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# Eid al-Ghadeer

## A Celebration of Faith, Leadership and Unity

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Eid al-Ghadeer, also known as Eid al-Ghadir, is one of the most significant religious occasions for Shia Muslims across the world. It commemorates the event of Ghadeer Khumm, where Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) publicly declared Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib (AS) as his successor. The event took place on the 18th of Dhul Hijjah in the 10th year after Hijrah, shortly after the Prophet completed his Farewell Pilgrimage.

For Shia Muslims, Eid al-Ghadeer represents the completion of Islam through the establishment of divinely appointed leadership (Imamate) after the Prophet. **The Event of Ghadeer Khumm**  
After completing the Farewell Pilgrimage, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) stopped at a place called Ghadeer Khumm, situated between Makkah and Madinah. According to numerous Islamic traditions, the Prophet gathered thousands of Muslims and delivered a sermon. He then raised the hand of Imam Ali (AS) and declared:  
"Man kuntu mawlahu fa haza Aliyyun mawlahu."  
"For whoever I am his master (mawla), Ali is his master."  
Following this declaration, the Prophet prayed: "O Allah, befriend whoever befriends Ali and be the enemy of whoever opposes him."



This narration has been recorded in numerous Sunni and Shia sources, including Musnad Ahmad ibn Hanbal, Sunan al-Tirmidhi, Al-Mustadrak ala al-Sahihayn by Al-Hakim, and Tarikh al-Tabari. **Evidence from the Holy Quran**  
1. Verse of Conveyance (Quran 5:67)  
Allah says: "O Messenger! Convey what has been revealed to you from your Lord, and if you do not, then you have not conveyed His message. And Allah will protect you from the people."  
Shia scholars believe this verse was revealed before the announcement at Ghadeer Khumm, commanding the Prophet to proclaim Imam Ali's leadership.

2. Verse of Completion (Quran 5:3)  
Allah says: "Today I have perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you, and chosen Islam as your religion."  
According to many Shia traditions, this verse was revealed after the declaration at Ghadeer, signifying the completion of religion through the appointment of Imam Ali (AS).  
3. Verse of Wilayah (Quran 5:55)  
Allah says: "Your guardian (Wali) is only Allah, His Messenger, and those who believe, who establish prayer and give charity while bowing."

Many classical commentators mention that this verse refers to Imam Ali (AS), who gave his ring in charity while in the state of ruku (bowing) during prayer. **References from Hadith Literature**  
The event of Ghadeer is reported by more than one hundred companions of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and is considered among the most widely transmitted narrations in Islamic history. Notable references include:  
*Musnad Ahmad ibn Hanbal*  
*Sunan al-Tirmidhi*  
*Al-Mustadrak ala al-Sahihayn* by Al-Hakim  
*Tarikh al-Tabari*  
*Al-Bidayah wa al-Nihayah* by Ibn Kathir  
*Al-Ghadeer* by Allama Abdul Husain Amini  
*Nahj al-Balagha Bihar al-Anwar* by Allama Majlisi  
The renowned Shia scholar Allama Amini dedicated several volumes of his monumental work Al-Ghadeer to documenting narrations of the event from both Sunni and Shia sources. **Significance of Eid al-Ghadeer**  
For Shia Muslims, Eid al-Ghadeer symbolizes: The divine appointment of Imam Ali (AS) as the successor to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The completion and perfection of Islam. The beginning of the institution of Imamate. Unity based on obedience to Allah and His chosen leaders.

Loyalty to the Ahlul Bayt (the family of the Prophet). It is often referred to as the "Greatest Eid" (Eidul-h al-Akbar) in Shia traditions. Celebrations Around the World  
Shia communities celebrate Eid al-Ghadeer through: Congregational prayers, Quran recitation, Charity and feeding the poor, Religious gatherings and lectures, Distribution of sweets and gifts, Renewal of allegiance to Imam Ali (AS). Mosques and Islamic centers organize special programs highlighting the teachings, justice, and leadership of Imam Ali. Eid al-Ghadeer remains a defining event in Shia Islamic belief and history. It commemorates the moment when Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), according to Shia understanding, fulfilled a divine command by publicly declaring Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib (AS) as his successor. Supported by Quranic verses and numerous narrations preserved in Islamic literature, the event continues to inspire millions of Muslims who regard Ghadeer as the completion of divine guidance and the foundation of Imamate. The message of Ghadeer emphasizes faith, justice, leadership, and devotion to the family of the Prophet, values that continue to resonate throughout the Muslim world.

**Eid e Ghadeer Mubarak**

May the blessings of Hazrat Ali (A.S) guide us towards truth, justice and righteousness.

From **Advocate Mir Qurram Ali**  
Chairman BRSWF, SCLA,VSD,  
BRSV Coordinator

## India, Venezuela for Energy Partnership

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and acting Venezuelan President Delcy Rodriguez held "frank and extensive" discussions in the national capital on Thursday that "focused on forging an energy partnership" and also deepening ties in other sectors, including mining, animal husbandry, pharma and agricultural equipment. The Venezuelan leader's visit comes at a time when New Delhi is seeking to diversify its crude oil procurement amid supply disruptions from the West Asia crisis. "Venezuela has one of the largest oil reserves in the world. The South American nation has already become the third-largest oil supplier to India this month in spot purchases," ministry of external affairs secretary (east) Rudrendra Tandon told reporters



at a special briefing later. The foreign affairs ministry secretary added that there is a "perfect complementarity" between both India and Venezuela on both "upstream and downstream" oil trade. The upstream oil trade relates to the purchase of crude oil, while downstream trade refers to the sale of processed oil. He pointed out that the Venezuelan leader, during her visit, will be "exposed to India's sophisticated energy industry" that he said ensures that India can buy oil from anywhere in the world and process it. He said India is looking to diversify its oil sources and that oil companies "will go wherever there is oil at good prices".

## BRS alleges coal worth Rs 1,600 crore shown in SCCL records without mining operations

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president and former minister K. T. Rama Rao on Thursday alleged a massive irregularity in the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), claiming that nearly 40 lakh metric tonnes of coal worth around Rs 1,600 crore had been shown in company records without any actual mining activity. He demanded that both the Telangana government and the Central government, which holds a 49 per cent stake in SCCL, clarify the issue and order a thorough investigation. Addressing the media after meeting former MLA Balka Suman at Chanchalguda jail, Rama Rao said he would write to Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan



Reddy seeking an inquiry into the alleged scam. He questioned the silence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over what he described as a serious financial irregularity involving the state-owned coal company. Rama Rao termed the arrest of Balka Suman as politically motivated and alleged that the Congress government was using the case to divert public attention from corruption allegations linked to

SCCL. According to him, Suman was targeted for raising concerns about irregularities in the coal company and standing with Singareni workers. The BRS leader claimed that since the Congress came to power in Telangana, his party had exposed several major scams, including an alleged Rs 15,000 crore Site Visitation Certificate fraud and irregularities in solar power tenders. He

“Irregularities involving 40 lakh metric tonnes of coal worth Rs 1,600 crore in SCCL records and sought a probe. He termed Balka Suman’s arrest politically motivated and accused the Congress government of targeting BRS leaders”

**KT Rama Rao**

alleged that the government was attempting to suppress opposition voices by filing cases against BRS leaders. Referring to the legal proceedings against Suman, Rama Rao said he was booked under the Prevention of Damage to Public Property (PDPP) Act and sent to jail despite merely supporting Singareni employees. He noted that the court had questioned the police action and struck down

some of the sections invoked against the former legislator. Accusing the Congress government of adopting double standards, Rama Rao alleged that no action was taken against political leaders who made controversial statements in the past. He also criticised the government for failing to convene the Medical Board for compassionate appointments in Singareni for nearly 11 months, affecting workers’ families. Despite his imprisonment, Suman remained resolute and urged party leaders to continue fighting for the rights of Singareni employees, Rama Rao said, adding that the BRS would persist in its campaign until the alleged irregularities are fully exposed.

## SIR in Telangana: About 30 Lakh Votes May Get Omitted

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

An estimated 30 lakh votes or nearly nine per cent in Telangana are likely to get removed from the electoral rolls in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), which will begin on June 25. With Hyderabad completing around 45 per cent till date in terms of voter mapping, the state capital will witness most deletions owing to multiple voter IDs and failure of candidates to back their claims during the upcoming enumeration process. Official sources told Decan Chronicle that till Thursday, Telangana has completed the mapping of 68.72 per cent of its 3.4 crore voters, and by June 10, which is likely to be the freezing date, the mapping will be just over 70 per cent. In the six



days, the voter mapping could reach over 70 per cent at the most. “This could be somewhere around 71 per cent to 72 per cent with all the ongoing efforts. Those left out will have to undergo the next stage, which is enumeration as part of the SIR exercise. Given the facts and figures, the proportionate numbers indicate that 30 lakh may get omitted,” said an official. According to the officials, migrant workers from other states, who are enrolled as voters in both Telangana and their home states, could be the main reason for reaching

merely 44.87 per cent voter mapping in Hyderabad. Similarly, Sangareddy, with the most migrant population, could achieve only 56 per cent of voter mapping. In contrast, the districts with negligible migration population have performed well. Jangaon (93.13 per cent) and Mahabubabad (93.93 per cent) have both crossed 93 per cent. “Unlike the countryside, Hyderabad has a migrant population not only from northern states like Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan, but also from neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. Mapping of these types of populations could not be done, as they might have already undergone mapping and enumeration in other states, which is reflected online. Once the process is completed, there won’t be duplicate voters,” added the official.

## Jilla Shankar Calls for Speedy Disposal of SC/ST Cases

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Thalka Anjaiah

Telangana State SC and ST Commission Member Jilla Shankar directed officials to ensure the speedy resolution of cases related to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee meeting held at the Hyderabad Collectorate. The meeting reviewed the implementation of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, investigation progress, victim rehabilitation, financial



assistance, and pending cases. Shankar emphasized timely justice, inter-departmental coordination, and public awareness of the PCR and POA Acts. District Collector Priyanka Ala reviewed case progress and instructed officials to expedite caste certificate issuance for atrocity cases. Officials and committee members participated in the review meeting.

## CBIT, Tata Motors Train Drivers on Road Safety

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, in association with Tata Motors, conducted a training programme for its institutional bus drivers to strengthen road safety, improve driving skills, and enhance transportation services for students and staff. The programme focused on defensive driving, accident prevention, vehicle maintenance, fuel-efficient driving practices, passenger safety, and emergency response measures. Experts



from Tata Motors and Jasper Industries provided practical guidance on safe vehicle handling and modern vehicle technologies, helping drivers improve operational efficiency and reduce risks on the road. CBIT Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu emphasized the vital role drivers play in ensuring the safety

and effective communication. They noted that such training programmes contribute significantly to improving institutional transportation standards. The programme also included interactive discussions and practical demonstrations, allowing participants to gain hands-on knowledge and address day-to-day operational challenges. CBIT management reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system through regular training and capacity-building initiatives.

## GHMC Clears Encroachments in Miyapur Ahead of CM's Visit

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

The GHMC on Thursday conducted an anti-encroachment drive in Miyapur, removing furniture shops and other structures allegedly built on government land near New Colony. Several makeshift huts were also demolished during the operation, leading to protests by residents who claimed the action was taken without prior notice. The drive was carried out under heavy police se-



curity. Officials said the operation was aimed at clearing encroachments ahead of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s proposed visit to Miyapur for the foundation-laying of key development projects. Videos on social media showed JCBs demolishing temporary structures during the drive.

# Hasten Land Acquisition For Irrigation Projects: CM

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday directed officials to complete land acquisition for all major irrigation projects in the undivided Mahabubnagar district on a war footing, stressing that project works could not progress as planned unless land acquisition and relief and rehabilitation (R&R) issues were resolved. He said the timely completion of these components was essential for meeting the deadlines set for irrigation projects aimed at transforming the drought-prone Palamuru region. The Chief Minister, accompanied by irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, ministers Damodar Rajanarsimha and V. Kiti Srihari, and senior officials, inspected the progress of ongoing irrigation works during his two-day visit to Mahabubnagar district aimed at fast-tracking key irrigation projects.



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to expedite the completion of major irrigation projects in the region and made it clear that land acquisition should be treated as the highest priority. He said project works could not move forward without completing land acquisition and directed district collectors to coordinate closely with local MLAs and MLCs to ensure the process was completed without delay. The Chief Minister asked collectors to personally visit

project areas and oversee the land acquisition process at the field level. He also assured officials that the government was ready to sanction funds whenever required for land acquisition and rehabilitation activities. Briefing the media after the review, irrigation minister Uttam Kumar Reddy said the government would accord top priority to land acquisition and R&R issues in the implementation of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme and other irrigation projects in the Palamuru region. He made it clear that civil construction works would be taken up on a large scale only after the completion of land acquisition-related components. The minister said substantial progress had already been achieved in several components of the Palamuru-Rangareddy project. Narlapur Reservoir has reached 100 per cent completion, while works at Yedula Reservoir have crossed 95 per cent completion. At Vattem

Reservoir, bank works have been completed, and concrete and embankment works are progressing. In Karivena Reservoir, most embankment works have been completed, while a portion of the concrete works remains under execution. Emphasising the need to focus on trunk infrastructure, Uttam Kumar Reddy directed engineers to utilise available resources for critical infrastructure that would yield maximum benefits. He asked officials to prepare realistic work plans linked to specific financial requirements and timelines and instructed them to act swiftly in pursuing court cases to ensure stays on project works were vacated. Officials were also directed to provide advance monthly fund requirement projections to facilitate better financial planning. Reiterating the government’s policy direction, the minister said officials had been instructed to first complete all land acquisition-related works.

## Pawan Kalyan launches damage control after ‘Telangana fiefdom’ remark

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Apparently rattled by the backlash over his comments on ‘Telangana fiefdom’, the Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan has apparently initiated a damage-control mission with fresh assertions that he had never supported politics intended to destabilize Telangana. “My belief has always been in protecting the interests of the people of both Telugu states through mutual respect, peace, co-



operation, and a spirit of brotherhood,” he said on X. The JSP chief reiterated that his stand on Telangana and the interests of its people had always been consistent. Pawan Kalyan reminded that following the bifur-

langana,” he said. Respecting the aspirations and rights of the people of Telangana was as important as addressing the security concerns of the people of Andhra Pradesh, he stressed. “Instead of invoking provisions like Section 8, I believed that special co-ordination mechanisms, parliamentary oversight, and measures that build mutual trust between the two States would provide a more constructive and lasting solution”, Pawan Kalyan added.

## Pawan Kalyan remarks on YSR draw sharp reactions; KVP challenges allegations

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Two days after his controversial remarks on Telangana and the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh former Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy, Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan continues to draw sharp reactions. Senior Congress leader and former Rajya Sabha member KVP Ramachandra Rao dismissed Pawan Kalyan’s remarks on Rajasekhara Reddy and offered to donate Rs



10 crore to charity if he proves his allegations. In a four-page open letter, Ramachandra Rao rejected Pawan Kalyan’s allegation that the then Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy had directed the police to register false cases against the actor-politician during his tenure. He asserted that there was no evidence of any

politically motivated cases against the Jana Sena leader and claimed that the only cases on record were related to Pawan Kalyan’s personal family matters filed by his own family members. Referring to Pawan Kalyan’s claim that a senior police officer had informed him about such instructions, the former MP said that if the officer underwent a lie detector test and confirmed that Rajasekhara Reddy indeed ordered false cases against him, he and YSR’s admirers would donate Rs 10 crore to the Telangana Chief Minister’s Relief

Fund or to any charitable organisation chosen by Pawan Kalyan. He urged the Jana Sena chief to accept the challenge if he stood by his allegations and said there was no justification for blaming Rajasekhara Reddy or the Congress without understanding the reasons behind the denial of permission for the Telangana Formation Day public meeting. He also expressed disappointment that Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu had not distanced himself from Pawan Kalyan’s remarks on Telangana.

**27 KGBV girl students qualify TG LAW CET 2026**

As many as 27 girl students of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have qualified in the TG LAW CET 2026. Among the successful candidates, B Gayathri of KGBV Karakagudem secured a rank of 948, placing her in a strong position to secure admission into a government law college. In addition, the remaining 26 qualified students secured ranks below 5,000. School Education and Samagra Shiksha State Project director Dr. E Naveen Nicolas said students' success reflects the effectiveness of the focused academic interventions, intensive coaching programmes, continuous mentoring, and career guidance initiatives implemented under the KGBV-Young India Integrated Residential Schools framework. "The achievement serves as an inspiration to thousands of students studying in government educational institutions and demonstrates that with determination, proper guidance, and sustained support, students can successfully compete at

# Harish Rao writes to Polavaram Project Authority

seeks safeguards against Polavaram backwater threat

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BRS deputy floor leader T Harish Rao urged the Polavaram Project Authority (PPA) to take immediate measures to protect Bhadrachalam and surrounding areas from the growing threat of backwaters from the Polavaram project. He demanded immediate compensation and permanent rehabilitation for families repeatedly affected by floods. He wrote a letter to the PPA Chief Executive Officer which was handed over to the PPA authorities touring Bhadrachalam by BRS



leaders from Bhadrachalam and Pinapaka. In his letter, Harish Rao cautioned that Bhadrachalam would face a permanent flood risk once the project is completed, as the full reservoir level of Polavaram project and the first flood warning level at Bhadrachalam are both 45.72 metres. He reminded that after the Polavaram cofferdam was completed in 2021, backwaters caused extensive flood-

ing in 2022, submerging nearly 40 per cent of Bhadrachalam and affecting over one lakh people in Bhadrachalam, Burgampahad and Sarapaka. The former Minister raised concern that the backwater impact would extend beyond villages to major industrial units, including ITC Paperboards, the Heavy Water Plant and the Dummugudem Hydroelectric Project, which together support thousands of livelihoods. Citing studies by IIT and WAPCOS, he said around 184 sq km across 36 villages could face submergence. Harish Rao called for financial assistance and

comprehensive rehabilitation for nearly 2,000 affected families. He also sought immediate construction of pumping stations and treatment plants to protect Bhadrachalam's drainage system, and the building of new embankments and protective walls in vulnerable areas. He also demanded the establishment of a dedicated PPA divisional office in Bhadrachalam to monitor submergence issues and oversee rehabilitation works. He accused the government of remaining indifferent to the plight of flood-affected residents. The former minister stated that the previous

# BRS seeks answers on Palamuru projects, alleges illegal arrests

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Former Minister and BRS leader V. Srinivas Goud on Thursday accused the Congress government of neglecting the irrigation and agricultural needs of the undivided Palamuru region and alleged that BRS leaders were being illegally detained ahead of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's visit to the district. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Srinivas Goud questioned the government's commitment to irrigation projects, pointing to the lack of water in the Jurala Project. He asked whether the Chief Minister intended to review the ground realities during his visit and urged the government to focus on resolving the region's long-pending water issues. The former minister stated that the previous



BRS government had completed nearly 90 per cent of the works related to the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme. He demanded that the Congress government complete the remaining works without delay and ensure irrigation water reaches farmers across the region. Srinivas Goud alleged that the Chief Minister became active on Palamuru-related issues only after the BRS announced its agitation programme. He called for a comprehensive review of the Ramannagattu Reservoir project and sought immediate attention to pending developmental issues in Kollapur, includ-

ing the establishment of educational institutions and support measures for mango farmers. Raising concerns over paddy procurement, he alleged that despite a bumper harvest, farmers were facing severe hardships due to the government's failure to procure crops in a timely manner. He demanded immediate procurement of farmers' produce and compensation for crops damaged by recent unseasonal rains. Condemning the reported detention of local BRS leaders ahead of the Chief Minister's visit, Srinivas Goud termed the actions undemocratic and said such measures would not prevent the party from highlighting public issues and fighting for the rights of farmers. Former MLA Beeram Harshavardhan Reddy and BRS leader Kuruva Vijay Kumar also participated in the press conference.

# BRS questions presence of rival parties in Telangana activists' panel meet

The BRS has criticised the Congress government for inviting parties that opposed the statehood struggle to the Telangana Movement Activists Committee meeting.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Thursday questioned the Telangana government's decision to invite political parties that had opposed the statehood movement to the Telangana Movement Activists Committee meeting held at the BR Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat. The party also accused the Congress government of failing to fulfil its commitments towards Telangana movement activists. Addressing mediapersons after attending the meeting, former MLC Karne Prabhakar expressed strong objection to the participation of parties such as the TDP, YSRCP and CPM, stating that these parties had opposed the formation of Telangana and therefore should not have been included in discussions concerning Telangana movement activists. Prabhakar also criticised the government for constituting the committee



without providing it with statutory status, a defined timeframe for its functioning or a dedicated office. He said the Congress government had not offered clarity on welfare measures for activists despite making several promises during elections. Demanding greater recognition and support for Telangana activists, he urged the government to follow the model adopted by the previous BRS administration. He maintained that activists who played a crucial role in the statehood struggle deserved institutional support and welfare benefits. MLC Dasoju Sravan said the previous BRS government had provided employment opportunities to 582 artistes and recognised 610 Telan-

gana movement activists, extending financial assistance to them. He called on the government to conduct a comprehensive survey to identify activists who were yet to receive recognition and support. While appreciating the government for initiating the committee process, albeit two-and-a-half years after assuming office, Sravan criticised the authorities for allegedly stopping Karne Prabhakar twice from entering the Secretariat despite being invited to attend the meeting. He further urged the State government to include the history and significance of the Telangana movement in school textbooks to educate future generations about the struggle for statehood.

# ₹38 Lakh UGD Works Inspected in Hanuman Nagar Colony, Madhapur

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi inspected the ongoing Underground Drainage (UGD) works worth ₹38 lakh in Hanuman Nagar Colony, Madhapur, along with Water Board and CMC engineering officials. He directed officials to complete the works at the earliest and provide a permanent solution to drainage issues while ensuring residents



face no inconvenience. Gandhi also instructed officials to restore roads after completion of the UGD project and improve local infrastructure. He assured residents that civic issues brought to his no-

tice would be resolved promptly. Water Board DGM Narendra, CMC officials Durga Prasad and Saritha, local leaders, and colony residents participated in the inspection. opment across the state.

# Kosgi Tahsildar Gets Appreciation Award

Kosgi Tehsildar Srinivasulu Honoured for Transparent and Citizen-Centric Governance

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Shree Bakka Srinivasulu, Tehsildar and Executive Magistrate of Kosgi Mandal in Narayanpet district, was honoured with an Appreciation Certificate by the Society for Crusade Against Corruption for his dedicated public service, transparent administration and citizen-centric governance. The award was presented at a special function attended by the Society's Vice-President G. Vijay Kumar, General Secretary M. Purushotham and Joint Secretary M. Rajesh. The or-



ganization praised Srinivasulu for ensuring the timely delivery of government services, effective implementation of official orders and maintaining a responsive approach towards public grievances. Society representatives highlighted his contributions in streamlining land and revenue administration, improving grievance re-

dressal systems and ensuring swift action during emergency situations. They noted that his efforts have enhanced administrative efficiency and strengthened public trust in government institutions at the grassroots level. Receiving the honour, Srinivasulu thanked the Society and reaffirmed his commitment to serving the people of Kosgi Mandal with integrity, fairness and efficiency. The Society said the recognition aims to encourage ethical governance and corruption-free public administration.

# Telangana doctors warn of statewide strike over opaque transfer process

Government doctors in Telangana have warned of a statewide suspension of medical services if the ongoing transfer process is not made transparent. The Telangana Government Doctors Association (TGGDA) has demanded strict implementation of G.O. No. 38.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The ongoing transfers within the health department in Telangana continue to remain contentious with government doctors on Thursday warning the State government that they will launch a statewide suspension of medical services, if the entire process of transfers is not made transparent. The Telangana Government Doctors Association (TGGDA) on Thursday evening warned that if the State government fails to fully and transparently implement G.O. No. 38 and address concerns raised by doctors, it will be compelled to intensify its agitation programmes across the state. The members of TGGDA, who convened an emergency meeting on Thursday, expressed their concern that the ongoing transfer process of doctors in the state is not being implemented in accordance with the provisions of Government Order (G.O.) No. 38. The TGGDA said that the state government must ensure complete transparency in the transfer process and strictly implement all provisions stipulated under G.O. No. 38. The doctors demanded that spouse criteria, which



facilitates posting of husband and wife in the same or nearby locations, as well as all other priority criteria, be duly considered during the transfer process. The Association further urged the government to immediately approve the transfer requests submitted by doctors and to exempt recognized office bearers of the Telangana Government Doctors Association from the ongoing transfer exercise. On the occasion, the members of TGGDA also announced that none of the State Executive Committee office bearers would submit transfer option forms until the provisions of G.O. No. 38 are implemented in their entirety. All the senior office bearers of TGGDA were present in the executive committee meeting on Thursday.

# ITTEHAD Talks Stress 'Humanity First'



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

ITTEHAD's Six-Monthly Talks were held at the Jai Bharat Headquarters in Hyderabad, bringing together Muslim scholars, Hindu scholars, advocates, activists, and political leaders to promote mod-

ern, secular, liberal, hate-free, just, and reformist thought. Keynote speaker Mir Inayath Ali Baqri emphasized that humanity comes before all other identities. "We may belong to different regions, languages, castes, and religions, but we are all Indians. Every religion teaches

love, justice, and unity, not hatred," he said. The meeting was also addressed by Rama Murthy, Maulana Taqi Agha, and others. Mir Qurram Ali called upon the youth to reject hatred and work for unity, strength, and the future of India. Speakers highlighted the Jai Bharat



# Jampana Pratap Felicitates MLA Shri Ganesh on Milestone

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Dp Srinivas Rao

Marking the completion of two years as MLA, Shri Ganesh was felicitated by former Board Vice President and Cantonment Congress leader Jampana Pratap Anna at his residence in Boynpally on Thursday. The event brought together local leaders, members of Jampana Yuva Sena, and supporters who congratulated the MLA for his service and development initiatives in the constituency. During the ceremony, Jampana Pratap Anna and his family honoured Shri



Ganesh with a traditional shawl and sweets, extending his best wishes for his continued public service. Speaking on the occasion, Jampana praised the MLA's efforts in implementing development projects, improving civic amenities, and maintaining close contact with residents over the past two years. Expressing gratitude for

the warm reception, Shri Ganesh acknowledged the support of local leaders and community members in advancing development activities. He reiterated his commitment to addressing public concerns and accelerating welfare initiatives across the constituency. The meeting also featured detailed discussions on key local issues, including

infrastructure development, sanitation, drainage systems, community welfare programmes, and measures to strengthen civic services in Boynpally and surrounding areas. Both leaders exchanged views on expediting solutions to public problems and ensuring faster implementation of development works. Members of Jampana Yuva Sena welcomed the interaction and pledged their cooperation in constituency development efforts. Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to working together for the welfare and progress of the people.

**Bengali Filmmaker Anik Dutta Dies After Fall from Terrace**

Filmmaker Anik Dutta died on Wednesday after allegedly falling from the terrace of his multi-storey residence in south Kolkata, police said. He was taken to a private hospital near Dhakuria, where doctors declared him dead, a senior officer said. A police team started an investigation at the site, though the family has not issued any statement. Several actors, directors and members of the Bengali film industry gathered at the hospital following the incident. Anik Dutta shot to fame with 'Bhooter Bhabishyat' in 2012. The film, noted for its political and social satire woven into a horror narrative, is regarded by many as a milestone in Bengali cinema. He continued in a similar vein with 'Ascharya Pradip', which also carried strong social messaging. The filmmaker also directed acclaimed films such as 'Aparajito', 'Meghnadbodh Rohoshyo' and 'Borunabur Bondhu'.

**Russian President Putin Calls India Reliable Partner**

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday hailed Moscow's strategic partnership with New Delhi and asserted that Western attempts to force India into scaling back its co-operation with Russia are futile and damaging to global stability. In an interaction with heads of leading global news agencies including PTI, Putin lauded India's economic growth and its independent foreign policy and said Russia is determined to expand its economic engagement with the country. "India is among the world's major economies and is currently demonstrating an impressive rate of economic growth," Putin



remarked, expressing confidence that bilateral trade between the two nations is on track to hit a USD 100 billion milestone in the coming years. "India is one of the leading economies of the world that has showed the highest rate of economic growth. This is not something that comes out of the blue. This is result of the hardwork that the government of India has been doing under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Putin said in responding to a ques-

tion from PTI's CEO and Editor-in-Chief Vijay Joshi. The Russian President emphasised that New Delhi will continue to prioritise its own national interests, adding that India's diplomatic engagement with the United States does not hinder or undermine its time-tested relationship with Russia. "We are glad that India is developing its relations with all countries it thinks important for its national interests," Putin said when asked whether India's deep

alignment with Washington creates structural friction for Russia. At the same time the Russian president added that there have been Western attempts to put pressure on when it comes to co-operation with Russia. "Everyone has understood that pressure on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and India is detrimental for international relations," he said. The Russian president said Russia considers India as a "reliable partner" and it sees no negative consequences from New Delhi's bilateral relations with any other country. "India is a great nation and democracy and Russia will continue to expand its relations with it," he said.

**India, US Move Closer to Trade Deals, Says Govt**

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The government on Thursday said that India and the US moved closer to the interim trade deal after four days of talks held in New Delhi. It further said that trade negotiations between both the nations were constructive and positive, according to the commerce ministry. "The engagements were marked by a spirit of cooperation and pragmatism, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to concluding a mutually beneficial agreement that strengthens bilateral trade and economic ties," the ministry said in a statement. The discussions were held between the US team, led by chief negotiator Brendan Lynch and India's chief negotiator

Darpan Jain, an additional secretary in the department of commerce. The US delegation visited India from 1-4 June 2026 to advance discussions on the trade agreement. The government, however, did not give the timeframe of signing the deal between the two countries. According to the ministry, discussions covered a broad range of issues, including trade in goods, non-tariff measures, customs and trade facilitation, economic security alignment, and other areas of mutual interest. The latest round of talks comes amid growing optimism that the first tranche of the agreement could be finalised soon. Last week, US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor said the two sides were in the final stages of negotiations, with only about 1 per

cent of the agreement left to be resolved. Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal also said that most issues had been settled and that discussions were largely focused on finalising minor details. He also expressed hope that the first phase of the BTA would be concluded soon, while negotiations for a more comprehensive trade arrangement would continue. While the sources have indicated that India is seeking relief from tariff actions linked to Section 301 investigations and preferential market access for Indian exports relative to competing countries. However, the sources also suggested that US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer could visit India once the broad contours of the agreement are finalised.

**US House Passes Resolution to End Iran War as Talks Stall**

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

In a significant political development, the Republican-led US House of Representatives voted 215-208 on Wednesday in favor of a resolution aimed at limiting American military involvement in the ongoing conflict with Iran. The move represents a rare break from President Donald Trump's position and reflects growing concern among lawmakers about

the escalating war and its economic consequences for American citizens. The vote highlighted divisions within the Republican Party, with four Republican lawmakers joining Democrats to support the measure. The resolution was introduced under provisions of the 1973 War Powers Act, which allows Congress to challenge presidential military actions. Although the House vote

does not immediately halt US military operations against Iran, it sends a strong political message regarding increasing skepticism about the conflict. For the resolution to have a practical impact, it must also be approved by the Senate. While a similar measure advanced past a procedural hurdle in the Senate last month, it has not yet been brought to a final vote. Legal experts also note that the War Powers



Act remains controversial, and its ability to restrict presidential military authority has long been debated. President Trump strongly criticized the House ac-

tion, describing it as a "meaningless vote" in a social media post. He accused lawmakers of undermining his efforts to negotiate an end to the conflict with Iran. Trump argued that the resolution came at a crucial moment while diplomatic talks were underway and labeled the Republicans who supported it as political "grandstanders." The vote comes amid continued instability in West Asia. Despite a ceasefire that took effect in early April, tensions remain high, and overnight clashes between US and Iranian forces reportedly affected neighboring countries,

including Kuwait and Bahrain. The incidents marked some of the most serious military exchanges since the ceasefire began. Meanwhile, Iran's Supreme Leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, addressed supporters on Thursday, accusing Iran's adversaries of attempting to weaken public morale after failing to achieve their goals militarily. In a message read during ceremonies commemorating the death anniversary of Ruhollah

Khomeini and a major Shi'ite religious observance, Khamenei urged national unity and warned against actions that could create pessimism or internal divisions. The House vote underscores growing domestic opposition to the war and highlights the political challenges facing the Trump administration as negotiations continue and regional tensions remain unresolved.

**Rahul Gandhi's Almora Rally Cancelled Due To Bad Weather**

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's rally in Almora on Thursday was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions in the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand. According to party sources, Gandhi had to return to Delhi from Pantnagar airport after his helicopter could not proceed to Almora due to inclement weather. The Congress leader addressed party workers and supporters



virtually after the cancellation. He also interacted with the parents of Ankita Bhandari, who was killed in a case that had drawn public attention in the state. Gandhi's two-day Uttarakhand visit was

called off following unfavourable weather forecasts for the next two to three days. His scheduled programme included a public meeting in Almora, an interaction with ex-servicemen in Pauri and subsequent engagements in Mussoorie, along with meetings with party leaders and workers across the state. "We came to Uttarakhand today morning to meet people. We took heli from Pant Nagar to Almora but pilot said it's difficult to

reach Almora due to inclement weather. We had to return midway to Pant Nagar. I wanted to meet you and talk about political and economic situation of Uttarakhand. But it's sad that we had to come back. We will do this programme again as soon as possible," Gandhi said. State Congress leaders said preparations for the rally had been completed, but the programme could not be held due to weather conditions.

**Ritabrata's Expulsion From TMC Invalid**

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

A day after breaking apart into two factions for the first time in its history of 28 years, Trinamul Congress faced yet another blow on Thursday when West Bengal Assembly Speaker Rathindra Bose called the expulsion of the head of the rebel camp of MLAs, Ritabrata Banerjee, by Mamata Banerjee's party invalid. Mr Bose, who recognised Mr Banerjee as the leader of the opposition and his group

of 58 TMC MLAs as the main opposition party after accepting their dramatic resolution for the status on Wednesday, pointed out that the Uluberia East legislator from Howrah was not served a show cause before his expulsion. He said in New Delhi, "Ritabrata's expulsion is not valid. The first letter sent by TMC had errors. That's why it was not accepted. But the expulsion notice, according to the party's constitution, was not valid. A show-cause is

issued before expelling anyone with a deadline for explanation. Expulsion can not be done overnight." He also defended his decision to recognise the rebel TMC camp as the main opposition party for having a majority of MLAs. His certificate is bound to boost Mr Banerjee's confidence further as it suggests that neither he nor his fellow Sandipan Saha, who was also expelled for the coup in TMC, is out of their party anymore. The development also

came amid the growth of their camp's strength to 61 MLAs with the switch of Sangita Basunia, elected at Sitai in Coochbehar in North Bengal, from the old camp and attended their meeting. During the day, three rebel MLAs Arup Roy, Baharul Islam and Shubhasis Das appeared at the Bankshal Court and submitted their specimen signatures after the criminal investigation department (CID) of the state police, which has been probing their party MLAs' signature forgery.

**FROM FRONT PAGE**

**Gen Raja Subramani.**

In his illustrious career spanning over 40 years, Gen Subramani served across a wide spectrum of conflict and terrain profiles and held a host of Command, Staff and Instructional appointments. He served as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff from July 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025 and was General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Central Command from March 2023 till June 2024. The officer is a graduate of the National Defence Academy and the Indian Military Academy. He was commissioned into the eighth battalion of the Garhwal Rifles on December

14, 1985. Gen Subramani is an alumnus of the Joint Services Command and Staff College, Bracknell (UK), and the National Defence College, New Delhi. He holds a Master of Arts degree from King's College, London, and an M Phil in Defence Studies from Madras University. He commanded the 16 Garhwal Rifles in counter-insurgency operations in Assam as part of Operation Rhino, the 168 Infantry Brigade in Jammu and Kashmir, and the 17 Mountain Division in the Central Sector during a challenging operational environment. He also distinguished himself by commanding two corps, including a premier

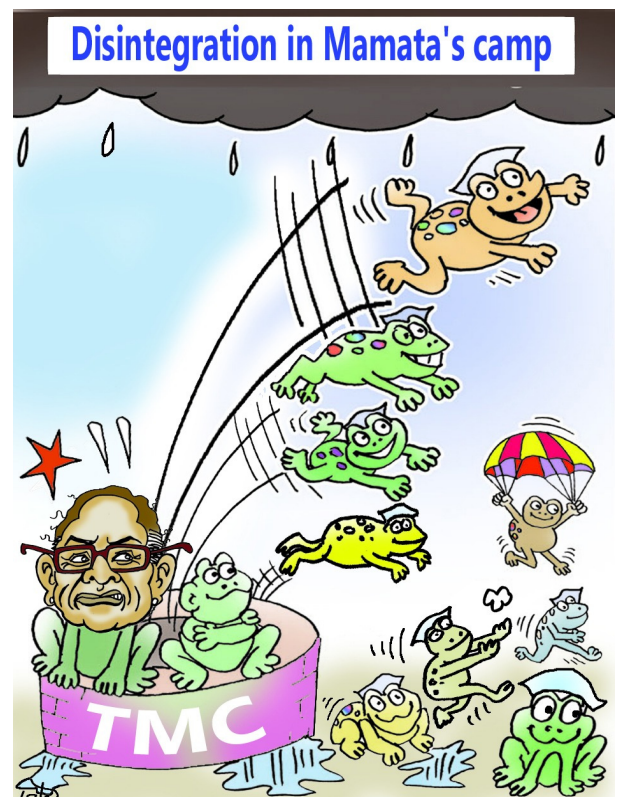
**strike corps of the Indian Army on the Western Front.**

**Cross-LoC.....**

According to reports from Uri, the Indian Army on Sunday apprehended 22-year-old Zeeshan Ahmad Mir, son of Lal Din Mir and a resident of Painkadi village in Muzaffarabad district, after he crossed the Line of Control (LoC) and entered the Silikote area of Uri. A local woman, Iram Bano, daughter of Abdul Majeed Mir from Tilawari — a village situated close to the LoC — on the Indian side was also detained alongside him. A purported video of the duo, in which they reveal their identities while responding to

questions from an unseen individual believed to be an Army or police official, has since gone viral on social media. Initial assessments suggest the two may have been involved in a cross-border romantic relationship, though officials emphasise that the exact circumstances are still being verified. Both remained in Army custody for questioning and have since been handed over to the local police for further investigation. **Rahul Gandhi.....** but got insults instead of answers," Gandhi said in his post on X, accompanying the video. "They deserve a bright

and secure future. We will make sure they get it," he added. In the video, Gandhi has an informal chat with the students about their ordeal. He also joked about how they were labelled "Pakistanis" and "deep state agents" after raising what he called legitimate concerns and issues. "You are students. You are asking for your answer sheets, that's all. Now, suddenly, you have become anti-nationals. You have to accept the problem if you have to solve the problem. You are refusing to accept the problem and blaming the poor kids and saying 'you are deep state, you are spies, terrorists,'" Gandhi says in the vide.



CRIME

# 908 Kg Ganja Seizure: Fourth Bail Application of Accused Dismissed

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court has dismissed the fourth bail application filed by an accused in a major narcotics case involving the alleged seizure of 908 kilograms of ganja, reiterating that the stringent provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act continue to apply in cases involving commercial quantities of contraband.

Justice T. Madhavi Devi passed the order while hearing a criminal petition filed by Mohammed Rahman Uddin, who sought regular bail in connection with a case registered by the Bandlaguda Police Station under the provisions of the NDPS Act. The petitioner submitted

that he had been in judicial custody since December 2025 and argued that the investigation in the case was substantially complete. According to the defence, only the filing of the charge sheet remained, and therefore continued incarceration was not justified. The counsel for the accused contended that the prolonged period of detention and the advanced stage of investigation constituted sufficient grounds for the grant of bail.

The State strongly opposed the plea, pointing out that the case involved the recovery of an enormous quantity of ganja, amounting to 908 kilograms, which falls within the category of commercial quantity under the NDPS Act. The prosecution further informed the

Court that two other criminal cases were pending against the petitioner. In view of the seriousness of the allegations and the statutory restrictions governing narcotics offences, the State argued that the accused was not entitled to bail.

After examining the material placed before the Court, Justice Madhavi Devi noted that the present petition was the fourth bail application moved by the accused. The Court observed that the earlier bail pleas had already been dismissed on merits and that the petitioner had failed to demonstrate any significant change in circumstances since those orders.

The Court emphasized that in cases involving commercial quantities of narcotic substances, the

strict conditions prescribed under Section 37 of the NDPS Act govern the consideration of bail. These provisions require the Court to be satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to believe the accused is not guilty of the offence and is unlikely to commit any offence while on bail.

Finding no fresh grounds warranting reconsideration and noting the continued applicability of the statutory restrictions, Justice Madhavi Devi held that the petitioner had not made out a case for grant of bail. Consequently, the High Court dismissed the criminal petition, leaving the accused to remain in judicial custody pending further proceedings in the case.

## PC-PNDT Notice Issued To Diagnostic Centre In Nirmal District Suspended

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Justice Suddala Chalapati Rao of the Telangana High Court suspended a notice issued under the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act to M/s. Srinivasa Diagnostic Centre in Nirmal district that effectively prevented renewal of its registration. The writ petition is filed by the M/s. Srinivasa Diagnostic Centre, represented by its proprietor Dr. C. Srinivas, challenging the notice dated May 18 issued by the District Appropriate Authority under the PCPNDT Act.

The petitioner sought renewal of its PCPNDT registration certificate and contended that the authorities were unlawfully interfering with its sonography and diagnostic services. Counsel for the petitioner submitted that Dr. Srinivas is a qualified medical practitioner with more than two decades of experience in radiology-related diagnostic services. It was argued that although the State made a training programme mandatory for renewal of licences under the PCPNDT framework, no competent authority is constituted to conduct such training, making compliance impos-

sible. The Government Pleader for Medical and Health sought time to file response in the matter and fairly conceded before the Court that no authority is constituted till date to conduct the requisite training. Taking note of the submission, the judge held that the petitioner could not be denied renewal on account of the absence of the very authority required to conduct the mandatory training. Accordingly, the judge suspended the impugned notice until further orders and permitted the petitioner to continue operating its diagnostic services.

## 80-year-Old Woman Killed In Road Accident At Nagaram

An 80-year-old woman died after being hit by a car while crossing a road at Nagaram in Suryapet district, police said on Thursday. The victim was identified as Pasham Shanthamma, 80, a resident of Nagaram. According to police, the car was travelling towards Nagaram from Suryapet when it allegedly hit Shanthamma as she was crossing the road. She sustained severe injuries and was shifted to the Government General Hospital in Suryapet for treatment. Shanthamma died while undergoing treatment at the hospital. Nagaram police registered a case and are investigating the accident.

## 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.

## Hyderabad Biker Alleges Assault During Traffic Check in Gachibowli

**RANGAREDDY**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

A Hyderabad biker, Shaik Gouse, has alleged that a police Sub-Inspector struck his helmet with a baton during a traffic checking drive near Niloufer Cafe in Gachibowli on May 24. Gouse shared a video of the incident on Instagram, claiming that he was stopped by police despite riding normally and complying with traffic rules. According to him, the incident occurred



during a special traffic enforcement operation in the area. The video has since gained attention on social media, with users raising questions about police conduct during routine

checks. After the incident, Gouse visited Raidurgam Police Station and later met Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh to lodge a complaint. He alleged that his complaint was not formally acknowledged by the police. Police reportedly informed him that strict checks were being conducted to prevent illegal bike racing and reckless riding in Gachibowli. No official response has yet been issued regarding the allegations.

## Alert Rapido Rider Helps Dundigal Police Bust Drug Racket

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A vigilant Rapido bike rider played a key role in helping the Dundigal police uncover an illegal drug racket, leading to the arrest of a drug peddler involved in the distribution of ganja in the district. Recognizing his alertness and sense of civic responsibility, Qutbullapur Zone Deputy Commissioner of Police, N. Kotireddy, felicitated Rapido rider Sattu Adarsh with a shawl and pre-



sented him with a cash reward for his commendable action. According to police, on May 31, Rupesh Kumar, a resident of Bihar, booked a parcel delivery through the Rapido platform from Medchal to Gandimaisamma. During transit, Adarsh

became suspicious about the parcel due to the customer's unusual behavior and responses. Acting responsibly, he checked the package and discovered that it contained ganja. He immediately informed the Dundigal police and handed over the parcel to

them. Upon examination, the police confirmed that the package contained the banned narcotic substance and launched an investigation.

Using the information provided by the rider, police tracked the network behind the delivery and successfully busted the drug racket operating in the Dundigal area. The accused involved in the illegal trade was arrested, and further investigation is underway to identify other members of the network.

EDITORIAL

# AFTER SC BACKS EC ON SIR, BALL IN PARL COURT

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# L&T To Invest Rs 18,600 Cr in TN, Signs MoU in Presence of CM Vijay

L&T is set to establish electronics and electrical systems manufacturing unit in Coimbatore, expand data centre in Kanchipuram, and Kattupalli L&T shipyard

**CHENNAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Infrastructure major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu government to undertake three major projects involving a total investment of Rs 18,600 crore. The projects are expected to generate employment opportunities for more than 8,000 people across the state. The MoU was signed at the Secretariat in the presence of Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay and L&T Chairman and Managing Director S.N. Subrahmanyam. According to an official release, this is the first major industrial agreement signed



by the Vijay-led government since assuming office. During the meeting, the Chief Minister assured the company of the state government's full cooperation and continued support for its future expansion and investment plans in Tamil Nadu. He reiterated the government's commitment to creating a business-friendly environment and attracting large-scale investments that can boost employment and economic growth. The three projects covered under the agreement include the expansion of a data centre in Kanchipuram district, the establishment of an electronics and electrical systems manufacturing facility in Coimbatore, and the expansion of the Kattupalli shipyard. Among the projects, the data centre expansion represents the largest investment, with Rs 15,000 crore earmarked for enhancing dig-

ital infrastructure and advanced technology capabilities. The project is expected to create around 500 jobs and strengthen Tamil Nadu's position as a key hub for data management, cloud services, and artificial intelligence-driven operations. The electronics and electrical systems manufacturing unit in Coimbatore will involve an investment of Rs 2,500 crore and is expected to generate approximately 2,000 jobs. The facility is anticipated to further strengthen the state's electronics manufacturing ecosystem and support the growing demand for advanced electrical and electronic equipment. The expansion of the Kattupalli L&T shipyard will see an in-

vestment of Rs 1,100 crore and is projected to create nearly 5,700 jobs. The project is expected to enhance shipbuilding capabilities and support off-shore wind energy infrastructure, while also improving coastal and port-linked industrial development. The Tamil Nadu government described the investments as a significant milestone in its efforts to transform the state into a USD 1.5 trillion economy by 2036. Officials said the projects would not only generate substantial direct and indirect employment but also accelerate industrial growth, technological advancement, and infrastructure development across multiple sectors.

Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday said that India will continue to remain the world's fastest-growing major economy for the next two decades, driven by strong fundamentals, manufacturing growth, and rising global investor confidence. "My recent interactions with international investors reflected strong confidence in India's future prospects. India's growth story has continued to draw interest from investors across the globe," he said while speaking at the Citi India Conference 2026. The minister also said that in the last three-and-a-half years, India has fi-

## India To Remain World's Fastest Growing Economy For Next Two Decades: Piyush Goyal

**HYDERABAD**  
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months, you will see at least two or three more very substantive free trade agreements coming into effect. Over the next year, you will see us executing at least another three or four significant free trade agreements and the coming into effect of all the nine free trade agreements over the next nine to ten months," Goyal said. The minister also urged industry to invest long-term capital, as the early capital will obviously get the best of returns. Talking about the West Asia crisis, he said in the field of energy, the world has seen how India navigated the global crisis over the last few months. "When the world is facing severe inflation, India has been able to moderate it," he said.



nalsed nine free trade agreements (FTAs) and India will implement at least 2-3 FTAs over the next six months. "India has already implemented its FTA with Mauritius, the UAE, Australia, Oman, and EFTA bloc and another 3-4 such pacts are expected to come into force in 2027," he said, adding that separate deals with the UK and New Zealand have been signed. "On the 1st of June, the Oman-FTA came into effect. In the coming six

## FC Reported Irregularities In Exports By Rajesh Exports During FY17-FY19

**CHENNAI**  
Wakeup telangana

The recent action by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) against Rajesh Exports and its promoter-chairman Rajesh Mehta has brought renewed attention to concerns surrounding the company's financial reporting and export operations. SEBI has barred the company and its promoter from accessing the securities

market over alleged financial misrepresentation amounting to Rs 15.5 lakh crore between FY21 and FY25. However, questions regarding the company's business activities had surfaced years earlier. In a report published on November 9, 2019, Financial Chronicle highlighted unusual trends in the export performance of the Kochi Special Economic Zone (SEZ) after Rajesh Exports commenced oper-

ations there. The report revealed that gems and jewellery exports from the zone surged dramatically from negligible levels in FY16 to Rs 40,888 crore in FY19. This remarkable growth stood in stark contrast to national trends, as aggregate gold jewellery exports from all SEZs across India declined by 6 per cent during FY19 following the introduction of a 5 per cent Value Added Tax (VAT) on gold in Dubai, a key



export destination. According to the data accessed by Financial Chronicle, gems and jewellery exports from Kochi SEZ rose from Rs 6,501 crore in FY17

to Rs 19,149 crore in FY18 before more than doubling to Rs 40,888 crore in FY19. By then, gems and jewellery accounted for approximately 95 per cent of

the zone's total exports. Officials familiar with the operations indicated that Rajesh Exports contributed the overwhelming majority of these shipments. Apart from Rajesh Exports, only three other exporters—Amy Jewellers, Cochin Art and MTV Jewellers—operated from the SEZ, while no new units were established during the period. The sharp increase raised questions because another ex-

porter, Sona Diamond and Gold Exporters, had shut down its operations in 2018 after the UAE's VAT implementation made exports less profitable. Despite this challenging market environment, exports from Kochi SEZ continued to grow at an exceptional pace. The report also noted a parallel surge in imports. Between FY17 and FY18, gems and jewellery imports into Kochi SEZ increased by

231 per cent. Consequently, the share of gems and jewellery in the SEZ's import basket rose from 80 per cent to 92 per cent within a year. The simultaneous rise in both imports and exports, coupled with the divergence from broader industry trends, prompted scrutiny and raised concerns regarding the nature and sustainability of the trade flows originating from the zone.

## Edible Oil Pack Sizes to Be Standardised; Govt Pushes Consumer Transparency

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The government is preparing to introduce norms to standardize edible oil pack sizes, a move industry executives say could improve price transparency for consumers and create a more level playing field for manufacturers. The proposed measure is expected to address the growing prevalence of non-standard pack sizes, including 850 ml, 875 ml, 900 ml and 950 ml packs, which industry participants say can make it difficult for consumers to compare prices across brands and assess the true cost of products on a per-litre basis.

The initiative comes amid a broader regulatory focus on consumer protection, transparent labelling and sustainable packaging practices. "We are pleased to note that the Government of India has taken cognizance of this important issue and is moving towards addressing non-standardized edible oil pack sizes," said Vivek Puri, Managing Director of Puri Oil Mills Ltd., promoter of the P Mark mustard oil brand.

"For several years, we have consistently highlighted that consumers deserve clear, transparent and comparable pricing. Standardized pack sizes will help consumers make informed choices and ensure that competition is based on quality, purity and value rather than packaging practices," he said. Puri said standardized pack sizes would make product comparisons simpler for consumers and help strengthen confidence in packaged edible oils.

Industry stakeholders have also pointed to potential environmental benefits from standardization. Multiple pack sizes often require separate bottle moulds, labels and packaging formats, increasing supply-chain complexity and material consumption. Standardized packaging could help streamline manufacturing processes and reduce avoidable plastic use, industry executives said. Puri Oil Mills has been among the companies advocating for pack-size standardization through industry consultations and stakeholder discussions, arguing that consumers,

## Dubai Summer Surprises 2026 Offers Unmatched Family Fun

Dubai Summer Surprises 2026 Promises 60 Days of Shopping, Entertainment and Big Rewards

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Dubai is set to welcome residents and tourists to its biggest-ever summer celebration as Dubai Summer Surprises (DSS) 2026 returns from July 2 to August 30, offering 60 days of shopping deals, entertainment, family activities, dining experiences and citywide rewards.

Announcing the festival, Dubai Festivals and Retail Establishment (DFRE) invited everyone to "Make it a Dubai Summer," highlighting an action-packed calendar designed to deliver exceptional value and memorable experiences throughout the season. The annual summer festival will feature a phased retail programme, ensuring continuous excitement with major sales, exclusive offers and special promotions across the city. A key attraction will be the Great Dubai Summer Sale, offering discounts of up to 90 per-



cent, flash sales and exclusive brand deals. From August 3 to 30, the Back-to-School campaign will provide attractive offers on school supplies, fashion, electronics and student technology products. One of the most anticipated highlights this year is the launch of "Win Your Home in Dubai," a first-of-its-kind initiative jointly organised by DFRE and Dubai Chambers. Shoppers spending AED 500 or more at participating outlets will have a chance to win one of 12 residential units from Binghatti Developers, including 11 studio apartments and a grand prize of a two-bed-

room apartment. The first winner will be announced during DSS 2026.

Entertainment will remain a major attraction throughout the festival. The popular Beat the Heat DXB concert series returns with its biggest edition yet, while the internationally acclaimed Miami Musical Show will perform at Coca-Cola Arena on August 28, marking its first appearance outside Kuwait. Additional concerts and live events are expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

Families can look forward to the return of Mosh World at Dubai World Trade Centre,

alongside opening weekend celebrations across major malls featuring immersive performances and themed entertainment. The city's dining scene will also come alive with Summer Restaurant Week from July 13 to August 2, followed by the popular 10 Dirham Dish promotion from August 3 to 30.

Adding to the excitement, malls across Dubai will host themed performances, community events and Back-to-School celebrations. A new Back-to-School Carnival, scheduled for August 7 and 8, will transform shopping destinations into family-friendly entertainment hubs.

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## Rupee Trades in Narrow Range Against US Dollar in Early Trade

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The rupee traded in a narrow range against the US dollar in early trade on Thursday as rising equity outflows and dimming prospects of US-Iran truce renewed pressure on the domestic unit. Forex traders said prolonged West Asia crisis poses a major risk for India, which relies heavily on energy imports. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 95.70, then touched 95.69 in initial trade, registering a rise of 7 paise from its previous close.

On Wednesday, the rupee depreciated 40 paise to close at 95.76 against the US dollar. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 99.47, down 0.06 per cent. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading lower by 0.93 per cent at USD 96.90 per barrel in futures trade. "For India, every rise in crude oil carries an additional bur-

den. Like an unexpected increase in household expenses, higher oil prices mean more dollars are required to meet import needs, often putting pressure on the rupee," CR Forex Advisors MD Amit Pabari said.

Every dollar leaving the country increases demand for foreign currency and adds pressure on the rupee's valuation, he added. The spotlight now shifts to the RBI Monetary Policy Committee decision on June 5. "Ordinarily, markets would be debating growth and inflation. This time, however, policymakers also have to consider a rapidly weakening rupee, elevated oil prices, and shifting global interest-rate expectations," Pabari said. On the domestic equity market front, Sensex declined 229.69 points to 74,139.32 in early trade, while the Nifty dropped 66.30 points to 23,339. Foreign institutional investors offloaded equities worth Rs 5,616.56 crore on a net basis on Wednesday, according to exchange data.

# Curse Of Don 3: How Farhan Akhtar's Film Lost SRK, Ranveer Singh, And Its Way

**D**on ko pakadna mushkil hi nahi, namumkin hai." This iconic line from Don seems to have taken on a whole new meaning for Farhan Akhtar's Excel Entertainment. What was supposed to be a smooth passing of the torch has instead turned into a one of the messiest, seemingly jinxed, and now legally tangled chapters in recent Bollywood history. The official narratives only tell half the story, but industry insiders are singing a different tune. We piece together the events behind the headlines to understand how Don 3 found itself in this situation, and why its being seen as Bollywood's most troubled production. We'll get into the reasons of Ranveer Singh's exit and the subsequent fallout. But first, we need to look at what happened before this because history repeated itself incredibly fast. To understand why Don 3 is bleeding out today, one has to go back to the first major turning point: Shah Rukh Khan walking away. That is where this



story really begins. Don 2 dropped in 2011 and was among the year's top-grossing films. It was widely appreciated for SRK's stylish and menacing portrayal of the iconic character. By most accounts, he was deeply invested in the role and saw immense potential in building Don into a long-running franchise. Excel Entertainment knew they were sitting on a goldmine. But while fans waited for Don 3, a lot was changing behind the scenes. Two major developments unfolded during these years. First, the same year Don 2 released, Farhan Akhtar appeared in Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara. The film was a major success with Farhan's performance receiving widespread praise. This

was followed by Bhaag Milkha Bhaag's (2013) success. As Farhan seemed increasingly drawn towards life in front of the camera, directing took a back seat, and Don 3 remained stuck in 'development' for years. Second, Shah Rukh Khan went through an underwhelming phase at the box office. Meanwhile, Bollywood itself was shifting. Sequels and franchises were becoming the industry's new currency, and Shah Rukh was often asked whether he planned sequels to his own popular films. During the promotions of Raees in January 2017, Shah Rukh addressed the topic directly: "Don is the only one which perhaps can have a sequel because we leave it like

that every time, but Farhan doesn't have any story for Don 3 yet." But industry insiders suggest there was more going on beneath the surface. After a string of Shah Rukh Khan's big-budget films like Fan, Jab Harry Met Sejal, and Zero turned out to be major flops, prompting widespread discussion about whether his superstardom was beginning to wane. Farhan Akhtar and Excel Entertainment reportedly became more cautious about pushing ahead and investing heavily in the franchise. According to those familiar with the development, this was less a fallout and more a typical producer's calculated decision to wait for the right timing, when the leading star's box-office standing was more secure. Shah Rukh, meanwhile, was said to be keen on moving forward sooner, especially in search of a strong comeback vehicle, and is believed to have grown increasingly frustrated with the delays. But while Farhan was busy delivering his own string of acting

## Trisha Delighted by Upasana's Special Summer Gift Hamper



**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Actress Trisha recently received a special summer gift hamper from Upasana Konidela's food brand, Athamma's Kitchen. The hamper featured traditional Telugu favorites including mango avakaya, gongura pickle, karivepaku podi, kandi podi, and nuvula podi, all prepared using homemade methods and natural ingredients. Trisha shared the gift on her Instagram Stories and expressed her happiness after receiving the hamper. She said the pickles and podis brought back the essence of summer and thanked Upasana and the Athamma's

Kitchen team for their thoughtful gesture. The actress's post quickly gained attention on social media, with many fans appreciating the bond between Trisha and the Mega family. Several followers were also curious about where they could purchase Athamma's Kitchen products. Founded by Upasana Konidela, Athamma's Kitchen aims to bring authentic Telugu home-style food to a wider audience. The brand focuses on natural ingredients and preservative-free preparation, earning appreciation from both celebrities and consumers. Trisha reportedly said the flavors reminded her of her childhood memories.

Trisha has maintained close ties with the Mega family in recent years. After previously sharing screen space with Ram Charan, she is currently working alongside Chiranjeevi in the upcoming film Vishwambhara. She has also been seen attending several Mega family events. The gesture further highlighted the friendship between Trisha and Upasana. Athamma's Kitchen is expected to introduce more seasonal pickles and traditional sweets in the coming months while continuing its initiative of supporting rural women involved in the preparation of these products.

## Virat Kohli Ruled Out of Afghanistan ODI Series Due to Hamstring Injury

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

India batting star and former captain Virat Kohli has been ruled out of the upcoming three-match ODI series against Afghanistan after sustaining a hamstring injury during the IPL 2026 final. The series is scheduled to begin on June 13 in Dharamshala. According to sources in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), scans conducted after the IPL final revealed that Kohli suffered a distal semimembranosus tendon tear, a rare hamstring injury affecting the tendon connecting a muscle to the inner part of the shinbone below the knee. The injury occurred during the IPL title clash on May 31 while Kohli was batting for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB). Despite the injury, Kohli remained un-



beaten on 75 and guided RCB to a successful chase of 156 against Gujarat Titans, helping the franchise secure its second consecutive IPL title. During the latter stages of the innings, the 37-year-old was visibly struggling with discomfort, which was initially believed to be cramps caused by the intense heat. A report in The Indian Express stated that

Kohli has been advised to take a minimum two-week break from cricket. While he could potentially recover in time for the third ODI against Afghanistan on June 20 in Chennai, selectors are reportedly unlikely to risk his inclusion. Kohli's absence is a significant setback for India, given his recent form and enduring popularity among fans. Although he now plays

only ODI cricket for India, he remains one of the team's most influential players and a major attraction worldwide. The veteran batter enjoyed a remarkable IPL 2026 campaign, re-inventing his T20 approach and scoring 675 runs. His season included one century and five half-centuries, playing a pivotal role in RCB's successful title defence. He also hit the

winning runs in the final. India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate declined to comment in detail on the injury, saying official communication would be issued by the board. "Official communication will come on that. It's obviously big news when it's someone like Virat or Rohit," he said. The Afghanistan ODI series will be played across three venues. The opening match will take place in Dharamshala on June 13, followed by the second ODI in Lucknow on June 17 and the final game in Chennai on June 20. Before the series, India's ODI specialists are expected to attend a preparatory camp at the PCA Stadium in Mohali. Following the Afghanistan series, India's next ODI assignment will be a tour of England beginning on July 14.

## Manchester City Consider Legal Action After Real Madrid Candidate's Haaland Pledge

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

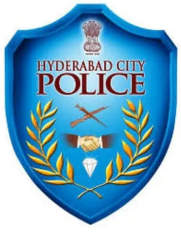
Manchester City are considering legal action after Real Madrid presidential candidate Enrique Riquelme said he would sign the Premier League club's Norway striker Erling Haaland if elected. Riquelme, a renewable energy entrepreneur challenging incumbent Florentino Perez, made the pledge during an appearance on Spanish television on Wednesday, where he held up a Real Madrid shirt bearing Haaland's name. "The stories which have emerged from Spain regarding the future of Erling Haaland are untrue," a City spokesperson said on Thursday. "There is no chance of this happening and there is no contractual clause to enable it. We are considering legal action for the use of our player's image in this context." Riquelme said Haaland, who scored 38 goals in all competitions last season, had a release clause and wanted to move to the Spanish club,



adding that he would make the transfer a priority if he wins Sunday's election. A joint statement from Haaland's father Alfie and the 25-year-old player's agent Rafaela Pimenta swiftly rejected the suggestion, describing it as "not true". Riquelme added he would try to sign City's Spain midfielder Rodri, saying he had spoken to the player's agent and would "do everything possible" to bring the Ballon d'Or winner to Madrid. The remarks come against the backdrop of Real's presidential election, the first in two decades in which

Perez is not running unopposed, after the club's two seasons without a major trophy. Voting is scheduled for Sunday, with around 100,000 club members eligible to take part. Haaland had the option to join Real in 2022 when he left Borussia Dortmund but chose City, where his father played. While the striker, who won the Premier League Golden Boot for the third time in four seasons, said he would like to play for Real one day, there has been no suggestion he is unhappy at City. He signed a new 9½-year contract in January 2025.

**Secunderabad residents asked to disclose foreign students, tenants**



The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Secunderabad Zone, Rakshitha K Murthy, has asked citizens to furnish information about the foreign nationals residing in their premises, as required under the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025. The information can be submitted through the e-FRRO website (Foreigners Regional Registration Office) through Form-11 and Form-111(C). Form-111(C) is for house owners, hotels, lodges, guest houses, hospitals and other residential accommodation providers, while Form-11 is for educational institutions. This instruction applies for all those holding foreign passports, Overseas Citizenship of India cardholders (OCI) cardholders and other foreign nationals.

## Commissioner orders swift action against unsafe buildings before rains

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Commissioner of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC), G Srijana, on Thursday directed officials to closely monitor old and dilapidated buildings and take preventive measures to safeguard public safety during the ongoing monsoon season. During a review meeting with officials, the Commissioner emphasized the need for constant vigilance over structurally weak buildings, cellar excavations, and unauthorized hoardings that could pose risks during heavy rains and strong winds. She instructed the concerned departments to identify vulnerable structures and ensure timely action to prevent accidents and loss of life or property. As part of the corporation's monsoon preparedness strategy, officials



were asked to conduct regular inspections and take necessary precautions in areas prone to waterlogging and infrastructure-related hazards. Special focus was placed on cellar excavation sites, which can become dangerous during periods of intense rainfall if proper safety measures are not maintained. The Commissioner also reviewed the status of several key civic and administrative initiatives. These included the disposal of applications submitted under the Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS), building permission applications pro-

cessed through the Build-Now system, Transferable Development Rights (TDR) applications, and pending court cases. The functioning of the grievance redressal mechanism, encroachment removal drives, land acquisition activities, and ongoing road widening projects also came under review. Highlighting the importance of efficient governance, Srijana instructed officials to expedite the disposal of pending applications and priority projects while ensuring transparency, accountability, and citizen-friendly service delivery. She

stressed that delays in processing applications and civic works should be minimized to improve public satisfaction and administrative efficiency. Reviewing the progress of infrastructure development works, the Commissioner directed the departments concerned to address bottlenecks affecting road widening and encroachment removal initiatives. She said the timely completion of these projects is essential for improving urban mobility, easing traffic congestion, and enhancing civic amenities across the corporation limits. The meeting concluded with officials being directed to maintain close coordination among departments and ensure proactive measures to tackle monsoon-related challenges while accelerating key development and public service initiatives.

## Metro Services Unaffected by Ameerpet Fire

Hyderabad Metro Rail authorities on Thursday said a fire incident near Ameerpet did not affect Metro infrastructure or operations. Clarifying the impact, managing director Sarfaraz Ahmad said the fire, reported near Mythrivanam, caused no structural damage to the system. "It did not cause any damage to the adjacent Metro Rail infrastructure," he said. "There is no visible damage, the asset remains fully functional, and a detailed assessment of the affected assets has been taken up," he added. Officials said the only visible impact was limited to vinyl sheets on advertisement boards mounted on metro pillars. Authorities confirmed that services were not disrupted and train operations continued normally, though dense smoke caused temporary inconvenience in the area.

## EAGLE Busts Intl Drug Racket, Hydroponic Weed Worth Rs 12 Cr Seized

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Anti-Drug Task Force, Elite Action Group for Law Enforcement (EAGLE), on Thursday busted an international drug-smuggling racket involving hydroponic cannabis (ganja). During the operation, authorities seized contraband valued at approximately Rs. 12 crore in the international market and arrested the alleged mastermind behind the network. After nearly a month of surveillance, the EAGLE Task Force arrested 10 drug peddlers,

including the key accused. Investigations revealed that the gang was primarily involved in smuggling and supplying hydroponic cannabis from Thailand to Hyderabad. They were reportedly smuggling the contraband in bags and were selling it to local peddlers in Hyderabad. The arrests were made during a targeted operation based on specific intelligence inputs. Further investigations are underway to identify additional links in the syndicate and determine the full extent of the international drug-trafficking network.

## GHMC Commissioner reviews Moosarambagh bridge, orders faster completion



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan on Thursday inspected the Moosarambagh downstream bridge works and directed the engineering officials to speed up the works and open the facility for traffic at the earliest. For the Moosarambagh downstream bridge, the bottom slab works were completed, and the last spans P3 & P4 were in

progress. The works pertaining to the retaining wall works were in progress on the Amberpet side, according to a press release. Later, he inspected works on Nalgonda flyover, for which 79 spans of 85 spans were completed while girders were already erected for all the 85 spans. The works of up ramp and down ramp of the flyover were in progress.

## HYC Salman Files Complaint Against Raja Singh Over Remarks

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A complaint was lodged with the Mehdiptanm police on Thursday seeking legal action against Goshamahala MLA T Raja Singh over his alleged remarks targeting Muslims, particularly Muslim women. The complainant, Salman Khan, urged the police to examine videos and social media content purportedly carrying the legislator's statements, which have recently gone viral. He alleged that the remarks had caused distress among members of the Muslim community and could adversely impact communal harmony. In his complaint, Salman Khan requested the police to verify the authenticity of the viral video, collect relevant evidence and initiate legal proceedings if any offence is found to have been committed during the course of the investigation. He also appealed to the authorities to take preventive measures to ensure peace and public order, while seeking an



impartial and thorough inquiry into the matter. According to the complaint, the alleged comments have generated concern among sections of the community, prompting calls for official intervention. The complainant maintained that appropriate action, in accordance with the law, would help prevent any escalation of tensions and reinforce confidence in the legal process. Police officials are yet to issue a statement on the complaint or confirm whether a formal case has been registered. Further action is expected after a preliminary examination of the allegations and the material submitted by the complainant.

## KTR visits Nimrah Cafe near Charminar, enjoys Irani chai

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao made a brief yet much-talked-about stop at the iconic Nimrah Cafe and Bakery on Thursday, delighting residents and visitors in Hyderabad's Old City. Known for its famous Irani chai and Osmania biscuits, the popular cafe welcomed Rama Rao during his visit to the historic Charminar area. Sharing the experience on social media platform X, KTR remarked, "What's a visit to Hyderabad's Old City without some



Irani chai?" He said he had dropped by the renowned eatery to enjoy its signature tea and traditional biscuits, which have long been associated with Hyderabad's rich culinary heritage. During the visit, Rama Rao was warmly received by cafe proprietor Aslam

Bin Abood and the staff members. He thanked them for their hospitality and appreciated the warm welcome extended to him. The informal visit quickly attracted attention, with several locals gathering outside the cafe after learning of the BRS leader's presence.

The atmosphere around the bustling Charminar locality turned lively as supporters, residents and passersby assembled to catch a glimpse of KTR. He interacted briefly with members of the public and happily posed for photographs and selfies, drawing cheers from the crowd. Though not a political programme, the visit generated considerable buzz in the Old City, highlighting the enduring popularity of Nimrah Cafe and the public interest surrounding the BRS leader. After spending some time at the cafe.

## Cockroach Janta Party Backed By Urban Naxals: Ramchander

Asserting that Gen Z identifies with the Indian ethos, he said the country's youth would not fall into the trap of people allegedly backed by international investor and philanthropist George Soros and others like him.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Telangana BJP president N Ramchander Rao on Thursday alleged that groups such as the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) were being supported by "urban naxals" and individuals linked to parties like the Aam Aadmi Party. He asserted that India's younger generation identifies strongly with the country's cultural ethos and would not be influenced by narratives allegedly promoted by international financier and philanthropist George Soros and others. Speaking at a 'Meet the Press' programme organised by the Press Club Hyderabad on the occasion of Telangana Formation Day, Rao said young people have every right to raise issues and participate in democratic debates. However, he claimed that the CJP was not an organic grassroots movement but a social media-driven initiative backed by political and ideological interests. "There are many student organisations, and not every student needs to fol-



low the BJP or the ABVP. But the Cockroach Janata Party is not a new phenomenon. It has been created by people associated with parties like the AAP and is being used to spread certain narratives through social media," Rao alleged. He added that the group's influence remained largely confined to online platforms and lacked a substantial presence on the ground. The CJP emerged following a controversy surrounding remarks attributed to Chief Justice of India Surya Kant regarding "cockroaches" and "parasites" during a court hearing on the designation of senior advocates. The CJI later clarified that his comments, directed at individuals allegedly entering the legal profession with fake or bogus degrees, had

## No IndiGo flights to six international routes till September 30

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

IndiGo has announced the temporary suspension of flights to six international destinations starting from July 1 to September 3. There will be no flights to Langkawi, Krabi, Ho Chi Minh, Hong Kong and Shanghai from July 1, while flights to Siem Reap will be halted from July 3. IndiGo will resume its services to these regions from October 1. The decision was taken to tackle increasing operating costs, continued air-



space restrictions and rising costs. "The airline will continue to monitor the situation given the elevated operating costs and continued airspace restrictions," it said in a statement. "It is a proactive measure to manage capacity responsibly while minimising inconvenience to passengers," read the release.

## Hyderabad man slits wife's throat, surrenders before police

In a gruesome murder, a man killed his 24-year-old wife by slitting her throat on Thursday, June 4, before surrendering to the police. The incident occurred under the limits of Kukatpally Police Station. A quarrel broke out between Shaik Raheem and Asmara Begum at Indiramma Colony in Kaithalapur. They got married in 2024 and have a 1.5-year-old son. Raheem is an auto driver, and Asmara was a homemaker. However, the couple constantly quarrelled, leading to instances where both filed police complaints against each other. They were left after counselling.

## H-FAST seizes 200 kg of unsafe chocolates

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A chocolate manufacturing unit called Vignette Food Specialities Pvt Ltd in Seetarambagh, Old Malleshwaram, was raided by the Hyderabad Food Adulteration Surveillance Team (H-FAST) on Thursday, June 4, and over 200 kg of unsafe chocolates were seized. Konda Karthik was arrested for manufacturing, repacking, and marketing chocolate products in violation of food safety regu-

lations. Violations included usage of colouring agents and powders for preparing the chocolates and a lack of manufacturing dates, batch numbers, expiry dates, and best-before dates on labels. Officials also found that flavours and essences had been kept well beyond their expiry dates and were being used in the preparation of the chocolates. Products were being packed and marketed using details of the old Food Safety and Stan-

dards Authority of India (FSSAI) license, despite possessing a different license for manufacturing activities. In addition, the unit had not been maintaining pest control records or medical fitness certificates for the staff. Police seized 200 kg of caramel chocolates, 20 kg of chocolate balls, 30 kg of chocolate sticks, 40 kg of marshmallows, 32 pieces of cranberry chocolates, 22 pieces of pan chocolates, 18 pieces of cashew chocolates and machinery.

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