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## Telangana To Bear Extra Travel Costs for Haj Pilgrims: CM Revanth

Telangana To Come Up With Special Degree Colleges For Minority Students

**HYDERABAD**  
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A. Revanth Reddy on Friday directed officials to establish special degree colleges for minority students in the headquarters of erstwhile districts, with a strong emphasis on skill development and artificial intelligence (AI) training. During a review meeting of the minority welfare department, the Chief Minister said education should go beyond conventional courses and focus on improving employment and livelihood opportunities for students. He instructed officials to formulate special schemes for meritorious minority students on par with welfare programmes available for BC, SC and ST communities. Revanth Reddy also asked officials to identify minority candidates selected for Group-1, Group-2 and Group-3 services and involve them in the functioning of the minority welfare department to provide practical exposure to welfare administration. To motivate students, he



A. Revanth Reddy flagged off buses carrying Haj pilgrims at Haj House, Nampally, Hyderabad, on the occasion of their departure for the holy pilgrimage.

suggested inviting successful Group services candidates and sports persons to student incentive programmes to create awareness about the importance of education and sports. The Chief Minister further directed officials to ensure timely payment of honorariums to Imams and Mouzams and assured allocation of land for graveyards wherever feasible. Reviewing welfare initiatives, Revanth Reddy said the government was preparing a plan to convert diesel and petrol autorickshaws into electric vehicles to reduce fuel expenses and improve the financial condition of

drivers. In connection with the Musi Riverfront development project, the Chief Minister revisited the proposal to construct a mosque, church, gurdwara and temple together as symbols of India's cultural diversity and Telangana's 'Ganga-Jamuni Tehzeeb'. He said the structures should reflect the heritage of respective religions and serve as centres for cultural and civilisational studies. The meeting was attended by Minority Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin, Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, MP Anil Kumar Yadav and government adviser

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## Trump Warns of One Big Glow if Truce Ends

President Downplays Clash, Praises US Military Response

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US President Donald Trump has asserted that the ceasefire with Iran is still operational, notwithstanding recent military engagements in the vicinity of the Strait of Hormuz, while cautioning that any termination of the truce would be unmistakably apparent. Addressing media during an unannounced visit to the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool on Thursday (local time), the President remarked on the visibility of any potential escalation. "You won't have to know if there's no ceasefire," Trump stated. "You'll just have to look at one big glow coming out of Iran." The President sought to diminish the significance of the latest hostilities even as he lauded the efficacy of the American military intervention. Touching upon the confrontation, he noted that the opposing forces had attempted to provoke US



assets. "They trifled with us today," Trump said. "We blew them away. They trifled. I call that a trifle." Moving from the tactical response to the broader diplomatic landscape, the President indicated that the prospects for a formal resolution remain fluid. A deal with Iran "might not happen, but it could happen any day," Trump observed, suggesting that high-level discussions continue to hang in the balance. These comments followed a formal announcement from United States Central Command (CENTCOM), confirming that US forces had launched targeted strikes against Iranian military installations. These facilities were identified as the launch sites for missile, drone, and small boat offensives directed at US Navy destroyers

during their passage through the strategic Strait of Hormuz. Providing further technical details on the engagement, CENTCOM stated that "US forces intercepted unprovoked Iranian attacks and responded with self-defense strikes as US Navy guided-missile destroyers transited the Strait of Hormuz to the Gulf of Oman." The command identified the vessels involved as the "USS Truxtun (DDG 103), USS Rafael Peralta (DDG 115), and USS Mason (DDG 87)," clarifying that "No US assets were struck" despite facing a barrage of "multiple missiles, drones, and small boats." Expanding on the retaliatory measures, the military command noted that it "eliminated inbound threats and targeted Iranian military facilities responsible for attacking US forces, including missile and drone launch sites, command and control locations, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance nodes."

## Ex-IPS Officer's Wife Killed In Jubilee Hills Robbery

Tanuja Ranjan, 62, wife of retired IPS officer Vinay Ranjan Ray, was murdered during a robbery attempt inside her residence at Prashasannagar, Jubilee Hills, in the early hours of Friday. Police suspect the family's Nepal-native domestic help orchestrated the crime with two associates, all of whom are absconding. Tanuja was killed around 2 am. Her body was found on the first floor of the multi-storey building. Ray was out of station, while their children were on the upper floor, police said. Director-General of police C.V. Anand, senior officials Mahesh Bhagwat, Swati Lakra, Charu Sinha and Hyderabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar visited the spot, met the grieving family and inspected the crime scene.

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## Suvendu Adhikari Set To Become First BJP Chief Minister of WB

**KOLKATA**  
Wakeup telangana

Union home minister Amit Shah on Friday announced BJP heavyweight Suvendu Adhikari as the chief minister of the first BJP government in West Bengal after his victory over Trinamul Congress supremo and three-time Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in Bhowanipore, while also retaining his Nandigram seat in the Assembly elections. Shah,



who arrived in Kolkata in the morning and offered prayers at the Dakshineswar Kali Temple, later met all 207 newly elected BJP legislators at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre in New Town as the party's central observer to decide the BJP

Legislature Party leader. Announcing the decision, Shah said all proposals supported Adhikari's name and no alternative candidate was suggested. He then formally declared Adhikari as the BJP Legislature Party leader and greeted him as the chief minister-designate. In the evening, Adhikari and other BJP legislators met Governor R.N. Ravi at Lok Bhavan to stake claim to form the new

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## Actor-Politician Vijay Set to be Sworn In as TN CM Tomorrow

**CHENNAI**  
Wakeup telangana

After a series of hectic discussions and deliberations at various political camps on Friday, the CPI, CPM and the IUML decided to back the Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK), whose president C Joseph Vijay, would be sworn in as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on Saturday, as he had garnered the support of over 118 MLAs, at the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium, where



work on setting the stage for the event resumed after a short hiatus. Celebrations by supporters of Vijay and TVK cadre broke out at various venues, including the TVK headquarters at Pan-

naiyur in the evening, as the impasse that prevented the appointment of Vijay as Chief Minister due to the lack of adequate support for him in the past four days came to an

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

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

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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## WHO Warns of More Hantavirus Cases in Limited Uutbreak

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The World Health Organization said Thursday that more hantavirus cases could emerge after the disease killed three passengers from a cruise ship, but it expected the outbreak to be limited if precautions were taken. Another sick passenger from the MV Hondius landed in Europe earlier in the day, as the vessel headed to the Spanish Canary Islands and health officials scrambled to map the outbreak of the potentially deadly human-to-human strain.



The fate of the Hondius sparked international alarm after three people travelling on it died, though health officials have played down fears of a wider global outbreak from the rat-borne virus, which is less contagious than Covid-19. A Dutch couple who had travelled around South America before

boarding the ship in Ushuaia, Argentina on April 1 were the first fatalities. Argentine health authorities said Thursday they had not yet been able to establish where the outbreak began. "With the information provided so far by the countries involved and participating national agencies, it is not possible to confirm the origin of the infection," the health ministry said after a meeting with authorities from all 24 Argentine provinces. WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told journalists in Geneva that five confirmed and

three suspected cases had been reported overall, including the three deaths. "Given the incubation period of the Andes virus, which can be up to six weeks, it's possible that more cases may be reported," he said, referring to the rare strain detected aboard the Hondius, which can be transmitted between humans. The Leiden University Medical Centre in the Netherlands later announced another patient had tested positive. But the WHO's emergency alert and response director Abdi Rahman Mahamud said he believed it would be "a

limited outbreak" if "public health measures are implemented and solidarity shown across all countries." People thought or known to have contracted the virus are being treated or isolating in Britain, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and South Africa. Hantavirus is a rare respiratory disease that is usually spread from infected rodents and can cause respiratory and cardiac distress as well as haemorrhagic fevers. There are no vaccines and no known cure.

## CM Revanth Promises Completion of NKLIS Within 18-Months

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**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy promised completion of the Narayanpet-Kodangal lift irrigation scheme within 18 months, bringing Krishna river water to the parched region.

He entrusted sports minister Vakiti Srihari with the responsibility of land acquisition for the project which, the Chief Minister said, would be completed within a month. Revanth Reddy, who was speaking after laying the foundation stone for the construction of a 430-bed hospital at Kodangal, also directed officials to complete all development works in Kodangal by December 2027. He was accompa-



nied by ministers Damodar Rajanarsimha and Vakiti Srihari, during the visit to his Assembly constituency. Revanth Reddy also launched development works at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple at Doullthabad and Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple at Kosgi. Addressing a public meeting at

Kodangal, Revanth Reddy appealed to all representatives of local bodies to strive for development of their villages by setting aside political differences. He stated that his primary objective was to ensure the dry land of Kodangal was irrigated by the waters of the Krishna River. "Let us transform

Kodangal into a land of gold," he affirmed. Revanth Reddy assured that funds would be sanctioned and all hurdles will be cleared towards completion of the project. Recalling the plight of the Kodangal people, he recalled how residents in the past had to travel to neighbouring Vikarabad or Pargi to pursue their education. "Now, we are undertaking extensive initiatives to ensure access to education and healthcare for the poor," he said. He affirmed that the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Kodangal would be developed into a project that would make the state proud. Highlighting welfare measures, he said the government was implementing schemes

such as farm loan waiver, ration distribution, housing and education support. He also emphasised improvements in road connectivity, stating that roads had been built for every village and hamlet. Revanth Reddy said Kodangal would soon emerge as an education hub, with medical, engineering, nursing and polytechnic colleges, along with other institutions, being established. He added that an industrial park over 2,300 acres would be developed near Lagacharla, creating employment opportunities for locals. He further noted that railway connectivity in the region was nearing completion and a cement industry would be set up soon.

## BRS demands FIR against Bandi Sanjay over attack on BRS MLAs

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A delegation of BRS MLAs and MLCs on Friday called on DGP CV Anand and sought registration of an FIR against Union Minister of State Bandi Sanjay Kumar over the attack on the camp of Karimnagar MLA Gangula Kamalakar and also on the vehicle of Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy. They also urged increased security for Kaushik Reddy. The delegation submitted a memorandum alleging that BJP workers carried out the attack following provocative remarks by Bandi Sanjay. They accused the police of failing to prevent the violence and demanded strict action against those involved. Speaking to reporters outside the DGP office, MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy stated that law and order in Telangana had completely declined. He said the attackers came with



the intention of killing Kaushik Reddy and urged the police to register cases against Bandi Sanjay for allegedly inciting the violence. BRS Assembly Whip KP Vivekananda said Bandi Sanjay and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy were working together politically and targeting the BRS. He demanded that the Union Minister be named as the primary accused (A-1) in the FIR and said the party had submitted evidence to the DGP in this regard. BRS Council Whip Desapathi Srinivas accused the government of failing to maintain law and order and warned against the

emergence of a Bihar-style culture of violence in Telangana. He alleged that repeated attacks were taking place on BRS leaders and offices. MLC Dasoju Sravan condemned the alleged derogatory remarks made by Bandi Sanjay against BRS working president KT Rama Rao and questioned whether the BJP's ideology promoted such abusive remarks. He cautioned about rising crimes in Telangana and questioned the functioning of the police department in controlling them. MLAs Padi Kaushik Reddy and K Sanjay were also part of the delegation that met the DGP.

## Cyberabad Police, Bankers Hold Meet on Cybercrime Response

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

Cyberabad Police conducted a coordination meeting with bankers at the Cyberabad CP Office auditorium to improve cooperation between banks and police in handling cybercrime cases effectively. The meeting focused on mule accounts, freeze and defreeze procedures, refunds, suspicious transactions, and digital fraud investigations.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. M. Ramesh said cybercrime has become a major threat, with people losing huge amounts through online scams, fake investment schemes, call centre frauds, cryptocurrency scams, and other cyber offences. He stated that cyber fraud losses in Cyberabad reached ₹438 crore in 2025, while around ₹104 crore has already been reported in 2026 so far.

He stressed the need for stronger preventive measures, secure banking systems, prevention of mule accounts, and timely support to investigations. He



urged banks to establish dedicated cyber response cells for faster coordination with police and appealed to the public to remain alert and verify offers before investing money. During the meeting, T. Sai Manohar highlighted delays in receiving account statements, KYC documents, and freeze confirmations during investigations. Officials said no debit transactions should be allowed once an account is frozen and any attempted transaction must be reported immediately. Sai Sri explained NCRB cybercrime data and emphasised better coordination between banks and police to identify suspicious transactions and prevent mule accounts.

He advised banks to create dedicated Cybercrime Response Desks, maintain updated nodal officer details, and train branch staff on cybercrime procedures. Officials said these measures would help speed up investigations, reduce delays, improve customer protection, and strengthen banking security. An interactive session was also held to address procedural and communication gaps. Representatives from HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank, Bank of Baroda, Bank of India, Telangana Grammeena Bank, HDB Financial Services, Kotak Mahindra Bank, and other banks participated in the meeting along with senior police officials.

## Kuruma Corporation Brings New Hope to Shepherd Families



The Telangana Government's decision to establish the Kuruma Corporation has been welcomed by Kuruma community leaders, associations, and public representatives across the state. Leaders said the move would strengthen the self-respect and economic growth of shepherd families. The long-pending demand was reportedly brought before Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy by Aleru MLA Beerla Ilaiah. Responding positively, the government approved the formation of the corporation, drawing appreciation from the community. Siddulu Janne, Vice President of the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Sarpanches Forum and Mator village Sarpanch, said the decision fulfilled a long-cherished dream of the Kuruma community. He stated that the corporation would provide financial assistance, subsidies, training, veterinary support, and marketing facilities for sheep-rearing families. Leaders said the corporation would create self-employment opportunities, encourage modern livestock farming, and improve the rural economy across Telangana.

## AAP Telangana Opposes PM Modi Visit, Plans Black Flag Protest

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Aam Aadmi Party Telangana has strongly opposed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposed visit to Telangana, accusing the Centre of neglecting the state's promises and public interests. Addressing the media, AAP Telangana Working President Burra Ramu Goud and State Convenor Hema Jilloju announced that the party would stage protests with black flags and placards against the Prime Minister's visit. The party questioned the BJP-led Central government over several unful-



filled assurances to Telangana, including the Kazipet Coach Factory, Bayyaram Steel Plant, national status for the Kaleshwaram Project, and employment generation for youth. AAP leaders alleged that instead of strengthening public sec-

tor institutions, the Centre has accelerated privatization while increasing the financial burden on common people through rising commercial LPG gas prices. The party stated that small traders, tea stalls, bakeries, hotels, and mid-

dle-class families are struggling due to the steep rise in gas cylinder prices, which have reportedly touched nearly ₹1000. AAP leaders further accused the Centre of misusing agencies such as ED and CBI for political purposes. AAP Telangana called upon youth, unemployed persons, workers, traders, and public organizations to participate in the protest and raise their voice against what it termed "anti-people policies" of the Central government. Senior leaders Darshanam Ramesh, Rakesh Reddy, and Babulal Pawar were also present.

## Modi Mania Set to Shake Hyderabad" Jaligam Chiranjeevi Gives Powerful Call to Telangana

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Prashanth reddy

Senior BJP leader and Bhagya Nagar Zilla Vice President Jaligam Chiranjeevi gave a fiery call to the people of Telangana to attend Prime Minister Narendra Modi's massive public meeting at Parade Grounds on Sunday, May 10. Stating that a "political storm is rising in Telangana," Chiranjeevi said the BJP's back-to-back victories in West Bengal and Assam have proved that people across the



country are standing strongly with Modi's leadership. He confidently declared that Telangana is now the BJP's next big mission. He said the Modi public meeting will create history in Hyderabad with lakhs of people expected to gather at Parade Grounds. Chiranjeevi

urged BJP workers, youth, and supporters to turn the event into a "mega show of strength" and send a strong message across the state. Under the leadership of G. Kishan Reddy, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, K. Lakshman, and N. Ramchander Rao, he said the BJP is rapidly emerging as the strongest political force in Telangana. "Telangana people are ready for change, and Modi ji's visit will ignite a new political energy across the state," Jaligam Chiranjeevi asserted.

## Orphaned JJ Colony Children Await Government Support

Two orphaned children from JJ Colony are facing an uncertain future after losing both parents within a few months, prompting local residents and social activists to appeal to the Telangana Government for immediate humanitarian assistance. According to locals, Mr. Bhaskar passed away unexpectedly some months ago, leaving behind his wife Soujanya and their two children. Despite severe financial difficulties, Soujanya continued working to support the family. However, after recently undergoing surgery following a medical emergency, she also passed away, leaving their 13-year-old son and 17-year-old daughter without parental care. The incident has sparked emotional reactions in the locality, with public representatives and community leaders urging the government to provide support for the children's education, shelter, protection, and overall welfare. Social activist and retired bank manager Prabhakar Palukuri, a resident of Saketh Colony, stepped forward to assist the family during the crisis. Along with a few well-wishers, he collected donations to conduct the funeral rites, though the funds reportedly fell short of meeting the expenses. Wakeup Telangana representatives have also appealed to print and electronic media to highlight the children's condition and encourage humanitarian support from charitable organizations and the public.

## Red Cross Society Marks World Red Cross Day and Thalassemia Day with Service Activities in Nizamabad

**NIZAMABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Indian Red Cross Society, Nizamabad District Branch, organized a meaningful and vibrant programme on Thursday to commemorate World Red Cross Day and World Thalassemia Day, emphasizing humanitarian service, blood donation awareness, and support for Thalassemia patients. The celebrations commenced with floral tributes to Jean Henry Dunant, founder of the International Red Cross



Movement, whose vision of humanitarian service continues to inspire millions across the globe. Speaking on the occasion, District Chairman Bussa Anjaneyulu highlighted the importance of

social responsibility and voluntary service. He said that the Red Cross Society has consistently extended support during emergencies, health crises, and natural disasters. He further noted that patients

suffering from Thalassemia require regular blood transfusions throughout their lives and appealed to citizens, especially youth, to voluntarily donate blood and help save precious lives. To mark the occasion, essay writing and drawing competitions were conducted at Bal Bhavan to encourage awareness among students about humanitarian values, healthcare, and social service. Students who excelled in the competitions were honored with prizes and appreciation certificates.

## Merge RTC with Govt on June 2: Jahangir Baba

**MAHABUBNAGAR**  
Wakeup telangana

Jahangir Baba, president of Al Faiz Welfare Society, appealed to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to merge Telangana RTC with the state government on June 2, Telangana Formation Day. Speaking in Mahabubnagar, he said a memorandum and letter had already been sent to the Chief Minister seeking the merger and equal salaries and allowances for RTC employees on par with



government staff. He demanded restoration of the old pension scheme, payment of pending dues, salary hikes, and implementation of 32 pending demands of RTC workers. He also urged the government to revoke

charge sheets and restore annual increments withheld over minor mistakes during the past two-and-a-half years. Jahangir Baba further appealed for the reinstatement of suspended and terminated RTC workers and sought withdrawal of memos issued to conductors. He called for inquiry committees in every depot to ensure conductors can perform duties without harassment. Mohammed Yaqoob, Mohammed Yusuf and others participated in the meeting.

**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

# Sanjay Slams Cong., BRS; Hails Centre's Funds

"I don't know how to loot like KTR, put handcuffs on farmers and harass them, consume drugs, or engage in Kaleshwaram, e formula, power purchase scams, or farm house drug cases": Bandi Sanjay Kumar

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Union minister of state for home affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Friday claimed that Telangana's development was possible only with Central funds and accused the Congress government of siphoning off state resources to the party high command in Delhi. He contrasted this with the BJP's efforts to bring funds from the national capital. Taking part in a bike rally at RTC crossroads along with Rajya Sabha MP Dr K. Laxman and hundreds of party workers to mobilise support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting at Parade Ground on Sunday, Sanjay highlighted the Cen-



Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar and Rajya Sabha MP K. Laxman led a massive BJP bike rally at RTC X Roads, Hyderabad, calling upon party workers to make Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming public meeting at Parade Grounds, Secunderabad, a grand success.

tre's massive funding for Telangana's growth. He said thousands of crores were being allocated for infrastructure and development projects. "Without central funds, Telangana's

progress is impossible," he asserted. Targeting BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao, Sanjay distanced himself from alleged misdeeds, declaring: "I don't know

how to loot like KTR, put handcuffs on farmers and harass them, consume drugs, or engage in Kaleshwaram, e-formula, power purchase scams, or farm house drug cases." He urged Rama Rao to "control his tongue" and blamed his arrogance for limiting former chief minister and party president K. Chandrashekar Rao's influence to the farm house, with even BRS workers reportedly exasperated. Dismissing Chandrashekar Rao's prospects, Sanjay predicted that the BJP would win next elections. "Watch what happens after Modi's meeting," he said, seeking Telangana's blessings for the Prime Minister during his visit.

# NITI Aayog Report Validates BRS Education Reforms: Harish

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Zaffer abedi

BRS Deputy Leader T. Harish Rao said the latest report released by NITI Aayog has validated the progress achieved in Telangana's school education sector during the 10-year tenure of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. Referring to the report titled "School Education System in India" covering the period from 2014-15 to 2024-25, Harish Rao said the findings had exposed what he described as "false allegations" made by Congress, BJP leaders and certain intellectuals that the BRS government had neglected education. He said the report particularly appreciated Telangana for achieving zero dropout rates at the



primary school level in government schools. According to him, the State also performed better than the national average in Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER), especially in girls' education. Harish Rao stated that major improvements were made in government schools during the BRS regime by ensuring electricity, drinking water and toilet facilities across educational institutions. He added that computers were provided to nearly 86 per cent of schools, placing

Telangana among the leading States in digital infrastructure for education. The former Minister said the report highlighted the importance given to education through the expansion of Gurukul institutions and modernization of government schools under KCR's leadership. He termed the NITI Aayog findings as a strong response to criticism against the previous BRS government's handling of the education sector.

# Telangana student receives patent for smart parking management project

**Alsa Mamatha, a Class VII student from Kumram Bheem Asifabad district, received patent recognition for her project "Parking Management in Crowded Places". The innovation uses IR sensor technology to identify vacant and occupied parking slots and earned appreciation from School Education officials.**

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A Class VII student from a government school in Kumram Bheem Asifabad district has brought pride to Telangana by securing patent registration for an innovative project titled "Parking Management in Crowded Places."

Alsa Mamatha, a student of MPUPS Bhupalapatnam, received national recognition after her project was registered by the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks.

The project focuses on solving parking-related problems in crowded public areas such as schools, hospitals, shopping malls, offices and other public spaces. The model is designed to identify whether a parking slot is vacant or occupied using a simple technological system.

The innovation works with the help of an IR sensor and LCD display. Whenever a vehicle occupies a parking slot, the system displays "Slot Full," and when the slot becomes vacant, it shows "Slot Empty." The project was appreciated for offering a practical, low-cost and user-friendly solution to manage parking efficiently in



congested areas. Mamatha initially presented the project at the district-level INSPIRE Exhibition, where it secured first prize. Following its success, the project advanced to the State Level Exhibition and later achieved patent registration, earning appreciation from education officials and science experts. Certificates recognising the patent registration were presented to student Alsa Mamatha, guide teacher Sri Moulkari Keshav and District Science Officer Sri Katukam Madhukar for their contribution and support.

School Education Director Dr E Naveen Nicolas congratulated the student for identifying a real-life public issue and developing a technology-based solution at such a young age. He stated that government schools should continue encouraging scientific temper, creativity, innovation and problem-solving skills among students. Dr Nicolas also appreciated the efforts of teacher Moulkari Keshav and District Science Officer Katukam Madhukar for guiding and motivating the student towards innovation and scientific learning.

# 60 Students Complete ACIC-CBIT Innovation Camp

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The ACIC-CBIT Research and Entrepreneurship Foundation successfully concluded its Summer Innovation Boot Camp 2026 at the campus of Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology, Kokapet. The two-week programme, supported by Atal Innovation Mission and NITI Aayog, trained 60 students from Classes 8 to 12 belonging to Hyderabad and nearby districts.

The students were divided into 10 teams and received practical training in 12 advanced technology modules including Robotics, Artificial Intelli-



gence, Internet of Things (IoT), 3D Printing, Drones, Design Thinking, Augmented and Virtual Reality, Financial Literacy and Intellectual Property Rights. The camp concluded with a grand graduation ceremony on May 8, where students showcased innovative working prototypes before a panel of mentors and startup founders. The foundation appreci-

ated Hyderabad-based Tejas Automations for its contribution as the training partner. Mr. Mamidipally Bhavya Tanmay and Ms. Parvathaneni Harshitha were specially recognised for conducting IoT mini-project sessions and hands-on drone training, including drone assembly, calibration and live flying demonstrations.

# District Collector Reviews Progress of Indira Mahila Shakti Bhavan Construction in Kamareddy

**KAMAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana

District Collector Ashish Sangwan conducted an inspection of the ongoing construction works of the Indira Mahila Shakti Bhavan in Kamareddy district on Friday. The ambitious project, sanctioned by the Telangana Government at a cost of Rs. 5 crore, is being developed to strengthen women empowerment initiatives and provide dedicated support facilities for women self-help groups. During the visit, the Collector care-



fully reviewed the pace of the construction works and interacted with officials regarding the execution of the project. He stressed the importance of maintaining high-quality standards in every aspect of the construction

and instructed officials to ensure that the building is completed and made operational by May 25, 2026. Addressing the officials at the site, Ashish Sangwan said that the Indira Mahila Shakti Bhavan would play a significant role in empowering women economically and socially. He stated that the facility should serve as a center for skill development, training programs, meetings, and marketing activities for women belonging to Self-Help Groups across the district.

# Mala Corporation Delay Sparks Anger Among Community Leaders

**Form Mala Corporation Now: Baila Srinivas**



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Dp srinivas rao

Demanding immediate establishment of a separate Mala Corporation, Mala Mahanadu Greater Hyderabad President Baila Srinivas urged the Telangana government to allocate Rs 2,000 crore for the welfare and development of the Mala community.

Addressing a meeting held at the Mala Mahanadu office in Banjara Hills on Friday, Srinivas expressed disappointment that assurances made to the Mala community in the Congress party's election manifesto and the Chevella Declaration have not yet been fulfilled. He recalled that AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge had promised a dedicated Mala Corporation in the presence of party leaders, but the commitment remains

pending. Srinivas stated that while the Congress government had established corporations for several castes and allocated funds for their development, the Mala community continues to face neglect. He alleged that the community is being denied educational, employment, and financial opportunities, and accused the government of failing to ensure justice for Malas after coming to power with their support.

He said Malas have always contributed towards national progress and community development, and appealed to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to take immediate steps to constitute the corporation. Greater Hyderabad leaders Maripelli Srikanth, Jetty Giri, Vakiti Sriram, Pasham Ganesh and others participated in the meeting.

# Professor Dayakar Takes Charge as BRAOU Controller Exams

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Thalka Anjiah

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU), Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, has appointed Professor G. Dayakar from the Department of History as the new Controller of Examinations. The appointment orders were issued by Vice Chancellor Professor Ganta Chakrapani. Professor Dayakar, known for his extensive academic background and administrative experience in higher education, has officially taken charge of the prestigious responsibility.



University circles welcomed the decision and expressed confidence that his leadership would strengthen the examination system and improve student services. Academicians, university staff members, and students congratulated Professor Dayakar on assuming the new post and conveyed their best

wishes for his tenure. Many praised his commitment to academic standards and his long-standing contribution to the university. A felicitation programme was also organized in his honour following the announcement. During the event, Dr. Sudhakar Battu from Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, Dr. B. Vishnu

from Sangareddy district, Veladri, and several others felicitated Professor Dayakar with a shawl and bouquet.

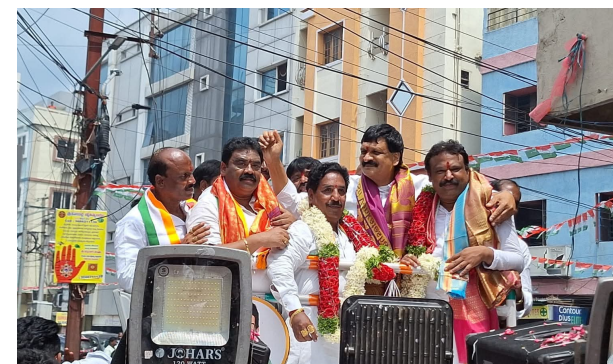
Speakers at the programme stated that Professor Dayakar's administrative skills and academic expertise would play an important role in ensuring smooth, transparent, and efficient conduct of university examinations. They also expressed hope that his leadership would further enhance student welfare initiatives and strengthen the university's reputation in the field of distance education.

# BC Leader Adepally Babu Rao's Loyal Congress Journey

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Dp srinivas rao

From the narrow lanes of Regimental Bazar to becoming a strong Congress voice in Sanathnagar, Adepally Babu Rao has built a political career rooted in loyalty, hard work, and commitment to the party. Belonging to the Mudiraj community, Babu Rao emerged as a dedicated BC leader who stood firmly with Congress through every phase.

Born to Pentaya in Bottom Regimental Bazar, he



completed his intermediate education at Wesley College. His political journey began with NSUI during his student days and gained momentum in 1987 under the guidance of former Chief Minister Marri Chenna Reddy.

He actively worked in the Youth Congress during the leadership of Sudeer Kumar. Over the years, Babu Rao closely worked with senior Congress leaders including Shashidhar Reddy and P. Shankar Rao, earning recognition

as a disciplined and loyal party worker.

One of his notable achievements was organizing a massive Rajiv Uva Jothi program near Secunderabad Railway Station, which attracted huge public participation. In Sanathnagar constituency, he played a key role in strengthening Congress through membership drives and grassroots mobilization. Today, Adepally Babu Rao continues to inspire young BC leaders with his dedication, organizational strength, and unwavering loyalty to Congress.

**Ex-SriLankan Airlines CEO Found Dead After Securing Bail In Corruption Case**

Former CEO of SriLankan Airlines Kapila Chandrasena was found dead at his home in suspicious circumstances on Friday, days after he secured bail in a corruption case, police said. Chandrasena was granted bail on Tuesday after he was remanded in March in the case where he was charged with taking a kick-back on the purchase of aircraft for the national carrier. Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) F U Wootler said that his body was discovered at his home. According to the police spokesman, he died of hanging, the Daily Mirror newspaper reported.

The development comes a day after Colombo Chief Magistrate Asanga S Bodaragama issued a warrant for Chandrasena's arrest over allegations that the bail conditions imposed by the court had been violated. Prosecutors on Tuesday told the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court that SriLankan Airlines' former CEO Kapila Chandrasena, the chief accused in the case, admitted to giving LKR 60 million in bribes to former president Mahinda Rajapaksa.

**2 Indian Crew Aboard Hantavirus-hit Ship, Status Unknown**

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

At least two Indian nationals are among the crew members aboard the Dutch expedition cruise vessel MV Honddius, where a hantavirus outbreak has led to five confirmed infections and three deaths, according to a BBC report. The vessel, operated by Oceanwide Expeditions, had around 150 passengers and crew from 28 countries on board when the outbreak was detected. The BBC reported that those on board included 38 people from the Philippines, 31 from the United Kingdom, 23 from the United States, 16 from the Netherlands, 14 from Spain, nine from Germany, six from Canada and two from India. The ship began its journey on April 1 from Ushuaia and is expected to arrive



in the Canary Islands on May 10. According to the World Health Organization, five of the eight suspected hantavirus cases have been confirmed. A 69-year-old Dutch woman died after contracting the virus, while her husband and a German woman were also among the fatalities linked to the outbreak. Authorities are continuing investigations into the deaths and possible transmission patterns. WHO infectious disease epidemiologist

Maria van Kerkhove clarified that the outbreak does not indicate a pandemic situation. She stressed that hantavirus spreads very differently from Covid-19 or influenza. "This is not Covid, this is not influenza, it spreads very, very differently," she said, noting that the virus is mainly transmitted through close and intimate contact. Health officials have advised everyone on board to wear masks, while those caring for infected individuals have

been instructed to use higher levels of personal protective equipment. The WHO stated that hantavirus is commonly spread through contact with rodents or their droppings, although human-to-human transmission has also been documented in this outbreak. Dozens of passengers disembarked at St Helena on April 24. Oceanwide Expeditions confirmed that 29 passengers from at least 12 nationalities left the vessel there, including seven British nationals. One deceased passenger, identified as a Dutch man, was also taken off the ship at the island territory. Health authorities are now tracing passengers and crew members who may have been exposed during the voyage.

**Unseasonal Rains, Heat Wave Conditions Persist in parts of AP**

**AMARAVATI**  
Wakeup telangana

The APSDMA on Friday forecasted more light rains accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning over the next two days in Andhra Pradesh as the state continues to experience unseasonal rainfall during the peak summer season, affecting normal agricultural activity in some places while heatwave conditions persist in parts of the state. According to the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA), the prevailing southeasterly and southwesterly winds in the lower tropospheric levels are expected to trigger rainfall activity at isolated places across multiple districts on Friday and Saturday. "Due to



southeasterly and southwesterly winds prevailing in the lower tropospheric levels over Andhra Pradesh, rains accompanied by lightning are likely in several districts for the next two days," said APSDMA Managing Director Prakhar Jain in an official press release. Light rains accompanied by lightning are likely at isolated places over districts including Alluri Sitharama Raju (ASR), Polavaram, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, Kakinada, Konaseema, East Godavari, West Godavari, Eluru, Krishna,

NTR, Sri Sathya Sai, YSR Kadapa, Chittoor and Tirupati on Friday. The APSDMA noted that similar weather conditions are likely to continue on Saturday in districts including Guntur, Bapatla, Nellore, Kurnool and Nandyal besides several north coastal and south coastal districts. Meanwhile, severe heatwave conditions are likely at one place in GK Veedhi mandal of ASR district, while heatwave conditions are expected in Munchingiputtu and Pedabayalu mandals of the same district.

**"Suvendu Da Defeated Her In Her Home": Amit Shah Jabs Mamata Banerjee**

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Union Home Minister Amit Shah formally announced Suvendu Adhikari as the Chief Minister of West Bengal on Friday, following the party's victory in the state assembly elections that ended the Trinamool Congress's 15 years in power. Addressing a meeting of newly elected BJP MLAs and senior party leaders, Shah used the occasion to directly target outgoing Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with a pointed reference to her past remarks.



defeated Mamata Banerjee in Nandigram in the last elections. I saw an interview of Mamata Banerjee in which she said, 'I went to his house to fight'. Didi, this time Suvendu Adhikari came to your home and defeated you," Shah said. Adhikari, who defected from the Trinamool Congress in 2020, had previously defeated Banerjee in the Nandigram constituency in 2021. Shah used the platform to outline the new government's priorities, placing particular emphasis on national security. He stated that infiltration and cattle smuggling would become "impossible" in West Ben-

gali under BJP rule. "Friends, this victory is not merely about BJP's expansion or its ideology. Nor is it only about BJP-NDA forming a government in its 21st state. The biggest importance of this victory is that it plugs one of the biggest holes in India's national security. Now infiltration and cow smuggling will become impossible in West Bengal," he said. He added that the party would work to identify and remove every infiltrator from the country. "People who call this polarisation are mistaken. This is not about polarisation. This is about national security," Shah said.

The BJP's success in West Bengal brings to an end the Trinamool Congress's uninterrupted rule since 2011 and marks the first time the BJP has secured power in the state. Shah noted that the ideological journey begun by Syama Prasad Mookerjee, the founder of the Jana Sangh, in the early 1950s had now reached his birthplace. "The ideological journey that began in 1950 under the leadership of Syama Prasad Mookerjee has, in 2026, finally brought his party to power in his own birthplace. This is deeply significant," he said. He also referred to the 150th year of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's composition of 'Vande Mataram', describing the formation of a BJP government on the soil associated with the novelist as an important development.

**Seven Years Later: Barefoot Crusader to Wear Shoes After TMC Government's Exit**

**KOLKATA**  
Wakeup telangana

Remind the shaved headed protester high court barrister now Barrackpore BJP MLA Kaustav Chatterjee, who promised not to keep hair until the fall of Mamata Banerjee led TMC government and always shaved his head in protest! Like Kaustav Chatterjee bare footed hawker Mujibur Seikh from Mukhtarpur village in Domkal assembly in Murshidabad district promised also not to wear shoes until the fall of Mamata Banerjee led TMC government in West Bengal!



Now Mujibur Seikh is all set to wear shoes after long seven years of crusade against corruption on Saturday. Mujibur Seikh, a hawker by Profession said "I was very much annoyed to see rampant corruption during corona period such as migrant workers compelled to lose their work, Teacher lost

their job etc and no work was done without any cut money and ruling Trinamool congress leaders looted money from poor villagers, so, I promised I will never wear shoes until the fall of Mamata Banerjee led TMC government! Though I never belongs to any political party but always raised my voice against corruption and faced many hurdles and people taunted me as "barefooted hawker even some of them threatened to kill me and jail me! , but I never broken my promise despite faced many sufferings during winter and rainy seasons for long

seven years" At a time I was very much depressed that I can never wear shoes again! Now Mujibur Seikh declared that after the oath taking ceremony of the anti Trinamool congress West Bengal state government on Saturday he will wear shoes again after long seven years gap by washing his bare feet with milk and will distribute Khichuri to his neighbours ". Mujibur Seikh hoped this new state government will be corruption free and unbiased for every citizens and will serve a good governance, if they failed, I will be bare footed again Mujibur Seikh vowed.

**Vijay's TVK Reaches Majority Mark With Support From INC, VCK & Left parties**

**CHENNAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Actor-politician Vijay is likely on the brink of achieving the magic figure in the Tamil Nadu Assembly, and stake claim to form the Government with the Congress, Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi, CPI and CPI(M) parties declaring support for the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) party on Friday.



The backing follows days of tense standoff with Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar over government formation where the Governor asked him to get the majority first and stake claim to form the

Government. Vijay-led TVK won 108 seats but were 10 short of a majority, and for the past few days had reached out to CPI, CPI (M) and the VCK-- all DMK allies, seeking their support to form a government after winning its maiden Assembly election in Tamil Nadu, which was held on April 23. CPI, CPI (M), and VCK won two seats each in the polls.

Earlier, Congress, another DMK ally that won five seats, had extended support to Vijay. Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam - TVK- 108 Indian National Congress - INC- 5 Communist Party of India - CPI -2 Communist Party of India (Marxist) - CPI(M) -2 Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi - VCK -2

**FROM FRONT PAGE**

**Actor-Politician Vijay...**

Celebrations by supporters of Vijay and TVK cadre broke out at various venues, including the TVK headquarters at Pannaiyur in the evening, as the impasse that prevented the appointment of Vijay as Chief Minister due to the lack of adequate support for him in the past four days came to an end and Governor Rajendra Viswanath Arlekar accepted the claim to form the government. The announcement of support to TVK by the State secretaries of the CPI, M Veerapandian, and CPM, P Shanmugham, jointly in the evening first gave some relief to the beleaguered TVK leaders - it guaranteed the backing of four more MLAs - though they were still waiting for

the decision of the VCK that was deliberating on the issue seriously with some leaders not favouring the support to TVK. Just as the question mark over VCK's support lingered, the surprise came from the IUML, which had firmly told a couple of days back that it would stand with the DMK, announced its support to the move for government formation and cited DMK president M K Stalin's call for allowing Vijay to assume power as the reason behind its decision. Vijay and his party associates, who were waiting for that moment, rushed to Lok Bhavan and met Arlekar, who, it was told, was preparing to leave for Kerala. After the Governor approved of the list of over 118 MLAs, produced by Vijay as his supporters - TVK's

108, Congress 5, IUML 2, CPM 2, CPI 2 - the decision to hold the swearing in on Saturday was taken. **Trump Warns of.....** "President Trump further addressed the skirmish via Truth Social, praising the resilience of the naval crews and the outcome of the counter-strike." Three World Class American Destroyers just transited, very successfully, out of the Strait of Hormuz, under fire. There was no damage done to the three Destroyers, but great damage done to the Iranian attackers," he wrote. The President claimed that the Iranian units "were completely destroyed along with numerous small boats, which are being used to take the place of their fully decapitated Navy." Describing the intercepted

threats, he added, "Missiles were shot at our Destroyers, and were easily knocked down. Likewise, drones came and were incinerated while in the air. They dropped ever so beautifully down to the Ocean, very much like a butterfly dropping to its grave!" In a sharp critique of the leadership in Tehran, Trump remarked that "A normal Country would have allowed these Destroyers to pass, but Iran is not a normal Country. They are led by LUNATICS." He warned that "we'll knock them out a lot harder, and a lot more violently, in the future, if they don't get their Deal signed, FAST!" before noting that the destroyers would "rejoin our Naval Blockade, which is truly a 'Wall of Steel.'" Reaffirming the core objective of the US admin-

istration during a subsequent briefing at the White House, Trump stated, "The plan is very simple. Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon." In contrast to the American account, the IRGC-affiliated Tasnim News Agency claimed that Iranian naval forces successfully targeted the vessels. **Suvendu Adhikari.....** Praising Adhikari, Shah described him as a fighter who understood both the administration and the Trinamul Congress from within. He said a political change in West Bengal was necessary not only for the state but also for eastern India from the perspectives of national security, growth and development. Shah alleged that under Banerjee's rule, the administration had be-

come politicised and politics criminalised, resulting in poor governance and lack of development. He claimed that corruption, syndicate operations and the "cut-money" culture would end within months after the new government took office. In his speech, Adhikari said the new government would reopen files related to various crimes and offences allegedly committed during the previous regime and initiate judicial commission probes. He also outlined his government's "talk less, work more" approach and said the BJP would work collectively under the philosophy of "we" instead of "I". Adhikari further set a target of increasing the BJP's vote share to 60 per cent from the 46 per cent secured in the election.

CRIME

# Ex-IPS Officer's Wife Killed In Jubilee Hills Robbery

Police suspect the role of a domestic help in the incident

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Tanuja Ranjan, 62, wife of retired IPS officer Vinay Ranjan Ray, was murdered during a robbery attempt inside her residence at Prashasannagar, Jubilee Hills, in the early hours of Friday. Police suspect the family's Nepal-native domestic help orchestrated the crime with two associates, all of whom are absconding. Tanuja was killed around 2 am. Her body was found on the first floor of the multi-storey building. Ray was out of station, while their children were on the upper floor, police said. Director-General of police C.V.



Anand, senior officials Mahesh Bhagwat, Swati Lakra, Charu Sinha and Hyderabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar visited the spot, met the grieving family and inspected the crime scene. Commissioner Sajjanar told the media that preliminary clues pointed to the involvement of the domestic help. "She gave access to others who entered

the house to rob it. They tied and gagged her, which appears to be their modus operandi, but unfortunately Tanuja died due to suffocation. The accused escaped from the park area adjoining the house," he said. Ten special teams have been formed to trace the suspects.

Sources said there were two domestic helps in the

house, one a Nepal native identified as Kalpana and the other a Telugu native. The role of the latter is yet to be ascertained. Police are assessing the value of stolen property and verifying if Kalpana was an assumed name. The murder inside a high-profile locality has triggered serious concern within the police department, particularly as the accused remain at large despite the deployment of ten teams. The incident has highlighted loopholes in tenant and domestic worker verification, especially involving interstate and Nepal-native workers employed through informal references.

## Drone Flying Banned in Madhapur Ahead of PM Modi's Hyderabad Visit

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

Cyberabad Police has imposed temporary restrictions on flying drones and other remotely operated aerial devices within the Madhapur police station limits on May 10 in view of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Hyderabad.

According to a notification issued by Cyberabad Commissioner of Police Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS, the restrictions were imposed under Section 163 of the



Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) to ensure public safety and security during the Prime Minister's visit.

Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to inaugurate Sindhu Hospital in HITEC City and participate in other official programmes in the city. The order prohibits the opera-

tion of drones, paragliders, and remotely controlled micro-light aircraft within Madhapur police limits throughout May 10. Police warned that strict legal action would be taken against violators.

Officials stated that the order was issued ex parte as it was not feasible to individually notify all concerned persons. Copies of the notification will be displayed at police stations and other police offices across the commissionerate for public awareness.

### 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.

## Surprise ACB Raid Exposes Lapses in Miryalaguda Municipality

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Anti-Corruption Bureau officials who conducted a surprise raid at the municipality office in Miryalaguda found several irregularities in financial management and record maintenance, according to an ACB release. The ACB said the municipality assessed property tax of ₹24.86 crore during 2025-26 but collected only ₹9.17 crore, leaving dues of ₹15.68 crore for 2026-27. Of the 1,756 shops in

the municipality, tax of ₹43.3 lakh was assessed but only ₹28.35 lakh was collected, leaving ₹14.95 lakh pending.

Officials found that 54 complaints related to unauthorised constructions were received during 2025-26 and notices were issued in most cases, but no further action was taken after the stipulated period. Deputy executive engineer Boluguri Venkanna was found absent during the surprise inspection without authorisation. The ACB also found de-

lays in issuing certificates, with 116 birth certificate applications and one death certificate application pending beyond seven days. Another 1,820 pension applications were pending due to lack of entry options in the portal. Revenue collection from building permissions dropped from ₹3.29 crore in 2024-25 to ₹3.05 crore in 2025-26, indicating poor performance, officials said. In mutation cases, 61 out of 86 applications remained pending during 2025-26.

### Cyberabad SHE Teams Conduct 99 Decoy Operations, Catch 32 Persons

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

Cyberabad Police SHE Teams conducted 99 decoy operations across Cyberabad and caught 32 persons red-handed for indulging in indecent behaviour at public places. Police registered 42 petty cases and counselled the remaining offenders. SHE Teams also received 17 complaints from women through various channels.

The Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) rescued three victims and arrested six accused in three PITA cases. In separate Juvenile Justice Act cases, four victim boys were rescued and four accused persons were apprehended. Family Counselling Centres and



CDEW Centres helped reunite 33 families involved in marital disputes.

As part of awareness and preventive measures, AHTU and SHE Teams conducted awareness programmes across various locations in Cyberabad, with around 1,685 participants attending. Awareness was created on issues including human trafficking, child trafficking, eve teasing, social media harassment, child marriages, child rights, child labour, stalking, begging, cyber bullying, cyber frauds, and emergency

helpline numbers such as 181, 1098, 100, and 1930.

Women Safety Initiative The Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) Women's Safety Forum, in collaboration with Bank of America, Madhapur, organised a Women Safety Awareness Session for employees. More than 300 employees participated in the programme, including 100 attendees in person and over 200 virtually. Ms. K. Srujana, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Women & Child Safety Wing, Cyberabad, addressed the session and shared insights on women's safety, emergency preparedness, preventive measures, and the importance of timely reporting. She also highlighted various initiatives taken by Cyberabad Police for women's safety and encouraged

EDITORIAL

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

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Storytelling is critical in electoral politics. But the gap between political storytelling 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.



# Crude Prices Ease, Gold And Silver Jump On Ceasefire Hopes

Gold had faced notable selling pressure since the conflict began, as rising energy costs fuelled inflation fears and strengthened expectations that central banks may keep interest rates elevated or tighten further": Ajay Kedia, MD, Kedia Commodities.

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

As the United States and Iran moved closer to a preliminary agreement that could end the ongoing conflict, crude oil prices eased and gold and silver rose from their recent lows on Wednesday. A 14-point memorandum of understanding that would outline immediate steps to halt hostilities and initiate a 30-day negotiation window for a more comprehensive agreement, lifted the sentiments in the commodity market. However, the post by US President Donald Trump on Truth Social on attacks if Iran does not agree to ceasefire increased vol-



atility in the market.

International crude oil futures plummeted, with WTI falling to \$88.6 per barrel and Brent below \$96.5, as the U.S. and Iran reportedly neared a ceasefire memorandum of understanding. In May WTI prices had touched \$107.6 and Brent \$115. However, after Trump's tweet, WTI prices moved higher to

\$95 and Brent to \$102. The continued US blockade on ships traveling to and from Iranian ports keeps supply concerns in focus, said Kedia Commodities.

Gold prices moved above \$4720 per ounce on Wednesday. In May gold in the international market had seen a low of \$4500 and on Wednesday, it

made a high of \$4722 per ounce. in the Multi Commodity Exchange, gold has moved in May from the lowest of level of Rs 1,48,760 per 10 gm to Rs 1,52,889. In the Delhi bullion market, gold moved up to Rs 1,55,400 per 10 gm on Wednesday from Rs 1,52,500 in the previous session.

"Gold had faced notable selling pressure since the conflict began, as rising energy costs fuelled inflation fears and strengthened expectations that central banks may keep interest rates elevated or tighten further," said Ajay Kedia, MD, Kedia Commodities. Silver prices too climbed to an intraday high of \$77.81 per ounce

in the international market against a low of \$72.21 per ounce in May. In the MCX, silver prices moved up from Rs 2,41,113 per kg to Rs 2,55,409 on Wednesday. In the Delhi spot market, silver prices rose from 2,45,300 per kg to Rs 2,54,500 on Wednesday. "If the crude prices remain around \$90 levels despite a ceasefire, the US Federal Reserve will raise interest rates to curb inflation, and this will keep the gold and silver prices under control. Gold prices can move up to \$5000 on the upside and \$4350 in the lower side. Similarly, \$90 and \$70 could be possible levels for silver," said Kedia.

## 350+ Designers To Dazzle Hyderabad At Hi-Life Exhibition

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The much-awaited "Hi-Life Exhibition," regarded as one of the nation's largest fashion, luxury, and lifestyle showcases, will be held on May 15, 16, and 17 at HICC Novotel. The three-day exhibition will feature over 350 renowned designers presenting exclusive summer collections and wedding season specials. The exhibition is expected to attract fashion enthusiasts, wedding shoppers, and luxury lifestyle buyers from across the city with a grand display of designer wear, bridal collections, jewellery, accessories, and premium fashion labels. Organisers said the event will focus on the latest trends in summer fashion, florals, wedding couture, luxury décor, and designer accessories, making it a one-stop destination for festive and wedding shopping.



From bridal wear and ethnic collections to contemporary fashion and lifestyle products, the exhibition promises a wide variety of premium collections under one roof. Known for bringing together top fashion designers and luxury brands, Hi-Life Exhibition has established itself as one of the most loved fashion and lifestyle exhibition brands in the country. The event is recognised for showcasing artistic collections, exclusive fashion statements, and innovative designer creations that ap-

peal to fashion-conscious shoppers. This year's edition will highlight creative fashion wear, wedding specials, glamour collections, and stylish accessories tailored for the upcoming wedding and festive season. Organisers expect the exhibition to become a major attraction in Hyderabad's fashion calendar with a blend of luxury, elegance, and trending fashion concepts. The Hi-Life Exhibition will remain open for visitors on all three days at HICC-Novotel, Hitech City, Hyderabad.

# Rs 30,000 Cr Loss A month: Oil Companies Bleed As Fuel Prices On Hold

**CHENNAI**  
Wakeup telangana

About Rs 700-1,000 crore loss per day. Rs 30,000 crore every month. India's state oil companies are quietly absorbing a massive financial hit to keep petrol, diesel and LPG prices unchanged even as global energy markets face a turmoil that is bigger than all previous crises combined. While countries from Japan to United Kingdom have raised petrol and diesel prices by up to 30 per cent since the start of the West Asia conflict, fuel prices

in India continue at two-year-old levels.

The war disrupted India's import of 40 per cent of crude oil (raw material for making petrol and diesel), 90 per cent cooking gas LPG and 65 per cent natural gas (used to generate electricity, make fertilizer, turned into CNG and piped to household kitchens for cooking), but state-owned oil companies have maintained uninterrupted fuel supplies with no rationing or shortage at any point in the last 10 weeks.

But this has come at a cost -



Rs 30,000 crore under-recovery or loss every month for the three oil marketing companies - Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), two sources with direct knowledge of the matter said. The under-

recoveries - the gap between input costs and realised retail prices - rose sharply in March/April before tapering a bit. Daily under-recoveries during April were estimated at about Rs 18 per litre on petrol and Rs 25 per litre on diesel, translating into average losses of Rs 700-1,000 crore a day for OMCs, they said.

At a news briefing on developments in West Asia, Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, said prices in the international markets, on which India relies to meet 88

per cent of its oil needs, have been volatile and supplies impacted. Crude oil prices which were around USD 70 per barrel two months ago, are now at USD 120, she said. "It has been government's endeavour to keep prices stable so far and that there is no price increase for consumers," she said. "This has hit finances of OMCs... monthly under-recoveries are of the order of Rs 30,000 crore."

She, however, refused to say if retail petrol and diesel prices will continue to hold. "As I said, the endeavour so

far has been to see that there is no price increase," she said. The three oil marketing companies (OMCs) have worked overtime to keep the supply lines running even when demand spiked due to panic buying.

The government intervention included excise duty reductions and absorption of part of the fuel cost burden. The special additional excise duty on petrol was cut to Rs 3 per litre from Rs 13, while excise duty on diesel was reduced to zero from Rs 10 per litre. The under-recoveries would have

swelled to nearly Rs 62,500 crore had the government not cut excise duty on petrol and diesel by Rs 10 per litre each. The government, Sharma said, has taken a hit of Rs 14,000 crore a month in cutting the excise duty.

The Centre's effective absorption at peak crude prices was estimated at around Rs 24 per litre for petrol and Rs 30 per litre for diesel.

The February 28 strikes by the United States and Israel on Iran triggered a sharp escalation in West Asia tensions.

## VIJAYA Dairy Expands Retail Network Across Telangana



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

In a major step to strengthen the retail network of VIJAYA Dairy products across Telangana, Telangana Dairy Development Cooperative Federation Limited (TGDDCF Ltd.) on Thursday issued allotment orders for the newly launched "VIJAYA Dairy Priority Outlets" under a joint venture model with CSC Telangana.

The allotment orders were distributed by TGDDCF Chairman Gutha Amith Reddy and Managing Director K. Chandrasekhar Reddy during a programme held in Hyderabad.

Officials said the initiative aims to improve the availability of VIJAYA dairy products to consumers while also generating self-employment and business opportunities

through dedicated modern retail outlets across the state. The collaboration between CSC Telangana and TGDDCF is expected to further strengthen the VIJAYA brand and enhance customer service.

Speaking on the occasion, dignitaries expressed confidence that the new outlet model would play a vital role in expanding dairy marketing and creating employment opportunities in Telangana. Several senior officials, trade union representatives, and staff members attended the programme, including Vice President of Madras Coffee House Chandra Prabha Annoji Rao and other TGDDCF officials.

The programme concluded with appreciation for the coordinated efforts of officials and stakeholders in introducing innovative business initiatives in the dairy sector.

# Net FII, FDI At Multi-year Low

Dutch seminar focuses on future-ready spice value chains

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Despite having governments with strong mandates for more than a decade as prescribed by Morgan Stanley while placing India among the 'Fragile Five' in 2013, India's net FDI, net FII flows are at multi-year lows. India needs structural policy reforms rather than temporary liquidity measures to attract foreign funds, find experts. In FY25, net foreign direct investment was down to its lowest level in 25 years. FY25 also saw one of the largest net foreign institutional investment outflows in recent history. India's net FDI to GDP ratio, which had peaked in 2008 at 3.5 per cent, is now down to zero levels. In 2013, Morgan Stanley had placed India among the "Fragile Five" economies, arguing that the



country's dependence on foreign capital, widening deficits and weak policy environment made it vulnerable to external shocks. The global brokerage had then suggested that a strong government could improve investor confidence, attract foreign money and stabilise the rupee. More than a decade later, however, the reality appears far more complicated, Dhananjay Sinha, CEO and co-head, Institutional Equities, Systematic Group told Financial Chronicle. Expectations that political stability alone would trigger sustained foreign inflows into India have largely failed to materialise.

According to him, while there was optimism in FY15 after the change in government, foreign portfolio investment (FPI) flows remained modest for most of the period thereafter. In the 11 years till FY26, India saw only brief phases of meaningful inflows, while much of the period was marked either by outflows or weak participation from foreign investors. FPI participation in Indian markets has steadily fallen and is now estimated at an all-time low of around 15-16 per cent. The FDI story, he argued, is equally concerning.

Although India continues to attract gross foreign direct investment of around \$80-85 billion annually, repatriation of capital and profits by multinational companies has risen sharply. Nearly 65 per cent of incoming FDI is now being repatriated,

sharply reducing net inflows. "India's net FDI-to-GDP ratio, which peaked at around 3.5 per cent in 2008, has now nearly fallen to zero. Once capital repatriation and profit outflows are combined, the outflows actually exceed fresh gross FDI inflows," he said.

Sinha argued that foreign flows into India are influenced not just by global liquidity but also by domestic structural issues. Even during periods of easy global liquidity after the Global Financial Crisis, India did not witness sustained foreign inflows. Meanwhile, the rupee continued to depreciate sharply, eroding dollar returns for foreign investors. Despite weak foreign participation, Indian markets continue to trade at elevated valuations due to strong domestic inflows.

## Rupee Gains For 2nd Day As Oil Prices Fall

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

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." According to reports, the RBI is studying measures to draw in more dollar flows to curb rupee weakness and plug the balance of payments gap. This includes a plan for state-owned banks to sell foreign currency bonds, reviving a measure that was utilized nearly three decades ago. In late-90s, the biggest lender State Bank of India had successfully raised more than \$4 billion via Resurgent India Bonds, followed by India Millennium Deposits in 2000 worth \$5.5 billion via papers denominated in dollars, euros and pounds. "At this juncture, any foreign currency bond might also be accompanied by swaps for participating lenders to hedge currency risks, in turn helping to improve returns for investors.

# M4M Movie Review: A Gripping Suspense Thriller Around Artistic Murders

**D**irector Mohan Vadlapatla delivers an engaging suspense thriller with M4M, a film that combines crime investigation, psychological mystery, and artistic symbolism into a gripping cinematic experience. Featuring Jo Sharma, Sambheet Acharya, Subhalekha Sudhakar, and Satya Krishna in key roles, the movie keeps audiences invested with its fast-paced screenplay and intriguing narrative twists.

The story unfolds in Hyderabad, where a series of brutal murders creates panic across the city. What makes the crimes more horrifying is the unusual way the killer stages each murder scene to resemble famous paintings by legendary artists. As fear spreads, ACP Krishna, played by Sambheet Acharya, takes charge of the investigation while investigative journalist Radha, portrayed by Jo Sharma, independently pursues the truth behind the



mysterious killings. As the murders continue, the killer begins taunting the police through cryptic voice messages and hidden clues. The investigation slowly uncovers shocking links between the murders, iconic artworks, and a controversial banned book titled M4M, written by Vasudev. This connection between art and crime becomes the film's strongest and most unique element, giving the thriller a refreshing identity rarely seen in Indian cinema.

Director Mohan Vadlapatla handles the screenplay effectively, ensuring the narrative remains tense and engaging throughout. The film moves at a brisk pace with multiple twists, suspenseful sequences, and unexpected revelations that continuously build curiosity. The recreation of paintings such as "Lovers-II" within the murder scenes adds depth to the storytelling and strengthens the psychological atmosphere of the film. The climax stands out as one of the

major highlights, with the killer's motive revealed in a surprising and impactful manner. The screenplay successfully maintains suspense until the final moments, making the audience eager to connect every clue alongside the investigators.

Among the performances, Jo Sharma impresses the most with a confident portrayal of journalist Radha. She brings emotional depth and intensity to the role while contributing significantly to the investigative portions

of the story. Sambheet Acharya also delivers a convincing performance as ACP Krishna, carrying the police investigation scenes with seriousness and control. Veteran actor Subhalekha Sudhakar and Satya Krishna provide solid support and help strengthen the dark tone of the narrative.

Technically, M4M succeeds in creating a tense and immersive atmosphere. The background score effectively enhances the suspense, while the song "Who is the Killer" adds energy during the climax portions after the film's prolonged intensity.

Overall, M4M is an engaging suspense thriller that combines crime, psychology, and art into a compelling cinematic experience. With strong performances, an interesting concept, and a gripping screenplay, the film offers a fresh thriller experience for audiences who enjoy investigative mysteries and psychological crime dramas.

## Gully Gang Entertainment Unveils 'Amrit' A Carnatic Hip-Hop Collaboration By GVND And Whoisavi



**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Gully Gang Entertainment announces the release of 'Amrit', a new single by Kochi-based rapper GVND and producer whoisavi, both integral members of the collective 3ill. The track is out now on all major streaming platforms. Serving as an interlude from their forthcoming album Brahmandam, 'Amrit' is a deeply introspective composition that explores themes of mental health, emotional conflict and inner equilibrium. At the core of the track lies the Malayalam phrase "Samanalayude thulabhaaram," translating to "the balance of the state of mind," encapsulating the emotional and lyrical direction of the record.

Blending atmospheric Carnatic elements with contemporary hip-hop production, 'Amrit' creates a soundscape

that feels meditative, visceral and immersive — an artistic fusion the duo likens to an elixir, inspiring the title of the track itself. GVND states, "Amrit is the interlude from our album Brahmandam, which is lyrically an introspection of ill mental thoughts. The Malayalam phrase on the track — Samanalayude thulabhaaram — means the balance of the state of mind, which essentially captures what I'm exploring throughout the album."

whoisavi states, "Amrit is a very special track to me. After making a few beats that month, I found myself in a creative rut and wanted to make something different — something that evolves and evokes emotion. It represents everything GVND and I want our music to embody: a naadan, visceral, atmospheric experience." GVND (short for Good Vibes Never Die) is a bilin-

gual rapper, lyricist and producer from Kochi known for blending English and Malayalam in his music. Drawing from conscious lyricism, Carnatic influences and spiritual introspection, his work pushes South Indian hip-hop into emotionally and culturally nuanced territory. As a core member of 3ill, GVND combines versatile flows and sharp wordplay with deeply personal storytelling. whoisavi is a boundary-pushing producer and key member of the collective 3ill. Recognized for his use of haunting Carnatic samples, heavy basslines and immersive sonic textures, his sound bridges ancestral rhythm with modern hip-hop sensibilities. In addition to his work with 3ill, he has collaborated with artists including Cory Gunz, Rhythom, DHP, K!llswitch, VKDKV and Pasha Bhai.

## F1 Leaders Agree To Make Engine Design Change For 2027 Season

**PARIS**  
Wakeup telangana

Formula 1 leaders have agreed to an engine design change for 2027 that will slightly increase internal combustion output. F1 started the year with big changes including a 50-50 split in power between a traditional engine and the onboard battery pack, but driver criticism was immediate. Governing body the FIA said it met with teams and F1 officials in an online session Friday and that the changes were agreed in principle. "The measures agreed in principle today for 2027 would see a nominal increase in internal combustion engine (ICE) power by (tilde)50kW alongside a fuel-flow increase and a nominal reduction of the energy recovery system (ERS) deployment power by (tilde)50kW," the FIA statement said. The changes, it added, will be "intuitive for drivers and teams." After just three grands prix this season, tweaks



were made that slightly curbed the influence of the electrical power. They answered driver criticism by promoting pure driving skill over electrical recharging, especially in qualifying. Last weekend's Miami Grand Prix was the first under those changes. Sunday's race was one of the most wide open in recent F1 history with drivers from four different teams leading before Kimi Antonelli took his third win of 2026 for Mercedes. F1 has used V6 engines with electrical hybrid power since 2014 and an increase in the amount of electrical power has forced drivers to adjust. Timing the electrical boost and recharging is the key to

tactical racing. Four-time world champion Max Verstappen loathes it so much he's questioned his future in F1. The FIA said Friday's session began with a review of the changes put in place before Miami. "The conclusion from the deployment of modifications in Miami, designed to improve safety and reduce excessive harvesting, was that they resulted in improved competition and were a step in the right direction," it said. "Evaluation of the Miami package is ongoing with a view to the introduction of further adjustments at future events." Next on the calendar is the Canadian Grand Prix on May 24.

## KKR crush DC as Finn Allen's blazing century revives playoff hopes

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Kolkata Knight Riders' spinners strangled Delhi Capitals with a ruthless choke before Finn Allen unleashed a brutal six-hitting exhibition to power the visitors to a comfortable eight-wicket win and reignite their IPL playoff hopes here on Friday.

The spin trio of Anukul Roy (2/31), Sunil Narine (1/17) and Varun Chakravarthy (0/28) stifled Delhi's batting line-up, restricting them to a modest 142 for 8 despite a sparkling 29-ball 50 from Pathum Nissanka. Impact substitute Allen then produced a fearless knock at the top. The Kiwi hit an astonishing 10 sixes and five fours in his unbeaten 47-ball 100 as KKR chased down the target in 14.2 overs. The win, KKR's fourth win on the trot, catapulted them to seventh place, while the loss,



DC's seventh in 11 games this season, has all but killed their chances of making the playoffs. Defending a below-par total, Delhi desperately searched for early breakthroughs and briefly found hope through moments of fortune. Ajinkya Rahane was run out after the ball brushed Mitchell Starc's fingertips onto the stumps at the non-striker's end, while Angkrish Raghuvanshi was undone when the

ball flicked his glove and rolled back onto the stumps. But Allen's fearless strokeplay ensured KKR never lost sight of the chase as he dismantled the DC attack with clean hitting and aggressive intent. Earlier, if it wasn't for Ashutosh Sharma's 39 off 28 balls, which was laced with three boundaries and as many sixes, DC would have struggled to even cross the 100-run mark. KKR's pacers complemented the spinners su-

perbly, with Kartik Tyagi (2/25), Vaibhav Arora (1/29) and Cameron Green (1/12) striking at key moments to ensure Delhi never found sustained rhythm. Asked to bat, Nissanka (50) and KL Rahul (23) provided Delhi a fluent start, with the Sri Lankan taking the aggressive route early, striking the innings' first boundary and first six.

KKR, however, showed complete faith in their spin resources from the outset, handing the ball to Roy and Narine inside the powerplay. Though the Delhi openers negotiated the challenge well initially, the pressure steadily mounted as the spinners dried up the boundaries post the powerplay. Once Tyagi and Green removed Rahul and Nitish Rana (8) in quick succession, KKR unleashed their spin stranglehold in full force. Chakravarthy turned the screws with a suffo-

ating three-run spell, forcing the batters into riskier options. Narine then struck immediately after returning to the attack, dismissing Sameer Rizvi, who miscued a sweep straight to deep midwicket. Nissanka briefly resisted, bringing up his fifty with a crisp boundary through extra cover, but Roy outfoxed him off the very next delivery as the batter was stumped trying to break free. Roy then compounded Delhi's misery by bamboozling Tristan Stubbs in the same over, triggering another collapse as DC lost four wickets in the middle overs while KKR's spinners completely strangled the innings. Ashutosh finally broke the 38-ball boundary drought with a six. He followed it up with back-to-back boundaries to collect 16 runs off the 17th over before adding another six and four.

## Video shows Hyderabad police assaulting delivery worker, NHRC complaint filed

A video allegedly showing Hyderabad police personnel assaulting a Swiggy delivery worker during night duty in Secunderabad has sparked outrage on social media, with the Telangana Gig and Platform Workers Union (TGPWU) accusing the police of targeting app-based workers.

The video, shared by TGPWU on X, purportedly captures a confrontation involving delivery workers and personnel from Ramgopalpet Police Station during the early hours of May 7. The union strongly condemned the incident, stating that "gig workers are earning livelihoods, not committing crimes," and demanded an end to violence and intimidation against app-based workers.

Following the circulation of the video, the union filed a complaint before the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), seeking action against the police personnel involved. According to the complaint, the incident took place around 2:50 a.m. when Shabbir Azam, a delivery worker from Falaknuma, arrived at an ice cream shop in Secunderabad to collect an order assigned through the Swiggy app.

## Rs 7,055 Cr Boost for Musi Rejuvenation

Musi Rejuvenation: Phased Plan Unveiled; ADB To Fund Rs 7,055-Crore First Phase

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Government plans to execute the Musi rejuvenation project in five phases, covering 55 km of the river's stretch in Hyderabad. Officials said technical and financial discussions with the Asian Development Bank for Phase-I funding, estimated at about Rs 7,055 crore, had been completed. Ministers instructed officials to begin initial construction activity on a five-km stretch that would have minimal public impact, within the larger 21-km section between the Himayatsagar and Osmansagar and Bapughat.

Officials review plans for a 55-km elevated east-to-west corridor from Narsingi to Gowreli. Detailed project report preparation for the Uppal Bhagath to Gowreli expansion remains underway. Discussions at the ministers' meet covers land acquisition from the defence department for the Gandhi



Sarovar project and progress on Mir Alam Tank. Ministers review rubber dam models based on 'Obermeyer Spillway Gate Technology'.

The dams, planned at multiple points, are expected to support water storage, boating and water sports activities. Officials told to study similar projects in Nashik and Mumbai and submit a report.

## Government Targets 2027 for Musi Project Completion

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The government said work on the Musi River rejuvenation project will begin by August and finish by December 2027. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka assured residents that the government was taking a "very positive" view towards those living in Madhu Park Ridge B-Block. The project was intended to improve living conditions across the city, he said. "The government's goal is to provide clean air, water and greenery to city dwellers," he said while asking residents to cooperate with the project. Association representatives submitted their concerns

Park Ridge (B-Block) Residential Association attended the discussions, which focused on project timelines, funding, public concerns and construction plans. Bhatti told residents that the government was taking a "very positive" view towards those living in Madhu Park Ridge B-Block. The project was intended to improve living conditions across the city, he said. "The government's goal is to provide clean air, water and greenery to city dwellers," he said while asking residents to cooperate with the project. Association representatives submitted their concerns

and requests to the ministers. The government said the residents responded positively after officials clarified their doubts related to the project. The committee said the Musi rejuvenation exercise was "not merely a river-cleaning exercise but a broader social responsibility." It said the project would move ahead through public participation and that development should involve people as stakeholders instead of displacing them without consultation. Officials received instructions to minimise the effect on houses and private properties.

## 36% SIR Mapping Done in Hyderabad

Highest mapping of 47 percent was recorded in Bahadurpura

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) mapping process has gathered pace across Hyderabad, with Bahadurpura Assembly constituency recording the highest progress among all segments in the city. According to official data, Hyderabad has achieved 36.7 percent voter mapping so far. Bahadurpura topped the list with 47 percent mapping completion, followed closely by Karwan at 45 percent. Charminar registered 42.5 percent, while Yakutpura neared the 40 percent mark.

Out of the total 46,79,518 voters in Hyderabad district, officials have successfully mapped 17,17,224 electors. However, 29,62,294 voters



are yet to be mapped under the ongoing exercise.

The mapping drive accelerated after Hyderabad District Election Officer (DEO) RV Karnan assigned strict daily targets to election officials during a review meeting held on April 27. Booth Level Officers (BLOs) were instructed to map 100 voters per day, while supervisors were given a target of 1,000 voters daily. Meanwhile, Secunderabad Cantonment recorded the lowest mapping percentage in the city, remaining below the 30 percent mark. Under the SIR process, voters in

the current electoral rolls must map themselves with their own names or with eligible relatives listed in the 2002 SIR records. Permitted relatives include father, mother, maternal grandparents, and paternal grandparents.

Electors who complete the mapping successfully are not required to submit any Election Commission-issued documents immediately. However, officials may later seek proof of relationship if discrepancies arise. In such cases, supporting documents can be submitted to establish the connection. Voters unable to complete the mapping process must furnish documents prescribed by the Election Commission, depending on their date of birth.

## Two Killed In Cyberabad Hit And Run Cases

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs) on your home, car, and education loans are likely to go up as top lenders such as State Bank of India and Bank of Baroda have signalled a hike in lending rates to protect their profit margins. Other banks are likely to follow suit. SBI's domestic NIM (net interest margin) or the difference between the interest earned on loans and interest paid on deposits decreased by 21 basis points YoY and 18 basis points QoQ to 2.93 per cent. Speaking to reporters at the SBI Q4FY26 earnings press conference, its chairman CS Setty said that the Bank is maintaining a Net Interest Margin (NIM) guidance, a key gauge of profitability at 3 per cent.

"The 3 per cent NIM guidance is based on several assumptions. One that there is not going to be any change in the repo rate. Our house view is that the repo rate will con-

tinue at the same level throughout FY27. So, that is the first assumption we are making which means that neither deposit rates are likely to go up nor yields are likely to go up." "(However) I think yields will probably improve because we are looking at asset mix changes.

The corporate side particularly because we had some floating rates which probably would now run off and we will have an ability to pass on some of the additional cost which we have on the deposit side. And on the deposit interest rate side also, I do not think there is any much room in terms of further cutting down (rates) because if the continuous credit growth rate is there at 13-15 per cent, I think none of us in the system would be in a position to cut the deposit rates. So, there will be some repricing of the asset side. This is what we are building into our model and how much and how far as we grow into the year, we will do that," added Setty.

## Officials Inspect Desilting Works in Krishnanagar

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath and GHMC commissioner R.V. Karnan, along with Jubilee Hills MLA Naveen Yadav, inspected pre-monsoon works in Krishnanagar on Friday. The officials reviewed ongoing desilting operations in the locality's flood drains to prevent water-logging during the rainy season. Commissioner Ranganath said HYDRAA and GHMC were working together to provide a per-



manent solution to the long-standing flood problem in Krishnanagar. He explained that heavy rainwater flowing from upper areas such as Jubilee Hills and Venkatagiri brings

large amounts of mud and debris into the drains, leading to severe flooding every year. The team inspected nearly 1.5 kilometres of the drain canal in Krishna

Nagar and said desilting works had been intensified to ensure smooth flow of rainwater. Ranganath added that the works would be completed before the onset of the monsoon. He noted that six to seven feet of silt had accumulated in some parts of the drains, reducing their carrying capacity and causing floodwater to overflow onto roads. The drains, which are around eight to nine feet deep, pose challenges for desilting in certain stretches. Slabs covering parts of the drains would be re-

moved wherever necessary to enable complete cleaning, he said, adding that strong grills would later be installed at those locations to avoid accidents and ensure public safety. The commissioner also said a few houses were found to have been constructed directly over the drains. He assured residents that action would be taken only if absolutely necessary, and that notices and sufficient time would be given before any clearance activity.

## SCR Proposes Three New MMTS Stations To Boost Connectivity; PM Likely To Launch Phase 3 Soon

The SCR has already sent the proposal seeking three stations to the Railway Board. "We are awaiting approval from the Board," said a SCR official. These three locations were proposed by frequent commuters who approached the SCR seeking additional stations. According to commuters, while a MMTS station in Alwal and Moulali will enhance the connectivity to the western part of the city from their place.

"Our area has a lot of techies going to the IT corridor for work, and there is no Metro Connectivity too, a separate MMTS will enhance the connectivity to that place," said U. Santosh, a resident of Bolarum. Similarly, a person from Malkajgiri said that, neither the Charlapalli Station or the Nerredmet Station is close for dozens of people who use public transport from Anandbagh and other colonies located in Malkajgiri. "Many people who live in Anandbagh or other areas will benefit if a MMTS Station comes up at this place," he said. In addition to this, the third phase of MMTS connecting Hyderabad with the temple town of Yadagirigutta has been proposed. Recently Union Minister for Coal and Mines Gangapuram.

## BJP Chief Ramchander Rao Predicts Shift in Politics in the State After Modi's Visit

Rao called Modi's meeting a landmark occasion, noting the Prime Minister would inaugurate development projects worth Rs 8,000 crore. He highlighted the Centre's Rs 13 lakh crore allocation to Telangana so far and urged a grand welcome.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

N. Ramchander Rao on Friday asserted that the BJP's recent Assembly election victories across several states and growing support among women had significantly boosted party cadre morale and would redefine Telangana politics in the coming years. After inspecting arrangements for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting scheduled at Parade Ground on May 10, Rao, accompanied by senior BJP leaders P.L. Srinivas and N.V. Subhash Rao, said there was overwhelming enthusiasm among women, youth, intellectuals and professionals towards the BJP. He alleged that opposition parties, particularly the Congress and the INDIA alliance, had resisted the implementation of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam proposing 33 per cent reservation for women in legislative bodies. According to him,



women across the country were strongly backing the BJP for supporting political empowerment. Rao described Modi's upcoming Hyderabad meeting as a "historic event" that would change Telangana's political direction. He said nearly two lakh people were expected to attend the rally, reflecting growing public confidence in the BJP. The BJP leader further stated that the Prime Minister would inaugurate development projects worth nearly Rs 8,000 crore during the visit. He also high-

lighted that the Central government had allocated around Rs 13 lakh crore to Telangana so far and appealed to party workers and the public to accord Modi a grand welcome. Referring to the BJP's rise in West Bengal, Rao termed the party's growth from zero to 78 Assembly seats as historic. He said the BJP had emerged as the principal opposition force in the state founded politically by Syama Prasad Mookerjee, challenging both Communist and Congress politics.

## Hyderabad police crack down on public smoking, drinking; 110 booked in a day

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

As part of their efforts to crack down on public nuisance, Hyderabad police conducted a special drive in the Secunderabad zone on Thursday, May 7, and booked 110 people for public smoking and drinking. A total of 38 police teams were mobilised to inspect isolated and vulnerable locations, including parks under the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), graveyards, wine shops, and other identified dark spots. The two-hour operation, conducted between 6:30 am and 8:30 am, resulted in the apprehension of one person for consuming ganja and cases



against 28 people for smoking in public places. Moreover, 81 people were booked for consuming alcohol in public areas. The violators were counselled and warned against repeating such activities, which cause inconvenience and disturbance to the general public. Similar special drives will continue in the future, police have said.

## Hyderabad fodder shops caught selling injections to boost milk production

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Drugs Control Administration (DCA) on Thursday, May 8, conducted raids at two fodder shops in Patancheru and seized 160 unlabelled transparent bottles, purported to be oxytocin injections. The raids were conducted at Renuka Cattle Feed and Laxmi Krishna Cattle Feed. "The fodder shops planned to sell these injections, which would be



used on dairy animals to artificially increase milk production," DCA Assistant Director P Ramu said, adding that unauthorised use of oxytocin can have adverse effects on animal health. The abuse of oxytocin in

livestock, particularly its illegal administration to artificially induce milk let-down and increase milk production in dairy animals, constitutes an offence, the officials warned.

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