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CM Revanth launches 553 SHG buses under Mahila Shakti scheme

The government would not rest until one crore members of women's SHGs are made 'crorepatis', the chief minister said.

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday flagged off 553 buses to be operated under Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and announced that another 3,000 buses would be launched in the coming days as part of the state government's women empowerment initiative. Addressing a gathering at the event, the Chief Minister said the Mahila Shakti scheme aims to transform women into successful entrepreneurs while strengthening the public transport system. Under the initiative, the government will fund the procurement of buses through Mandal Mahila Samakhya on a rental model. The State Road Transport Corporation (RTC) will repay the cost through monthly EMIs over seven years, after which ownership of the buses will be transferred to the RTC. Revanth Reddy used the occasion to criticize the Bharat Rashtra Samithi



Hyderabad rains put CM Revanth on TGSRTC bus

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Tuesday's rains in Hyderabad did not just create havoc for commuters' travel but also disrupted Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's schedule, prompting him to take a Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus to arrive at an event. The chief minister took the bus to attend the Mahila Shakti Scheme event at Secunderabad Parade Grounds. He was accompanied by Women and Child Welfare Minister

Danasari Anasuya alias Seethakka and women members of self-help groups (SHGs). Heavy rains lashed the city, providing much relief from the heatwave. Downpour was reported across the city, with heavy traffic and waterlogging. Chief Minister Revanth handed over 553 buses to Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) as part of the Congress government's initiative on women's empowerment. These buses will be leased to TGSRTC, which will pay a monthly rent of Rs 69,468 per vehicle to the SHG under the Mahila.

(BRS) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), alleging that neither party had appointed a woman as its president since its formation. He also claimed that women received no representation in the BRS cabinet during its first five years in power. Highlighting the Congress government's focus on women's welfare, he said the administration introduced free bus travel for women and has expanded economic opportunities by enabling women SHGs to establish petrol bunks and participate in solar power generation projects, sectors traditionally dominated by large corporate players. The Chief Minister stated that the government has provided ₹61,000 crore in bank linkages to women's SHGs and released ₹2,000 crore to banks to support zero-interest loans. He reiterated the government's goal of ensuring that one crore women associated with SHGs become "crorepatis" through sustained financial empowerment and livelihood opportunities. Drawing a veiled comparison with the previous administration, Revanth Reddy remarked that those who failed to repay SHG dues and were rejected by women voters are now "crying in a farmhouse" after losing power. He also referred to the history of women's rights, noting that while women in several developed nations, including the United States, struggled for voting rights for many years, India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru ensured universal voting rights for women soon after Independence. Expressing confidence that women would once again support the Congress government, the Chief Minister also appealed to farmers to adopt crop diversification. Referring to the first monsoon showers during the event, he remarked that Lord Varuna had blessed the initiative.

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you are required to provide this information in the affidavit. Kewat had filed an objection to Natarajan's candidacy under this same provision," he added. He claimed several other deficiencies were found in the nomination. Congress's Madhya Pradesh in-charge, Harish Chaudhary, claimed that no case had been filed against Natarajan and that the BJP is bringing up such cases to harass her. He said Natarajan had received a show-cause notice from the court, and it was not necessary to mention it in the affidavit. He said the Election Commission's instructions are clear that information must be provided in the nomination when a case is filed, not upon receiving a notice. "Technically, Natarajan's nomination cannot be rejected," Chaudhary added.

Plea in SC Alleges Horse-Trading in AIADMK MLA Exodus, Seeks CBI Probe

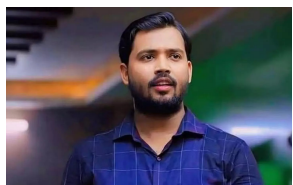
A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking a CBI probe against the Tamilaga Veltri Kazhagam (TVK) general secretary and four others, who joined the ruling party in Tamil Nadu after resigning as AIADMK MLAs, for alleged horse-trading to form the C Joseph Vijay-led government in the state. The plea filed by M Srinivasan sought a direction to the CBI to register a case against TVK general secretary N Anand alias Bussy N Anand and four former AIADMK MLAs K Maragatham Kumaravel (Maduranthakam Assembly constituency), S Jayakumar (Perundurai), P Sathiyabama (Dharapuram) and Esakki Subaya (Ambasamudram) who resigned as MLAs and joined the TVK on May 25 and 26. The plea filed through advocate Achintya Tiwari sought a direction to the CBI to complete the investigation and file a report within a time fixed by the court.

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Patna Court Stays Arrest of Khan Sir Till Further Orders

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A Patna court on Tuesday stayed the arrest of educator Faisal Khan, popularly known as 'Khan Sir', till further orders, his lawyer said. Khan was named in an FIR related to a firing incident by his guards a week ago when his coaching institute was allegedly vandalised by a bunch of miscreants. "The court has stayed his arrest till further orders, and ordered to present case diary and other antecedents on



the next hearing," Khan Sir's lawyer Arvind Kumar Mouar told reporters here in Patna. The educator had filed a plea for anticipatory bail on Monday. "All the facts have been put before the court in accordance with law. After examining the case diary, the court is expected to pass the final

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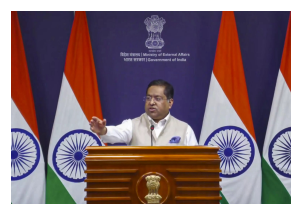
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India Urges World To Hold Pakistan Accountable in Deadly PoK Violence

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India on Tuesday came down hard on Islamabad for its "brutality" against people in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) and called on the international community to hold that country accountable for its "abuses". India's reaction came as over 20 people were reportedly killed in police action on protesters in several parts of PoK. External Affairs Ministry spokesperson



Randhir Jaiswal, slamming Pakistan, said there have been "desperate" attempts by Islamabad to cover up its "failings" and deflect attention away from its alleged human rights abuses. "We continue to see in this context, a pattern of fake news and videos emanating from Pakistan. It is a desperate attempt by Pakistan to cover-up its own failings and deflect attention away from its human rights abuses," he said. "There are reports of severe police brutality in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir in which several protesters have been killed and many injured. We hope the international community will hold Pakistan accountable for its misdeeds and abuses," Jaiswal added. He was responding to a

question at a media briefing. India's reaction came a day after Pakistan's human rights body said that it is "deeply alarmed" by the ongoing violence in PoK during violent clashes. The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) also expressed serious concerns about the so-called regional government's decision to proscribe the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) under anti-terrorism legislation.

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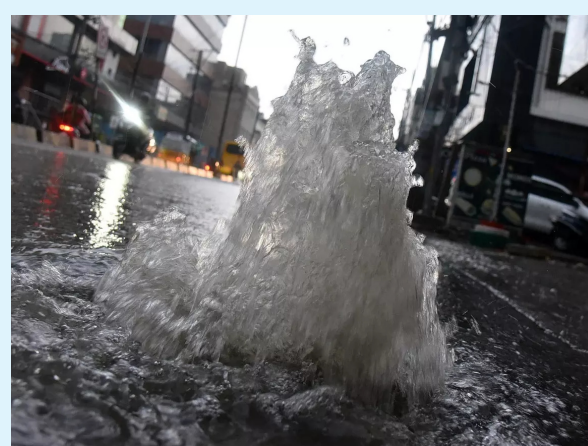


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Heavy Downpour Lashes Hyderabad; Yellow Warning Issued for Several Districts

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Heavy rain accompanied by thunderstorms and gusty winds lashed Hyderabad on Tuesday, prompting the India Meteorological Department (IMD) to issue a yellow alert for several districts across Telangana. The weather department has forecast continued rainfall activity over the next two days, with wind speeds expected to reach 40-50 kmph. According to the IMD, isolated



areas in Rangareddy, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy and Mahabubnagar districts are likely to receive

heavy rainfall on Tuesday. Moderate showers are also expected in Hyderabad and parts of the erstwhile Adilabad, Kar-

imnagar, Warangal and Nalgonda districts. The weather is likely to intensify on Wednesday, with Vikarabad, Mahabubnagar, Narayanpet and Gadwal districts expected to witness heavy downpours. In Hyderabad, a sudden spell of thunderstorms, lightning and intense rain disrupted normal life across several localities. Strong winds uprooted trees at multiple locations, including VST Road in Ramnagar and stretches in Hyderguda, leading to severe traffic

congestion. Waterlogging was reported on several roads, slowing vehicular movement and causing inconvenience to commuters. The heavy winds also affected power infrastructure, resulting in electricity disruptions in areas such as Musheerabad. Authorities have advised residents to remain alert, monitor weather updates and exercise caution while travelling as the wet spell is expected to continue over the next 48 hours.

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BRS seeks SC status for Dalit Christians through Presidential Order amendment

A BRS delegation met the National Commission examining Scheduled Caste status for Dalit Christians and sought an amendment to the 1950 Presidential Order. The party argued that religious conversion does not remove social discrimination and called for extending SC status to Dalit Christians.

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A BRS delegation on Tuesday met Justice KG Balakrishnan, Chairman of the National Commission examining the issue of Scheduled Caste status for Dalit Christians, and submitted a detailed memorandum seeking an amendment to the 1950 Presidential Order. The BRS leaders appealed to the Commission to ensure that justice is not denied to Dalit Christians. The delegation comprised Rajya Sabha deputy floor leader Vaddiraju Ravichandra, former Minister Koppula Eshwar, BRS general secretary RS



Praveen Kumar and party leader Mede Rajiv Sagar.

Speaking after the meeting, Ravichandra said conversion to Christianity does not eliminate the social discrimination and economic backwardness faced by Dalits. He argued that Dalit Christians should continue to enjoy constitutional

safeguards available to Scheduled Castes. He stated that the erstwhile BRS government had passed a resolution in the Telangana Assembly seeking an amendment to the Presidential Order.

He pointed out that people belonging to other faiths were not being deprived of their reservation benefits

after conversion and said treating Dalit Christians differently would amount to discrimination. He said that, if needed, the BRS would take the legal route to ensure justice for Dalit Christians.

Koppula Eshwar contended that classifying Dalit Christians under the BC-C category was inadequate, as their social conditions remained unchanged despite religious conversion. He urged the Commission to recommend extending SC status to them by amending the Presidential Order under Article 341.

RS Praveen Kumar termed the existing Presidential Order discriminatory and incon-

sistent with constitutional guarantees of equality and religious freedom under Articles 15, 17, 21 and 25. He argued that while members of other communities continue to receive reservation benefits after conversion, Dalits lose such protections solely because of a change in religion.

He urged the Commission to recommend corrective measures to the Centre, stating that extending SC status to Dalit Christians was essential to ensuring social justice and equal constitutional rights. He also questioned the silence of Congress and BJP MPs on the issue.

Movement of elephants triggers panic among farmers in Maharashtra, Telangana

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An unusual movement of a herd of around 30 elephants through farms triggered panic among locals in Sawali Taluq in Chandrapur district on Monday, raising fresh concerns among farmers who were already wary of elephant incursions. The fear stems from a tragic incident, where a pachyderm killed two people in Kaganagar forest division two years ago.

Residents spotted the herd wandering at a lake near Sawali town early in the morning. They recorded the videos of the animals on their mobile phones. They shared the videos on social media platforms. They expressed concern over their safety following the roaming of the tuskers. They urged the Forest officials to take steps to divert the animals



into dense forests and to avoid casualties.

On receiving information, Forest officials rushed to the farms and began efforts to drive away the jumbos into the wild. They claimed that they were monitoring the movement of the elephants with the help of experts. They said that they were tracking the movement of the pachyderms and steps were being taken to avoid human loss. Elephants inhabiting Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh are apparently exploring forests of Maharashtra following increased mining activity in

the two states. They often migrate to Gadchiroli district of neighboring Maharashtra in search of food and water. They then enter the forests of Chandrapur district. They frequently damage crops such as maize and paddy crops by crushing. Some of them turn aggressive resulting in human fatalities.

In 2024, a lone elephant separated from its herd and then drifted towards the wild of Telangana by crossing Pranahita river. It eventually trampled Alluri Shankar (50) at Burepalli village in Chintalamancipalli mandal before killing Karu Posham (65).

PAC Chairman Gandhi Thanks Public for Grand Success of CM's Miyapur Meeting

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PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi thanked the people of Sherlingampally, former corporators, leaders, party workers, women, media personnel, officials, supporters, and well-wishers for making Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's Miyapur public meeting a grand success. He expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister for launching development projects worth nearly ₹2,000 crore, including the Miyapur Flyover, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Headquarters, and other key infrastructure works. Gandhi appreciated every-



one who worked tirelessly for the success of the programme and said the huge public turnout reflected the constituency's commitment to development. He stated that being elected MLA three times is a responsibility he values deeply and reaffirmed his commitment to transforming Sherlingampally into one of Telangana's most developed constituencies through better infrastructure, balanced growth, and public welfare under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

Gangula seeks CBI probe into alleged SSCL coal reserve discrepancies

HYDERABAD
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Karimnagar MLA and former Minister Gangula Kamalakar on Tuesday alleged that the Congress government was driving the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) towards financial distress through mismanagement and misuse of its resources.

Addressing a press conference, Kamalakar said Karimnagar shared a long association with Singareni and questioned the coal reserve figures cited by the government. He said

the government had claimed that RG-1 contained 3.9 lakh metric tonnes of coal reserves. However, he alleged that police prevented him and former Minister T. Harish Rao from visiting the site to verify the claims.

Kamalakar demanded that Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu allow a visit to the mine and clarify the status of the coal reserves, adding that he would wait for a response until Wednesday morning.

The BRS leader also criticised Energy Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka for remaining silent on

the controversy. He claimed the government had stated there were 1.8 lakh metric tonnes of coal reserves in Adriyala, where production had allegedly been suspended for the past year.

Kamalakar further questioned what had happened to the 26 lakh metric tonnes of coal that had become the subject of political controversy. He demanded that both Bhatti Vikramarka and Sridhar Babu provide a detailed explanation. The former Minister alleged that the Congress government had interfered in the function-

ing of Singareni after coming to power, accusing it of favouring individuals linked to its leaders in awarding contracts. Claiming that SCCL's financial position had deteriorated, Kamalakar said the company was facing difficulties in meeting salary obligations and had availed an overdraft of ₹4,000 crore.

He also pointed out that the Union government holds a 49 percent stake in SCCL and called on Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar to respond to the allegations.

DMVC Member Submits Memorandum to District Incharge Minister Vivek Venkataswamy

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During his official visit to Sangareddy district, State Minister Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy was courteously met by Pamballa Durgaprasad, DMVC Member and President of the Ambedkar Association, Sangareddy District, at the IB Guest House on Tuesday. On the occasion, Durgaprasad submitted a memorandum highlighting several public grievances and developmental issues concerning Sangareddy district. He specifically urged the Minister to sanction funds under various schemes, including District Mineral Foundation (DMF), Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), HMDA



and other development heads, for Erdanoor Gram Panchayat in Kandi Mandal. He further requested the government to take special initiatives for strengthening rural infrastructure, expediting pending development works, and improving essential public amenities in villages across the district. Receiving the memorandum, Minister Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy assured that the issues raised would be examined and appropriate action would be taken at the earliest, Durgaprasad stated.

Tenant farmers seek legal recognition and welfare support in Telangana

Farmers' organisations have alleged that tenant farmers in Telangana continue to face exclusion from subsidies, institutional credit, disaster relief and MSP procurement. A survey covering 1,816 tenant farmers highlighted growing distress, while officials assured discussions on welfare measures and policy reforms.

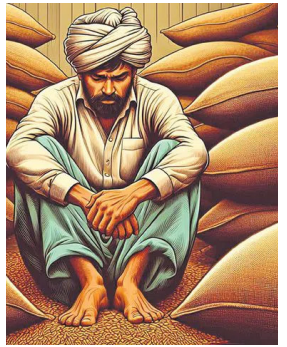
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Farmers' welfare organisations have criticised the State government for what they described as its indifference towards the farming community, particularly amid concerns over rising farmer suicides in Telangana. According to Rythu Swarajya Vedika, 248 farmers died by suicide in 2024 and the number rose to 285 in 2025. The organisation said 87 farmer suicides have already been reported this year.

Rythu Swarajya Vedika leader Kanneganti Ravi said it was condemnable that the government continued to maintain that no farmer suicides had taken place in the State, citing National Crime Records Bureau data.

He said tenant farmers were facing greater hardships than land-owning farmers and many were being pushed to extreme steps due to mounting challenges.

To document the problems faced by tenant farmers, the Tenant Farmers Recognition Struggle Committee,



along with several farmers' organisations, conducted a survey between May 1 and May 28. The survey covered 1,816 tenant farmers across 57 villages in 22 districts. The findings were released in the city on Tuesday.

The report stated that tenant farmers remain excluded from key government support systems such as fertiliser subsidies, crop procurement at the Minimum Support Price (MSP), disaster relief and institutional credit.

It pointed out that an app-based system introduced during the recent Yasangi season required a one-time password from landowners, making it difficult for tenant farmers to access subsidised fertilisers.

Of the 1,816 farmers surveyed, only 412 were able to purchase subsidised urea at Rs 260 per bag. The remaining farmers bought urea in the open market for as much as Rs 500 per bag.

The committee warned that the situation could worsen during the Vanakalam 2026 season when cultivation activity and fertiliser demand are expected to increase.

The report also noted that government procurement platforms require pattadar details, Aadhaar linkage and landowner approval through OTP authentication. As a result, many tenant farmers face difficulties in selling their produce through government procurement channels.

Nearly 85 per cent of the surveyed tenant farmers reported suffering crop losses due to floods, heavy rains or hailstorms over the past three years. However, only 11 of the 1,548 affected farmers received disaster relief compensation.

Crop damage was assessed for 380 farmers, but only 116 cases were recorded in the names of tenant farmers. In 45 in-

stances, compensation was paid to landowners and not to the tenants who cultivated the land.

The report further highlighted that tenant farmers continue to face difficulties in obtaining crop loans from banks. While landowners can access loans at zero per cent interest, tenant farmers are often forced to rely on private lenders charging interest rates ranging from 24 per cent to 36 per cent. V Rukmini Rao, General Secretary of Gramya Resource Centre for Women, recalled that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had expressed support for tenant farmers while serving as TPCC president. She said he had promised to implement the Land Licensed Cultivators Act, but no steps had been taken after the Congress came to power.

Rukmini Rao also highlighted the growing role of women in cultivation. She said many women farmers work on par with men, but their contribution remains largely unrecognised. To reduce cultivation costs, some families are involving children in farm work.

Rapolle Family Anchors Grand Community Anniversary Celebration

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A grand community celebration held near Balkampet to mark the organization's anniversary witnessed an overwhelming public response, with the Rapolle family—Gopal Rapolle, Padma Rapolle, and their son, affectionately known as "Laddu"—playing a central role in the event's success. The program brought together a large gathering of well-wishers, friends, and residents from New Bowenpally



and Chinna Thokatta, reflecting the strong bond between the organization and the local community. The venue remained vibrant throughout the day as attendees celebrated unity, service, and collective achievements. A

major highlight of the event was the leadership displayed by Laddu Rapolle, who coordinated the arrangements and managed the large-scale gathering with efficiency and dedication. From overseeing logistics to welcoming guests, he ensured the celebrations ran smoothly and that every visitor felt valued. Addressing the gathering, Laddu expressed gratitude to the community for its continued support and emphasized the importance of togetherness and public service. His active involvement earned ap-

preciation from attendees, many of whom praised the family's warm hospitality and commitment to organizing a memorable occasion. The celebration showcased the Rapolle family's longstanding connection with the community, transforming the anniversary into more than a ceremonial event. Their efforts fostered an atmosphere of inclusiveness and camaraderie, leaving participants with lasting memories and reinforcing the spirit of service and unity that defined the occasion.

Delegation Urges Welfare Action Before TPCC Leader

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Dp Srinivas rao

A delegation led by Mr. K. Maheshwar Raj, President of the All India Confederation of SC/ST/BC/Minorities Organisations, met Dr. Kota Neelima, Vice President of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) and Incharge of the Sanathnagar Assembly constituency, to discuss welfare measures and pressing issues affecting marginalized communities across Telangana.

The delegation highlighted concerns related to



Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Backward Classes (BCs), and minority communities, while placing special emphasis on local challenges in the Sanathnagar constituency. They sought stronger implementation of welfare initiatives, improved access to education and employment opportunities, and

better infrastructure in underserved areas.

As a symbolic gesture of commitment to constitutional values, the delegation presented Dr. Neelima with a copy of the Constitution of India, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding equality, social justice, and inclusive development for all sections of society.

Discussions also focused on ensuring equitable allocation of resources, effective execution of government welfare schemes, and protecting the constitutional rights of marginalized com-

munities. The delegation stressed that governance should reflect the principles of secularism and social equity enshrined in the Constitution.

Responding to the representations, Dr. Kota Neelima assured the members that the issues raised would be actively pursued within the party and brought before the concerned administrative authorities for appropriate action, with the objective of achieving timely solutions and sustained development for affected communities.

Amoy Kumar Appears Before ED Again in Bhoodan Case

Senior IAS officer Amoy Kumar on Monday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) at Basheerbagh in connection with a case relating to the alleged alienation of Bhoodan land at Nagole in Medchal Malkajgiri district. The Central economic intelligence agency took up the investigation based on a case registered at the Maheshwaram police station against private persons and government officials on the illegal sale of 42 acres of Bhoodan government land through forged documents and manipulated government revenue records. Amoy, who is currently posted in the animal husbandry and dairy development department, served as the district collector of Rangareddy and Medchal Malkajgiri districts earlier. The ED had questioned Amoy in October, 2024. Though Amoy was not named as an accused in the FIR, his role in the use of the Dharani portal and registration of properties which were under prohibited categories came under scrutiny during the ED's probe.

Uttam Pushes Solar Power for Irrigation Projects

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In a major push towards reducing power costs and promoting sustainable energy, Telangana Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday directed irrigation officials to identify and utilize available department lands, reservoirs, and canal systems for large-scale solar power generation. He emphasized that solar projects on irrigation assets should be treated as the department's top priority to ensure long-term savings and energy security.

Reviewing the power requirements of irrigation projects and lift irrigation schemes with senior officials, the minister noted that the state government is spending substantial



amounts on electricity to operate these projects. He said the department must actively explore solar energy and pumped storage projects wherever feasible to reduce dependence on conventional power sources and create sustainable revenue-generating assets. Uttam Kumar Reddy instructed officials to first focus on installing solar power systems on all available irrigation department lands before considering other methods of revenue generation. He

stressed that maximizing the use of existing infrastructure would significantly cut operational expenses while contributing to the state's renewable energy goals.

The minister recalled that feasibility studies had already been conducted for installing solar power systems at 16 reservoirs across the state. According to officials, utilizing even around 10 percent of the suitable land and water surface available in reservoirs and irrigation properties could potentially

generate between 6,000 MW and 7,000 MW of solar power. Such capacity would substantially reduce the energy burden of irrigation projects while supplying clean electricity to the grid.

During the meeting, officials also presented a proposal for a canal-based solar power project under the Build Own Operate and Transfer (BOOT) model. The proposed project is planned on a 15-kilometre canal stretch between Jagora and Chandora and is designed to support a 20 MW solar power system.

Officials informed the minister that the project could generate nearly 340 lakh units of electricity annually. Of this, around 84 lakh units would be utilized to meet the irrigation project's own power.

BRS leader Dasoju Sravan targets government over SCCL allegations

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BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of turning the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) into a source of financial benefit for his family and his brother-in-law, Srujan Reddy.

He alleged that the Congress government had invoked non-bailable provisions against former MP and MLA Balka Suman after he exposed what the BRS described as a Rs 15,000-crore corruption scandal.

A BRS delegation led by Sravan visited Chanchalguda Jail on Tuesday and met Balka Suman.

Speaking to reporters later, Sravan alleged that the Chief Minister and certain police officers were registering fabricated cases against opposition leaders. He claimed that the government was attempting to suppress dissent through



arrests and legal action.

The BRS MLC also criticised Revanth Reddy's public remarks and alleged that the Chief Minister had made threatening statements against BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao.

Sravan said the BRS had submitted complaints along with evidence at Jubilee Hills, Film Nagar and Banjara Hills police stations, but alleged that no FIR had been registered.

He further claimed that Congress leaders, including T Jagga Reddy and Mynampally Hanumanth Rao, were being treated differently by the authorities.

Referring to alleged irregularities in SCCL, Sravan claimed that nearly 40 lakh tonnes of coal worth about Rs 1,600 crore had gone missing. He alleged that instead of ordering a comprehensive investigation, the government had issued a statement claiming that only 26 lakh tonnes were unaccounted for.

He also raised questions over the cancellation of allotments linked to the Naini Coal Block. According to Sravan, the allotments were withdrawn after corruption allegations surfaced. He questioned why the tenders were cancelled and why no formal investigation had been initiated.

Alleging a larger conspiracy, Sravan claimed that Revanth Reddy and his brother-in-law, Srujan Reddy, were attempting to weaken SCCL and facilitate the transfer of Telangana's coal assets to Adani Group.

Telangana Launches Mega Job Mela to Empower Minority Youth

The recruitment drive will connect 20,000 targeted job seekers across 10 districts with employment opportunities.

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The Telangana Government on Tuesday inaugurated a Mega Job Mela at Red Rose Palace, Nampally, Hyderabad, under its flagship Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika initiative. The employment drive was organised by the Minorities Welfare Department in association with the Telangana Minorities Finance Corporation (TGMFC) to connect thousands of minority youth with career opportunities across various sectors.

The event was inaugurated by Transport Minister Ponnampallapragada Prabhakar and Minister for Minorities Welfare Mohammed Azharuddin. Addressing the gathering, Azharuddin appreciated TGMFC Chairman Obedullah Kotwal and all stakeholders for successfully organising the large-scale recruitment initiative aimed at improving employment prospects for minority communities.

The Minister said the Telangana Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, has made significant progress over the past two years in implementing welfare and de-



velopment programmes. He noted that the Mega Job Mela reflects the government's commitment to creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for young people.

According to officials, the recruitment drive is expected to benefit nearly 20,000 job seekers from 10 districts. Candidates from diverse educational backgrounds can participate, with vacancies ranging from entry-level positions to specialised corporate roles offered by various companies.

Azharuddin reiterated that the government remains committed to supporting youth from all minority communities, including Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, and others, without any discrimination. He emphasised that the objective of the initiative is not merely to distribute appointment letters but to ensure long-term and meaningful em-

ployment for selected candidates.

He further informed that the Telangana Government is working towards creating nearly one lakh employment opportunities across the state. In coordination with TGMFC, the Minorities Welfare Department is actively implementing programmes to connect educated youth with industries and employers, thereby enhancing their career prospects.

The Minister also announced that similar job melas will be organised in different districts across Telangana to expand employment opportunities for minority youth. He expressed confidence that such initiatives would strengthen economic empowerment, reduce unemployment, and help talented young people secure stable careers while contributing to the state's overall development.

District-Level Review Meeting Held on Development, Agriculture, Drinking Water and Mining in Sangareddy

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Thalka Anjaiah

State Minister Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy chaired a district-level review meeting to assess the progress of development works, agriculture, paddy procurement, drinking water supply, mining activities, and oil palm cultivation in Sangareddy district.

The meeting was attended by Sangareddy District Collector, Medak MP M. Raghunandan Rao, Narayankhed MLA Dr. Patlolla Sanjeeva Reddy, MLC C. Anji Reddy, public representatives, and senior officials from various line departments.

During the review, officials briefed the Minister on the status of ongoing development projects, welfare schemes, infrastructure works, and agricultural activities across the district. The Minister emphasized the need for timely implementa-



tion of government programmes and effective coordination among departments.

Reviewing the paddy procurement process, he directed officials to ensure smooth operations at procurement centres and provide all necessary facilities to farmers. He stressed that procurement should be completed efficiently without causing inconvenience to cultivators.

The Minister also reviewed the drinking water supply situation in the district and instructed officials to ensure uninterrupted supply of safe drinking water to all villages and urban areas, particularly during the summer season.

Mining activities, mineral resource management, environmental safeguards, and revenue generation were also discussed in detail. The Minister directed officials to strictly enforce regulations while ensuring that mining-related resources contribute to the district's sustainable development.

Speaking on the expansion of oil palm cultivation, he highlighted its long-term economic benefits, higher productivity, and income potential for farmers. Officials were instructed to create awareness among farmers regarding government incentives and subsidy schemes available for oil palm cultivation.

Minister Vivek Venkataswamy urged all departments to achieve their targets within the stipulated timelines and work in close coordination to accelerate the overall development of Sangareddy district and improve public service delivery.

Dr. Kannan Supports Md. Saniya's Wedding

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Thalka Anjaiah

Former PCC Secretary and Narsimhan Kannan Foundation founder Dr. Narsimhan Kannan extended financial assistance for the wedding of Ms. Md. Saniya, a young woman from an underprivileged family in Bolarum. He personally handed over the support to her mother, helping ease the family's wedding expenses and wishing Saniya a happy and prosperous future.



Dr. Kannan said weddings are important milestones and that no family should struggle financially to celebrate them. He also reaffirmed the foundation's commitment to supporting disadvantaged families through welfare ini-

tiatives. Expressing gratitude, Saniya's mother said the timely assistance relieved the family's financial burden and enabled them to prepare for the ceremony with dignity. Local residents and volunteers appreciated the gesture, describing it as an example of compassion and community support.

The Narsimhan Kannan Foundation has regularly assisted low-income families through educational sponsorships, medical aid, and social welfare programs.

Talasan Dharam Yadav Rewards Patigadda Toppers with ₹10,000 Each

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On the occasion of his birthday, Talasani Dharam Yadav, younger brother of Hon. Talasani Srinivas Yadav, presented cash awards of ₹10,000 each to the ten highest-ranking Class 10 students of Patigadda Government High School, encouraging academic excellence and supporting their future education.

The felicitation programme, organized under the auspices of Raga Nagaraj Goud, was held at the school in the presence of community leaders,



teachers, students, and parents. The financial assistance is intended to help deserving students meet educational expenses while inspiring others to strive for academic success.

Speaking on the occasion, participants praised the initiative as a meaningful blend of birthday celebrations and social responsibility. A school representative expressed

gratitude, stating that the awards would directly benefit the students and motivate them to pursue higher education with confidence.

Emotional moments marked the event as awardees and their families thanked Talasani Dharam Yadav for the timely support. Teachers noted that such encouragement is especially valuable for students fac-

ing financial challenges and serves as a strong incentive for continued excellence.

Among those present were N. Sharan, Sheikh Arif, Mohammed Siddique, Naseem Bhanu, Shobha, Yandi, Azmat, Abdul Azgar, Harshad, Mme Javid, Syed Afzal, and several school teachers. Organisers described the programme as a model of community-driven educational support and expressed hope that more leaders and philanthropists would undertake similar initiatives to empower deserving students.

₹4 Crore Ande Sri Memorial Project Reviewed by Minister Adluri Lakshman

HYDERABAD
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Usha Sree

Telangana Minister for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minority Welfare Adluri Lakshman on Tuesday inspected the proposed Ande Sri Ghat in Ghatkesar Division, Medchal-Malkajgiri district, where the State Government is planning development works worth ₹4 crore to honor the celebrated Telangana poet and lyricist Ande Sri.

The proposed project aims to establish an "Ande Sri Smruthi Vanam" (Memorial Park) with memorial infrastruc-



ture, landscaping, visitor amenities, and other facilities that reflect Telangana's literary and cultural heritage. The initiative is being taken under the directions of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, while the Roads & Buildings (R&B) Department is preparing development plans.

During the visit, the Minister reviewed the site

along with Medchal-Malkajgiri District Collector Manu Choudhary, District Congress Committee President Thotakura Vajresh Yadav, SC Development Cooperative Corporation Chairman N. Preetham, former Municipal Chairperson Mulli Pavani Jangaiah Yadav, Revenue officials including the RDO and MRO, and other public represen-

tatives. Earlier, B.N. Ram Mohan of Devar Yamjal met Minister Adluri Lakshman and SC Corporation Chairman N. Preetham to discuss issues concerning the development of the memorial site.

Speaking on the occasion, Mulli Pavani Jangaiah Yadav said the government's decision to develop the Ande Sri Ghat is a significant step towards preserving the poet's legacy and recognizing his contribution to Telangana's cultural identity and the Telangana movement. Local leaders, government officials, and residents also participated.

Bengali Filmmaker Anik Dutta Dies After Fall from Terrace

Filmmaker Anik Dutta died on Wednesday after allegedly falling from the terrace of his multi-storey residence in south Kolkata, police said. He was taken to a private hospital near Dhakuria, where doctors declared him dead, a senior officer said. A police team started an investigation at the site, though the family has not issued any statement. Several actors, directors and members of the Bengali film industry gathered at the hospital following the incident.

Anik Dutta shot to fame with 'Bhooter Bhabishyat' in 2012. The film, noted for its political and social satire woven into a horror narrative, is regarded by many as a milestone in Bengali cinema.

He continued in a similar vein with 'Ascharya Pradip', which also carried strong social messaging. The filmmaker also directed acclaimed films such as 'Aparajito', 'Meghnadbodh Rohoshyo' and 'Borunabur Bondhu'.

India Expands Nuclear Stockpile to 190 Warheads: SIPRI Report

NEW DELHI
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India is believed to have slightly expanded its nuclear arsenal in 2025 and continued developing new nuclear delivery systems, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's (SIPRI) Yearbook 2026 released on June 8. The report said India's nuclear modernisation programme is increasingly focused on developing long-range weapons capable of reaching targets across China, while continuing to address its long-standing strategic rivalry with Pakistan.

SIPRI also described Operation Sindoor and the India-Pakistan military confrontation in May 2025 as "an unusually severe military crisis" between the two nuclear-armed neighbours. According to the report, the cross-border tensions saw India strike Pakistani air and missile bases that were likely to have nuclear-related roles. However, SIPRI noted that both countries took steps to avoid further escalation.

The think tank also highlighted that India and Pakistan integrated cyber operations into active military conflict for the first time during



the crisis, reflecting the evolving nature of deterrence and warfare in South Asia. India retained its position as the world's fifth-largest military spender in 2025, with defence expenditure rising by 8.9 per cent year-on-year to USD 92.1 billion. The country ranked behind only the United States, China, Russia and Germany in military spending. The report further identified India as the world's second-largest importer of major arms during the 2021-25 period, accounting for 8.2 per cent of global arms imports. Ukraine emerged as the largest arms importer, followed by India, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Pakistan. Together, the five countries accounted for 35 per cent of global arms imports. SIPRI estimated that India's

nuclear arsenal grew to around 190 warheads by early 2026. Pakistan, meanwhile, continued developing new delivery systems and accumulating fissile material, suggesting its nuclear stockpile could expand further in the coming decade. At the start of 2026, the world's nine nuclear-armed states — the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan, North Korea and Israel — possessed an estimated 12,187 nuclear weapons. Of these, around 9,745 warheads were held in military stockpiles and considered potentially operational. An estimated 4,012 warheads were deployed with operational forces, while between 2,100 and 2,200 were maintained on high opera-

tional alert, primarily on ballistic missiles. SIPRI noted that while the total number of nuclear warheads globally continues to decline, the reduction is largely due to the dismantling of retired weapons by the United States and Russia. "Notably, the number of warheads being dismantled annually appears to be decreasing and it seems likely that the rate at which retired warheads are dismantled will soon be outpaced by the rate at which new warheads enter global stockpiles," the report stated. The United States and Russia together possess nearly 86 per cent of the world's nuclear weapons and continue to pursue extensive nuclear modernisation programmes. China is also rapidly expanding its arsenal, which SIPRI estimates increased from 600 to as many as 620 warheads during the year. The report noted that India and Israel primarily rely on plutonium for their nuclear weapons programmes, while submarine-based nuclear delivery systems are becoming increasingly prevalent, particularly among nuclear-armed states in the Indo-Pacific region. SIPRI also observed a sharp rise in interstate armed conflicts.

PM Modi To Undertake Visit To France, Slovakia; To Attend G7 Summit

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will undertake a week-long visit to France and Slovakia beginning June 13 to explore ways to expand bilateral ties and discuss pressing global challenges. The prime minister will attend G7 Summit in Evian in France on June 16 and 17, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). In the first leg of his trip, Modi will visit French city of Nice from June 13 to 14. He will also visit Evian and Paris from June 16 to 19, the MEA said.

The prime minister will be in Slovakia from June 14 to 16. "In the first leg of the visit, the Prime Minister will visit Nice for a bilateral meeting



with President Emmanuel Macron on June 14. Both leaders will review the full spectrum of the India-France bilateral relationship, which was elevated to the level of a Special Global Strategic Partnership earlier this year," the MEA said. In Nice, both leaders will also jointly inaugurate the 'Bharat Innovates' event, which will bring together top innovation startups and Venture Capital funds from India, France, and other countries.

In the second leg of the trip, Modi will travel to

Slovakia for a State visit after concluding his trip to Nice. This will be the first-ever visit by an Indian prime minister to Slovakia since its Independence in 1993. The visit will reaffirm India's commitment towards strengthening its bilateral relationship with Slovakia in various sectors, including trade, investment, and automobile and railway manufacturing, the MEA said.

In the third leg of the visit, the prime minister will participate in the G7 Summit in Evian on June 16-17. "During the Summit, he will exchange views with G7 leaders, and those from invited partner countries and International organisations, participating in the summit sessions.

Govt OMCs Hike Jet Fuel By 10% To ₹115/Litre Under New Price Stabilisation Scheme

NEW DELHI
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Even with the government's price stabilisation scheme for shielding air carriers and passengers from sharp swings in global oil prices, government-owned fuel retailers on Tuesday hiked jet fuel or aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices around 10 per cent for the airlines. Now, jet fuel for domestic airlines will now cost Rs 115 per litre, up from Rs 104.927, according to an industry source.

The new rate will be locked in for up to three years for airlines that opt to participate in the government-backed price stabilisation scheme. However, airlines that do not opt for the scheme will pay market-linked prices, which are currently around Rs 142 per litre, similar to international carriers. The source further said that the scheme is completely voluntary, and airlines will have to take a call if they want to participate in it. "Those opting

into the price stabilisation scheme will continue to receive ATF at Rs 115 per litre, insulated from global benchmark fluctuations. While non-participating carriers will benefit from price declines, they will also face higher costs when international rates rise," it said.

Under the voluntary scheme, industry expert said that participating airlines will pay a fixed free-on-board (FOB) benchmark price of Rs 86.32 per litre, plus air-



port charges, oil company margins and applicable taxes, resulting in an effective selling price of Rs 115 per litre in Delhi, Rs 114.5 in Mumbai and Rs 139 in

Chennai. The new rate compares with a below-market level of about Rs 105 per litre in Delhi, which had remained unchanged for more than two months after the

government allowed only a partial pass-through of higher global fuel costs triggered by the outbreak of the West Asia conflict in late February.

However, the source said that international jet fuel prices had climbed to as high as Rs 142 per litre in May from pre-war rates of Rs 60.50 per litre, raising concerns over airline operating costs and potential fare increases. "The new arrangement is not a subsidy but a temporary stabilisation

framework intended to smooth volatility in fuel prices while ensuring accountability, monitoring and full recovery of funds," the source said.

The freeze had led to losses for oil marketing companies (OMCs) on ATF prices, similar to pressures seen in the prices for petrol, diesel, LPG and other fuel segments. To address these losses, the Union Cabinet approved a Rs 10,000-crore price stabilisation scheme aimed at capping ATF prices and shielding airlines

from volatility linked to geopolitical tensions, while also supporting the financial health of state-owned oil companies. Under the scheme, whenever global benchmark prices rise above the base rate of Rs 86.32, the government will provide an interest-free advance to oil marketing companies to cover the difference. When prices fall, the differential will be recovered from the companies and returned to the consolidated fund of India.

Zojila Tunnel a New Lifeline for Ladakh: L-G Vinai Saxena

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Ladakh Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena hailed the breakthrough of the Zojila Tunnel as a historic milestone for the landlocked region and a transformative step toward year-round connectivity, faster mobility and stronger economic growth. The tunnel, a strategically important project on the Srinagar-Leh axis, is expected to end the long seasonal isolation caused by heavy snowfall and



difficult terrain, linking Ladakh more reliably with the rest of India. Saxena termed the tunnel a "game changer" for the Union Territory, saying it would accelerate development, improve access to border areas and create a dependable all-weather link between Ladakh and the rest of the country. He described the tunnel as a

dream project of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said it would play a vital role in strengthening infrastructure in one of India's most challenging high-altitude regions.

Responding to remarks by Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, Saxena said the tunnel would not only improve strategic connectivity but also open new opportunities for tourism, trade and livelihoods. Better access is expected to support local communities, reduce travel disruptions during

winter and strengthen the region's long-term development prospects, he said. In a related announcement, Gadkari unveiled a Rs 1,500-crore plan to upgrade the Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri stretch into a four-lane highway with paved shoulders. He said the Detailed Project Report is expected to be finalised by July, after which construction work will begin. The road upgrade is designed to complement the tunnel project and further modernise the crucial route to Ladakh.

Mamata Loyalists Criticise And Curse The Rebels

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A day after a section of Trinamool Congress members in Parliament raised the flag rebellion against TMC chief Mamata Banerjee, her loyalists jumped in to criticise and curse the rebels for abandoning the party workers while they were facing allegedly facing harassment and political attacks in West Bengal. Mamata loyalists Kalyan Banerjee and Kirti Azad on Tuesday



held a press conference to take on the rebel MPs terming them as "traitors" and accusing them of lacking political morality and maintaining links with the BJP. They challenged the rebels to join the BJP. "The duty is to stand by workers who are

being harassed and not being allowed to come on the streets. Instead, they are joining the BJP. We are very happy, people with such double character have left," said Banerjee.

At the same time TMC MP Mahua Mitra questioned the claims made by the Lok Sabha MP Kalkoli Ghosh Dastidar, who is at the forefront of the rebel faction, that 20 MPs have decided to write to Speaker Om Birla declaring support for the NDA. In a post on X, Moitra

said the rebel group does not have the "magic number" of 19 needed to break away. TMC has 28 MPs in Lok Sabha. "Even if traitors get 19 MPs (2/3) which they have not -- only option is to merge with BJP along with 2/3 of political party. Bhupinder Yadav and Lok Sabha Speaker cannot create separate political party or faction. (A) five judge bench in Subhash Desai vs. Principal Secretary, Governor of Maharashtra (2023), settled this," Moitra posted on X.

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Patna Court Stays.....

"All the facts have been put before the court in accordance with law. After examining the case diary, the court is expected to pass the final order," the lawyer said. He said that the next date has not been decided yet. The court also asked for the case diary and antecedents in connection with the two guards who were detained by police on Thursday, Mouar said.

"Their case is scheduled for tomorrow. The hearing will take place after the case diary is presented before the court," the lawyer said. The educator has received "protection from coercive action" and will co-

operate with investigating officers for whatever queries they may have. A group of 15-20 persons allegedly vandalised Khan Global Studies Institute in the state capital Patna on June 2 night and pelted stones at its premises. Police had on Thursday detained two guards associated with Khan Sir's coaching institute for allegedly firing shots on June 2 night.

Plea in SC Alleges.....

It prayed to the court to exercise the plenary power under Article 142 of the Constitution to frame specific rules for preventing horse-trading after elections with regard to candidates who have either been

disqualified by the Speaker or those who have resigned from the Assembly without any valid, material and justifiable reason. The petitioner also prayed for grant of an injunction against the four former AIADMK MLAs from contesting the by-elections either independently or with the support of any political parties till rules are framed by the court. "Issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction thereby directing the Respondent No.3 (Central Bureau of Investigation) to register the case against the respondents Nos. 07 to 11 herein for allegedly indulging in the horse trading to prove the majority in the

Tamil Nadu Assembly and further direct to conduct the investigation and to file final report within time fixed by this Court," the plea said.

CM Revanth.....

The Chief Minister stated that the government has provided ₹61,000 crore in bank linkages to women's SHGs and released ₹2,000 crore to banks to support zero-interest loans. He reiterated the government's goal of ensuring that one crore women associated with SHGs become "crorepatris" through sustained financial empowerment and livelihood opportunities. Drawing a veiled comparison with the

previous administration, Revanth Reddy remarked that those who failed to repay SHG dues and were rejected by women voters are now "crying in a farmhouse" after losing power. He also referred to the history of women's rights, noting that while women in several developed nations, including the United States, struggled for voting rights for many years, India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru ensured universal voting rights for women soon after Independence. Expressing confidence that women would once again support the Congress government, the Chief Minister also appealed to farmers to adopt crop.



CRIME

EDITORIAL

Cyberabad Press & Police Friendly Cricket League 2026 Launched by CP Dr. M. Ramesh

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Cyberabad Police arrested 11 persons for allegedly conducting an unlawful gathering and creating panic among residents over a land dispute in Nakramguda under the Gachibowli Police Station limits.

Based on credible information received on June 7, police reached the disputed site and found a group of individuals assembled illegally, disturbing public peace and creating fear among local residents. When questioned, they allegedly



failed to provide satisfactory explanations and obstructed police duties. During the investigation, police found that the individuals had been brought to the location in connection with a land dispute involving Janachaitanya Company. Sev-

eral of those detained were reportedly called to help settle the dispute, and four among them were found to have previous criminal records. A case was registered under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for unlaw-

ful assembly, disturbing public order, and obstructing public servants in the discharge of their duties. The accused were subsequently produced before the court.

Speaking on the matter, Sherlingampally DCP C.H. Srinivas, IPS, warned that Cyberabad Police will not tolerate anyone taking the law into their own hands. He advised citizens to resolve land and property disputes through legal channels and cautioned that strict action would be taken against those involved in intimidation, force, or activities that threaten public peace and order.

Cyberabad Press & Police Friendly Cricket League 2026 Launched by CP Dr. M. Ramesh



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The Cyberabad Press & Police Friendly Cricket League-2026, aimed at strengthening police-media relations and pro-

moting sportsmanship, was inaugurated by Cyberabad CP Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS at the Cyberabad Commissionerate Parade Ground. The three-day tournament, from June 9 to 11,

features teams of police personnel and media representatives. On the opening day, Malkajgiri Media Thunders defeated Crime Partners, with Jesthadi Raju named Man of the Match.

In another game, SCSC Defenders beat the Sherlingampally team, while Shiva Kumar won the Man of the Match award. CP Dr. Ramesh said such events strengthen coordination, mutual understanding, and friendly relations between police and media. The tournament is being held under the theme "United in Spirit - Stronger Together," with the final scheduled for June 11.

Cyberabad CP Inspects IIIT Junction-DLF

Corridor Development Works



Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh inspected the ongoing flyover and road development works between IIIT Junction and DLF Junction in Gachibowli. Accompanied by Sherlingampally ADCP Hanumantha Rao and CMC officials, he reviewed project progress and directed authorities to complete the works on schedule. The CP instructed officials to implement traffic diversions and a special advisory for the next three months to minimize inconvenience to commuters. He said the project will significantly reduce traffic congestion and improve travel on the busy Gachibowli-DLF corridor once completed.

Traffic Diversions For Mahila Sadasu

Malkajgiri traffic police issued an advisory ahead of the Mahila Sadasu programme at Parade Grounds, Secunderabad on Tuesday, announcing diversions and restrictions at key junctions to ease congestion. Police said roads between Tivoli crossroads and Plaza crossroads will remain closed during the event, with heavy traffic expected at Sangeet, YMCA, Patny, SBI, Plaza, CTO, Brooke Bond, Tivoli, Sweekar Upakar, Secunderabad Club, Tadbund, Balamrai, Rasoolpura, Begumpet and Paradise. Motorists were advised to avoid SP Road, MG Road, RP Road and SD Road between 2 pm and 9 pm.

Chaderghat Rowdy Sheeter Pays ₹1 Lakh Bond Forfeiture Fine

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In a significant preventive policing measure aimed at maintaining public peace and order, a rowdy sheeter of Chaderghat Police Station, Mirza Salman Ali Baig, deposited ₹1,00,000 towards the forfeiture of his Bound Over Bond after violating its conditions.

The action was taken as part of the Hyderabad City Police's efforts to keep habitual offenders under strict surveillance and ensure law and order. The initiative was carried out under the instructions



of Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar and Charminar Zone Deputy Commissioner of Police Kiran Khare, with supervision from Malakpet Division Assistant Commissioner of Police Raja Venkat Reddy.

Police officials stated that Salman Ali Baig had earlier been bound over under the relevant pro-

visions of law, requiring him to maintain good behaviour and refrain from activities that could disturb public peace. However, after authorities found that he had violated the conditions of the bond, legal proceedings were initiated before the competent authority seeking forfeiture of the bond amount.

Following due legal process and a hearing, the competent authority ordered the forfeiture of the bond. In compliance with the order, Salman Ali Baig deposited a challan amount of ₹1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh only) on June 9, 2026.

Gachibowli Hill Ridge Villas Theft Case Solved; 3 Nepali Gang Members Arrested

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Cyberabad Police solved the Hill Ridge Villas theft case in Gachibowli by arresting three accused from Rampur, Uttar Pradesh, and recovering the stolen property. The theft took place on June 6 when a Nepali couple allegedly entered a villa in the owners' absence. Later, the family found that about 7-8 kg of gold



ornaments and 1.5 kg of silver ornaments were missing from a locker. Following an intensive

investigation, multiple police teams were sent to different states. On June 9, a team led by Gachibowli Inspector

Naresh arrested Kamal Shahi, Vimal Shahi, and Kalpana with the assistance of Uttar Pradesh Police.

The accused confessed to using a key kept near the locker, stealing the valuables, and locking it again before fleeing. Sherlingampally DCP Ch. Srinivas, IPS, urged citizens to verify domestic helpers through police verification services to help prevent such thefts.

AFTER SC BACKS EC ON SIR, BALL IN PARL COURT

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The Supreme Court order upholding the ongoing special intensive revision of the electoral rolls across India as a genuine constitutional process is not just in harmony with its unfortunate approach to the conduct of the exercise but in fact sets a dangerous precedent of looking the other way when the government in power arbitrarily strips people of their constitutional right. The court's position comes in the backdrop of a series of litigations questioning the SIR conducted in several states, especially in Bihar and West Bengal. The Bihar SIR started and was completed in a matter of 30 days, which was too little time for many citizens to get their documents ready, particularly in the case of those working outside the state. West Bengal's was the worst experience, where

about 90 lakh voters were removed from the voters' list. There are about 27 lakh people who were denied their voting rights in the recently held Assembly election there on account of "logical discrepancies" in their document, a term even the apex court found to be inappropriate.

Natural justice demands that a person is convinced as to why a right previously enjoyed by him is going to be denied to him before it is finally taken away. The Supreme Court has now given its stamp of approval to the injustices caused by the EC's inefficiency. Instead of penalising the floundering authority, it has now punished its victims. The argument the Supreme Court presents to legitimise a process gone awry is that it cannot be invalidated just because it did not adhere strictly to modalities. It also said that the SIR is in consonance with

the Representation of the People Act and the 1960 Rules. It is "intended to secure the constitutional mandate of free and fair elections by ensuring that the roll on which the election rests is accurate and reliable", the court has stated.

But this is a strawman argument as nobody was questioning the idea in the first place. It is not the first time that such an exercise has been conducted in India. For instance, there were no complaints about the last SIR in West Bengal when it was conducted in 2002. It is unsettling that the top court in the country makes light of the procedural mandates of such an important exercise. That the law does not prescribe a fixed process for the periodic clean-up of the voters' list does not mean that the Election Commission has got a free run on deciding who can vote and who cannot. It is the duty of the courts

to come to the aid of the citizen when they are faced with the threat of losing a critical constitutional right and unacceptable that the Supreme Court in this case has refused to do so. The Supreme Court is of the opinion that examining questions bearing upon citizenship "must be undertaken with due regard to the presumption operating in favour of an elector whose name is already borne on the roll" but has chosen not to make it binding on the EC.

It is a costly contradiction. Universal adult franchise is the bedrock of representative democracy and the Constitution is the document that guarantees it. The Supreme Court has practically washed its hands of the matter of protecting voting rights. It is up to the Parliament now to ponder over ways to ensure justice for the unsuspecting voter.



Fitch cuts FY27 growth projection; War to slow down economy

Fitch has also lowered its 2026 forecast for global growth by 0.2pp to 2.4 per cent as world growth prospects have been hurt by the oil crisis prompted by the US-Iran war.

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Fitch Ratings on Tuesday, June 9, lowered its GDP growth projections for the current fiscal to 6.4 per cent from the earlier estimate of 6.7 per cent, saying that the US-Iran war will slow down the economy in the September and December quarters. Fitch said it expects a slowdown in economic growth in FY27 from the 7.4 per cent clocked in FY26 as rising prices erode real incomes and dampen consumer spending, amid a resilient capital expenditure. "We expect GDP growth to ease to 6.4 per cent in FY27, a downward revision of 0.3pp from

March. Domestic demand will be the main driver of growth, but lower imports in real terms imply positive contributions to growth from net external demand," Fitch Ratings said in its June Global Economic Outlook. Last week, the RBI had cut its growth forecast for the current fiscal to 6.6 per cent and upped its inflation projection to 5.1 per cent. The rating agency said the slowdown in the economy will be most apparent in the second and third quarter of FY27, as rising prices due to the US-Iran war erode real incomes and dampen consumer spending. Fuel prices have both risen by 4-5 per cent in recent weeks. For



FY28, Fitch expects GDP growth to pick up as the energy shock unwinds, with stronger consumer spending and investment translating to a growth rate of 6.7 per cent for the full financial year, and ease towards trend growth of 6.4 per cent in FY29. Fitch has also lowered its 2026 forecast for global growth by 0.2pp to 2.4 per cent as world growth prospects have been hurt by the oil crisis prompted by the US-Iran war. "The oil price shock is

hitting world growth prospects and increasing downside risks. But we are also amid a very pronounced boom in global spending on IT and that is cushioning the impact on activity in the near term, particularly in Asia," said Fitch, Chief Economist, Brian Coulton said. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz has now lasted 14 weeks and we assume it will not start to reopen until July. Fitch has revised its 2026 average price assumption for Brent crude oil to USD 87 per barrel (bbl), up from the USD 70/bbl estimated in March. The oil shock is a strong headwind to world growth, but its base case is far less severe than the

pernicious oil shocks of the 1970s. Real oil prices reached USD170/bbl in 1979 (measured in current prices) and OPEC played a very different role then. Oil consumption as a share of world GDP has halved since 1980. Fitch said India's consumer price inflation has not yet risen significantly, but price pressures are mounting; wholesale prices rose by 8.3 per cent y/y in April and CPI inflation to 3.5 per cent. "We expect inflation to rise steadily over the months ahead, reaching 5.3 per cent by the end of the (calendar) year. This reflects a combination of base effects and higher energy prices.

Blenders Pride Unveils Multi-Sensory Flavour Experience

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Blenders Pride Packaged Drinking Water has launched 'Blenders Pride Reserved Experiences,' a new cultural platform that transforms flavour into a multi-sensory journey, allowing consumers to experience it through sight, sound, touch, aroma, and taste. The initiative reflects the growing demand for premium and meaningful experiences among modern consumers. Launched on June 9, 2026, the platform is built around the concept of "Reserved in Every Sense," presenting flavour as an immersive expression rather than a simple tasting experience. The exclusive showcase was curated in collaboration with renowned Chef Kunal Kapur, who created a live gastro-performance that blended culinary artistry with music, textures,



and aromas to deliver a unique sensory experience.

The event featured a series of immersive spaces where visitors explored flavour through dynamic visual installations, aroma-led experiences, tactile interactions, and carefully curated tastings. Each element was designed to expand the understanding of flavour beyond the palate and engage multiple senses simultaneously.

After successful editions in Chandigarh, Gurgaon, and Jaipur, the cultural platform continued its journey in Kolkata, with more than ten activations

planned across key markets in India. The brand aims to create innovative opportunities for consumers to connect with flavour in unexpected ways.

Speaking at the event, Chef Kunal Kapur said flavour is layered and constantly evolving, and the initiative brings it to life beyond the plate through immersive experiences. Debasree Dasgupta, Chief Marketing Officer of Pernod Ricard India, said today's consumers seek intentional and elevated experiences, and the platform reflects that shift by translating the depth and complexity of flavour into engaging multi-sensory expressions.

Through Blenders Pride Reserved Experiences, the brand continues to build a distinctive cultural narrative for a new generation of discerning consumers.

India auto sales hit record high in May, EV share tops 11 pc

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India's automobile retail sales grew 9.55 per cent to a record 25,31,067 units in May, while EV penetration crossed 11 per cent for the first time, as dealers saw a surge in enquiries for fuel-efficient and green vehicles after last month's fuel price hikes amid the West Asia crisis, FADA said on Monday, May 8. The cumulative automobile retail sales in India stood at

23,10,451 units in the same month last year. According to the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), the figures reflect the best May performance ever recorded across commercial (CV), passenger vehicle (PV) and the overall EV penetration. "A notable feature of the month was the consumer response to May fuel-price revisions: dealers reported a visible rise in enquiries for fuel-efficient

and alternative-powertrain options, reflected in the two-wheeler EV share climbing to 9.25 per cent from 6.11 per cent a year ago," FADA stated. Passenger vehicles retail sales were at a record 4,02,591 units last month as compared to 3,26,656 units in May 2025, a growth of 23.25 per cent, data showed. Two-wheelers also clocked best-ever monthly numbers at 18,44,947 units in May this year as compared to 17,15,581



units in the same month a year ago, a growth of 7.54 per cent. FADA further said three-wheeler sales stood at

1,11,526 units last month as compared to 1,07,688 units in May 2025, up 3.56 per cent. Commercial vehicles also

witnessed a growth of 5.29 per cent to a record 83,823 units last month as compared to 79,614 units in May 2025, it added. "Overall, the outlook for June 2026 appears measured but cautiously optimistic, with monsoon progress and rural cash flows expected to provide the structural support even as near-term cost pressures persist," FADA stated. Looking ahead to June 2026, dealer sentiment is measured: 50.52 per cent of dealers expect

growth, 39.90 per cent anticipate a flat market, and only 9.59 per cent foresee a decline, according to the Association. Dealers attributed the steady participation from commuters and rural buyers to marriage-season buying and continued affordability under the GST 2.0 framework, even as heat wave conditions dampened showroom walk-ins in several markets and selective model-wise supply gaps tempered

momentum. FADA President C S Vigneshwar said: "As anticipated in our April 2026 release, the watch-outs we had flagged — an above-normal heat wave, fuel-price pressure and the evolving West Asia situation — did come into play during May 2026, and yet Indian auto retail has held its growth trajectory with May '26 registering the best ever May across 3W, PV, tractors and overall registrations".

Zepto Files ₹8,010 Crore IPO Papers with SEBI

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Zepto Limited has filed its Updated Draft Red Herring Prospectus-I (UDRHP-I) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for its proposed Initial Public Offering (IPO). The issue comprises a fresh equity issue worth up to ₹8,010 crore and an offer for sale of 11.34 crore equity shares with a face value of ₹5 each. The company plans to utilize the proceeds from the fresh issue to expand its dark store network across existing and new markets, meet lease rental expenses for existing facilities, invest in technology and cloud infrastructure, strengthen marketing and brand promotion through Zepto Marketplace Private Limited, and fund inorganic growth opportunities along with general corporate purposes. According to the company, Zepto is the fastest-growing quick

commerce platform in India by order volume between Fiscal 2024 and Fiscal 2026 among scaled players, recording a CAGR of approximately 119.5% during the period. As of March 31, 2026, its network included 1,139 dark stores, with an average of 46,623 SKUs available across locations. Its automated supply chain processed an average of nearly 4 million units daily during the quarter ended March 31, 2026, while an average of 2.33 million orders per day were delivered through a gig workforce of around 2.87 lakh active delivery partners. For Fiscal 2026, Zepto reported net revenue of ₹22,623.58 crore, Net Revenue Value of ₹24,815.54 crore, served 47.97 million annual transacting users, and generated ₹1,635.73 crore in advertisement revenue. The company proposes to list its equity shares on the BSE and NSE.

Enforcement Directorate summons Zepto founders over FEMA probe

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Zepto co-founders Aadit Palicha and Kaivalya Vohra received summons from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in April this year, seeking information and documents related to foreign investments, financials, and the company's business, in connection with proceedings under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). The IPO-bound quick commerce firm has disclosed in its updated Draft Red Herring Prospectus (UDRHP). The disclosure appears in the section on risk factors of the latest document. According to the updated DRHP, the ED sought details including foreign and overseas investments, audited financial statements, shareholding patterns, information on loans and guarantees, income tax returns, bank accounts, immovable properties, and a note on Zepto's business model. The summons, dated April 8,



2026, required the founders to appear before the ED to furnish relevant documents and information. "Two of our promoters, namely, Aadit Palicha and Kaivalya Vohra had received summons, each dated April 8, 2026, from the Directorate of Enforcement, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, requiring them to appear before the ED, to produce certain documents and/or provide information in relation to our company and/or themselves..." it said. Information sought pertained to "details of foreign investments and overseas investments; audited balance sheets since Financial Year 2020-2021; owned immovable properties;

shareholding pattern; details of loans/guarantees; income tax returns and bank accounts; note on our business model, in relation to proceedings under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999". Zepto further said that complying with the summons, Vohra appeared before the ED on April 17, 2026 and April 22, 2026, and Palicha on April 20, 2026 and May 15, 2026, respectively. "As on the date of this Updated Draft Red Herring Prospectus-I, they have provided relevant information and documents as requested by ED pursuant to the summons, as well as follow-up information requested by the ED further to their interactions, including

certain details in relation to our holding structure, the scheme, and additional information in relation to our business such as business agreements and invoices," it said. Zepto's draft IPO document said that as on the date of the updated Draft Red Herring Prospectus, it has not received any further communication from the ED after submission of the responses, but added, "we cannot assure you there will not be future inquiries or that these could escalate to investigations, legal proceedings or any possible penalties". Zepto on Monday filed updated draft papers with markets regulator Sebi to raise Rs 8,010 crore through a fresh issue of shares as part of its proposed Initial Public Offering (IPO). Along with the fresh issue, there will be an Offer For Sale (OFS) of 11.35 crore equity shares by existing shareholders, according to the Updated Draft Red Herring Prospectus (UDRHP).

India's exports touch record \$863 bn in FY25-26

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A commerce ministry official on Tuesday said the India's total exports have risen from USD 468 billion in FY 2014-15 to an all-time high of USD 863 billion in FY 2025-26, increasing at a compound annual growth rate of 5.7 per cent. Additional secretary at the Union Ministry of Commerce, Nitin Kumar Yadav, revealed the numbers at a convention of exporters, industry bodies, and farmer producer organisations here. "During this period, merchandise exports grew from USD 310 billion to USD 442 billion, services exports surged from USD 158 billion to USD 421 billion at a CAGR of 9.3 per cent, and non-petroleum exports reached a new record of USD 387.9 billion, underscoring the depth and diversity of India's export base," Yadav said. The officials also inaugurated Chandigarh's Regional Office of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). According to a statement, Yadav said India has con-

cluded a series of landmark trade agreements that place the country at the centre of global value chains. The India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA, 2025), backed by an FDI commitment of USD 100 billion, provides duty-free access for approximately 98 per cent of India's exports, he said. The India-EU FTA (2026), covering 27 high-income economies, is expected to support Rs 3.2 lakh crore worth of Indian exports with tariff concessions on 99 per cent of bilateral trade by value, he said. Yadav said the India-Mauritius CECPA (2021) and the India-UAE CEPA together deliver zero-duty access on 99 per cent of India's exports to these markets, with UAE bilateral trade already exceeding USD 80 billion. "For Punjab, significant opportunities exist in textiles and apparel, engineering, agriculture and food processing. For Haryana, key export products include Basmati Rice, Buffalo Meat, Non-Basmati Rice, Natural Honey, Dairy Products and Miscellaneous Food Preparations.

Ashika Ranganath Defends Actresses Amid Debate Over Female Roles



characters are often neglected or poorly designed at the writing stage itself. Actors perform within the boundaries given to them by the director and the script," she said. The actress also addressed the common perception that heroines accept films opposite top stars such as Ram Charan, Jr NTR and other leading actors solely for money, fame or visibility, despite having limited screen presence or underdeveloped roles. She rejected that criticism, explaining that choosing a big-budget pan-India project is often an important career decision rather than simply an artistic preference. According to Ashika, such films provide actresses with opportunities to reach larger audiences, gain wider recognition and strengthen their careers in an intensely competitive industry. She suggested that these practical considerations should be understood before judging performers for the characters they portray. Her statement has gained attention because Peddi has faced social media backlash over the characterization of Janhvi Kapoor's role, with many viewers claiming the character was overly focused on glamour and contributed little to the narrative. The criticism eventually prompted director Buchi Babu Sana to issue a public apology and assure audiences that corrective measures would be taken. While Ashika refrained from referring to any individual or project, her remarks have reignited a broader debate within the film industry. The discussion now centers on whether responsibility for weak female representation should fall on actresses who accept such roles or on filmmakers and writers who create them. For many observers, meaningful representation begins with strong writing long before the cameras start rolling.

Actress Ashika Ranganath has sparked a significant discussion on the portrayal of women in mainstream commercial cinema by stating that actresses should not be blamed for poorly written female characters. Sharing her views through an Instagram story, Ashika argued that the real issue begins at the writing stage, where many female roles are created without depth or meaningful purpose. Her comments come at a time when debates over the

representation of women in big-budget entertainers have intensified following the release of Peddi, which has drawn criticism over the portrayal of its leading actress. Although Ashika did not mention any film or actor by name, her remarks have been widely interpreted as contributing to the ongoing conversation. In her post, Ashika emphasized that actors and actresses can only perform within the limits set by the screenplay and the director's vision. "The problem is not the actresses. Female

Heroines Deliver Hits; Hero Takes the Bigger Pay Check!



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Shahid Kapoor's remuneration for Cocktail 2 is reportedly higher than the combined pay being drawn by both female leads, Kriti Sanon and Rashmika Mandanna. The film is being mounted on a budget of approximately Rs 150 crore, of which around Rs 35 crore has reportedly been earmarked for the principal cast. Shahid is said to be taking home Rs 21 crore, while Kriti Sanon and Rashmika Mandanna are being paid Rs 8 crore and Rs 6 crore respectively.

Ironically, despite earning more than both his co-stars put together, Shahid Kapoor has not enjoyed the kind of box-office success that either Kriti or Rashmika have delivered in recent years. While Kabir Singh (2019) remains Shahid's last undisputed block-

buster, his subsequent theatrical outings have struggled to recreate that magic. Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (2024), opposite Kriti Sanon, was a moderate success, but Deva, Bloody Daddy and Jersey failed to make a significant impact at the box office.

In contrast, Kriti Sanon has maintained a far stronger commercial track record in recent years with films such as Crew and Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya, while her Tere Ishk Mein generated considerable industry buzz. Rashmika Mandanna, meanwhile, has emerged as one of the most bankable female stars in the country, having been part of mega blockbusters such as Animal, Pushpa 2: The Rule and Chhaava. Even today, both actresses arguably command greater audience attention and social media traction than their male co-star.

"Both these actresses have headlined or featured in films whose box-office collections far exceed those of Shahid Kapoor's recent releases. Yet, such is the skewed economics of Bollywood that male stars continue to command significantly higher fees, often irrespective of their recent theatrical performance," says a trade source. The disparity once again brings the industry's long-running pay-parity debate into focus. Female actors have repeatedly argued that remuneration should be linked more closely to current box-office pull and audience appeal rather than entrenched star hierarchies. Yet, as the Cocktail 2 pay structure suggests, Bollywood's compensation model continues to favour male stars even when the numbers tell a different story.

France's Konate To Join Real Madrid Until 2030



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France international Ibrahima Konate has agreed a four-year deal with Real Madrid after leaving Liverpool, a source close to the negotiations told AFP on Monday. Real Madrid boss Florentino Perez, who was re-elected club president on Sunday night, had promised last week that the centre-back would be his first recruit and also promised to sign Jose Mourinho as coach. The official announcement of his arrival on a deal until 2030 is expected on Tuesday,

according to the source. The 27-year-old will join several French national team teammates, including captain Kylian Mbappe, Aurelien Tchouameni and Eduardo Camavinga, the latter who was not called up for the World Cup. It will be Konate's fourth club after stints at Sochaux, Leipzig and Liverpool, where he arrived five seasons ago. Konate played 183 matches for Liverpool, winning the FA Cup in his first season under Jurgen Klopp, as well as the League Cup, but losing in the Champions League final against Real Madrid. Following the arrival of

Arne Slot as manager in 2024, Liverpool won the English Premier League title last season. However, this year has been more challenging for the Reds, who secured qualification for next season's Champions League only on the final day of the Premier League season. Konate, who has 28 caps for France, has been selected by Didier Deschamps for the World Cup in North America and is vying for a starting place in central defense. France play their final pre-World Cup friendly against Northern Ireland in Lille on Monday evening.

Gaikwad's century help India A edge Sri Lanka A by 8 runs in tri-series opener

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India A kicked off their Tri-Nation A Series campaign with a thrilling 8-run victory over Sri Lanka A at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium on Tuesday, thanks to a magnificent century from Rituraj Gaikwad and a spirited bowling performance in the closing stages of the match.

After being asked to bat first, India A endured a disastrous start as they slumped to 16/2 within the opening overs. Highly-rated youngster Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, returning after attracting attention with his IPL performances, could score only 14 runs before being dismissed. Opener Prabhsimran Singh also departed cheaply, leaving the visitors under significant pressure. With the top order struggling, Gaikwad



produced a captain's knock that rescued India A from a difficult position. Displaying excellent temperament and shot selection, the right-hander compiled 101 runs off 114 deliveries, striking six boundaries and three sixes. His innings provided the stability India A desperately needed and laid the foundation for a competitive total. Gaikwad received valuable support from skipper Tilak Varma,

who contributed a composed 60-run innings and shared an important partnership that revived the innings. As the innings progressed, India A accelerated brilliantly in the final overs. Ayush Badoni scored a quick 24 off 18 balls, while Suryansh Shedge remained unbeaten on 26 from just 14 deliveries, helping the team collect 89 runs in the last 10 overs. India A eventually finished with a challenging 277/6 in

their allotted 50 overs. Sri Lanka A responded positively, with experienced opener Niroshan Dickwella providing an aggressive start by scoring 47 runs. The chase gathered momentum through the middle overs as the hosts kept pace with the required run rate. The innings was anchored by Sahan Arachchige, who played an outstanding knock of 74 from 72 balls, bringing Sri Lanka A within

touching distance of victory. With 17 runs required from the final three overs, the home side appeared to have the upper hand.

However, India A staged a dramatic comeback through pacer Anshul Kamboj, who delivered a superb yorker to dismiss Arachchige in the 48th over. The crucial breakthrough shifted the momentum back in India's favour, leaving Sri Lanka A needing 16 runs from 16 balls. India A maintained their composure under pressure as Arshad Khan struck twice in the 49th over to dismount the lower order. Sri Lanka A were eventually bowled out for 269 in 48.5 overs, handing India A a hard-earned 8-run victory and an ideal start to the Tri-Nation A Series. Gaikwad's century and the bowlers' calm execution in the death overs proved decisive

We are not machines: TGPWU slams Hyderabad Airport's new policy

The Telangana Gig and Platform Workers' Union (TGPWU) has called the newly implemented overstay charges and eight-minute free drop-off policy at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (Hyderabad Airport) an anti-driver policy.

As per the policy, vehicles, especially Ola, Uber and Rapido cab drivers, will be charged an extra Rs 250 to Rs 500 if they exceed eight minutes at the drop-off. TGPWU stated that drivers are already grappling with rising petrol, diesel and CNG prices, prolonged waiting hours and low earnings from airport trips.

"The new policy fails to account for the daily challenges faced by app-based cab drivers, including heavy traffic congestion on airport ramps, delays in luggage handling, elderly passengers requiring additional assistance, network and payment issues, and long waiting times," said a release. "Drivers cannot be penalised for delays caused by poor traffic management and operational issues at the airport," it said, urging a minimum of 10 to 15 minutes of free drop-off time.

It also demanded an immediate review and reduction of overstay penalties, better traffic management at airport entry and exit points, and zero penalties during traffic congestion and payment-related delays.

Thousands Flock for Fish Prasadam in Hyderabad

Thousands Gather in Hyderabad for Annual Fish Prasadam Tradition Believed to Ease Respiratory Ailments

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Thousands of devotees from across India gathered at the Exhibition Grounds in Nampally for the annual two-day Fish Prasadam event, a centuries-old tradition believed to provide relief from asthma and other respiratory ailments. The event concluded on June 9 and witnessed massive participation from people of all ages and communities.

Among the visitors was six-year-old Vraj, who attended the event for the first time. A live murrel fish carrying a special yellow herbal paste was gently administered to the child, a ritual that initially



made him nervous but one he accepted with courage. After the procedure, he said he felt better.

The Fish Prasadam has been administered by Hyderabad's Bathini family since 1845 on the occasion of Mrigasira Karthi, traditionally regarded as the beginning of the mon-

soon season. According to family members, the herbal formula was gifted to their ancestor Veeranna Goud by a Himalayan sage after he had offered the sage food, shelter, and care.

Every year, thousands of people visit the event hoping for relief from res-



piratory problems, while others attend out of faith, tradition, or curiosity. Many devotees return annually and follow the prescribed regimen.

Those receiving the prasadam are advised not to consume any liquids for 30 minutes after administration. They are also in-

structed to follow a specific diet and continue the treatment for three consecutive years. Along with the herbal preparation, six tablets are provided, to be taken over 45 days on an empty stomach, one in the morning and one in the evening. For vegetarians, the herbal medicine is administered wrapped in jagery instead of being placed inside a fish.

Organised jointly by the Bathini family and the Telangana government, the event continues to attract people from diverse backgrounds, reflecting a tradition that transcends religion and community while remaining one of Hyderabad's most distinctive annual gatherings.

GHMC Clarifies Role of BLOs in SIR

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The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) clarified that the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) deployed in 15 Assembly constituencies of Hyderabad district adhered to the strict guidelines and directions issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

Following the report "SIR: BLOs' competence under scanner" published in Deccan Chronicle on June 8, the GHMC held that the appointments were from the list of categories from government and semi-government employees.

They include teachers, anganwadi workers, patwari/amin/lekhpal, panchayat secretary, village level workers, electricity

bill readers, postman, auxiliary nurses & midwives, health workers, midday meal workers, contract teachers, corporation tax collectors and clerical staff in urban area. However DC stands by the report as there were specific instances, where individuals with low levels of education, other than the categories listed by GHMC were found engaged as BLOs. When the staff felt underqualified for the job, some of them also made requests to relieve them of the duties, which was obliged by the corporation. Still some requests remain pending with the higher ups.

Complete Old City Metro Rail by 2028, Asad Tells Revanth

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AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to keep his promise of completing the Old City Metro Rail by 2028. He credited the GHMC and his own party MLAs for completing over 90 per cent of land acquisition as part of the Old City's metro project and lauded Hyderabad Metro Rail Ltd. (HMRL) for taking over acquired land. "CM had promised while laying the foundation stone for the Old City metro that before the 2028 Assembly elections, work should be completed, and I assured all the co-operation, expecting that this phase of metro work will be operational before the 2028 Assembly elections, inshallah," he stated in his post on X. "Credit must be given to the GHMC commissioner and AIMIM MLAs for ensuring that compensation is given



immediately for land acquisition and then the subsequent takeover of the acquired land by HMRL," he noted. The Telangana state government has accelerated the Old City Metro project, a key component of the second phase of metro construction. Significant progress has been made in land acquisition for the project, with 93 per cent of the required 888 properties already secured. The government has also disbursed over ₹820 crore as compensation to the affected property owners as well. Despite nearly completing land acquisition, legal disputes over 10 properties and a few more sites are pending in the courts.

Kishan Accuses Revanth of 'Street Rowdy' Tactics

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Union coal and mines minister G. Kishan Reddy on Tuesday rebutted Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's recent remarks, terming them "unreasonable and unjust threats" and asserting that the Chief Minister lacked the authority to restrict his movement in the state. Speaking to reporters in Delhi, Kishan Reddy said Revanth Reddy's statements reflected "diversion politics" amid alleged governance failures. "The



utter failure to deliver 6 guarantees, 420 sub-guarantees and assurances to the people led to strong anti-incumbency from the masses. To turn public attention, Revanth Reddy is resorting to diversion politics by spreading lies and false news out of desperation, insecurity and even arrogance."

He also criticised the tone of the Chief Min-

ister's comments, stating, "We are not in power in Delhi at the mercy of Rahul Gandhi or Revanth Reddy. Modi has been ruling for the last 12 years with the continued blessing of the Indians. I became an MP and came to Delhi with the blessings of the voters of Secunderabad and am not answerable to Revanth Reddy." Kishan Reddy challenged the Chief Minister to provide evidence of allegations that he had obstructed projects in the state, adding that he was prepared to resign if such claims

were proven. He also alleged widespread corruption and administrative lapses in Telangana. "It is an open fact how corruption, irregularities and loot are prevailing in the state. The state is falling victim to unbridled corruption by Congress leaders and ministers. The real estate sector and industry were badly hit by poor governance. The state is unable to pay employees' salaries on time and is indulging in unchecked sale of government lands," Kishan Reddy said.

HYDRAA Protects ₹1.10 L Cr Worth Of Public Land From Encroachments

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HYDRAA has protected public land worth an estimated ₹1.10 lakh crore from encroachments since its inception. Authorities said the agency has reclaimed more than 1,800 acres of government land and 449 acres of lake land since it was formed in July 2024. According to revenue records, a total of 2,435.22 acres of government land, lake beds, drain lines, park lands and public utility lands have been reclaimed and protected by HYDRAA.

Of the total area reclaimed, 1,804.23 acres comprise government land, including about 300 acres in Quthbullapur of

Medchal-Malkajgiri district, 862 acres in Ameerpet, and lands in Kachavani Singaram in Ghatkesar, Khanamet and Kondapur in Serilingampally, among other locations. Authorities said encroachments were removed from 90.29 acres of park land, 50.06 acres of roads and footpaths, 21.29 acres of public utility land, and 19.26 acres of drain lines and canals, all of which are now under protection. The agency also cleared encroachments from 449.11 acres of lake land. As part of Phase-I of its lake restoration programme, HYDRAA took up the rejuvenation of Thammidikunta in Madhapur, Nalla Cheruvu in Uppal.

Telangana Procures Record 147 LMT Paddy: Uttam

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Irrigation and civil supplies minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy announced that Telangana has set a new national record following procurement of 147 LMT of paddy for the current KMS 2025-26 season (both Kharif and Rabi). He noted that this makes it the highest-ever paddy procurement in the history of Telangana and even combined Andhra Pradesh. Addressing a press conference along with ministers Adhuri Laxman Kumar and Vakiti Srihari at Secretariat on Tuesday, Uttam said Telangana had procured 75 lakh metric tonnes of paddy during the current Yasangi/Rabi season, against the Centre's approved target of only 52 lakh metric tonnes. He said another one to two lakh metric tonnes of paddy was likely to arrive at procurement centres in the next few days. Minister noted that the government had borne



an additional financial burden of about Rs 6,650 crore in the present Yasangi season alone to ensure that farmers received the Minimum Support Price (MSP). "The Centre fixed a target of only 52 LMT. But we went ahead and procured 75 LMT to protect Telangana farmers. Our priority is clear—Telangana paddy farmers must be protected first," he said. Uttam said Telangana had emerged as the single largest Rabi paddy producing and procuring state in the country. Over 61 per cent of the total Yasangi paddy procured in India came from Telangana alone. In comparison, Andhra Pradesh procured about 25 LMT, Tamil Nadu 12 LMT, Maharashtra 5 LMT,

Odisha 4 LMT and Kerala 2 LMT during the season.

The minister said the state had paid about Rs 35,077 crore directly into 25.20 lakh bank accounts of the farmers for Kharif and Rabi procurement. He strongly criticised the Centre for reducing Telangana's paddy procurement quota even as production was increasing due to better irrigation and farmer-friendly policies. He said Telangana followed the MSP price, FAQ norms, moisture conditions and other rules prescribed by the Centre and therefore the Centre must procure the entire grain purchased by the state. Uttam Kumar Reddy also said that opposition parties had tried to create panic over wet paddy and gunny bags. He clarified that 12,557 metric tonnes of rain-affected paddy had also been purchased at MSP and shifted to boiled rice mills within 12 hours.

21-year-old habitual burglar arrested in Hyderabad's Attapur

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A 21-year-old habitual offender was arrested in Attapur and various gold and silver objects were recovered from his possession, police said on Tuesday, June 9. The accused has been identified as Rishab Shukla 21 years, a resident of Afzal Sagar, Sitarabagh, Hyderabad. During the investigation, police recovered stolen property including a gold chain weighing 20.510 gram, two gold bracelets weighing 7.99 gram and

9.24 gram respectively and a gold locket weighing 1.187 gram.

A stone-studded finger ring weighing 5.410 gram, two silver biscuits weighing 50 gram and 10 gram, silver utensils including a glass, plates and bowls weighing approximately 400 gram, and another finger ring were also recovered. According to police, the accused confessed to his involvement in multiple theft cases, including a house-breaking and theft case reported in New Friends Colony, Hyderabad, another theft at Tejaswi Nagar, Attapur.

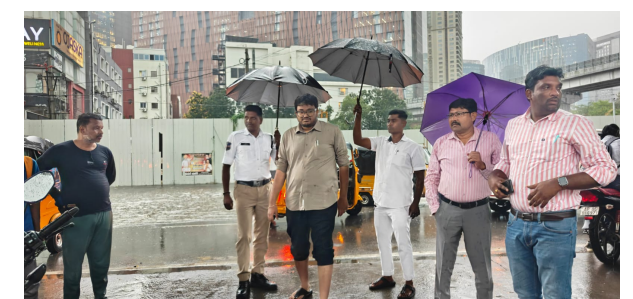
Three Hyderabad siblings drown in Godavari while taking holy dip near Basar

In a tragic incident, three siblings from Hyderabad, who were on a pilgrimage, drowned in the Godavari River while taking a dip near Basar on Tuesday. Basar Inspector Deepak said that Neeli Chandrashekhar (35), his siblings Ramchandar (32) and Mallesh Kumar (29), all street vendors from Chappal Bazar in Kachiguda, drowned while attempting to rescue one another. They are suspected to have been swept away by the strong current. The trio ventured into a deep stretch of the river despite not knowing how to swim. Their bodies were recovered by personnel of the State Disaster Response Force deployed by the police.

Sherilingampally Zonal Commissioner Inspects Waterlogging Issue Near Election Commission Office

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Sherilingampally Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit, IAS, along with the Deputy Commissioner and engineering officials, inspected the waterlogging-prone area near the Election Commission Office. During the inspection, officials identified an obstruction preventing rainwater from flowing smoothly into Khajaguda Lake. Immediate action



was taken, and the blockage is being cleared using a Hitachi excavator to restore proper water flow. Officials said the measures are aimed at preventing inconvenience to residents and reducing

water stagnation in the area. The administration is continuously monitoring rainwater management across the zone and taking necessary steps to address waterlogging issues promptly.

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