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25 I.N.D.I.A. Bloc Parties To Flag SIR, Vote Loot With CJI

The leaders of the opposition grouping also decided to meet every two months and the next meeting would be held in Hyderabad in August

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India Calls for De-escalation in West Asia

India on Monday expressed concern over the escalation of hostilities in West Asia and called for immediate de-escalation. In a statement, the ministry of external affairs said, "India deeply regrets the renewed attacks in West Asia. These developments are a matter of utmost concern to the international community." It added, "This conflict has now lasted over 100 days and has already caused immense human suffering. It has also had a debilitating impact on the global economy and energy supplies." The ministry further stated, "We call on all parties to immediately de-escalate tensions, ensure that civilians are not harmed and conclude ongoing negotiations for a diplomatic solution so that peace and stability can return to the region." Amid the renewed conflict involving Iran and Israel, India reiterated its advisory to nationals to leave Iran using available means of transport.

The leaders of 25 Opposition parties met in the national capital on Monday and decided to send a letter to the Chief Justice of India on the EC's Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls and the "vote loot" issue, besides demanding the immediate resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the Neet-CBSE exams row. Addressing a press conference after the I.N.D.I.A. bloc meeting, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the leaders also demanded that the Union government convene an all-party meeting to discuss the "precarious current economic situation" in the country, besides unemployment, price rise, issues of farmers and the oppressed sections of society.

Batting for unity among Opposition leaders, he said: "On April 17, 2026, we demonstrated our unity and solidarity in the Lok Sabha in a very deci-

sive manner, when we all came together firmly to defeat the Modi government's malicious bills on delimitation. "Now we must strengthen that same spirit even further and move forward, so that we can confront the many political, economic, social and foreign policy challenges facing the country due to the Modi government's misgovernance," Kharge said at the start of the meeting.

Ahead of the I.N.D.I.A. bloc meeting scheduled in the national capital on Monday, posters targeting Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi surfaced at several roundabouts across New Delhi, spotlight-

ing past criticisms of the Congress leader by some of his current allies. Leaders of 25 parties, including Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge of the Congress, Mamata Banerjee of the Trinamul Congress, Akhilesh Yadav of the Samajwadi Party, Tejashwi Yadav of the RJD, Omar Abdullah of the National Conference and Mehbooba Mufti of the PDP, besides Left leaders attended the meeting. NCP(SP) leader Supriya Sule, CPI(M)'s John Brittas, CPI's D. Raja, Independent MP Kapil Sibal and leaders of some smaller parties were also part of the deliberations.

chosen and also a coordinator. The Left parties, JMM, TMC and RJD also spoke about personal attacks against leaders of the alliance. The Left parties have already written a letter to the Congress president, Mr Kharge, on this matter. Almost all the Opposition parties said that the DMK should have been present in the meeting as they were a strong partner of the I.N.D.I.A. bloc alliance. NCP-SP leader Supriya Sule also raised the issue of the Cockroach Janta Party, saying it was also raising the Neet and CBSE issues as well. Rahul Gandhi made a strong pitch for Opposition unity, warning allies against "pulling down each other" and urging them to fight together against the BJP "for the sake of the country and the Constitution" All the leaders agreed that the alliance would meet every two months. The next meeting will be held in Hyderabad in August, the date for which will be fixed later.

Shiv Sena (UBT)'s Uddhav Thackeray attended the meeting virtually. Several leaders insisted on the unity amongst the alliance partners. Akhilesh Yadav stressed that the Congress should fight with unity in UP and even expressed his concerns about the lack of coordination with the state unit of the Congress in UP. He also raised the statements of certain Congress leaders being made against the SP in the state and said that all this will only strengthen the BJP. UBT-Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray also insisted on unity and said that a face of the Opposition alliance should be

Netanyahu Will Have No Choice But to Accept Deal With Iran: Trump

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US President Donald Trump on Monday said that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will have "no choice" but to accept any "deal the United States negotiates with Iran." In a telephone interview with the Financial Times, Trump said, "He won't have any choice. I call the shots. I call all the shots. He [Netanyahu] doesn't call the shots." He further added that Iran's strikes had not changed his desire to conclude US-Iran negotiations. "It's not going to have any impact on the deal," Trump said.

Trump's remarks came shortly after Iran fired ballistic missiles at Israel, marking the most serious violation of the ceasefire agreed upon in early April. Earlier in the day, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu spoke with Trump, a US official told Axios, as Trump reportedly urged him not to retaliate against Iran's missile strikes, according to The Times of Israel. Iran launched missiles at Israel on Monday, marking the first Iranian mis-

site attack since the April 8 ceasefire.

"Sirens were sounded in several areas across the country following the identification of missiles launched from Iran toward Israel. The IDF identified missiles launched from Iran toward Israel. Defensive systems are operating to intercept the threat," the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) stated. No casualties or damage have been reported so far from the attack, according to Euro-news. The Israeli Air Force (IAF) confirmed that missiles were launched from Iran toward Israel, with defence systems actively intercepting the threat and the Home Front Command issuing safety directives to the public. "The IDF has identified that a short time ago, missiles were launched from Iran toward the territory of the State of Israel.

TMC Crisis Deepens: 20 MPs, Led By Kakoli Ghosh, To Back NDA

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The All India Trinamul Congress (TMC) faced a major setback on Monday as a group of its MPs in Parliament announced support to the ruling NDA, deepening the party's internal crisis. Around 20 Lok Sabha MPs, led by chief whip Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar, broke away from the party leadership and said they would extend support to the NDA. In the Rajya Sabha, senior MP Su-



khendu Shekhar Roy resigned.

The development comes days after dissent within the party in the West Bengal Assembly, where several MLAs opposed decisions of TMC chief Mamata Banerjee. With the support of the rebel MPs, the NDA's strength

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Vijay Plays Chess With Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa After Felicitation

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Monday honoured Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa with Rs 50 lakh, and tried his hand at a game with the 20-year-old city player at the Secretariat here. The chief minister who felicitated Praggnanandhaa, who became the first Indian to win the prestigious Norway Chess title with a final round victory over Germany's Vincent Keymer in Oslo, played a game of chess with the young Grandmaster at his Chamber.

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Vizag Steel Plant Mishap Kills 8, Injures 6

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In one of the worst industrial disasters in the state, eight workers have died and six others were seriously hurt when 150 tonnes of molten steel blew up in the ladle in Steel Melting Shop-2 of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) on Monday evening. "The tragedy occurred while employees and contract workers were on duty in the Steel Melting Station-2 section," an official release said.

The release from the steel ministry said, "At about

4.15 pm, Caster-2 of Steel Melt Shop-1 at VSP was under casting. Before the slide gate was opened to pour hot crude steel from the ladle to the tundish, which would eventually have gone to the caster, a sudden and severe explosion occurred." "A large ball of fire rose to the ceiling, and the overhead crane-2 caught fire. Eight persons died and six more were injured."

RINL is investigating the accident. A three-member external inquiry committee, led by the director-in-charge of Bokaro Steel

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Several Indian Workers Killed in Road Accident in Dubai: Officials

Several Indian workers were killed on Monday when a minibus collided with a truck that had stopped in the middle of a road in Dubai, the authorities said. "Deeply saddened by the tragic road accident in Dubai that claimed the lives of several Indian workers," the Indian Consulate in Dubai said in a post on X. The mission said that it is working closely with local authorities to provide all possible assistance and support. Brigadier Juma Salem bin Suwaidan, Director of the General Department of Traffic at Dubai Police, said that preliminary investigations showed the truck had stopped suddenly in the middle of the road due to a technical fault.

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Iran and Israel Trade Strikes for First Time After Ceasefire

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Israel and Iran traded fire early Monday in their first attacks since the U.S. struck a ceasefire two months ago, threatening to drag the Middle East back into a full-scale war. The war, launched by the U.S. and Israel on Feb. 28 with strikes on Iran, has shaken the global economy, driven energy prices up around the world and made many



basics, including food, more expensive. Officials have been unable to turn the ceasefire, agreed April 8, into a deal to permanently end the conflict.

During the truce, Iran has maintained its stran-

gled on the Strait of Hormuz — a crucial passage for the world's oil and natural gas and the primary reason global fuel prices skyrocketed. Israel has continued to strike Hezbollah, Iran's ally in Lebanon, and

pushed deeper into that country. And on Monday, Yemen's Houthi rebels, another Iranian ally, fired at Israel and warned they would target Israel-affiliated ships in the Red Sea. With little apparent progress in the peace talks, Israel and Iran firing at each other again, and the Houthis joining the fight, the risk of the war fully erupting again appeared higher than at any point since the ceasefire. In his first comments since the exchange of fire, U.S.

President Donald Trump wrote online: "Israel and Iran must immediately stop 'shooting.'"

Two regional officials said concerted diplomatic efforts were underway Monday to salvage the ceasefire between Iran and the United States. Officials from Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Pakistan and Qatar have urged the Trump administration to pressure Israel to rein in its strikes on Iran and Beirut.

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BRS accuses Congress govt of threats to free speech

BRS spokesperson Manne Krishank criticized a Telangana Cyber Security Bureau notice to X Corp over a takedown request involving a video allegedly linking Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to Hitler. He called it an attempt to suppress dissent and questioned restrictions on free expression

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BRS spokesperson Manne Krishank criticised a notice issued by the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau to X Corp, alleging that it threatened democratic values and freedom of expression. Notwithstanding the notice, he made it clear that the post, which featured a caricature of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy in a Nazi uniform, would not be removed. Referring to a takedown notice reportedly seeking the removal of a video posted from a personal account that alleg-

edly featured Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy praising Hitler, Krishank said treating political commentary as a criminal matter was contrary to the spirit of democracy. He also questioned the notice's reported request that X should not inform the account holder, arguing that such a direction violated the principles of transparency and natural justice. Sharing the notice served on X on social media, he referred to the Congress government as the "Hitler government", ridiculing the allegation that the video used provocative language and reminding that Revanth



Reddy himself had made the comments. He questioned why depicting the Chief Minister in Nazi attire was considered objectionable while his remarks praising Hitler were not. "Strange that the police are also asking X not to inform the user, alleging that he might flee or hinder the investigation," he

said. Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan later, Krishank said the Chief Minister was boasting about demolishing the homes of the poor as though it were an achievement. He said that by calling Hitler and his policies an inspiration, Revanth Reddy was insulting the State as well as the country, which is the world's largest democracy. He stated that one need not be surprised if Revanth Reddy decided to install statues of Hitler in the future. He also criticised the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau, accusing it

of acting as a "damage control bureau" after a case was registered against him over a social media post. BRS social media conveners Patimeeda Jagannathan Rao, Dinesh Chowdhary and Putta Vishnuvardhan Reddy alleged that the Congress leadership was encouraging authoritarian politics. They sought to know whether the Congress had abandoned the Gandhi-Nehru ideology and adopted Revanth Reddy's Hitler idea. They demanded that Rahul Gandhi seek an explanation from the Chief Minister and take appropriate action.

Niloufer Hospital PG doctors launch flash protests against attacks

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Post graduate resident doctors at Niloufer Hospital launched a flash protest on Monday morning following an alleged assault on a second-year PG doctor by relatives of an infant, while he was discharging his duties in the Respiratory Intensive Care Unit (RICU).

The senior management of Niloufer Hospital on Monday said that they will lodge a complaint against the attackers with the Nampally police station.

The baby, who had displayed signs of improvement, was first shifted from RICU to the isolation ward. The duty doctor had attended the case and counselled the attendants on Sunday evening. However, five attendants (two male and three females) again entered the RICU as the



child was crying excessively, medicos said. Although the child was having only minimal distress, the junior doctor, prioritizing patient safety and appropriate monitoring, shifted the child back to the RICU and requested the attendants to leave the RICU premises, permitting only the mother to remain, in accordance with ICU protocols, the members of Osmania Junior Doctors Association (OJUDA) said. "The doctor's actions were guided solely by patient welfare and infec-

tion-control measures. Intensive Care Units are highly restricted areas where unnecessary movement of attendants can compromise sterility, increase the risk of infections, and endanger critically ill and immunocompromised patients fighting for their lives," junior doctors said.

Instead of cooperating with medical staff who were acting in the best interests of the child and other patients, the attendants resorted to physical assault on the resident doctor. Adding to the concern, doctors on duty could not immediately inform the police through the RMO, as the helpline was reportedly not working, highlighting serious lapses in emergency response mechanisms intended to protect healthcare workers, the medicos said.

PCC Member Munuri Kishan Attends Housewarming Ceremony in Gajivada

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A grand housewarming ceremony of Mr. Heaven and Mrs. Ribuka was held at Gajivada village in Regode Mandal of Medak district on Sunday. The event was organized in a spiritual and joyous atmosphere under the leadership of Pastor Boaz. Telangana PCC Member Munuri Kishan attended the ceremony as the chief guest and extended his heartfelt congratulations to the family. He wished the homeowners a prosperous, healthy, and happy life in their new res-



idence. Addressing the gathering, Munuri Kishan stated that a home is not merely a building made of bricks and cement, but a sacred place where love, affection, values, and family bonds grow stronger. Former Regode Mandal MPP Digambar Rao, Regode Sarpanch Chotu Miya, youth leaders Srinivas Reddy, Police Krishna, Jairaj, and several other prominent local leaders participated in the event and conveyed their best wishes to the family.

Telangana Chief Secretary Appointment Triggers Political Speculation

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With the tenure of Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao ending later this month, speculation is growing in both political and bureaucratic circles over whether the State government will seek another extension for him. The issue has gained attention in the backdrop of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's criticism of the union government over paddy procurement and delays in approvals for key projects. Political observers are closely

watching whether Revanth Reddy will approach the Centre for a third extension of Ramakrishna Rao's tenure. The Chief Secretary has already received two extensions after his retirement, and a third extension would be unusual. Whatever decision is taken is likely to spark fresh political debate. The Chief Minister has often accused the Centre of not extending adequate support to Telangana. Against that backdrop, a favourable response from the union government to a fresh request could raise

questions about the State government's criticism of the Centre. On the other hand, if the request is rejected, it could strengthen the Chief Minister's charges. While political circles debate the issue, the Secretariat is abuzz with speculation over the appointment of the next Chief Secretary. Ramakrishna Rao retired from service on August 31 last year. His tenure was subsequently extended by nine months and is scheduled to end this month. Several senior IAS of-

ficers are being discussed as potential successors. The names include Sanjay Jaju, Special Chief Secretary Sabyasachi Ghosh, Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan and Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj. In terms of seniority, Shashank Goel is the senior-most officer in the cadre. However, he is due to retire in September. Though belonging to the Telangana cadre, Sanjay Jaju is currently serving in the union government as Secretary in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

BJP Leaders Welcome New Keesara Deputy Commissioner



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BJP leaders accorded a warm welcome to Ramalingam, who assumed charge as the new Deputy Commissioner of Keesara Circle Municipal Office. On the occasion, the leaders congratulated him and expressed hope that civic administration in Keesara Circle would be further strengthened under his leadership.

Meanwhile, a foundation stone laying ceremony for a CC road was held at Vanniguda in Keesara. Local BJP leaders said that the new road works would help improve basic infrastructure and provide better convenience to residents. They urged municipal officials to give priority to sanitation, road development, drainage, drinking water supply and other public issues in the circle.

First-of-the-month promise gives way to months of waiting for Telangana's lowest-paid staff

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Upon assuming power, the Congress government made a clear and repeated assurance that salaries and honorariums would be credited on the first day of every month. Two-and-a-half years later, that promise is increasingly becoming difficult to keep, with delays in salary payments being reported across several sections of the government workforce. While pending contractor bills, retirement benefits and reimbursement claims of serving employees have already become a major challenge, the government's cash-flow constraints appear to be spilling over into routine salary payments, raising concerns about its fiscal management. The worst-hit are panchayat representatives and grassroots workers. More than 12,700 newly elected Gram Panchayat Sarpanches, who assumed office in December last year, are yet to receive



any honorarium. At Rs. 6,500 a month, the government is estimated to owe them over Rs. 41 crore in arrears. Over 62,000 Anganwadi teachers and helpers have not received salaries for April and May, despite repeated assurances from the government that a decision on wage enhancement would be taken after consultations. Even as Women and Child Welfare Minister D Seethakka recently spoke of a positive decision on a salary hike, the pending wages themselves remain unpaid. The salary crisis extends beyond these sectors. More than 12,500 personnel working under the Employment Guarantee

Scheme, including field assistants, technical assistants and computer operators, are awaiting two months' wages. The distress is visible even within the corridors of power. Housekeeping staff at the Telangana Secretariat recently staged protests over three months of unpaid wages, stating that they were borrowing money to pay rent and meet basic household expenses. Mission Bhagiratha workers and power utility pensioners have also raised concerns over delayed payments. Even pension payments have begun to show signs of stress. The Telangana State Electricity Employees Joint Action Committee recently urged utility

managements to ensure pensions and salaries are released on the first day of every month, pointing out delays in pension disbursement. Officially, the Finance Department has directed all departments to ensure timely salary disbursement through the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) for regular, contract, outsourcing and daily-wage employees. On the ground, however, the experience appears markedly different. Sources said the government requires less than Rs. 500 crore to clear all these pending arrears of lower-rung staff, but for reasons not known, no action has been taken so far. The larger concern is that the burden of delayed payments is falling not on the highest-paid sections of the bureaucracy, but on contract workers, Anganwadi staff, field assistants, pensioners and village representatives who depend entirely on their modest salaries for survival.

Godavari Water Supply Halted in 142 Habitations

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Drinking water supply from the Godavari source to 142 habitations across Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district will remain suspended for two days as Mission Bhagiratha undertakes emergency repairs on a major transmission pipeline near Venkatapur village in Turkapally mandal. According to Mission Bhagiratha Executive

Engineer P. Karunakaran, significant leakages were identified in the 700 mm Diameter Iron (DI) pipeline, necessitating immediate maintenance works. As a result, water supply has been stopped from June 8 to June 9 and will be restored immediately after completion of the repairs. The disruption will impact habitations in Aler, Atmakur(M), Bhuvanagiri, Motakondur, Yadagirigutta, Rajapet, Gundala and Turkapally mandals.

Water supply to Yadagirigutta Temple, Yadagirigutta Municipality and Aler Municipality will also be affected during the repair period. Officials said the emergency works are essential to prevent further water loss, improve pipeline efficiency and ensure uninterrupted supply in the long run. The maintenance is expected to strengthen the Mission Bhagiratha network and reduce the risk of larger disruptions in the future. Authorities have

requested Sarpanches, Panchayat Secretaries and public representatives to arrange alternative water sources for residents. People have been advised to store adequate water and use it judiciously until regular supply resumes. Mission Bhagiratha officials appealed for public cooperation and assured that all efforts are being made to complete the repairs within the scheduled timeframe.

Relentless Heat Continues Despite Mrugasira Karthi; Field Employees Brave Harsh Conditions to Serve the Public

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Despite the onset of the traditional Mrugasira Karthi season, intense summer heat continues to affect several parts of Telangana, making daily life difficult for residents. With temperatures remaining unusually high, many people prefer to stay indoors. However, thousands of workers and employees whose duties require outdoor presence have no such option and continue to serve the pub-



lic under harsh weather conditions. The prolonged heat is placing a significant burden on field-level government employees. Police personnel, traffic staff, revenue officials, Panchayat Raj workers, Mission Bhagiratha employees, electricity department staff, municipal

sanitation workers, and healthcare personnel are among those working tirelessly in the open to ensure uninterrupted public services. Traffic police personnel face some of the toughest conditions, spending long hours regulating vehicle movement on busy roads under direct sunlight. In many locations, facilities such as shaded rest areas, drinking water points, and cooling arrangements remain limited. Despite these challenges, they continue to discharge their responsibilities with ded-

ication and professionalism. Women employees engaged in field duties face additional hardships. Continuous exposure to high temperatures often results in fatigue, dehydration, and other heat-related health issues. Yet, they continue to perform their duties with remarkable resilience and commitment. Medical experts caution that prolonged exposure to extreme heat can lead to dehydration, heat exhaustion, and even heat stroke, requiring immediate medical attention.

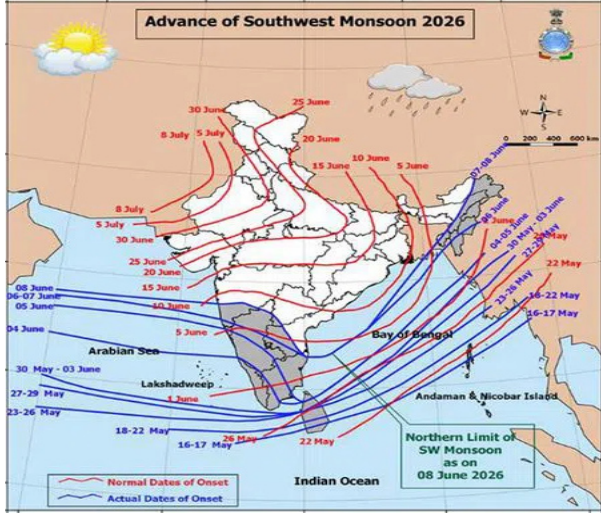
Amoy Kumar Appears Before ED Again in Bhoodan Case

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.

Monsoon arrives in Telangana, touchdown confirmed in South districts

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The monsoon has officially entered Telangana on Monday afternoon, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD), New Delhi, confirming that the monsoon currents have entered the southern border districts of Narayanpet, Jogulamba Gadwal and Nagarkurnool. According to IMD, New Delhi, the Northern Limit of Monsoon (NLM) made a significant push northward over the last 24 hours, anchoring itself along a new boundary line running through Harnai and Solapur in Maharashtra, Kalaburagi in Karnataka and Nandyal in Andhra Pradesh. "The Southwest Monsoon has further advanced into some more parts of the west-central and east-



central Arabian Sea, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, and some parts of Telangana, on June 8," the official IMD release said. With the southern districts securing formal monsoon entry on Monday, weather scientists indicate that atmospheric conditions remain highly favourable for a steady advance across the State.

IMD-Hyderabad officials have maintained that if the current wind momentum holds, the system is on track to arrive over the Greater Hyderabad region between June 11 and June 12. Subsequently, the southwest monsoon is projected to traverse the remaining central and northern belts and cover the entire State between June 15 and June 18.

Meanwhile, IMD Hyderabad issued a heavy rainfall alert for Monday and Tuesday at isolated places in Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Mahabubnagar and Nagarkurnool districts. The IMD Hyderabad has also issued a thunderstorm accompanied by lightning and gusty winds (40-50 kmph) warning for isolated places in Adilabad, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanamakonda, Jangaon, Siddipet, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy, Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet and Jogulamba Gadwal.

School transport charges rise in Hyderabad amid fuel price hike

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The West Asia crisis has severely affected transportation charges for students as they get ready to return to school and begin a new academic year. Private transport operators, including auto drivers, have increased monthly charges due to the rise in auto LPG fuel prices and petrol rates. Several parents in the city and suburbs depend on private auto rickshaws and cars to send their children to schools and colleges. A few are able to afford car services. The painful news this academic year is that auto drivers have increased charges by Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,200 per child in view of the sharp rise in LPG fuel prices. "In February, the price of LPG fuel was around Rs. 58 per litre. Soon after the crisis in West Asia, due to a shortage of LPG fuel, the price shot up to Rs.



125 per litre. The current price is Rs. 93 per litre. So we are forced to raise the charges," said Mohd Ghouse, an auto rickshaw driver. The auto drivers argue that increasing the charges is inevitable due to the additional burden imposed on them by the rise in LPG fuel prices. "In March and April, we stood in long queues outside fuel stations and paid Rs. 125 per litre. Due to this, we suffered huge losses, so it is necessary for us to increase the charges now," said K Vamshi, an auto driver from Dilukhnagar. The auto drivers ferry anywhere between four and seven children in their vehicles to schools and colleges across the city.

Parents whose children's schools do not offer bus services depend on auto rickshaws and cars to transport students to school and bring them back home. "Last academic year, I paid Rs. 6,000 for my two children who study at a school in Malakpet. Now the auto driver is demanding Rs. 8,500, or asking me to make some other arrangement. I negotiated and settled it at Rs. 7,500," said Syeda Atiya, a housewife from Falaknuma. Samuel Raj, who works at a private company and resides in Secunderabad, said private car services that transport children to schools have also increased their charges. "I paid Rs. 3,500 to the driver last year. Now, citing the increase in diesel prices, they are demanding Rs. 4,500. I learnt that all the drivers had a meeting and decided to revise the charges from the new academic year," he said.

Dharmendra Yadav's Service Spirit Celebrated on Birthday

Talasanani Dharmendra Yadav Honoured for His Commitment to Public Service on Birthday



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Warm birthday greetings poured in for Talasanani Dharmendra Yadav, a leader widely recognized for his dedication to public service and close connection with the people. On the occasion of his birthday, social leaders, well-wishers, and supporters praised his commitment to addressing public concerns and carrying forward a legacy of service-oriented leadership. Known for his accessibility and compassion-

ate approach, Dharmendra Yadav has earned the respect and affection of people from different sections of society. Supporters describe him as a leader who remains actively involved in public welfare activities and is always available to assist those in need. Many admirers noted that Dharmendra Yadav continues to follow the inspiring path set by his brother, Talasanani Srinivas Yadav, drawing motivation from his leadership and commitment to serving society. His efforts to remain connected with the public and work for their welfare have strengthened his image as a people-centric leader. Extending his greetings on the occasion, L. Girija Shankar, representing Greater Hyderabad Mala Mahanadu, along with D.P. Srinivas Rao, Telangana Co-convenor of Ambedkar Sena, conveyed their best wishes to Dharmendra Yadav. They appreciated his dedication, vision, and unwavering commitment to public service. In their message, they stated that Dharmendra Yadav has consistently demonstrated concern for the welfare of the people



and has earned goodwill through his humility and service-minded approach. They expressed confidence that he would continue contributing to society with the same enthusiasm and commitment in the years ahead. Wishing him a bright future, the leaders prayed for his good health, happiness, and continued success. They hoped that his journey of public service would grow stronger and that he would achieve greater milestones while working for the welfare and development of the people. The birthday celebrations reflected the admiration and goodwill Dharmendra Yadav enjoys among supporters and community leaders, reaffirming his reputation as a leader who remains close to the people and dedicated to their welfare.

Sewage Water Inundates Dalit Farmers' Patta Lands; Representation Submitted to Additional Collector

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Dalit (SC-Madiga) farmers owning patta lands in Survey No. 248 of Keesara Dayara village submitted a representation to the District Collector seeking immediate intervention over the damage being caused to their agricultural fields. The farmers alleged that an illegal layout developed on the land of Chidam Kunta in Survey No. 249 has disrupted the natural drainage system, resulting in sewage and stagnant water flowing into their farmlands. They



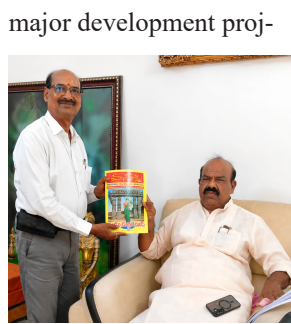
stated that water which should have been retained within the tank area is now entering their cultivated lands, causing severe hardship. According to the farmers, the issue has persisted for the past three years, leading to repeated crop losses and making cultivation increasingly difficult due to

continuous waterlogging. They said their livelihoods have been seriously affected as a result. The farmers urged the District Collector to conduct a comprehensive inquiry into the alleged illegal layout on Chidam Kunta land, take immediate measures to prevent sewage water from entering their patta lands, and provide adequate compensation for the crop losses they have suffered. A petition highlighting these concerns was received by Additional Collector Vijender Reddy for further action.

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

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Super Strikers Clinch Bollaram Cup in Penalty Thriller

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The Super Strikers emerged champions of the Bollaram Challenge Cup after defeating JJNC in a dramatic penalty shootout following a hard-fought 1-1 draw in regulation time. The title clash lived up to expectations as both teams displayed determination, tactical discipline, and attacking intent throughout the contest. JJNC struck first in the ninth minute when Shusheel capitalized on an early opportunity and calmly found the back of the net, handing his side a



1-0 lead. Despite the setback, the Super Strikers gradually settled into the game and began creating chances. Their persistence paid off just before halftime when Arun Thapa produced a clinical finish in the 40th minute to restore parity and ignite celebrations among supporters. With the scores level at 1-

1, both teams battled intensely in the second half in search of a winner. Defenders stood firm while goalkeepers on either side delivered crucial saves to keep their teams in contention. Although several opportunities were created, neither side could break the deadlock before the final whistle. The match ultimately

headed to a penalty shootout, where the Super Strikers held their nerve under pressure to secure victory and lift the prestigious Bollaram Challenge Cup. The triumph reflected the vision and leadership of Dr. Narsimhan Khannan, whose commitment to developing competitive football continues to inspire the team. The victory marked a memorable chapter for the Super Strikers, while JJNC earned praise for a spirited performance in a final that showcased the growing standard of local football.

Telangana Tightens Ebola Surveillance, Public Urged Not to Panic

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In response to recent Ebola outbreaks reported in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, and South Sudan, Telangana Health Minister C. Damodar Raja Narasimha reviewed the state's preparedness measures during a high-level meeting held at the Secretariat on Monday. Officials informed the Minister that surveillance at airports and other entry points has been intensified, with special monitoring of passengers arriving from Ebola-affected coun-



tries. Health authorities are tracking such travelers for 21 days and ensuring immediate isolation of anyone displaying symptoms associated with the disease. During the review, officials revealed that two suspected Ebola cases had recently been isolated and tested. Initial laboratory reports returned negative results. Following guide-

lines issued by the Indian Council of Medical Research, fresh samples have been sent for confirmatory testing. The individuals will be discharged if the second test also proves negative. The Minister directed officials to ensure timely sample collection, testing, and reporting, while strengthening coordination among the Health

Department, GHMC, airport authorities, and police for effective surveillance and contact tracing. Support from English and Foreign Languages University will also be utilized to deploy multilingual personnel at the airport. Reassuring citizens, Raja Narasimha said Telangana is fully prepared to handle any potential Ebola threat and urged the public not to believe rumors. He emphasized that the government remains vigilant and is following all protocols prescribed by the Union Health Ministry and ICMR to safeguard public health.

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 'Boooter 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 'Borunbabur Bondhu'.

INDIA Bloc to Redraw Strategy After Assembly Poll Setbacks

NEW DELHI
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Twenty-three political parties of the opposition INDIA bloc will meet here on Monday to forge unity and rework their strategy to take on the BJP, while ironing out differences within after the defeat of regional outfits like the TMC and DMK in the recent assembly polls. Top opposition leaders, including Congress' Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, TMC's Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Tejashwi Yadav of RJD and Uddhav Thackeray of Shiv Sena (UBT), besides Left leaders and those from smaller parties, are set to attend the meeting at 12 noon at the Constitution Club. The meeting of top opposition leaders comes after a long time as the last time they met was during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Gandhi had in August last year hosted the opposition



leaders at his residence that brought together nearly 50 leaders from over 25 opposition parties. Issues of alleged electoral manipulation, particularly the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls in Bihar, was raised at that meeting. The INDIA bloc leadership has since then got together formally during consultations ahead of Parliament sessions, when opposition parties discussed floor coordination and issues to be jointly raised against the central government. The DMK and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will not be part of the deliberations as they have opted out of the bloc. The AAP has already

publicly distanced itself from the bloc, while the DMK earlier announced its decision to boycott the gathering after the Congress snapped ties with it in Tamil Nadu and joined the TVK-led government. The alliance is set to deliberate on the future course of action and will aim to put a united face to take on the Modi government on national issues in the run-up to the next election cycle in states and the 2029 Lok Sabha polls. The recent defeat of Trinamool Congress (TMC) in West Bengal has also forced the opposition bloc to come together to take on the saffron surge in the country. The TMC is likely to raise the issue of

alleged attacks on its leaders in Bengal and rally support of INDIA bloc parties. The recent assembly elections have, however, also brought out differences within the opposition bloc, with the CPI-M set to raise with the Congress the charge that the Left had a political understanding with the BJP in Kerala polls. The Left parties lost against the Congress-led UDF in the only state they were in power. The issue is likely to be raised at the meeting. Ahead of the INDIA bloc meeting, the BJP said the opposition alliance is "a figment of imagination" and lacks conviction on the ground. However, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said like India, the "INDIA janbandhan" continues to stand united through its diversity. The last official meeting of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) was held in New Delhi on June 1, 2024, just ahead of the Lok Sabha election.

Vijay Plays Chess With Grandmaster Pragganandhaa After Felicitation

CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Monday honoured Indian Grandmaster R. Pragganandhaa with a cash incentive of Rs 50 lakh for his historic victory at the prestigious Norway Chess tournament. The felicitation ceremony was held at the Secretariat in Chennai, where the Chief Minister also played a friendly game of chess with the 20-year-old grandmaster. Pragganandhaa recently scripted history by becoming the first Indian player to win the Norway Chess title since the tournament was launched in 2013. He secured the coveted championship with a decisive final-round victory over Germany's Vincent Keymer in Oslo, overcoming some of the strongest players in world chess during the event. During the interaction at the Secretariat, Vijay and



Pragganandhaa engaged in a brief game of chess inside the Chief Minister's chamber. The Chief Minister, fully engrossed in the match, stood beside his office table while carefully planning moves to protect his king. The game was witnessed by Pragganandhaa's parents, Tamil Nadu Public Works and Sports Development Minister Aadhav Arjuna, and Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) Member Secretary J. Meghanatha Reddy. Following the game, Vijay presented the grandmaster with a

cheque for Rs 50 lakh on behalf of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu in recognition of his remarkable achievement and contribution to Indian chess. Speaking on his recent success, Pragganandhaa described the Norway Chess triumph as the biggest achievement of his career so far. He said the title held special significance because it came against a field featuring some of the world's strongest chess players, including former world champion Magnus Carlsen.

Modi Highlights 12 Years of Welfare, Technology-Driven Governance

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday highlighted the various welfare initiatives implemented by his government over the past 12 years, stating that India has undergone significant transformations with the welfare of the poor remaining at the center of governance. Marking the completion of two years of his third term in office, Modi said the government's efforts have con-

sistently focused on ensuring that the benefits of development reach the most marginalized sections of society. In a series of posts on X, the Prime Minister emphasized that his government has drawn inspiration from the principle of "Antyodaya," which advocates uplifting the last person in society. He said several flagship schemes launched during the last decade have been designed to provide dignity, opportunity, and improved living standards

to millions of citizens. Modi pointed to initiatives such as Jan Dhan Yojana, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), Swachh Bharat Mission, PM Awas Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, and Ayushman Bharat as examples of the government's commitment to inclusive development. According to him, these programmes have transformed the lives of people who had remained outside the benefits of growth for decades. "Over the last 12 years,



India has witnessed many transformations and at the core of these changes is the welfare of the poor and the downtrodden. We have always been inspired by Antyodaya and

our effort has always been to ensure that the benefits of development reach those who were left behind for decades," Modi said. The Prime Minister also

underlined the role of technology in delivering welfare benefits efficiently and transparently. He noted that digital governance and technological advancements have enabled the government to transfer benefits directly to beneficiaries, reducing leakages and improving accountability. Highlighting the impact of Direct Benefit Transfer, Modi said the system has strengthened trust in governance by ensuring that financial assistance reaches intended recip-

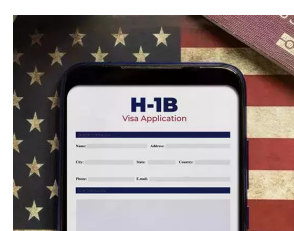
ients without intermediaries. The expansion of digital platforms, he added, has further enhanced the effectiveness of welfare programmes and improved service delivery across sectors. "It is also gladdening that technology has played a vital role in ensuring a better quality of life for the poor. Through Direct Benefit Transfer and digital platforms, support is reaching people directly and transparently. This has reduced leakages,

improved efficiency and strengthened trust in governance," he stated. The Prime Minister said the government's welfare initiatives have evolved into a broader movement aimed at empowering citizens and creating opportunities for all. He added that the focus on "Garib Kalyan" has become a collective effort toward human empowerment and nation-building, contributing to the vision of a "Viksit Bharat" or developed India.

Trump's \$100,000 H-1B Visa Fee is Unlawful, US Judge Rules

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A federal judge on Monday struck down a \$100,000 fee that U.S. President Donald Trump imposed on new H-1B visas for highly skilled foreign workers, concluding that it constituted an unlawful tax that Congress never authorized. U.S. District Judge Leo Sorokin in Boston issued the ruling in a lawsuit filed by 20 Democratic state attorneys general challenging a fee Trump announced in September



that dramatically raised the cost of obtaining H-1B visas. The H-1B program offers 65,000 visas annually, with another 20,000 visas for workers with advanced degrees, approved for three to six years. Employers seeking a visa for a foreign worker before Trump's proclamation typically paid about

\$2,000 to \$5,000 in fees depending on various factors. The increase in fees has discouraged H-1B visa requests, according to court filings. As of February 15, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services had received just 85 payments of the \$100,000 fee, the administration said in a March filing. The administration argued that the fee constituted a monetary penalty that the president had lawful authority to impose under federal immigration law to restrict

the entry of certain foreign nationals. But Sorokin, who was appointed by Democratic President Barack Obama, concluded that the fee was not a penalty but a tax that the Republican president lacked any authorization from Congress to issue. "Here, the substance and application of the \$100,000 payment reveal that it is a tax, regardless of what the payment is called," he wrote. The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Shinde Says INDIA Bloc Demoralised By Electoral Setbacks

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Monday criticised the opposition INDIA bloc, claiming that the coalition's morale had been severely affected by recent electoral setbacks. He alleged that several key members, including the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the DMK and the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), had deliberately skipped the alliance meeting on Monday due to concerns over



their political decline. Questioning the unity and leadership of the opposition, Mr. Shinde said the alliance was exhausted and lacked a concrete development agenda. "Their only agenda is to criticise Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, who has the trust of the public and will continue to lead the country for years to come," he said. Targeting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Mr. Shinde said that even senior opposition leaders such as Sharad Pawar and Mamata Banerjee had, in the past, questioned the consistency of his leadership. He further claimed that internal divisions and fears of future electoral losses were contributing to instability within the bloc. Without naming Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Udd-

hav Thackeray, Mr. Shinde said certain leaders were restricting their political presence to virtual platforms. The Maharashtra DCM also accused the Congress of working to undermine smaller political parties. "The opposition parties have united solely out of self-interest and a desire for power. Their negative politics will be rejected by the public. Their credibility is declining because of positions that run counter to national interests," he said.

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Iran and Israel.....

They have also urged Iranian officials to stop attacks on Israel, they said. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to reporters. One of the officials, who is involved in mediation efforts between Iran and the U.S., said the Pakistan-led mediators were furious about the Israeli strike Sunday on Beirut's southern suburbs, which came while Pakistan's interior minister was in Tehran in a fresh bid to push the U.S.-Iranian negotiations forward. Iran launched waves of attacks on Israel on Monday,

and Israel launched strikes on central and western Iran. It was their first exchange of fire since the ceasefire. Iranian state television reported the sound of explosions being heard in Isfahan, Karaj, Tabriz and Tehran, without immediately elaborating. Iran closed the airspace around Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport after the Israeli attack. The semi-official Fars and Mehr news agencies said Israeli strikes hit a petrochemical factory in the city of Mahshahr in Khuzestan province. They did not elaborate on any damage. The Israeli military later confirmed the strike on the petrochemical plant and also said it targeted

truck-based missile launchers.

Israel said its strikes were in response to an Iranian missile attack. Tehran had warned on Sunday it would retaliate after Israel struck Beirut's southern suburbs without warning. When Israel struck back, Iran fired again. **TMC Crisis.....** With the support of the rebel MPs, the NDA's strength in the Lok Sabha is stated to have risen to 313 in the 543-member House. The rebel group is expected to function as a separate bloc while extending support to the NDA. The TMC currently has 28 members in the Lok Sabha, including one vacancy. The

support of 20 MPs would cross the two-thirds threshold required under the anti-defection law. Roy said, "I have met the Rajya Sabha chairman and submitted my resignation. I have conveyed my decision to resign from the party through WhatsApp and email to Mamata Banerjee. I had my tenure till 2029 in the Rajya Sabha, but I have resigned in principle from the party as it would be difficult for me to continue," he told reporters. Addressing the development, Dastidar said, "Nearly 20 TMC MPs, along with me, have decided to write to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and formally convey our desire to

be part of the NDA. This decision comes after extensive discussions among fellow MPs. **Vizag Steel Plant.....** RINL is investigating the accident. A three-member external inquiry committee, led by the director-in-charge of Bokaro Steel Plant under SAIL, has been assigned to investigate the accident. Joint chief of factories Siva Sankar Reddy told Deccan Chronicle that there was no negligence of the management with regard to safety and maintenance aspects. Eyewitnesses said the molten metal, at a temperature of around 1,500 degrees Celsius.



CRIME

EDITORIAL

11 Arrested for Illegal Gathering Over Land Dispute in Nanakramguda: Sherilingampally DCP

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

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

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

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

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

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

AFTER SC BACKS EC ON SIR, BALL IN PARL COURT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Siblings Get Death for Pension-Murder

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A Medchal court on Monday sentenced a son and daughter to death and their mother to life imprisonment for murdering their father, retired railway employee Maruthi Suthar, in 2019 to gain access to his pension benefits. Principal District and Sessions Judge Bala Bhasker Rao convicted Kishan alias Rahul and his sister Prafulla alias Pappi for the murder, while their mother Gangabai was sentenced to life. The trio were found guilty of murder, conspiracy and destruction of evidence. The court described the crime as "socially abhorrent" and "extremely brutal, grotesque, diabolical and

dastardly," noting it was committed for financial gain. The murder took place at RTC Colony, Moula Ali, in August 2019. Neighbours alerted police after a foul smell emanated from the house. Human remains packed in six plastic buckets were discovered near the kitchen. Investigators established that Kishan had procured poison days earlier, claiming it was for his father's leg pain. Forensic reports confirmed toxic alkaloid compounds in the viscera, and doctors concluded death was due to poisoning-related as-

phyxia. DNA profiling matched the remains to Suthar, while digital evidence from Kishan's phone revealed searches on poisoning methods. Recovery of buckets, weapons and other exhibits, along with testimony from 23 witnesses, formed a chain of circumstantial evidence. The court accepted the prosecution's argument that the family, dependent on Suthar's pension, viewed him as an obstacle and conspired to eliminate him. Additional public prosecutor G. V. Ramakrishna Rao, who represented the state, secured his third death conviction in three months.

Man Kills Son, Dies by Suicide in Nalgonda

Pabbathireddy Linga Reddy, 45, allegedly killed his 13-year-old son Praneeth Reddy at their rented house in Kanakadurga Nagar of Nalgonda before dying by suicide on Monday evening, police said. The two were natives of Mirlonigudem in Nalgonda mandal. Linga Reddy worked as a line-man in the electricity department, while Praneeth was studying Class VIII in a private school in Nalgonda. Police said Linga Reddy allegedly hit his son on the head with a hammer and later consumed pesticide. His wife had gone to Hyderabad to meet their elder son, who was studying in a corporate college, while his father had gone to their agricultural field in the morning.

Traffic Diversions For Mahila Sadasu

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

Traffic Constable Slaps Motorist During Gachibowli Drunk-Driving Check, Sparks Outrage

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A traffic constable allegedly slapped a motorist during a drunk-driving check at Gachibowli, triggering criticism on social media and raising concerns over police conduct. A viral video shows police asking a motorist to blow into a breath analyzer. After repeated unsuccessful attempts, the constable allegedly lost his temper and slapped the man in the presence of other officers. The video,

recorded by a bystander, sparked widespread criticism, with many citizens questioning the behavior of traffic police during enforcement drives. The incident comes days after a biker alleged that a sub-

inspector struck him with a baton during a vehicle checking operation near Madhapur-Gachibowli, further fueling debate over police high-handedness.

1 Kg Gold Missing from Gachibowli House; Domestic Help Couple Under Lens

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A businessman's family residing under the Gachibowli police station limits has alleged that gold ornaments were stolen from their residence after a Nepal-native domestic help couple employed at the house went missing under suspicious circumstances. According to sources, the family had hired the couple as domestic help about a month ago. The husband and wife were provided accommodation in a separate room within the house premises and were

involved in routine household work. A few days ago, the family travelled to Mumbai and returned to Hyderabad on Sunday. On reaching home, they found that the domestic help couple was missing. As there were no visible signs of forced entry, damaged locks or any disturbance inside the house, the family initially suspected that the workers had left without informing them. However, later on Sunday, family members noticed that a gold chain adorning an idol in the puja room was missing. Suspecting theft, they ap-

proached the Gachibowli police and lodged a complaint. During a detailed verification of valuables on Monday, the family reportedly discovered that several more gold ornaments were missing and submitted additional details to the police. Sources said the value of the suspected stolen property could amount to nearly one kilogram of gold, though police are yet to officially confirm the quantity or value. Police teams have begun examining CCTV footage, travel records and the background details of the

domestic help couple. Meanwhile, a team from the Special Investigation Team (SIT), constituted to investigate crimes allegedly involving Nepal-based gangs in Hyderabad, is reportedly coordinating with the Gachibowli police and is expected to assist in tracing the accused. The SIT, constituted on the directions of former Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, comprises 20 personnel, including sub-inspectors, head constables and constables drawn from the CCS, Task Force, Cyber Crime Wing.



Yezdi and BSA Launch New Scrambler Motorcycles in Hyderabad Market

Yezdi Scrambler 350 and BSA Scrambler 650 now available in Hyderabad

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Yezdi and BSA have officially launched their latest scrambler motorcycles—the Yezdi Scrambler 350 and the BSA Scrambler 650—at authorized dealerships across Hyderabad, expanding their product lineup for riders seeking versatility across city roads, highways, and off-road trails.

The Yezdi Scrambler 350, introduced at an introductory price of ₹1,99,950, is claimed to be India's lightest 350cc scrambler. Powered by the new liquid-cooled Katar engine, the motorcycle is designed to deliver a strong torque-to-weight ratio



and responsive performance, making it suitable for daily commuting as well as weekend adventure rides.

The BSA Scrambler 650 has been launched at an introductory starting price of ₹3,24,950. It is powered by India's only 650cc single-cylinder engine in its segment and is engineered to provide strong low- and mid-range torque. The

motorcycle draws inspiration from iconic British models such as the Gold Star Catalina, A10 Spitfire, and A65 Firebird, reflecting BSA's historic scrambler heritage.

According to the company, both motorcycles have been developed around the traditional scrambler philosophy of being lightweight, torque-focused, and ca-

pable of handling a variety of riding conditions. The two models are positioned at different price points to cater to a wider range of enthusiasts.

Speaking on the occasion, Anupam Thareja, Co-founder of Classic Legends, said scramblers have the potential to become the "SUVs of motorcycling" by changing rider expectations and offering greater versatility. He noted that the Yezdi Scrambler is designed with an energetic character and performance-oriented stance, while the BSA Scrambler reflects the British lineage that helped define the scrambler segment globally.

Customers in Hyderabad can now visit au-

thorized dealerships to experience the newly launched motorcycles along with the complete Yezdi and BSA portfolio. The dealerships provide sales, service, and after-sales support under one roof.

The company has also announced a comprehensive Customer Assurance Programme for buyers. It includes a 4-year or 50,000-km standard warranty, extended warranty options of up to six years, one year of roadside assistance, and access to support through more than 400 sales and service touchpoints across the country, aimed at ensuring reliable ownership and long-term customer satisfaction.

Arnya Commits ₹1,000 Cr to Residential Projects

Arnya Realestates Fund Advisors Commits INR 1,000 Cr Across Residential Projects Through Maiden Debt Fund and Direct Investments; Targets Final Close by June 2026

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Arnya Realestates Fund Advisors has committed ₹1,000 crore across residential real estate projects in India through its maiden debt fund and direct investments, completing 11 transactions across five key geographies. The firm expects total deployment under this strategy to reach ₹1,200 crore by its final close in June 2026.

The SEBI-registered Category II Alternative Investment Fund, Arnya Real Estate Fund – Debt, has been investing in Tier-1 residential developers across India's top eight cities since its first close in September 2024. Its portfolio includes partnerships with devel-

opers such as Casagrando, MAIA Estates, Gami Group, and Vaishnavi, with several projects already under execution and some launched in markets including Bengaluru.

Alongside its debt strategy, Arnya recently achieved the first close of its maiden residential equity fund at ₹1,030 crore through a platform partnership with Supreme Universal. The equity fund is expected to deploy its initial capital in redevelopment projects in Mumbai during the current quarter and is also targeting its final close by June 2026.

With its debt and equity funds, along with direct investments, the company expects its assets under management

(AUM) to reach approximately ₹2,500 crore by June 2026. It also plans to launch Series 2 of its debt strategy in the second quarter of the current financial year.

Founder and CEO Shradh Mittal said the milestone reflects investor confidence and the company's focus on building an institutionally governed real estate asset management platform. Chief Investment Officer Kiran Kumar stated that strong demand across mid-income, premium, and redevelopment housing segments, coupled with disciplined supply and improving developer fundamentals, continues to create attractive investment opportunities in India's residential real estate market.

Weak Local Data Weakening SFC Reports, Indicts 16th Finance Commission: CEA

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Flagging concern over state finance commission's suggestions, chief economic adviser (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran on Monday said that weak and fragmented data systems at the gram-panchayat level have left state finance commission (SFC) reports too weak to guide recommendations, with the 16th Finance Commission

unable to rely on them while framing its recommendations. Nageswaran also said that there is a need to introduce uniform accounting heads for fiscal accountability of states, ensuring homogeneous treatment of all central transfers to local bodies to enable comparability. "The audit of fund flow to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) by Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) of Panchayati

Raj Institutions will improve their functioning and enhance ease of living at the rural level," Nageswaran said, while launching a report on datasets for state finance commissions here.

The CEA also said that the local governance and rural service delivery depended less on macroeconomic variables and more on how effectively panchayats were empowered to function. "In fact, ease



of living at the ground level is determined by how well-equipped and capable panchayats are,

and not necessarily by macro factors, which do impact them with a lag and somewhat indi-

rectly. Because without a systematic, independent assessment of what has actually been devolved versus what was promised, we are flying blind," Nageswaran said.

Generally, finance commission transfers to rural local bodies form a key part of India's fiscal decentralisation framework, helping fund basic services such as drinking water, roads, sanitation and Anganwadi's in vil-

lages. "This data often does not exist in usable form. Financial records are incomplete. Different departments hold information in silos that do not talk to each other. Accounting standards vary across states, making comparisons difficult," Nageswaran said.

Nageswaran also pointed out that some concerns are raised by successive finance commissions over the poor quality of SFC re-

ports, particularly the latest panel. "The 16th Finance Commission puts it very plainly: it has been unable to use State Finance Commission reports for framing its recommendations because those reports are too heterogeneous in approach and too thin in analytical rigour," he said, adding that it is a very serious indictment and it reflects, more than anything else, a data failure.

Auto Retail Sales Rise 9.5% in May, Led By Cars, Two-wheelers

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Despite fuel-price pressure and the evolving West Asia situation, India's auto retail sales hit a record high for May, with overall registrations growing 9.55 per cent year-on-year to 25.31 lakh units, the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations or FADA said on Monday. The industry had recorded retail sales of 23.10 lakh units in May last year. FADA said the performance marked the best-ever May sales for three-wheelers, passenger vehicles and tractors despite the month being seasonally weak.

"That growth held through the confluence of pressures underlines the resilience of the underlying demand," said FADA President C S Vigneshwar. Passenger vehicle retail sales rose 23.25 per cent to a record 4,02,591 units in May from 3,26,656 units in the year-ago period. Two-wheeler retail sales also touched an all-time high of 18,44,947 units last month, up 7.54 per cent from 17,15,581

units in May last year. Three-wheeler sales rose 3.56 per cent at 1,11,526 units last month as compared to 1,07,688 units in May 2025. Commercial vehicles also witnessed a growth of 5.29 per cent to a record 83,823 units last month as compared to 79,614 units in May 2025. The EV penetration crossed 11 per cent for the first time in May, as dealers saw a surge in enquiries for fuel-efficient and green vehicles after last month's fuel price hikes amid the West Asia crisis, FADA said.

It said dealers reported a visible rise in enquiries for fuel-efficient and alternative-powertrain options, reflected in the two-wheeler EV share climbing to 9.25 per cent from 6.11 per cent a year ago. "Overall, the outlook for June 2026 appears measured but cautiously optimistic, with monsoon progress and rural cash flows expected to provide the structural support even as near-term cost pressures persist," FADA said. Dealers attributed steady demand from commuters and rural buyers.

NISAU UK 2026 on June 11; 30 UK Universities, Scholarships Up to ₹8 Lakh on Offer

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Students aspiring to pursue higher education in the United Kingdom will have an opportunity to interact directly with representatives from more than 30 leading UK universities, education experts and British officials at NISAU UK 2026 – Real UK Opportunities, scheduled to be held on June 11 at Sultan-ul-Uloom College of Pharmacy, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.

The event is being jointly organized by Global Tree and the National Indian Students and Alumni Union UK (NISAU UK). Organisers announced that scholarships worth up to ₹8 lakh from participating universities and Global Tree scholarships up to ₹2.5 lakh will be available for eligible students.

The programme will feature the participation of Sanam Arora, Founder and Chairperson of NISAU UK, Gareth Wynn Owen, British Deputy High



Commissioner, and Virendra Kumar Sharma, former Member of Parliament in the United Kingdom. They are expected to share insights on higher education opportunities, employability prospects and career pathways available to international students in the UK.

More than 30 prestigious universities and institutions from the United Kingdom will participate in the event, providing students with direct access to admission teams and academic experts. Participants will be able to explore courses, scholarships, visa proce-

dures, post-study work opportunities and career prospects through dedicated counselling sessions and university interactions.

The event will also include the exclusive NISAU Masterclass, where students will receive guidance on admissions, visa processes and employment opportunities after graduation. Participants attending the masterclass will be awarded certification from NISAU UK.

Selected students may receive on-the-spot offer letters from participating institutions, subject to eligibility criteria and university require-

ments, organisers said.

The announcement was made during a curtain raiser and poster launch programme held at Global Tree's corporate office in Panjagutta on Sunday. Speaking at the event, Global Tree Founder and Managing Director Alapati Srikar said the initiative aims to provide students and parents with authentic information and direct interaction with UK education stakeholders. He said many students have questions regarding admissions, scholarships and employment opportunities abroad, and the programme has been designed to offer reliable guidance under one platform.

Organisers said the event will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include university presentations, scholarship information sessions, networking opportunities and one-to-one interactions with experts. Students interested in studying in the United Kingdom have been encouraged to register and participate.

Vijaya Telangana Dairy Parlour Inaugurated at DSS Bhavan



Nampally MLA Majid Hussain Garu inaugurated the Vijaya Telangana Dairy Parlour at DSS Bhavan, Masab Tank, Hyderabad.

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A new Vijaya Telangana Dairy Parlour was inaugurated at DSS Bhavan, Masab Tank, Hyderabad on Monday by Sri Majid Hussain Garu, MLA, Nampally Constituency. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA appreciated the efforts of the Telangana Dairy Development Cooperative Federation (TGDDCF) in expanding the reach of quality dairy products to consumers across the city.

He noted that Vijaya Dairy products have earned the trust of the public through their quality, purity, and affordability. Peravali Mohan Murali, LMS, TGDDCF Ltd., Lalapet,

Secunderabad, participated in the programme and highlighted the federation's commitment to strengthening the dairy sector while creating employment opportunities through dairy parlours.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by local Corporator representatives, Market Manager Prabhakar, Parlour Operator Bhanu, and Shanti Nagar Zonal staff members Pradeep, Daniel, and Masoom, among others. The newly inaugurated parlour is expected to provide fresh milk and a wide range of Vijaya Dairy products to residents of the surrounding areas, further enhancing customer convenience and accessibility.

Ashika Ranganath Defends Actresses Amid Debate Over Female Roles



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

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

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

Heroines Deliver Hits; Hero Takes the Bigger Pay Check!



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

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

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

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

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

France's Konate To Join Real Madrid Until 2030



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

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

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

India Win One-Off Test Against Afghanistan By Innings and 300 Runs

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Left-armed Manav Suthar's emergence as the flag-bearer of India's spin attack in the foreseeable future was the biggest gain for the hosts in their expectedly dominant innings and 300 runs victory over Afghanistan in the one-off Test here on Monday. After being bowled out for 152 in the first innings, courtesy a 6/33 from Suthar, Afghanistan fared much worse in the second essay getting bundled out for 112 in 35.5 overs midway into the third day to hand India their biggest innings win. Washington Sundar (4/36) did the star turn in the second innings while Kuldeep Yadav (3/30) also helped himself to some easy pickings. In 2018, India had thrashed the Afghans by an innings and 260 runs but the visitors would take solace that they could stretch this Test into the third day. The match belonged to Suthar, a left-arm orthodox spinner from Rajasthan's Sri Ganganagar. He



became the 10th Indian bowler to take a five-for on debut with his overall haul of seven wickets (6/33 and 1/29) but more importantly, he answered the lingering question in country's cricketing ecosystem: "Who will take over the baton from Ravindra Jadeja as and when he calls time?" After the match against Afghanistan, Suthar showed all the requisite attributes to succeed at the highest level. The biggest among them being the consistency of landing the ball in the same spot. Add the speed at which he bowls and the number of

revolutions that he imparts while putting his whole body behind each delivery, Suthar is a complete package. India have had bowlers who were wicket-takers on turners but the 23-year-old has shown that he can be a match-winner on placid surfaces by extracting both turn and bounce. With Ravichandran Ashwin already retired and Jadeja in the twilight of his Test career, Suthar's emergence couldn't have happened at a better time. He will face a far bigger Test in Sri Lanka where the quality of batting will be way better but the In-

dian team management can think of slowly phasing Jadeja out by the end of this World Test Championship cycle. There isn't much to write about Afghanistan's batting which lacked skill as well as experience. Indian spinners benefitted from some atrocious shot selection by the visiting batters throughout the second innings. After being shot out for 152, they played too many strokes that brought about their downfall in the second innings. Left-handed opener Sediqullah Atal (42), who was signed by Delhi Capitals in this year, was dis-

missed off the last ball before tea as he tried to hit Washington against the turn and offered a simple catch to Mohammed Siraj at backward point. Rahmanullah Gurbaz (24) wanted to hit his way out of the trouble before Shubman Gill placed Siraj at the long-on boundary asking Kuldeep to lure him for an aerial shot. The move paid off immediately as Gurbaz was holed out at long-on. A similar thing happened with first innings half centurion Rahmat Shah (13), who wanted to loft Washington over mid-off but couldn't clear the man of the moment, Suthar. It was a pity that barely 500 odd people were present in the stands on Monday morning when the country's newest spin bowling star completed a rare milestone, becoming the 10th Indian to take five wicket-haul on debut. He was also the seventh spinner to reach the landmark in his maiden Test. His final first innings figures read 22-10-33-6 which also showed the kind of relentless pressure he put on inexperienced.

Hyderabad police crack house burglary in 2 days, recover Rs 26L

In a major breakthrough, the Hyderabad police apprehended the 20-year-old accused of house burglary within two days of the case registration, recovering stolen property valued at approximately Rs 26 lakhs. Acting upon technical evidence and initial investigation findings, the police personnel from the Crime Staff of Paha-dishareef police station on Sunday, June 7, apprehended the offender and recovered stolen property consisting of 166 grams of gold ornaments, 257 grams of silver articles, and one screwdriver used during the theft. The accused was identified as Akumalla Baba Peer, alias Baba, who worked as a mechanic and resided in Housing Board Colony in Ranga Reddy. He has been booked under Sections 331(4) (house trespass), 305 (theft in a dwelling house) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). According to the police, the accused Baba had a habit of moving around residential colonies during evening hours, when he would identify locked houses and observe movement of the residents in the area. He reportedly gained entry into houses by removing the ventilation glass panes and breaking open the ward-ropes using a screwdriver. He would then flee.

Factionalism Hurting BJP's Growth in Telangana, Says Ashish Goud

Youth leader urges state leadership to unite cadres ahead of GHMC elections

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BJP youth leader Ashish Goud has voiced concern over the growing factionalism within the Telangana BJP, stating that internal conflicts among some leaders are damaging the party's image and affecting the morale of dedicated karyakartas. "Several leaders in the Telangana BJP are harming the party's reputation through their internal rivalries. These disputes are negatively affecting committed party workers like me who have worked tirelessly for the growth of the organization," Ashish Goud said. The issue gained prominence following the recent flexi controversy targeting Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender. Derogatory banners and posters that appeared across parts of Hyderabad exposed internal differences within



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the state unit. Following a complaint lodged by the BJP's Kukatpally unit, KPHB police registered cases and arrested six individuals, including former SCB Vice President J. Ramakrishna, in connection with the incident. Amid the controversy, Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander

sought to downplay reports of infighting and cautioned party leaders against engaging in internal disputes. He also clarified that decisions regarding electoral alliances for the upcoming GHMC elections would be taken solely by the party's central leadership. Ashish Goud urged the party's

senior leadership to address the issue of factionalism at the earliest, stating that divisions among karyakartas into various groups could weaken the party's prospects. He appealed to leaders to focus on strengthening the organization and boosting the confidence of grassroots workers. "Karyakartas are hoping for a resounding BJP victory in the upcoming GHMC elections under the leadership of State President N. Ramchander Rao. The party witnessed significant growth in Telangana under the leadership of senior leaders such as G. Kishan Reddy, Dr. K. Laxman and others, who worked with unity and dedication. We expect the current leadership to further strengthen party unity, encourage karyakartas and accelerate the BJP's growth in Telangana," Ashish Goud said.

Citizens advised to avoid Secunderabad between 2-9 pm on Tuesday

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In view of the Mahila Sadassu being held at the Parade Grounds in Secunderabad on June 9 as part of the state government's 'Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika' programme; the general public have been advised to avoid roads from Punjagutta-Greenlands-Begumpet towards Secunderabad between 2 pm and 9 pm on Tuesday, June 9, as traffic congestion has been foreseen in the surrounding areas of the venue. In a traffic advisory issued on Monday, June 8 by Malkajgiri Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) for Traffic, it has been informed that the road between Tivoli X Roads to Plaza X Roads will be closed. Traffic congestion is expected in the main junctions including Sangeeth X Roads, YMCA X Roads, Patny X Roads, SBI X

Roads, Plaza, CTO Junction, Brookbond Junction, Tivoli Junction, Sweekar Upakar Junction, Secunderabad Club, Tarbund X Roads, Balamrai X Roads, Paradise, Rasoolpura and Begumpet. The daily commuters for work have been requested to start early to reach the railway station and bus stations in time, and have also been advised to use the Hyderabad Metro Rail service. Traffic coming from Begumpet towards Sangeeth X roads will be diverted at CTO X Roads towards Balamrai-Brooke Bond-Tivoli-Sweekar Upakar-YMCA-St John's Rotary; towards Sangeeth X Roads. Traffic coming from Karkhana, JBS towards SBI-Patny will be diverted at Sweekar Upakar, towards YMCA-Clock Tower-Patny, or towards Tivoli-Brook Bond-Balamrai-CTO.

SC recognises Hyderabad University research on human trafficking

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The Supreme Court recently cited a study by scholars of the University of Hyderabad (UoH, Hyderabad University) while discussing human trafficking, rehabilitation and survivor rights. On May 29, a two-member judge bench consisting of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan was looking into a petition filed by Prajwala, a Hyderabad-based anti-trafficking organisation co-founded by Sunitha Krishnan, a well-known figure. The petition sought stronger legal protections and rehabilitation measures for trafficking survivors. The top court referred to articles published in 2016 titled Economic and Political Weekly. The piece originated from discussions held during the Women's World Congress at the University of Hyderabad in 2014. The bench also referred to research by Dr Barnali

Das, an alumna, which examined how shelter homes could become a place of confinement. The Supreme Court observed that trafficking survivors are entitled to dignity and fundamental rights and decision-making. It also said that consensual adult sex work should not be compared with human trafficking. "Sex workers cannot be forcibly detained or rescued against their will. At the same time, it is the government's responsibility to tackle organised trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation through stronger institutional mechanisms and survivor-centred approaches," the court said. The Apex Court further issued a Victim Protection Plan and recommended measures such as strengthening Anti-Human Trafficking Units, expanding legal aid and improving rehabilitation systems for survivors.

Over 300 crore women passengers avail free bus service in TG

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The Telangana government on Monday announced that more than 308 crore women passengers have benefited from the Mahalakshmi free bus travel scheme, resulting in an estimated ₹10,696 crore in savings on travel expenses since its implementation. The initiative, introduced to improve women's mobility and reduce their financial burden, has become one of the state's major welfare programmes. By offering free bus travel in



TGSRTC services, the scheme has enabled women to travel for work, education, healthcare, and other essential needs without incurring transportation costs. In another significant step toward women's economic empowerment, the government inaugurated 553 buses under the Mahila Shakti Scheme. The buses were purchased by Mandal Mahila

Samakhyas (MMS) at a total investment of ₹199.08 crore and have been leased to the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) for operations. Under the arrangement, TGSRTC pays a monthly rent of ₹69,468 for each bus, generating a total rental income of approximately ₹3.84 crore every month for the women's groups that own the vehicles. The model is designed to create a sustainable source of income for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) while strengthening the public

transport system. According to the government, since the launch of the Mahila Shakti Scheme on March 12, 2024, the participating SHGs have collectively earned ₹20.34 crore as rental income from the buses. The government stated that the combined impact of the Mahalakshmi and Mahila Shakti schemes has not only eased travel costs for millions of women but has also created long-term income-generating opportunities for women-led community organisations, reinforcing.



A Valima ceremony was held on Saturday at Manda Balreddy Convention, Champapet, Hyderabad, celebrating the marriages of Syed Ali Sabih Uddin, son of Syed Fasi Uddin (Kaleem Bhai), with the daughter of Mohammed Raheem Uddin, and Syed Dastagir Misba Uddin, son of Syed Taj Uddin, with the daughter of Salam Bin Bashmail. The event witnessed the presence of prominent city personalities, including Habeeb Mohammad Sikandar, Mohammed Majid Ahmed, Mohammed Munawar Khan, and Mohammed Murtaza of Sangareddy, who extended their blessings to the newlyweds.

Sec'bad Railway Station redevelopment reaches 64 per cent completion

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The large-scale redevelopment of the Secunderabad Railway Station, one of the busiest rail hubs in the country, is progressing steadily, with authorities reporting that nearly 64 per cent of the project has been completed. Taken up under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 714.73 crore, the project aims to transform the historic station into a modern, world-class transit facility capable of handling growing passenger traffic while offering improved amenities and seamless connectivity. Secunderabad station currently handles around 180 trains every day and witnesses an average daily footfall of nearly 1.5 lakh passengers. South Central Railway officials said the redevelopment is being carried out in phases while ensuring that train operations and passenger services continue without major disruption. Among the prominent



features planned for the revamped station are architecturally distinctive station buildings, a two-level air concourse, platform roofing, multi-level parking facilities, 26 elevators, 32 escalators, Metro connectivity through dedicated skywalks, modern passenger amenities, solar power generation facilities, EV charging infrastructure and an advanced surveillance network. Officials said several key components have already been completed, including the temporary booking office, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) building, the foot over bridge at the Kazipet end and the south-side approach road. Construction activities are currently underway on

the south-side basement, arrival area and station building, while work is also progressing on the north-side station building and multi-level parking complex. Other ongoing works include the air concourse, platform cover structures, Hyderabad-end foot over bridge, travelator-equipped FOBs, underground water reservoirs, sewage treatment plant and skywalk connections linking the station with Secunderabad East and West Metro stations. The upgraded station is being designed to significantly improve passenger convenience and accessibility while strengthening multimodal transport integration.

Two Hyderabad delivery agents held for killing migrant worker

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Two delivery riders were arrested on Monday, June 8, for allegedly murdering a 38-year-old mason in Hyderabad and robbing his mobile phone. The accused, a grocery delivery boy (30) and another, a delivery boy (19) of a food delivery app, picked up the victim from Monda Market on June 2, by inducing him to drop off at Secunderabad Railway Station with an intention of robbing his money and belongings and took him to

an isolated area. Both the accused have confessed that when they tried to rob money and a mobile phone, the deceased strongly resisted them, following which they fatally hit his head. They escaped with his mobile phone and Rs 110, DCP (Secunderabad Zone) Rakshitha Krishna Murthy said in a release. The body was found in the early hours of June 3, lying in a pool of blood. It was sent to Gandhi Hospital for post-mortem. A case was registered, and four special teams were formed.

Mega job mela on June 9 at Red Rose Palace in Hyderabad

The Telangana Minorities Finance Corporation (TGMFC) will organise a mega job mela on Tuesday, June 9, at the Red Rose Palace in Nampally, Hyderabad. Held as part of the "Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika" 99-Day Action Plan, the recruitment drive will connect 20,000 targeted job seekers across 10 districts with employment opportunities. Eligible candidates from all academic streams can participate, with options ranging from entry-level positions to specialised corporate roles. The event will offer placements across 10 diverse sectors, including IT, Banking, Manufacturing, and Health Care, and is open to freshers and experienced candidates.

H-Fast seizes 90 tonne chicken waste used as feed in aquaculture

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The sleuths of the Hyderabad City Police Food Adulteration Surveillance Team (H-Fast), along with the veterinary doctors of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) have busted a massive illegal inter-state chicken waste transport network. Acting on credible information, the joint teams conducted simultaneous raids on chicken waste transport godowns located at Amberpet, Kulsum-

pura, Attapur and Rajendranagar areas in the wee hours of Monday, June 8. During the operation, the teams intercepted and seized 7 four-wheeler transport vehicles, that were found to be illegally transporting about 90 tonne raw chicken waste. Investigation revealed that the organisers were collecting the poultry waste from various chicken shops across Hyderabad and were illegally transporting the waste to Andhra Pradesh without having any valid license. The waste was

supposed to be moved to the Chengicherla rendering point, but it was being transported illegally without any valid license, to Bhimavaram, Eluru, Bheemadolu, and Undi of West Godavari in AP, and also to Mall town of Nalgonda district, where they were being used as feed for fishes being grown in the commercial tanks for aquaculture. Cases have been registered against the culprits in the local police stations concerned, and strict legal action was being initiated.

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