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CM Revanth Lays Foundation for ₹1,511 Crore Development Projects in Uppal

Orders Launch of Musi River Rejuvenation Phase-II Within 100 Days

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy laid the foundation stone for development projects worth ₹1,511 crore in Uppal Bhagayath, covering key infrastructure, healthcare, and civic development initiatives in the Medchal-Malkajgiri district.

During the programme, the Chief Minister directed officials to commence Phase-II of the Musi River rejuvenation project, stretching from Nagole to Gauravelli, within the next 100 days. He said the first phase, from Gandipet to Gandhi Sarovar, is already underway and that the government is committed to restoring the river ecosystem.

Among the major projects launched were the construction of a new Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation office complex at Uppal Bhagayath Phase-III at a cost of ₹98 crore, alternative road works around the AOC Centre costing ₹960 crore,



a six-lane flyover at TKR College Junction estimated at ₹416 crore, and a 100-bed district hospital at a cost of ₹37.5 crore.

The Chief Minister also launched the CURE-1 mobile application, designed to provide citizens with a single platform for payment of various public utility bills and government services.

Addressing the gathering, Revanth Reddy said that metro rail expansion, Musi rejuvenation, and infrastructure development are essential to transform Hyderabad into a world-class city. He noted that the city requires nearly 122 kilometres of ad-

ditional metro connectivity, including proposed extensions from Nagole to the international airport and from LB Nagar to Hayathnagar. Seeking greater support from the Union Government, he emphasized the importance of cooperation for major projects such as the Musi rejuvenation programme, the Regional Ring Road, and metro expansion. He questioned opposition to the Musi project while citing riverfront development initiatives undertaken along the Sabarmati, Yamuna, and Ganga rivers.

The Chief Minister assured that no injustice

would be done to poor families affected by development projects and stated that alternative housing would be provided wherever necessary. He also announced that, for administrative convenience, areas within the Outer Ring Road have been decentralized into three major administrative zones—Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Malkajgiri. Reaffirming the government's commitment to urban development, he said all necessary approvals and funding support would be extended.

Recalling the naming of the Uppal Elevated Corridor after former public representative Bandari Rajireddy, the Chief Minister announced that a statue of the late leader would also be installed at the junction. Ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Damodar Raja Narasimha, along with Bandari Lakshma Reddy, public representatives, officials, Congress leaders, and party workers attended the event in large numbers.

Mic goes silent for Uppal MLA; BRS alleges bid to muzzle Opposition at CM's event

In an utter shock for people who attended Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's programme in Uppal on Sunday, the microphone got disconnected even as BRS MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy attempted to address his constituents.

The incident stirred up a political storm, with BRS accusing the ruling Congress of attempting to muzzle the Opposition's voice. After the Chief Minister laid the foundations for various development works in Uppal constituency, local MLA Lakshma Reddy was invited to speak as per protocol. However, he had just begun speaking when the microphone stopped functioning and the audience could not hear him, forcing him to cut short his address and leave the stage. Ironically, the sound system worked without interruption before and after his speech, with no Congress leader facing any such issue.

Shah launches land port digital platform reducing delays

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah will launch the Land Port Management System (LPMS) on Tuesday, a digital platform aimed at integrating operations across land ports into a unified system. He will also inaugurate stakeholder accommodation facilities at Dawki in Meghalaya and Srimantapur in Tripura, according to an official statement. The LPMS is designed to enable coordination among government agencies and private operators, with the aim of reducing delays and improving operational efficiency.

The platform will provide end-to-end digital workflows for cargo and passenger processing, including slot booking, payments, tracking and single-window clearances. "Fully integrated with key national platforms such as ICE-GATE, ULIP, and the motor vehicle ecosystem, LPMS will enable interoperable, efficient, and transparent border



management," the statement said. The system will allow real-time exchange of logistics and regulatory information and is intended to align land port operations with digital systems used at airports and seaports.

"This initiative underscores the Narendra Modi government's commitment to smart border management, enhancing efficiency, transparency, and security in cross-border trade and passenger movement through technology-driven solutions," the ministry said. The government said the platform reflects its focus on strengthening trade facilitation, connectivity and national security through technology-driven systems.

Four-Year-Old Dies Of Shigella Infection; Govt Steps Up Surveillance

Kerala Health Minister K Muraliedharan on Sunday said the government had intensified surveillance and preventive measures after a four-year-old child died of Shigella infection in Kozhikode, marking the first reported fatality from the disease in the state. Addressing a press conference here, the minister said three children had been admitted to Kozhikode Medical College Hospital with the infection.

While two recovered and were discharged, a four-year-old girl, Nila from Thalakkulathur, succumbed to the disease on Saturday. Muraliedharan said Shigella is a bacterial infection that primarily affects the intestines and causes symptoms such as diarrhoea, fever and abdominal pain. "The disease mainly spreads through contaminated food and water. Strict hygiene practices are essential to prevent its spread," he said.

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INDIA Janbandhan United, 23 Parties Have Confirmed Participation: Congress

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Amid cracks in INDIA Bloc and with DMK refusing to attend the meeting so far opposition leaders of 23 parties have converged in Delhi for the INDIA Bloc meeting scheduled for Monday. The INDIA bloc is set to deliberate on the future course of action with an eye on the 2029 general elections. It would look to devise a joint strategy to corner the Modi government on national issues.



Trinamool Congress chief Ms Mamata Banerjee reached Delhi on Sunday. Her nephew Abhishek Banerjee flew a day ahead to see if the TMC flock in the Parliament remains intact following dissent and disintegration of the party in West Bengal. Ms Banerjee is accompanied by Rajya Sabha MP Dola Sen and senior Lok Sabha MP Kalyan Banerjee.

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Indian Households Pay Among Lowest LPG Rates in World Centre

Common household budgets are under the price pressure again as the government on Sunday increased the cost of liquefied petroleum gas or LPG for domestic use by Rs 29 per cylinder. However, the government defended the price hike, saying that the consumers have been shielded from the true cost of LPG prices, as it is still lower than the prices of neighbouring countries, while the Opposition members are up the ante over the repeated surge of fuel prices. This is the second revision in LPG prices since the West Asia war

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Rahul Gandhi Lauds 18-year-old Sarthak For Exposing CBSE-OSM Discrepancies

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi praised 18-year-old Sarthak Sidhant and his partner Nisarga for exposing alleged collusion between the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the service provider CO-EMPT, calling their efforts a victory of youth and a "defeat" for the government. Sarthak, who raised concerns over discrepancies in the On-



Screen Marking (OSM) system used in CBSE Class 12 examinations, managed to bring issues to light that, according to Gandhi, major media houses and investigative journalists failed to uncover.

In a post shared on X, Gandhi wrote, "Sarthak is 18 years old - but in

thought, courage, and principles, second to none. He and his partner Nisarga did what the country's big media houses and investigative journalists couldn't - they exposed the collusion between CBSE and CO-EMPT to the nation." The Congress leader asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi prefers the youth to focus on "making reels" and avoid asking questions, but these students challenged the system and found the

answers. "Mr. Modi wants our youth to keep making reels, keep frying pakoras, not ask questions, not open their eyes. But these kids asked questions. And they found the answers too. The country's 18-year-old kid outpaced the CBI - this victory of the youth is truly the government's defeat. This is India's real youth power - curious, aware, informed. And remember, the country's future won't fall for

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Army Officer Killed During Anti-Terror Operation in J&K's

In a tragic incident during an ongoing counterinsurgency operation in Jammu and Kashmir's frontier district of Rajouri, a young Army officer lost his life while performing operational duties, officials said on Sunday. Lieutenant Beereshwar Goswami was part of a joint security team engaged in a sustained anti-terror operation in the dense forests of the Manjakote sector, where security forces have been tracking a group of suspected militants believed to be hiding in the rugged terrain.

The operation, code-named "Operation Sheru-

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Our Agitation will Continue Until Pradhan Resigns: CJP Founder Dipke

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Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke said on Sunday his agitation over alleged irregularities in examinations and recruitment tests will not stop until Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigns. Dipke also said their protest at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Saturday was largely successful, with around 7,000 people participating in it, and added that the movement would now expand nation-



wide. The CJP founder reached his residence in the MIDC Waluj area in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar district on Sunday morning and was welcomed by his family members. Later, speaking to reporters, Dipke said the agitation undertaken by the Cockroach Janata Party will not stop until Union Education Minister

Dharmendra Pradhan resigns. "The protest we staged (at Jantar Mantar) was successful, as 6,000 to 7,000 people attended it. This agitation will go nationwide. We won't step back till Dharmendra Pradhan resigns," he asserted. "We will roll out a further action plan to take this agitation nationwide," Dipke added. Hundreds of protesters gathered at Delhi's Jantar Mantar on Saturday under the banner of the CJP, demanding Pradhan's resignation over alleged irregularities in examina-

tions and recruitment tests, with Dipke delivering the message not to be "scared". At a press conference later in the national capital, CJP spokespersons announced that they will wait for a week either for the Centre to sack Pradhan or his voluntary resignation, after which they would launch a nationwide protest. Dipke, who called for the protest, arrived in Delhi from the United States on Saturday morning, walking out of the airport carrying a copy of B R Ambedkar's autobiogra-

phy. After receiving permission from the Delhi Police, he reached Jantar Mantar. Protesters, armed with posters demanding Pradhan's resignation, were seen wearing cockroach masks, which were being distributed at the venue. Besides demanding the education minister's resignation, the protesters also raised slogans demanding that the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stop indulging in "Hindu-Muslim" politics, and hailed the motherland with "Bharat Mata ki Jai" slogans.

Congress stages protest over NEET leak, fuel price hike

TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud leads rally in Hyderabad, demands accountability for the NEET-UG controversy and criticizes fuel and LPG price hikes.

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The Telangana Congress organised a massive protest rally from Bashirbagh Crossroads to the Dr BR Ambedkar Statue at Tank Bund on Friday, June 5, condemning the central government over the alleged NEET-UG 2026 examination paper leak, rising fuel and LPG prices, CBSE-related issues, and the depreciation of the Indian rupee. The rally witnessed participation from several senior Congress leaders, including TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, AICC Sec-



retary Sachin Sawant, Minister Ponnampaluri Anil Kumar Yadav, Khairatabad DCC President Motha Rohith, and other party leaders and workers. Addressing the gathering at Liberty Circle, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud launched a sharp

attack on the BJP-led Central government, alleging that its failures have jeopardised the future of lakhs of students across the country. "The incompetence of the Prime Minister and the central government has pushed lakhs of students into uncertainty. The government is play-

ing with the future of students nationwide," he said.

Referring to the alleged NEET-UG 2026 paper leak controversy, Goud said the cancellation of the examination was a clear indication of the Centre's failure to ensure transparency and accountability in conducting one of the country's most important entrance tests.

"Students spend months preparing for the examination, but due to the negligence of the Central Government, their hard work has gone in vain," he remarked. Demanding accountability, the TPCC

chief called for the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, stating that he should take responsibility for the alleged failures surrounding the NEET examination process.

He further criticized the Centre's handling of national security issues, alleging that the government's weakness had emboldened external threats, including China's alleged incursions. Mahesh Kumar Goud assured affected students and their families that the Congress party would stand firmly with them in their fight for justice.

Telangana DCA Inspects 166 Medical Shops, Issues Notices to 41

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The Telangana Drugs Control Administration (DCA) conducted a special enforcement drive against online pharmacies across the state on June 6, inspecting 166 medical shops to ensure compliance with the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. According to the DCA, 159 of the inspected shops were linked to online medicine delivery services, including licensed premises of online pharmacy operators and their partner pharmacies. The remaining seven shops were associated with online business-to-business platforms such as IndiaMART.

Officials identified several irregularities during the inspections, including failure to maintain or produce sales bills, non-



maintenance of prescription drug and Schedule H1 registers, absence of purchase invoices, dispensing prescription medicines without valid prescriptions from registered medical practitioners, and sale of medicines without the supervision of registered pharmacists. The DCA also found deficiencies in maintaining copies of sales and purchase records.

Following the inspections, Show Cause Notices were issued to 41

medical shops linked to online pharmacy operations across Telangana. Authorities said further action would be taken in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and related rules. The DCA reiterated that all medical shops, including those associated with online platforms, must strictly comply with statutory requirements and warned that violations would invite stringent action under the law.

Dr Rahul Devraj is new NIMS Hospital Director

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Dr Rahul Devraj is the new director of Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) in Hyderabad. He succeeds Dr Bheerappa Nagari, a senior surgical gastroenterologist. Dr Devraj served as Professor and Head of the Department of Urology at the university. Under his aegis, NIMS conducted 2,000 kidney transplants, making it one of the leading renal transplant centres in India. Last year, the hospital's renal transplant programme completed its first robotic

renal transplant in a government hospital setting in South India. The surgery was successfully carried out on a 33-year-old Nalgonda native suffering from end-stage kidney disease due to the rejection of a previous transplant. The patient had undergone a living-related kidney transplant in 2017, but chronic rejection led to severe complications. The newly transplanted kidney began functioning immediately, producing good urine output, indicating a successful graft and smooth recovery.

Tummala Says State Strengthening Power Infrastructure

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Agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Sunday said the state government was strengthening power infrastructure by setting up new sub-stations and transmission lines to ensure quality and uninterrupted electricity supply. He, along with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, inaugurated a 33/11 kV sub-station at Pakabanda in Khammam. Addressing the gathering, he said the government was providing free electricity to agri-

cultural pump sets and domestic connections up to 200 units. He said the state had met peak summer demand without power cuts.

He directed officials to shift electric poles obstructing development works in municipal areas and called for coordination among roads and buildings, electricity, municipal and irrigation departments for timely completion of projects. He also asked officials to prepare plans for setting up solar power plants on government lands. He urged the public not to be-

lieve Opposition claims on free power to farmers. Officials noted that peak demand had increased from 15,000 MW in 2023 to 18,548 MW at present and was expected to rise further due to projects such as Musi River rejuvenation, Future City, industrial expansion, Pharma City and data centres, along with agricultural growth. The minister said the government was focusing on green energy with a target of generating 20,000 MW of renewable energy by 2030 and was examining the establishment of a ded-

icated 'Farmer DISCOM' to improve services for the agricultural sector. He said despite an increase of about 3,500 MW in demand over the past two-and-a-half years, there had been no power cuts in the state. He added that measures had been taken for the welfare of electricity department employees, including accident insurance coverage of ₹1 crore. He said plans were under way to install solar pump sets for six lakh acres cultivated by tribal farmers under the Indira Giri Jala Vikasa scheme.

Waqf Board Urged To Fix Fair Rents

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With the government enhancing registration market values, Waqf Board member Abul Fateh Syed Bandagi Badesha Quadri has urged the Telangana State Waqf Board to disclose details of properties leased at nominal rents and appoint a commission to fix fair rents based on current market value. He said Waqf properties are meant to generate income for mosques, madrasas,



orphanages, charitable institutions and social causes. However, many valuable properties are leased for nominal rents, causing huge financial losses. He added that the enhanced market values give the Board an opportunity to bring transparency and reform.

Bhatti Vikramarka Says Education Spending Is Investment In Future

He directed officials to expedite construction of the school building and ensure completion within the stipulated timeframe: Reports

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Wakeup telangana

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Sunday said that the state government's Young India Integrated Schools initiative is designed to create a strong and inclusive educational ecosystem for students from poor and marginalized backgrounds. He was inspecting ongoing construction works at Laxmipuram in Khammam district when he made these remarks, stressing that every rupee spent on education is an investment in future generations. Reaffirming the Congress government's focus on education and welfare, he said special priority is being given to strengthening government schools across Telangana. He also pointed out that measures such as enhance-



ment of mess and cosmetic charges were implemented, which he claimed were not revised during the previous BRS government's nine-year rule. He directed officials to speed up construction of the school building and ensure timely completion without compromising on quality. Regular supervision of works, he said, was essential to maintain standards. Officials informed him that the 'G+1' slab works of the administrative block and Blocks 2, 3 and 4 had been completed, while

slab work for Block 1 was underway and foundation work for three additional blocks had already been completed. Later, at Yadavalli in Mudigonda mandal, the Deputy CM laid the foundation stone for a 33/11 KV sub-station being constructed at an estimated cost of ₹3.15 crore. He stressed strict adherence to quality standards to ensure long-term durability and said the project would provide uninterrupted power supply to surrounding villages, strengthening rural in-

frastructure. He also reviewed ongoing road works in Mudigonda mandal, estimated at ₹33 crore, stating that improved connectivity and better transport facilities would follow completion of the projects, including links to national highways. He instructed officials to closely monitor all development works to ensure quality execution. He further reviewed the progress of a proposed 50-bed hospital building in the mandal. Telangana State Warehousing Corporation chairman Rayala Nageswara Rao, Telangana State Handicrafts Development Corporation chairman Naidu Satyanarayana, and Stambhadri Urban Development Authority chairman Puvvalla Durga Prasad were present during the inspection.

Amavasya casts shadow on school reopening in Telangana

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The Telangana Congress government's decision to postpone the reopening of schools to June 15 has sparked concerns among teachers and parents as the revised date coincides with Amavasya (No moon day), which is traditionally considered inauspicious for any new beginning. The School Education department postponed the reopening based on multiple representations it received from various stakeholders requesting a reconsideration of the reo-



opening date. Since June 13 and 14 fall on the second Saturday and Sunday respectively, it has been decided that all the government and private schools will reopen on June 15 instead of June 12, it said. However, teachers are of the view that several parents prefer not to send their children to school on

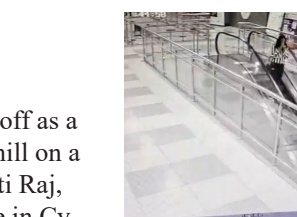
the inauspicious day. "Given the social media and awareness among people, parents will not prefer to send their wards to school to commence the new academic year on Amavasya," a headmaster said. To compensate for the academic time lost due to the postponement of reopening schools and ensure adherence to the prescribed instructional days under the academic calendar 2026-27, July 11 (second Saturday) has been announced as a working day for all schools under the department. Departments, regional

joint directors of school education and district educational officers have been directed to take necessary action accordingly and communicate the change in school reopening to all schools under their jurisdiction. Meanwhile, the department released a new academic year 2026-27, with a total of 227 working days. The Dasara vacation is scheduled from October 10 to 22 and Sankranti vacation from January 13 to 17, 2027. Missionary schools will have Christmas vacation from December 23 to 27.

Cyberabad DCP goes undercover, busts prostitution racket at pub

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Dressed in civvies, passing off as a software employee out to chill on a weekend, an IPS officer, Riti Raj, the DCP of Kukatpally zone in Cyberabad, conducted an undercover operation and busted a prostitution racket run out of a pub. On Saturday evening, the IPS officer walked alone into the Kings and Queens Pub, located at KPHB leaving her personal security officers a few metres away from the spot. There, she observed the situation for some time and also recorded videos of the happenings



inside the club. Later, on her signal, a team of other officers rushed into the pub and picked up nine persons including four women for questioning. The raid was conducted based on specific inputs collected by the officer, who acted on the intelligence and conducted the operation. It was allegedly found that the management was luring customers through

women and had failed to implement measures to prevent entry of minors into the premises. The management was operating beyond the permitted timings, and was functioning without a valid police No Objection Certificate (NOC). Inspector Kukatpally, S Raja Sekhar Reddy said that preliminary evidence collected during the raid indicated that the pub owner was allegedly using women to attract male customers for financial gain. The police also suspect the management was facilitating immoral activities and procuring women for customers.

Amoy Kumar Appears Before ED Again in Bhoodan Case

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

KTR Demands Removal of Union Minister Over NEET UG Leak Allegations

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao has demanded the dismissal of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, holding the Centre responsible for alleged irregularities and a reported paper leak in the NEET UG-2026 examination. He said such administrative failures have seriously shaken students' trust in the national examination system and must be dealt with strict accountability. Rama Rao made these remarks after interacting with NEET aspirants affected by the controversy in Hyderabad ahead of his official visit to Malaysia. Several students shared their experiences of stress, uncertainty, and mental strain following the allegations, questioning why they should suffer or re-take exams due to alleged system failures.



He strongly criticised the National Testing Agency (NTA), calling the incident a complete failure of its monitoring and security mechanisms. According to him, repeated concerns over grace marks, rising cut-off scores, and unanswered questions around evaluation processes have already weakened confidence in the examination framework. Rama Rao argued that merely identifying lower-level lapses would not be sufficient, and insisted that responsibility must be

fixed even at senior levels. He said removing the Union Education Minister would serve as a strong deterrent and help restore accountability in the system. "If there is no punishment, recklessness will increase within the system," he remarked. Students present during the interaction expressed anger over being forced into uncertainty despite strict security protocols at examination centres. Many of them demanded clarity on why they should face re-examinations when the alleged fault lies with authorities. They also raised concerns over fairness, transparency, and the credibility of competitive examinations. The BRS leader said his party would take up the issue in Parliament and the Telangana Assembly, demanding a thorough probe and strict legal action against those respon-

sible. He also suggested that if the extent of the leak cannot be clearly contained, a nationwide re-examination may become unavoidable due to the interconnected nature of coaching networks and digital dissemination of exam content. He further called for long-term reforms, including AI-based monitoring systems and stronger technological safeguards to prevent future leaks. Rama Rao also stressed the need for tighter regulation of private medical college management quotas, stating that merit must remain the sole basis for admissions. Appealing directly to students, he urged them not to lose hope. "Consider this a speed-breaker and move ahead with renewed focus," he said, advising them to share their stress with family and mentors instead of bottling it up.

Tension in Ramagundam as police block Harish Rao's visit to Coal Handling Plant



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BRS activists entered into an argument with the police as the latter refused to allow the party senior leader and Siddipet MLA T Harish Rao to visit the Coal Handling Plant (CHP) in Godavarihanchi. Harish Rao, who visited the Ramagundam coal belt area to take part in Singareni Parirakshna Sadassu held in Godavarihanchi on Sunday, tried to visit CHP. In the wake of the BRS working president KT Rama Rao's allegation that 40 lakh tonnes of coal went missing, Harish Rao tried to visit CHP to know

the coal stocks at the field level. However, police prevented them when Harish Rao along with other MLAs Gangula Kamalakar and Padi Kaushik Reddy, former legislators Koppula Eashwar, D Manohar Reddy, Korukanti Chander, Putta Madhu and others tried to enter into CHP premises. Enraged over the police attitude, party leaders and activists staged protest demonstrations and entered arguments with them. In the wake of Harish Rao's visit, police deployed a huge force at CHP. Interacting with the press later, Harish Rao said that

he was not allowed to visit CHP since there was no coal stock. According to Singareni records, there was 7 lakh tonnes of coal stock in Ramagundam area. However, not even 50,000 tonnes of coal was available, he said. In a statement released on Saturday, Singareni informed that 26 lakh tonnes of coal was available across the company. If it was true, 5 to 6 lakh tonnes of coal should be there in Ramagundam. However, that much of coal was not there in the area, he said. The BRS leaders and activists returned back without visiting CHP.

Congress designing Pharma City land into irreversible project

The Bharat Future City project, evolving from the erstwhile Pharma City plan, has sparked debate over its feasibility and long-term implications. Officials suggest its contractual and financial structure could make it difficult for future governments to scrap or alter it.

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The Congress government appears determined to transform the erstwhile Pharma City proposal into its ambitious Bharat Future City project, even as questions continue to be raised over the project's feasibility, financial viability and long-term execution. Amid the BRS declaring to scrap the project upon returning to power, officials indicated that the government is structuring the project in a manner that could make any future reversal practically impossible. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy recently made this position explicit, stating that cancelling Bharat Future City was not possible as lands were not being allotted free of cost and any rollback would require the government to refund the amounts collected. His remarks have triggered fresh debate over whether the government is creating legal and financial obligations that would bind successive administrations. While the modalities are yet to be finalised, the political



top brass is learnt to have given clear instructions to the official concerned in this regard and asked them to formulate rules accordingly. The master plan for Bharat Future City is still under preparation, with six consultancy firms, including three from Singapore, competing to prepare the Vision and Comprehensive Master Plan 2047. The consultant selected by the government is expected to submit the blueprint within nine months for the 765 sq km project spread across seven mandals and 56 villages. Officials familiar with the planning process said the government intends to allot land parcels to companies and institutions at prescribed rates. Accordingly, the officials concerned were reportedly asked to prepare agreements containing clauses that would require any future government cancelling such allotments to refund the consideration amount

along with compensation if possible. Given Telangana's strained financial position, senior officials privately admitted that repaying such large sums, coupled with compensation liabilities, would become a massive financial burden on the State government. According to them, administrative rules are being framed to ensure that once allotments are made and development begins, the project cannot be scrapped in its entirety. "Once the master plan is finalised and allotments are completed, the project itself cannot be rolled back. At best, individual allotments can be cancelled if companies fail to establish their units, and those parcels can only be reallocated to other investors. Even it could be difficult without legal intervention as the land is already sold but not leased or allotted at less price," a senior TGIC official said. While governments routinely revise policies, Bharat Future City is being designed around contractual and financial commitments that could effectively outlive the present administration,

Ambedkar Mission Elects New Committee, Reaffirms Constitutional Awareness Drive

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The 170th week of the Gana Mala Programme was celebrated at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Statue, Lothkunta X Road, Alwal, with the election of a new Executive Committee for the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mission, Lothkunta, for the 2026-2028 term. The meeting was held under the guidance of advisor Ananth Raj, while retired senior Ambedkarite Madhukar addressed the gathering, stating that "saving



the Constitution is saving India" and describing Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as a global icon whose ideals should guide society. K.A. Laxmi was elected President, with Madhukar and K.L. Uday Kiran serving as Working Presidents. The newly elected committee adopted resolutions to promote con-

stitutional awareness, distribute books on Dr. Ambedkar's life and work, and strengthen the Resource Study Center through free computer training, skill development programmes, and job melas for youth. Members also pledged to work collectively for the education and empowerment of marginalized communities and to advance Babasaheb's mission. Floral tributes were paid to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, marking the successful conclusion of the programme.

Madhusudhana Chary Praises VAASAKI Magazine, Encourages Telugu Literary Culture

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Thalka Anjaiah

Former Telangana Assembly Speaker Sirikonda Madhusudhana Chary appreciated the literary and cultural contribution of the "VAASAKI" monthly magazine after receiving a copy from Gumparthi Bhaskar Rao on June 6. Reviewing the publication, Madhusudhana Chary praised its efforts to promote Telugu literature and foster a reading cul-



ture among society. He noted that such initiatives play a vital role in preserving language and cultural heritage in the digital era. Bhaskar Rao said the former Speaker's encouragement and blessings would motivate the entire

VAASAKI team to continue its literary mission with renewed enthusiasm. The interaction also stressed the importance of cultivating reading habits among the younger generation, emphasizing that literature nurtures creativity, critical thinking, and social awareness. The VAASAKI team reaffirmed its commitment to inspiring Gen-Z readers and promoting literary excellence through meaningful publications.

PAC Chairman Participates in Gurunadham Cheruvu Clean-Up Drive



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As part of the "Mana Cheruvu - Mana Andari Badhyata" initiative, PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi participated in a lake clean-up drive at Gurunadham Cheruvu in Miyapur Division along with former corporator Uppalapati Srikanth, Walkers Club Association members, and local residents. The programme focused on removing thorny bushes, plastic waste, and other debris from the lake surroundings. Speaking on the occasion, Gandhi appreciated the efforts of youth and colony residents who voluntarily came forward to protect and clean the lake. He emphasized that safeguarding lakes is a shared

social responsibility and urged citizens to actively participate in conserving local water bodies. Gandhi noted that the Telangana government is making significant efforts towards lake protection and stressed that public participation is equally important. He further stated that neglect and lack of ownership among nearby residents often contribute to the deterioration of lakes. "Only when we consider lakes and ponds as an integral part of our lives can we truly protect them," he said. Malignavada Foundation members Chaitanya and Ramu, Walkers Club Association members, walkers, and residents of nearby colonies also participated in the programme.



The Nikah ceremony of Syed Sohail Hussain, son of Syed Manawar Hussain, with the daughter of Mohammed Khaja was solemnized at AMD Function Hall, Sadath Nagar, Errakunta. The event witnessed the presence of several respected city dignitaries, including Habeeb Hasan Hashmi, Habeeb Mohammed Sikandar Hashmi, National President of AI Indo Arab Federation and CEO of Al Madina Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., Mohammed Majid Ahmed Hashmi, Telangana State Youth President (QIRP), Habeeb Mohammed Akbar Hashmi, Habeeb Mateen Hashmi, Mohammed Idrees Hashmi, Mohammed Salman, Mohammed Waseem, Mohammed Aziz, Mohammed Saif, and Mohammed Hasnain, who conveyed their blessings and best wishes to the newlywed couple.

Building Workers' Self-Respect Meeting Demands Stronger Welfare Measures

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A Self-Respect Meeting organized by the Qutbulpur Building Construction Workers' Association was held in Hyderabad, where leaders called for stronger welfare measures and greater protection of the rights and dignity of construction workers. Former Suraram Corporator Mantri Satyanarayana and BRS Division President Puppala Bhaskar attended the programme as chief guests. Addressing the gathering, the leaders said construction workers are the backbone of infrastructure development and make a vital contribution to the state's and nation's economic growth by working tirelessly in challenging conditions. They stressed that society must recognize and respect their efforts. The meeting discussed several



issues affecting construction workers, including the effective implementation of welfare schemes, health security, accident insurance, educational assistance for workers' children, old-age pensions, and better employment opportunities. Participants urged the government to

ensure that these benefits reach every eligible worker. Puppala Bhaskar assured the workers of his continued support and promised to raise their concerns with the relevant authorities. Mantri Satyanarayana emphasized the need to safeguard workers' rights and called for the proper implementation of government welfare programmes. Labour union leaders, construction workers, public representatives, political leaders, and local residents attended the meeting in large numbers.

Jampana Pratap Distributes Indiramma Sarees Successfully

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Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap distributed Indiramma sarees to women at Netajinagar in New Bowenpally Kadakpura on Sunday, praising the Telangana government's commitment to women's welfare under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The programme drew the participation of local women and community leaders. Speaking on the occasion, Jampana Pratap said the Congress government is dedicated to pro-



tecting women's dignity and improving their social and economic well-being through welfare initiatives. He noted that the Indiramma saree scheme aims to distribute sarees to one crore women across Telangana, reflecting the

government's focus on inclusive development. He also highlighted that the sarees are woven by Telangana handloom artisans, providing employment opportunities and strengthening the livelihoods of weaving families while preserving

the state's rich textile heritage. The programme was organised with the courtesy of MLA Ganesh and attended by local leaders including Maula, Sai Baba Yadav, Mukesh Yadav, Karan Singh, Shashi, Yadagiri and others. Organisers said New Bowenpally Kadakpura was selected to ensure wider community outreach. The event concluded with beneficiaries expressing gratitude, while organisers announced that similar distribution programmes would continue to help achieve the government's target of reaching one crore women across the state.

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'.

EAM Jaishankar Outlines Blueprint For Deeper India-Indonesia Cooperation

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Highlighting the deep-seated historical and strategic ties between the two nations, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday stated that the visit of Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto as the Republic Day Chief Guest in 2025 has imparted fresh momentum to the bilateral Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Welcoming the Indonesian delegation for the 8th India-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting (JCM), which is being held after a gap of four years, Jaishankar outlined the vast potential for multi-sectoral cooperation. "It's a great pleasure to welcome you and your delegation to New Delhi for the eighth India-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting. Our Joint



Commission is happening after four years. "We celebrated the 75th anniversary of the establishment of our bilateral ties in 2025. We had the honour to welcome President Prabowo Subianto on a state visit and as the Chief Guest for India's 76th Republic Day last year. "When I had called on His Excellency during that visit, I very much valued the guidance provided by him on further developing multifaceted bilateral ties. "There were very fruitful discussions

between Prime Minister Modi and President Prabowo during the visit, and that has certainly imparted fresh momentum to our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership," Jaishankar said. The External Affairs Minister further emphasised that the high-level dialogue would comprehensively review and expand cooperation across diverse strategic fields, ranging from defence and trade to health and education. "Today, I look forward to extensive

discussions with you, covering the full spectrum of our bilateral cooperation from political to defence and security, maritime trade and investments, health and pharmaceuticals, food security, as well as tourism, education, and cultural cooperation," Jaishankar added.

The ongoing JCM discussions, co-chaired alongside Indonesian Foreign Minister Sugiono, serve as a vital institutional mechanism to review progress on these major commitments made during President Prabowo's state visit. The ministerial meeting directly builds upon recent diplomatic engagements, following a meeting on May 14 when Jaishankar met Foreign Minister Sugiono in the national capital ahead of the BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting.

Indian Households Pay Among Lowest LPG Rates in World: Centre

NEW DELHI
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Common household budgets are under the price pressure again as the government on Sunday increased the cost of liquefied petroleum gas or LPG for domestic use by Rs 29 per cylinder. However, the government defended the price hike, saying that the consumers have been shielded from the true cost of LPG prices, as it is still lower than the prices of neighbouring countries, while the Opposition members are up the ante over the repeated surge of fuel prices. This is the second revision in LPG prices since the West Asia war began on February 28, while the government hiked the same LPG prices by Rs 60 per cylinder on March 7. After the hike, now a 14.2-kg cylinder will



cost you Rs 942 instead of Rs 913 in Delhi earlier and the corresponding price rise will be applicable in other parts of the country due to their respective state taxes. At the same time, the government also claimed that beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) will continue to pay an effective Rs 642 per cylinder after receiving a subsidy of Rs 300 per refill on the first four refills annually, down from 9 refills announced last year. As per the oil marketing companies (OMCs), it is estimated that they were losing about Rs 703 on every LPG cylinder sold before the latest revision. "The cost of supplying a

domestic LPG cylinder has risen to more than Rs 1,600 following a surge in international prices that followed the outbreak of war in West Asia at the end February," the OMCs said in a statement. Despite the increase, the government claimed that domestic LPG prices remain below those prevailing in neighbouring countries such as Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka, and significantly lower than prices in advanced economies, including the United States, Australia, and Canada. "India was among the few countries able to maintain uninterrupted energy shipments through the Strait of Hormuz during the crisis. However, domestic LPG production was increased and supplies diversified through alternative sourcing arrangements to safeguard availability," it said.

Army Officer Killed During Anti-Terror Operation in J&K's Rajouri

NEW DELHI
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In a tragic incident during an ongoing counter-insurgency operation in Jammu and Kashmir's frontier district of Rajouri, a young Army officer lost his life while performing operational duties, officials said on Sunday. Lieutenant Beershwar Goswami was part of a joint security team engaged in a sustained anti-terror operation in the dense forests of the Manjakote sector,

where security forces have been tracking a group of suspected militants believed to be hiding in the rugged terrain. The operation, code-named "Operation Sherwali," has now entered its 15th day and represents a major counter-insurgency effort in the region. It was launched following intelligence inputs indicating the presence of heavily armed militants who had infiltrated the forested belt along the Line of Control (LoC) and were

attempting to establish a foothold in the hinterland. The operation involves the coordinated deployment of Army units, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and other security agencies, with a focus on area domination, search-and-destroy missions, and sustained surveillance. The Manjakote area, where the operation is underway, is known for its challenging topography, marked by steep slopes, deep gorges, and thick vegetation, which



significantly complicate search operations. Security forces have established multiple cordons, carried out systematic combing operations, and deployed advanced sur-

veillance equipment, including drones and night-vision devices, to track the movement of militants. Intermittent contact with the suspected militants has been

reported during the operation, further intensifying efforts to neutralise the threat. It was during one such operational movement through the treacherous terrain that Lieutenant Goswami reportedly slipped into a deep gorge. The incident occurred under extremely difficult conditions, with troops navigating narrow, slippery mountain tracks amid dense forest cover and unpredictable weather, officials said. They added that despite

immediate rescue efforts launched by fellow soldiers and accompanying teams, the officer succumbed to the injuries sustained in the fall. Paying tribute to the fallen officer, the Army's Nagrota-based 16 Corps, also known as the White Knight Corps, expressed profound grief over his untimely demise. In a statement, the Corps said: "GOC White Knight Corps and all ranks express profound grief over the untimely demise of Lieutenant

Beershwar Goswami, who made the supreme sacrifice while undertaking operational duties. His unwavering devotion to duty, indomitable spirit, and selfless service to the nation will remain an enduring inspiration to all ranks." The Corps also extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul. Officials said that despite the loss, the anti-terror operation continues with full intensity.

Vijay's TVK Govt Will Not Complete Three Months in Tamil Nadu: Stalin

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Former Tamil Nadu Chief minister and DMK chief MK Stalin launched a scathing attack on Vijay-Led TVK government, saying that he doubts if this government will even complete three months in power. The former chief minister of the state made his comments during an event that was held to welcome Paniyar Babu, former Viduthalai Chiruthai Katchi (VCK) leader and MLA, who joined the DMK on Sunday. Ad-



ressing the party cadres at the event, MK Stalin questioned the ideological stability of the TVK, and said that he and his party did not question other parties backing the TVK because it might have led to BJP controlling the power of the state via President's rule. Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram has said

that his party extended support to the TVK only after informing the DMK leadership. The Congress, which was allied with DMK to contest in the April 23 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, was the first party to offer support with five MLAs to TVK to enable the formation of the government. "We want to prevent another election if TVK fails to secure a majority in the House. This was a wider feeling among alliance partners. Even people do not want another election," he told

a private news channel on Saturday. Claiming that the Congress also informed the alliance partners including CPI, VCK and IUML about its decision to support the TVK government, Chidambaram said, "the only difference is that we have announced the support to TVK one day before allies did". Soon after the alliance's poll debacle, the DMK youth wing led by Udhayanidhi Stalin organised a meeting and passed a resolution, accusing the Congress of "betraying" the DMK.

Tamil Nadu CM Vijay To Attend NITI Aayog Meeting in Delhi

NEW DELHI
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Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay is likely to travel to Delhi to take part in the NITI Aayog meeting slated to take place on June 11. This will be his second visit to the national capital as Chief Minister. Vijay is likely to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah and senior leaders of the Congress party. During his first visit to the national capital as Chief Minister, Vijay had called on Prime Minister Naren-



dra Modi. On Tuesday, Tamil Nadu government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Union Government to implement the Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 (Uyir Neer Iyakkam) across the state. The agreement was signed via video conferencing in the presence of Tamil

Nadu Chief Minister and Union Minister for Jal Shakti CR Patil. Senior officials from both the State and Union Governments participated in the virtual signing ceremony. According to an official release, the agreement marks a significant step towards strengthening drinking water infrastructure and ensuring sustainable access to safe and adequate drinking water for households across Tamil Nadu. The newly launched Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 aims to further enhance existing water

supply systems, improve service delivery, and support long-term water security through highly coordinated efforts between the Centre and the State. The push for upgraded water systems aligns directly with Chief Minister Vijay's administrative blueprint, the release said. In his first speech after taking charge, the Chief Minister had explicitly vowed to direct the state's full attention toward upgrading basic amenities, with a specific focus on essential civic infrastructure.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Rahul Gandhi Lauds..

The country's 18-year-old kid outpaced the CBI - this victory of the youth is truly the government's defeat. This is India's real youth power - curious, aware, informed. And remember, the country's future won't fall for any deception," the post further read. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports heard Sarthak's presentation on Monday, examining the issues students faced with the OSM system during the Class 12 exams. CBSE officials responded to queries raised, assuring that re-evaluation portal issues have been

addressed and students have adequate time to apply. Hours after the committee meeting, the Centre formed a one-member inquiry committee, headed by S Radha Chauhan, Chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission, to examine procurement-related matters concerning CBSE's OSM system. The committee has been tasked with submitting its report within a month. Following the controversies, CBSE Chairman Rahul Singh and Secretary Himanshu Gupta were transferred, and cybersecurity agencies, including the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), have been monitoring the re-evaluation por-

tal for potential attacks. Digvijaya Singh, Chairman of the Parliamentary panel. **INDIA Janbandhan.....**

The top TMC leadership is making an assessment of the situation within its own party amid buzz of problems cropping up among its Lok Sabha MPs after party whip in LS Kakoli Ghosh Dastdar raised a red flag over party's functioning and conduct of fellow MPs in the wake of big defeat of TMC in recently assembly elections in West Bengal. According to rebel TMC MLA and deputy leader of the party's new legislative wing, Sandipan Saha, a development similar to that in the

West Bengal Assembly is taking place within the parliamentary party in New Delhi. The TMC currently has 28 members in the Lok Sabha following the death of Basirhat MP Haji Nurul Islam. CPI(M) will be represented by its Rajya Sabha leader John Brittas, even as the Left party awaits a response from the Congress over allegations during the Kerala Assembly election campaign. It is learnt that CPI (M) general secretary Mr M. A. Baby had recently written to Congress president Mr Mallikarjun Kharge seeking clarification on remarks by senior Congress leaders that suggested a political under-

standing between the CPI (M) and the BJP in Kerala.

Kerala : Four-Year.....-

He said around 123 cases were reported in Alappuzha and Pathanamthitta districts last week. Amid concerns over reports of gastrointestinal illness among students in Wayanad, the minister said preliminary investigations indicated that the cases were not linked to Shigella. Around 164 students from educational institutions in the Sulthan Batherly region reportedly developed symptoms including vomiting and diarrhoea. A medical team from Kozhikode Medical College was dispatched to the area.

Disintegration in Mamata's camp



CRIME

PMJ Jewellery Dacoity Case: Police Recover Pistols, Arrest Another Key Accused

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In a significant breakthrough in the sensational PMJ Jewellery Shop dacoity case, Karimnagar police have recovered two pistols and a mobile phone allegedly used during the robbery, while another key accused has been arrested in Bihar, Police Commissioner Gautham Alam announced on Sunday.

The recoveries were made based on information obtained during the four-day police custody of the three main accused—Subodh Singh (A-1), Raghunath Karmakar alias Jagira Singh (A-2), and Ravish Kumar alias Pradyuman (A-3). The accused were interrogated from June 3 to

June 7 as part of the ongoing investigation. According to police, the two pistols allegedly used in the crime had been hidden in bushes near the Velishala Bypass Road. Investigators also recovered a silver-pink Vivo mobile phone connected to the case from a forested area near Maddunoor village on the Dharmapuri route. Despite these recoveries, officials said the accused have not been fully cooperating with the investigation. Police suspect they are deliberately with-

holding crucial information regarding the stolen gold and diamond jewellery. During questioning, the accused allegedly provided contradictory statements about the location and disposal of the valuables, apparently in an attempt to mislead investigators. With several aspects of the case still unresolved, police have decided to seek further custody of the accused by filing a fresh requisition before the court to continue the interrogation. In another major devel-

opment, a special police team arrested Amar Singh alias Pahilwan alias Amarendra Kumar Singh (A-10), another key accused in the case, from Salimpur in Bihar's Patna district on June 4. After obtaining a transit warrant from a local court, the team is bringing him to Karimnagar to face further legal proceedings. Police Commissioner Gautham Alam stated that efforts are continuing to trace and apprehend the remaining absconding accused involved in the dacoity. He expressed confidence that the ongoing investigation and sustained operations would help recover additional evidence and the stolen jewellery while bringing all those involved to justice.

NH 63, NH 563 Widening To Boost Regional Economy, Temple Tourism

ADILABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Centre's approval for widening key national highways in north Telangana is expected to improve connectivity and boost economic activity in the region. The projects include four-laning of the 131.9-km Armoor-Jagtial-Mancherial stretch of NH 63 and the 58.8-km Jagtial-Karimnagar stretch of NH 563, covering a total of 190.76 km at an estimated cost of ₹7,597.16 crore. Officials said the projects are expected to enhance movement of goods

and services, improve logistics efficiency and strengthen connectivity among Nizamabad, Jagtial, Mancherial and Karimnagar districts. The works are also projected to generate 33.43 lakh man-days of direct employment and 42.7 lakh man-days indirectly, contributing to local economic activity. The NH-63 stretch passing through Nizamabad, Jagtial and Mancherial districts currently faces congestion due to built-up areas such as Anksapoor, Korutla, Jagtial, Dharmapuri, Luxettipet and Man-

cherial. The proposed four-laning is expected to ease traffic flow and reduce travel time between Armoor and Mancherial by about one-and-a-half hours. Officials said the upgraded highway would provide faster and safer connectivity for passenger and freight traffic, while also reducing fuel consumption, emissions and vehicle operating costs. Bypass roads are planned at congested stretches, along with modern road infrastructure and open tolling systems.

RTC Super Luxury Bus Overturns in Mancherial

A Super Luxury bus belongs to TGSTRC overturned near Mandamarri town in Mancherial district on Sunday after the driver allegedly fell asleep at the wheel. The bus was travelling from Kothagudem to Bellampalli when the accident occurred. According to reports, as the vehicle approached Mandamarri, the driver slipped into a state of drowsiness, causing the bus to lose control. The bus veered off the national highway onto a service road and overturned.

Traffic Advisory: Heavy Traffic Expected in Miyapur on June 8

Cyberabad Police have issued a traffic advisory in view of the Chief Minister of Telangana's public meeting and Miyapur Flyover Foundation Programme near Shivalayam, Miyapur Bus Stop on Monday, June 8, 2026. Heavy traffic congestion is expected on NH-65 and surrounding areas between 4:30 PM and 9:00 PM due to increased vehicle movement. Police have advised commuters to avoid the Miyapur route during the above timings and use alternative routes to prevent delays and help ensure smooth traffic flow and public safety.

Cyberabad Traffic Police Book 284 Drunk Driving Cases in Weekend Special Drive

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Cyberabad Traffic Police conducted a weekend special drunk-and-drive enforcement drive, booking 284 offenders for driving under the influence of alcohol. Among the cases, 247 involved two-wheelers, 3 three-wheelers, and 34 four-wheelers. Based on Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) levels, 223 offenders recorded 36-200 mg/100 ml, 33 recorded

201-300 mg/100 ml, and 28 recorded 301-550 mg/100 ml. All offenders will be produced before the court. Police warned that drunken driving is a se-

rious offence and that anyone causing a fatal accident while intoxicated can be booked under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, which carries a punishment of up to 10 years imprisonment along with a fine. During the previous week (June 1-6, 2026), courts disposed of 164 drunk driving cases, awarding jail and fine to 2 offenders, fine plus social service to 16 offenders, and fine only to 146 offenders.

Traffic Curbs for Fish Prasadam at Nampally

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad Traffic Police have issued a traffic advisory for the annual fish prasadam distribution programme at the Exhibition Grounds, Nampally. Traffic diversions will be in force from 6 am on June 8 to 8 pm on June 9, with moderate congestion expected on roads around the venue. Police said special arrangements have been made for vehicles and visitors attending the event. Four-wheelers arriving

from the Nampally side will be parked at Gruha Kalpa, Gagan Vihar and Chandra Vihar, from where visitors must proceed on foot to Gate No. 2 of the Exhibition Grounds. Visitors arriving in buses and vans from Moazzamjahi Market will alight at Gandhi Bhavan bus stop, while those coming from Nampally will get down at Gruha Kalpa bus stop and walk to Gate No. 2. VIP pass holders travelling from Moazzamjahi Market will proceed via Gandhi Bhavan and take a

left turn at Adab Hotel Lane towards Gate No. 1 and the CWC parking before entering the VIP parking area. VIPs arriving from Nampally must take a U-turn at Gandhi Bhavan and follow the same route. Two-wheelers from Moazzamjahi Market will be parked at the Manoranjan Complex parking area, while those arriving from Nampally will be parked at Bheem Rao Bada beside Shezan Hotel. Autorickshaw passengers will be dropped off in front of Shezan Hotel. Government vehicles, buses and

vans will be parked at the CWC parking area. Water tankers of HMWS&SB and fisheries department vehicles carrying fish will be allowed entry through Gate No. 3. Vehicles of voluntary organisations carrying food supplies with valid passes will also be permitted through the same gate. General traffic from Moazzamjahi Market and Begum Bazaar Chatri towards Nampally will be diverted at Alaska towards Darusalam and Ek Minar. Vehicles from Moazzamjahi Market will be diverted towards Abids

EDITORIAL

AFTER SC BACKS EC ON SIR, BALL IN PARL COURT

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

about 90 lakh voters were removed from the voters' list. There are about 27 lakh people who were denied their voting rights in the recently held Assembly election there on account of "logical discrepancies" in their document, a term even the apex court found to be inappropriate. Natural justice demands that a person is convinced as to why a right previously enjoyed by him is going to be denied to him before it is finally taken away. The Supreme Court has now given its stamp of approval to the injustices caused by the EC's inefficiency. Instead of penalising the floundering authority, it has now punished its victims. The argument the Supreme Court presents to legitimise a process gone awry is that it cannot be invalidated just because it did not adhere strictly to modalities. It also said that the SIR is in consonance with

the Representation of the People Act and the 1960 Rules. It is "intended to secure the constitutional mandate of free and fair elections by ensuring that the roll on which the election rests is accurate and reliable", the court has stated. But this is a strawman argument as nobody was questioning the idea in the first place. It is not the first time that such an exercise has been conducted in India. For instance, there were no complaints about the last SIR in West Bengal when it was conducted in 2002. It is unsettling that the top court in the country makes light of the procedural mandates of such an important exercise. That the law does not prescribe a fixed process for the periodic clean-up of the voters' list does not mean that the Election Commission has got a free run on deciding who can vote and who cannot. It is the duty of the courts

to come to the aid of the citizen when they are faced with the threat of losing a critical constitutional right and unacceptable that the Supreme Court in this case has refused to do so. The Supreme Court is of the opinion that examining questions bearing upon citizenship "must be undertaken with due regard to the presumption operating in favour of an elector whose name is already borne on the roll" but has chosen not to make it binding on the EC. It is a costly contradiction. Universal adult franchise is the bedrock of representative democracy and the Constitution is the document that guarantees it. The Supreme Court has practically washed its hands of the matter of protecting voting rights. It is up to the Parliament now to ponder over ways to ensure justice for the unsuspecting voter.



\$27.6 Billion: Behind Centre's Tax Relief To Foreign Investors On G-Secs

Global investors assess countries on several parameters, including yields, tax treatment, liquidity, currency risk, policy stability and ease of exit

NEW DELHI
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Foreign investors have pulled out \$27.6 billion from Indian equities since January. On most trading days, the impact of this continuous outflow outweighs the support provided by domestic investors.

Hence, the Centre's decision to exempt foreign investors from taxes on interest income and capital gains earned from government securities is being viewed by market experts as a significant step towards making India's debt market more attractive to global capital.

The move comes at a time when India is trying to deepen its bond market, expand its investor base

and strengthen its position in global fixed-income portfolios. According to Ajay Kumar Yadav, CFP CM, Group CEO and CIO at Wise FinServ, the tax relief could improve India's appeal among international investors by enhancing the returns they ultimately take home.

"For any foreign investor, the key metric is not just the bond yield but the post-tax return," Ajay Kumar Yadav said. "Even if government securities offer attractive yields, taxes on interest income or capital gains reduce the final return. Removing that burden makes Indian bonds more competitive."

Global investors typically assess countries on several parameters, including yields, tax treatment, liquidity, currency risk, pol-



icy stability and ease of exit. By eliminating taxes on income and gains from government securities, India has improved one of the most important variables in that equation. Ajay Kumar Yadav noted that the policy could encourage greater participation from sovereign wealth funds, pension funds, global bond funds and large institutional investors, many of which seek relatively stable investment avenues backed by sovereign credit. Indian government securities already carry the strength of sovereign

backing. The added tax benefit could make them more compelling in comparison with debt instruments offered by other emerging markets, he said.

Analysts believe the measure could also help attract a more stable stream of foreign capital. Unlike equity investments, which can be highly sensitive to shifts in global sentiment, debt investments in government securities tend to be relatively less volatile. Ajay Kumar Yadav said this distinction is important, especially during periods of uncertainty when foreign investors may rapidly pull money out of stock markets. "When the tax structure becomes more favourable, foreign investors have a

stronger incentive to allocate funds to Indian debt markets," he said.

Such inflows could provide an additional source of external capital even when equity markets experience bouts of volatility.

The decision may also have implications for the currency market. Foreign investors purchasing Indian government bonds must convert foreign currency into rupees. As a result, increased participation in the bond market can generate additional dollar inflows and support the domestic currency. Ajay Kumar Yadav said these inflows could act as a cushion during periods when the rupee faces pressure from factors such as elevated crude oil prices.

Dr. Nutan Naidu Earns Historic Global Dual Academic Honour

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Dr. Nutan Naidu, a scholar from Visakhapatnam, has been awarded a Doctorate and Full Professorship in Organisational Neuroscience and AI Ethics by Frankford International University, becoming the first Indian to receive this dual academic recognition in the field.

The honour was conferred during an investiture ceremony in New Delhi attended by policymakers, corporate leaders, and artificial intelligence practitioners from around the world. The recognition adds to Dr. Naidu's growing academic profile, taking his tally to four international doctorates alongside qualifications and executive education from institutions including Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, and NALSAR University of Law.



Dr. Naidu is widely known for integrating human cognitive neuroscience with predictive AI data analytics to develop strategies for electoral campaigns and public communication. His proprietary framework is designed to analyze voter behaviour and support data-driven political decision-making.

Serving as the Chief Founder AI Officer of Nutan Naidu Neural Networks, he is also a visiting professor at 17 international universities and an external expert consultant to technical divisions of the United Nations. His

work includes advising governments and political leadership across South Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas on digital electioneering, communication strategies, and real-time political intelligence.

Dr. Naidu's patented methodology, "Inner View of Interview," and his digital upskilling programmes are taught at universities internationally. Over a career spanning 25 years, he has also received recognitions such as the "Genius of the Millennium" award and Altair's Best Global Training Manager honour.

Government Bond Returns Now Tax-Free For Foreign Investors

MUMBAI
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The Centre has removed all taxes on income and gains earned by foreign investors from Indian government securities, a move aimed at making the country's sovereign debt market more attractive to global capital.

The government on Thursday issued the Income Tax Amendment Ordinance, 2026, exempting foreign institutional investors (FIIs) from paying tax on interest income

earned from government securities (G-Secs). The ordinance also eliminates capital gains tax on the sale or transfer of such securities.

The changes will take effect retrospectively from April 1, 2026. Follow Markets Live Updates

"In line with the Government's commitment to strengthen India's position as a leading global investment destination and to deepen the capital market, the Ministry of Finance has taken a series of measures aimed at en-

hancing the ease of investment for individual Persons Resident Outside India (PROIs) and Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs), and to attract stable long-term foreign capital flows," said the government in a statement.

Under the revised framework, the long-term capital gains (LTCG) tax on government securities has been reduced from 12.5 per cent to zero. The withholding tax on interest income from these securities has also been



scrapped, bringing the rate down from 20 per cent to nil. As a result, returns earned by foreign investors from investments in Indian sovereign bonds will effectively become tax-free.

The ordinance extends similar tax exemptions to

the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), the Switzerland-based international financial institution that serves central banks worldwide. The government believes the tax overhaul will strengthen India's appeal among global debt invest-

mentors at a time when the country's bond market is becoming increasingly integrated with international financial markets.

The decision comes as India seeks to deepen its sovereign debt market and attract a larger pool of long-term overseas capital. Analysts expect the tax exemptions to support demand for government bonds and further improve the competitiveness of Indian debt relative to other emerging-market fixed-income instruments. "These reforms aim to re-

duce operational complexities, simplify market access, and provide a more seamless investment experience comparable with leading international financial markets. These measures are expected to expand the investor base for Indian equities and Government Securities and encourage wider participation from global investors seeking exposure to one of the world's fastest-growing major economies," added the government statement. Nehal Sampat, Partner,

Price Waterhouse & Co LLP, told NDTV, "The ordinance issued by the Government exempts capital gains and interest earned by FPIs from tax WEF 1 April 2026. The exemption is subject to FPIs "furnishing information to be prescribed", which requirements will, hopefully, be procedural in nature and not substantive. Funds and Offshore Banking Units in IFSC, registered as FPIs, may also be eligible for the exemption. Removal of this "friction".

Indian Firms Received Far Less Govt Support Than Chinese Peers: OECD Report

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Indian firms received significantly lower government support than their Chinese counterparts during 2005-2024, according to an OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) report. OECD MAGIC Database of Industrial Subsidies measures what firms actually receive (not what governments disclose), covering 525 of the world's largest manufacturers across 15 key sectors over 2005-24, through three instruments: grants, income-tax concessions, and below-market borrowings (cheap state-bank loans).

"Between 2005 and 2024, Chinese firms received on average three to eight times more government support than firms based in the OECD, a conservative estimate. These subsidies were also considerably higher than the support received by firms based in non-OECD economies such as Brazil, India, and Indonesia," the report said. This reflects one of

the key factors behind China's manufacturing competitiveness. The OECD is an inter-governmental body comprising 38 mostly advanced economies that works to promote economic growth, trade, investment, and policy coordination among member countries. It members include the US, the UK, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Japan, South Korea, and Australia. The report also said around 22 per cent of the global market share gains of firms that grew between 2005 and 2023 can be explained by the subsidies they received.

For Chinese firms, almost 60 per cent of their global market share gains can be explained by the subsidies received, it added. Further, World Trade Organization members making no subsidy notification rose from 26 (1995) to 117 (2025) -- from 23 per cent to 70 per cent -- eroding trust in global markets, it said. India is also a major clean player in several covered sectors such as steel, cement, fertilisers, heavy machinery,

Forever New Launches First Store in Visakhapatnam

Forever New Expands India Footprint with First Visakhapatnam Store, Bringing Elegant Fashion, Personalized Shopping Experience, and Signature Summer Collection to Coastal City

HYDERABAD
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Global fashion brand Forever New has strengthened its presence in India with the launch of its first store in Visakhapatnam at the Upper Ground Floor of Inorbit Mall. The opening marks a significant milestone in the brand's retail expansion strategy and reflects the strong connection it has already built with customers in the city through its online platform.

According to the company, Visakhapatnam has been one of Forever New's most engaged markets, with customers consistently shopping online and showing long-term loyalty to the brand. This sustained response made the coastal city a natural choice for establishing its first physical outlet as the brand continues to expand across India.

The newly launched store has been designed to provide a modern, elegant, and customer-friendly



shopping experience. Its thoughtfully planned layout allows visitors to easily explore collections ranging from elevated everyday wear and workplace tailoring to occasion outfits and versatile day-to-night ensembles. Trained style consultants are also available to offer personalized fashion advice, helping customers choose styles that suit their preferences and lifestyles.

Forever New believes its signature design philosophy aligns well with the lifestyle of Visakhapat-

nam. The brand's feminine silhouettes, sophisticated detailing, and lightweight fabrics such as cotton and linen are particularly suited to the city's coastal climate, offering a combination of comfort, elegance, and practicality.

The launch event attracted members of Visakhapatnam's fashion and media community, creating an evening that reflected the warmth and elegance associated with the brand. Guests were introduced to The Summer Passage, Forever New's

latest collection featuring fluid silhouettes, breathable fabrics, soft seasonal colours, and timeless cuts designed for effortless summer dressing.

Visitors also received an overview of the brand's extended customer services, including The Allure loyalty programme and its Home Shopping service, both aimed at providing a more personalized and convenient shopping experience.

Speaking on the occasion, Country Director Shifali Singh said Visakhapatnam had long been identified as a promising market because of its highly engaged and loyal customer base. She noted that the new store represents not only a strategic expansion but also an opportunity to strengthen the brand's relationship with customers by offering an in-store experience that is warm, elevated, and reflective of the quality and style they have come to expect from Forever New.

BPCL Maintains Fuel Supply as Odisha Diesel Sales Jump 9.7%

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) continues to maintain stable and uninterrupted supplies of petrol (Motor Spirit) and diesel (High-Speed Diesel) across Odisha, ensuring seamless fuel availability for consumers, businesses, transport operators and essential services throughout the state. According to an official BPCL release, supply operations are functioning normally, and the company's robust logistics and distribution network continues to facilitate regular stock replenishment at retail outlets, ensuring fuel requirements are met efficiently and without disruption.

As economic activity, transportation, industrial operations and agricultural activities continue across Odisha, BPCL has maintained a steady flow of fuel supplies through its extensive retail network, supporting the state's growing energy needs. During May 2026, petrol sales in Odisha crossed 29,000

MT, compared to more than 28,200 MT during the corresponding period last year, registering a growth of approximately 2.8 per cent.

Diesel sales recorded even stronger growth, reaching more than 70,300 MT compared to over 64,100 MT in May 2025, reflecting a growth of approximately 9.7 per cent. The increase in fuel consumption reflects sustained economic activity across the state, higher mobility, growing transportation demand, and continued momentum in the industrial and agricultural sectors.

"BPCL remains committed to ensuring reliable and uninterrupted fuel supplies across Odisha. Our integrated supply chain, strong logistics infrastructure and extensive retail network continue to operate efficiently, enabling us to maintain adequate fuel availability across the state. We remain focused on meeting the energy requirements of consumers while ensuring seamless service and operational excellence," the company said in the statement.

Ashika Ranganath Defends Actresses Amid Debate Over Female Roles



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

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

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

Dimple Hayathi: Debate on Women's Roles in Cinema Is Long Overdue

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Actress Dimple Hayathi has joined the ongoing debate on the portrayal of women in mainstream cinema, stating that discussions about the representation of female characters are "long overdue" in the film industry. Her comments come amid widespread conversations surrounding the depiction of actresses in commercial films, although she did not directly mention any particular project. Taking to social media, Dimple argued that actresses are often unfairly criticized for the nature of the roles they portray, despite having limited influence over how those characters are conceived and presented. She stressed that the responsibility for creating meaningful female roles lies primarily with writers and filmmakers rather than the performers themselves. According to the actress, many women entering the industry accept the opportunities available to them while trying to establish their careers. As a result, they should not be blamed if their characters are written with little depth or are reduced to glamour-oriented appearances. She noted that actresses frequently become the target of criticism for portrayals that are ulti-



mately shaped by creative decisions beyond their control. Dimple further observed that the people responsible for writing and designing female characters often escape public scrutiny, while actresses bear the burden of negative reactions. She emphasized that the quality and substance of a role depend largely on the vision of the creators behind a film. Highlighting the imbalance in commercial cinema, the actress said female performers are rarely given sufficient opportunities to demonstrate the full extent of their acting abilities. In contrast, hero-centric films generally provide male actors with greater scope, complexity, and freedom in characterization, allowing them to showcase a wider range of performances. She also suggested that the indus-

try should focus on creating stronger and more well-rounded female characters, enabling actresses to contribute meaningfully to storytelling rather than serving merely as decorative or supporting elements. Such an approach, she implied, would not only benefit performers but also improve the overall quality of mainstream cinema. Dimple Hayathi's remarks have added momentum to the broader conversation about gender representation in the film industry. As audiences increasingly demand balanced storytelling and substantial roles for women, her comments underscore the growing call for filmmakers to rethink how female characters are written and portrayed on screen.

Shreyas Iyer: I Don't Have To Change My Personality For Responsibility As A Captain

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India's T20I skipper Shreyas Iyer on Sunday said he has always loved facing challenges growing up and the new responsibility of leading the country in the shortest format doesn't mean he has to change his personality. The 31-year-old Iyer was on Saturday named the captain of the Indian T20I side, replacing Suryakumar Yadav who had led the national team to the T20 World Cup title in March. Iyer said he would want to remain the same person who grew up in a challenging cricket environment in Mumbai. "I don't have to change my personality. I have to be the same person who I was before, and not try to be someone else or be under someone's shadow," Iyer said at an event here. "I obviously loved challenges growing up, especially being from Mumbai, where the cricket is pretty big, competition is high.



Every other kid on the street, they want to represent Mumbai." He said his mindset was always about winning, against everyone that he challenged. "My mindset was always about winning, against everyone that I challenged so whether it's about learning or winning that is secondary, but more fun you have growing up, the more competitive nature you have, especially while you play cricket or any other sport in general," said Iyer. "I think that takes you to another level and you want to take that sort of responsibility (and) even when I've got this job right now, or a responsibility as a captain. It's a great challenge at the same

time," he said. Meanwhile, former India captain and BCCI president Sourav Ganguly said Iyer has earned the role of national team captaincy. Iyer, who is set to lead India in Ireland for two T20Is as his first assignment as skipper, had played the last of his 51 T20Is in December 2023 before losing his spot. The right-handed batter comes into the side and the middle-order as a like-for-like replacement of former skipper Suryakumar Yadav, who was also dropped from the Indian squad. "Shreyas has done well, he has earned it. I would not say that the removal of Suryakumar Yadav is unfair. The selectors have made a decision,"

Tilak Varma Tops TG20 Auction as Telangana's Franchise League Begins

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana cricket entered a historic new phase on Sunday with the successful conduct of the inaugural TG20 Player Auction at the Princess Convention Centre, Ramoji Film City. The auction marked the beginning of the state's premier franchise-based T20 league, bringing together top international stars, accomplished domestic cricketers and promising local talent on a single platform. With a player pool of more than 1,300 HCA-registered cricketers, the eight participating franchises began assembling their squads through competitive bidding across the Icon, A+ and A categories. The auction reflected the league's vision of promoting Telangana's cricketing talent while creating a high-quality professional tournament. The biggest attraction of the auction was Tilak Varma, who emerged as the highest-valued player after being signed by



Medak Falcons for ₹33 lakh. His acquisition was one of the standout moments of the day and underlined the franchise's ambition to build a strong title-contending squad. India fast bowler Mohammed Siraj was another major signing, with Warangal Warriors securing his services for ₹14 lakh. Meanwhile, C. V. Milind became the most expensive uncapped player in the auction after Anvita Khammam Aces signed him for ₹17 lakh, highlighting the growing value of experienced domestic

performers. Several other leading cricketers were also picked in the Icon category. Ravi Kiran and Rohit Rayudu were acquired by Palamuru Strikers, while T. Raviteja joined Medak Falcons. Tanay Thyagarajan was signed by Pranava Ranga Reddy Risers, Rahul Budhhi moved to Anurag Nalgonda Knights and Tanmay Agarwal was picked by Karimnagar Diamonds, strengthening the squads across the league. The A+ category also

witnessed significant activity as franchises focused on building a solid core. Aman Rao joined Warangal Warriors, Pragmay Reddy was signed by Palamuru Strikers and Ajay Dev Goud became part of Hyderabad e-Champions. Nitin Sai Yadav, Aaron George and Rakshann Readdi were among the other notable players who attracted attention during the bidding process. In the A category, emerging talents generated intense competition among franchises. Arfaz Ahmed

and Abhirath Reddy became the joint-highest buys in the category after securing deals worth ₹11 lakh each. Chandan Sahani, who joined Karimnagar Diamonds, along with Pranav Varma of Hyderabad e-Champions and Hima Teja of Anvita Khammam Aces, were among the prominent signings, reflecting the league's emphasis on nurturing young talent. The auction proceedings were conducted by renowned sports presenter and auctioneer Charu Sharma in the presence of franchise owners, team officials and league representatives. The inaugural TG20 tournament is scheduled to begin on June 21, 2026, at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad. Eight franchises will compete in 32 matches over 21 action-packed days, with the league aiming to provide a major platform for Telangana's cricketers and usher in a new era for the sport in the state.

Traffic diversions in place for KBR Park flyover construction

In view of the ongoing construction of the steel flyover and underpass, moderate traffic congestion is expected on stretches between Mugdha Junction, KBR Park Entrance Junction (Gate-I) and Jubilee Hills Check Post. Commuters are advised to plan their travel and use the following alternate routes to avoid Road No 2, Banjara Hills:

Traffic coming from NFCL going towards SNT, Sagar Society, KBR Park Entrance and Jubilee Hills Check Post, Road No 36, Road No 45 and Cable Bridge (Durgam Cheruvu) will be diverted at SNT Junction and Sagar Society. Commuters should proceed via Srinagar Colony Main Road, Indiranagar Labour Adda, Road No 5, Jubilee Hills and Venkatagiri X Roads (Road No 10), then take a left turn towards Jubilee Hills Check Post.

Traffic coming from KCP and Road No 1, Banjara Hills, towards KBR Park, Jubilee Hills Checkpost and Road No 36 Jubilee Hills, will be diverted at Taj Krishna. Commuters should travel via Road No 10, Banjara Hills, City Centre, take a right turn towards Zahirnagar, Cancer Hospital, then take a left and continue via Agrasen Island to Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan.

Hyderabad Hosts Special Gathering Marking Eid-e-Ghadeer and Imam Khomeini death Anniversary

Hyderabad Gathering Celebrates Eid-e-Ghadeer and Honors Imam Khomeini's Enduring Legacy

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

H.E. Dr. Mohammad Fathali, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to India, attended a special gathering organized on the occasion of Eid-e-Ghadeer and the death anniversary of Imam Khomeini (R.A.) at Darbar-e-Hussaini, Purani Haveli, Hyderabad, on Sunday.

The programme, organized by Anjuman-e-Ittehad-e-Iranian Deccan, brought together religious scholars, community leaders and dignitaries to commemorate the legacy of Imam Khomeini (R.A.) and celebrate Eid-e-Ghadeer. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Mohammad Fathali highlighted the life, teachings and con-



tributions of Imam Khomeini (R.A.), emphasizing his role in shaping contemporary Islamic thought and inspiring millions across the world. Iran's Consul General in Hyderabad, Hamid Ahmadi, also spoke on the occasion and re-

flected on the significance of Imam Khomeini's vision, leadership and enduring influence. The speakers underlined the importance of unity, justice and spiritual values, drawing lessons from the life of Imam Khomeini (R.A.) and the

message of Eid-e-Ghadeer. A large number of religious scholars, community representatives and prominent citizens attended the event. Among those present were Moulana Ali Farishta, Moulana Taqi Raza abedi, Moulana Jaffer

Hussain Khilji, The programme concluded with prayers for peace, harmony and prosperity, while participants paid tribute to Imam Khomeini (R.A.) and reaffirmed the values of unity and service to humanity.

Harish Rao Says 30% Paddy Still Not Procured

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former minister T. Harish Rao on Sunday alleged that the state government had failed to procure paddy from farmers, claiming that 30 per cent of the produce was still lying at procurement centres. Addressing a party meeting at Peddapalli, he said farmers, employees and students would respond to the Congress government in the future. He criticised the proposed 'Farmers DISCOM', alleging it would add to farmers' difficulties. He said farmers were already facing issues due to non-receipt of Rythu Bharosa and irregular power supply, and claimed that Rythu Bheema had not been sanctioned for the



past four months. He called on party cadre and leaders to intensify protests against what he termed anti-people policies of the state government and asked MLAs and former legislators to stay connected with the public. He said the party would recognise the efforts of committed leaders and workers. Karimnagar MLA Gangula Kamalakar, Huzurabad MLA Kaushik Reddy, former MLA Manohar Reddy, former minister Koppula Eshwar and other leaders were present.

Invitation Issued for Felicitation of BC Muslim Sarpanchs on June 16



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A felicitation programme for newly elected BC Muslim sarpanchs of Telangana will be held on June 16 at Ravindra Bharathi under BC Times and BC Samaj leadership, headed by Suryarao. Prominent leaders including BC Commission Chairman Niranjan, retired DGP J. Poorna Chander Rao, former MLA Chanda Lingayya Dora, and former MLA Raja Rao were invited for

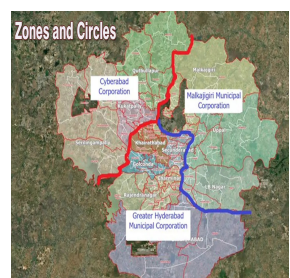
the event. Suryarao said that backward Muslim sub-groups still lack proper recognition and assured continuous support for their issues. Speakers Share Ali, MD Shabbir, Yakub Gardy, and Jahangir said 138 BC Muslim sarpanchs have been elected, calling it a historic milestone, and urged efforts to increase representation to 400 in future. BC Samaj leaders and members also participated in the invitation programme.

CMC HQ Planned At Khanamet

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To strengthen administrative and civic operations, a permanent headquarters campus for the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) has been proposed at Khanamet village in Serilimgampally, adjacent to Mundikunta Lake. The proposed Net Zero Energy Green Building campus will be developed on about 4 acres and 6.6 guntas. It will feature a G+8 administrative building with a built-up area of more than 2 lakh sq ft and provision for future expansion up to G+12 floors. The campus will include modern office spaces, parking facilities, internal roads, landscaping, fire-safety systems and a pedestrian foot-over bridge.

The CMC is also executing several major infrastructure projects. At IIIT Junction, a grade separator project worth ₹459 crore is under way. The project includes a double-



decker flyover designed to maximise the available right-of-way, reduce land acquisition needs and improve traffic flow along the corridor. At Khajaguda junction, grade separator and underpass works are being taken up at a cost of ₹220 crore. The project aims to ease congestion at the busy intersection linking Khajaguda, Shaikpet, Nanakramguda and Gachibowli. Meanwhile, grade separator works at Kukatpally Y Junction and IDL Lake Junction are intended to address chronic traffic bottlenecks. The proposal includes three-lane flyovers, road widening and dedicated at-grade carriageways to enhance road capacity and meet future traffic demand.

Telangana plans medical tourism push; forms special panel

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In line with the Telangana Tourism Policy, 2025-2030, the state government on Sunday, June 7, constituted a committee for introducing international medical tourism in government hospitals. Managing Director of Telangana State Medical Services Infrastructure Development Corporation (TGMSSIDC) Dr Gaurav Uppal, Managing Director of Telangana Tourism Development Corporation (TGTDC) and Director of Nizam's

Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) Dr Bheerappa have been appointed as members of the committee. Objectives of the committee include:

- Examining the process for establishing a dedicated International Medical Tourism Block at Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS), Sanathnagar.
- Identifying medical, surgical and diagnostic procedures to be offered under international medical tourism in government institutions and recommending package



development initiatives in coordination with the Telangana Medical and Wellness Tourism Promotion Board. The committee is asked to submit its recommendations to the government within one month. Medical tourism is the practice of travelling across international borders to receive medical, dental, or surgical care. People typically do this to access cheaper procedures, avoid long local waiting lists, or find treatments and specialists that are unavailable in their home countries.

24,210 Visitors Flock to Nehru Zoological Park Amid Summer Rush

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Nehru Zoological Park recorded a heavy footfall of 24,210 visitors on Sunday, reflecting the continued surge in tourist arrivals during the ongoing summer holiday season. Zoo authorities said the weekend rush was anticipated, and comprehensive arrangements were put in place to ensure smooth visitor management across the sprawling facility.

To handle the large crowd, additional staff were deployed across key service areas including ticketing counters, parking zones, drinking water points, washrooms, sanitation units, and internal transport services. An extra booking counter was also opened to reduce waiting time and improve visitor convenience. Officials noted that the proactive measures helped maintain order despite the high turnout.

Spread across nearly 380 acres, the zoo is home to more than 195 animal species and remains one



of the most popular family destinations in Telangana. According to statistics from Telangana Tourism for the 2025-26 period, the zoo has already attracted over two million visitors, making it the most visited tourist attraction in the state. Alongside regular tourism activity, the zoo also hosted an environmental awareness initiative on Sunday under the 'Prajala Palana - Pragathi Pranali' programme. As part of this, a bird walk was organised inside the premises, drawing participation from around 70 bird enthusiasts belonging to Hyderabad Birding Pals. Participants documented more than 60 species of

free-ranging birds, highlighting the rich biodiversity within the zoo's ecosystem. The activity aimed to promote conservation awareness and encourage public engagement with urban wildlife. Curator J. Vasantha said the zoo typically experiences its highest visitor turnout during May and acknowledged the coordinated efforts of staff in efficiently managing crowds during the peak summer season. Officials reiterated that improved facilities and better crowd control measures have contributed to a smoother visitor experience despite increasing daily footfalls.

CM Lays Foundation for ₹1,600-cr Civic Projects

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday laid the foundation stone for development works worth ₹1,600 crore in the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC). Among the major projects is the construction of alternative roads around the Army Ordnance Corps (AOC) Centre at a cost of ₹960 crore. The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for a six-lane, bi-directional flyover connecting TKR

College Junction, Gayatri Nagar Junction and Manda Mallamma Junction. The project will be taken up at an estimated cost of ₹416 crore. Another key project is the construction of the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation office building at Uppal Bhagayath Layout Phase-III, with an outlay of ₹98 crore. Revanth Reddy also laid the foundation stone for a 100-bed Area Hospital in Uppal, to be built on 0.97 acres at a cost of ₹27.17 crore.

Rough-Handed Cop Act Goes Viral

A video showing a traffic police constable allegedly slapping a man after he failed to properly blow into a breathalyser during a drunk-driving check at Gachibowli has gone viral on social media. The policeman is seen in the video asking the biker to blow into the breathalyser during a drunk-driving check. After the biker failed to comply properly despite repeated attempts, the traffic constable appeared to lose his temper and slapped him in the presence of other police personnel. The incident was reportedly captured by an unidentified person and the video was posted on social media on Saturday night. The video clip has since garnered attention, drawing mixed reactions from the public.

Telangana Run Draws Large Turnout

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Avantika Telangana Run 2026 was held on Sunday at the HMDA Grounds as part of Telangana Formation Day celebrations, drawing large participation across categories. Organised by the Society for Telangana Runners, the event featured 21-km, 10-km, 5-km and 2-km races, with the route passing along Tank Bund. The organisers said the event aimed to promote



fitness and healthy living. Avantika Construction Group managing director Yennam Srinivas Reddy said such initiatives help raise awareness about health and encourage a disciplined lifestyle. Society for Telangana Runners

president Srinivas Maggari and general secretary Jagan Mohan Reddy said the organisation would continue to promote fitness activities and expand the running culture in the state.

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