. As per the Gazette Notification, the ROBs at LC 190A (Jankampet-Nizamabad) and LC 198 (Indalwai-Sirnappally) have been declared Special Railway Projects under the Railways



Act, 1989.

This classification enables faster execution by bringing the projects under national infrastructure priorities. Dharmapuri Arvind explained that the new status will accelerate land acquisition, streamline administrative approvals, and ensure quicker tendering and project completion. He emphasized that once completed, these ROBs will significantly reduce accidents at railway crossings and provide safer and smoother travel for the public. He further noted that the projects will ease traffic congestion, improve connectivity between rural and urban areas, and contribute to the overall development of the

district. Reaffirming his commitment, the MP said that efforts are underway to achieve the construction of at least 10 ROBs within the Nizamabad Parliamentary constituency.

He assured continued coordination with the Central Government to convert more level crossings into ROBs in the future.

The MP also highlighted that development works worth ₹53 crore under the Amrit Bharat scheme at Nizamabad Railway Station are progressing rapidly and are expected to enhance passenger amenities with modern infrastructure. Additionally, he pointed out that several trains passing through Nizamabad have recently been converted from special to regular services, improving travel convenience and ensuring better connectivity for passengers.

Dharmapuri Arvind concluded by once again thanking the Central Government and the Ministry of Railways for recognizing the importance of these projects and prioritizing them under the Special Railway Projects category.

Prem Hastam Foundation Inspires Young Minds Through Grand VBS Summer Camp

HYDERABAD
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A three-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) training program organised by Prem Hastam Foundation Charitable Trust concluded successfully with enthusiastic participation from children and parents alike. The program was conducted under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Vijay Darla, Founder & Chairman of Prem Hastam Foundation, along with Dr. Elizabeth Darla. Nearly 70 children participated in the VBS camp, which aimed to provide spiritual guidance, moral education,



and creative learning during the summer holidays. The organizers conducted various engaging activities including Bible verse learning, moral stories, memory verses, quiz competitions, drawing contests, and interactive sessions designed to nurture discipline, values, and confidence among children. The program created a joyful and spiritually enriching at-

mosphere where children actively showcased their talents and learned valuable life lessons. Organisers stated that the initiative was designed to help children spend their vacation in a meaningful and productive way while strengthening their moral and spiritual foundation.

Children who excelled in various competitions during the VBS program were honoured with certificates and gift boxes. The awards were presented by former Councilor Kommagoni Ramadevi Maipal Goud and Dr. Kiran Kumar of Ghatkesar Government Hospital.

Farmers Allege Irregularities in Paddy Procurement; BJP Stages Protest

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Farmers in Choppadandi constituency, along with BJP leaders, staged a protest at Gangadhara alleging unfair practices in paddy procurement. BJP Kisan Morcha State Vice President Singireddy Krishnareddy accused officials and millers of making illegal deductions



under the name of "tare" and downgrading quality grain to reduce prices. He claimed delays in opening procurement

centers led to moisture loss, causing additional losses to farmers.

Holding local MLA Medipalli Satyam accountable, he demanded an end to such practices, fair procurement, better transport facilities, and action against responsible officials. BJP leaders warned of intensified protests if farmers' issues are not addressed.

Nooli Shyam Sunder Promoted as DAO Grade-I, Reports at Irrigation Division-I Sangareddy

SANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana
Thalka Anjaiah

Nooli Shyam Sunder, who was serving as Divisional Accounts Officer (Works) Grade-II, has been promoted as Divisional Accounts Officer (Works) Grade-I and officially reported at the office of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division No.1, Sangareddy. According to the proceedings issued by the Director of Works Accounts, Telangana, Hyderabad, dated 01-05-2026,



promotions were granted to eligible officers from DAO (Works) Grade-II to DAO (Works) Grade-I for the panel year 2025-26. Nooli Shyam Sunder was among the officers selected for promotion and posting. Shyam Sunder has served in several impor-

tant offices and divisions during his career, including Sangareddy, Zaheerabad, Mission Bhagiratha Gajwel, Kaleshwaram Project Division, TG Medical Services Infrastructure Development Corporation, Estate Office Hyderabad and Panchayat Raj Division Andole. He is widely known for his disciplined work style, dedication, financial accountability and cordial relations with officials and staff members. On the occasion of his promotion, several officers, col-

leagues and well-wishers conveyed their heartfelt congratulations and wished him grand success in his new assignment as DAO Grade-I. Among those who extended greetings were Tummalalappally Jagadeeshwar, Superintendent Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Medak Region and In-charge Executive Engineer PR, L. Kurumaiah, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR Sub-Division Andole, along with DEEs Madhukar, J. Krishna, Madhusudhan Reddy and other officials.

A New Era of Leadership: Sanjay Ghanate Takes Charge as National President: HRD Graduate Parishad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Marking a progressive step toward strengthening community leadership, the All India Bhavsar Kshatriya Mahasabha has appointed Sri Sanjay Ghanate as the National President of its HRD Graduate Parishad, with immediate effect.

The appointment was officially announced by National President Dr. Raju B. Jawalkar, who highlighted Ghanate's proven



leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the upliftment and unity of the Bhavsar Kshatriya community. The decision reflects a strong belief in his ability to energize the organization and expand its impact across the country. In his new role, Sanjay Ghanate will spearhead

efforts to strengthen coordination among national, state, and district units, while actively driving programs and initiatives aligned with the Mahasabha's vision. He will also represent the organization at key forums, ensuring a stronger voice for the community in social and public spheres. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jawalkar expressed confidence that this leadership transition would usher in a phase of dynamic growth, en-

hanced youth engagement, and greater organizational cohesion. The announcement has generated a wave of optimism and enthusiasm among members nationwide, who see Ghanate's appointment as a catalyst for innovation, unity, and sustained progress. With this development, the Mahasabha continues its journey toward building a vibrant, empowered, and forward-looking community under capable leadership.

Rahul To Attend Vijay's Oath Ceremony

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi is set to attend the oath-taking ceremony of actor-turned-politician Vijay at the Jawaharal Nehru Stadium, indicating a possible shift in political alignments in Tamil Nadu. The development comes amid indications that the Congress is reassessing its long-standing association with the DMK led by M.K. Stalin. The party has already extended support from its five MLAs in the state to Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), following a request from the outfit. Simultaneously, the party has initiated consultations in Kerala over leadership selection. Senior leaders Mukul Wasnik and Ajay Maken have been appointed observers to interact with MLAs and assess preferences for the chief minister's post. Among those in contention are Ramesh Chennithala, V.D. Satheesan and K.C. Venu-gopal, reflecting increased factional activity within the state unit. Several leaders have also urged the party high command to rule out a rotational chief minister arrangement and instead opt for a clear leadership structure.

Ted Turner, CNN Founder, 24-Hour TV News Pioneer, Dies At 87

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Ted Turner, the swash-buckling billionaire who founded CNN, the first 24-hour news channel in the world, and turned his company into one of the biggest US cable-television systems before selling it to Time Warner Inc., has died. He was 87. He died on Wednesday, CNN reported, citing a news release from his company, Turner Enterprises. He had announced in 2018 that he was suffering from Lewy body dementia, a progressive brain disorder, and largely disappeared from public life after that. Few media tycoons had a more tumultuous and varied career, or pursued their passions more publicly, than the man whose nicknames included Captain Outrageous and The Mouth of the South. While serving up quips and wisecracks that entertained and offended, he created cable TV networks such as the Cartoon Network, TBS and Turner Classic



Movies, along with CNN; bought the Atlanta Braves baseball team and the Atlanta Hawks basketball team; and married and divorced Hollywood star Jane Fonda. An ardent conservationist, he became one of the nation's largest individual landowners, with estimated holdings of 2 million acres (about 809,000 hectares) in eight states — plus their more than 45,000 bison. As a philanthropist, he pledged \$1 billion to the United Nations in 1997. Turner's estimated net worth was \$2.8 billion, according to Forbes. "If I only had a little humility, I'd be perfect," he once said. Dave Bristol, a former manager of Turner's Braves, told a Turner biog-

rapher, "He just burns a different fuel than the rest of us." Turner "believed deeply in the power of ideas, in doing things differently and in building platforms that could inform, inspire and connect people around the world," David Zaslav, chief executive of CNN's parent, Warner Bros. Discovery Inc., said in a statement. "That belief inspired generations of leaders, myself included." The sale that was to be the capstone of Turner's corporate career — the \$8 billion acquisition of his Turner Broadcasting System Inc. by Time Warner in 1996 — ultimately cost him control of his empire and later his own job. Time Warner was sold to America Online Inc. in 2001, and Turner became the largest individual shareholder of the new company and vice chairman. Once the internet bubble burst and few of the promised benefits of the combined companies came to fruition, the value of Turner's holdings

plunged by \$7 billion, wiping out the bulk of his fortune. He openly criticized senior executives at the company before resigning his post in 2003, staying on as a director until 2006 while selling his Time Warner stake. In 2016, Time Warner announced the sale of the media empire he helped create — including the cable channels CNN and TBS — to AT&T Inc. for \$85.4 billion. As part of a new unit later named Warner Bros. Discovery, CNN became a frequent target of President Donald Trump, who derided the network as "fake news." The industry that Turner pioneered became even more challenged by consumers dropping cable TV service for new online alternatives from Netflix Inc. and Amazon.com Inc. CNN faces more possible changes ahead, with Paramount Skydance Corp. seeking to acquire its parent. David Ellison, Paramount's CEO, is the son of Larry Ellison, a billionaire ally of Trump.

Didi Wants Guv To Sack Her For Refusing To Quit As CM

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

Trinamul Congress chief Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday indicated she would not resign as Chief Minister despite the party's defeat in the West Bengal Assembly elections, and said she was prepared for dismissal by Governor R.N. Ravi, which could lead to President's Rule in the state. At a meeting with newly elected TMC legislators at her Kalighat residence, she also indicated plans to challenge the poll outcome legally, including approaching the Supreme Court. She tasked outgoing Assembly Speaker Biman Banerjee with exploring legal options. According to party sources, Mamata Banerjee told legislators she had not resigned as a protest against what she termed a "forcible defeat



party. In a statement, the party said, "It has come to our attention that certain leaders have recently expressed their views in the media which are being construed as the official position of the Party." It added, "We wish to clarify that any such statements made in the media or shared on social media platforms represent the personal views of the individuals concerned. It should not be interpreted as the official stance unless officially communicated through authorised channels of the Party." The developments follow criticism by former MLAs Atin Ghosh and Rabindranath Ghosh over the role of party strategist I-PAC. Separately, security deployment was withdrawn from Abhishek Banerjee's residence in Kolkata earlier in the day.

by loot of votes by BJP with the help of the Election Commission in the polls." She is said to have suggested that dismissal and dissolution of the Assembly could follow. The meeting did not finalise the leader of the Opposition, with several MLAs absent. She also asked party legislators to attend the first Assembly session dressed in black. During the meeting, she defended her nephew Abhishek Banerjee amid internal criticism and directed legislators to support him. A disciplinary committee was constituted to act against dissent within the

Iran War Cans Crisis Fuels Diet Coke Parties In India

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A shortage of Diet Coke in India, triggered by supply chain disruptions linked to tensions around the Strait of Hormuz, has unexpectedly sparked a new social trend across major cities. Bars, restaurants, and social media influencers are cashing in on the craze by hosting themed "Diet Coke parties" that are drawing young crowds eager to celebrate the scarce beverage. Unlike many global markets where Diet Coke is sold in multiple packaging formats, the drink is available only in cans in India. This has made supplies more vulnerable to shipping disruptions, leading to limited availability across stores and online platforms. As stocks dwindled, the shortage quickly transformed into a viral social media phenomenon, especially among urban youth. Restaurants and event organisers in cities such as New Delhi and Mumbai have begun hosting exclu-



sive Diet Coke-themed gatherings with entry fees ranging between \$10 and \$16. These events combine music, cocktails, art activities, and access to the increasingly hard-to-find beverage. Partygoers have embraced the trend by dressing in Diet Coke-inspired outfits and experimenting with unique drink combinations using local spices, jalapenos, and honey. At one event in Mumbai, organisers even offered raffle prizes, with winners taking home cartons containing 50 Diet Coke cans each. In New Delhi,

themed parties featured "Coke-tail" menus where Diet Coke was mixed with alcohol and creative flavours, turning the drink into the centrepiece of social entertainment. Marketing executive Ishika Gupta, who organised one of the first Diet Coke parties in India, said the idea was to bring together fans of the beverage in a fun and interactive environment. Following the popularity of the event, she revealed that discussions are underway for more such gatherings in collaboration with Coca-Cola. Busi-

nesses are now actively using the shortage as a promotional opportunity. Hospitality firm Nine-camp Ventures announced a themed event near New Delhi where Diet Coke would be served free with snacks for attendees. Meanwhile, retail chain Broadway is promoting a "full-blown Diet Coke experience" featuring burgers, vintage art, and customised T-shirt painting sessions. Industry observers say the trend reflects how scarcity can rapidly fuel demand and create viral consumer culture among younger audiences. Diet Coke has long been popular in India as a mixer with rum and among health-conscious consumers, but the current shortage has elevated it into a lifestyle symbol amplified by memes and online conversations. As demand continues to outpace supply, the unusual "cult of Diet Coke" appears to be growing stronger, turning a beverage shortage into one of India's most talked-about social fads.

CJI Flags Concerns Over AI Bias Against Poor

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Wednesday flagged concerns over bias in artificial intelligence, stating that emerging reports indicate discrimination against the poor, and emphasised that social justice remains central to an equitable society. Speaking at the 8th Dinkar Memorial Lecture on "Rashmirathi: The Epic of Social Justice" organised by NGO Respect India, he said the principles of equality and human dignity were reflected in the works of

Ramdhari Singh Dinkar even before they were embedded in the Constitution. Highlighting concerns over technology, he said reports suggest that artificial intelligence systems can exhibit discriminatory tendencies. Recalling his early years, the Chief Justice said he was encouraged to read writers such as Munshi Premchand, Suryakant Tripathi Nirala, Harivansh Rai Bachchan and Mahadevi Varma, whose works inspired social thought and reform. He said literature during the freedom movement provided both

solace and a sense of change, adding that law should similarly serve people. Referring to Dinkar's work, he said it underscores social equality and harmony, values also reflected in the legal system. The Chief Justice noted that Dinkar was conferred the title 'Rashtrakavi' by Mahatma Gandhi, and said his writings reflected the aspirations and struggles of the nation. "In a democracy, equality, dignity and social harmony are essential. Merely passing laws is not enough unless every individual is treated with

dignity and respect," he said. He said inequalities persist decades after Dinkar's writings and stressed that social justice must remain foundational to governance and society. The event was attended by Supreme Court Bar Association president Vikas Singh and Lok Sabha MP Manoj Tiwari, who was conferred the 'Dinkar Sanskriti Samman'. Supreme Court judge P B Varale was also present. Organisers said the lecture aimed to connect literary thought with contemporary legal and social issues.

Rajnath to Review National Security at Joint Commanders' Conference in Jaipur

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Defence minister Rajnath Singh will on Thursday review India's national security challenges and military preparedness at a Joint Commanders' Conference in Jaipur, coinciding with the first anniversary of Operation Sindoor. The conference, bringing together top commanders of the Army, Air Force and Navy, will be held on May 7 and 8 under the theme 'Military Capability in New Domains'. Chief of Defence



Staff Anil Chauhan will also attend. Operation Sindoor, carried out on May 7 last year, involved precision strikes on nine terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in response to the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 civilians. In a post on X, Rajnath Singh said, "Tomorrow, May 7, I

shall be in Bihar to attend the swearing-in ceremony in Patna. Later in the evening, I shall be visiting Rajasthan to attend the Joint Commanders' Conference to be held in Jaipur. Looking forward." The conference agenda includes strengthening indigenous self-reliance in defence production through innovation and civil-military collaboration. Discussions will focus on emerging domains such as cyber, space and cognitive warfare, amid increasing use

of artificial intelligence and unmanned systems in modern conflict. The meeting is also expected to outline strategies for building future-ready capabilities. Officials said the event will feature demonstrations of new technologies developed domestically and the release of doctrines related to future warfare and operational strategies. The conference is intended as a platform for senior military leadership to exchange strategies and best practices on national security.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Indian Companies.....

"We have 12 Indian companies making investment announcements at this summit, totalling more than \$1.1 billion. That is the largest number of announcements we have seen from a single delegation at SelectUSA," said US Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade William Kimmitt. The Indian investments are expected to create 1,500 jobs in the US. The largest investment in this tranche of announcements came from Ahmedabad-based Abhyuday Group, which committed \$900 million to set up manufacturing clusters in five US states. Mumbai-based Sterlite Technologies Limited announced a new greenfield factory investment of up to \$100

million in the US to offer connectivity solutions, including terminating optical fibre cables. PR Jindal Group announced an \$87 million investment in Texas and Mississippi. TechDome Solutions, an Indore-based technology firm, plans to invest up to \$75 million in the US over the next five years. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras Global Research Foundation plans to set up a US location in California to drive research collaboration with US universities and colleges. This will be a soft landing pad for IIT and global startups, and will provide seminars and classes in the US for \$4.5 million.

India, Vietnam Boost..

On defence ties, he said, "Vietnam

is a key pillar of India's Act-East Policy and Vision Ocean. We also share a common outlook in the Indo-Pacific region. Through our strengthened defence and security cooperation, we will continue to contribute to the rule of law, peace, stability, and prosperity." Referring to trade, Modi said, "Bilateral trade between India and Vietnam has doubled in the last decade to reach \$16 billion. We have taken several important decisions today to increase this to \$25 billion by 2030." On cultural ties, he said, "He began his visit to India from Bodh Gaya, reflecting the shared civilizational and spiritual traditions of our two countries." President To Lam, in his remarks, called for deeper political engagement and stronger defence cooperation, de-

scribing India-Vietnam ties as a "special relationship that was as clear as a cloudless sky."

Shah To Pick 1st.....

Amit Shah, along with Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, has been appointed as central observer for the election of the BJP legislative party leader. They are scheduled to meet all 207 BJP MLAs-elect in Kolkata. Among the contenders for the chief minister's post is Suwendu Adhikari, who defeated Trinamul Congress chief Mamata Banerjee in Bhowanipore while retaining his Nandigram seat. Other names in consideration include Dilip Ghosh and Swapan Dasgupta. Suwendu Adhikari said, "I will convey my wish to my top leaders

and will do what they will ask me to do. But I will keep doing my bit for both the seats." Meanwhile, state BJP president Samik Bhattacharya and party leader Sunil Bansal met Chief Secretary Dushyant Nariaala at Nabanna to discuss government formation and post-poll law and order issues.

Uncertainty Clouds....

Arlekar, who is said to have given two days' time to Vijay to prove his majority, dissolved the 16th Assembly with effect from May 5 on Wednesday and offered no clarity on the formation of the 17th Assembly, for which the elections have thrown up an indecisive result. Rumours of the AIADMK planning to support Vijay in government formation was also dis-

pelled after its MLAs met in Chennai to take stock of the political situation on Wednesday. Party joint general secretary K.P. Munusamy denied having discussed plans to support Vijay. Earlier, a section of the AIADMK leaders had wanted to help Vijay, much to the chagrin of general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami. The Congress leaders, led by TNCC president K. Selvaperuthagai visited the Pannaiyur office of TVK and handed over a letter pledging support in government formation. Signed by Congress Working Committee in-charge for Tamil Nadu Girish Chodankar, the letter said that the party was responding to a request from Vijay and made it clear that the TVK should not align.

CRIME

EDITORIAL

TELANGANA HIGH COURT PROTECTS 150-YEAR-OLD NOTIFIED WAQF GRAVEYARD

STATUS QUO ORDER PASSED AGAINST ILLEGAL ROAD WIDENING & DISTURBANCE OF GRAVES

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hon'ble High Court for the State of Telangana, presided over by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Surepalli Nanda, has granted significant interim protection in favour of the petitioners in the matter concerning the 150-year-old notified Waqf Graveyard situated at Amistapur Village, Bhoothpur Mandal, Mahabubnagar District.



The Hon'ble Court directed maintenance of interim status quo and observed that the graveyard shall not be disturbed without following the due process of law, in relation to the proposed road widening activity and alleged attempts to interfere with existing graves situated within the notified Waqf land. The Hon'ble Court also directed the District Collector to consider the representation submitted by the petitioners in accordance with law. The writ petition was filed challenging the attempted illegal road widening process, proposed disturbance/demolition of graves and threats of bulldozer action affecting the functioning grave-

yard. bulldozer action upon the functioning graveyard would directly affect existing graves and infringe the dignity, religious sentiments and constitutional rights of the local Muslim community protected under Article 21 of the Constitution of India and Article 25 of the Constitution of India.

Learned Counsel appearing for the Telangana State Waqf Board, Mr. Farhan Azam Khan, also fairly submitted before the Hon'ble Court that, considering the notified Waqf nature of the graveyard and the religious sensitivity involved, the authorities may consider a change of route/alignment so as to avoid disturbance to the graveyard land.

Taking note of the urgency, historical significance and religious sensitivity involved, the Hon'ble High Court granted interim protection and safeguarded the graveyard from coercive action except in accordance with law. The order has brought immense relief to the residents and Muslim community of Amistapur Village, for whom the graveyard carries deep religious, emotional and ancestral significance.

Supreme Court Rejects 600-Acre Private Land Claim; Paves Way for Reserve Forest in Telangana

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a long-pending civil appeal by private parties claiming ownership over about 600 acres of land in Bhadradi Kothagudem district, proposed to be included in a reserve forest. The land forms part of 787 acres in Survey No. 81 of Kalvalanagaram village, which was notified for inclusion as reserve forest through a Gazette notification dated February 6, 1950 under Section 7(1) of the Hyderabad Forest Act.

The appellants, led by Vadiyala Prabhakar Rao, claimed that their predecessors had been granted pattas by the Nizam of Hyderabad between 1931 and 1932. They relied on revenue records, including Faisal Patti, Vasool Baqi and pahanies, to support their claim. The matter had been litigated before revenue authorities, the High Court and subsequently the Supreme Court. A Bench of Justices Pankaj Mithal and S.V.N. Bhatti upheld the findings of the Telangana High Court Division Bench and the earlier order of the joint collec-

tor, Khammam, rejecting the claims. The court noted that the appellants failed to produce original pattas or primary title documents. It also recorded that the claimants were not in physical possession of the land for several decades and that the property remained uncultivated with forest growth. The Bench further observed that the claimants did not establish the chain of title from the original pattadars to the present appellants. Revenue records for 1954-55 described the land as deserted and covered.

HC Hears PIL on WW-II Memorial Relocation Near Parade Ground

The Telangana High Court declined to intervene in a public interest litigation alleging proposed demolition of a World War II memorial near Parade Ground in Secunderabad for an elevated corridor project. The court recorded submissions of the state that the memorial was not being demolished and that proposals were under consideration to relocate it, with discussions involving HMDA, the Cantonment Board and defence authorities. The state counsel assured that the structure would not be disturbed until a final decision is taken. The bench directed petitioner J. Rama Krishna to submit a detailed representation to the concerned authorities regarding his grievance. The petition, filed as a PIL, was at the scrutiny stage following registry objections. The court observed that the petitioner should first approach the authorities before seeking judicial intervention.

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.

PM Visit to Hyderabad: High-Level Security Review Conducted

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

In view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Hyderabad on Sunday (May 10), Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao held a high-level review meeting with senior officials to assess security arrangements. Extensive security measures and traffic restrictions will be implemented across key routes in the city during the visit. The Chief Secretary directed officials from police, traffic, intelligence, and



GHMC to work in close coordination. He emphasized strict implementation of 'Blue Book' security protocols and instructed that all details of the visit be kept confidential. Officials also inspected the venue at HITEC International Convention Centre where the meeting is scheduled. Senior officials, including DGP (Law & Order) Mahesh Bhagwat, Cyberabad CP Dr. M. Ramesh, Ranga Reddy Collector Narayan Reddy, and Municipal Commissioner Srujana, were present at the review meeting.

Street Food Safety Under Scanner: Public Demands Cleanliness & Food Security Measures

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Street food stalls are an inseparable part of urban life, attracting hundreds of customers daily with affordable snacks and fast service. However, growing concerns are being raised over the lack of cleanliness, food safety standards, and hygienic handling practices at several roadside food vending points across the city. Recent observations at a busy roadside food preparation center revealed food items

being cooked and stored in open surroundings exposed to dust, smoke, insects, and vehicle pollution. Fried snacks and edible items were reportedly kept uncovered near roadsides without proper protection, while cooking activities were carried out in highly congested public areas. Public health-con-

scious citizens expressed concern that many street food vendors are operating without adequate sanitation facilities, gloves, hand covers, clean water arrangements, or proper waste disposal systems. In several places, utensils and food containers were seen placed directly on dusty ground surfaces, increasing the risk of contamination. Consumers say that although street food provides livelihood opportunities for thousands of small vendors, basic hygiene standards should not

be ignored. They stressed that food safety is directly linked to public health and that negligence could lead to seasonal diseases, food poisoning, stomach infections, and other health complications. Citizens are urging the concerned Food Safety Department, Municipal Authorities, and Health Officials to conduct regular inspections, create awareness among vendors, and ensure that roadside food businesses follow minimum cleanliness protocols.

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.



Krishna Pearls Bags Kohinoor Jewellery Award 2026

Krishna Pearls & Jewellers Wins Kohinoor Jewellery Award 2026 at Hyderabad International Jewellery

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Krishna Pearls & Jewellers has been honoured at the prestigious Kohinoor Jewellery Awards 2026 held during the Hyderabad International Jewellery Show 2026 (HIJS 2026), South India's largest B2B jewellery exhibition. The award ceremony, organised in Hyderabad, brought together leading names and iconic brands from the gems and jewellery industry to celebrate excellence, innovation and outstanding contributions to the sector.

The event was attended by Nandini Gupta as the



chief guest. The recognition marks another milestone for Krishna Pearls & Jewellers, which has completed 43 years in the jewellery industry with a reputation built on quality, trust, purity and innovation. The brand has established a strong presence among both Indian and

international customers through its expanding retail network and premium jewellery collections. Founded in 1983 by Devender Kumar, the company emerged as one of Hyderabad's prominent names in pearls and fine jewellery. Over the years, it diversified into

diamonds, coloured stones and high-end jewellery collections while maintaining its focus on craftsmanship and authenticity.

The business is currently led by Devender Kumar and Ankit Agarwal, who continue to expand the brand while preserving its legacy in the pearls and jewellery segment. Krishna Pearls & Jewellers now operates 13 stores across major locations, including flagship outlets at Punjagutta and Kondapur under the High Jewellery Street format. Its outlets are also located at Sarath City Capital Mall, Nexus Mall at KPHB, The Westin Mindspace,

Hyderabad Airport, Mumbai Airport, Chennai Airport, Novotel Hyderabad Airport and The Falaknuma Palace.

The company said the latest recognition at the Kohinoor Jewellery Awards further strengthens its position as a trusted jewellery brand and reflects its continued commitment to excellence in design, purity and customer satisfaction.

With over four decades of legacy, Krishna Pearls & Jewellers continues to expand its footprint while setting new benchmarks in the gems and jewellery industry.

Sebi classifies 'significant index' based on Rs 20,000cr AUM threshold

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Markets regulator Sebi has introduced a regulatory framework classifying any index as a "significant index" if it is benchmarked by mutual fund schemes with daily average cumulative assets under management (AUM) exceeding Rs 20,000 crore for each of the preceding six months.

The move is aimed at enhancing transparency and accountability in index governance.

In its circular on Tuesday, the regulator said the threshold will be assessed for half-yearly periods ending on June 30 and December 31.

Once classified, an index will continue to remain in the "significant" category unless its tracked AUM falls below the threshold for three consecutive years.

"It is specified that a Benchmark or Index (including index of indices)



BSE Sensex and Nifty 50, along with broader market indices like Nifty 500 and BSE 500.

The list also includes sectoral, debt and hybrid indices from providers such as NSE Indices Ltd, BSE Index Services Pvt Ltd and CRISIL. Sebi said index providers offering any of these significant indices are required to apply for registration with it within six months. However, this requirement will not apply to indices already notified or authorised as benchmarks by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under relevant provisions of the RBI Act.

Existing providers may continue operations during the transition period, provided they submit their registration applications within the stipulated timeline. Further, entities already registered with Sebi in another capacity but offering index services will be required to set up a separate legal entity within two years.

based on listed securities shall be considered as 'significant indices', if the daily average cumulative AUM tracking the Benchmark or Index across schemes of Mutual Fund(s) exceeds Rs 20,000 crore for each of the past six months, ending on June 30 and December 31 each year," Sebi said in its circular.

The move follows the introduction of the Sebi (Index Providers) Regulations, 2024, which apply specifically to index providers administering such significant indices.

The regulator has also released an initial list of indices meeting the criteria, including widely tracked benchmarks such as the

India to get AI-powered orbital data centre satellite under Pixxel-Sarvam partnership

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India is set to launch its first AI-powered orbital data centre satellite, with space-tech startup Pixxel Pathfinder Satellite being jointly developed by Indian space-tech firm Pixxel and AI startup Sarvam AI.

The companies announced on Monday that the satellite, named Pathfinder, is expected to reach orbit by the fourth quarter of 2026. Under the collaboration, Pixxel will design, build, launch and operate the satellite, while Sar-

vam AI will provide the on-board artificial intelligence systems. The project aims to enable full-scale AI training and inference directly in space using indigenous language models operating independently of terrestrial cloud infrastructure. The Pathfinder satellite, weighing around 200 kg, will feature datacenter-grade GPUs comparable to those used in advanced ground-based AI systems.

Unlike conventional satellites that rely on low-power processors, the new system is designed to support high-



performance computing in orbit. The satellite will also carry Pixxel's flagship hyperspectral imaging camera,

making it one of the first satellites globally capable of capturing high-resolution hyperspectral imagery and pro-

cessing it in orbit using AI models. This onboard processing capability is expected to significantly reduce the need to transmit massive volumes of raw data back to Earth.

According to the companies, analysing data directly in space will enable real-time insights and faster decision-making for sectors such as environmental monitoring, infrastructure tracking, agriculture, disaster response and natural resource management. Pixxel CEO Awais Ahmed said orbital data centres could become a major

technological breakthrough as traditional ground-based infrastructure faces increasing limitations related to land availability, energy consumption and scalability.

He noted that space-based computing systems can leverage uninterrupted solar energy while operating closer to data sources. Sarvam AI CEO Pratyush Kumar said the initiative represents an important step toward India's technological sovereignty. He stated that deploying India-built AI systems in orbit would reduce dependence on foreign cloud

infrastructure and strengthen indigenous AI capabilities. The mission will additionally test real-time AI inference, thermal performance, power management and data-handling workflows in the harsh conditions of space. The companies said the project would lay the foundation for future large-scale orbital data centres. The satellite will be developed at Pixxel's upcoming Gigapixel manufacturing facility, which is being designed to produce up to 100 satellites at scale.

Rupee Strengthens 67 Paise As US-Iran Agree On Ending War

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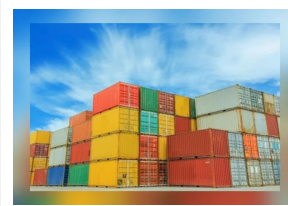
The Indian rupee strengthened sharply by 67 paise to 94.61 against the dollar on Wednesday on reports that the US and Iran may agree on a one-page memorandum aimed at ending the war, thereby improving global risk sentiment. This was the rupee's largest single-day gain since April 1, an appreciation of 83 paise from its lows of 95.44 to a dollar, bolstered by a retreat in crude oil prices and a weakening US dollar against major currencies. Brent crude declined nearly 6 per cent to the \$103-104 per barrel range, marking its steepest two-session fall since the April ceasefire offering a degree of comfort to India's import bill and inflation outlook.

Traders said that RBI intervention provided additional support to the local unit. Most Asian currencies edged higher on Wednesday as signs of easing Middle East tensions supported risk appetite while the South Korean Won outperformed after better-than-expected inflation data. "Markets continue to factor in a

potential de-escalation of tensions and easing supply constraints, both of which have pulled crude and the greenback lower. Technically, spot USD-INR has support at 94.35 and resistance at 95.10," said Dilip Parmar - Senior Research Analyst, HDFC Securities. "For rupee, oil has been the main concern and if the same falls to below \$ 100, it would be a substantial gain as the premiums for war would be down and the premiums being charged to India will be down. We are expecting 94.50 and 94.00 levels to be seen soon and if oil falls further below \$ 90, we could see the rupee rising to 93.50 also," said Anil Bhansali, head of treasury of Finrex Trading Advisors.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 95.03 against the US dollar, then lost ground and touched an intraday low of 95.18. The rupee finally settled at 94.61, registering a rise of 67 paise over its previous close of 95.28. The Dollar Index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 97.86 level on hopes of a US-Iran.

India's exports hit record USD 863 billion in FY26



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India's goods and services exports rose 4.59 per cent to an all-time high of USD 863.31 billion during 2025-26, up from USD 825.26 billion in 2024-25, despite global economic uncertainties, according to revised Commerce Ministry data. Merchandise exports grew 0.93 per cent to USD 441.78 billion in the last fiscal year from USD 437.70 billion in 2024-25, the data showed.

"Despite global uncertainties and challenges in goods trade, India's merchandise exports maintained their upward trajectory, contributing significantly to the total export basket," an official said. The standout performer, however, remained services exports, which surged to an all-time high of USD 421.32 billion in 2025-26, compared to USD 387.55 billion in 2024-25, recording a growth of 8.71 per cent. "This sharp rise underscores the expanding global demand for services such as IT, business solutions, and professional expertise, reinforcing the country's strength in the services sector," the official added.

Auto Retail Sales Hit Record High in April

Passenger vehicles (PV) retail sales were at a record 4,07,355 units last month as compared to 3,63,028 units in April 2025, a growth of 12.21 per cent.

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India's automobile retail sales surged 13 per cent year-on-year to a record 26.11 lakh units in April 2026, marking the highest-ever sales for the month, according to the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA). Strong rural demand, healthy agricultural income, GST relief and favourable financial conditions fuelled the growth across major vehicle categories.

Passenger vehicle sales rose 12.21 per cent to an all-time April high of 4,07,355 units compared to 3,63,028 units in April 2025. Two-wheeler sales also registered their best-ever monthly performance, increasing 13 per cent to 19,16,258 units from 16,95,638 units a year ago.

Commercial vehicle sales climbed 15 per cent to 99,339 units against



86,364 units last year, while three-wheeler sales grew 7.19 per cent to 1,06,908 units from 99,741 units during the same period. FADA Vice President Sai Giridhar said the auto retail sector opened FY26-27 on a strong note with overall retail sales touching record levels. He noted that five out of six vehicle categories achieved their highest-ever April sales, reflecting continued demand momentum from the previous financial year.

According to FADA, the strong performance was

supported by improved rural cash flows after a successful rabi harvest, an extended marriage season, RBI's supportive interest rate stance and a GST rate cut. Rural markets emerged as the key growth driver, especially in the passenger vehicle segment.

Giridhar said rural passenger vehicle sales expanded 20.40 per cent, significantly outpacing urban growth of 7.11 per cent. He noted that personal mobility demand is increasingly shifting towards Tier-3 towns and rural regions, aided by the

revival of small cars, sustained SUV demand and growing interest in alternative fuel vehicles.

CNG vehicles maintained a healthy market share of 22.62 per cent, while electric vehicle penetration in the passenger vehicle category improved to 5.77 per cent, indicating rising acceptance of cleaner mobility options.

FADA also expressed optimism for the coming months. Dealer confidence remains positive, with over 50 per cent of dealers expecting continued growth during the April-June quarter. The two-wheeler segment is likely to benefit from strong rural sentiment and agricultural activity ahead of the Kharif sowing season. In the passenger vehicle category, demand is expected to remain firm in May due to carry-forward wedding season bookings, while June and July may witness stable sales before the festive season begins.

TVS ILP signs deal for logistics park in Siliguri

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TVS Industrial & Logistics Parks on Wednesday said it has signed an agreement for 10 acres of land in Siliguri to develop a logistics park in the West Bengal district, known as the gateway to the North-east region.

The proposed park is expected to enhance regional logistics efficiency, support local businesses, and contribute to employment generation, while enabling a shift towards organised, Grade A warehousing in the region, TVS ILP said.

Siliguri offers strong multimodal connectivity and serves as a critical transit hub linking key domestic and international trade corridors, including Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh. The development of the logistics park aligns with the company's strategy to expand its footprint across high-potential logistics hubs in East India, it said.

"West Bengal is an important market for industrial and logistics growth, supported by its strategic location and strong regional connectivity. Siliguri plays a critical role as a gateway to Northeast India and neighbouring international markets, making it a highly relevant logistics hub," the company said. With sectors such as e-commerce, FMCG, pharma, and regional distribution.

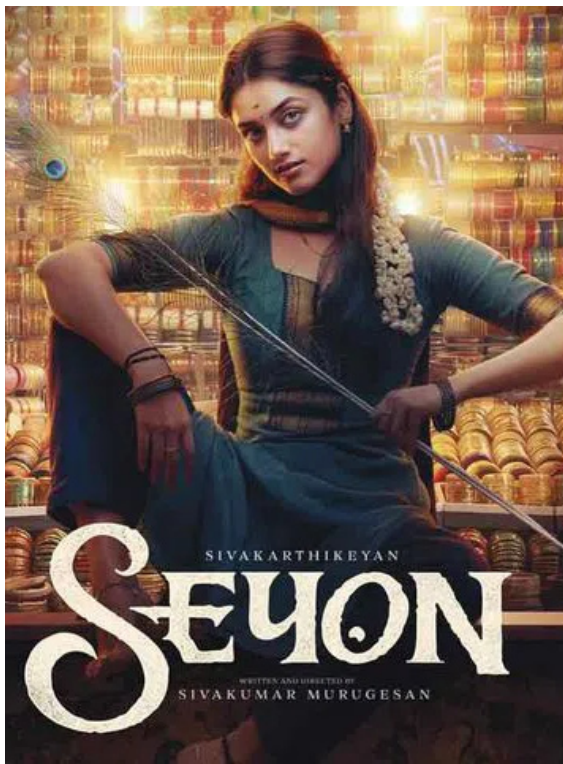
Bhagyashri Borse joins Sivakarthikeyan's 'Seyon' cast

The makers of director Sivakumar Murugesan's next film, 'Seyon', featuring actor Sivakarthikeyan in the lead, on Wednesday wished actress Bhagyashri Borse a happy birthday, even as they announced that the actress had now joined the film unit.

The film is being produced by Kamal Haasan's RaajKamal Films International and Turmeric Media. Taking to its X timeline to greet the actress, Raaj Kamal Films International (RKF) wrote, "A birthday to remember and a journey to look forward to! Wishing #BhagyashriBorse A very Happy Birthday as she joins the #Seyon Family #HappyBirthdayBhagyashri."

The film has triggered huge interest in fans and film buffs ever since the makers released a glimpse video from the film called "The Celebration" earlier this year.

The Celebration video showcases an incident that happens on the second day of the Maasi Kalari festival that is held at the



Karumaathur Virumaandi Temple. The incident in question is shown taking place two hours after a major scuffle at the festival. A group of people gather at the local police station, even as the constable explains the situation to the inspector. He informs that a major fight had broken out at the festival, even as the inspector begins inspecting those who have gathered at the station.

He finds a group of young men with half-tonsured heads and asks them what happened. The constable explains that the young men with half tonsured heads

behaved in an indecent manner by flashing laser lights at dancers at the festival and making reels out of it.

"Therefore, somebody bashed them up and tonsured their heads," he explains. The inspector then asks another man from another group as to why he was beaten. He says he was asked what play they were to stage at the festival and he had informed them that he was to stage the devotional "Valli Thirumanam (Valli's wedding to Lord Murugan)" and therefore, he too was bashed up.

The reply makes those locked up in

prison wonder if the person who bashed up the theatre artiste was an atheist. But then another man clarifies, "He is not an atheist. In fact, he is the one who gets possessed by the divine spirit of Virumaandi."

The cops realise that everybody from the neighbouring villages is there, save one and that is the people of Karumaathur, who are carrying out the procession. The others try to stop the procession, but according to custom, the procession must not be stopped. The procession proceeds, and the inspector happens to see Sivakarthikeyan in a possessed state and prays to him...

The celebration video gives the impression that the story will be set in Madurai. The makers also disclosed that the film would be released in October this year. The film, which will feature Sakarthikeyan in a power-packed and dynamic new role, will be a grand rural commercial entertainer.

Now, with Wednesday's announcement, it has become evident that Bhagyashri Borse will be playing the fe-

male lead in the film.

The film has triggered huge interest as it marks a significant reunion between Sivakarthikeyan and Raaj Kamal Films International. Their collaboration for this film comes on the heels of the blockbuster success of their earlier film 'Amaran', which garnered both critical acclaim and commercial triumph.

Produced by Kamal Haasan and R Mahendran, the film brings together powerful storytelling and a compelling cinematic vision. Director Sivakumar Murugesan will be stepping into his second directorial venture after the much-awaited soon-to-be-released 'Thaai Kizhavi'. Adding to the excitement, this project will mark the first-ever collaboration between RaajKamal Films International, Sivakarthikeyan, and acclaimed composer Santhosh Narayanan.

The film has cinematography by Vivek Vijayakumar and editing by San Lokesh. Art direction for the film is by R K Nagu, while Keerthy Sampath and Joshua Maxwell are its costume designers.

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!"

Telangana Shooter Nathaniel Wins Gold in Thailand



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Telangana shooter More Nathaniel brought pride to India by clinching the gold medal with the highest score at the International India vs Thailand Rifle Shooting Championship held in Thailand on May 5, 2026.

Competing against talented shooters from different Indian states and international participants, Nathaniel delivered an outstanding performance to secure the top position in the prestigious rifle shooting event. Participants from Telangana, Maharashtra, Kerala, and Gujarat took part in the championship across various age categories, making the competition highly challenging. Nathaniel's remarkable



achievement has been hailed as a major milestone for Telangana shooting sports and reflects the growing strength of Indian shooters at international events. His consistent accuracy and composure throughout the competition helped him emerge as the highest scorer of the tournament.

The Telangana Airgun Association congratulated Nathaniel for his exceptional feat and praised his dedication, discipline, and hard work that led to the international success. The association also acknowledged the efforts of State Secretary Dr. P. Bhuvaneshwari, whose coaching and guidance played a key role in shaping Nathaniel's performance. According to the associ-

ation, proper training, encouragement, and technical support provided to young shooters are helping Telangana athletes excel on global platforms. Officials expressed confidence that Nathaniel would continue to achieve greater milestones in future international championships.

The victory has brought immense joy to the Telangana shooting fraternity, with sports enthusiasts and officials extending their wishes to the young champion. The Telangana Airgun Association stated that Nathaniel's gold medal win would inspire several upcoming shooters in the state to pursue excellence in rifle shooting and represent the country with pride on international platforms.

Punjab pummelled as Sunrisers make merry of drop catches, win by 33 runs

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Former champions, Sunrisers Hyderabad, scored a dominant 33-run win in the crucial game against Punjab Kings to move to the top of points table with 14 points from 11 games and also closer to a play-offs berth in the IPL at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium here on Wednesday night.

Chasing 236, Kings, which paid a heavy price for shoddy catching earlier, suffered early setbacks, and the brilliance of Cooper Connolly (107 n.o., 59b, 7x4, 8x6) only delayed the inevitable after a dismal start.

Poor shot selection saw fast bowler Pat Cummins dismiss Impact Sub Priyansh Arya (1) in the first over and then Nitish Kumar Reddy send back Prabhsimran Singh (3) with his first ball and first of the second over.

A huge blow struck the Kings when the in-form captain Shreyas Iyer (5)



hit one from pacer Eshan Malinga straight to mid-off (23/3 in 3.2 overs).

Marcus Stoinis (28, 14b, 3x4, 2x6) played a breezy knock before left-arm spinner Shivang Kumar got the better of him, bowling marginally wide to force the batter to cut only to be caught behind (63/4 in 6.4 overs).

Cummins was back in the 12th over to cut short the threatening, fourth wicket stand of 47 runs off 30 balls between Cooper Connolly

and Suyansh Shedge (25, 17b, 1x4, 2x6) by forcing the latter to pull to the fielder in the deep (111/5 in 11.4 overs), effectively shutting Kings out of the contest.

When Shashank Singh (5) pulled pacer Sakib Hussain straight to the fielder in the 13th over (119/6), it was all over bar shouting even as Connolly waged a lone battle with the team suffering third straight defeat.

Earlier, Abhishek Sharma (35, 13b, 2x4,

4x6) and Travis Head (38, 19b, 3x4, 3x6) gave a flying start for Sunrisers, put in to bat, with a 54-run stand off just 21 balls.

Abhishek picked fast bowler Marco Jansen for special treatment – hitting two sixes and two fours in his first over and the second of the innings.

However, both of them got out when they looked to take charge. Fergusson got rid of Abhishek and leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal lured Head to hit

straight to long-off (84/2 in 6.4 overs).

But soon, Kings floored three catches to be denied more wickets before the halfway stage. First, Ishan Kishan was dropped on 9 and 18 and then Heinrich Klaasen on 9 before the 12th over.

Soon, Ishan (55, 32b, 2x4, 4x6) stepped into his own zone – hitting fast bowler Vijaykumar Vyshank for three sixes to reach his half-century in the 14th over.

At the other end, Klaasen (69, 43b, 3x4, 4x6) was at his clinical best and once again proved that he is the most consistent and dangerous batter in this line-up. The two put on 88 runs for the third wicket off just 48 balls to shift the momentum away from Kings.

Once again, Nitish Kumar Reddy (29 n.o., 13b, 2x4, 2x6) joined Klaasen to put on a very handy 63-run stand off 32 balls for the fourth wicket to help the home team score 235 for four in 20 overs

Six-month-old abducted from footpath traced within 48 hours

A six-month-old baby girl who was abducted from a footpath outside the Narayana Malla Reddy Hospital in the early hours of May 4 was rescued by the Suraram police within 48 hours. According to reports, five people have been arrested for the crime. They have been identified as Sridevi (35), Karthik alias Sonu (18), Johnson (24) and two 17-year-old juveniles. Sridevi had reportedly planned to abduct the baby after seeing her sister-in-law in distress over not having any children. The group had conducted a reconnaissance of the hospital area on May 3 and noticed a woman sleeping on the footpath with four of her daughters. They returned later at night and fled with the baby on a motorcycle while the family was in deep sleep. Upon noticing her missing child, Navaneetha approached the police. A case was registered, and four special teams were created to trace the accused. After examining closed-circuit television (CCTV) footage, police were able to nab the five from the Royal Hyatt Functional Hall in Rajendranagar.

Uttam Slams 'Propaganda' on Paddy Procurement, Reassures Farmers

Addressing a press conference at the Secretariat, he sought to allay farmers' concerns, stating that a state-level nodal officer was continuously supervising procurement centres.

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Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Wednesday lashed out at what he termed "malicious propaganda" by opposition parties on paddy procurement, accusing them of deliberately misleading farmers. Addressing a press conference at the Secretariat, he sought to allay farmers' concerns, stating that a state-level nodal officer was continuously supervising procurement centres. A dedicated control room had also been set up at the Civil Supplies Department headquarters to monitor operations. He said a special mechanism was in place to



provide real-time weather updates to procurement centres. "A token system has been introduced to ensure farmers do not have to wait unnecessarily," he added. The minister accused the BRS of spreading false information about infrastructure at procurement centres. He asserted that under the Congress government, centres were being equipped on an unprecedented scale. "Despite electoral set-

backs in the Assembly, Lok Sabha and municipal polls, BRS leaders have not learnt their lesson," he said, claiming Telangana had achieved record crop yields and procurement levels. Uttam Kumar Reddy said paddy cultivation during the current Rabi season covered 67 lakh acres, with an estimated yield of 141 lakh metric tonnes. The government had allocated ₹21,000 crore for procurement and was prepared to procure 90 lakh metric tonnes. So far, 17.28 lakh metric tonnes had been procured and ₹2,310 crore paid to farmers, he said. Refuting claims of crop damage due to unseasonal rains, he said 2.63 lakh

tarpaulins had been arranged. He added that 8,575 procurement centres had been set up, 18.75 crore gunny bags made available, and storage capacity created for 64.83 lakh metric tonnes, with additional space for 11.20 lakh metric tonnes. Around 6,200 vehicles had been deployed to transport grain to mills. Terming farmer deaths at procurement centres as "unfortunate", he said immediate compensation was being provided. He added that procurement was being carried out in both morning and evening shifts, and advisories had been issued to avoid standing under trees or near electric poles during lightning.

Modi to Launch Rs.7,823-cr Projects in Telangana

Ahead of Modi's visit, BJP's Telangana leadership has launched a high-octane campaign, including wall-writing drives in Tarnaka, poster campaigns and door-to-door outreach to ensure a turnout of over two lakh people.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is scheduled to visit Telangana on May 10, will launch development projects worth ₹7,823 crore virtually. The event, to be held at Hitech City prior to the grand public meeting in Secunderabad, will also be attended by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. According to party leaders, Modi will arrive at Begumpet Airport from Bengaluru at 4 pm on Sunday via a special flight. From there, he will launch the projects virtually at the Hitech City event, though the official schedule from the PMO is still awaited. At the public meeting at Parade Grounds, the Prime Minister is likely to speak for about 45 minutes starting at 5 pm. In view of BRS MLA Ch. Malla Reddy's recent in-



vide requesting him to inaugurate the Artificial Intelligence University in the city, the Prime Minister may inaugurate it virtually instead of attending in person. Ahead of Modi's visit, BJP's Telangana leadership has launched a high-octane campaign, including wall-writing drives in Tarnaka, poster campaigns and door-to-door outreach to ensure a turnout of over two lakh people. The public meeting has become a highly prestigious event for the BJP, being Modi's first visit during his third term as Prime Minister. Towards making it a grand success, leaders have focused specifically on crowd mobili-

sation. BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao is meeting party dignitaries, district and mandal leaders to provide instructions. Each mandal committee has been tasked with mobilising 800 people, while each division must bring 300. As part of preparations, a review meeting was held at the party head office on Wednesday. MPs Eatata Rajender, D.K. Aruna, Raghunandan Rao, Dharmapuri Arvind, BJLP Aleti Maheshwar Reddy, MLCs A.V.N. Reddy, Anji Reddy and others participated. Party sources said the Prime Minister's primary target in his speech will be Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, whom the BJP leadership accuses of playing a key role in blocking the Delimitation Reservation bills in the Lok Sabha. Modi is also expected to criticise the BRS party.

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 Ande 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.

Parents Launch 'No Fee Regulation, No Vote' Campaign

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Parents' groups on Wednesday launched a statewide campaign titled "No School Fee Regulation, No Vote," demanding that political parties make regulation of private school fees a key election issue. The campaign was announced during a round table conference organised by the Hyderabad School Parents Association in Hyderabad. Speaking at the meeting, HSPA president Venkat Sai said Telangana still lacks a

comprehensive school fee regulatory framework even after more than a decade of statehood. He alleged that unchecked fee hikes by private schools are putting severe financial pressure on middle-class and lower-income families. Participants stressed that education should be treated as a social responsibility rather than a commercial activity. Several parents shared their experiences regarding increasing school fees and alleged harassment by private institutions over de-

layed payments. A parent associated with a private school chain claimed that his child was humiliated after he questioned repeated fee hikes. He alleged that schools frequently pressure parents through repeated calls and, in some cases, withhold report cards until fees are paid in full. Members of various parents' and mothers' associations said educa-



tional expenses have become a major burden due to steep annual fee increases. They urged the State government to immediately introduce a fresh government order to regulate school fees and ensure transparency in fee structures. The conference also discussed concerns regarding the implementation of the Right to Education Act and the effectiveness of the current fee reimbursement government order. Participants demanded stronger enforcement measures and wider access to af-

fordable education. Issues related to The Hyderabad Public School Society were also raised during the discussion. Some speakers alleged a lack of transparency in the handling of alumni funds and fee-related matters. Concerns were also expressed over alleged attempts by authorities to gain control over society assets and land, while some participants claimed that political influence affects the institution's management. Organisers said the "No School Fee Regulation, No Vote" campaign.

90-yr-old farmer moves HC, blames HYDRRA for demolition of property

There seems to be no respite for HYDRRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath from courts. On Wednesday, May 4, the Telangana High Court issued a contempt notice to the officer over violations of its demolition orders allegedly carried out on April 14 at Ailapur village in Sangareddy district. The 90-year-old agriculturist petitioner, MA Shareef, told the court the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency claimed ownership of his 36.37 acres of land and demolished several structures, including cattle sheds, a farmhouse and servant quarters, in the presence of police. The High Court had earlier instructed HYDRRAA not to interfere with existing structures and act in matters involving Full Tank Level encroachments. The petitioner alleged that even after displaying pattadar passbooks and sale deed dating back to 1959, HYDRRAA went ahead with the demolition on April 11. He further stated that CCTV cameras were broken and his caretakers were allegedly subjected to intimidation by HYDRRAA officials. Taking note of the submissions, the Telangana High Court ordered notices to be issued to Ranganathan, the Sangareddy District Collector and Joint Collector, revenue officials of Ameenpur mandal, officials of the GHMC and local panchayat bodies, and the Station House Officer of Ameenpur Police Station, seeking their response to the alleged violation of the court's order.

Mamata's Refusal to Quit Insults People's Verdict: Ramchander Rao

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President N Ramchander Rao on Wednesday strongly condemned Trinamool Congress Chief Mamata Banerjee for her refusal to resign from the Chief Minister post following her party's defeat in the recent elections. Rao argued that Banerjee's actions insult the people's verdict and undermine the democratic framework of the country. Talking to ANI, Rao said, "Mamata Didi saying that she will not resign is very insulting to the people's verdict and the entire democratic setup of the country. In the Constitution, Article 172 says that the term of the CM will be for 5 years only. Article 164 grants the Governor the power to appoint a new Chief Minister based on the Assembly majority. Mamata Banerjee was enjoying the Constitutional post, and now she is insulting the post. The defeat is a public verdict." BJP National Spokesperson CR Kesavan also criticised Banerjee's defiance, calling it a "blatant betrayal of democratic principles." He went further to accuse her of undermining constitu-



BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao joins a wall-writing campaign in Lalapeta, Hyderabad, ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's May 10 public meeting, while attacking opposition parties and expressing confidence in the BJP's growing momentum.

tional values and violating public trust. "Malicious misconduct and outrageous rant is a blatant betrayal of our democratic principles. It is a direct assault on our constitutional values and a gross violation of public trust and mandate," Kesavan told ANI. He went on to call Banerjee's comments indicative of her despotic mindset, further adding, "These unbecoming statements by Mamata Banerjee are only going to expose her deeply despotic mindset, which defines her anarchic 15-year misrule, and this is the precise reason why the people of West Bengal threw her out of power." Kesavan also pointed out that Mamata Banerjee had no constitu-

tional right to continue in office beyond the expiration of her term. "Everyone knows that the tenure of the Assembly ends on May 7, and Mamata Banerjee has no constitutional right to continue in office. It was Mamata Banerjee who prevented judicial officers from doing their democratic duty," he added. The remarks come after a defiant Banerjee on Tuesday accused the Election Commission (EC) and the BJP of "looting" the democratic process. Despite the numbers, she insisted that her party remains the moral victor. "I will not resign. I did not lose. I will not go to Raj Bhavan... the question doesn't arise. We didn't lose the election."

PAC CHAIRMAN CONGRATULATES NEW SERILINGAMPALLY ZONAL COMMISSIONER

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PAC Chairman A. Arikepudi Gandhi met Narayan Amit Malempati, IAS, at the Kukatpally Zonal Office on his appointment as the new Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner. Gandhi congratulated the officer and wished him success in carrying out his new responsibilities for the development of the constituency and welfare of the public. On the occasion, Gandhi felicitated Narayan Amit Malempati with a shawl and extended his best wishes for



a successful tenure. Former corporator Uppalapati Srikanth and senior leader Erragudla Srinivas Yadav were also present during the meeting and conveyed their greetings to the newly appointed Zonal Commissioner.

Public Complaints Must Be Resolved Promptly: Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner

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A zonal-level review meeting was held today at the Serilingampally Zonal Office under the chairmanship of the Commissioner. Heads of all departments (HODs) under the zone participated in the meeting. The Commissioner directed officials to ensure proper coordination among departments to avoid delays in works. He



stressed that all ongoing development works must be completed within the stipulated timelines without compromising on quality. Officials were instructed to improve public service delivery and resolve citizen complaints promptly. The Commissioner also

emphasized the need for each department to work in a planned manner to achieve annual targets and to continuously monitor progress at the field level. Special focus was given to monsoon preparedness, including drainage maintenance, road repairs, and other emergency works. Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit, IAS, along with senior officials from engineering, town planning, sanitation, and other departments, attended the meeting.

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