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Shah to Chair Meet to Pick BJP CM Face in WB

Governor dissolves Assembly as term ends, SIR tribunal judge quits

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah will reach West Bengal on Friday to chair a meeting with the 207 newly-elected BJP candidates of the Assembly Election to select the chief minister of the first BJP government and supervise its oath-taking ceremony in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 9 here. A day before his visit, governor RN Ravi dissolved the existing Assembly with the end of its term after Trinamul Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee refused to resign from the chief minister's post despite losing in her home turf, Bhowanipore, and the power in the state. Mr Shah, who was earlier supposed to reach the state on Thursday, will land at the NSCBI Airport at around 12.40 pm on Friday and reach a hotel in New Town. He will hold a couple of meetings from 2 pm to 8 pm. The main agenda among them



Union minister Amit Shah during the oath-taking ceremony of ministers of the Bihar government in Patna on Thursday. — PTI

- **SUVENDU ADHIKARI** emerges front-runner for CM post.
- **TAPAS ROY**, who won at Manicktala in North Kolkata, is considered for the Assembly Speaker's post.
- **AGNIMITRA PAUL**, Dilip Ghosh, Swapan Dasgupta, Sajal Ghosh, Bankim Ghosh, among others for key portfolios.

is with the BJP legislature party to pick the CM face for which Suvendu Adhikari, who won at Bhowanipore and Nandigram, is a front-runner. The new government is expected to have a deputy CM which the previous rule did not have. While Tapas Roy, who won at Manicktala in North Kolkata, is considered for the Assembly Speaker's post, names of Agnimitra Paul, Dilip Ghosh, Swapan Dasgupta, Sajal Ghosh, Bankim Ghosh, Sharadwat Mukherjee, Naman Rai among others are doing rounds for various key portfolios.

On Thursday, the governor terminated the Assembly in an order stating, "In exercise of the power conferred on me by sub-clause (b) of Clause (2) of Article 174 of the Constitution of India, I hereby dissolve the Legislative Assembly of West Bengal with effect from 07th of May, 2026."

In another development, former Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court TS Sivagnanam, who was appointed along with 18 other retired judges by the Election Commission following a Supreme Court (SC) order to head the ap-

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BJP Aide Killed, Bengal Tense; Hundreds Arrested

Tensions have been high in the Indian state of West Bengal after a top political aide from Narendra Modi's party was shot dead in the street and hundreds were arrested as violence broke out following elections this week.

The prime minister's Bharatiya Janata party (BJP) claimed victory in the West Bengal elections on Monday, defeating Trinamool Congress (TMC), which had ruled over the state legislature for 15 years. Turmoil rocked the state after the results were announced. Figures from TMC, including its leader, Mamata Banerjee, said there had been widespread irregularities in the vote and accused the BJP of "looting" the election. Banerjee said she would refuse to resign, stating that she had "not been defeated". Late on Wednesday evening, Chandranath Rath, an assistant to the head of the BJP in West

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India Stands Firm Against Terror: Modi

Marking one year of the operation, PM Modi praised the courage, precision and professionalism displayed by the Indian armed forces following the Pahalgam terror attack

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said Operation Sindoor reflected India's firm response to terrorism and its commitment to national security, marking one year of the operation. Referring to the offensive launched after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, he said India remains resolute in defeating terrorism and dismantling its support systems. The Prime Minister noted that the operation demonstrated the professionalism, preparedness and coordinated strength of the armed forces, and highlighted increasing jointness and self-reliance in the defence sector. The profile picture of Modi on his handles on X, Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp channels have been changed to an image with the text 'Operation Sindoor' on a black background. The picture has a tricolour, with one of the 'O's of

Nitish Son Among 31 New Ministers



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In the first major Cabinet expansion in Bihar, 32 ministers, including Nishant Kumar, were sworn in on Thursday in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Governor Syed Alta Hasnain administered the oath at a ceremony attended by senior leaders, including Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda. The expansion included members from all constituents of the NDA. The BJP, the largest party in the 243-member Assembly, has 15 ministers, while the JD(U) is

represented by 15 ministers, including those sworn in earlier.

Leaders from alliance partners, including the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), Hindustani Awam Morcha and Rashtriya Lok Morcha, were also inducted. Sanjay Kumar Singh and Sanjay Kumar Paswan, both from the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) headed by Union minister Chirag Paswan, are back as ministers, and so are Santosh Kumar Suman and Deepak Prakash, sons of Union minister Jitan Ram Manjhi of the Hindustani Awam Morcha and Upendra Kushwaha of the Rashtriya Lok Morcha, respectively.

'SINDOOR' filled with 'sindoor' (vermilion) — a symbol of married Hindu women. He urged citizens to follow suit as a mark of respect to the armed forces. Union min-

isters, including defence minister Rajnath Singh, external affairs minister S. Jaishankar and home minister Amit Shah, also updated their profile images.

Saudi, Kuwait Lift Curbs on US Military

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have lifted restrictions on the US military's use of their bases and airspace that were imposed after the launch of a US operation to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, the Wall Street Journal reported on Thursday, citing US and Saudi officials. Meanwhile, the US was waiting on Thursday for Iran to respond to its latest proposed deal to end the war in the Middle East and to reopen the key shipping lane out of the Gulf. Oil prices tumbled five per cent after US President Donald Trump said once again that an agreement could be near after positive talks and Iran said it would pass on its latest position to mediator Pakistan. Among oil traders and diplomats, there was optimism. "We've had very good talks over the last 24 hours, and it's very possible that we'll make a deal," Trump said on Wednesday. Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei said Tehran would communicate its position to mediator Pakistan "after finalising its views."

Telangana GST Collections Hit Rs 4,621 Crore, Recording 35% Growth

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The new financial year 2026-27 has begun on a positive note for the state government, with the state's own tax revenues recording a significant rise in April. The increase was driven by robust growth in GST collections, excise revenue and property registrations. Officials said the strong performance in the first month of the fiscal reflected sustained economic momentum, higher consumption and improved tax compliance across sectors.



Telangana recorded a sharp 35 per cent year-on-year increase in Goods and Services Tax collections in April 2026, with revenue touching Rs

4,621 crore, compared with Rs 3,422 crore in April 2025. According to data released by the commercial taxes department, the April GST mop-up was the highest-ever monthly collection since the implementation of GST, surpassing the previous record of Rs 4,231 crore registered in March 2026. The department said the growth reflected continued economic expansion and better tax compliance in the state.

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India Can Strike Deep, Far, Anytime: Military

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The Indian military on Thursday said India demonstrated its capability "to strike deep, strike far and strike anytime" during Operation Sindoor, asserting that no terror sanctuary across the Line of Control is safe. Addressing a joint press conference, Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy) Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai said India targeted terror infrastructure across the border and established a "new normal" in its response to cross-border threats. Offi-



cials said around 100 terrorists were killed in strikes on nine camps on May 7, while more than 100 Pakistani soldiers were killed in subsequent exchanges. The military also said 11 airfields were targeted and 13 aircraft destroyed during the operation. Indian Air Force Deputy Chief Air Marshal A.K. Bharti said the strikes were carried out using long-range precision weapons and that Pakistan was unable to inflict significant damage on Indian military or civilian infrastructure.

Lt Gen Ghai said the operation achieved its objectives without escalating into a prolonged conflict, adding that hostilities were ceased after Pakistan sought negotiations. Senior officers also referred to security challenges involving Pakistan and China, stating that the armed forces were adapting to evolving threats and enhancing capabilities, including missile defence systems.

US Will See 5-6% Economic Growth, Says Hasset

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The United States expects to witness higher economic growth, repeating the 1990s dot-com boom, following the reforms introduced by the Trump administration under its America First policy, a senior US economic official said. Speaking at the 2026 SelectUSA Investment Summit, Kevin Hassett, director of the White House National Economic Council, said, "If you can remember when the dot-com revolution really got going in the 90s, we had

growth rates in the 5s and in the 6s, and we're poised to see that again."

The United States -- the world's largest economy -- had seen its highest economic growth in the last 30 years between 1997 and 2000, when the GDP grew by four per cent to five per cent. The country beat this growth rate only in 2021 with 5.95 per cent growth because of the post-Covid rebound. Explaining his optimism about the higher economic growth in his country, Hassett said the United States is importing capital

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Telangana Govt Releases Rs 375 Crore for Musi Development Project

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The state government has released Rs 375 crore as the first installment for the Musi Riverfront Development Project, from the Rs 1,500 crore allocation made for this in the state budget 2026-27. Special chief secretary to the metropolitan area and urban development department, Jayesh Ranjan, issued the orders on Wednesday, sanctioning the funds to the Musi Riverfront Development Corporation. Of the sanctioned Rs



1,500 crore for the Musi project, Rs 375 crore has been released for the first quarter of the current fiscal. The remaining Rs 1,125 crore would be released in subsequent quarters. Notably, the state government is simultaneously accelerating the

execution of the ambitious Musi rejuvenation programme and pursuing the scope for external funding. In the 2024-25 budget, the government allocated Rs 1,500 crore for the project but spent only Rs 11.25 crore. Similarly, in 2025-26, though

This time, apart from making fresh budgetary allocations, the government has also decided to secure a loan of Rs 4,100 crore from the Asian Development Bank for the first phase of the project. ADB reportedly gave its preliminary approval. The government has also intensified land acquisition activities for the project. DPRs have already been prepared for a 21-km stretch under the first phase of the Musi rejuvenation initiative and submitted, as part of the ADB funding process.

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BRS condemns BJP workers' attacks on MLAs' Offices in Karimnagar

BRS blames BJP workers for attacks on Karimnagar MLAs' offices, alleges police inaction and demands immediate arrests, strict action.

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Thursday strongly condemned the attacks allegedly carried out by BJP workers on the camp office of Karimnagar MLA Gangula Kamalakar and on the vehicle of Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy in Karimnagar. The party accused Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar of instigating violence and damaging the democratic atmosphere in the region.

BRS working president KT Rama Rao described the incident as "despicable" and alleged that BJP activists behaved like rowdies by entering the



MLA's camp office, vandalising vehicles and damaging property in broad daylight. He criticised the police for allegedly remaining silent spectators during the attack and termed the situation shameful.

KTR alleged that Bandi Sanjay had become a "B-team" for Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and was resorting to intimidation and theatrics to divert public attention

from the failures of the State government. Instead of responding to issues raised by BRS leaders, he alleged, BJP leaders encouraged party workers to target opposition representatives.

He further stated that it was unfortunate for a Union Minister responsible for internal security to act in a manner that undermined democratic values and law and order. BRS deputy

leader T. Harish Rao also condemned the attacks and questioned whether law and order existed in the State if elected representatives' offices were unsafe. He demanded immediate action against those responsible and warned that continued attacks on opposition leaders could force people to take to the streets to protect democracy.

Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra alleged that police failed to intervene while BJP activists vandalised the MLA's office. He urged DGP CV Anand to register cases and ensure strict punishment for those involved.

At a separate press conference in Hyderabad, BRS Legislative Council

deputy leader L. Ramana accused Bandi Sanjay of disturbing the peaceful political atmosphere in Karimnagar and demanded invocation of the PD Act against those responsible for the violence. BRS MLA K. Sanjay alleged that the attacks occurred in the presence of police personnel and demanded the resignations of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Bandi Sanjay if they were unable to maintain basic law and order in the State.

Former MP Boinpally Vinod Kumar and former minister S. Niranjan Reddy also condemned the incident and demanded the immediate arrest of those responsible.

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 Affairs 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 Ad-danki 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.

KCR's strategic patience and preference for political identity over electoral gains

Political developments since the 2023 Telangana elections suggest BRS chief K. Chandrashekhara Rao prioritised long-term party autonomy over short-term alliances. His approach reflects broader trends affecting regional parties amid rising nationalisation of politics and growing dependence on campaign consultancies.

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Before the 2023 Telangana Assembly elections, many within political circles believed BRS chief K Chandrashekhara Rao was fighting merely to retain power. But developments since then increasingly suggest that Chandrashekhara Rao might have been thinking beyond a single election cycle.

At a time when regional parties across India were aligning with national forces for immediate electoral gains, Chandrashekhara Rao operated with a different assessment of India's changing political landscape. His political calculations before the Telangana polls not only indicated confidence in his governance model, but also a deeper concern about the long-term survival of regional parties.

That mindset perhaps explains several decisions that, at the time, puzzled leaders even within his own party. The BRS chief



consciously avoided entering into tactical alliances with both the Congress and the BJP despite growing political polarisation.

Significantly, he also resisted excessive dependence on high-profile poll strategies and political consultants who became influential in many State elections. Except for a brief phase, the BRS relied primarily on its own organisational structure, cadre network and Telangana model of welfare and development.

Critics interpreted this as over-confidence and possible political isolation. But as BRS leaders repeatedly said, Chandra-

shekhar Rao was not inclined for short-term gains, and instead, chose the party's long-term organisational autonomy and political identity. Developments across India have increasingly given weight to that argument. Several regional parties that aligned closely with national parties eventually faced erosion of political identity and independent space. Parties allied with the BJP often struggled, with the Shiromani Akali Dal suffering a steep decline in Punjab and the Shiv Sena eventually splitting after years of alliance politics. Janata Dal (United), which repeatedly shifted alliances, failed to maintain ideological consistency and political relevance.

Critics argued that the Congress proved no different in dealing with allies. Parties like Samajwadi Party, RJD, All India Trinamool Congress and DMK joined forces with the Congress to form an anti-BJP alliance and avoid a vote split. Ironi-

cally, all these regional parties suffered political setbacks due to this alliance and yet, the Congress was only concerned about itself. In the latest instance, the Congress did not hesitate to ditch its pre-poll alliance with DMK and offer a helping hand to the actor-turned-politician Vijay's TVK, strengthening the argument that national parties prioritise their own expansion.

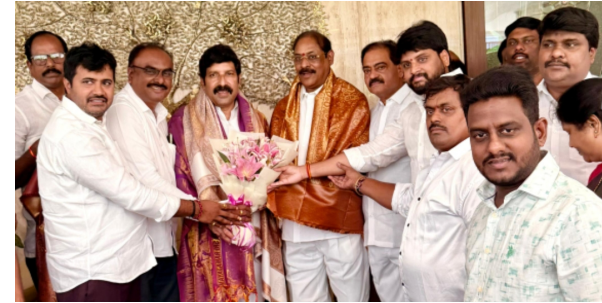
Political analysts also increasingly questioned the growing dependence on campaign consultancies. According to the latest reports on West Bengal Assembly elections, modern political consultancies were creating parallel informational and mobilisation infrastructure outside traditional cadre systems. Critics believe excessive professionalisation was weakening grassroots politics and disconnecting leadership from organisational realities, as well as the people of the State.

Congratulations Pour In for Bandi Ramesh Appointment

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A wave of congratulations poured in for newly appointed Telangana Kamma Corporation Chairman and Kukatpally Congress Party In-charge, TPCC Vice President Bandi Ramesh, and Vice Chairman Paruchuri Murali, as several community leaders and members met them and extended heartfelt wishes.

Leaders including Boddu Ravishankar, Gangavarapu Prasad, Kalagara Srinu, Kande Paneni Ratnakar, Yalamanchi Uday Kiran Charitable Trust



Founder and Chairman Yalamanchi Uday Kiran, Subbarao, Gade Shiva Chowdary, Kolli Anil, Tulasani, Indira, Chandrasekhar, Naresh, Satish, Kamineni Srinivasu, and Ratnachari participated in the felicitation ceremony held in a cordial atmosphere.

The leaders honored

Bandi Ramesh and Paruchuri Murali with shawls, bouquets, and saplings symbolizing development, greenery, and social responsibility. Speakers at the meeting expressed confidence that both leaders would work dedicatedly for the welfare, upliftment, and development of the Telangana

Kamma community through their service-oriented approach.

Speaking on the occasion, Bandi Ramesh thanked Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Minister Tummalala Nageswara Rao, AICC Secretary Jetty Kusuma Kumar, and Rajya Sabha MP Renuka Chowdhury for reposing faith in him and entrusting him with the responsibility. He assured that he would work sincerely in line with the aspirations of the community and fulfill his duties effectively.

PAC Chairman A. Gandhi Hands Over CMRF Assistance to Hafeezpet Resident

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PAC Chairman A. Arikupudi Gandhi handed over the CMRF-LOC sanction letter for financial assistance of ₹2.50 lakh to the family of Chirra Sambaiiah of Ambedkar Nagar, Hafeezpet Division, for emergency medical treatment under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF).

Speaking on the occasion, Gandhi said the Chief Minister's Relief Fund is a great support system for poor and needy people facing medical



emergencies.

He stated that the Telangana Government is committed to public welfare and reiterated that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is working in support of the poor. He said the CMRF has been continuously extending financial assistance to economically weaker patients undergoing medical

treatment and acting as a helping hand during difficult times.

Family members of the beneficiary expressed gratitude to PAC Chairman Gandhi for extending support for the medical treatment. Leaders Erragudla Srinivas Yadav, Jangaiah Yadav, Kashinath Yadav, and others participated in the programme.

Maize, jowar produce drenched due to unseasonal rains in Adilabad



Maize and jowar produce was damaged due to unseasonal rains coupled with gusty winds in several parts of the district on Thursday, causing losses to farmers.

Farmers said the maize and jowar produce were transported to agriculture markets in Adilabad, Neradigonda, Bazarhathnoor and other places of the district, following unexpected rains accompanied by the strong gales. Similarly, maize and jowar grains stored on farm platforms in farms were also drenched due to the showers plus winds.

Former minister Jogu Ramanna alleged that jowar produce kept at a market yard in Jainath mandal was damaged, resulting in losses to growers. He stated that 15,000 quintals of grains were not procured at the yard. He said that officials' negligence resulted in the incident. He demanded the government and local MLA Payal Shankar address the challenges faced by the farmers. Meanwhile, similar damage to farm produce was witnessed in Nirmal and Mancherial districts. However, the quantum of loss is yet to be assessed.

Illegal Hoardings Complaint Triggers Death Threats, Alleges Vijay Kumar Reddy

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NR Printing Press Chairman Vijay Kumar Reddy has alleged that he received death threats after complaining on Twitter about illegal hoardings in Madhapur. Addressing a press conference at his office in Raghavendra Colony under Kondapur Division on Thursday, he claimed that individuals linked to the illegal hoarding network intimidated him and attempted to silence his complaints.

According to Vijay Kumar Reddy, a woman identified as Shobha Reddy allegedly called him and questioned



why he had lodged a complaint against her hoardings.

He said she also claimed that complaints had earlier been filed against him in the Lokayukta. After he posted a copy of his complaint to Cyberabad municipal authorities on Twitter, he was allegedly summoned to Banjara Hills and threatened.

Reddy alleged that a person named

Raju warned him by asking whether he wanted to stay alive and claimed to have the backing of influential political leaders and ministers. He further stated that when Shobha Reddy arrived at the location, she allegedly instructed others to force him into a car, prompting him to flee the scene immediately.

He said a complaint was later lodged at Banjara Hills Police Station and a case was registered against her.

Vijay Kumar Reddy also clarified that he never mentioned the name of Balmuri Venkat and accused certain individuals of spreading false propaganda.

CAIHM Hosts Grand

"Tarangutsavam-2.0" Cultural Fest in Hyderabad

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Chennai Amirta International Institute of Hotel Management organized its grand cultural festival "Tarangutsavam-2.0" at TGSRTC Kalabhavan Auditorium on Thursday, bringing together students, faculty and celebrities for a vibrant celebration of talent and creativity.

Boomee Naathan attended the event as the chief guest along with popular actress Alekhya



Harika. The programme featured cultural performances by students showcasing music, dance and artistic skills.

A special attraction at the event was a unique watermelon carving crafted by CAIHM students featuring the face of actress

Alekhya Harika, which drew appreciation from the guests and audience alike. The event highlighted the institute's focus on encouraging creativity, hospitality skills and student engagement beyond academics.

BRS calls for Karimnagar bandh on Saturday over attack on MLA camp office

BRS has decided to call for a Karimnagar town bandh on Saturday in protest against the BJP's attack on Karimnagar MLA's camp office.

In a statement, BRS town president Challa Harishankar termed it as an attack on the entire Karimnagar constituency's people. He appealed to all sections including business community, educational institutions, hotels and others to extend support to the bandh and make it a success.

He said Karimnagar, known for its peace, was likely to lose its identity due to such attacks. The BJP activists with the support of Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar had attacked the camp office with stones and sticks, he alleged.

He demanded that the police arrest the BJP leaders and workers who were involved in the attack after registering an attempt to murder case. Harishankar demanded that the Union Minister resign from his post for provoking BJP leaders

BRS questions purpose of Congress govt's 'Rythu Mela'

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Senior BRS leaders criticised the Congress government for reducing three-day "Rythu Mela" to a political show, while farmers across Telangana continued to suffer due to delayed procurement and unfulfilled promises.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday, former Minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao said the Congress government should have organised its "Rythu Mela" at procurement centres instead of air-conditioned venues filled with party workers. He said the government failed to procure even half of the harvested paddy.

He said farmers in Mahabubabad and Jayashankar Bhupalpally districts suf-



fered heavy crop losses due to unseasonal rains, and demanded immediate compensation and support for affected families. "The Ministers are making false statements, instead of addressing farmers' distress. If only they had organised Rythu Mela at procurement centres, farmers would have taught them a fitting lesson," he said.

Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra stated that the Congress govern-

ment lacked even a basic mechanism to procure paddy. He said during the BRS regime, Ministers personally monitored procurement operations, whereas farmers are now forced to sleep near their farm produce awaiting its purchase and transportation.

Former Minister Satyavathi Rathod said the massive turnout at BRS working president KT Rama Rao's Rythu San-

grama Sadassu held in Warangal, indicated growing anger among cultivators against the current Congress regime. She alleged that despite repeated visits by BRS leaders to threshing floors over the past month, procurement has not begun in several places.

MLC Pochampally Srinivas Reddy accused the government of attempting to block the BRS farmers' meeting and declared the Congress Rythu Mela as a flop show.

Former MP Maloth Kavitha also criticised Congress leaders for allegedly targeting Rama Rao instead of addressing farmers' grievances. She demanded immediate transportation and procurement of paddy lying at procurement centres across the State.

Kavitha Backs Pharma City Farmers, Slams Govt Lies

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At a roundtable meeting held at Bashir Bagh Press Club, Kalvakuntla Kavitha strongly criticised the Congress government over Pharma City and Future City land acquisitions and extended complete support to protesting farmers and tribals. She demanded that lands acquired for Pharma City be returned to farmers and said forced acquisition in the name of Future City was unacceptable.

Kavitha alleged that the government was hiding the truth from people regarding crop procurement and land policies. Referring to a recent Cabinet meeting, she claimed the Chief Minister admitted there was no situation to continue procurement in future years, but the government failed to openly



inform farmers. She said farmers were dying at procurement centres while the government remained silent.

The TRS chief accused both the present Congress government and the previous BRS administration of misleading people over Pharma City land acquisition. She said authorities initially claimed only 13,500 acres were required for Pharma City, but now nearly 30,000 acres were being targeted for Future City without explaining its benefits, employment opportunities or environmental impact. Kavitha also raised concerns over proposed data

centres, alleging they could create severe pollution and noise problems. She questioned why lands belonging to influential landlords were spared while tribal lands were acquired. Stating that people must fight "stubborn governments" with equal determination, she assured that Telangana Rakshana Sena would stand with affected farmers until justice was achieved.

Kavitha further apologised for being part of the previous BRS government during which some farmers and activists also suffered losses.

Harish Rao targets Congress govt over delay in paddy procurement

BRS leader T. Harish Rao criticised the Telangana government over delays in paddy procurement, alleging negligence and farmer distress. He cited irregular deductions, delayed payments and poor infrastructure, urging immediate action to deploy transport, gunny bags and streamline procurement operations.

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BRS deputy floor leader T Harish Rao flayed the State government for its utter negligence in paddy procurement and failing to protect distressed farmers waiting at procurement centres across Telangana. He said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was showing no compassion towards distressed farmers.

During his visit to the paddy procurement centre at Choutuppal Agricultural Market in Yadadri Bhongir district on Thursday, Harish Rao interacted with farmers who alleged that their produce had not been purchased even after several weeks and officials were deducting large quantities of paddy in the name of husk and moisture quality checks.

Inspecting heaps of paddy damaged by unseasonal rains, Harish Rao said farmers were being forced to wait for days under extreme summer conditions. Referring to recent deaths of farmers near procurement centres, he said the government's incompetence had pushed cultivators into severe distress.

He reminded that during the previous BRS regime, such conditions had never existed in procurement centres. He said farmers under the present Congress government were facing problems at



every stage, including Rythu Bandhu assistance, seed and fertiliser supply, irrigation, electricity and sale of produce.

Targeting Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, the senior BRS leader challenged the Minister to step out of air-conditioned rooms and witness the ground reality at procurement centres. He said a woman farmer at the market brought her paddy 24 days ago and was still awaiting for the weighing process despite moisture clearance being completed eight days ago.

Harish Rao said the officials were taking nearly four weeks, leading to delay in procurement process at every stage, including moisture testing, supply of gunny bags, weighing, transportation and milling. He observed that while the authorities were deducting 2-3 kg per bag (quintal) towards in the name of husk and moisture, another four to five bags per truckload was being de-

ducted upon reaching rice mills.

"The Chief Minister who once warned against deductions must now explain why such cuts are continuing," he remarked.

Harish Rao also criticised the government for celebrating "Rythu Bharosa Week" while allegedly failing to ensure procurement and fertiliser supply. He accused the government of imposing restrictions on urea sales to vegetable and oil palm farmers and alleged that payments to maize and sunflower farmers were still pending for months.

Referring to recent farmer deaths linked to unseasonal rains and procurement delays in different districts, Harish Rao demanded that the government immediately send sufficient lorries and gunny bags to market yards and issue strict directions to millers to speed up procurement operations on a war footing.

BUWU Launches Welfare Schemes for Unorganized Workers

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Bharat Unorganized Workers Union (BUWU) founder Samagatla Chennaiya was appointed as the new Greater Hyderabad president during a meeting held at Ramnagar on Thursday.

Along with the appointment, the union announced a series of welfare schemes aimed at supporting unorganized laborers across the city. The initiatives include free Eeshram and labor card registrations, health insurance cards, financial



assistance for marriages, accident relief for workers suffering injuries such as broken limbs, maternity support for deliveries, and ex-gratia aid for families affected by sudden deaths. Union representatives said the schemes are designed to provide social and financial security to daily wage earners and

economically weaker workers. Organizer Reddimala Parvathi said the programs would help labor families manage medical emergencies and personal expenses with dignity.

The union announced that implementation camps will begin across Hyderabad from next week.

Warm Send-Off Accorded to Senior Journalist Jameel Ahmed Khan Ahead of Sacred Hajj Pilgrimage

HYDERABAD
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A graceful and emotionally charged gathering was organized in honor of senior journalist and Editor of The Freedom Press, Janab Jameel Ahmed Khan, as he prepares to embark on the holy pilgrimage of Hajj. The occasion witnessed the presence of several distinguished personalities, social activists, journalists, community elders, friends, and admirers who assembled to convey their heartfelt greetings,



prayers, and best wishes for his sacred journey to the holy cities of Makkah and Madinah. The atmosphere of the gathering was filled with spiritual warmth and goodwill as participants felicitated Jameel Ahmed Khan with floral bouquets and ex-

tended prayers for a safe, peaceful, and spiritually enriching pilgrimage. The event reflected the deep respect and affection he has earned through his dedicated contribution to journalism, public awareness, and social harmony over the years

Dasoju Shraavan Slams Govt Over Hyderabad Law & Order Failure

"Rowdy Rajyam" in Hyderabad, Says BRS MLC

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BRS senior leader and MLC Dasoju Shraavan launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over deteriorating law and order in Hyderabad after a midnight decoy operation conducted by Malkajigiri Police Commissioner B. Sumathi IPS exposed serious safety concerns for women in the city.

Shraavan said the incident, in which even a senior IPS officer allegedly faced harassment from a group of miscreants in a busy area, reflected the collapse of public safety under the Congress government. He termed the situation "Revanth Reddy's Rowdy Rajyam" and said criminals no longer fear the law. Citing NCRB and annual crime reports, Shraavan claimed crimes against women in Hyderabad rose by 6 percent while harassment cases across Telangana increased by 9 percent. He alleged Telangana now ranks among the leading south-



ern states in crimes against women.

The BRS leader also accused the government of misusing the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) for political surveillance instead of public safety. He questioned how such a technologically advanced system failed to detect a woman being surrounded by dozens of troublemakers in the middle of the city.

Shraavan further alleged police machinery was being diverted toward targeting opposition leaders and filing illegal cases rather than strengthening patrols and public protection measures. He demanded answers from the Chief Minister on women's safety, reduced patrolling, and the alleged politicisation of policing in Telangana.

Take Welfare Schemes to Every Doorstep, Urges; Neelam Padma

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Thalka Anjiah

A District Women Congress Executive Meeting was held at the GMR office in Turkapally Mandal under the President of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Women Congress President Neelam Padma. The monthly district review meeting was organized as per the directions of Telangana State Women Congress President Errabelli Swarna. State Vice President Krishnaveni, State Secretary Reshma Begum, and Mounika attended the meeting as dis-



tribut in-charges. Speaking on the occasion, District President Neelam Padma called upon party leaders and women activists to take the welfare schemes introduced by the Congress government to every doorstep. She urged party cadres to strongly counter the "anti-people policies

and misrule" of the BJP and BRS parties. Padma stated that under the leadership of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the government is giving top priority to women empowerment with the goal of making one crore women financially strong and self-reli-

ant. She said the Congress government, after coming to power, has introduced several welfare initiatives along with the Six Guarantees scheme for the benefit of women and economically weaker sections. She highlighted schemes such as free RTC bus travel for women, LPG gas cylinders at Rs. 500, free electricity up to 200 units, and distribution of fine quality rice to eligible families. She added that the government is also extending financial assistance to women through "Indira Mahila Shakti" and other empowerment programs.

BC Census Key for Social Justice: Srinivas Goud

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former minister V. Srinivas Goud on Thursday demanded that the Centre include a separate column for Backward Classes (BCs) in the national census, stating that the absence of accurate BC population data was affecting social justice and welfare policies.

At a programme held ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposed Telangana visit on May 10, Srinivas Goud, along with Legislative Council Opposition



Leader Gutta Madhusudhanachari, government advisor V. Hanumantha Rao, MLC Nellikanti Satyam and BC JAC leaders, unveiled a poster raising 10 questions concerning BC welfare and reservations. Srinivas Goud criticised the central government for

scrutiny in courts. He also demanded action against BJP MP Tejasvi Surya over remarks comparing the formation of Telangana with the partition of India and Pakistan, stating that such comments hurt the self-respect and sentiments of four-and-a-half crore Telangana people. BC leaders warned that if BCs, SCs and STs are not properly counted in the census, they would intensify a nationwide movement similar to the Telangana statehood agitation.

not establishing a separate OBC ministry and alleged inadequate budget allocation for BC welfare. He said lack of proper caste census data was weakening BC reservations in several states, including Karnataka, Punjab and Bihar, as such policies could not withstand legal

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 Jawaharlal 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.

Tensions high in West Bengal after BJP aide shot dead and hundreds arrested

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

Tensions have been high in the Indian state of West Bengal after a top political aide from Narendra Modi's party was shot dead in the street and hundreds were arrested as violence broke out following elections this week. The prime minister's Bharatiya Janata party (BJP) claimed victory in the West Bengal elections on Monday, defeating Trinamool Congress (TMC), which had ruled over the state legislature for 15 years. Turmoil rocked the state after the results were announced. Figures from TMC, including its leader, Mamata Banerjee, said there had been widespread irregularities in the vote and accused the BJP of "looting" the election. Banerjee said she would refuse to resign, stating that she had "not been defeated". Late on Wednesday evening, Chandranath Rath, an assistant to the head of the BJP in West



Bengal, Suvendu Adhikari, was shot dead in his car just outside the state capital, Kolkata, by gunmen on a motorcycle. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. Speaking to reporters, Adhikari, who is the frontrunner to become the state's next chief minister, said the BJP was "shocked, pained and hurt" by the incident and alleged that the killing had taken place "because I defeated Mamata". He said police believed the killing was a "pre-planned and cold-blooded murder that was carried out after a recce for two to three days". TMC denied any involvement in the killing and called for an independent investigation. "Violence and political killings have no place in a democracy and the guilty must be held accountable at the earliest," it said. Rath was one of three people killed in violence that erupted across West Bengal from Monday. The state's police chief, Siddh Nath Gupta, said that more than 200 criminal cases have been registered and 433 people had been arrested for involvement in post-poll violence. TMC workers accused the BJP of setting fire to their party offices and bulldozing one in Kolkata. The BJP has denied the allegations.

US Awaits Iran Response to Deal Offer

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The United States was waiting on Thursday for Iran to respond to its latest proposed deal to end the war in the Middle East and to reopen the key shipping lane out of the Gulf. Oil prices tumbled five per cent after US President Donald Trump said once again that an agreement could be near after positive talks and Iran said it would pass on its latest position to mediator Pakistan. Among oil traders and diplomats, there was optimism. "We've had very good talks over the last 24 hours, and it's very possible that we'll make a deal," Trump said on Wednesday. Iran's foreign ministry spokes-



man Esmail Baqaei said Tehran would communicate its position to mediator Pakistan "after finalising its views". But inside Iran, many were cynical about the talks. "Neither side in these negotiations is really capable of reaching an agreement," 42-year-old photographer Sherwin told AFP reporters in Paris. "This is another one of Trump's games; otherwise, why are so many warships and military forces being sent toward Iran?" - Mean-

while, a Saudi source on Thursday rejected a US media report saying American President Donald Trump announced a pause in an American military operation to guide stranded ships through the Strait of Hormuz following an intervention by Riyadh. According to a report from US network NBC News, Trump's U-turn came after Saudi Arabia -- whose Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman reportedly talked directly to Trump -- refused to allow US forces to use its airspace and bases for the Hormuz operation. "This isn't true," a source close to the Saudi government said. The US still has regular access to Saudi bases and airspace, the source

Vijay Reaches Out To New Party As Stalemate With Governor Extends Wait

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Actor Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), the architect behind the latest election blockbuster in Tamil Nadu, has reached out to one more MLA amid growing uncertainty over government formation. The TVK is learnt to have sought the support of Kamaraj S, the lone winning candidate of the Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK), led by TTV Dhinakaran. The TVK's move comes amid a stalemate with Governor RV Arlekar, who remains unconvinced that the party can run an administration despite falling short of the required majority. The TVK is confident that it would have the required majority by tomorrow, party insiders say. Why TVK Needs Support The TVK has scripted history by ending the Dravidian giants DMK and AIADMK's 62-



year-old stranglehold on the Tamil Nadu government, winning 108 out of 234 seats. The halfway mark being 118, he needs 10 more MLAs in his support to form the government. The Congress has already pledged support to the TVK, adding five more MLAs to Vijay's favour, while two-year-old party also reached out to DMK allies like the VCK and the Left outfits. The VCK and the Left parties will convene a meeting tomorrow to decide on Vijay's request. "We can't make a magic decision. VCK's high level committee will meet tomorrow and make a final decision. The Left parties will also meet in their respective of-

AIADMK moved a dozen of its newly elected MLAs to a resort in Pudukcherry, fearing they might end up backing the TVK. The Stalemate Vijay met Governor Arlekar last evening to stake claim to the government but couldn't convince him that he has the required support from coalition partners to form the government. This morning, they met again. Sources said the governor asked Vijay a series of questions, including how he might run an administration without a majority and which other parties might agree to back the TVK. The governor also asked Vijay to clarify his statements about the future support that his party may get. Vijay reportedly declared himself ready to face a floor test during his conversation with the governor. However, the governor demanded that he prove his majority before taking an oath as the chief minister.

Akhilesh Meets Mamata, Says She Didn't Lose

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav has accused BJP of an election fraud with the help of central forces on the day of counting of the just concluded Assembly Election in West Bengal and dared the Election Commission to release CCTV footage of the counting centres on May 4. The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister made the claims after meeting Trinamool Congress supreme Mamata Banerjee at her residence in Kalighat on Thursday. He also asserted that Ms

Banerjee did not lose the polls and praised her MP nephew Abhishek Banerjee for "fighting well." While greeting the TMC chief, Mr Yadav told her, "Aap Hare Nahin Hai (You did not lose)." He later said, "I have just met Didi. Abhishek was also with me. Today, all of us, together, have to stand up to election fraud. When the election happened honestly, she won. But this time, due to the multi-layered 'mafia-giri' that happened in the election, no one could have imagined that this kind of fraud could be done by the BJP, the Election

Commission, their associates, the spies, and the underground people." He alleged, "What has happened in Bengal was a way to destroy democracy. No one has probably damaged democracy as much as the BJP did. They can never see a woman rising. Voting indeed took place here. But people have voted more under pressure than of their own will. When the Supreme Court proceedings are broadcast live, what is the problem of the EC in showing the CCTV footage of what happened during the counting of votes here?"

The EC can show it to all." Claiming irregular deployment of forces and administrative interference during the polls, the SP chief pointed out, "Regarding central forces, the Election Commission, and transfer postings -- I have observed these in the UP elections very closely. We complained about numerous officials. Yet neither the DGP, the Chief Secretary, nor any district officials were removed. However, during the Bengal elections, they took over the entire structure."

India Denies Meddling in Canada's Affairs

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India on Thursday rejected allegations in a report by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service of foreign interference, asserting that it does not interfere in the internal affairs of other countries. External affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India "categorically" rejected the claims and



maintained that concerns should be addressed through established mechanisms rather than public discourse. Referring to the report, he noted that it acknowl-

edged the presence of supporters of the Khalistan separatist movement in Canada and said India has consistently raised concerns over extremist elements operating from Canadian soil. He said India has urged the Canadian government to act against activities such as threats to Indian leaders and diplomats, vandalism of places of worship and attempts to promote secessionism. Bilateral relations be-

tween India and Canada have improved since Prime Minister Mark Carney assumed office, following a period of strained ties under former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The remarks follow earlier tensions after Canada accused India of involvement in the killing of Khalistan activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in 2023, which India had denied.

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Amit Shah in WB.....

In another development, former Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court TS Sivagnanam, who was appointed along with 18 other retired judges by the Election Commission following a Supreme Court (SC) order to head the appellate tribunals to hear the pleas of the voters whose names were deleted in the special intensive revision (SIR), has resigned, citing "personal reasons." He was also in the panel of three retired judges which was set up by Chief Justice Sujoy Pal of the Calcutta High Court, following the SC order, about how the tribunals would function to resolve the prayers of the deleted voters in the SIR.

Telangana Govt.....

The government has transferred several land parcels for the project, including lands earlier allotted to institutions such as IPH in Premavathipet and Budvel areas of Rajendranagar mandal, as well as lands in Kismatpur and Himayatsagar regions of Gandipet mandal. In Shamshabad mandal, around 734 acres earmarked for an HMDA layout in Kotwalguda has also been transferred for the Musi project. The government would allot alternative lands to these institutions in the proposed Future City. The government has issued notifications for acquisition of nearly 50 acres. Notices have been served on several landowners and institutions located in the buffer zones between Hi-

mayatsagar, Osmansagar and Gandhi Sarovar. The acquisition process covers key areas including Kismatpur, Bandlaguda Jagir and Gandipet. Notices have been issued for a 9.2 km stretch between Himayat Sagar and Gandhi Sarovar and an 11.8km stretch between Osmansagar and Gandhi Sarovar. Land acquisition enquiries were also initiated for properties in Hyderguda and around 50 villas in Keerthi Richmond Villas and Sun City areas. MRDCL has invited landowners in the designated 50-metre buffer zones to voluntarily surrender their lands in exchange for the transferable development rights. Compensation will be paid based on prevailing market values in accordance with the provisions of the

Land Acquisition Act, 2013. The Musi riverfront development project spans around 55 km from Gandipet to Gowrelly and is spread through 46 villages across 14 mandals in Hyderabad, Rangareddy and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts. **US Will See 5-6%.....** Explaining his optimism about the higher economic growth in his country, Hassett said the United States is importing capital goods in large numbers, which is going to bring back jobs to the country. "The number one driver for GDP growth was a very healthy number in capital spending. The only thing that was a negative in the data was that all of the things that we're importing are capital goods... If you look at the quality of imports, the

US is now buying machines instead of carnival stuffed animals from China. That means that this economy's growth is going to be something that significantly outperforms what we've seen in the first term of President Trump," said Hassett, who served at the US Federal Reserve in the 1990s under Governor Alan Greenspan. Referring to a new study on artificial intelligence, the economist said, "Artificial Intelligence is making everybody do their job more productively. And it's not costing jobs right now. In fact, initial claims for unemployment insurance in the US are the lowest they've been since the 1960s, so nobody's losing their job. Everybody's thriving." Explaining his growth outlook for his country

further, he said. **Telangana GST.....** Telangana recorded a sharp 35 per cent year-on-year increase in Goods and Services Tax collections in April 2026, with revenue touching Rs 4,621 crore, compared with Rs 3,422 crore in April 2025. According to data released by the commercial taxes department, the April GST mop-up was the highest-ever monthly collection since the implementation of GST, surpassing the previous record of Rs 4,231 crore registered in March 2026. The department said the growth reflected continued economic expansion and better tax compliance in the state.

CRIME

Nizamabad Police Commissioner Conducts Surprise Inspection Ahead of Bakrid

Nizamabad CP Inspects Salura Check Post Ahead of Bakrid, Tightens Security Measures

NIZAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

As part of heightened security measures in view of the upcoming Bakrid festival and the transportation of livestock and paddy grain, Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya conducted a surprise inspection at the Salura check post located under the limits of Bodhan Rural Police Station on Thursday. During the inspection, the Commissioner reviewed the checking procedures being carried out at the check post and issued several important instructions to the police officers and staff on duty. He directed the personnel to maintain strict vigilance over illegal transportation activities, suspicious persons,



and vehicle movements during the festival season. The Commissioner specifically instructed officials to carry out thorough inspections to detect suspicious materials, prohibited substances, illegal cash transportation, and other unlawful activities. Emphasizing public-friendly policing, he ad-

vised the staff to behave courteously with the public during inspections and ensure that commuters do not face unnecessary inconvenience. He also instructed night duty personnel to remain highly alert and make proper use of safety equipment while performing their duties. The Commissioner

further directed the staff to inspect every vehicle from a suspicious angle and, wherever necessary, utilize technical equipment for detailed verification and surveillance. He also stressed the importance of the safety of police personnel deployed at the check post, advising them to wear reflector jackets and maintain proper coordination while regulating traffic. The Commissioner stated that check posts play a crucial role in maintaining law and order and ensuring public safety. On the occasion, Bodhan ACP Srinivas, Bodhan Rural SI Machender Reddy, and other police personnel were present during the inspection.

Two Bihar Men Arrested in Kondapur Ganja Bust; 2.4 Kg Seized

RANGAREDDY
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Srirangam Venkatesh

Acting on a tip-off about ganja being sold behind the Kondapur RTO office, the State Excise Task Force carried out a raid under the leadership of team leader Anji Reddy. During the operation, officials seized 2.4 kg of ganja, a two-wheeler, and ₹35,500 in cash. Two persons, Md Danish and Suraj Kumar Mandal, both natives of Bihar, were arrested in connection with the case.



Officials stated that cases have also been registered under Section 27 of the NDPS Act against seven individuals who allegedly purchased ganja from the

accused. The arrested persons, along with the seized ganja and cash, were handed over to the Serilingampally Excise Station for further action.

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.

BRS spokesperson Manne Krishank arrested again hours after High Court bail

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Barely hours after the High Court granted him bail in an assault and trespassing case filed by a Congress leader, BRS spokesperson Manne Krishank was taken into custody by the Nirmal police at the Sangareddy prison on Thursday. Subsequently, he was shifted to the local court in Nirmal, which granted him police custody for Friday. The Nirmal police ar-

rested him in connection with a pending case where he was the eighth accused (A-8) for a social media post against the Congress government. On the occasion, BRS leaders in Nirmal alleged that Krishank was subjected to torture in custody and transported to the Nirmal police station in a private car, flouting standard transfer norms and compromising his physical safety. Speaking to media persons, Krishank alleged

that he continued to face harassment despite securing bail from the High Court. He accused the Congress government of targeting him for questioning or exposing its alleged failures and irregularities. "I am being harassed even after the High Court granted me bail. They are shifting me from one police station to another in the name of interrogation. But we have faith in the judiciary and the law," Krishank said.

EDITORIAL

JOBS, MIGRATION & REALITY: BJP'S POST-POLL CHALLENGE

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Storytelling is critical in electoral politics. But the gap between political data and official data has rarely been wider. The BJP offered voters a storyline about industrial revival, jobs, cash support for the vulnerable, and an end to economic despair, alongside huge dollops of Hindutva, its calling card. The narrative was emotionally potent: other governments fail the people; the "double-engine" BJP model delivers. It worked. The BJP enters mid-2026 with unprecedented political dominance: direct control of 16 states and influence over nearly three-fourths of India's population through its NDA alliance partners. With the polls over, bread-and-butter concerns must be centre stage. The challenge for the BJP: operationalising its promises across the country. Out-migration was a potent election issue. In West Bengal, BJP

leaders painted grim pictures of lakhs of desperate workers fleeing their states. Exaggeration proved to be a potent electoral strategy. The data, however, tells a more nuanced story. People all over India are on the move, not just from West Bengal to other states in search of work. As the late Bibek Debroy and Devi Prasad Misra noted in EAC-PM's (Economic Advisory Council to PM) December 2024 working paper "400 Million Dreams" — "Mumbai, Bengaluru Urban, Howrah, Central Delhi, Hyderabad are the districts attracting most migrant arrivals; while Valsad, Chittoor, Paschim Bardhaman, Agra, Guntur, Villupuram and Saharsa are the top origin districts." Even though Census 2011 is the last comprehensive, door-to-door official count of migration, experts and government bodies use alternative high-frequency proxy data to estimate current migration patterns. Debroy and Misra used high-

frequency railway unserved ticket data and telecom roaming records as proxies to assess domestic migration. West Bengal ranks in the top five for total outbound migrants, but is nowhere near the top two. Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have far higher figures for work-related inter-state migration. "There has been significant out-migration from West Bengal to Kerala and other southern states. However, Bengal is not the only source state. Since we have not had a Census since 2011, there is no official, comprehensive data on internal migration patterns in India. Migration is normal, natural and is one of the fastest ways of intergenerational social mobility for a person from disadvantaged communities in rural India. In India, a large number of migrants move to southern states, which offer better incomes and opportunities. Bengal is merely one among many states from where rural Indians are migrating in search of

livelihoods, driven by a lack of local job opportunities exacerbated by climate change," points out Dr Benoy Peter, migration expert and executive director, Centre for Migration and Inclusive Development. Framing any state as the worst in every way is political storytelling. The reality: large-scale distress migration from all poorer, populous northern and eastern states to western and southern industrial hubs. The BJP tapped into real voter pain, but the exaggeration raises the bar for delivery. Reversing entrenched migration patterns will take years of sustained industrial growth, beyond campaign rhetoric. Another hugely relevant issue across India — investment and the quality of jobs on offer. Job growth trails GDP growth. Millions of Indians continue to survive through self-employment (mostly low-productivity) and casual labour. This gap between promise and reality became visible in mid-April 2026.



Crimes Against Foreigners Rise in Telangana, India

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

India recorded 257 crimes against foreigners in 2024, up from 238 in 2023 and the highest count since international travel resumed after the Covid years. Telangana registered 15 such cases in 2024, after reporting only five in 2023, according to NCRB 2024 data released on Thursday. The report recorded offences including theft, rape, murder and trafficking-related crimes against foreign nationals. Crimes by foreigners stood at 2,792, largely

driven by the Foreigners Act, Passport Act and narcotics cases. Interestingly, however, chargesheets were filed in 96.7 per cent of cases involving foreign accused, compared to 68 per cent in cases where foreigners were victims. Keeping Union Territories aside, where Delhi alone accounted for 64 of the 67 cases registered across all UTs and reported more cases than any individual state, Maharashtra recorded the highest number of crimes against foreigners among states with 41 cases, followed by Karnataka with 32 and Himachal Pradesh with

19. Telangana ranked sixth with 15 cases. West Bengal reported the highest number of crimes committed by foreigners at 992 cases, followed by Maharashtra with 386 and Delhi with 201. Telangana recorded 44 such cases, placing it ninth among states. Over the years NCRB figures analysis showed that crimes against foreigners have risen after the collapse in travel during the Covid years. India recorded 517 such cases in 2018 and 409 in 2019 before the numbers crashed to 127 in 2020 and 121 in 2021, however, it rose again to 192

in 2022, climbed to 238 in 2023 and reached 257 in 2024. Theft formed the single largest category in crimes against foreigners, with 62 cases recorded across India during 2024. NCRB also counted 20 rape cases, 15 murders, 13 kidnapping and abduction cases, 17 cases involving assault on women and 25 offences under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act. As for foreign victims, NCRB recorded 317 in all. Nepal accounted for 71 victims and Bangladesh 52, followed by Myanmar with 16 and the US with 15.

Ai+ Launches India's First Flip Smartphone Under ₹30,000

NovaFlip 5G features 32MP selfie camera, Dimensity 7300X chipset and dual AMOLED displays

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Ai+ Smartphone has launched the NovaFlip 5G, becoming the first company in India to introduce a flip smartphone priced below ₹30,000. The device was unveiled in New Delhi on May 7, aiming to make foldable smartphone technology more affordable for Indian consumers. Priced at a special launch offer of ₹29,999, the NovaFlip 5G combines premium flip-phone design with flagship-level features. The launch comes after the success of the Nova 2 Series, which reportedly witnessed strong demand and rapid sales. Speaking at the launch,



Madhav Sheth said the company aims to make flip smartphones accessible to a wider audience by offering premium features at a competitive price. The NovaFlip 5G is equipped with a 50MP rear camera and a 32MP front camera with autofocus, targeting users who prioritize photography and selfie content. The

smartphone is powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 7300X processor, paired with 8GB RAM and 256GB internal storage. It runs on Android 15 with the company's NxtQuantum OS. The device features a 6.78-inch FHD+ AMOLED inner display along with a 3-inch AMOLED cover screen,



allowing users to access notifications and controls without unfolding the phone. Weighing 193 grams, the flip smartphone also includes a side-mounted fingerprint sensor, NFC support, Wi-Fi 6, dual 5G SIM compatibility and a flip-aware interface powered by a hall sensor. The NovaFlip 5G houses a 4325mAh battery with support for 33W fast charging through USB Type-C. According to the company, the device

offers up to 310 hours of 5G standby and 19.5 hours of talk time. The smartphone will go on sale from May 8 at 12 PM exclusively on Flipkart as part of the Big Saving Days Sale. Alongside the NovaFlip 5G, the company also announced sale offers on other devices including the Ai+ Pulse 2 priced at ₹7,999, Nova 2 5G at ₹9,999, Nova 2 Ultra 5G at ₹14,999 and PulseTab at ₹9,999.

Catch Expands Sprinkler Range With New Flavours

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Catch Salt & Spices, the flagship seasoning brand of DS Group, has expanded its popular Catch Sprinkler portfolio with the launch of several new-age and regionally inspired seasoning variants aimed at modern Indian consumers. The newly introduced range includes pizza pasta seasoning, chilli flakes, oregano, mixed herbs and magic masala, along with regional flavours such as Jeeravan (Poha Masala) and Podi Masala. The company said the expansion is aimed at catering to the growing demand for convenient, flavour-rich and easy-to-use seasoning products across metros as well as Tier 2 and Tier 3 markets. The expanded Catch Sprinkler range is now available through general



trade, modern retail stores, e-commerce and quick commerce platforms across India. The products come in specially designed HIPS containers that help keep the seasonings moisture-free while ensuring smooth dispensing and convenient table-top usage. Speaking on the launch, Sandeep Ghosh, Business Head, Catch Salt & Spices, said the company is focusing on evolving consumer preferences and strengthening its seasoning portfolio with products that combine convenience, purity and

innovative flavours. He said the company is also investing heavily in technology, R&D and brand building to enhance consumer experience and expand market reach. Launched in 1987 with its iconic table-top salt sprinkler, Catch has grown into a major spices and seasoning brand with over 140 variants and 330 SKUs across nine categories. The products are currently available at more than seven lakh retail outlets through a network of over 1,500 distributors nationwide.

West Asia Crisis Jacks Up Cotton And MMF Prices By Around 30 pc

CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

The ongoing crisis in West Asia has sharply increased input costs across India's textile sector, putting pressure on manufacturers, exporters and the entire textile value chain. According to a study by the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI), prices of cotton and man-made fibres (MMF) have risen by 15-30 per cent since February 2026 due to global supply disruptions

and rising raw material costs.

One of the major reasons for the increase is the sharp rise in fertilizer prices, which climbed nearly 40 per cent during January-April 2026. Since fertilizers are a key input in cotton cultivation, the rise has directly pushed up cotton production costs and market prices. At the same time, the increase in crude oil prices has led to a surge in the cost of petrochemical derivatives used in the production of man-made



fibres. This has significantly impacted the MMF segment, which is heavily dependent on oil-based raw materials. CITI also pointed out that the Minimum Support Price

(MSP) for cotton has been rising steadily over the last decade. In absolute terms, MSP has increased by around 98 per cent, while in US dollar terms it has gone

up by nearly 48 per cent. Consequently, the calculated Indian cotton price based on MSP has increased by 69 per cent over the last ten years, making domestic cotton more expensive compared to global markets. The study further noted that futures trading on exchanges such as the Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) and the National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) strongly influences domestic cotton price discovery and

volatility. Benchmark prices in futures markets often shape spot market expectations, increasing procurement costs for spinning mills, textile manufacturers and exporters. In view of these unprecedented global disruptions and their cascading impact on domestic cost structures, CITI has urged the government to introduce a responsive policy mechanism to stabilize raw material availability and pricing. The industry body recommended

removing import duties on cotton as an immediate measure to align domestic prices with international rates and protect the competitiveness of India's textile exports. CITI has also proposed the creation of a Cotton Price Stabilization Fund with a 5 per cent interest subvention scheme. The proposal aims to ease working capital pressures for mills and traders procuring cotton during the peak procurement season from November to March.

Rajasthan to Host Hyderabad Investor Meet Ahead of GRAM 2026

HYDERABAD
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The Rajasthan government will organise an Investor Meet in Hyderabad on May 8 under the banner of to attract investments in agriculture, agritech and technology-driven farming solutions.

The event, being organised by the Rajasthan Agriculture Department in collaboration with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Rajasthan Foundation, will be held at Park Hyatt Hyderabad. Industry leaders, investors and experts from agriculture, IT, seed technology, protected cultivation and agricultural research sectors are expected to participate.

Bhajanlal Sharma will attend the meet as the chief guest along with Agriculture and Horticulture Minister Kirodi Lal Meena, Animal

Husbandry Minister Joraram Kumawat and other senior officials. A panel discussion on "Scope of IT Interventions and Technological Innovations in Agriculture" will feature representatives from ITC, Coromandel International, Nuziveedu Seeds, Khayti, ICRI-SAT and Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research.

The Chief Minister will also hold interactions with investors, agritech startups, industrialists and pharmaceutical companies to explore partnerships in food processing, supply chains, smart farming and agri-infrastructure. The Hyderabad roadshow is part of preparations for scheduled in Jaipur from May 23 to 25. Earlier investor meets were held in Delhi, Bengaluru and Ahmedabad, where Rajasthan secured investments worth over ₹150 crore.

Rupee Gains For 2nd Day As Oil Prices Fall

MUMBAI
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The Indian rupee strengthened for the second consecutive session on Thursday, appreciating 36 paise to close at 94.25 to a dollar, tracking a steep decline in crude oil prices amid rising optimism over a potential breakthrough in US-Iran negotiations. Traders said that stop losses on short rupee positions alongside dollar sales in the non-deliverable forward (NDF) also supported the domestic currency. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 94.73 to a dollar. It touched an intraday low of 94.91 and a high of 94.06 before finally closing at 94.25 after Brent crude prices fell below \$100 per barrel to touch a day's low of \$95.66/bbl. The rupee's previous close was 94.61. Traders said that the RBI may have been present selling dollars near to 94.90 levels during the day. The retreat in oil prices also lifted Asian currencies broadly which were up between 0.2 per cent and 0.6 per cent, while the dollar index eased 0.2 per cent to 97.87.

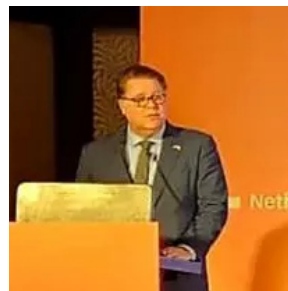
Radhika Rao, Senior Economist & Executive Director at DBS Bank, "The rupee is likely to enjoy a temporary reprieve on global and local cues through a protracted rally is unlikely until the flows outlook improves materially."

Sustainability And Traceability Key For Global Spice Trade

Dutch seminar focuses on future-ready spice value chains

NEW DELHI
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Le Méridien Kochi became the venue for a major discussion on the future of India's spice exports, where industry leaders and policymakers stressed that sustainability, traceability and stricter food safety standards are now central to global competitiveness in the spice trade. The seminar on "Sustainable Spice Value Chains" was organised by the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for South India in association with the World Spice Organisation. Exporters, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), sustainability experts and government representatives participated in the event to deliberate on the changing global trade environment and the future of Indian spice exports. Inaugurating the seminar, Ewout de Wit underlined the growing importance of robust traceability systems, certification mech-



anisms and quality assurance processes to meet evolving international standards. He said global buyers are increasingly seeking transparency in sourcing and production practices. He also emphasised the need for inclusive growth within the spice sector through fair wages, greater participation of women and empowerment of small-holder farmers. According to him, sustainability is no longer limited to environmental concerns but also includes social and economic responsibility across the supply chain. Speaking at the seminar, B. N. Jha said India exports more than 250 varieties of spices and value-added products to over 180 countries. He noted that India continues

to witness strong opportunities in the European market despite tightening regulations and compliance standards. He said the Spices Board India has been actively promoting Good Agricultural Practices, scientific crop management and farmer-capacity building programmes to improve sustainability and food safety compliance in spice cultivation. A major focus of the seminar was the impact of evolving European regulations on Indian spice exports. Warner Uiterwijk said European consumers are increasingly demanding sustainably sourced, traceable and high-quality food products. He added that exporters who invest early in compliance, transparency and sustainability measures would gain a stronger foothold in European markets. Marion van Schaik highlighted the importance of collaboration among farmers, companies, universities and research institutions for building resilient agricultural value

chains. She identified soil health improvement and knowledge-sharing as critical priorities for sustainable farming. Ramkumar Menon said international buyers are now evaluating suppliers not only on product quality but also on environmental impact, transparency and reliable traceability systems. He stressed the need for Indian exporters and farmer groups to strengthen institutional capacity and adopt digital traceability practices. During the seminar, Muralidhara Menon presented the progress of the National Sustainable Spices Program (NSSP), launched in 2019. The initiative currently covers chilli, cumin, coriander, turmeric and pepper cultivation across multiple states and involves more than 35,000 farmers. The seminar concluded with technical presentations and a roundtable discussion focusing on sustainability, resilience and improved market access across the spice.

TVS ILP signs deal for logistics park in Siliguri

HYDERABAD
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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.

Lathish Recalls Emotional Praise After Film Success

Actor Lathish, who earned recognition for his powerful performance as villain Siddaiah in the recently successful film *Thimmarajupalli TV*, has opened up about his emotional journey from poverty to cinema. In a heartfelt interaction, the actor shared the struggles, sacrifices, and encouragement that shaped his career.

Hailing from Nagari, Lathish said he comes from an underprivileged agricultural family that faced severe hardships. "There were days when we even stole salt to eat," he recalled emotionally. He credited his parents and elder brother for working tirelessly to educate the family. Initially, his brother disapproved of his decision to enter films and stopped speaking to him. However, after watching his performance in the movie, the relationship changed. "After seeing my role, he finally spoke to me again," Lathish revealed.

He also expressed gratitude to his sister Chamundeshwari and brother-in-law Koteswara Rao for standing by him throughout his difficult journey.

Lathish said he first worked in Bengaluru



before moving to Hyderabad in 2017 with dreams of becoming an actor. Though many appreciated his acting talent, opportunities remained scarce. During this phase, he worked as an associate director under Mahipal Reddy for the film *Poster*. The Covid period brought further setbacks, but he continued pursuing his passion by directing and acting in a YouTube short film.

Speaking about the challenges he faced, Lathish said arranging money for filmmaking was extremely difficult. "I even had to ask my family for money to buy a camera," he said, adding that no producer initially came forward to support his short film.

A major turning point came during his time at B Studio. He revealed that the institute initially quoted Rs 1 lakh for training. When he asked emotionally whether acting was only for the rich, the management recognized his dedication and trained him free of cost. He later performed in several plays there, which eventually led to the audition opportunity for *Thimmarajupalli TV*.

Talking about his villain role, Lathish said he embraced the character with complete commitment. To suit the role of Siddaiah, he gained nearly 30 kilograms. "A villain is just as important as the hero," he stated, adding that the au-

"He spoke about me... and hugged me. I can never forget that moment" – 'Thimmarajupalli TV' actor Lathish

dience response has been deeply satisfying.

The actor also shared the appreciation he received from the film industry after the movie's success. He said actor Kiran Abbavaram personally praised him and the team after watching the film. Actor Naresh Agastya and mentor Dr. Shaik John Bashir also appreciated his performance.

Recalling an emo-

tional moment, Lathish said, "After I went to the institute, Bashir sir spoke about me and hugged me. I can never forget that moment." Currently, Lathish is working part-time at B Studio while listening to new scripts and opportunities. Though nothing has been finalized yet, he expressed confidence that bigger opportunities are on the way.



'Maa Inti Bangaram' Release Deferred



MUMBAI
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The postponement wave in Tollywood appears to be continuing, with actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu's much-anticipated film *Maa Inti Bangaram* reportedly joining the growing list of delayed releases. Directed by Nandini Reddy, the film was originally scheduled to hit theatres on May 15. However, according to industry reports, the makers have decided to postpone the release due to the ongoing IPL season, which has significantly affected theatre footfalls across the country.

Trade circles suggest that distributors are reluctant to release films during the peak cricket

season, as IPL matches continue to dominate audience attention, particularly during evening and weekend shows. "IPL matches have impacted theatre occupancy in a major way. Producers are being extra cautious with release plans to avoid losses," a leading distributor reportedly said.

As per the latest buzz, the film is now targeting a June 19 release, a date believed to have been strategically chosen to ensure improved audience turnout and better box-office prospects. Interestingly, the revised release date comes exactly two weeks after the release of *Peddi* starring Ram Charan.

Produced by Samantha

herself under the banner of Tralala Moving Pictures, the film features a strong ensemble cast including Gulshan Devaiah, Diganth Manchale, Gautami Tadimalla, Sreemukhi, Anjali and Sathyaraj in pivotal roles. Music for the film is composed by Santhosh Narayanan.

Industry insiders reveal that Samantha has reportedly invested more than ₹17 crore into the project and is currently negotiating OTT rights as part of the recovery strategy. With the theatrical market remaining unpredictable, especially for female-centric films, the makers are expected to rely heavily on distribution and digital deals to secure profits.

Coco Gauff cruises into Italian Open third round

ROME
Wakeup telangana

World No. 4 Coco Gauff made a confident return to action at the Italian Open, defeating Czech teenager Tereza Valentova 6-3, 6-4 in the second round on Thursday.

The third-seeded American, who arrived in Rome after struggling with illness during the Madrid Open, showed resilience and composure on the clay courts despite an inconsistent serving performance.

Gauff needed one hour and 34 minutes to seal victory and book her

place in the third round of the prestigious WTA 1000 event.

The 21-year-old had endured a difficult outing in Madrid, where she suffered from food poisoning and was visibly unwell during her defeat to Linda Noskova in the fourth round. However, the defending French Open champion looked far more settled in Rome as she continued preparations for her Roland-Garros title defence later this month.

Gauff began aggressively on Campo Centrale, immediately putting pressure on Valentova's serve. The American earned consecutive breaks early in the

opening set and quickly established control with her powerful baseline play and sharp movement.

Although the Czech teenager attempted to fight her way back into the contest, Gauff maintained her advantage and comfortably served out the first set in 39 minutes.

The second set proved more competitive as Valentova capitalised on Gauff's struggles behind serve. The American committed seven double faults during the match and landed just 62 per cent of her first serves, allowing the teenager multiple opportunities to level the contest.

Mitchell Marsh powers LSG to thrilling DLS win over RCB

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Mitchell Marsh smashed a blistering century while Prince Yadav dazzled with the ball as Lucknow Super Giants kept themselves alive in the IPL playoff race with a nervy nine-run DLS win over Royal Challengers Bengaluru in their rain-curtailed clash here on Thursday.

With as many as three rain interruptions causing close to an hour's delay, the contest was eventually reduced to 19 overs per side. The win helped LSG snap a six-match losing streak while also handing them their first victory at home this season.

Invited to bat, Marsh (111 off 56 balls) unleashed a ferocious century before repeated rain breaks disrupted LSG's momentum as they posted 209 for 3. However, the target was



revised to 213 after one over was lost due to rain.

LSG bowlers, led by Prince (3/33), then held their nerve to restrict the defending champions to 203 for 6.

Veteran seamer Mohammed Shami provided LSG the perfect start by striking in the opening over, inducing an outside edge from Jacob Bethell to dismiss the opener early.

Three balls later, Prince Yadav produced a sensational delivery to bamboozle Virat Kohli. The 140-kmph ball nipped back to crash into Kohli's middle and off stump. It marked Kohli's first IPL duck since a first-ball dismissal against Rajasthan Royals in April 2023.

Reeling at 9 for 2, Devdutt Padikkal (34) and skipper Rajat Patidar

(61) launched a spirited recovery. The pair kept the scoreboard moving with boundaries almost every over before Patidar shifted gears dramatically, taking apart Digvesh Rathi and Mayank Yadav with a series of towering sixes.

The duo stitched together a 95-run stand for the third wicket, with Patidar producing some breathtaking strokeplay that briefly wrested momentum back in RCB's favour.

Just when the game appeared to be slipping away, LSG skipper Pant brought Prince back into the attack, and the move paid immediate dividends. The pacer dismissed Padikkal off the very first ball of the over with a sharp caught-and-bowled effort before removing Jitesh Sharma soon after.

Patidar followed four balls later as Aiden Markram completed a fine running catch, triggering a mini collapse as RCB lost

three wickets in quick succession.

Tim David, Krunal Pandya (28 not out) and Romario Shepherd (23 not out) kept the chase alive with late blows, but Digvesh held his nerve superbly to defend 20 runs in the final over.

Earlier, Marsh put on a breathtaking display of power-hitting, stitching a 95-run opening stand with Arshin Kulkarni (17) to lay the platform for LSG's explosive start, before adding another 70 runs with Nicholas Pooran (38). Skipper Rishabh Pant then blazed away to 32 not out off 10 deliveries to provide the final flourish.

The Australian opener looked ominous from the outset, unleashing a barrage of clean strikes all around the ground. His 56-ball knock was laced with nine fours and as many sixes, most of which came in the powerplay.



Door-to-door voter mapping in Karwan Constituency was successfully conducted area-wise by BLOs under the supervision of Mr. Shiva Kumar. Guided by Karwan Constituency Congress Mahila President Mamidi Madhavi, the team successfully achieved the targeted percentage of work.

Not Hyderabad, this year KTR to attend Formation Day in Malaysia

K. T. Rama Rao, popularly known as KTR, will attend the Telangana Formation Day celebrations in Kuala Lumpur on June 6, and is likely to miss the official celebrations in Telangana. The grand event will be held at the Matrade Exhibition and Convention Center under the leadership of BRS Malaysia. On Thursday, BRS NRI Global Co-ordinator Mahesh Bigala along with other party representatives met KTR and formally invited him to participate in the celebrations as the chief guest. Responding positively, KTR accepted the invitation and confirmed his participation in the overseas Telangana Formation Day event. The Telangana diaspora in Malaysia is preparing to celebrate the state's formation in a grand and festive manner. Large-scale arrangements are underway to bring together Telugu-speaking families, NRIs, community leaders, and BRS supporters from across Malaysia. Cultural performances, speeches highlighting Telangana's achievements, and programs showcasing Telangana traditions are expected to be part of the celebrations.

National Science Centre to Emerge as Major Facility: Kishan Reddy

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Union coal minister G. Kishan Reddy aid on Thursday that Hyderabad has emerged as a major centre for premier central government institutions, particularly in defense, science, IT and educational research. The National Science Centre, now under construction on the CSIR-IICT campus at Tarnaka, would emerge as a major facility, benefiting youth, students and researchers in science and technology fields, he said. After inspecting the ongoing progress of works there along with Medchal-Malkajiri MP Etala Rajender and others, Kishan Reddy said, "The Prime Minister approved the centre for Hyderabad, with a target to complete



and dedicate it to the public by the end of next year. But, the Science Centre will be ready by June next year." Kishan Reddy said the PM would conduct the ground-breaking ceremony for the Mega Industrial park in Zaheerabad and the PM Mega Textile Kakatiya Park in Warangal on May 10, apart from dedicating the NHs and railway network upgrades, to the nation. The ground-breaking cer-

emony for the Warangal wirport, the rail manufacturing unit, the tribal university at Mulugu and the upgraded AIIMS hospital at Bibinagar would be done in the next three to four months. These would be done with inauguration of the ultra-modern Secunderabad and Nampally railway stations, he said. Later, Kishan Reddy visited Parade Grounds and inspected the arrangements for the PM's meet-

ing, along with Rajya Sabha MP K Laxman and senior leader PL Srinivas. Kishan Reddy said that a cultural team of 1,000 Lambadi women would entertain the Prime Minister with their traditional dance. The BJP has booked four trains for the convenience of the party workers along the routes of Gadwal, Sirpur-Kagaznagar, Macherial and Khammam to the public meeting. Talking to the media later, Rajender said chief minister Revanth Reddy would "face a fate similar to KCR for insulting and speaking ill of the Prime Minister." "If the Centre stops funding the corporations, municipalities and gram panchayats, the state government will not be able to pay the salaries of the employees," he said.

Govt Steps up Logistics for Paddy Procurement

Procurement activity has picked up across all 8,575 centres, compared to 7,178 centres during the previous Rabi season under the BRS government.

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With paddy procurement gaining momentum across the state, transport and civil supplies officials at the district level have intensified efforts to resolve logistics-related hurdles. The civil supplies department has shifted into "mission mode" to speed up procurement operations and achieve zero pendency from weighing to payment during the Rabi season. As large-scale procurement continues, transport department officials have been directed to coordinate with other departments to ensure uninterrupted vehicle movement. On Thursday, transport commissioner K. Ilambarthi instructed officials to ensure adequate availability of lorries and tractors for transportation



of paddy from procurement centres to warehouses and rice mills. Officials were asked to coordinate closely with district administrations and the civil supplies department to make vehicles available as required. The Commissioner also directed that all vehicles engaged in paddy transportation carry valid documents, including RC, fitness certificate, permit, insurance, PUC certificate and driving licence. Continuous monitoring of transportation arrangements and prompt resolution of issues were also stressed. By Thursday, farmers had received MSP disbursements worth Rs 2,506

crore. Against the State's procurement target of 90 lakh metric tonnes (LMT), around 6,200 trucks were deployed for quick movement of paddy to mills. Milling capacity has been scaled up to 64.83 LMT, while 11.20 LMT additional storage space has been created. Procurement activity has picked up across all 8,575 centres, compared to 7,178 centres during the previous Rabi season under the BRS government. Meanwhile, Civil Supplies Commissioner Stephen Raveendra directed district officials to accelerate procurement and eliminate public grievances by addressing five major bottlenecks — unprocured paddy at centres, weighed bags pending lifting, unloading backlog at mills, data entry delays and miller acknowledgement.

Telangana govt to appoint additional Tahsildars to settle land disputes

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Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Thursday, May 7, said that the government will be appointing additional Mandal Revenue Officers (MROs)/ Tahsildars in mandals with populations exceeding one lakh to help settle land disputes. Conducting a review meeting with district collectors and officials from Housing, Revenue and Forest departments of the erstwhile Nalgonda and Mahabubnagar districts, Srinivasa Reddy said that the government is constructing new buildings for revenue and registration offices across the state. District Collectors were asked to ensure that these offices are established in locations easily accessible to the public. He said joint surveys by Revenue, Forest and other departments are the only permanent solution to land disputes between de-



partments and instructed officials to expedite action in this direction. He added that several unprecedented reforms have been introduced in the Revenue Department and wider powers have been delegated to Revenue Divisional Officers (RDOs). He warned officials that strict action would be taken if these powers were misused for purposes other than public grievance redressal. On the topic of Indiramma houses, the Minister said that the government is considering providing another opportunity to beneficiaries who had previously been sanctioned houses under earlier Indiramma schemes but could not complete construction due to various reasons.

Palamuru Project Sadhana Sabha To Be Grand Success

TRS Ranga Reddy district president Kappati Panduranga Reddy Calls Massive Support For Palamuru Project Sabha

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Leaders of Telangana Rakshana Sena have called upon farmers, youth, women and people from all sections to participate in large numbers in the Palamuru-Rangareddy Project Sadhana Sabha to be held at Chowdar Guda mandal headquarters. After inspecting the meeting venue on Thursday, Telangana Rakshana Sena Ranga Reddy district president Kappati



Panduranga Reddy, State Minority Wing president Mohammed Mustafa, Narayanpet president Gavnolla Srinivas, Shadnagar constituency in-charge Cheemala Ramesh, coordinators Chiluka Praveen, Sheelam Veerender,

Chamarthi Seetharam and other leaders addressed the media. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders said the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme is a lifeline project capable of transforming the drought-

prone lands of South Telangana. They stated that completion of the project would bring irrigation water to barren lands, ensure drinking water supply and improve the livelihoods of thousands of farmers. They said the project would also accelerate agricultural and industrial development in the region, creating employment opportunities for youth. The leaders described the public meeting as a crucial movement aimed at securing Telan-

gana's water rights and ensuring a better future for coming generations. Calling the project essential for the prosperity of farmers and rural families, they urged people to unite and strengthen the movement for the speedy completion of the irrigation scheme. The Telangana Rakshana Sena leaders appealed to the public and media fraternity to extend full support and make the Palamuru-Rangareddy Project Sadhana Sabha a grand success.

ACB Trap Panchayat Secretary for Accepting Rs.5,000 Bribe



Panchayat secretary Ramineni Kumaraswamy was caught allegedly accepting a ₹5,000 bribe at Potkapalli in Odela mandal of Peddapalli district for processing house construction permission, police said on Thursday. The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) registered a case against the panchayat secretary. Police said he had allegedly demanded ₹50,000 from a villager for clearing documents related to a house construction permit. According to the complaint, Kumaraswamy allegedly asked the villager to transfer an initial bribe amount of ₹5,000 through PhonePe. Following the complaint, ACB officials conducted a raid at the Potkapalli gram panchayat office, verified the digital transaction records and took the accused into custody. Officials also seized documents and records from the office for further scrutiny. The case was registered under relevant sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Entire police force must collaborate to eradicate drugs: Telangana DGP

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Telangana DGP C V Anand on Thursday stressed that the entire police force should collaborate to eradicate the drug menace in the state. The DGP, who reviewed the performance of the state's anti-narcotics EAGLE Force (Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement) here, said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has already issued strict orders to police officers to completely eradicate drug supply in Telangana, an official release, quoting him, said. He said the supply and consumption of narcotics are continuing unabated, not only in Telangana but across various parts of the world. People of Telangana must become partners in the process of curbing drugs to safeguard children's future, Anand said. The DGP emphasised that a drug-free state can be built if District Superintendents of Police and Commissioners of Police work in tandem with EAGLE Force. "...merely establishing a bureau is not enough, the entire police machinery



across the state must work effectively," he said, adding he had earlier insisted on incorporating this approach into government orders. He drew a parallel to how the Special Intelligence Branch (SIB) and Greyhounds, an elite anti-Naxal force of Telangana Police, worked as specialised agencies to make the state Maoist-free, stating that the entire police force must collaborate in the same spirit to eradicate drugs. "Just as SIB, Greyhounds assisted in anti-Naxal operations, EAGLE Force will provide intelligence and investigative support to all districts," he said. The DGP further directed officials to move forward with a focus on using advanced technology, tracing financial roots (money trails), and crushing foreign syndicates. Officials said that drug case registrations have in-

creased significantly from 1,464 cases registered in 2023 with 3,157 arrests to 2,734 cases in 2025 and 5,703 arrests. While the national average is 1.3 arrests per case, Telangana maintains an average of 3.1 arrests per case, indicating that the Force is capturing not just suppliers but also the masterminds behind the scenes, they said. Investigations revealed that gangs were laundering drug money to foreign countries disguised as payments for garments and groceries. As many as 93 foreign nationals (from Nigeria, Ghana, Sudan, etc.) were deported, the release said. The DGP ordered continuous surveillance on social media, the dark web, and cryptocurrency transactions. He emphasised using digital forensics and geo-location tracking to apprehend suspects.

PAC Chairman A. Gandhi Pays Tribute to Alluri Sitarama Raju on 102nd Death Anniversary

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PAC Chairman A. Arikepudi Gandhi, along with former Corporator Name Srinivasa Rao, paid floral tributes to the statue of Alluri Sitarama Raju at Ushamullapudi Kaman on the occasion of his 102nd death anniversary. Speaking on the occasion, Gandhi described Alluri Sitarama Raju as a great revolutionary leader who fought bravely against British rule during India's freedom struggle. He said Alluri inspired tribal communities and awakened patriotic spirit among the people to participate in the independence movement.



He praised Alluri as a fearless warrior who believed that armed struggle was the path to freedom and fought against the British at a young age, keeping them under constant pressure for nearly two years. Gandhi said Alluri's sacrifice and courage continue to inspire generations and urged youth to follow his ideals and dedication to the nation. Members of Kshatriya Youth Association, local leaders, party workers, and supporters participated in the programme.



Advocate Mir Qurrum Ali, along with TJRA Working President Mustafa, attended the wedding reception and dinner of Mr. & Mrs. Mohammed Farooq's daughter with Mohammed Zubair at WEDS GARDEN, Hyderabad. TJRA Secretary Mohammed Ismail, Alamdar Ali, Abdulhaq, and others were also present on the occasion.

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