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### India to Handover \$2.5 Million for Development Projects in Palestine

India has reiterated its support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict, called for a sustained ceasefire in Gaza, and announced that it will soon hand over USD 2.5 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) as part of its annual contribution. Speaking at the UN Security Council Open Debate on "Maintenance of International Peace and Security: Advancing Political Solutions in the Middle East: Mediation and Dialogue for Lasting Peace" on Wednesday, India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni, said the situation in Gaza has grave humanitarian implications and requires urgent international attention. He reaffirmed India's support for "a sovereign, independent and viable State of Palestine, living side by side in peace and security with Israel within secure and recognised borders," describing it as the only path to achieving lasting peace and pro-

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## 3rd Vessel With Indian Crew Attacked as 3 Killed in Earlier Strike

**NEW DELHI**  
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Another merchant vessel with Indian crew has come under attack by the US on Thursday, third attack in recent days. All crew members are safe so far, according to initial reports. Meanwhile, all three missing Indian seafarers have died after a U.S. military strike on a tanker in the Gulf of Oman, Indian Shipping Minister Sarbananda So-



nowal said on Thursday. The U.S. said its military carried out a "precision" strike on the vessel that failed to follow its instructions and was carrying oil from Iran. Indian sources told reporters that New Delhi

had summoned the U.S. deputy chief of mission after lodging a "strong protest" on the strike. The three Indian seafarers went missing after 21 other Indian mariners were rescued following an attack on their tanker off the coast of Oman. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Wednesday condemned the attack, saying 21 of the 24 Indian crew members onboard had been rescued. "We con-

demn the attack on the commercial vessel Settebello off the coast of Oman, earlier today. Of the 24 Indian crew onboard, 21 Indians have been rescued thus far and 03 Indians are reportedly missing. Our Embassy in Oman is closely monitoring the situation and proactively coordinating with the Omani authorities in the ongoing Search and Rescue operation," the MEA said in a statement.

## Revanth Seeks Modi's Help on Tummidihatti Project

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to facilitate discussions with the Maharashtra government for the construction of the Tummidihatti barrage to effectively utilise Godavari river waters to meet Telangana's future irrigation and drinking water requirements. The Chief Minister also requested Modi for the approval of the Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II expansion project. Revanth Reddy met Modi



after the Niti Aayog meeting concluded in Delhi and sought the Centre's support for several key infrastructure projects critical to Telangana's long-term development. The Chief Minister sought cooperation on major projects relating to irrigation, drinking water, transport connectivity, urban infrastructure, aviation and higher education. Re-

vanth Reddy explained that optimal use of Godavari waters was crucial for the state's long-term growth and water security and sought the Centre's intervention in resolving inter-state issues related to water utilisation. He informed the Prime Minister that proposals worth Rs 38,595 crore had been submitted for the expansion of the Metro Rail network across seven corridors covering a total length of 122.9 km. He requested the Centre to approve the project as a joint venture between the Central and state governments. Seeking expe-

ditional clearance for the Hyderabad Regional Ring Road (RRR), Revanth Reddy said the state government had agreed to bear 50 per cent of the land acquisition cost for the northern section of the project and had released Rs 626 crore to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). He pointed out that more than 90 per cent of land acquisition awards for the northern corridor had already been completed and urged the Centre to accord immediate approval for the project. Revanth Reddy stressed that the southern section.

## CJP Plans Hyderabad Protest at Dharna Chowk on June 14

### Peaceful demonstrations planned across major cities as group raises concerns over exam irregularities.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) has announced a nationwide series of peaceful protests to highlight issues affecting India's education system and to demand greater transparency and accountability in examinations and recruitment processes. Alongside the protests, the organisation will release its education manifesto outlining key reforms aimed at addressing concerns raised by students across the country. According to the schedule shared on the party's social media platforms, a protest will be held at Dharna Chowk in Hyderabad on June 14 at 10 am. Another demonstration is scheduled at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on the same day at 4 pm. The campaign will continue on June 15 with a protest at Shaheed Smarak in Jaipur at 3 pm, followed by a gathering at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on June 20. Addressing a press conference in Pune, CJP



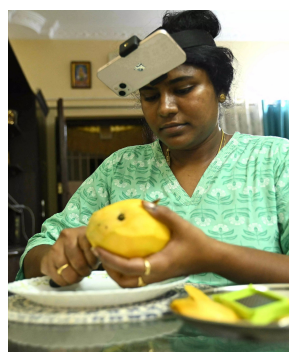
founding president Abhijeet Dipke said the movement would be peaceful and conducted within the constitutional framework. "We are starting our nationwide protest from today at SPPU. The protest will be peaceful and within the framework of the Constitution. Today, we will be releasing our education manifesto," he said. Dipke stated that the manifesto focuses on several issues that have become major concerns for students in recent years. These include preventing question paper leaks, ensuring the timely declaration of examination results, improving transparency in recruitment and entrance examinations, and strengthening

the accountability of examination authorities. He said these reforms are essential to restore confidence in the education and examination system. He also said the organisation remains open to dialogue with the government but alleged that its social media presence has faced restrictions. "CJP is a big message for the country. The government cannot ignore the youth. Instead of calling us fake, try to understand the issues faced by the youth," he added. The group has gained visibility through social media campaigns focusing on exam-related issues and alleged irregularities in competitive examinations. Earlier, on June 6, it organised a protest at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, where students from different states gathered to demand accountability over alleged examination irregularities and called for comprehensive reforms to strengthen the country's education system and protect students' interests.

## Indian Workers Are Training AI Robots to Take Their Jobs

**NEW DELHI**  
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With a smartphone strapped to her head, Indian housewife Nagireddy Sriramachandra films herself slicing mangoes to train AI-powered robots to take on household jobs in the future. Earning just over two dollars for an hour of video, her mundane recordings are invaluable for global tech companies teaching machines how to move like



humans in the real world. The 25-year-old is one of a growing army of thousands of AI system trainers in the world's most populous country.

"Who else will give you 250 rupees an hour just for doing housework?" said Sriramachandra from her kitchen in Chennai in southern India's Tamil Nadu state. "I may get a robot myself in the future," she added. Artificial intelligence chatbots and image generators crunch reams of digital data, but building systems to navigate real-life environments is more challenging.

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## Kozhikode Man Battles Nipah Virus as Kerala Remains on High Alert

**NEW DELHI**  
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The condition of the 43-year-old man being treated for a Nipah virus infection at Kozhikode Medical College Hospital remains critical, prompting state health authorities to issue an alert in the district. He is currently in a designated isolation ward, with a team of doctors and nurses closely monitoring his status. Preliminary tests conducted at the hospital on Wednesday detected the virus, and samples have been sent to

The health authorities have begun preparing the patient's route map by gathering information from his relatives, close acquaintances, and others in the area

the National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune for confirmation. The final results are expected by Thursday. Health authorities said the patient is on ventilatory support and under close monitoring. They suspect that the patient might have contracted the

virus while doing cleaning work at a godown reportedly inhabited by birds and bats, which are considered potential carriers of the disease. The district health authorities have begun preparing the patient's route map by gathering information from his relatives, close acquaintances, and others in the area. Officials are also assessing details of people who might have come into contact with the patient at the de-addiction centre where he first sought treatment, as well

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## SC Says Homemakers Are Nation Builders, Fixes ₹30,000 Notional Income

**NEW DELHI**  
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In a significant ruling recognising the economic value of unpaid domestic work, the Supreme Court has held that homemakers are "nation builders" and that the loss of domestic-care services must be treated as a separate head of compensation in legal claims. A bench comprising Justices Sanjay Karol and N. Kottiswar Singh fixed a notional monthly income of ₹30,000 for assessing the loss of services rendered by homemakers. Emphasising the crucial role played by homemakers in fam-

ilies and society, the Court observed that their contribution extends beyond household management and contributes to nation-building. "Housewives contribute to the household. They are nation builders. They build the nation. How do you assess that contribution and monetise it? The word 'homemaker' would now acquire the acronym of 'nation builder'," the bench remarked. The Court also directed that the loss of domestic care be recognised as an additional head of compensation, acknowledging the substantial yet often unremunerated.

## Iran Retaliates to a Second Day of US Strikes by Firing at Gulf States and Jordan

**NEW DELHI**  
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The U.S. and Iran traded strikes for a second day, pushing the Middle East closer to the resumption of a full-scale war. The American attack, which lasted into Thursday morning in Iran, appeared more intense and wider than the day before, but Tehran released little information on the extent of the damage. An Iranian official said a U.S. attack on an oil tanker allegedly trying to violate Washington's blockade on Iranian

ports killed three Indian mariners, underscoring the danger to seafarers. It was the third time this week that back-and-forth strikes have rattled the Middle East. The first involved attacks between Iran and Israel, followed by the two rounds of fire between the U.S. and Iran, which hit countries in the region that host American bases. The new exchange of fire came as efforts to negotiate an end to the war appeared stuck, with U.S. President Donald Trump warning that Tehran would "pay the



price" for stalled negotiations. Iran's Foreign Ministry said in a statement Thursday that the U.S. attacks had "effectively rendered the ceasefire ... meaningless," without saying it was abandoning

it. Central to the negotiations is Iran's stranglehold on the Strait of Hormuz, which has disrupted global energy supplies, driven up fuel prices and made food and other basics more expensive well beyond the region. Iran announced Thursday that the strait was closed — but it was unclear what that meant since it has severely restricted traffic through the waterway since early in the war and only a trickle of ships have gotten through. The U.S. military's Central

Command disputed the claim — and Trump said Wednesday that the U.S. has undertaken a secret mission in recent weeks to sneak ships through the passage. The two sides also remain at odds over Iran's nuclear program, which Tehran insists is peaceful but which the U.S. and Israel fear could be used to build an atomic weapon due to its stockpile of highly enriched uranium. The U.S. and Israel said a major reason they went to war on Feb. 28 was to ensure that Iran

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## TG Minister Directs Officials to Speed Up SLBC Works

He announced that the 136-km AMRP-SLBC canal stretch from Angadipet to the Musi project would also be taken up

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Thursday instructed irrigation officials to accelerate the canal lining works on the Alimineti Madhava Reddy Project—Srisailem Left Bank Canal (AMRP-SLBC) and complete as much of the project as possible by July 13, ahead of the release of irrigation water for the upcoming monsoon crop season.

The minister, accompanied by senior irrigation department officials, inspected the ongoing lining works of the SLBC high-level canal at Madgula-pally in Nalgonda district. During the inspection, he stressed that timely completion of the works



would significantly improve water distribution to farmers and enhance irrigation efficiency across the command area.

Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said that the State government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, had sanctioned ₹442 crore for the canal lining project. The works are aimed at preventing seepage losses, improving the canal's structural strength, and in-

creasing its operational lifespan.

He announced that the 136-kilometre stretch of the AMRP-SLBC canal from Angadipet to the Musi project would also be taken up for lining. According to the minister, the canal is being lined after nearly four decades since its completion, marking a major modernization effort to strengthen the irrigation network. The minister noted that canal lining would im-

prove water conveyance efficiency and ensure that irrigation water reaches even the tail-end regions, where farmers have long faced difficulties due to inadequate supply. He stated that once the works are completed, the irrigated area under the SLBC canal is expected to increase to 2.5 lakh acres, providing substantial benefits to the farming community.

He emphasized that the absence of proper lining has resulted in significant water seepage over the years, reducing the quantity of water reaching agricultural fields. The ongoing works, he said, would help maximize the utilization of available water resources and support higher agricultural productivity.

Later in the day, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy chaired a review meeting at the Nalgonda District Collectorate to assess preparations for the Chief Minister's proposed visit on June 17. He informed officials that the Chief Minister would lay the foundation stone for Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) roads worth ₹14,500 crore at Kanagal.

A public meeting is scheduled to be held at the open ground behind the Government Junior College in Kanagal. The minister directed District Collector B. Chandrasekhar and Superintendent of Police Sharath Chandra Pawar to identify a suitable location for the Chief Minister's helicopter landing and ensure all necessary arrangements.

## After Bengal Win, BJP Launches Mission Telangana

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Defence minister Rajnath Singh, during his visit to the city, is scheduled to address a meeting of intellectuals in Secunderabad, as the national high command moves to replicate its West Bengal momentum in Telangana. The session framed as '12 Years of Sushasan, Vikas & Jan-Kalyan' is being held to marshal opinion-makers and energise the cadre ahead of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation polls later this year and the Assembly elections in 2028. Party sources said the gains in West Bengal had prompted the BJP central leadership to take full command of Telangana unit affairs, dispatching a stream of senior leaders and organisers for strategy meetings, public programmes and district-



level outreach. BJP president Nitin Nabin is expected to undertake a three-day tour of Telangana, though his schedule remains under wraps. Party insiders say Nabin will spearhead a "Bengal-style" playbook combining intense grass-roots agitation, targeted public outreach and focused issue-based campaigns as part of a broader "Mission Telangana" to reclaim political ground. BJP state in-charge Abhay Kumar Patil, a four-time MLA from Karnataka, who scripted the recent Rythu Gosa BJP Bharosa bus yatra, will oversee implementation

of the party programmes. The farmers' outreach that Patil coordinated with senior MPs and legislators, is being discussed internally as a model for wide participation, mobile campaigning and clear, pressure-driven demands that produced visible administrative responses on procurement. Next on the agenda, the party plans a statewide student mobilisation targeting fee reimbursement delays in higher education. BJP legislators will lead campus visits and demonstrations highlighting what the party calls an accumulated arrears figure of around ₹14,000 crore. MLA Katipally Venkata Ramana Reddy alleged that dues from the 2020-21 academic year remained unpaid, two and a half years into the Congress government's tenure.

## AIYF Stages Protest at Medchal Collectorate Demanding Filling of Vacant Government Posts

### Questions Government on Job Promise, School Rationalisation Policy

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The All India Youth Federation (AIYF) staged a protest in front of the Medchal District Collectorate demanding the immediate filling of vacant government posts and the strengthening of public education institutions. The demonstration led to a heated argument with police personnel, following which several leaders were detained and shifted to the Shamirpet Police Station. They were later released on personal bonds. Addressing the gathering, AIYF State General Secretary Kalluri Dharmendra and Medchal District Secretary T. Satya Prasad criticised the Telangana Government for allegedly failing to fulfil its promise of filling one lakh government jobs. They said lakhs of unemployed youth continue to wait for employment opportunities while several government departments are functioning with large numbers of vacancies. The leaders demanded that the



government release a comprehensive white paper detailing sanctioned posts, working staff strength, and vacancies across all departments.

They alleged that thousands of posts remain vacant in departments such as police, health, revenue, women and child welfare, engineering services, transport, endowments, agriculture, forest, and the state secretariat. While welcoming recent recruitment notifications issued through the Telangana Public Service Commission, they argued that the number of posts notified is insignificant compared to the overall vacancies

in the state. The AIYF leaders also expressed concern over the condition of government education. They said public educational institutions are facing challenges due to teacher shortages, inadequate infrastructure, and lack of funds. Criticising the proposal to reorganise government schools into integrated school clusters, they warned that students from rural, tribal, and remote areas could be adversely affected.

They further alleged that pending fee reimbursement and scholarship dues amounting to thousands of crores of rupees have placed a heavy bur-

den on students from poor and middle-class families. The organisation opposed the increasing reliance on contract and outsourcing appointments, stating that permanent recruitment is essential for ensuring quality public services and providing job security to youth. AIYF leaders warned that if the government fails to address the concerns of unemployed youth and students, the organisation would intensify its agitation across the state. Among those who participated in the protest were AIYF District Vice-President Chandrasekhar, Giribabu, Shiva Kumar, Vikas Reddy, Preetham, Sudarshan, Bharat, Narasimha, Madhu, Chandu, Srikanth, Murali, Ismail, Farooq, and around 50 youth and unemployed participants. Following the detentions, CPI Shamirpet Mandal Secretary D.G. Narendra Prasad visited the detained leaders at the police station and extended solidarity to the protest.

## Mandala Puja Mahotsavam Celebrated with Devotion at Karyasiddhi Hanuman Temple

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Mandala Puja Mahotsavam was celebrated with religious fervour at Sri Karyasiddhi Hanuman Temple in Kushaiguda on Thursday. The special ceremonies marked the completion of 41 days since the consecration of the giant Hanuman statue, the presiding deity Sri Karyasiddhi Hanuman, and Sri Maha Ganapati idols. The event was attended by Hampi Peethadhipathi Jagadguru Vidyaranya Bharati Swamiji, who participated as the chief guest and performed special rituals. The programme began with an herbal Maha Abhishekam, Akhand Homam, temple Samprok-



shanam, and consecration rituals for the giant Hanuman statue. Purnahuti was later performed, followed by the distribution of sacred offerings to devotees. Addressing the gathering, Brahmasri Shiva Karthik Shastri emphasized that planning, execution, and proper administration are the three essential pillars for temple development. He stressed the importance of setting

clear objectives, conducting regular religious, cultural, and social service activities, and maintaining transparency in financial matters. He said temples can become role models for society through the effective implementation of these principles. Jagadguru Vidyaranya Bharati Swamiji later blessed the devotees. Temple organizers Challa Prabhakar, Yavapuram Ravi, Panagattla Chakrapani Goud, Anil Babu, Regonda Venkateshwarlu, Sitarama Sharma, Nalacharla Janardhan, Dayanand, Pitla Raju, Challa Venkatesh, Yadagiri, Bal Narasimha, Srisailam, Lakshman, Ramulu, Subhash, Anil, Rakesh, Bharat, Dattu and several devotees participated in the celebrations.

## Maniyarpalli Sarpanch Promotes Government School Enrolment Drive

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Encouraging parents to choose government schools for their children, Maniyarpalli Village Sarpanch Raj Kumar participated in the Badi Bata School Enrollment Campaign held on Thursday. Along with teachers and education department staff, he conducted an awareness programme across the village to boost admissions in government schools.

Addressing residents, the Sarpanch said govern-



ment schools now provide quality education through qualified teachers, improved infrastructure, free textbooks, uniforms, nutritious mid-day meals, and a better learning environment. He noted that the government is implementing several initiatives to strengthen public education and ensure equal

learning opportunities for every child.

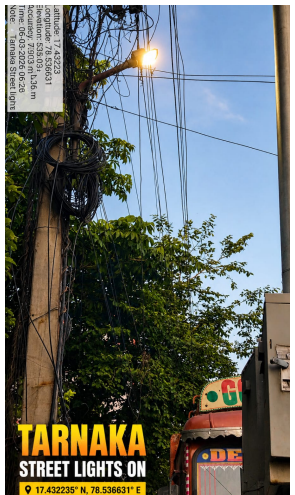
Raj Kumar appealed to parents to utilize these facilities by enrolling their children in nearby government schools, stressing that quality education is the foundation for a secure and successful future.

## Daytime Street Lights Continue to Glow in Tarnaka

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Thalka Anjaiah

Street lights were found glowing during daytime hours in the Tarnaka area of Hyderabad on Tuesday morning, raising concerns among local residents over the unnecessary wastage of electricity and public funds.

The issue was noticed near the Tarnaka locality under the GHMC Malkajgiri Circle limits. According to the GPS location captured at the spot, the street lights were operational around 6:26 AM despite sufficient



daylight conditions. Residents expressed concern that such instances not only lead to avoidable power consumption but

also reflect a lack of monitoring of the street-lighting system.

Local citizens urged the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the concerned Electricity Department officials to immediately inspect the functioning of the automatic street-light control mechanism and ensure that lights are switched off during daytime hours. Residents stated that while street lighting is essential for public safety during nighttime, failure to regulate the system properly results in wastage of taxpayer money

and energy resources. They requested authorities to conduct regular inspections and introduce stricter monitoring measures to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

The incident has once again highlighted the need for efficient maintenance of public infrastructure and responsible utilization of electricity in urban areas.

Location (GPS): Latitude: 17.432235 Longitude: 78.536631 Citizens hope that the concerned authorities will take prompt action and rectify the issue at the earliest.

## Congress Leader DSRK Prasad Condemns Remarks Against MLA Arekapudi Gandhi

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Dp srinivas rao

Congress leader DSRK Prasad strongly condemned recent remarks made against Sherilingampally MLA Arekapudi Gandhi, stating that Gandhi has been working tirelessly for the constituency's development and public welfare for over a decade.

Prasad said Gandhi has earned continuous public support due to his commitment to development and



people-centric governance. He alleged that a few political opponents and development critics were making baseless comments after witnessing the success of the recent public meeting attended by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in Miyapur.

He emphasized that Gandhi always prioritizes public service and constituency development over politics and believes political activities should not hinder development works.

Prasad urged critics to avoid personal attacks and focus on constructive politics, warning that people would respond appropriately to those attempting to obstruct development or make irresponsible remarks against leaders working for public welfare.

## Telangana BIE releases inter supplementary results, 49.29 pc students pass

The intermediate public advanced supplementary examinations 2026 results were declared on Thursday, with 49.29 percent students clearing the exams.

As per the Telangana Board of Intermediate Education (TG BIE), a total of 1,31,128 general and vocational stream students appeared for the second year exams and 64,639 (49.29 percent) passed.

Results have been hosted on the website <https://tgbie.cgg.gov.in> or <https://results.cgg.gov.in>. Girls continued to outperform boys. A total of 47,395 girls appeared and 52.56 percent cleared, while 83,733 boys recorded a pass percentage of 47.45.

As for the intermediate first year, 2,67,331 students took the exams and 68.84 percent cleared. Here too 1,23,974 girls dominated the results, recording a pass percentage of 76.10, while 1,43,357 boys registered 62.57 percent passes.

Candidates who wish to apply for recounting and re-verification-cum-scanned copy of valued answer script have to pay Rs.100 and Rs.800 respectively per paper via the BIE website <https://tgbie.cgg.gov.in> between June 12 and 18.

The Board asked students to download and take a colour printout of an online memorandum of marks from the website: <https://tgbie.cgg.gov.in> from Thursday (5 pm).

**Transport Department extends deadline to reserve fancy vehicle registration numbers**

The Transport Department has extended the time available for owners of newly purchased vehicles to reserve fancy or special registration numbers. The department has announced that vehicle owners can now choose and reserve their preferred registration numbers within two months from the date of issuance of the Temporary Registration (TR). Under the existing 'Vahan' system, a Temporary Registration issued for a new vehicle remains valid for 30 days. However, to provide greater convenience to vehicle owners, the Transport Department has decided to allow a two-month window from the TR issuance date for reserving fancy or special registration numbers. Transport Department officials have advised vehicle owners who opted for a fancy number at the time of purchase but have not yet reserved one to do so at the earliest. The department further warned that if a fancy or special number is not reserved within the two-month period, the 'Vahan' software will automatically assign a routine.

# KTR blames Revanth Reddy govt for Hyderabad's rain chaos

BRS working president KT Rama Rao blamed Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for widespread disruption caused by heavy rain in Hyderabad, alleging poor preparedness, inadequate civic management, failure to undertake pre-monsoon measures and neglect of key urban infrastructure initiatives

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao held Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy responsible for the widespread disruption caused by the season's first major rainfall in Hyderabad on Tuesday evening. He said the State government's inability to manage the situation indicated administrative failure and poor preparedness. In a statement here on Wednesday, Rama Rao said it was shocking to see the Chief Minister, who also holds the Municipal Administration portfolio, neglecting his duty and openly acknowledging the city's vulnerability to rains. He said many people were stranded on



roads for nearly four hours, while the Congress government failed to respond adequately to the situation. He said commuters, particularly women returning home after work, faced severe hardship as traffic came to a standstill across several parts of the city. "Despite having the entire State administration under his control, Revanth Reddy failed to fulfil his duty and left people to fend for themselves. The Chief Minister should be

ashamed to acknowledge it openly," he said. The BRS working president remarked that the Congress government had abandoned the practice of taking preventive measures ahead of the monsoon season. He recalled that the previous government conducted regular reviews and undertook advance works to prepare the city for heavy rains. However, he said that under the current Congress administration, there had been no serious review of Hyderabad's preparedness and no visible efforts to clean clogged drains and stormwater channels. Rama Rao said the lack of pre-monsoon planning resulted in severe water-logging and traffic congestion even after a relatively small spell of

rain. He also accused the government of reversing the gains made through initiatives such as the Strategic Nala Development Programme (SNDP) and Strategic Road Development Programme (SRDP), which were implemented during the previous BRS regime to improve urban infrastructure and reduce flooding. He criticised the Congress government over reported power outages and deaths due to electrocution during the rains, calling the government's response indifferent to public suffering. Asserting that Hyderabad, the economic engine of Telangana, was being neglected, Rama Rao said the Congress government was focused on land-related issues rather than.

# Harish Rao demands filling of all 19,000 vacant police posts

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BRS Deputy Floor Leader T Harish Rao on Thursday accused the Congress government of deceiving unemployed youth and demanded that it issue a notification to fill all 19,000 vacant police posts in the State instead of limiting recruitment to 5,000 posts. A group of unemployed youngsters preparing for police recruitment met the former Minister here and submitted a representation alleging injustice in the government's recruitment plans. After hearing their concerns, Harish Rao criticised the Congress government for failing to fulfil its promises on employment. He recalled that the Congress had promised to provide two lakh jobs every year if voted to power. However, even after two-and-a-half years in office, the government



had failed to provide even 20,000 jobs, he alleged. Harish Rao said restricting recruitment to 5,000 police posts would disadvantage candidates from rural areas. He claimed that nearly 2,000 of the proposed vacancies would be allocated to the Hyderabad region. With reservations applied to the remaining posts, candidates from several categories in rural districts may end up with little or no opportunity for selection. Citing the Director General of Police's statement that 19,000 police posts remain vacant, he termed the government's reported plan to recruit only 5,000 personnel as a betrayal of unemployed youth.

He demanded that the government should issue a single notification to fill all vacant police posts. The BRS leader also sought restoration of the upper age limits that were in force during the previous BRS government. He demanded that the maximum age be fixed at 36 years for constable posts and 38 years for Sub-Inspector posts. Harish Rao further objected to changes made to the physical eligibility tests. He said that during the BRS regime, candidates were required to qualify in three out of five events. Under the current rules, the standards for events such as the long jump and shot put have been increased, and candidates are required to qualify in all three prescribed events, he said. Describing the changes as unfair, he said they had made the recruitment process more difficult for aspirants.

# Neglected Vartoor-Mator PR Road Cries for Attention; Villagers Demand Permanent Repairs

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The severely damaged Vartoor-Mator PR Department Road in Motakondur Mandal has become a major concern for residents, commuters, students, farmers, and transport operators, who are demanding immediate and permanent repairs to the vital rural road. The road connects Wangapally, Ammanabole, Motakondur, Vartoor, Peddabavi, Mator and several surrounding villages, serving as an important transportation link for thousands of people. It also provides a shorter route to the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Headquarters, connecting directly to the Hyderabad-Bhupalpally Highway at Wangapally, thereby saving considerable travel time and fuel for commuters. According to local residents, the road has been suffering from neglect for many years. Though road works were reportedly undertaken under NABARD funding several years ago, no regular maintenance has been



carried out since then. As a result, large sections of the road have deteriorated badly, making travel difficult and unsafe. The worst-affected portion is the approximately 4-kilometre stretch between Vartoor and Mator villages, where the road surface is riddled with potholes, cracks, uneven patches, and damaged edges. Motorists are forced to navigate carefully, while pedestrians, school children, elderly residents, and two-wheeler riders face daily hardships. Adding to the concern is the damaged slab culvert near Peddabavi village, which has developed structural damage and poses a serious safety risk, particularly during the upcoming monsoon season. Despite repeated appeals



made through the press and representations by villagers over the years, no permanent repair works have been sanctioned. Residents allege that the road has remained neglected despite its importance to the region's transportation network. In response to public concerns, Mator Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Sri Janne Siddulu recently took the initiative to provide temporary relief by arranging for gravel to be spread over some of the most damaged portions of the BT road. Villagers appreciated the Sarpanch's prompt action and concern for public welfare. However, residents emphasized that spreading gravel is only a temporary measure and cannot substitute for comprehensive road reconstruction.

# Medchal Congress Conducts Training Programme for Booth Level Agents

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A training programme for Booth Level Agents (BLAs) was conducted at SNR Ved Convention Hall, Anthayapalli, in Medchal constituency under the guidance of special trainers appointed by the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC). The programme aimed to create awareness about the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) initiative introduced by the Central Government. The training camp focused on ensuring



the preparation of a comprehensive and transparent electoral roll. Participants were educated on voter list revision procedures, rules, and the responsibilities of Booth Level Agents in maintaining accurate voter records. Prominent leaders who attended the programme in-

cluded former Boduppal Mayor Thotakura Ajay Yadav, former corporators Singireddy Padma Reddy, Kotha Chander Goud, Bukya Suman, senior Congress leader Kotha Kishore Kumar Goud, and Youth Congress leader Ponnamp Tarun Goud. Around 602 Booth Level Agents representing polling stations across Medchal constituency participated in the training session and received detailed guidance on the voter list revision process and related electoral procedures.

# BRS Leaders Discuss Aleru Local Poll Strategy

**HYDERABAD**  
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Ahead of the forthcoming local body elections, former Aleru Municipal Chairman Vaspari Shankaraiah met senior BRS leaders Gongidi Mahender Reddy and former MLA Gongidi Sunitha at their residence to discuss the party's strategy for the upcoming MPTC and ZPTC elections in the Aleru Assembly Constituency. According to party sources, the leaders held detailed discussions on strengthening the party organization at the grassroots level and identifying strong candidates for the local body polls. A preliminary Mandal-wise list of aspiring MPTC and ZPTC candidates was reportedly reviewed, with special attention given to caste-wise representation, BC reservation opportunities, and local political dynamics. The meeting also focused on organizational expansion in Aleru and Motakondur mandals, where efforts are being intensified to strengthen village-level coordination and mobilize party workers. Vaspari Shankaraiah, who is considered a potential aspirant for future local body elections subject to reservation norms, shared his plans for public outreach and cadre-building activities. During the visit, Shankaraiah



felicitated Gongidi Sunitha and Gongidi Mahender Reddy with traditional shawls and bouquets. The occasion coincided with his birthday, and the senior leaders reciprocated by honoring him with a shawl and bouquet while extending their heartfelt wishes. They appreciated his continued commitment to public service and wished him success in his future endeavors. Speaking to media representatives over the phone after the meeting, Vaspari Shankaraiah emphasized that continuous interaction with senior leaders, grassroots workers, and local communities is essential for building a strong organizational network. He expressed confidence that early planning, unity among party workers, and active public engagement would play a decisive role in the upcoming elections. Political observers view the meeting as a clear indication that the BRS has begun preparing its grassroots strategy for the forthcoming local body elections, with a focus on strengthening the party structure and identifying capable candidates across the constituency.

# Cantonment Congress Celebrates Kavvampally Satyanarayana's Birthday

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Choppadandi MLA and newly appointed Telangana Congress SC Wing Chairman, Dr. Kavvampally Satyanarayana's birthday was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Ambedkar Statue in Bapuji Nagar, Cantonment, where Congress leaders hailed his appointment and expressed confidence in his leadership. The programme was organized by Senior SC Cell leader Karan Singh at Bapuji Nagar Chowrasta in Ward 1 and witnessed the



participation of party leaders, activists, youth, and local sports personalities. Former Secunderabad Cantonment Board Vice President and senior Congress leader Jampana Pratap attended the event as the chief guest. Leaders cut a birthday cake, distributed sweets among the public, and conveyed their best

wishes to Dr. Satyanarayana for a long and successful public life. Speaking on the occasion, Jampana Pratap praised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for appointing Dr. Satyanarayana as the Chairman of the PCC SC Wing, describing the decision as progressive and beneficial for strengthening the Con-

gress party among Scheduled Caste communities across Telangana. He expressed confidence that the party's SC wing would expand its organizational reach and contribute to the party's future growth under the MLA's leadership. Prominent participants included Sai Baba Yadav, Bandi Srinivas, Battu Komurayya, Kampalli Srikanth, Ajit, Kalyan, Yadagiri Yadav, Satyanarayana, Suresh, and Jai Prakash, who joined the celebrations and extended their greetings.

# Indiramma Rule Ensures True Women's Welfare: Jampana Pratap

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
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Senior Congress leader and former Cantonment Board Vice-President Jampana Pratap on Thursday said that genuine women's empowerment and welfare have been achieved only under the ideals of "Indiramma Rajyam." He made the remarks while distributing Indiramma sarees to hundreds of women at the Sanjeevayya Nagar Community Hall in Chinnadokata, Ward No. 1 of Cantonment. Addressing



the gathering, Jampana Pratap praised Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for placing women's welfare at the center of governance and implementing development-oriented schemes across the state. He said the Indiramma saree distribution programme reflects the government's commitment to supporting

and respecting women. He also lauded Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh for ensuring that welfare schemes reach every eligible beneficiary. According to Pratap, the MLA has been actively visiting bastis and colonies, interacting with residents, and resolving public grievances at the grassroots level. The event witnessed

a large turnout of local women, who expressed gratitude for the initiative and appreciated the leadership's efforts to improve their lives through welfare programmes. Women Coordinator Manjula Reddy and local representatives DM Ashok Kumar Yadav, Rama Rao, Varadarani, and Vandana Harikrishna participated in the distribution programme. The event was coordinated with the support of Jampana Yuva Sena leaders TTD Praveen, Varaprasad, Mukesh Yadav, and Jaya Prakash.

## BJP Wins All 3 Rajya Sabha Seats in MP Unopposed

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has secured all three Rajya Sabha seats from Madhya Pradesh after its candidates — Rajneesh Agrawal, Tarun Chugh, and Mahesh Kewat — were elected unopposed in the 2026 elections. The development comes amid a controversy over the rejection of Congress leader Meenakshi Natarajan's nomination. Natarajan on Thursday moved the Supreme Court challenging the rejection of her nomination for the Rajya Sabha elections from Madhya Pradesh. The elections for the three seats are scheduled to be held on June 18.

The situation took a dramatic turn earlier this week when her nomination was rejected on charges of concealing information in the affidavit. According to an order issued by Rajya Sabha Election Returning Officer Arvind Sharma, scrutiny of documents revealed that Natarajan had submitted an incomplete affidavit, omitting details of a court complaint.

# India to Handover \$2.5 Million for Development Projects in Palestine

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

India has reiterated its support for a negotiated two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict, called for a sustained ceasefire in Gaza, and announced that it will soon hand over USD 2.5 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) as part of its annual contribution. Speaking at the UN Security Council Open Debate on "Maintenance of International Peace and Security: Advancing Political Solutions in the Middle East: Mediation and Dialogue for Lasting Peace" on Wednesday, India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni, said the situation in Gaza has



grave humanitarian implications and requires urgent international attention. He reaffirmed India's support for "a sovereign, independent and viable State of Palestine, living side by side in peace and security with Israel within secure and recognised borders," describing it as the only path to achieving lasting peace and prosperity in the region. Highlighting India's longstanding development partnership with Palestine, he said, "We will be handing over in a few days, USD 2.5 million to UNRWA, the first

tranche of our annual USD 5 million contribution," he said.

On Lebanon, India called for respect for the country's territorial integrity and sovereignty and stressed the need to implement UN Security Council Resolution 1701 and the Declaration on the Cessation of Hostilities issued in November 2024. Ambassador Parvathaneni noted that Indian troops serving with the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) continue to play a vital role and underscored the importance of ensuring their safety and security. "They carry out a vital mandate entrusted by this Council and they must not be targeted," he said, adding that India would also be sending medical assistance to Lebanon. Addressing the situ-

ation in Yemen, India reaffirmed its commitment to the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country and strongly condemned attacks on maritime navigation. The envoy emphasised that safeguarding the Bab al-Mandab Strait and the southern Red Sea is a shared international responsibility and said India remains opposed to any attempts to undermine stability in the Gulf of Aden, the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean. In his remarks, he underlined how mediation frameworks once created are not fit for purpose forever and highlighted how the Gaza Peace Plan and the Board of Peace Framework stand as very distinct approaches when compared to the past.

# World Leaders Congratulate Modi on Historic Tenure

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has received congratulatory messages from several Heads of State and Government worldwide after becoming India's longest continuously serving democratically elected Prime Minister. Prime Minister of Bhutan, Tshering Tobgay, extended his wishes, describing Modi as a "friend, brother and mentor" in a post on X. Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake also conveyed warm congratulations, reaffirming his country's commitment to strengthening the longstanding partnership between India and Sri Lanka. Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim called the milestone a testament to Modi's years of ded-



icated public service and leadership, while expressing hope for deeper bilateral cooperation. President of Nigeria Bola Ahmed Tinubu highlighted the trust reposed in Modi's leadership across three consecutive mandates and praised his contributions to India-Nigeria relations. Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu and Kenya's President William Samoei Ruto also congratulated Modi, emphasising continued cooperation and strong bilateral ties. South Korean President Lee Jae-myung acknowl-

edged Modi's role in India's development, while Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni expressed commitment to advancing the India-Italy strategic partnership. Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides, and Greece's Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis also extended their congratulations, highlighting the importance of continued collaboration. German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and Fiji's Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka praised Modi's leadership and long-standing service, noting his historic tenure. Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali lauded Modi's governance, citing economic progress, digital infrastructure expansion, and his role as a voice for the Global South.

# Bengal: Annapurna Bhandar Scheme Raises Women Beneficiaries' Concerns

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The BJP government in West Bengal is banking heavily on its flagship women's welfare programme, Annapurna Bhandar, to consolidate support among women voters—a constituency that has long shaped the state's political landscape. The scheme, launched by Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari, promises ₹3,000 per month to eligible women beneficiaries—

double the ₹1,500 provided by the previous Trinamool Congress government under Lakshmir Bhandar, a widely used direct benefit scheme for women across economic sections. Adhikari formally launched the new scheme by transferring ₹3,000 each into the bank accounts of 28.25 lakh beneficiaries. The government also announced that the complete list of beneficiaries would be

made public to ensure transparency and accountability in the roll-out process. "We transferred the benefits to the bank accounts of 28.25 lakh beneficiaries across the state. From now on, as and when names are approved after verification, they will be included in the list of beneficiaries under Annapurna Yojana," he said. Officials have indicated that the scheme will continue in phases, with applications and



verification determining the final list of beneficiaries under the new system. However, despite official assurances, concerns are

emerging from the ground regarding the transition from Lakshmir Bhandar to Annapurna Bhandar. While the government had

earlier stated that existing beneficiaries would continue receiving ₹1,500 until the new system stabilises, several women say payments have become irregular. Basanti Devi, a train hawker dependent on the monthly assistance, said, "When Mamata Di announced the increase in Lakshmir Bhandar from ₹1,000 to ₹1,500, we received the money the very next month. But after one month of the BJP gov-

ernment, no money has been credited to my account." Soumali Deb-nath, who runs a small business, expressed similar anxiety. "I depend on the ₹1,500 every month because it helps support my business. I have already filled out the Annapurna Bhandar form too. But as promised, my Lakshmir Bhandar account has not been credited with ₹1,500," she said. Earlier, state minister Agnimitra Paul sought

to reassure beneficiaries that the transition would be smooth and automatic for existing recipients. "There is no need to apply again. Those who used to receive Lakshmir Bhandar will have their names transferred to Annapurna Bhandar. Direct bank transfers will be made. For those who have not received it so far, a portal will be launched very soon where they can apply," she said.

# Govt Waives Excise Duty on Ethanol-Blended Petrol

**KOLKATA**  
Wakeup telangana

The government has waived excise duty on several higher ethanol-blended petrol variants in a move aimed at promoting cleaner and more sustainable fuel usage across the country. According to a notification issued by the Finance Ministry, excise duty has been reduced to 'nil' on petrol containing 22%, 25%, 27%, and 30% ethanol blends, commonly re-

ferred to as E22, E25, E27, and E30. The decision is expected to encourage both fuel retailers and consumers to adopt higher ethanol-blended petrol, supporting India's broader goal of reducing dependence on imported crude oil and increasing the use of domestically produced biofuels. Ethanol blending also helps lower carbon emissions and provides a market for the country's sugarcane and grain pro-



ducers. The excise duty waiver comes at a time when petrol and diesel prices have witnessed a sharp increase, rising by nearly Rs 7.50 per litre during the second half of May. The latest measure is intended to make ethanol-blended

fuels more attractive and affordable for consumers despite fluctuations in global energy markets. Earlier, in March, the government had reduced excise duty on petrol and diesel by Rs 10 per litre, sacrificing more than Rs 1 lakh crore in annual revenue. That reduction was introduced to shield consumers from the impact of soaring international crude oil prices triggered by the conflict in West Asia.

# Abhishek or Me: Kalyan Banerjee Issues Ultimatum to Mamata

**KOLKATA**  
Wakeup telangana

Senior TMC leader and MP Kalyan Banerjee on Thursday issued an ultimatum to its supreme Mamata Banerjee to choose between her nephew Abhishek Banerjee and veterans like him, accusing the party national general secretary of "arrogance" and "fluctuating mindset". Kalyan, also a senior advocate, declared he would remove himself from all legal matters and court petitions concerning Ab-



hishek, although the MP said he would continue contesting cases related to the TMC party. The rift between the two leaders came to a tipping point after Kalyan — who had been representing Abhishek in the Calcutta High Court in a signature forgery case of the CID — was allegedly informed

that a separate writ petition was filed by the Diamond Harbour MP with regard to the search operations conducted by the agency at the TMC office at Mamata Banerjee's Kallighat residence and Abhishek's Camac Street office. "The two cases are connected, and I had mentioned the search operation issue before the bench who was hearing the signature forgery matter. The judge had listed the matter to be heard on Thursday. Later,

some emissaries of Abhishek came to me to say that a separate writ has been filed on the CID raid issue. I was taken aback since I had no knowledge of it," Kalyan told reporters. The advocate alleged that when he asked why he wasn't taken into confidence, they told him that it was done "on directions from the top". "Had I known about this, I wouldn't have mentioned the matter before the judge because two separate benches cannot hear the same matter.

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## Iran Retaliates to.....

The new exchange of fire came as efforts to negotiate an end to the war appeared stuck, with U.S. President Donald Trump warning that Tehran would "pay the price" for stalled negotiations. Iran's Foreign Ministry said in a statement Thursday that the U.S. attacks had "effectively rendered the ceasefire ... meaningless," without saying it was abandoning it. Central to the negotiations is Iran's stranglehold on the Strait of Hormuz, which has disrupted global energy supplies, driven up fuel prices and made food and other basics more expensive well beyond the region. Iran announced Thursday that

the strait was closed — but it was unclear what that meant since it has severely restricted traffic through the waterway since early in the war and only a trickle of ships have gotten through. The U.S. military's Central Command disputed the claim — and Trump said Wednesday that the U.S. has undertaken a secret mission in recent weeks to sneak ships through the passage. The two sides also remain at odds over Iran's nuclear program, which Tehran insists is peaceful but which the U.S. and Israel fear could be used to build an atomic weapon due to its stockpile of highly enriched uranium. The U.S. and Israel said a major reason they went

to war on Feb. 28 was to ensure that Iran would never be able to do that. US strikes Iran and Iran fires back at Gulf states Central Command said its latest round of airstrikes came "in response to Iran's unwarranted and continued aggression" and targeted "Iranian military surveillance capabilities, communication systems and air defense sites." It did not elaborate on the damage done by the strikes, which it said ended just before sunrise Thursday in Iran.

## Kozhikode Man.....

Medical experts note that symptoms include high fever, vomiting, nausea, headache, drowsiness, and fainting. These may last for 10 to 12 days, and

the disease can become fatal if it progresses to encephalitis or brain fever (inflammation of the brain). The mortality rate among those infected can be as high as 74.5 percent. The virus is transmitted from fruit bats to animals through bites, from animals to other animals via fluids, from bats to humans if fruits by bats are consumed, from animals to humans through body fluids, and from humans to humans through body fluids.

## India Condemns.....

"Who else will give you 250 rupees an hour just for doing housework?" said Sriramyachandra from her kitchen in Chennai in southern India's

Tamil Nadu state. "I may get a robot myself in the future," she added. Artificial intelligence chatbots and image generators crunch reams of digital data, but building systems to navigate real-life environments is more challenging. Developers think feeding first-person footage, called "egocentric data", into specialised AI models will help robots copy humans. Some AI trainers work at home, others in factories or specialised studios -- using video glasses, head-mounted cameras and motion sensors. "It blares 'hands not detected' when I'm not recording properly," said Sriramyachandra, who sends recordings via a special app to the AI data company

## LPG cylinder price doubled



CRIME

Humanity Beyond Borders: Global Telugu Community Rallies Behind Injured Student Spandana

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

A remarkable humanitarian effort is unfolding across continents as members of the Telugu community, social organizations, and compassionate donors unite to support Spandana Lagishetti, a 23-year-old Master's student in the United States who is currently battling for her life following a tragic accident. Spandana, who traveled to the United States with dreams of pursuing higher education and building a brighter future for her family, suffered severe injuries in a devastating accident on May 31. She is presently undergoing intensive medical treatment in a Chicago-area hospital and remains under critical care. The incident sent shockwaves through her native village in Telan-



gana, where her parents, Srinivas Lagishetti and Sunitha Lagishetti, belong to a financially struggling family. Initially, local residents and relatives were making efforts to collect funds merely to send her parents to Chicago so they could stand beside their daughter during this difficult time. Information about the family's plight reached well-wishers through relatives and community members from the same village. Deeply moved by the situation, efforts were initiated to seek support from friends and Telugu associations in the United

States. During these discussions, Mr. Jayanth Challa, President of the American Telugu Association (ATA), responded immediately and informed supporters that ATA Chicago leader Mr. Mahipal had already visited and assessed Spandana's condition. It was learned that Spandana did not possess medical insurance coverage, making the financial burden of advanced medical treatment in the United States extremely challenging. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, ATA leaders and volunteers quickly mobilized resources and launched a fundraising campaign through GoFundMe. What started as an effort to support the travel of her parents soon transformed into a large-scale humanitarian initiative aimed at helping cover hospital expenses, intensive care treatment,

rehabilitation costs, and family support. The campaign has received an overwhelming response from donors worldwide. Thousands of individuals, many of whom have never met Spandana or her family, have come forward to contribute. As of June 11, the fundraiser has collected more than \$277,000 USD, reaching nearly 70 percent of its \$400,000 target, reflecting the generosity and compassion of the global Telugu community. The noble cause also inspired respected personalities and philanthropists, including Er. Gandhe Venu Madhav Rao, Retired Superintending Engineer, Telangana State Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, who extended support through his relatives and encouraged others to participate in the humanitarian effort.

SCAC Calls to End Dowry, Bribery

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

The Society for Crusade Against Corruption (SCAC) has called for stronger action against dowry and bribery, stating that these social evils place a heavy financial burden on families and contribute to delays in the marriages of many women. Addressing a community awareness programme on Wednesday, SCAC representatives said rising marriage expenses and illegal dowry demands force many low- and middle-income families to postpone marriages while arranging large sums of money. They stressed that



dowry and bribery promote inequality and create unnecessary economic pressure on households. The speakers said corruption and dowry are interconnected because both involve the misuse of money and influence for personal gain. They noted that bribery, from petty payments for public services to larger forms of corruption, weakens family finances

and worsens economic insecurity. SCAC warned that prolonged financial hardship and social pressure can leave young people facing uncertainty and harmful consequences. The organization urged community leaders, religious institutions, civil society groups, and government agencies to intensify awareness campaigns and ensure strict enforcement of anti-dowry and anti-corruption laws. It also emphasized legal protection for victims, stronger grassroots reporting mechanisms, employment generation, and transparent public service delivery to address the root causes of these social problems.

67-Year-Old Woman Killed in Road Accident at Madinaguda, Miyapur

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Boy drowns in Kushaiguda pool

An 11-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool at a sports complex in Kushaiguda on Monday evening. The deceased, a Class VI student at ECIL, and resident of BN Reddy Nagar, Cherlapally, had gone to the pool at Sportivo Sports Arena when the incident occurred. According to initial information, he drowned under circumstances yet to be ascertained. Staff and others rushed him out of the water and shifted him to a nearby private hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

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with the mini bus. A case has been registered under Section 106(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for death caused by rash and negligent driving, and further investigation is underway.

Gachibowli Hill Ridge Villas Theft Solved; Nepali Gang Arrested, 7.8 Kg Gold Recovered

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Cyberabad Police cracked a major theft case at Hill Ridge Villas, Gachibowli, and arrested three members of a Nepali gang involved in stealing valuables from a villa while the owners were away. The theft came to light after residents found valuables missing from their home locker. Acting swiftly, Cyberabad Police formed multiple teams and tracked the



accused to Rampur, Uttar Pradesh, where they were arrested with the assistance of local police. The arrested accused were identified as Kamal Shahi, Vimla Shahi, and Kalpana

Shahi, all natives of Nepal. Police recovered the entire stolen property, including 7.837 kg of gold ornaments, 1.361 kg of silver items, ₹33,170 cash, and two mobile phones. Accord-

ing to police, the gang targeted affluent villas by placing domestic workers in houses and gathering information about the occupants' movements. In this case, the accused allegedly used a locker key kept near the locker, stole the valuables, relocked it, and fled. Cyberabad CP Dr. M. Ramesh appreciated the investigation teams and announced cash rewards for the officers involved. The case was investigated under the supervision of Ch. Srinivas and other senior officers.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

The Centre's latest appointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn't. When postings cut across agriculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it's less about filling vacancies and more about recalibrating the government's operating system. Joint secretaries sit at that crucial juncture where policy leaves the drawing board and meets the real world. Change the people there, and you often change how things actually get done.

The headline move is the appointment of Hardik Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That's not just a posting — it's a signal. It tells you who's in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn't an iso-

lated reshuffle; it's part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi government has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, favouring officers who deliver, move files efficiently, and stay aligned with the larger political direction. With another round of changes expected later this year, this looks like scaffolding being put in place for the road to 2029.

There's a logic to it. Governments don't run on announcements; they run on execution. And execution, in India, is only as good as the babu handling the file. Put the right people in the right slots, and things move. Get it wrong, and even flagship schemes start gathering dust. But let's not pretend this is purely technocratic. Babu reshuffles have always doubled as political messaging. There's also the issue of churn. Move people around too often, and institutional memory takes a hit. Projects that need steady hands

don't always benefit from musical chairs. Still, the intent is hard to miss. This is about tightening the system, placing trusted officers where they matter most, and getting the machinery ready for the next phase. Whether it delivers sharper governance or just smoother optics will depend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply?

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Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

deep imprint, but if the early signals around Samrat Choudhary hold, this isn't just about moving babus around. The idea is to build a compact core team, bring in technocrats who understand industry, and push Bihar toward manufacturing-led growth, which it has long promised but rarely delivered. The logic is sound. States like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu didn't attract investment by accident. They got the basics right — land, power, roads — and ensured the bureaucracy didn't become a bottleneck. Bihar, for all its ambition, has struggled precisely here. The sectoral focus on food processing, textiles and automobiles is sensible. These are scalable, job-heavy industries. But sectors don't grow because policy says so. They grow when businesses can actually set up shop without getting lost in paperwork.



# Mutual Funds Inflows In May Contracts Across All Schemes

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The Indian mutual fund industry's assets under management (AUM) declined marginally to Rs 81.58 lakh crore in May 2026 from Rs 81.92 lakh crore in April 2026, primarily due to significant outflows from debt funds, gold exchange-traded funds (ETFs), silver ETFs, and moderation in inflows across equity and hybrid schemes, according to monthly data released by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).

The decline in AUM was also influenced by weakness in the equity markets and rising bond yields, which affected the valuation of investment port-



folios during the month. Despite these challenges, monthly contributions through Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) remained resilient, reflecting continued retail investor participation. SIP inflows stood at Rs 30,953.83 crore in May, maintaining the strong momentum seen in recent months and providing steady support to the industry's overall asset base. Equity mutual funds at-

tracted net inflows of Rs 22,907.77 crore during May. However, this represented a sharp decline from the Rs 38,440.20 crore recorded in April, indicating a more cautious approach by investors amid market volatility and global uncertainties.

Debt mutual funds witnessed the biggest reversal during the month, recording net outflows of Rs 96,948.51 crore. This compares with substantial

net inflows of more than Rs 2.47 lakh crore in April, making debt funds the primary contributor to the overall decline in industry assets.

Commodity-linked investment products also experienced weak investor sentiment. Gold ETFs registered net outflows of Rs 725 crore, reversing the Rs 3,040.31 crore inflows seen in April. Similarly, Silver ETFs recorded outflows of Rs 2,133.15 crore, significantly higher than the relatively minor outflow of Rs 126.72 crore in the previous month.

Hybrid mutual fund schemes also saw a slowdown, with net inflows falling to Rs 10,560 crore compared to Rs 20,565.24 crore in April. Other

schemes, including gold and various ETFs, witnessed a steep decline in inflows to just Rs 362 crore, down from Rs 20,082 crore a month earlier. The moderation was driven by weaker flows into index funds, gold ETFs, other ETFs, and overseas fund-of-funds.

Commenting on the trend, Vaibhav Chugh, CEO of Abakus Mutual Fund, said the moderation in net inflows reflects geopolitical uncertainty and increased investor caution. He noted that after witnessing strong inflows in recent months, a cooling-off period should be viewed as a healthy consolidation rather than a reversal in investor sentiment.

## Sonu Sood Felicitates Khammam's M.A. Farha

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A special felicitation ceremony honoring M.A. Farha of Khammam, a Miss India titleholder, turned into a powerful platform for promoting women empowerment as renowned Bollywood actor and humanitarian Sonu Sood lauded her achievements and encouraged women to pursue their dreams without compromise.

Addressing the gathering, Sonu Sood stressed that every woman should prove her abilities through determination and hard work. He said marriage should never become a barrier to a woman's ambitions and urged women to continue striving toward their goals while preserving their individuality. He emphasized that empowered women can make meaningful contributions to society and inspire future generations. The recognition of M.A.



Farha on such a prestigious stage brought pride to Khammam, with attendees expressing happiness that local talent had earned national appreciation. The felicitation was widely viewed as an acknowledgment of dedication, perseverance, and the growing role of women in shaping society. Speaking after receiving the honor, M.A. Farha encouraged women to identify their strengths, believe in their potential, and move forward with confidence. She highlighted the importance of creating a respectable place in society through

determination and self-belief while motivating others to follow the same path.

The event carried a message that extended beyond an individual achievement. It underscored the need for women to remain committed to their aspirations, overcome social barriers, and contribute positively to the nation's progress. The ceremony served as an inspiring reminder that empowerment begins with confidence, opportunity, and the courage to pursue one's dreams regardless of circumstances.

## India's GDP Growth to Ease to 6.6% in FY27 on Weak Investment, Consumption: BMI

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

India's economy is expected to grow at 6.6 per cent in the current fiscal (FY2026-27), slowing from the 7.7 per cent growth recorded in FY2025-26, according to BMI, a Fitch Group company. The agency attributed the moderation to weaker investment and consumption growth, along with trade-related shocks arising from the ongoing West Asia crisis. The forecast comes after

official government data showed that India's GDP expanded by 7.7 per cent in FY2025-26, improving from 7.1 per cent in FY2024-25. The strong performance was largely supported by healthy domestic consumption and robust investment activity. BMI's projection of 6.6 per cent growth is in line with the Reserve Bank of India's estimate for FY2026-27. Despite the expected slowdown, the agency noted that the forecast remains higher than India's average an-

nual growth rate of 6.1 per cent over the past decade, indicating continued economic resilience.

According to BMI, one of the key reasons for slower growth is the fading impact of the GST reforms introduced in September 2025, which had triggered a surge in consumer spending during the December quarter of FY2025-26. However, the momentum weakened thereafter, with consumption growth declining by 1.1 percentage points to 7.1 per cent year-on-year



in the March quarter.

The report also warned that higher inflation, projected to reach 5.3 per cent in FY2026-27, could further weigh on household spending. Disrup-

tions linked to tensions around the Strait of Hormuz are expected to push up energy costs, affecting purchasing power and overall consumption.

Another major factor be-

hind the projected slowdown is weaker investment growth. BMI expects investments to moderate during the fiscal year, although it clarified that this is not primarily due to its expectation of a cumulative 50 basis points increase in RBI policy rates during FY2026-27. Instead, the impact of any rate hikes on economic activity is likely to be felt more significantly in FY2027-28.

The agency also forecast that the Indian rupee will trade around 95.1 against

the US dollar during the calendar year. While this represents a depreciation from its average level of about 87 in 2025, BMI believes a weaker rupee could improve India's export competitiveness and partly offset the adverse impact of higher energy import costs arising from the Iran-related conflict.

At the same time, BMI noted that the RBI's cumulative 125 basis points rate cuts during 2025 have kept short-term interest rates relatively low. This supportive monetary envi-

ronment is expected to provide some cushion to the economy as it navigates the ongoing energy crisis and global uncertainties.

Overall, BMI expects India to remain one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, though growth is likely to moderate from the exceptionally strong pace recorded in the previous fiscal year due to easing consumption, softer investment activity, and external geopolitical risks.

## Anurag University Launches MBA-BFSI Program in Partnership with KPMG



**MUMBAI**  
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The School of Management, Anurag University, has partnered with leading consulting firm KPMG to launch a new MBA-BFSI program from this academic year. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on June 11, 2026, at the university's Venkatapur, Ghatkesar campus. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. V. Vishnu Vandana, Head of the Department, said the program reflects the university's strong industry connection. Dr. Uta Balaji, Dean, noted that the demands of a fast-changing world. She emphasized flexible learning

beyond the syllabus for both faculty and students. Chairman Shri Palla Rajeshwar Reddy recalled Anurag University's 24-year educational journey, growing from 180 students in 2002 to nearly 16,000 students annually. He said infrastructure, faculty strength and a strong learning ecosystem were the key pillars of this progress. Mr. Narayanan Ramaswamy, National Leader - Education & Skill Development, KPMG, said India's BFSI sector is witnessing major innovation. He highlighted the importance of the 3Cs - Content, Context and Communication - for effective student learning. The new MBA-BFSI program is expected to create industry-ready management graduates with strong skills in banking, finance, insurance and emerging technologies.

## Nepal Backtracks, Clarifies Indian Mango Imports Remain Unaffected

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

In a significant U-turn, Nepal has clarified that it has not imposed a ban on the import of Indian mangoes, stating that the fruit is being allowed into the Nepalese market in accordance with existing regulations and market demand. The clarification comes days after reports suggested that Nepal had restricted Indian mango imports over concerns about excessive pesticide residues and inadequate quarantine facilities along the border, particularly in the Madhesh province. In a statement issued on Wednesday, Nepal's Ministry of Agriculture, Forest and Environment said there are no restrictions on importing mangoes from India. The Plant Quarantine and Pesticide Management Centre under the ministry explained that misleading reports circulating in media and



social media had created confusion regarding the issue. According to the ministry, permission for the entry of Indian mangoes is being granted based on demand while ensuring compliance with prescribed quarantine and plant health regulations. Authorities emphasized that the objective is to prevent the entry of harmful pests and diseases rather than to prohibit imports. The clarification follows an incident in which a large consignment of Indian mangoes was temporarily stopped at the Bhattamad Quarantine Check Post in Nepal's Madhesh province due to suspicion of

harmful pests. However, the shipment was later released after Indian authorities provided the required plant health certificate. Manish Kumar Pal, spokesperson for the Ministry of Land Management, Agriculture and Cooperatives of Madhesh Province, confirmed that the consignment had been cleared after the necessary documentation was submitted. Earlier, Bhuvaneshwar Purbe, General Secretary of the Fruit and Vegetable Traders' Association in Janakpur, had warned that halting Indian mango imports could lead to shortages in Nepal's domestic

market. He urged the government to strengthen quarantine and quality testing mechanisms instead of imposing a complete ban on imports. Purbe noted that more than 50 tonnes of mangoes are regularly imported from neighboring districts in India to Janakpur before being distributed to Kathmandu and other parts of Nepal. He added that local production alone may not be sufficient to meet consumer demand during the mango season. The Ministry of Agriculture also stated that it is implementing biosecurity measures under the Plant Quarantine and Protection Act 2064 Bikram Samvat. As part of these safeguards, imported Indian mangoes are required to undergo a hot water treatment of up to 48 degrees Celsius for one hour, a process aimed at eliminating harmful pests and ensuring the fruits are safe for the Nepalese market.

## Cognizant Generates \$200 Million Sales Pipeline Using AI Analysis of Employee Interactions

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A giant in the IT services, Cognizant has found a new way to optimize profit generation using Artificial Intelligence to analyze client and employee interactions. Generating nearly \$200 million in incremental sales pipeline by analyzing employee emails, meetings, chats, and other internal interactions, converting information scattered across its workforce into valuable business opportunities. According to Chief Executive Officer Ravi Kumar at the company's AI forum, Cognizant has used an AI-driven approach known as "context engineering" to optimize opportunities buried within all the information generated across its personnel. This initiative aims to analyse signals created by employees across client interactions in all departments and functions to identify opportunities that might not appear through the traditional sales methods.

At the company's AI Forum last week, Ravi Kumar claimed "[at] this point of time, we roughly have \$200 million of pipeline generated incrementally through this extraordinary effort of doing

a sprawl on the systems, emails, meetings, chats, everything else and generating it," adding that they expect the figure to reach \$1 billion by the end of 2026. All of this comes into play as a much broader approach by tech companies to integrate and use more AI, with Meta even going as far as deploying AI software to mirror employee movements to train AI agents to replicate workplace tasks, as reported by Reuters.

This program is an effort as part of Cognizant's attempt to build what Kumar describes as organisational context for AI systems. Rather than focusing on automation, a usual task ascribed to AI models nowadays, Cognizant is trying to utilize information and knowledge created through daily interactions between employees and clients. With the aim to eventually converting fragmented and incomplete information into active business opportunities. A few more uses for the program can also be seen with the systems flagging client issues early and even apply to internal workplace deployment. Kumar said the company can use the platform to identify employees with relevant experience for specific projects based.

# Balakrishna Unleashes His Dark Side in NBK111?

After portraying a wide range of heroic and inspirational characters over the years, Nandamuri Balakrishna appears set to explore a much darker territory in his upcoming film with director Gopichand Malineni. The recently unveiled glimpse of #NBK111 has sparked curiosity among fans, hinting at what could be one of the actor's most intense roles to date. Rather than revealing plot details, the teaser focuses on establishing a powerful atmosphere. Set against the volatile backdrop of 1993 Bombay, the glimpse presents a world engulfed in violence, chaos, and lawlessness. Amidst the destruction emerges Balakrishna's character, exuding a commanding presence marked by style, aggression, and authority.

Director Gopichand Malineni appears to



have mounted the project as a large-scale action spectacle. Explosions, blazing fires, heavy machinery, deadly weapons, and relentless action dominate the visuals, creating a gritty and dangerous environment. The promo introduces Balakrishna's character as the "King of Chaos," suggesting a protagonist who thrives in a world governed by power and fear. One of the major talking points

is Balakrishna's transformation. Sporting a rugged new look, the actor appears energetic, intense, and menacing, while still retaining the charisma that has defined his screen presence for decades. The glimpse suggests a character that is both feared and admired, a departure from the righteous roles he is often associated with. A producer believes the film could mark a significant first in Balakrishna's career. "Balakrishna has played a police officer, lorry driver, faction leader, lecturer, doctor, and several larger-than-life heroes. But this appears to be the first time he is stepping into a full-fledged gangster role with darker shades. If the film maintains the tone seen in the teaser, it could be one of the most unique characters in his career," the producer said.

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## Jr NTR to Match Steps with a Foreign Actress in Dragon?



**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Ever since the birthday-eve glimpse of Jr NTR's *Dragon* was unveiled, the Prashanth Neel directorial has remained one of the most discussed projects in Indian cinema. The action-packed teaser generated massive buzz among fans and moviegoers alike, with many eagerly waiting for updates on the film's progress as it raced toward its release schedule. According to industry sources, the makers are leaving no stone unturned to ensure the film is completed on time. The latest buzz suggests that the team is preparing to shoot a special song that could become one of the major highlights of the film.

Interestingly, a brief shot in the glimpse featuring a dancer from behind sparked speculation among fans about the identity of the actress appearing in the number. Given Prashanth Neel's track record of featuring popular performers in special songs—such as Tamannaah Bhatia and Mouni Roy in the *KGF* franchise—many assumed another Bollywood star would be roped in for *Dragon*. However, the latest reports indicate that the filmmaker may be planning something bigger. Industry sources suggest that a well-known international actress with recognition in Hollywood and European cinema is being considered for the special number. If finalized, it would mark a unique

addition to the film and could add to its global appeal.

While foreign-born performers such as Amy Jackson, Scarlett Mellish Wilson, and Nora Fatehi have previously featured in Telugu cinema's popular dance numbers, they built much of their popularity through Indian films and looking for an international actress. "Prashanth Neel wants a big ticket special number to raise the bar on his action adventure," says a source. "Earlier, NTR has matched steps with Kajal Aggarwal for the special song *Pakka Local* in *Janaatha Garage* and *'Swing Zara'* with Tamannaah in *'Jai Lava Kusa'* and set for another racing number," the source adds.

## Women Students Receive Self-Defence Course Certificates

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The month-long Self-Defence Training Program at Raja Bahadur Venkata Rama Reddy Women's College concluded successfully with a valedictory ceremony, where certificates were presented to students who completed the course. College Principal Dr. J. Achyutadevi distributed the certificates and commended the participants for their dedication and enthusiasm.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. J. Achyutadevi emphasized that while women are making remarkable progress in every field, ensuring their safety remains equally important. She stated that self-defence training is not merely a means of protection but also a powerful tool for building confidence, courage, and independence. She expressed hope that such initiatives would encourage more women to equip themselves with essential life skills and move forward fearlessly.

The training program was organized under the aegis of GVR Karate Academy



with the objective of empowering students through practical self-defence techniques. During the month-long course, participants learned various methods and strategies to protect themselves in challenging situations while also improving their physical fitness and mental resilience.

The valedictory function was attended by Dr. G. S. Gopal Reddy, Director of GVR Karate Academy; Amrutha Reddy, Assistant Director of Self-Defence; and Dr. Jayashree, Director of the Skill Council Centre and Assistant Professor of Mathematics & Statistics. The dignitaries congratulated the students for successfully completing the training and encouraged them to continue practicing the skills they had acquired.

Adding excitement to the event, students presented impressive demonstrations showcasing the techniques they had learned during the course. Their performances reflected the effectiveness of the training and highlighted the importance of self-defence education for women.

Students who displayed exceptional talent and outstanding performance throughout the program included N. Vaishnavi, G. Sai Harini, D. Nandita, and M. Shivapriya. The ceremony concluded with appreciation for the academy, trainers, and participants, reinforcing the institution's commitment to promoting women's empowerment through skill-based education and personal safety awareness.

# Manuel Moreno to Lead Hyderabad Heroes Again

Sumit Kumar Roy Named Vice-Captain for Rugby Premier League Season 2

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad Heroes have announced that Spanish rugby star Manuel Moreno will continue as captain for Season 2 of the Rugby Premier League (RPL), while Indian international Sumit Kumar Roy has been appointed vice-captain. The franchise, owned by KLO Sports, aims to improve on its bronze-medal finish from the inaugural season when the league begins on June 16, 2026, at the Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad. Expressing his excitement, Moreno said leading the Hyderabad Heroes once again is a matter of great pride. He described the team's debut season as rewarding but emphasized that there is "unfinished business" in the Rugby Premier League.



He added that partnering with Sumit Kumar Roy in the leadership group provides an opportunity to combine different leadership styles while pursuing the common goal of winning the championship. Moreno also praised KLO Sports for its support and said working under legendary head coach DJ Forbes is an honour. Vice-captain Sumit Kumar Roy said continuing with Hyderabad Heroes is special for him and that the franchise has played a significant role in his growth as both a player

and leader. He expressed confidence that the guidance of DJ Forbes will help the team achieve greater success this season and called upon Hyderabad's sports fans to fill the stadium and support rugby. Moreno is regarded as one of the world's leading sevens rugby players, having been selected among the top 14 performers in the Sevens Series and representing the Spanish national team. Sumit Kumar Roy has emerged as one of India's most valuable rugby players and was the highest-bid Indian player at this

year's auction. He has also captained the Indian national rugby team. KLO Sports co-owner Srinath Chittoori said Season 2, being hosted in Hyderabad, presents an excellent opportunity to popularize rugby in the city. He expressed confidence in the squad assembled by the franchise and credited GMR and Rugby India for creating a platform that promotes inclusivity and opportunities for the sport's growth in India. Head coach DJ Forbes welcomed the return of Moreno as cap-

tain, saying his leadership provides continuity and sets high standards for the team. He also highlighted Sumit Kumar Roy's emergence as a rising star in Indian rugby and said the leadership role would further develop his abilities both on and off the field. The Hyderabad Heroes squad includes Manuel Moreno, Kevin Wekesa, Regan Ware, Maurice Longbottom, Francisco Cosculluela, Wolfram Hacker, Ravuama Seruvakula, Diego Ardao, Taitaifono Senio Tavita, Sambit Pradhan, Sumit Kumar Roy, Shivam Shukla, Rajan Rawat and Muhammed Anes K. The team will open its campaign against Bengaluru Bravehearts on June 16 at 7:45 PM in Hyderabad.

## Hyderabad Police arrest two in fake job racket, gold recovered

The Mailardevpally Police have arrested two members of an inter-state gang for allegedly cheating a woman through social media and dating apps by promising her a lucrative job.

The prime accused, Kudumula Pandu Ranga Rao alias Sunny Naidu, 32, from Visakhapatnam, befriended the woman from Kattedan through Instagram and the Eaze app. Introducing himself as the managing director of a finance company and the son of a prominent film producer, he gained her confidence and promised her a high-paying job. According to police, the victim first transferred Rs 7,500 to Naidu. On June 2, he visited her residence after expressing a desire to meet in person. While the two were discussing employment opportunities at her home, the woman briefly stepped away to fetch a glass of water. Taking advantage of the situation, Naidu allegedly stole her gold ornaments kept near a mirror and fled the premises.

# Asaduddin Owaisi Expresses Concern Over Implication of SIR

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Expressing concern over the implications of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral roll, AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi said that if an individual's name is omitted during the exercise, it is not merely a matter of losing the 'right to vote,' but questions may also be raised regarding that person's 'citizenship status.' Owaisi was speaking on Thursday at a meeting with religious leaders and community elders in Nampally, aimed at encouraging greater public participation in the voter verification process.

The MIM chief, who has started a 'paidal daura' in the party's



strongholds to encourage voters to register, noted that the purpose of the outreach was not to frighten people but to create awareness and ensure that citizens are adequately prepared for the exercise. He said that the names of more than 6.5 crore persons had been excluded during the SIR in several states. Questioning the seriousness of the issue, Owaisi remarked that

this was an issue that could have far-reaching consequences for millions of citizens. "Why is it that the voters have to undergo the punishment for the mistakes of the Election Commission, where it failed to compile the voter list of 2002," he asked.

Owaisi urged the Election Commission of India to take into account the PAN card, ration card and driving

license during the enrolment process, as Telangana does not serve permanent residence certificate, National Register of Citizens and family register, unlike some states. Over the question of infiltration, the Hyderabad MP challenged the claims and noted that in Bihar, where 'infiltration' was reported, in those handful of identified foreigners, only a fraction were Muslim. He also pointed out that 27 lakh voters in West Bengal were subjected to tribunals or deleted from rolls, questioning the basis for labelling them as 'infiltrators.' The AIMIM chief also questioned the rejection of AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan's Rajya Sabha nomination papers.

# Charminar DCP Reviews Muharram Arrangements

Charminar Zone DCP Reviews Muharram Preparations at Bibi-Ka-Alawa

**HYDERABAD**  
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In preparation for the upcoming Muharram observances, Charminar Zone DCP Kiran Kahare on Wednesday reviewed arrangements at Bibi-Ka-Alawa and directed officials to ensure smooth and peaceful conduct of the religious processions. The inspection was attended by Mirchowk ACP Shyam Sunder, Rein Bazar SHO C. Nethaji, other police officials, the Mutawallis of Bibi-Ka-Alawa, and religious leaders. The team examined the arrangements being made for the upcoming Muharram processions and discussed coordination among various departments. Speaking to Wake Up Telangana, DCP Kiran Ka-



hare said the Hyderabad Police are in constant touch with religious leaders and organizations to resolve all issues related to the arrangements. He emphasized that close coordination and dialogue would help ensure the smooth conduct of the annual observances.

The DCP said the police are working jointly with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the Forest Department to make necessary civic and logistical arrangements for the Muharram period, which extends over 68 days. He

added that all departments are coordinating to maintain law and order and facilitate devotees.

Special discussions were also held regarding the traditional elephant procession, with officials and community representatives deliberating on measures to ensure its peaceful and safe conduct. Police officials appealed to religious leaders, organizers, and the public to cooperate with the administration so that the sacred Muharram processions are conducted in a peaceful and harmonious atmosphere across the city.

## Hyderabad police bust Rs 5,000 cr money circulation scheme

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Six people were arrested for allegedly promoting an illegal inter-state money circulation scheme under the guise of direct selling and multi-level marketing, Hyderabad Police Commissioner V C Sajjanar said on Thursday, June 11.

The police's swift action prevented a massive financial fraud amounting to Rs 5,000 crore, he added.

Addressing reporters, Sajjanar said that the six accused were arrested from Kerala, West Bengal, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh for promoting IGNITE's Indian front company, Indi Connect Ventures Pvt Ltd.

The six accused, arrested in connection with three FIRs registered in the city, include an IGNITE team leader/recruiter and two directors of Indi Connect Ventures Pvt Ltd.

According to the preliminary investigation, IGNITE (joignignite.com), a multi-level



marketing scheme headquartered in Hong Kong, is the latest incarnation of three earlier entities—Gold Quest, QuestNet and QNet—against which thousands of cases have been registered across the country, he said. Its founder, Pathman Senathirajah, has been named as an accused in an FIR registered by the Mumbai Economic Offences Wing and is currently evading arrest in Hong Kong, he added. Such schemes ostensibly market wellness and dietary products, but allegedly operate illegal money circulation networks in the background by rewarding recruitment and enrolment rather than genuine product sales, he explained.

## Centre Sanctions Rs 3,825.31 Crore for VB-G-Ram-G for Telangana

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has approved a Central share of Rs 3,825.31 crore for the VB-G-RAM-G scheme, the Centre's new rural employment programme that guarantees 125 days of work, up from 100 days under the earlier MGNREGS to rural households. Union coal minister G. Kishan Reddy told reporters after meeting minister Chouhan that the state government had not yet



issued the required notification or allotted its 40 per cent share of funds. The scheme is to be implemented from July on a 60:40 Centr-state funding basis, he said, and sought swift action from the Telangana govern-

ment to meet the launch timeline. Kishan Reddy added that state officials must hold consultations with farmers and announce an agreed 60-day advance holiday period for agricultural operations so

that VB-G-RAM-G works do not disrupt planting or harvest schedules. Central teams have been holding talks and reviews with state counterparts to ensure effective implementation, he said, and appealed to the state to complete preparatory tasks promptly.

Chouhan also informed that the Centre had sanctioned 8.5 crore workdays for the 2026-27 financial year under MGNREGS. As of July 9, Kishan Reddy said, 4.38 crore workdays across 11,684 works had been completed, with

Central expenditure totalling Rs 1,163.64 crore. He noted that over the past 12 years, the Centre had provided 143.23 crore workdays to rural workers and spent Rs 34,639.17 crore under the programme. Under VB-G-RAM-G, beneficiaries will receive rozgar guarantee cards and weekly wage payments. Wages delayed beyond 15 days will be paid with 0.5 per cent interest, and an unemployment allowance will be disbursed within 15 days if work is not provided.

## Environmental clearance for Sitarama Sagar to be pursued on priority: Uttam

Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy has asked officials to expedite environmental clearances for the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project in Khammam district.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Thursday directed officials to aggressively pursue and expedite the environmental clearance process for the Sitarama Sagar Lift Irrigation Scheme, emphasizing that all pending approvals should be secured at the earliest to ensure timely execution of the project. He issued the instructions while chairing a review meeting on major irrigation projects in the erstwhile Khammam district at Jalasoudha.

During the meeting, officials informed the Minister that the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project had already obtained Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), or Techno-Economic, clearance from the Central Water Commission (CWC), marking a significant milestone in the project's progress. They also stated that land acquisition had been substantially completed across several stretches of the project, while the process of obtaining forest and environmental clearances for certain portions was still underway.



Stressing the importance of the project, Uttam Kumar Reddy said that diverting Godavari waters from the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project to the Paleru Balancing Reservoir through the Nagarjuna Sagar Project (NSP) Left Canal system should be accorded the highest priority. He noted that the move would strengthen irrigation infrastructure and improve water availability for agricultural needs in the region.

The Minister also gave in-principle approval to a proposal made by Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy to lift water from Sitarama Lift Package-I to the Bayyaram upland tribal areas in the Yellandu Assembly constituency. The initiative is expected to provide irrigation benefits to tribal and upland regions that have long faced water

scarcity. Reviewing the issue of submergence in the Bhadrachalam Division caused by the backwaters of the Polavaram project, Uttam Kumar Reddy assured that the matter would be taken up shortly with the Polavaram Project Authority (PPA). He said a dedicated review meeting would be convened to examine the issue in detail and identify practical solutions to protect affected areas.

The Minister further announced that he would undertake a comprehensive tour of irrigation projects across the erstwhile Khammam district within the next fortnight to inspect ongoing works, review progress on the ground, and ensure that key projects are completed without unnecessary delays.

## Hyderabad to witness drinking water disruption in these areas

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Several parts of Hyderabad would face a drinking water situation on Friday, June 12, following a major leakage in the main pipeline of the Manjeera Phase-II water supply system near Rudraram village.

According to the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB), water supply will be disrupted to rectify the leak. Areas

that would be affected are - RC Puram, Ashok Nagar, Jyothi Nagar, Lingampally, Chandanagar, Gangaram, Madinaguda and Miyapur.

Likewise, Beeramguda, Ameenpur, Erragadda, SR Nagar, Amecpet and Bhayyanagar Colony. KPHB Colony, Kukatpally, Bhayyanagar Colony and Pragathi Nagar will also face disruption. Residents are advised to use water judiciously until the supply is fully restored, HMWSSB said.

## BRS raises objection with ECI on Kavitha's TRS party name

**HYDERABAD**  
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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has raised an objection with the Election Commission of India (ECI) to accepting the name of Kalvakuntla Kavitha's newly established party, Telangana Rakshana Sena. Not just the BRS, reports stated that the Election Commission has received over 600 objections. In its complaint, BRS stated that the party has been associated with the



name Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) since 2011, when it was launched by its chief and former chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR). "Though the name was changed from TRS to BRS in October 2022, the sentiments of the people were still strongly associ-

ated with TRS," the complaint read.

The pink party claimed that Kavitha's Telangana Rakshana Sena, which uses the abbreviation "TRS", could confuse voters, particularly in rural areas, and affect the parent party's electoral prospects.

In view of the objections raised by so many individuals and parties, it needs to be seen what decision will be taken by the ECI on Kavitha's TRS.

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