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**Below-Normal Monsoon May Hit Kharif Output; Fuel Food Inflation Risks: Report**

The India Meteorological Department's (IMD) revised forecast of a below-normal southwest monsoon at 90 per cent of the Long Period Average (LPA) is expected to weigh on agricultural output, rural demand and food inflation, with rain-fed crops likely to face the maximum impact, according to a report by IICI Bank Research. The weather office has lowered its monsoon forecast from the earlier estimate of 92 per cent of LPA and assigned a 60 per cent probability to deficient rainfall during the June-September period. The onset of the monsoon has also been delayed, while rainfall during June is expected to remain below normal across most parts of the country. According to the report, the impact of the weak monsoon could be particularly severe in the Monsoon Core Zone (MCZ), which comprises Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Maharashtra and Jharkhand. The region accounts for nearly 40 per cent

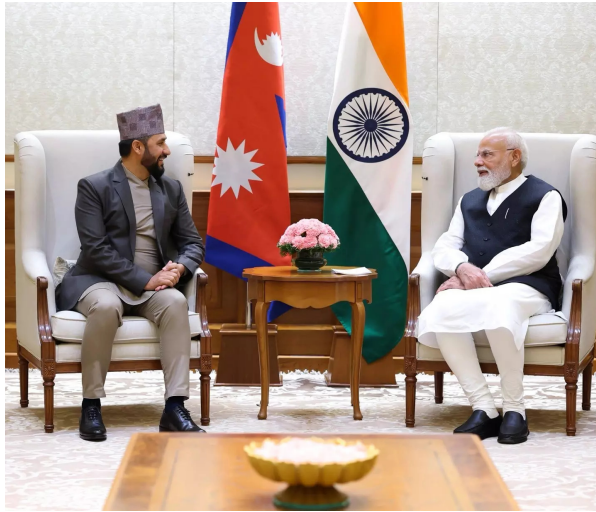
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## Modi: Nepal is India's Priority Partner

**NEW DELHI**  
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Nepal is India's priority partner, and New Delhi looks forward to working with the new government in the Himalayan neighbouring nation to take bilateral ties to greater heights, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday after meeting Rabi Lamichhane, chairman of Nepal's Rastriya Swatantra Party. In a

statement, the PMO said Modi welcomed Lamichhane's desire to work closely with India for a shared and prosperous future. The Prime Minister noted that Nepal is a priority partner under India's Neighbourhood First policy and said India looked forward to collaborating with the new government to strengthen the special and multifaceted relationship between the two countries.



## DK Shivakumar Takes Oath as Karnataka CM

The swearing-in ceremony was attended by top Congress leaders, religious heads and dignitaries from across the country

**BENGALURU**  
Wakeup telangana

State Congress President D K Shivakumar took oath as Karnataka Chief Minister on Wednesday and 13 other legislators, including senior leader G Parameshwara, were sworn in as ministers in his Cabinet. In the presence of AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge, top Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and outgoing CM Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar took oath in the name of seer "Gangadhar Ajja", while holding a copy of the Constitution. Governor Thawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office and secrecy to Shivakumar, Parameshwara and others at Lok Bhavan here. Parameshwara, who is set to be designated as Deputy CM, took oath in the name of Dr B R Ambedkar. Along with Shivakumar and Parameshwara, the legislators, who took oath as ministers were -- K H Muniyappa, K J George, M B Patil, Ramalinga



Reddy, Satish Jarkiholi, Krishna Byregowda, Priyank Kharge, U T Khader, Eshwar Khadre, Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Byrathi Suresh, and Sharan Prakash Patil. Barring Khader and Yathindra, all the others were ministers in the previous Siddaramaiah government. Khader had been the Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly and Yathindra, a member of the legislative council, is Siddaramaiah's son. Shivakumar, a 64-year-old Vokkaliga strongman, was elected leader of the Congress Legislature Party on May 30, following Siddaramaiah's resignation as chief minister on May 28. Shivakumar had served as Deputy Chief Minister under Siddaramaiah. AICC general secretaries K C Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala, CMs of Congress ruled states, several top Congress leaders, dignitaries, and invitees were present at the swearing-in. Religious leaders from all major communities, including heads of various maths, were also present. According to officials, the invitees included students from a government school in Doddalaiahalli in Kanakapura, which is Shivakumar's native village. Representatives from various sections of society, including labourers, civic workers, farmer leaders, women self-help groups, and pro-Kannada organisations took part.

## Rahul Sees Big Economic Crisis Ahead, Modi Stepping Down as PM

**NEW DELHI**  
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Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday claimed that Narendra Modi may not remain in office a year from now, alleging weakening control over political and institutional systems and warning of an approaching economic crisis in India. Addressing tribal leaders at a programme organised by the Adivasi Congress at Indira Bhawan in New Delhi, he said rising prices signalled the beginning of a severe economic downturn, which, according to him, could deepen into an unprece-

dent crisis. He alleged that an institutional revolt was under way, claiming individuals within key institutions were increasingly sharing information with the opposition and indicating that the government's control over systems was weakening. He further said rising economic pressures could intensify public discontent and strain institutions, adding that concerns over electoral processes and governance could worsen the situation. He suggested the government might resort to extraordinary measures

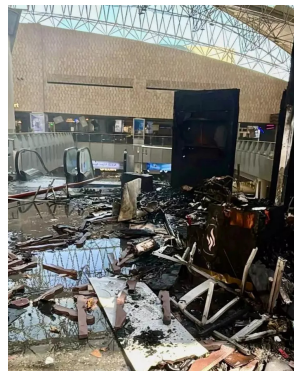
to contain dissatisfaction but maintained that it was losing control over institutions and public opinion. The remarks were made during an interaction with tribal leaders hosted by the Adivasi Congress at Indira Bhawan, where the Leader of the Opposition focused on governance, inflation and institutional accountability. According to Gandhi, the combination of rising prices and institutional instability could trigger widespread public anger, with early signs already visible across various sectors. He also indicated that concerns over electoral

integrity and administrative functioning were contributing to a broader perception of weakening governance in the country. Party sources said the Leader of the Opposition has been consistently raising concerns about inflation, unemployment and institutional independence, framing them as central issues affecting India's political and economic stability going forward while reiterating calls for stronger safeguards in democratic and economic institutions across the country and governance systems.

## One Indian Killed in Iranian Drone Attack on Kuwait Airport

**KUWAIT**  
Wakeup telangana

An Indian national was killed in an attack that targeted Kuwait International Airport, officials said on Wednesday. In a post on X, the Embassy of India in Kuwait expressed its "deepest condolences at the tragic demise of an Indian national due to an attack on the airport in Kuwait today". It said the mission is "closely coordinating" with the Kuwaiti authorities to render



all possible support and assistance to the bereaved family as well as those injured in the incident. Kuwait suspended air traffic on Wednesday after

the Iranian strikes hit Terminal One, causing casualties and damage to airport facilities, Directorate General of Civil Aviation spokesperson Abdullah Al-Rajhi was quoted as saying by the state-run KUNA news agency. The Iranian drone attack on Kuwait's airport wounded at least 63 people on Wednesday, the health ministry said, with authorities earlier reporting one person killed.

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## Would Like To Meet Iran Leader Mojtaba Khamenei, Says Trump

**WASHINGTON**  
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US President Donald Trump said Wednesday he hopes to meet Iran's supreme leader Mojtaba Khamenei, as Washington and Tehran accuse each other of violating an increasingly fragile ceasefire. Mojtaba Khamenei, 56, is thought to have been wounded in US-Israeli strikes that killed his father, Ali Khamenei, and has not been seen in public since he was named his successor. "I would

"I would like to meet him, and we probably will meet at some point, depending on how it all works out," the US president

like to meet him, and we probably will meet at some point, depending on how it all works out," the US president told the New York Post's "Pod Force One" podcast.

Trump added that Khamenei was "involved, absolutely" when asked about the Iranian cleric's health. "I'm not hearing

he's doing great," Trump said. "If you believe the stories, he's missing a lot of different parts." "They say he is giving approval," he added. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio told a Congressional panel on Tuesday that Mojtaba Khamenei is alive and increasingly active. "I think there are indications out there that he is increasingly engaging at some level," Rubio told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. An Iranian attack on Wednesday on Kuwait's airport

## India Condemns Kuwait Airport Attack That Killed Indian National

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

India on Wednesday condemned an attack on Kuwait International Airport that left one Indian national dead and several others injured, while renewing calls for an end to such violence. New Delhi also strongly urged that civilian population and civilian infrastructure must not be targeted. "We condemn the attack on the Kuwait International Airport today in which an Indian national has died and several of our nationals are

injured," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said. "Since the onset of the conflict in West Asia, we have strongly urged that civilian population and civilian infrastructure must not be targeted. We again call upon parties to cease such attacks," it said in a statement. The identity of the deceased Indian is not immediately known. The MEA said the Indian mission in Kuwait is extending all possible assistance to those injured. "We offer our deepest condolences to the

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## 21 Dead in South Delhi Hotel Blaze, Including Several Foreigners

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A massive fire broke out in a congested bylane in south Delhi's Malviya Nagar area on Wednesday, killing at least 21 people, including foreigners whose ailing relatives were being treated in hospitals nearby. The blaze at the Flourish Stay B&B in Hauz Rani in Malviya Nagar started around 8.30 am and quickly spread, catching everybody unawares. Rescue workers, including many locals,

rushed to the spot to pull out those trapped inside the five-floor narrow building. About 40 people were rescued and rushed to hospital where 21 were declared brought dead, officials said. The death toll could rise with several of the injured in a critical condition. The hotel had permission for only six rooms, granted under the Delhi government's bed and breakfast policy, but was operating 25, police officials said. Rooms had also come up in the basement. In a tragedy that



was perhaps waiting to happen, they said the hotel had only one entry-exit. The fire NOC is under the scanner. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained.

Among the casualties were foreign nationals, many from Central Asian and African countries, staying in the hotel in to attend to their kin admitted in Max Hospital

minutes away. Visuals from the area -- with narrow lanes, overhanging wires and cramped buildings haphazardly sharing space -- showed high flames rising in the air and wires twisted out of shape in the heat hanging precariously. Glass lay shattered all around the smoke charred building. Teams from the Delhi Fire Services, police and disaster response units searched the smoke-blacked structure for survivors. Victims were seen being pulled out of

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# KTR urges BRS cadres to stay vigilant during SIR exercise in Telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao urged party cadres to remain alert during the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, stressing the importance of removing bogus entries and ensuring genuine voters are not excluded.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao called upon party cadres to remain vigilant during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and ensure that bogus entries are identified and removed at the booth level. He wanted them to ensure that no genuine voter loses their vote. Addressing the party cadre of the Secunderabad Assembly constituency unit at Sithaphalmandi on Wednesday, Rama Rao said the voter list revision process would play a crucial role ahead of the upcoming GHMC elections. He urged Booth Level



Agents (BLAs) to work like soldiers during the revision exercise. He reminded that irregularities in electoral rolls had affected opposition parties in some States recently and such mistakes could affect the party in Telangana. He said the SIR process was a comprehensive scrutiny of voter lists and stressed the

need to ensure that every eligible voter was enrolled while names of deceased persons and shifted voters were removed. Referring to alleged discrepancies in previous elections, the BRS working president said instances of a single voter being registered in multiple constituencies had been identified. He said

the party would provide a workbook containing details of suspected duplicate voters in the Secunderabad constituency and asked cadres to verify them on the ground. He said Booth Level Officers would conduct door-to-door verification from June 25 to July 24 and that the final electoral roll, to be published on October 1, would be significant for future local body polls. Rama Rao also announced that the party's membership drive would commence this month through a new digital application. He said members would be enrolled by uploading a photo

graph and mobile number, with details automatically linked to voter identification records. He assured party workers that BRS would issue photo identity cards and strengthen its grassroots organisational structure through the digital enrolment campaign. He said the party leadership would stand by its cadre and that local MLA T Padma Rao Goud would actively engage with workers across the constituency. BRSLP deputy leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav, former MLC Saleem, BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar and other party leaders, also attended the meeting.

# Leaders Offer Special Prayers for Harish Rao's Long Life

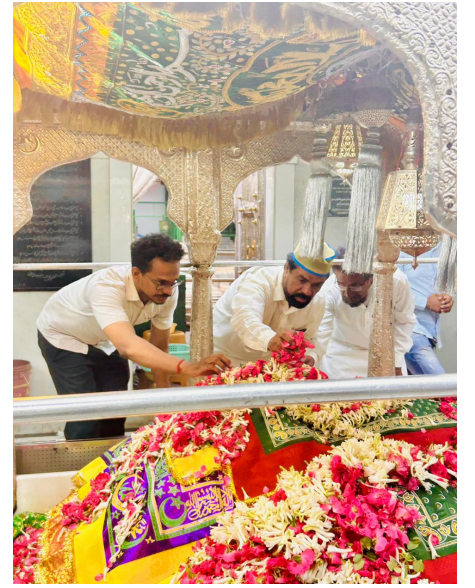
**HYDERABAD**  
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Special prayers were offered at the Hazrat Yousufain Dargah, Nampally, Hyderabad, on the occasion of the birthday of T. Harish Rao, seeking his long life, good health, and continued service to the people of Telangana.

The religious observances were attended by several supporters and community representatives, including Mir Inyath Ali Baqri, Advocate Mir Qurram Ali, Syed Ameer Uddin, Shan Air Khan, and others. Participants conveyed their birthday greetings and expressed goodwill towards the senior BRS leader.

Speaking to the media on the occasion, Advocate Mir Qurram Ali said that Harish Rao has consistently worked for the welfare of all sections of society without discrimination. He stated that the leader's approach reflects values of humanity, inclusive development, and dedicated public service. He further remarked that leaders like Harish Rao are essential for the country's progress and future growth.

He also noted that the youth continue to extend strong support to Harish Rao and are committed to contributing towards the vision of making Telangana a



"Golden Telangana" once again through development-oriented governance. On the same occasion, Mir Inyath Ali Baqri appealed to the people of Telangana to continue supporting K. Chandrashekar Rao. He called for unity among citizens to safeguard their rights and strengthen the state's development agenda. He also urged public support for K. T. Rama Rao and Harish Rao, expressing confidence that their leadership would help the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) return to power in Telangana.

# Siraj and Tilak Varma to headline historic Inaugural TG20 Player Auction on June 7

Over 1,300 Cricketers Set to Go Under the Hammer as Telangana's Premier Franchise Cricket League Takes Shape

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

\* The Hyderabad Cricket Association today announced that the much-anticipated TG20 Player Auction for the inaugural edition of Telangana's premier franchise cricket league will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at the Princess Convention Centre, Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad. The auction marks another major milestone in the journey of TG20, Telangana's first-ever franchise-based T20 league, which is set to feature eight franchisee teams, 32 matches, and over 21 days of high-quality cricket action, bringing together the finest cricketing talent from across the state.

More than 1,300 HCA registered cricketers will go under the hammer as franchises begin assembling their



squads for what promises to be one of the most exciting sporting events ever staged in Telangana. The auction pool will be headlined by Telangana's international stars Mohammed Siraj

and Tilak Varma, alongside several established domestic performers including Rohit Rayudu, Rahul Buddhi, CV Milind and Tanmay Agarwal, all expected to attract significant interest from

franchise owners.

The player pool also features some of Telangana's brightest emerging talents, including India U-19 representative Aaron George and members of Telangana's recent Vinoo Mankad Trophy-winning squad, highlighting TG20's commitment to creating a clear pathway from grassroots cricket to the professional stage.

The eight franchises participating in the inaugural season are:  
• Hyderabad e-Champions  
• Pranava Ranga Reddy Risers  
• Warangal Warriors  
• Medak Falcons  
• Anurag Nalgonda Knights  
• Karimnagar Diamonds  
• Palamuru Strikers  
• Anvita Khammam Aces  
The auction process will commence with the Icon Category, followed

# Residents Raise Red Flag Over Illegal Commercial Construction in Lotus Pond Colony

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Residents of Lotus Pond Colony, Kanajiguda, have urged municipal authorities to stop an alleged illegal commercial construction in Survey Nos. 357, 358 and 359, claiming it violates approved residential land-use norms.

According to the Colony Association, the land was designated for residential purposes by HUDA. However, a commercial cold storage



facility is reportedly being constructed in the area, raising serious concerns among residents. The Association has alleged that the developer has encroached upon an existing CC Road belonging to the colony. An underground water

pipeline serving the residents runs beneath the road, and any construction activity could damage the pipeline and disrupt water supply. Residents have also expressed concern over the alleged violation of the mandatory buffer zone

along a nearby Nala that connects to Hasmathpet Lake. They fear that obstruction of the natural drainage channel could lead to flooding, water stagnation and environmental problems during the monsoon season. Demanding immediate intervention, the Colony Association has appealed to the municipal authorities to inspect the site, prevent further violations and safeguard public infrastructure, residential zoning and environmental safety.

# Strict Enforcement of Cow Protection Laws Urged

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

In Beeranguda, Siddipet district, a memorandum was submitted to Serilingampally Deputy Collector Mahipal Reddy demanding stronger measures for cow protection as part of the Go Samman Aahwan Abhiyan. The initiative was led by Vishwabrahma Sri Veeradharmaja Swami, Peethadhipathi of Sri Veerabrahmendra Swamy Mutt, along with Bonakurthi Vitthal, General



Secretary of Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Gosala. They stated that although laws banning cow slaughter exist nationwide, proper implementation is lacking and must be strictly enforced. They called for special funds for goshalas, increased fodder supply, and estab-

lishment of goshalas in every village. Emphasis was placed on promoting cow-based agriculture and setting up research centers on cow dung and urine. They also demanded stringent punishment for illegal transportation and slaughter, and allocation of CSR funds to support goshalas.

# Peddapalli MP Slams Pawan Kalyan Remarks Over Telangana

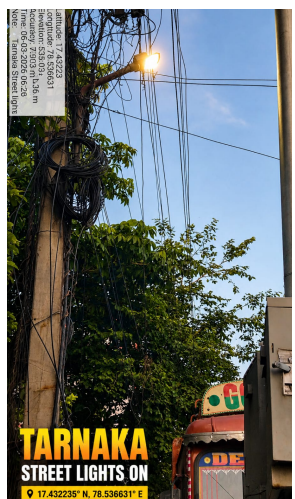


Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna on Wednesday criticised Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan over his alleged remarks on Telangana and questioned his silence on BJP MP Tejasvi Surya's comments on the state's formation. Speaking to the media, Vamsi Krishna asked why Pawan Kalyan had not responded to Surya's remarks comparing Telangana with Pakistan and questioned his position during the Telangana statehood movement. He said, "Where was Pawan Kalyan when unemployed youth and students sacrificed their lives for separate Telangana and when rulers were suppressing the aspirations of its people?" Vamsi Krishna alleged that Pawan Kalyan's stance on Telangana was inconsistent and criticised his political alliances with parties that had opposed the formation of the state. He said people of Telangana would not accept leaders acting for political gain and would not compromise on the state's interests. He added that the Congress had played a key role in the formation of Telangana and would continue to safeguard the interests of its people.

# 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.

# Harish Rao's Birthday Celebrated Grandly in Jogipet

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Thalka Anjaiah

The birthday celebrations of senior BRS leader, former Minister, and Telangana movement stalwart T. Harish Rao was held with great enthusiasm in Jogipet town on Wednesday. The event was organized under the guidance of former Andole MLA Sri Chanti Kranthi Kiran and witnessed the participation of local BRS leaders, party workers, and supporters. On the occasion, party leaders and activists cut a birthday cake and conveyed their heartfelt greet-



ings to Harish Rao. They lauded his remarkable contributions to the Telangana movement, irrigation sector development, and the implementation of various farmer welfare initiatives during his tenure as Minister. Addressing the gathering, several speakers described Harish Rao as a people's

leader who has consistently stood by the public during both good and difficult times. They noted that he has earned a special place in the hearts of the people through his commitment to public service, administrative efficiency, and dedication to the welfare of Telangana.

## PDS: 85% of 3-Month Rice Quota Distributed

The civil supplies department has successfully distributed over 85% of its allocated rice quota for three months April, May and June, well ahead of the April 30 deadline. As of April 21, the state has delivered over 5.48 lakh metric tonnes of rice to beneficiaries across the state. According to officials, this rapid distribution strategy was executed in direct response to a March 2 directive from the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. The Centre instructed all states to advance the lifting and distribution of food grains for the April, May, June 2026 quarter to prevent logistical and storage bottlenecks ahead of the procurement season. Out of the total allocation of 6,43,303 metric tonnes (MT) of rice, the department has already distributed 5,48,140 MT. This translates to an 86% completion rate with eight full days still remaining in the month. The widespread reach of this initiative is evident in the data, with the state recording over 2.62 crore successful transactions state-wide to date. "To maintain total transparency during this accelerated rollout, all digital transactions.

# KTR slams Pawan Kalyan, says no outsider can dictate terms to Telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao criticised Andhra Pradesh Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan for his remarks on Telangana, asserting that no outsider can dictate terms to the state.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao had hit back at Jana Sena chief and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Tuesday, dismissing his remarks on Telangana as ill-informed and politically motivated. He asserted that Telangana was the fiefdom of its people and no outsider would be permitted to dictate terms to the State. "Telangana belongs to its four crore people who bled, sacrificed, and fought for this land. The people who struggled for Telangana have every right to protect its identity and self-respect," he said. Speaking at the Meet the Press programme organised by the Press Club of Hyderabad on Wednesday, Rama Rao responded



point-by-point to Pawan Kalyan's recent remarks, which triggered a political controversy between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. He said any attempt to belittle the sacrifices behind the Telangana movement would be firmly resisted. At the same time, he stressed that Telangana remained welcoming to all. People from Andhra Pradesh and other States had lived, worked and invested in Telangana without facing discrimination

even after bifurcation, he said. "States may be divided administratively, but people should continue to live together with mutual respect," he added. Taking exception to Pawan Kalyan's observation that regionalism was more dangerous than terrorism, Rama Rao questioned whether the movement led by Potti Sriramulu for a separate Andhra State should also be viewed through the same lens. He alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was encouraging industries to move from Telangana and other States to Gujarat, and asked whether such actions amounted to economic regionalism. Rama Rao also rejected suggestions that Telangana's regional identity could weaken national unity. Referring to com-

ments about people might refuse to sing the national anthem or national song in future, he said Telangana had a long history of struggles against oppression and did not require lessons in patriotism. "This land fought against the Nizam. Communists marched on this soil. Sacrifice and struggle are not new to Telangana. We do not need lessons on patriotism from Pawan Kalyan," he said. While expressing respect for Pawan Kalyan as Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and admiration for him as an actor, Rama Rao said no outsider could claim authority over Telangana. "We will welcome him as a guest, but nobody can sit in our Secretariat and dictate terms on matters concerning Telangana," he said.

# Pawan Kalyan does a U-turn, seeks to clarify remarks

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Facing criticism over his recent remarks in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party president Pawan Kalyan on Wednesday sought to clarify his position, stressing that his intention was to promote unity rather than fuel regional divisions. Addressing the media after paying tributes to Potti Sreeramulu on his death anniversary, Pawan Kalyan said Telangana rightfully belonged to its people and there was no dispute over the State being the domain of its sons of the soil. However, he maintained that no one should be prevented from entering Telangana or participating in political activities there. He also adopted a conciliatory approach towards BRS working president KT Rama Rao, stating that the two shared a brotherly relationship and



mutual respect. When the media cited Rama Rao's remarks, he said he did not believe the BRS leader spoke inappropriately about him. Pawan Kalyan observed that while people in Telangana displayed a strong emotional attachment to their State, caste identities often overshadowed a sense of statehood in Andhra Pradesh. He said Andhra Pradesh needed to cultivate a stronger collective identity and belonging among its people. Rejecting accusations of promoting regional divisions, he said territorial boundaries should not create divisions among

people. In response to remarks by Telangana Ministers, he criticised attempts to generate hostility between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and urged political leaders to avoid rhetoric that could deepen regional tensions. The Jana Sena chief also clarified that the party's future expansion in Telangana would be driven by local leadership. Defending his party's right to operate in any State, he questioned why anyone should object if local Jana Sena leaders chose to hold public meetings in Telangana. "I have shut down the Telangana office, but the local leaders wanted me to continue operating in Telangana. We have contested in Telangana elections earlier and will continue to do so. I spoke only at the request of my party's local leaders, after some people questioned my presence in Telangana," he clarified.

# Probe on Encroachments, Illegal Soil Mining in Singur Submergence Area

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A major controversy has surfaced in the Singur Reservoir submergence zone of Sangareddy district following allegations of illegal earth excavation, tampering with Full Tank Level (FTL) boundaries, and unauthorized land development activities reportedly linked to Mr. Anil Reddy, a relative of Telangana Minister Damodara Rajanarasimha. Acting on the directions of the District Collector, a team of Revenue and Irrigation Department officials conducted a field inspection on Wednesday in the submergence areas of Kadirabad and Saipet villages. The officials examined the Korivikunta and Nallakunta regions, where allegations of large-scale earth excavation, land leveling, and disturbance of reservoir protection structures have been raised by local residents. During the inspection, officials observed extensive stretches of land that had reportedly been leveled after excavation, large heaps of soil dumped on elevated areas, and



boulders recently placed within the disputed site. Villagers alleged that excavation and land development activities had been continuing for nearly a month despite repeated complaints to authorities. Local residents claimed that representations had been submitted to several departments over the past few weeks, but no action was taken until the matter gained public attention. They questioned why authorities routinely seize machinery used by ordinary farmers for minor earthworks while heavy equipment, including JCBs, trucks, and dumpers, allegedly operating in the disputed area remained untouched. According to villagers, Mr. Anil Reddy accompanied officials from his nearby farmhouse to the inspection site. However, they alleged that he avoided interaction with media personnel present

at the location. When questioned by reporters, officials stated that it would be premature to declare the site an encroachment area without a detailed technical survey and official report. The response drew criticism from local farmers, who argued that visible alterations to the landscape warranted immediate preventive action. Adding to the controversy, officials reportedly noticed markings painted on rocks that appeared to represent FRL (Full Reservoir Level) and FTL reference points. Preliminary observations suggested that the markings may have been painted using the same color used on nearby flag poles, raising concerns that attempts may have been made to mislead authorities regarding the actual reservoir boundary levels.

# CM Revanth to Soon Lay Foundation Stone for New Cyberabad Municipal Corporation Headquarters at Khanamet

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi inspected the proposed site and event arrangements for the new Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Headquarters at Mondikunta Lake, Khanamet, along with CMC Commissioner Srujana, DCP Rithiraj, Zonal Commissioner Mayank Singh, engineering, town planning and other officials. Speaking on the occasion, Gandhi said the foundation stone for the state-of-the-art CMC headquarters will soon be laid by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. The new



office complex is being planned with modern facilities to improve governance, enhance public services, and ensure faster resolution of civic issues. He stated that the government is focusing on transforming Serilingampally into a model constituency through large-scale infrastructure projects worth nearly ₹2,000 crore. These include the proposed ₹530-crore Miyapur Flyover, ₹459-crore Gachibowli IIT Junction Flyover, ₹220-crore Kha-

jaguda Flyover, ₹308-crore Lingampally ROB Flyover, a ₹200-crore Young India Integrated School, and ₹100-crore Core Urban Schools in Kondapur and Chandanagar. Gandhi said the projects are aimed at improving infrastructure, public services and quality of life across the constituency. Several officials from CMC, HICTI Projects, Town Planning and Police departments participated in the inspection.

# Gachibowli Stadium Hosts Launch of Telangana Premier League (TPL) 2026 to Promote Pickleball Across Telangana



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The official poster of the Telangana Premier League (TPL) 2026 was unveiled by Dr. Ramesh, Indian Olympic Athletic Coach and Dronacharya Awardee, at Gachibowli Stadium in the presence of sports enthusiasts, officials, and members of the pickleball community. Organized by the Rangareddy District Pickleball Association, the Telangana Premier League is scheduled to be held from July 10 to 12, 2026, at C Sports Club, Tellapur. The tournament aims to promote and develop the rapidly growing sport of pickleball across Telangana by creating a strong sporting ecosystem and encouraging participation from clubs, communities, and emerging players. Speaking on the occasion, the organizers said the league will provide a professional competitive platform for athletes while increasing awareness and popularity of pickleball among people of all age groups. The event is expected to bring together

talented players, sports enthusiasts, and franchise teams under one platform, making it one of the largest pickleball initiatives in the state. The organizers expressed confidence that the Telangana Premier League will play a significant role in nurturing talent, strengthening the sporting culture, and positioning Telangana as a key destination for pickleball in India. Event Details: - Event: Telangana Premier League (TPL) 2026 - Dates: July 10-12, 2026 - Venue: C Sports Club, Tellapur - Organizer: Rangareddy District Pickleball Association For Sponsorships & Franchise Enquiries: - Swathi Vasireddy - 97044 03988 - K. Venkatesh - 93478 11883 - Moses - 98482 28012 Email: rangareddypickleball@gmail.com This version is formatted in a standard newspaper/news portal style and is ready for publication.

# Bandari Babu Takes Charge as PAO, Sangareddy

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Bandari Babu has assumed charge as Pay and Accounts Officer (PAO), Sangareddy, following his promotion from DAO Grade-I under Telangana Finance Department. He previously served in GHMC, HMDA, and Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, earning recognition for efficiency



and financial expertise. After taking charge on Wednesday, he was felicitated by DPRE staff led by Senior Assistant Ch. Praveen Kumar, who

praised his service and expressed confidence in his leadership. Contractors and employees welcomed his appointment, hoping for faster bill processing and transparent administration. They expect improved efficiency in financial operations under his tenure, drawing on his extensive government experience across departments.

# Harish Rao Birthday Celebrated Grandly at Osmania University

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Birthdays celebrations of former minister and Siddipet MLA T. Harish Rao were held in a grand manner at Osmania University Arts College premises under the leadership of BRSV State Secretary Kattam Shiva. As part of the programme, student leaders planted saplings, spreading an environmental message, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony to mark the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Kattam Shiva highlighted Harish Rao's key



role in the Telangana movement. He said that Harish Rao worked actively under the leadership of K. Chandrashekar Rao and played a crucial part in strengthening the statehood agitation. He added that Harish Rao dedicated himself fully to the cause of Telangana formation. Shiva further stated that after the formation of Te-

langana, Harish Rao, as Irrigation Minister, played a significant role in the construction of the Kaleshwaram project, which has become a model irrigation initiative in the country. He also noted that during his tenure as Health Minister, Harish Rao earned public appreciation by delivering better healthcare services

to the poor. He added that even in the current opposition role, Harish Rao continues to fight for public issues and stands firmly with the people. According to him, Harish Rao is actively questioning the policies of the Congress government and working as a voice of the public. Several BRSV student leaders, including Jangayya, Prashanth, Mithun, Srikanth Mudiraj, Nagesh, Avinash, Rakesh, Gopal Naik, Sai Goud, Sharath, and Prasad, participated in the programme.

# Collectorate Seeks Action Plan on SC/ST Atrocity

**HYDERABAD**  
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Hyderabad District Administration has intensified enforcement of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act following a high-level vigilance and monitoring committee meeting held at the District Collector's Office. Officials reviewed pending cases, investigation progress, and victim support measures, signalling a zero-tolerance approach toward delays in justice delivery.



The review was jointly chaired by the District Collector with senior officials from the Scheduled Caste Development Department and attended by Vigilance and Monitoring Committee members including Ituka Gopi, Bhatula Ram Prasad, and

Boini Mallesh, along with senior police leadership comprising the Special Police Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of Police from multiple divisions. Officials conducted a detailed, threadbare assessment of SC/ST atrocity

cases registered across Hyderabad district, focusing on investigation timelines, legal proceedings, and protection provided to victims. Departments were asked to explain delays where applicable and ensure timely filing of charge sheets and effective delivery of government compensation to affected families. The meeting emphasised removing procedural bottlenecks and strengthening coordination between police and welfare departments to ensure swift justice.

## Kuwait Says Iranian Drone Attack Forced Airport Closure

Iran carried out a drone strike on a passenger terminal at Kuwait International Airport, wounding several people and forcing air traffic to be suspended, Kuwait officials said on Wednesday. Ministry of defence spokesman Brigadier General Saud Abdulaziz Al-Atwan described the attack as "criminal Iranian aggression which resulted in significant material damage to the building and injuries." Al-Atwan, in a social media post, did not say how many people were hurt but said those wounded had received medical care. Kuwait's state news agency said civil aviation authorities had suspended traffic and transferred arriving flights to alternative airports after "Terminal One came under Iranian attacks causing casualties and damage". The oil-rich Gulf nation, a US ally, has been on the receiving end of Iranian attacks since the United States and Israel attacked Iran and killed its senior leadership in late February. Tehran has accused Kuwait of allowing US forces.

# US Imposes 12.5% Extra Tariff On India

**NEW DELHI**  
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The United States has proposed imposing a 12.5 per cent tariff on imports from 54 countries, including India, under Section 301 of the US Trade Act of 1974, citing concerns that these nations have failed to adequately prevent goods produced through forced labour from entering global supply chains. The proposal follows the first set of findings from a Section 301 investigation conducted by the United States Trade Representative (USTR). India has been grouped alongside major economies such as China, Japan, South Korea, Brazil and Switzerland, which the US alleges lack sufficient prohibitions or enforcement mechanisms to block imports linked to forced labour. Trade experts warn that the proposed tariff could be



only the beginning of broader trade measures. According to Abhijit Das, former head of the Centre for WTO Studies, the Section 301 investigations were split into two parts. While the labour-related findings have now been released, a second report examining excess production capacity in various sectors is still pending. "The tariffs could go higher once the findings on excess production capacity are announced. There is a possibility of countries, including India, facing much steeper tariffs," Das said. Experts have also questioned the le-

gality of the proposed duties. Das argued that these tariffs, similar to reciprocal tariffs and the 10 per cent tariffs imposed under Section 122, are inconsistent with World Trade Organization (WTO) rules. The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) echoed these concerns, stating that the proposed 12.5 per cent tariff exceeds the tariff limits the US has committed to under WTO agreements. "Since these tariffs go beyond the US' bound tariff rates, they are WTO-inconsistent," GTRI said. Ajay Srivastava,

founder of GTRI, noted that India could challenge the move on the grounds that the investigation extends beyond the traditional scope of Section 301. He argued that the law was originally designed to address market-access barriers faced by American companies rather than a country's import-control policies. Trade analysts also believe the proposed tariffs could face legal scrutiny within the United States. Das pointed out that several tariff measures introduced by the Trump administration have already been challenged in US courts. However, he cautioned that even if courts rule against the Section 301 tariffs, the US President retains authority under other statutory provisions to impose alternative trade restrictions. As a result, tariff-related uncertainty is likely to persist for India and other

# Trump Confirms He Called Netanyahu Crazy in Phone Call

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

U.S. President Donald Trump acknowledged having called Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu crazy in an expletive-filled phone exchange over fighting in Lebanon while the U.S. was trying to negotiate an end to hostilities with Iran. In an interview broadcast Wednesday, Trump was asked whether he had called the longtime Israeli leader "effing crazy" and accused him of ingratitude, paraphrasing a report by Axios. "I did," Trump told the "Pod Force One" podcast. "I wouldn't say angry. I was a little bit perturbed at his constantly fighting with Lebanon, you know." Trump went on to say he and Netanyahu get along very well. According to



the Axios report, which cited an unidentified U.S. official, Trump said to Netanyahu in a call on Monday: "You're fucking crazy. You'd be in prison if it weren't for me. I'm saving your ass. Everybody hates you now. Everybody hates Israel because of this." Trump said in the interview: "At some point I said, Bibi, we got to stop this. We got to stop it." Iran has said it will not agree to a deal with the United States to end the war that Trump and Netanyahu launched in late February, unless a ceasefire also covers Le-

banon, which Israel invaded in March in pursuit of the Iran-aligned Hezbollah militia that fired across the border in support of Tehran. Hostilities have continued despite a U.S.-mediated agreement announced on Monday that led Israel to step back from attacking the Hezbollah-controlled southern suburbs of Beirut, and the Iran-backed group to halt cross-border strikes. Israeli drone strikes killed at least six people in southern Lebanon and targeted a car just south of Beirut on Wednesday, Lebanese security sources said, while Israel said it intercepted a hostile aircraft likely fired by Hezbollah. Trump bristled when asked if Netanyahu "tricked" him into attacking Iran, saying his critics were "the enemy".

# Venezuela's Acting President Rodriguez Arrives in India For 5-Day Working Visit

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Venezuela's Acting President Delcy Rodriguez on Wednesday arrived in the national capital for a five-day working visit aimed at further deepening the bilateral ties between India and Venezuela. Welcoming the Venezuelan leader, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in a post on X said that the visit would provide an opportunity for both countries to

strengthen cooperation and build on the momentum in their bilateral partnership. "A warm welcome to Acting President Delcy Rodriguez of Venezuela on her arrival in New Delhi. During her visit, Acting President Rodriguez will hold bilateral talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The visit will further deepen India-Venezuela ties and build on the momentum in the bilateral partnership," the post read. During her visit,

Rodriguez is scheduled to hold bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior Indian leadership, including External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. According to a release, the MEA said that the visit will be from June 3 to June 7. Rodriguez was earlier scheduled to visit India to participate in the International Big Cat Alliance Summit on June 1, which was subsequently deferred. She will now undertake a



formal working visit accompanied by a high-level delegation comprising Venezuela's Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Economy and

Finance, Science and Technology, Communication and Information, and Transportation. She will begin her engagements with the In-

dian side on June 4 with a meeting scheduled with Jaishankar, followed by official talks with the Prime Minister at Hyderabad House. Rodriguez will also pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat as part of her itinerary. According to the MEA, during the high-level discussions, both sides are expected to review the entire spectrum of India-Venezuela relations and explore avenues to deepen cooperation in

key sectors, including energy security, trade and investment, pharmaceuticals, healthcare, transportation, and renewable energy. The MEA noted that the visit is expected to further strengthen bilateral ties and enhance engagement between the two countries, which share traditionally warm relations rooted in cooperation in the energy sector and shared commitment to the Global South. Rodriguez has previously

visited India in her earlier capacities as Foreign Minister in 2015 and as Vice President in 2019, 2023, 2024, and 2025, making this her sixth visit to India in her current capacity. MEA further detailed that the Venezuelan delegation will also undertake site visits connected to India's energy, pharmaceutical, and automotive sectors to better understand industrial capabilities and identify new opportunities for collaboration.

# TMC's Firhad Hakim Will Resign As Kolkata Mayor

**KOLKATA**  
Wakeup telangana

Senior Trinamool Congress leader Firhad Hakim will resign as the Mayor of Kolkata after party supremo Mamata Banerjee accepted his request to step down, TMC MLA Kunal Ghosh said on Wednesday. Hakim, one of the party's most prominent leaders and a close aide of Banerjee, had earlier sought permission from the TMC chief to resign from the

post, citing difficulties in functioning after the BJP came to power in West Bengal. "At that time, he was asked not to resign. However, he again requested Mamata Banerjee today to allow him to step down, following which she agreed," Ghosh told reporters. The development comes amid growing uncertainty within the Trinamool Congress and a series of resignations by party councillors in the Kol-



kata Municipal Corporation (KMC) in recent weeks. Hakim's resignation marks a setback for the TMC, which comes at a time when the organisation is grap-

pling with internal turbulence following its loss of power in the state. There was no immediate word on who would succeed Hakim as the Mayor of Kolkata. Hakim, a heavy-weight minority face of the TMC, has served as Kolkata Mayor since 2018 and has held several key ministerial portfolios in the state government over the years. The KMC has been under the control of the TMC since 2010.

# TVK Allots TN Rajya Sabha Seat to Congress

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The TVK-led alliance has allotted its Rajya Sabha seat from Tamil Nadu to the Congress for the election scheduled on June 18. Sources indicated that Praveen Chakravarthy, chairman of the Congress data and analytics cell, is a frontrunner for the nomination. He had earlier advocated an al-



liance with TVK ahead of the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections and is learnt to have held preliminary discussions with its leaders. Chakravarthy had also ex-

pressed the view after the elections that not aligning with TVK was a mistake. Prior to the polls, he was seen to be at odds with the then ruling DMK. Party sources, however, said senior leaders favoured continuing the alliance with the DMK, citing its role as a long-standing ally of the Congress and a key constituent of the I.N.D.I.A. bloc. DMK

president M.K. Stalin had earlier backed Rahul Gandhi as a candidate for the Prime Minister's post from the opposition. With this allocation, the Congress is set to secure its seventh Rajya Sabha seat in the current round of elections, including three from Karnataka and one each from Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand.

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## One Indian

Health ministry spokesman Abdullah al-Samad said 25 ambulances were dispatched at Kuwait International Airport, adding that "63 injured individuals were received and distributed among hospitals... This includes serious injuries... including head wounds, cerebral hemorrhages, amputations and injuries resulting from explosions." An airport source told AFP that the death in Kuwait was an Indian national at the airport. Iran's Revolutionary Guards on Wednesday claimed an attack against Kuwait, which it said was in retaliation for US attacks on an Iranian oil tanker

and island. "In response to this aggression, the Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait, which hosts helicopters, as well as the headquarters of the US Fifth Fleet in Bahrain, were targeted with missiles and drones by the Guards' forces," the Guards said in a statement on their official Telegram channel.

## 21 Dead in

Victims were seen being pulled out of the basement and rushed to hospitals in ambulances. The urban village of Hauz Rani is minutes away from swanky malls, upscale hospitals and the Saket court complex as well as the residential localities of Malviya Nagar and Saket. Officials said the fire started at Lemon

Green Restaurant, but police later clarified that it was a hotel building. The building has a basement, ground floor and five upper floors, according to fire officer A K Malik.

The restaurant was on the ground floor while the rest of the building was being used as a hotel. "We have cordoned off the entire area. Multiple teams have already reached the site. Teams are checking the number of rooms the hotel had. Every single angle will be probed. Some of the police personnel and fire officials also received injuries," a senior police official told PTI. According to one eyewitness and a first responder, the basement was locked and he helped the fire

team to help open it. "It took more than 20 minutes to open the basement area," he alleged. Horrific scenes played out all over. As thick smoke engulfed the building and flames spread rapidly, several people were seen breaking window panes and calling for help.

## India Condemns....

"Since the onset of the conflict in West Asia, we have strongly urged that civilian population and civilian infrastructure must not be targeted. We again call upon parties to cease such attacks," it said in a statement. The identity of the deceased Indian is not immediately known. The MEA said the Indian mission in Kuwait is extending all

possible assistance to those injured. "We offer our deepest condolences to the bereaved family. Our Embassy is extending all possible assistance to those injured. We remain in close contact with local authorities for the welfare of Indian nationals," the MEA said. It said the Indian missions and posts across the region are on alert and continue to proactively support our community. Kuwait expressed its "deepest condolences at the tragic demise of an Indian national due to an attack on the airport in Kuwait today". The Indian embassy in Kuwait said it is "closely coordinating" with the Kuwaiti authorities to render all possible support and assistance.

## LPG cylinder price doubled



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CRIME

# Traffic Police Urge Employees to Follow Road Safety Rules

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

In an effort to promote road safety and reduce traffic violations, the Traffic Police conducted a road safety awareness programme at KEI Industries in Rasoolpura. The initiative focused on educating employees about responsible road usage and the importance of adhering to traffic regulations.

Addressing the gathering, ACP Traffic G. Shankar Raju stressed that strict compliance with traffic rules is essential for protecting the lives of motorists, passengers, and pedestrians. He highlighted the importance of



wearing helmets while riding two-wheelers and using seat belts while driving four-wheelers, noting that these simple precautions can significantly reduce fatalities and serious injuries during accidents.

The ACP also warned against common traffic violations that frequently lead to road mishaps, including drunken driving,

wrong-side driving, over-speeding, signal jumping, triple riding, use of mobile phones while driving, and allowing minors to operate vehicles. He said such violations not only attract legal penalties but also pose serious risks to public safety.

Emphasizing the role of citizens in creating safer roads, he urged employees to adopt responsible

driving habits and encourage their family members, friends, and colleagues to follow traffic rules. He called upon participants to become road safety ambassadors and contribute to building a culture of discipline and awareness on the roads.

The awareness session witnessed active participation from employees, who interacted with traffic officials and expressed their commitment to following road safety norms. Representatives of the company also attended the programme and supported the initiative aimed at creating greater awareness about safe driving practices.

## Public Seeks Collector's Intervention in Motakondur: Delayed Certificates and Pending Land Enquiries Trigger Concern

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Thalka Amjaiah

Public concern is mounting in Motakondur Mandal over delays in issuing caste, income, and nativity certificates, along with the prolonged pendency of land-related enquiries. Students and job aspirants allege that MeeSeva applications are being delayed due to address mismatches between Aadhaar, voter IDs, ration cards, and other documents, affecting admissions, scholarships, and

employment opportunities. Applicants say repeated visits to government offices, affidavit requirements, and documentation expenses are placing a financial burden on poor families. Villagers have urged authorities to adopt a practical approach by considering school records, previous certificates, and local enquiries instead of insisting on identical addresses across all documents. Meanwhile, residents have sought transparency regarding a pending enquiry into al-

leged irregularities involving 2.21 acres in Survey No.214/E of Mator village. The complaint was reportedly forwarded by the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA) to the District Collector in June 2025 for investigation.

Citizens have appealed to the District Collector to review the functioning of the Tahsildar office, expedite certificate processing and land enquiries, and strengthen accountability in the revenue administration.

## Auto Driver Jailed for 20 Years in Minor Assault Case

The Rangareddy district Fast-Track Special Court on Monday sentenced Shadnagar Arun, an autorickshaw driver from Hanuman Nagar Colony, Rajendranagar, to 20 years' rigorous imprisonment for abducting and sexually assaulting a minor. The court also imposed a fine of ₹8,000 and directed payment of ₹3 lakh compensation to the victim. Police said that on February 12, 2019, Arun lured the victim with a false promise of marriage, took her to a temple, and performed a sham marriage. He then subjected her to repeated sexual assault despite knowing she was underage.

## Boy drowns in Kushaiguda pool

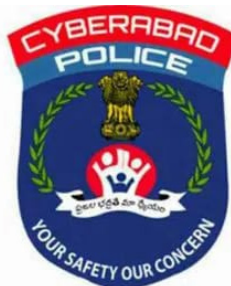
An 11-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool at a sports complex in Kushaiguda on Monday evening. The deceased, a Class VI student at ECIL, and resident of BN Reddy Nagar, Cherlapally, had gone to the pool at Sportivo Sports Arena when the incident occurred. According to initial information, he drowned 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.

## Missing Nagole Woman Found Dead in Durgam Cheruvu; Loan Recovery Harassment Angle Under Probe

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

The body of a 26-year-old woman recovered from Durgam Cheruvu has been identified as Roja Ramani, a resident of Nagole, police said. According to officials, Roja Ramani was working as an accountant at a hospital in Madhapur.

Her family had earlier lodged a missing person complaint at Nagole Police Station after she went missing. Police received



information on Friday that a woman had allegedly jumped into Durgam Cheruvu from the Cable Stayed Bridge. A search operation was launched with the assistance of a hydraulic crane, and the body was subsequently recovered from the

lake. During the investigation, police identified the deceased as Roja Ramani and informed her family members.

Preliminary inquiries indicate that she may have been under stress due to alleged harassment by bank loan recovery agents. However, police said all angles are being investigated and the exact circumstances leading to her death are yet to be established. A case has been registered, and the Raidurgam Police are continuing their investigation.

## Cyberabad Police, Civic Officials Review Flood-Prone Areas Ahead of Monsoon

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

To prevent waterlogging and traffic disruptions during the monsoon season, Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh and Municipal Commissioner Srujana jointly conducted field inspections at several flood-prone locations across Cyberabad. The officials reviewed vulnerable spots including Malkam Cheruvu-Biodiversity Junction near CARE Hospital, Hyderabad Central University



Road, and the Harsha Toyota Junction in Kondapur, where rainwater accumulation frequently causes traffic congestion. They directed engi-

neering and municipal officials to take necessary preventive measures and implement permanent solutions to ensure smooth traffic

flow and minimize inconvenience to commuters during heavy rains. Officials said coordinated efforts by police, municipal, and engineering departments are underway to identify and address problem areas in advance, helping reduce waterlogging and traffic disruptions during the rainy season. Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit, Kukatpally DCP Rithiraj, ADCP Hanumantha Rao, and other officials participated in the inspection.

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 junction 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 Haridk 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.



# India's Fuel Exports Hit 31-Month Low

**NEW DELHI**  
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India's exports of refined petroleum products fell sharply in May 2026, dropping to around 930,000 barrels per day (bpd), the lowest level recorded since October 2022. The decline was driven by a combination of refinery maintenance, changing production priorities, and stronger domestic demand, according to data analytics firm Kpler. The export volume marked a significant slowdown for one of Asia's largest fuel-exporting nations.

The last time exports were at a similar level was in October 2022, when shipments averaged approximately 926,000 bpd. Industry analysts noted that reduced refinery throughput and a greater emphasis on supplying the domestic market were the primary reasons behind the de-



cline. Kpler's Model and Refining Manager, Sumit Ritolia, said the drop in exports reflected a broader shift in the country's fuel supply strategy. According to him, refinery maintenance activities, lower processing rates, and an increasing focus on domestic consumption collectively contributed to the reduction in overseas ship-

ments. One of the most important factors behind the decline was the planned maintenance shutdown at Reliance Industries' Jamnagar refining complex in Gujarat. The Jamnagar facility is India's largest refinery and among the biggest refining hubs in the world. As maintenance work progressed, crude processing rates

were temporarily reduced, limiting the availability of refined petroleum products for export markets. In addition to operational constraints, refiners also faced less attractive export economics. Taxes imposed on refined petroleum exports reduced profit margins from international sales, making domestic distribution a more commercially viable option. This shift discouraged refiners from increasing exports despite steady demand from overseas buyers.

Another contributing factor was a change in production priorities. Several refiners increased the production of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) to meet growing domestic requirements. As a result, output of export-oriented fuels such as gasoline and diesel declined by an estimated 80,000 bpd. The move was aimed at ensuring sufficient LPG availability for households and

consumers across the country. State-owned oil refining companies also directed a larger portion of their fuel production toward domestic markets. This decision was influenced by concerns over energy security and the need to maintain adequate fuel supplies within India. Authorities and refiners have increasingly prioritised local demand amid changing global energy market conditions.

According to Kpler, the decline in exports highlights how refinery maintenance schedules, evolving fuel demand patterns, taxation policies, and energy security considerations are reshaping India's refined petroleum trade flows. While India continues to remain a major exporter of refined fuels in Asia, domestic market needs are playing a greater role in determining production and export strategies.

# India's Services PMI Climbs to 59.8 in May, Hitting a 6-Month High Amid Strong Domestic Demand

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

With the robust domestic demand, India's dominant services sector grew at its fastest pace in six months in May despite global orders, staying below last year's average and business confidence slipping for a second straight month. Signalling an expansion in services activity, purchasing managers' index (PMI) for services rose to 59.8 in May as against 58.8 of April, a private survey showed on Wednesday.

As per the survey, strengthening demand for services such as freight, digital solutions, e-commerce, entertainment and IT reportedly boosted new business growth during May. "As a result, companies lifted activity to a greater extent and continued to add to payroll numbers," the survey said.



In the PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction. "India's services PMI signalled an expansion in business activity in May, supported by a continued rise in new business. External demand for India-provided services also grew at a faster pace, rebounding after a sharp decline in April. Input cost inflation eased, which in turn reduced pressure on selling prices," said Pranjal Bhandari, chief India economist at HSBC.

On the prices front, the survey report also revealed that input prices across the service economy continued to increase at an above-trend pace

during May. "Survey participants reported having paid more for food, fuel, gas, labour and materials compared to April," the report said. In terms of jobs, it further said that Indian services companies signalled a further increase in payroll numbers. "The overall rate of job creation was solid and the second-fastest in just under a year (behind April), but fewer than 7 per cent of panellists signalled greater hiring, and the vast majority indicated no change in headcounts," it added. On international orders, the survey also pointed out that growth of external demand remained below the 2025 average and the expansion in international orders was nevertheless solid, with firms citing gains from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Malaysia, the UAE and the UK.

# Below-Normal Monsoon May Hit Kharif Output; Fuel Food Inflation Risks: Report

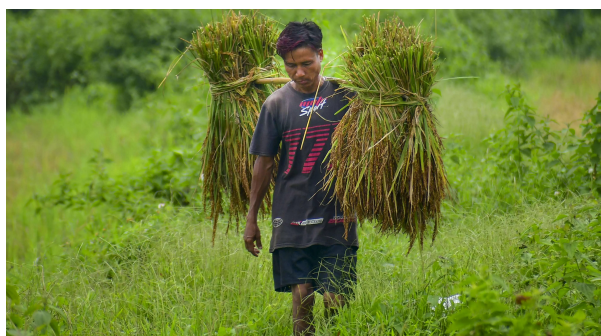
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The India Meteorological Department's (IMD) revised forecast of a below-normal southwest monsoon at 90 per cent of the Long Period Average (LPA) is expected to weigh on agricultural output, rural demand and food inflation, with rain-fed crops likely to face the maximum impact, according to a report by ICICI Bank Research. The weather office has lowered its monsoon forecast from the earlier esti-

mate of 92 per cent of LPA and assigned a 60 per cent probability to deficient rainfall during the June-September period. The onset of the monsoon has also been delayed, while rainfall during June is expected to remain below normal across most parts of the country. According to the report, the impact of the weak monsoon could be particularly severe in the Monsoon Core Zone (MCZ), which comprises Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Maharashtra

and Jharkhand. The region accounts for nearly 40 per cent of India's food production and is likely to receive below-normal rainfall. "Impact on early sowing activities is seen due to delayed or below normal rains, along with persistent heatwave conditions. Potential El-Nino conditions could further impact kharif output," the report said.

The report noted that northwest, central and southern regions of the country are expected to witness below-normal rainfall, while northeast



India is likely to receive near-normal rains. In addition, the emergence of El Nino conditions during the monsoon season could further aggravate weather-related disruptions and affect crop yields. Among agricultural segments,

rain-fed crops such as pulses, coarse cereals, oilseeds and spices are considered the most vulnerable due to relatively low irrigation coverage and their concentration in regions expected to experience

rainfall deficiency. "Rain-fed crops such as pulses, coarse cereals and spices are most vulnerable due to lower irrigation coverage, and larger concentration in affected regions. Rice and Wheat are relatively insulated due to higher irrigation coverage and reservoir levels," the report stated. The report highlighted that coarse cereals and pulses face the highest downside risks. Pulses production is largely concentrated in central and northwest India, while coarse cereals are predominantly grown across

northwest, central and southern regions. Irrigation coverage for these crops remains limited, making them highly dependent on monsoon rainfall.

However, the report also pointed to several mitigating factors. Reservoir levels currently stand at 31 per cent of total capacity, higher than the long-term average of 26 per cent. In addition, India recorded a robust 5.3 per cent year-on-year increase in foodgrain production during the 2025-26 crop year, led by strong output

of rice, wheat, coarse cereals and pulses. Large buffer stocks of rice and wheat are also expected to cushion any supply-side shock. Rice inventories stand at around 39 million tonnes, while wheat stocks are estimated at 42.8 million tonnes, significantly above prescribed buffer norms. Despite these safeguards, the report warned that food inflation risks remain elevated, particularly for pulses, edible oils and other rain-fed crops.

# RIR Power FY26 Revenue Rises 5.4%; Odisha SiC Plant Nears Commissioning

**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

RIR Power Electronics Limited reported a 5.41% increase in standalone revenue for FY26 at ₹90.87 crore, compared to ₹86.21 crore in the previous financial year, while continuing to strengthen its semiconductor manufacturing capabilities and expand its global footprint.

The company announced its financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2026, highlighting strategic progress in semiconductor manufacturing, technology innovation, and export growth. However, profitability remained under pressure during the year. Adjusted EBITDA declined 7.16% to ₹10.58 crore from ₹11.39 crore in FY25, while profit after tax (PAT) fell 18.81% to ₹6.72 crore. Earnings per share stood at ₹0.86 compared to ₹1.15 a year earlier. For the fourth quarter of FY26, revenue rose 18.16% sequentially to ₹23.95 crore from ₹20.27 crore in Q3 FY26. PAT more than tripled quarter-on-quarter to ₹1.39 crore, reflecting improved operational performance. However, compared with Q4

FY25, revenue declined 9.5% and PAT fell 45.54%. A major development during the year was the progress of the company's Silicon Carbide (SiC) semiconductor facility in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

The cleanroom construction has been completed, while plant and machinery installation is underway and expected to conclude by July 2026. Epitaxial wafer production is scheduled to commence in the second quarter of FY27, supporting India's semiconductor manufacturing ambitions under the "Make in India" initiative. Strengthening its international presence, RIR Power secured its first overseas order for the supply of 5 kV silicon-controlled rectifier (SCR) thyristors. The order involves 125-mm press-pack SCR devices designed for high-power applications and is expected to be executed in phases through the end of 2026.

The company also achieved a technological milestone with the development of a 25 kV-120 kA capacitor discharge vertically integrated semiconductor switch.

# Centre Announces ₹10,000-Crore Support Amid Jet Fuel Price Surge

Cabinet Approves ₹10,000-Crore Package To Stabilise Jet Fuel Prices and Shield Airlines From West Asia Crisis

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Airliners have a reason to cheer as the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved one-time budgetary support not exceeding Rs 10,000 crore for oil marketing companies (OMCs) to provide jet fuel or aviation turbine fuel (ATF) price stabilisation support to scheduled Indian airlines for their domestic and international operations. The move by the government comes after observing that international ATF prices have skyrocketed in May, resulting in financial pressure on airlines of their operating costs during periods of extreme volatility triggered by the ongoing West Asia crisis.

However, the government aims to somehow ease the financial burden on these airlines to smoothly help operate their businesses. The government, however, said that the scheme would provide interest-free advances of up to Rs 10,000 crore to state-owned OMCs, enabling them to supply ATF to scheduled Indian



airlines at a stabilised price for domestic and international operations. "Under the scheme, the OMCs will be compensated whenever international import parity prices exceed a benchmark level set under the approved mechanism," the government said in a statement.

In the recent days, international ATF prices have surged to about Rs 142 per litre in May from Rs 60.50 per litre in March, increasing financial pressure on airlines at a time when fuel accounts for nearly 40 per cent of operating costs and, in some cases, as much as 60 per cent during periods of extreme volatility. "Any

support extended to OMCs will be recovered once global fuel prices moderate, with proceeds returned to the consolidated fund of India through a defined true-up process," the official statement said.

Announcing the decision after the Cabinet meeting, I&B minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the budgetary support would help airlines in the backdrop of a rise in ATF prices due to the conflict and closure of airspace by Pakistan for Indian carriers. "The fund would help stabilise ATF prices for scheduled Indian carriers and prevent disruption of airline operations," Vaishnaw said. The minis-

ter further said that with the fund, airlines would get a stable ATF price as long as the turmoil is there, and once the crisis is over, then the participating airlines would have to reimburse the amount. "The fund would shield air passengers from fare spikes, driven by the global oil price surge, and also protect 77 lakh jobs dependent on the aviation ecosystem," he said.

The ATF price stabilisation support will be in force for a period of 36 months with provision for annual review or until the advance amount is fully recovered/settled, whichever is earlier. "The fund would help safeguard public investment in airport infrastructure by keeping airline operations viable and maintaining air connectivity to Europe, North America and Central Asia amid the Pakistan airspace closure," the minister said. As per the official statement, the budgetary support will be in the form of interest-free advances to the OMCs through the demands for grants of the ministry of petroleum and natural gas.

# AAP Protests Fuel VAT Hike in Nalgonda



**NALGONDA**  
Wakeup telangana

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) organized a massive protest in Nakirekal town on Wednesday, demanding that the Telangana government immediately reduce the Value Added Tax (VAT) imposed on petrol and diesel. The party said the high fuel prices were placing an unbearable burden on common people and contributing to the rise in the cost of essential commodities.

The protest was led by Nalgonda District President Yara Srinivas and witnessed the participation of hundreds of party activists and local residents. Demonstrators took out a rally from Cadium to the MRO office using bullock carts and

rickshaws as a symbolic protest against the increasing fuel prices.

Participants demanded that the government reduce VAT on fuel and take effective measures to control inflation. They later staged a road blockade at Indra Gandhi Circle and raised slogans against both the state and central governments. Some protesters also lit bonfires to express their anger over the rising cost of living.

The rally culminated at the MRO office, where party leaders submitted a memorandum outlining their demands. The MRO assured the delegation that their representations would be forwarded to the government. Several state, district, women, and local AAP leaders participated in the agitation.

# Aamir Khan to Marry Gauri Spratt in Private Ceremony on July 5

**B**ollywood superstar Aamir Khan is set to marry his longtime partner Gauri Spratt in a private ceremony on July 5, according to sources. The wedding comes more than a year after the actor publicly introduced Gauri to the media and confirmed their relationship. Aamir, who turned 60 last year, revealed his relationship with Gauri during a press interaction held on the occasion of his birthday. At the event, he shared that Gauri had been working with his production house and joked about successfully keeping their relationship away from public attention for nearly 18 months. The actor had previously stated that maintaining privacy was easier because Gauri lived in Bengaluru for most of that period. He frequently traveled there to meet her, allowing the couple to remain largely out of the media



spotlight. "I did not let you get wind of this," Aamir had quipped while addressing reporters. Gauri Spratt, originally from Bengaluru, has spent most of her life in the city. She is the daughter of Rita Spratt, a former salon owner. According to her professional profile, Gauri studied at Blue Mountain School before pursuing a fashion course in styling and photography at the University of the Arts London in 2004. She currently manages a BBblunt salon in Mumbai and is reportedly the mother of a seven-year-

old child. The upcoming marriage will mark Aamir Khan's third. The actor first married his childhood sweetheart Reena Dutta in 1986. The couple had two children, Junaid Khan and Ira Khan, before ending their marriage in 2002 after 16 years together. In 2005, Aamir married filmmaker Kiran Rao, whom he met during the making of the film Lagaan. The couple separated in 2021 but continue to co-parent their son, Azad Rao Khan. Speaking recently about his relationship, Aamir described himself as fortunate to have

found happiness with Gauri. He said she brings him peace and that he feels "complete" with her, while acknowledging the depth of his previous relationships with Reena and Kiran. Over the past year, Aamir and Gauri have increasingly appeared together at public events, including the Macau International Comedy Festival in China, signaling a relationship that has steadily moved from private to public view ahead of their reported wedding.

# Ranveer Wins, FWICE Ban Withdrawn

**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

The Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE) has withdrawn the non-cooperation directive against Ranveer Singh which it had issued a week ago. The move comes after Ranveer sent a legal notice to FWICE. Though details of the notice have not been revealed, indications are that Ranveer's legal team challenged the union's directive to its five lakh members, including artistes and technicians, to stop working with the actor after his exit from Farhan Akhtar's Don 3.

Addressing the media, B N Tiwari (President, FWICE) said, "In the interest of producers and directors we have decided to withdraw the non-cooperation directive against the actor with immediate effect." Explaining that, "Since we were unable to find a solution we have decided to recall our decision and find one," he added that the union would meet both Farhan and Ranveer to reach an amicable resolution.

Earlier, the union and Farhan had rejected



the actor's olive branch and offer to settle the matter with a sum of Rs 10 lakh, insisting he pay Rs 47 lakh in damages. Industry bodies, including IMPPA (Indian Motion Picture Producers' Association), which represents producers and CINTAA (Cine and TV Artistes' Association), the actors' guild, objected to the FWICE directive. Veteran producer T P Aggarwal, who moved the Bombay High Court challenging FWICE's arm-twisting tactics, called it hooliganism. He said he learnt about the matter when he was planning a film

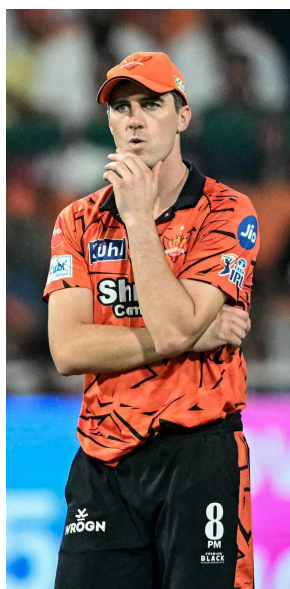
with both Ranveer and Sanjay Dutt, and added that such actions could jeopardise not only an individual actor's livelihood but also the employment of many people in the film industry. He added that these concerns ultimately prompted him to seek legal intervention. "Why is FWICE taking such a stance when the full facts are still not known? Didn't Farhan delay the film as well? Film-makers have dropped actors before, and actors have walked out of films. Why are they singling out Ranveer Singh?"

# Cummins Hints At Skipping IPL Next Year As Australia Gear Up For Ashes, WC2027

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Australia skipper Pat Cummins has hinted that he could skip next year's Indian Premier League (IPL) as he prepares for a long Test season and for their road to the 2027 ODI World Cup. Cummins is back home after featuring for Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the second half of their season, which ended in the eliminator. He will be aiming to freshen his legs for the next Test assignment at home against Bangladesh in August.

After that, will be a stretch of 21 Tests in 12 months, with the qualification for the ICC World Test Championship final at stake. Tough away from home assignments against South Africa, India and England will be there, and Aussies will finish 2027 with the ODI World Cup. In March of



that year will be the 150th anniversary Test between Australia and England in March. Right in the middle is the IPL, happening before the Ashes campaign next year in England that Aussies will be raring to win, having not won a series there since 2021. Cummins said that a full five-match Test series against India away from home could leave him in need of a break before the away Ashes. "Something has got to

give at some stage next year and it is not going to be Test matches or an ODI World Cup," Cummins said to the Sydney Morning Herald. "I will make a call a lot closer and work with the franchise to see what makes sense. Things can change. I have had a couple of injuries pop up, so I do not really want to lock in anything." "The priorities for me are always the Test matches and that ODI World Cup. I dare say if I play all of India, I need some sort of break before a pretty gruelling Ashes series," he continued.

The workload of the ageing pace trio of Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood will be carefully managed throughout these tough Test and ODI assignments, and they could be rested during periods of a home four-Test series against New Zealand in December and January.

# Siraj, Tilak Headline Historic First-Ever TG20 Player Auction

With a purse of ₹60 lakh per team and over 1,300 HCA players in the pool, India stars Mohammed Siraj and Tilak Varma lead the charge for the inaugural Telangana T20 league auction AP News Updates

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) will conduct the much-awaited player auction for the inaugural edition of TG20, Telangana's first-ever franchise-based T20 cricket league, on June 7 at the Princess Convention Centre, Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad. More than 1,300 HCA-registered cricketers are set to go under the hammer as eight franchises begin building their squads ahead of the tournament's launch on June 21.

Telangana's international stars Mohammed Siraj and Tilak Varma headline the auction pool and are expected to attract intense bidding from franchise owners. Prominent domestic players such as Rohit Rayudu, Rahul Buddhi, CV Milind and



Tanmay Agarwal are also among the top names available for selection. The auction will be conducted by renowned sports presenter Charu Sharma and streamed live on JioHotstar, allowing cricket fans across Telangana and beyond to witness the formation of the league's inaugural teams.

TG20 will feature eight franchises — Hyderabad e-Champions, Pra-

nava Ranga Reddy Risers, Warangal Warriors, Medak Falcons, Anurag Nalgonda Knights, Karimnagar Diamonds, Palamuru Strikers and Anvita Khammam Aces. Each team can build a squad of up to 20 players from categories ranging from Icon and A+ to C2.

Every franchise will enter the auction with a purse of ₹60 lakh and must spend at least ₹54 lakh. To strengthen grassroots cricket,

teams are required to include a minimum of four district cricketers in their squads, while at least two district players must feature in the playing XI. Franchises will also have opportunities to recruit talented U-19 players and cricketers identified through TG20's extensive open-trial programme.

The player pool includes promising youngsters such as India U-19 representa-

tive Aaron George and members of Telangana's Vinoo Mankad Trophy-winning team, underlining the league's focus on talent development.

Former India cricketer and HCA Cricket Operations Committee Chairman Ambati Rayudu and his team played a key role in organizing statewide open trials, generating strong participation from aspiring players across urban and rural Telangana. TG20 Governing Council Chairman V. Agam Rao said the league aims to provide a professional platform for Telangana's cricketers and create new opportunities for emerging talent. The inaugural TG20 season will begin on June 21 at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Uppal, featuring 32 matches over 21 days.

## 8-year-old wanders off from home, rescued by Hyderabad police

An 8-year-old girl who had wandered off from her home and was standing helpless near the Lakdikapul metro station was rescued by the police and safely reunited with her family within an hour on Tuesday, June 2.

The girl, identified as Manvi, was spotted by a police constable when she was wandering alone in a distressed state. Recognising that the child was lost, the constable immediately rescued her, brought her safely to the police station, and informed the Saifabad Station House Officer.

When police enquired, the girl said she lived in Habeebnagar, nearly two kilometers away from where she was found. Police then traced her house and contacted her father, Rajesh Kumar. He was called to the police station and after necessary verification protocols, the girl was safely handed over.

## Revised Property Rates From Tomorrow

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The revised market values of agricultural lands, plots, flats, and apartments across Telangana will come into effect from June 5, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy announced on Wednesday. With this, property registrations in Telangana will become costlier from June 5. The decision follows the state Cabinet's recent directive to rationalise land values in areas where government rates significantly differed from prevailing market prices.

The minister said the revision was undertaken in line with the vision of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and after an extensive study based on recommendations made by noted economist Arvind Subramanian, as well as



consultations with senior officials. He stated that the government adopted a scientific approach by examining regional market conditions, registration trends, open market prices and the gap between government valuations and actual transaction values before arriving at the revised rates. Srinivas Reddy said that the previous BRS government had increased land values twice within a span of six months during 2021-22 without conducting a comprehensive exercise, while also raising registration charges from 6 per cent to 7.5 per cent. The minister noted that

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the wide disparity between market prices and government valuations had led to several issues in land transactions. To address these anomalies, the Congress government undertook a comprehensive review of market values across all 144 Sub-Registrar Office jurisdictions in the state. Rural and urban market value revision committees assessed local conditions and prepared revised rates, which were subsequently approved. He said factors such as regional development potential, growth rates, recent land auctions, market demand, new road networks, growth corridors, the Outer Ring Road (ORR), Regional Ring Road (RRR), industrial expansion and infrastructure development were taken into consideration while determining the revised market values.

## Telangana Welcomes Jana Sena: Ashish Goud

Welcomes Jana Sena's entry into Telangana, stresses democratic and constitutional freedoms.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BJP State Youth Leader Ashish Goud has criticized attempts to prevent political parties from participating in elections in Telangana, asserting that every Indian citizen has a constitutional right to contest elections anywhere in the country. Reacting to the controversy surrounding the denial of permission for a Jana Sena Party public meeting in Hyderabad, Ashish Goud said Telangana is an integral part of India and cannot be treated differently from any other state. "Any Indian citizen has the constitutional right to participate in the democratic process and contest elections. No individual or political party has the authority to stop Jana



Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan or any other leader from campaigning or participating in elections," he said. A political row erupted after the Cyberabad Police denied permission for a Jana Sena Party public meeting, prompting Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan to address the media in Hyderabad. Ashish Goud further alleged that leaders of the Congress and BRS parties have no right to obstruct any political party from



participating in elections. He emphasized that democracy thrives on political competition and the free participation of all parties. The BJP leader Ashish Goud reiterated that the party remains committed to the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and continues to work under the principles of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas," ensuring equal opportunities and democratic rights for all citizens.

## Qomi Urdu Tehreek Foundation Launched in Telangana

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The "Qomi Urdu Tehreek Foundation India" has officially been launched in Telangana with the objective of promoting, protecting, and developing the Urdu language across the state. Dr. Naseer bin Ahmed Bahyal, also known as Dr. Babar Sheikh, has been elected as the State President of the newly formed Telangana chapter.

Addressing a press conference, Dr. Babar Sheikh said the foundation has been working at the national level for decades under the leadership of its founder and national president, Anas Masroor Ansari, who has devoted more than sixty years to the upliftment of the Urdu language.

He stated that following the formation of the Telangana unit, hundreds of Urdu supporters have already joined the movement, which he described as a positive development. The foundation also



plans to establish district-level committees across Telangana to expand its outreach.

Dr. Sheikh emphasized that although Urdu has been granted the status of a second official language in Telangana, its implementation remains weak. He also expressed concern over the declining condition of Urdu education and institutions. Appealing to the community, he urged parents to enroll their children in Urdu schools or choose Urdu as a second language, highlighting its cultural and religious significance. He also stressed the importance of reading Urdu newspapers, magazines, and journals for staying informed.

## CBIT SPARK Summer Program Concludes Successfully

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The CBIT-SPARK Summer Program for Awareness, Resilience and Knowledge concluded successfully on June 3, 2026, marking the completion of a week-long outreach initiative jointly organised by Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) and Samagra Shiksha Project in Hyderabad. Around 80 students from Classes VI to IX of Government Boys High School Sultan Bazar participated in sessions focused on AI, communication skills,



leadership, digital awareness, personality development, teamwork, life skills and academic enrichment. The programme aimed to strengthen confidence and resilience among students through experiential learning and mentorship by CBIT faculty and student vol-

unteers. During the valedictory session, Prof. C. V. Narasimulu, Principal CBIT, appreciated the participation of students and coordinators and highlighted the importance of outreach programmes in bridging higher education institutions with govern-

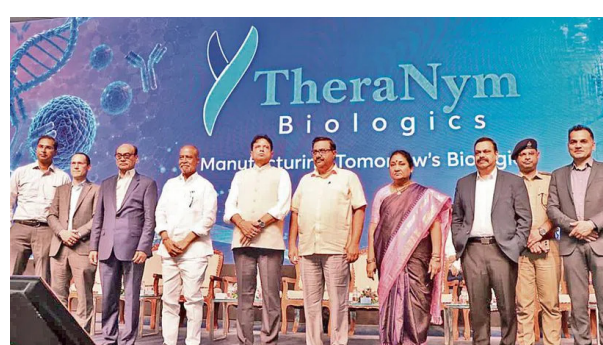
ment schools. Deputy DEO Veeralakshmi and Inspector Andal praised the initiative for exposing learners to new skills and opportunities while Headmaster Siva Ram Prasad thanked CBIT and Samagra Shiksha for the collaboration supporting holistic development of students through interactive sessions certificates were distributed to participants recognizing their successful completion of the programme and encouraging continued learning and skill building efforts in future academic pursuits. The programme also in-

cluded hands-on workshops interactive activities and mentorship sessions designed to improve problem-solving creativity and communication abilities among young learners. Faculty coordinators and student mentors ensured close engagement with participants throughout the training period. Prof. Srinivas Sarma, Chairman CBIT-SPARK, presented an overview of the initiative and thanked all stakeholders for their support and cooperation noting that SPARK successfully fostered curiosity creativity teamwork and self-confidence among

## Hyderabad to be positioned as global biotech hub: Sridhar Babu

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Minister for Information Technology and Industries D Sridhar Babu on Wednesday said the State government was taking steps to position Hyderabad as a major hub for advanced medical research, including biologics, vaccines, cell and gene therapies, and treatments for cancer and rare diseases. Speaking after inaugurating the Rs 1,200-crore TheraNym Biologics manufacturing facility in Aurobindo Pharmaceuticals Limited at Borpatla village in Hatanooora mandal of Sangareddy district, the Minister said a comprehensive roadmap was being prepared to create a world-class ecosystem supporting the entire value chain, from research and development to commercial-scale manufacturing. Sridhar Babu said Hyderabad, already recognised as the country's pharmaceutical capital, was being further strengthened as a global biotechnology destination. He said emerging technologies such as ro-



botics, artificial intelligence and advanced genetics would reshape the biotechnology sector. The IT and Industries Minister said that the state was taking strategic measures to attract investments and leverage future opportunities.

Highlighting key initiatives such as the life sciences policy, One Bio Hub, green pharma city and life sciences hub, the Minister said these projects would enhance the global presence of the "Made in Telangana" brand in the life sciences sector.

He said the government was focusing not only on creating world-class infrastructure but also on developing an industry-ready workforce to meet the growing demands of the sector. He urged pharmaceutical and biotech-

nology companies to partner with the State government in skill development initiatives aimed at creating a future-ready talent pool.

Describing the TheraNym Biologics facility as a significant milestone in Telangana's efforts to emerge as a global life sciences hub, Sridhar Babu reiterated the government's commitment to supporting industrial investments and fostering innovation-driven growth. According to the management of the company, the facility will manufacture advanced therapeutics for the treatment of cancer and other life-threatening diseases and export them to several countries, including the United States. The project is expected to generate employment for more than 1,500 people.

## SSC advance supplementary exams from June 5 to 12

**HYDERABAD**  
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The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Advanced Supplementary Examination will be conducted from June 5 to June 12, the Telangana Directorate of Government Examinations announced on Wednesday, June 3.

The exams will be held from 9:30 am to 10:30 am for all subjects, except First Language and Science. For First Language, the

exams will be between 9:30 am and 12:50 pm. For Science - Physics and Biology - the exams will be conducted from 9:30 am to 11:00 am on two separate days. Students can directly avail hall tickets from the official website (click here) or can get a hard copy from their respective headmasters. For more details, contact: 040-23230942. A total of 31,542 students are scheduled to appear for the supplementary examination.

## MMC Announces Zone-Wise Veterinary Numbers

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

To provide faster services to the public regarding issues such as the stray dog menace, livestock-related complaints, monkey nuisance and removal of dead animals within the limits of the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation, the MMC veterinary department has released the contact details of the officials concerned. Veterinary deputy director Srinivas Reddy said residents can contact the officers in their areas to get the is-



ssues resolved promptly. Residents of Keesara, Alwal, Boinpally, Moula Ali and Malkajgiri circles under the Malkajgiri zone can contact Dr T. Sanjay at 9247540129. Residents of Ghatkesar, Kapra, Nacharam, and Boduppal within the Uppal zone can contact Dr K. Srinivas

Rao at 8712034408, while residents of the Uppal area may contact Dr P. Prasanna at 8712499203. Residents of Nagole and Hayathnagar within the LB Nagar zone can contact Dr P. Shyam Sundar at 9063421353 and residents of Saroornagar and LB Nagar can contact D. Beekya at 9063836131. MMC commissioner Vinay Krishna Reddy appealed to the residents to report veterinary-related issues in their localities on time and make effective use of municipal services.

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