



# Is Former CM KCR Overestimating Himself?

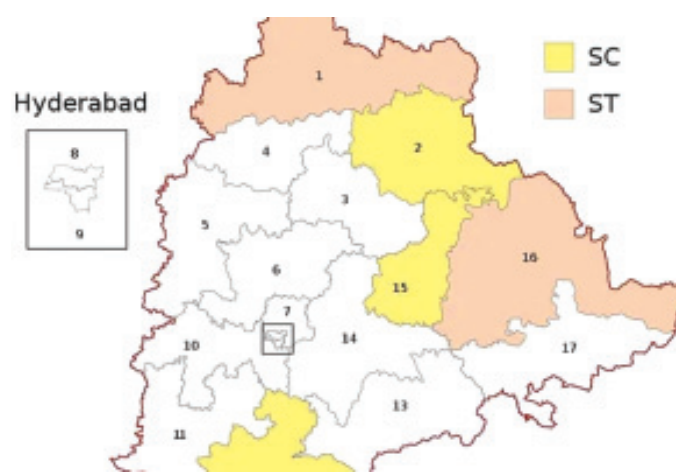
KCR is a name that needs no introduction. He played a key role in the last stage of the special state movement. Very rarely we see leaders getting a chance to participate in such movements and coming to power. But KCR achieved both the things that make him special. KCR has an unmatched legacy. He started his career as an MLA and became Minister. Later he became the Chief Minister and even focused on national politics. After a long time, we saw a regional leader focusing on national politics. But everything had gone for a toss. KCR and his national politics dream saw a big speedbreaker when the party lost the elections and Congress came to power. The party which sounded confident of recording a third consecutive win fell short of the magic figure. After the election defeat, BRS has been seeing the leaders leaving the party for others. A few

MLAs and MPs left the party already. Despite this, he made sensational comments on national politics. When asked about national politics, KCR is believed to have said that he wouldn't mind being in the PM race and that the regional parties would play a key role in the Center. Looking at his comments many wonder if he is overestimating himself. The current narrative is that the elections are seen as a fight between BJP and the INDIA block. A few surveys are saying the BJP would have an advantage. Now KCR says he might be in the race. Even if the INDIA block projects him as the PM face, the other leaders would object to this. On the other hand, no one can assure whether BRS can win all the MP seats in Telangana. Even if the party wins all 17 seats, KCR has a few chances. Despite this, KCR is saying he would be in the PM race which is a big surprise.

# Voter turnout in Telangana climbs to 66.3% after final enumeration

Hyderabad: Vikas Raj, CEO, Telangana informed that the state recorded a polling percentage of 66.3 percent after the enumeration was completed on Tuesday. A total of 2,20,24,806 voters out of 3,32,16,348 participated in the voting. Out of 2,20,24,806 voters, 2,18,14,035 voters cast their votes at 35,809 polling stations, and 2,10,771 voters exercised their franchise in the voter facilitation centers, postal voting centers, and home voting. Among those 2,10,771 voters, 1,89,091 electors were on election duty, 21,680 voters participated in voting at their homes and at postal voting centers. The 65.67% of votes that were polled at the polling stations is almost 3% more compared to voting in the 2019 general elections, Vikas Raj stated. The highest 76.78% of votes were polled in the Bhongir Lok Sabha segment and the lowest was 48.48% in the Hyderabad Lok

Sabha segment.	
Parliamentary constituency	
Total turnout	
01- Adilabad	74.03
02- Peddapalle	67.87
03- Karimnagar	72.54
04- Nizamabad	71.92
05- Zahirabad	74.63
06- Medak	75.09
07- Malkajgiri	50.78
08- Secunderabad	49.04



09- Hyderabad	48.48
10- Chevella	56.50
11- Mahabubnagar	72.43
12- Nagarkurnool	69.46
13- Nalgonda	74.02
14- Bhongir	76.78
15- Warangal	68.86
16- Mahabubabad	71.85
17- Khammam	76.09
Total	65.67

The CEO has informed that all polled material including EVMs were sealed in the presence of observers/contesting candidates /election agents and stored safely in strong rooms, which were under constant monitoring by CCTV cameras and the armed forces.

## Monsoon on Time in Telangana: IMD

Hyderabad: As the country awaits the arrival of the rainy season, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Tuesday forecast its probable advance into the South Andaman Sea, parts of southeast Bay of Bengal, and Nicobar Islands by May 19. It is possible that the monsoon could arrive over the state on schedule, after its onset in Kerala on June 1. The monsoon would reach Rayalaseema around June 6 and then reach Telangana. Last year, the monsoon entered the South Andaman sea on May 19. An IMD report in April had said that the monsoon showers between June and September were likely to be above normal, at 106 per cent of the long period average (LPA), over the southern peninsula. Telangana along with any parts of the southern states and Goa are expected to witness scattered to widespread rainfall, thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds ranging from 30-50 kmph during this period. In Telangana, the IMD-Hyderabad issued a yellow alert for various districts, predicting thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds. The weather pattern is expected to affect multiple regions including Hyderabad, Rangareddy, and several others, posing potential challenges for residents.

## 3-layer security at strong rooms for safety of EVMs

Hyderabad: The police department is providing a three-layer security for the strong rooms where Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) were preserved for counting on June 4. Surveillance cameras were installed at the strong rooms to keep a constant vigil and the central paramilitary forces would be guarding the strong rooms. The EMVs of Hyderabad Parliament constituency covering Assembly constituencies were preserved at strong rooms after putting a seal to them. The EVMs of Nampally, Charm



inar, Yakutpura, Goshmahal, Amberpet, Malakpet, Chandrayangutta and Bahadurpura Assembly constituencies were kept at strong rooms in various places in the city and its suburbs. These EVMs would be opened for counting in the presence of agents of the political parties on June 4, amid tight security.

## Congress Shifts its Focus to Graduate MLC Poll



HYDERABAD: After the hectic long electioneering for the Lok Sabha elections, the Congress has shifted its focus to the byelection to the Legislative Council seat from the Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda graduates' constituency, which is scheduled for May 27. Party leaders will step up their cam-

aign from Wednesday to reach out to 4.6 lakh graduate voters in the three districts. All 34 Assembly segments in these three districts are represented by Congress MLAs. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy reviewed poll preparedness with senior leaders of three districts on Tuesday. He directed party MLAs to take the responsibility to ensure victory for Congress candidate Chinthapandu 'Teenmar Mallanna' Naveen's victory by explaining to every voter how the Congress government had filled 30,000 posts within 100 days and how it planned to fill 2 lakh vacancies by December this year.

## Modi Claims BJP Checked Naxal Violence in Country



Varanasi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday filed his nomination for the Varanasi parliamentary seat for the third time. Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath and his proposers, including Ganeshwar Shastri Dravid, who had predicted "subh muhurat" for the Ram Mandir consecration, accompanied Mr Modi to the collectorate when he filed his papers. Later in the day, the Prime Minister addressed a rally in Jharkhand's Giridih, where he resolved to curb Naxalism in his third term and claimed that the abrogation of Article 370 has brought democracy to Jammu & Kashmir. The BJP-led NDA used Mr Modi's nomination filing in Varanasi as an occasion to show its strength. Senior BJP leaders and Union ministers, along with the leaders of BJP allies including TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu, Apna Dal's Anupriya Patel, RLJP's Pashupati Paras, LJP's Chirag Paswan, Nishad Party's Sanjay Nishad, Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party's O.P. Rajbhar and chief ministers of the BJP and the NDA-ruled states, joined the Prime Minister at the Varanasi collectorate. Lalchand Kushwaha and Baijnath Patel, both OBCs, and Sanjay Sonkar, a dalit, along with Ganeshwar Shastri, are the four proposers of Mr Modi. Mr Kushwaha has been associated with the BJP since its earlier avatar -- the Jana Sangh.

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## A powder keg situation in Middle East

It's another despairing case of 'So near yet so far' in respect of Middle East peace. Israeli retaliatory actions against the October 7 Hamas attack proved immensely disproportionate. At least 34,000 Palestinians were killed and many were wounded. Widespread destruction and famine conditions forced the people to flee to Rafah which itself is under siege now. The hapless thousands have nowhere to go. Anti-Israel protests are raging in many countries, including those Arab countries, such as Egypt, Jordan, which have peace treaty with Israel. Hopes of peace that were stirred following Hamas' acceptance of a ceasefire worked out by US, Egypt, and Qatar were dashed in no time with Israelis saying a firm no. Thus, as a temporary truce for ceasefire hangs in balance, Israeli tanks have rolled into Rafah, marking a huge escalation of Gaza conflict. Entire Gaza is already in dire humanitarian straits. Governments in the region and elsewhere are distressed by Israel PM Netanyahu's obdurate stance on mounting the offensive. He also shut crossings, just as the recent one at Karem Shalom, to block the flow of aid into Gaza. UN chief António Guterres is crying hoarse over a full invasion of Rafah, a southern city where most Palestinians inside Gaza are huddled together. Instead, a planned military operation would not so much consternation and anguish and distress. Netanyahu is so pathetic, he is not heeding pleas by even strong allies like the US and western friends. Guterres rightly warns: "Even the best friends of Israel are clear: An assault on Rafah would be a strategic mistake, a political calamity, and a humanitarian nightmare. It was only on Monday after laborious and intense efforts by peace brokers that Hamas agreed to the terms for a temporary ceasefire proposal, which if accepted by Israel, would have paved way for the release of about 30 of the Israelis hostages by Hamas in return for a pause on Rafah invasion. The world is aghast for months after so much intense diplomatic activity, there is no ceasefire, no release of hostages, no commencement of relief and rehabilitation for the displaced masses. With the opportunity window for peace to Israelis themselves closing, in wake of Hamas and Hezbollah bracing to pound Israeli borders, it is time Netanyahu showed some political courage to secure a peace deal that he cannot afford to miss. Every peace monger so wishes Netanyahu would heed calls by allies and friendly Arabs to call off Rafah offensive, just as the then Israel PM Shamir reined in his fiery temper and refrained from retaliation against Iraq's missile attacks, thus avoiding a confrontation with Arab nations in January 1991. But, Netanyahu heads an unruly coalition of ultranationalists and far-right religious figures who are baying for blood. His political survival depends on them and rambunctious colleagues in his Likud party. It is sad he views worldwide opposition to his war on Gaza simply as 'a terrible volcano of anti-Semitism.'

## Women voters get traditional welcome, mehendi cones, bangles; youth provided with pens in Karimnagar

KARIMNAGAR: Several model polling stations, exclusively managed by women, under the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation limits, along with officials from the Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA) and self-help groups in rural and urban areas of the district offered bangles and applied kumkum on women voters' foreheads and turmeric paste on their chins on Monday. In Karimnagar city, some polling stations even offered jute bags, mehendi cones along with bangles to women voters and pens were distributed to youth. The parliamentary segment registered an approxi-



mate voter turnout of 72.33% as of 6 pm on Monday. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the turnout stood at 69.47%. Meanwhile, five polling stations in the Nalgonda segment were decorated with eco-friendly materials. Polling station No. 69 at Chennakesava Public School in Nalgonda was adorned with a natural canopy made of mango

and coconut leaves. Additionally, parrots crafted from leaves were decorated within the canopy. A female voter told TNIE that people would feel as if they were attending a function in a lush green setting rather than a conventional polling booth. District Collector Dasari Harichandana cast her vote at this polling station.

## LS Polls Held Peacefully in Warangal, Mahabubabad

Waranga: The polling for the Lok Sabha elections in Warangal and Mahabubabad constituencies was held on a generally peaceful note, but for a few incidents of protests and clashes in Warangal region on Monday. The voting percentage was 64.08 in the Warangal parliament constituency by 6pm while it was 68.6 percent for Mahabubabad. Of the seven assembly segments in the Warangal LS, the highest voting was in the Station Ghanpur assembly segment, 74.64 per cent. The lowest was in the Warangal West, 47 per cent. In Mahabubabad parliament constituency, the highest voting percentage was in the Narsampet assembly segment, 73.01, while the lowest was in Bhadrachalam. Right from the morning, large numbers of people reached the polling centres and stood in the queues for voting. In some polling centres in Mahabubabad and Warangal districts, there were some technical issues. The EVMS did not function and the polling started an hour late. Officials replaced the EVMS with new ones and started the polling process. 2 The voting percentage steadily increased by afternoon. The weather was cool because of the heavy rain that lashed the region on Sunday night. State minister Seethakka exercised her vote in Jaggannapeta village of Mulugu district while Konda



Surekha cast her vote in the Zilla Parishad High School in Vanchanagiri of Warangal district. Congress LS candidate Kadiam Kavya along with her father and Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiam Srihari and other family members voted at the polling centre in Teachers colony in Hanamkonda city. While the BJP's Lok Sabha candidate Aroori Ramesh voted in a private school in Fathimanagar of Kazipet, BRS party candidate Sudheer Kumar voted in Bhimadevrappally mandal of Hanamkonda district. The polling was completed one hour before in the Maoist-affected areas like Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Yellandu, Pinapaka and Bhadrachalam assembly segments by 4 pm. In a bizarre incident, people

of a Dalit colony at Padmarakota in Warangal city staged a protest in front of the Ambedkar community hall. They alleged that political parties had not visited their colony and not given any money to them. We will vote if we are given money," they said. However, when the officials convinced them about the need for them to vote, they exercised their franchise. In another incident in the Chinthlagadda Thanda of the Mahabubabad district, voters staged a protest alleging that the officials acted negligently in establishing the polling centre in their village and announced that they will not vote. Officials rushed to the village and persuaded them to cast their votes.



## Seven districts in Telangana witness rains

HYDERABAD: The skies remained clear on the polling day, except for a few districts, which experienced a downpour. The IMD said that heavy rains were experienced in the districts of Hanamkonda, Jayashankar Bhupalapally, Jangaon, Mahabubabad, Mulugu and Warangal, while hail storms occurred in parts of Medak district. Mahabubabad recorded the highest rainfall of 104.8 mm, followed by Warangal at 104 mm and Jayashankar Bhupalapally at 95.5 mm, as per the Telangana State Development Planning Society (TSDPS). The highest daily maximum temperature in the state was recorded in Jagtial at 41.1°C, while Hyderabad recorded a maximum temperature of 39.3°C in Karwan. The IMD said that although a weather system over Vidarbha, Marathwada, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu had become less marked, the withdrawal will affect rains in the state till May 17 and a yellow warning has been issued for lightning and thunderstorms with gusty winds of about 30-40 kmph in most districts. The city will experience light to moderate rains or thunderstorms with gusty winds of 30-40 kmph towards evening or night, whereas the maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 36°C and 24°C, respectively, for the next 48 hours.

## BRS, Congress cadre clash in Cheriyal



Siddipet: The Congress and BRS workers were involved in a scuffle at polling booths 40 and 41 at Girls High School in Cheriyal town on Monday. The tension was created between the rival groups when BRS MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy and Congress leader Kommuri Rakesh Reddy have reached the same polling station. The Police have found it difficult to control the crowd for a while. The rival groups have raised slogans against each other. A few workers from both sides have sustained minor injuries. Cheriyal town falls under the Jangaon assembly segment that is part of the Bhuvanagiri Lok Sabha Constituency.

## Residents of three villages boycott voting



Adilabad: Residents of three villages in the district boycotted voting and staged protests on Monday demanding facilities including roads and power supply. The protests were withdrawn and votes cast only after officials intervened and assured solutions. In the remote Mankapur village in Bazarhath noor mandal, villagers stood away from voting demanding a road to the village. However, they withdrew the protest after local officials assured to address the issue. Gollar Arjun, a resident of the interior village said leaders of various political parties would promise to address the challenge, but forget it once their parties assume power.

They announced that they would not participate in voting as long as their problem was resolved. They regretted that they were forced to commute by bullock carts to reach neighboring villages. Following the protest, the village did not see polling of votes till afternoon. They came forward to cast votes only after the local MRO held consultations with the villagers and promised to address the issue by bringing it to the notice of ITDA-Uttoor Project Officer Khusbu Gupta at the earliest. Similarly, dwellers stayed away from voting seeking a road facility and three-phase power supply at Babjipet village in Echoda mandal till afternoon.

## Toddler mauled to death by dog in Tandur

Hyderabad: A five-months-old baby boy was mauled to death by a dog at Basveswara Nagar in Tandur Town in Vikarabad district on Tuesday. The boy Sainath was sleeping at the house when the dog entered and attacked him resulting in serious injuries. Death was instant for the boy, according to police. The boy's parents - Dattu and Lavanya - were attending to work at the Naparathi police unit in the town.

## Couple, Son Die as RTC Bus Rams into Mobile Tiffin Centre in Jangaon

Warangal: Three members of a family including an eight-year-old boy died on the spot and three others injured when an RTC Rajadhani Express bus from Warangal to Hyderabad rammed into a roadside tiffin stall where they were having breakfast at Jangaon on Monday. The incident took place near a petrol bunk on the outskirts of Raghunathapally in Jangaon district on Monday. Police identified the victims as Telakalapalli Ravinder, 38, his wife Jyothi, 32, and their son Bavish. The couple was heading towards Warangal to vote in Monday's polls and had halted to have breakfast. Jyothi died on the spot, while Ravinder and his son Bavish were taken to a hospital where they died while undergoing treatment. The three survivors were identified as tiffin centre owner Nunavath Santosh and road users Srikanth and Ganesh. The police have begun investigations.





# Hyderabad Voice

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BJP lodges complaint with CEO against CM

Hyderabad: Telangana State BJP lodged a complaint to the state Chief Electoral Officer against Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for alleged poll code violation. The BJP state general secretary, Dr Kasam Venkateswarlu, in his complaint to the CEO, said that after casting his vote at Kodangal in Mahabubnagar parliamentary constituency, the Chief Minister held a media conference telecasted live on TV channels between 11.40 am and 12.30 pm on Monday. The representation stated, "The CM speaking in the media conference on the ongoing elections is strictly prohibited under the silent period rule of Section 126 of the Representation of Peoples Act. Also, it is a violation of the Model Code of Conduct. Further, some of the comments CM Revanth Reddy made included - 'People have decided not to vote to BJP.'

## Low voter turnout Hyderabadis don't walk their talk

Hyderabad: Hyderabadis have once again let down the electoral process. Despite months-long awareness activities and elaborate campaigns to pump up voter participation, denizens of Nawabi city failed to turn up at the polling centers on Monday. The only crowd that one could see at most of the total 3,986 polling centers were the political party workers and election officials who had set up makeshift stalls to help guide the voters. But sadly, a significant part of their time was spent waiting for the next voter. Continuing the unfortunate string of low voting percentages, the city recorded less than 50 per cent voter turnout. While Hyderabad Parliamentary Constituency saw the lowest polling percentage at 39.17 per cent, Secunderabad had a slightly higher 42.48 per cent with Malkajgiri recording 46.27 per cent. For the by-polls of the Secunderabad Cantonment assembly elections, 47.88 per cent was recorded. If you log in to X (formerly Twitter) and search for 'Hyderabad', one of the first tweets you would find will most probably be a citizen bashing the government for not fulfilling their duties. Be it garbage on the roads, power cuts, or their expert opinion on current affairs -



Hyderabadis do not shy away from voicing out their concerns. However, on the day when they were actually expected to make their voices heard, more than half of the electorate was nowhere to be seen near the polling centers. This sorry state of voter apathy in Hyderabad dates back to several elections. For some reason, this urban metropolis has not been able to score a decent poll percentage in recent times. In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the voter percentage was a mere 46.5 per cent for the Secunderabad parliamentary constituency, while the percentages for Hyderabad and

Malkajgiri were 44.84 and 46.93 per cent only. In 2014 too, the voter turnout remained between 51 to 53 per cent for these seats. Similarly, at the recent 2023 assembly elections, the voter turnout in the Hyderabad district was just 47.88 per cent. These dismal numbers were recorded after the district election authorities, NGOs and the media facilitated multiple interventions to aware the public of the significance of voting. This time around, the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program was conducted on a large scale in the city, but to no avail.

## Bypoll Boosts Voter Turnout in Secunderabad Cantonment



Hyderabad: In the Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly bypoll, where a double vote was required alongside the Lok Sabha elections, polling stations became hubs of vibrant activity and innovation. Voter turnout was notable, especially in the early hours between 7 am and 9 am and again from 4.30 pm to 6 pm. Voting in the Assembly segment surpassed the city average with 48 per cent turnout by 5 pm. This voter participation was fuelled by the proactive efforts of local resident welfare associations and the unique draw of eco-friendly-themed booths. At several booths, creativity took centre stage with the 'RRR' (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) theme. Used vehicle tyres, repainted and reshaped into crabs, caught the eye, doubling as quirky garden decor. Water bottles were transformed into intricate tree guards, emphasising the anti-single-use plastic campaign. These stations also featured photo booths where voters, particularly first-timers, could commemorate their participation with a selfie, their inked fingers proudly on display. Sudhakar Velpula, a Marredpally resident who was voting for both polls - a first in his life - recalled initial confusion about the process. "I knew I had to vote simultaneously today, but the details were vague until I reached here. Thankfully, the staff were patient. It's a new system, but they made it clear," he told. This year's polls also saw an effort from volunteers who went beyond typical responsibilities to ensure clarity and ease for voters. As the day progressed, their role became increasingly pivotal in managing the dual voting mechanism. "At first, it seemed daunting with two votes to cast at once. But the volunteers were there, explaining every step. It didn't just help but also made us feel valued and respected in our democratic right," said Akshay M., a first-time voter.



## High security set up at Strong Rooms as Lok Sabha Polls Conclude in Telangana

As the Lok Sabha polling process for 2024 concluded in Telangana, a strong police presence has been established at strong rooms across the state to ensure the safety of EVMs and VVPAT. Central forces have been deployed at the strong rooms, and a three-tier security system has been arranged to prevent any unauthorized access. Counting centers and strong rooms are under constant surveillance with round-the-clock CCTV cameras to monitor any suspicious activities. Additionally, section 144 has been imposed at the strong rooms to maintain law and order. Security has been further en-

hanced with the presence of both central and state forces, along with firefighters on standby. The polling process started at 7 am and continued until 6 pm, with some polling booths staying open until 11 pm to accommodate voters who were still in line after the official closing time. As a result, a total of 64.74 per cent polling has been recorded across the state. With high security measures in place at the strong rooms and a successful completion of the polling process, authorities are now focused on ensuring a transparent and fair counting process for the upcoming election results in Telangana.

## Youth Booked for Taking a Selfie While Voting

Hyderabad: Authorities have initiated legal action against a young man who captured a selfie while voting in Jagtial district. The incident unfolded at polling booth Number 8 in Vimalakarti, Ibrahimpatnam mandal, where a youth identified as Jairaj snapped a photo with his ballot after casting his vote. Upon objections raised by polling agents present at the booth, the polling officer filed a formal complaint with the police, prompting an investigation. Police have registered a case against the young man and are currently conducting inquiries into the matter.

## Kishan Reddy expresses confidence of winning ten seats in Telangana



Hyderabad: Stating that the people of Telangana had rejected Congress, BJP State president G Kishan Reddy claimed that the BJP would get more than 10 seats in the State. Addressing a press conference here on Monday, Kishan Reddy alleged that senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy tried to mislead people by spreading lies about BJP, but they rejected

their claims and supported the Saffron party in the polls. "Congress leaders and workers have no faith in Revanth. They do not believe him. Hence, there is no question of people of the State believing him. I am confident that BJP will win a majority of the seats in the State. BJP will emerge as a force in Telangana in future," he said. Expressing disappointment over low polling in the Hyderabad Lok Sabha constituency, he said the voting percentage had come down due to various reasons, including a large number of people leaving the city to cast their vote in their native places in the neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. Taking strong exception to Revanth Reddy addressing a press conference in the middle of the voting, the union Minister said the Revanth had no respect for norms. When he was reminded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi too addressed a press conference after casting his vote in Ahmedabad, he said the Prime Minister only appealed to the people to cast their votes, whereas Revanth Reddy asked people to vote against BJP.

## Telangana poll officers protest underpayment, police resort to mild lathi charge

Hyderabad: Following the completion of the fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections in Telangana on May 13, a few Telangana poll officers protested for not being paid the full amount as promised by the Election Commission. According to the Telangana State United Teachers' Federation (TSUTF), presiding officers (POs) and assistant presiding officers (APOs) of the Narayankhed assembly segment, who were allotted poll duty, were paid only Rs 2,400 instead of the promised Rs 3,150 after completing their duty. The election officers, who are local teachers, protested and demanded full payment for their work. Police personnel on poll duty were also present, and their protest escalated into an argument followed by a mild lathi charge. To address the issue, two tehsildars assured them that full payment would be made.

Hyderabad: Several voters from Banjara Hills, Somajiguda, and Begumpet voiced their frustration over the long wait that they had undergone standing in queue during the ongoing election. In most cases, the delay was attributed to accommodating senior voters, accompanied by their family members. Rajesh Kumar, a resident of Banjara Hills, lamented, "I had to wait for more than an hour just to cast my vote. The line barely moved, mainly because elderly voters took a lot of time, as they came with their family members Radhika said, "I understand the importance of accommodating senior citizens, but it was disheartening to see them taking so much time. The line was moving slowly because there weren't enough staff working at the booths, and they were taking too much time to help each person. Some of them had multiple family members accompanying them, which further slowed down the process. She said, The situation was no different in Begumpet, where voters like



Shashi Kanth expressed their frustration. "I reached the polling station early to avoid the rush, but even then, I had to wait for a long time. Senior citizens and their families seemed to be causing the delay," he said. Not all booths are in the same situation.





## Police who helped the farmers and showed humanity

Nagarkurnool: EVM strong rooms have been set up for the Lok Sabha elections at Nellikonda Agricultural Market in Nagar Kurnool district headquarters. Central and state level and local police are maintaining tight security there. However, the farmers have stored the paddy at the adjacent agricultural market. It started raining suddenly on Tuesday afternoon. Due to this, the farmers are struggling to prevent the paddy from getting wet. The police on duty there observed the plight of the farmers. The police immediately went to them and helped the farmers to prevent the grain from getting wet.

## BRS shifts focus onto Graduate MLC by-elections to start campaign



BRS, which lost power to Congress in assembly elections has now shifted its attention to the graduate MLC by-election. A meeting is scheduled with leaders from Nalgonda, Warangal, and Khammam at Telangana Bhavan, where KCR will be in attendance. The party is strategizing to secure a seat in the graduate MLC by-election, with KCR leading the charge aggressively. In the upcoming graduate by-elections in Nalgonda, Khammam, and Warangal, three major parties have finalized their candidates. Chintapandu Naveen alias Theenmaar Mallanna from Congress, Enugula Rakesh Reddy from BRS, and Gujjula Premender Reddy from BJP are set to contest for the graduate MLC positions. The election for the MLC post in these three districts took place in March 2021. With the Parliament elections on the horizon, BRS is determined to make a strong comeback and secure victory in the upcoming polls.

## MLC Kavitha's Judicial Custody Extended Till May 20



MLC Kavitha, who was hoping for bail in the Delhi Liquor Scam Case, was once again disappointed as the Delhi Rouse Avenue Court decided to extend her judicial custody till May 20. Despite the end of her judicial custody on Tuesday, the court ruled in favor of the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) request for a 14-day extension due to the filing

of a supplementary charge sheet with 8 thousand pages. During a inquiry on Tuesday, the ED argued for the extension of Kavitha's judicial custody citing the submission of the extensive supplementary charge sheet. The Rouse Avenue court took this into consideration and decided to extend the judicial custody. The court scheduled a hearing on May 20 to further discuss

the supplementary chargesheet filed by the ED. In the Delhi liquor scam money laundering case, MLC Kavitha's judicial custody expired on Tuesday, and she was produced in court through a video conference around 2 pm. Despite her hopes for bail, Kavitha will remain in custody until at least May 20 as the legal proceedings continue.



## TSRTC facilitates record 1.5 crore passengers to vote

Hyderabad: The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) witnessed a historic milestone as 1.50 crore passengers availed themselves of transport services to cast their votes in their respective hometowns. This notable surge in passenger numbers sets a new record for the TSRTC, reflecting the significant turnout for voting across the state. In an official press statement released on Monday, the corporation highlighted its efforts in organizing buses and additional facilities to accommodate the returning passengers. Managing Director VC Sajjanar highlighted the corporation's commitment to facilitating seamless travel for voters participating in the democratic process. Special buses were meticulously arranged by the TSRTC to cater to individuals traveling to their native places for voting, both within the state and to other states. Venturing out to fulfill his civic duty, Managing Director VC Sajjanar, accompanied by his family members, cast his vote in Kondapur on Monday. Following the voting process, he highlighted the significance of the constitutional right to vote, emphasizing its egalitarian nature that extends to all citizens, irrespective of caste, creed, or community affiliation.



## Farmers allege pilferage of paddy grains at procurement centre in Asifabad

Kumram Bheem Asifabad: Farmers staged dharna alleging that two to three kilograms of paddy grains were being pilfered from a bag of paddy containing 40 kilograms at a paddy procurement centre Oddugudem village in Dahegaon mandal on Tuesday. Rauthu Sattaiah, a farmer, alleged that the staffers at the centre were secretly stealing around three kilograms of grains per bag by tampering with the weighing machine. He stated that he realised it when he weighed the same bag on another machine of a trader. He added that he sold 200 quintals of paddy to the government at the centre on Monday. Dandera Raju, another farmer alleged that he brought 224 quintals of paddy to the centre, but was recorded as 220 quintals in receipt given by the staffers. They alleged that the grains were weighing more than the weight shown in the machine of this centre at another weighing machine in district headquarters. They requested the officials to take steps to prevent the pilfering. When asked, Joint Collector (Revenue) Dasari Venu said that steps were being taken to address the issue being faced by the farmers.

## 4 urban LS constituencies in Greater Hyderabad record lowest turnout



Hyderabad: Voters' apathy marked polling in Greater Hyderabad as the Lok Sabha constituencies of Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Malkajgiri, and Chevella recorded the lowest turnout in Telangana in that order. Despite appeals by the political parties and all efforts by the election authorities, the urban voters remained indifferent. The Hyderabad Lok Sabha constituency recorded the lowest turnout in the state at 39.17 per cent till 5 p.m., as per the figures released by the Election Commission, far below the state's average turnout of 62.48 per cent. In 2019, Hyderabad had recorded 45 per cent polling. The figures are all provisional as the final numbers will be released by the poll panel on Tuesday. The Secunderabad Lok Sabha constituency recorded the second lowest polling at 42.48 per cent, marking a dip of 3 per cent compared to the 2019 polls. Malkajgiri, which is India's largest constituency with 37.80 lakh voters, also failed to cross the 50 per cent polling mark. The seat, termed 'mini-India' with people from various states and speaking different languages settled here, saw 49.60 per cent polling, almost at par with 2019 figures. Only 50.34 per cent voters cast their votes in the by-election for the Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly constituency, one of the seven segments under Malkajgiri. The Chevella constituency, which covers key urban clusters including the information technology district of Cyberabad, recorded 53.15 per cent polling, the fourth lowest in the state. The Serilingampally segment, which has the highest number of software professionals, saw only 41.40 per cent turnout. It is part of the Chevella Lok Sabha constituency. Many techies apparently skipped polling after packing off their bags for extended holidays. The low turnout was despite pleasant weather as recent rains and clouds considerably brought down the maximum temperature. While polling centres in some segments saw queues from early in the morning, the booths were deserted in the majority of the segments. Among the Assembly segments in the Hyderabad Lok Sabha constituency, Malakpet recorded lowest polling at 37.84 per cent, Charminar recorded 38 per cent turnout, while Chandrayangutta witnessed 38.24 per cent voting, followed by Karwan at 40.57 per cent. Nampally, a part of the Secunderabad Lok Sabha constituency, recorded only 37.30 per cent turnout. The polling percentage in Jubilee Hills segment was 39.38 per cent. After the polling on Monday, various sections have been voicing concerns over the declining poll percentage in the urban segments. The Election Commission had roped in celebrities while the NGOs organised various programmes to appeal to people to come out and exercise their franchise in large numbers. During the campaign, the political parties and candidates had also urged people to participate in the polling process in large numbers. However, these appeals had little impact on the urban voters.

## Huge traffic on Hyderabad-Vijayawada National Highway



Hyderabad: Huge traffic jam was witnessed on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada National Highway as people are returning to Hyderabad after casting their vote in their hometowns on Monday evening. Elections were held in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh on Monday, many people who travelled to their native places in AP as well as within Telangana, are returning back to Hyderabad after casting their vote which led to huge rush

of vehicles on the highway on Monday evening. Heavy traffic was seen on the toll plazas. On the polling day, Hyderabad roads wore a deserted look as scores of people left the city to vote. Two Telugu states went to polls on Monday, elections for 17 Lok Sabha seats were held in Telangana. Polling for 25 Lok Sabha seats and 175 assembly seats were held in Andhra Pradesh. According to Election Commission of India.



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## Rahul Gandhi's Interesting Comments On Getting Married



Eligible bachelors are the demand for their marriage is a match made in heaven. Very often we hear people asking them about marriage. Be it politics or films this is the same trend. There are a few aspects that make the personalities most eligible candidates. In politics, Gandhi scion Rahul is considered an eligible bachelor. The 53-year-old hails from one of the most influential political families in the country. It is common for the pastry supporters and common people to

show interest in his marriage and see him getting married. Rahul Gandhi in the election race for the Lok Sabha polls from the Rae Bareilly seat in Uttar Pradesh. He is the sitting Wayanad MP. Despite this, he picked Rae Bareilly, a strong fortress of Congress in Uttar Pradesh. He is busily campaigning there. During an event, Rahul Gandhi faced an interesting question on marriage. People from the crowd asked Rahul Gandhi about marriage. To this, Rahul Gandhi said he would have to get mar-

ried soon. He said it in Hindi. His reaction is now doing rounds with people discussing if they would see Rahul Gandhi tying the knot soon. The discussion around his marriage is now new and it has been going on for a very long time. At regular intervals, we see people talking about this. Sonia Gandhi was also asked the questions by a few women earlier. To this, the former Congress chief asked the women to look for a suitable girl. Let us wait and see what happens next.

## It's Lord Ram's wish that Modi form govt again



Rae Bareilly/Barabanki: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said Monday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will again form the government, asserting that even Lord Ram wants his "ardent devotee" to win. He was addressing rallies in Barabanki and Rae Bareilly, from where Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is contesting the Lok Sabha elections. "Only 'Ramdrohis' or Pakistanis are opposing Modi ji," Adityanath said at a public meeting in Rae Bareilly constituency. "I cannot understand what is Rahul Gandhi's relationship with Pakistan. He lives in India, seeks votes in Rae Bareilly and gets support from Pakistan." He alleged that the voices from Pakistan and that of Ramdrohis have become similar. "A Pakistani minister was supporting the incident in which soldiers were martyred in Pulwama... now he has made a statement in support of the Congress candidate from Rae Bareilly, Adityanath said. Taking a dig at Con-

gress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi who has sought to know from PM Modi what he has done for Raebareilly in the past 10 years, the Uttar Pradesh chief minister asked, "What has the Congress done in 65 years (of rule)?" In Barabanki, Adityanath said under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, everyone, irrespective of their caste and community, benefitted from the development schemes. "Our beloved Lord Ram also wants his ardent devotee to take over the reins of the country once again," the Uttar Pradesh chief minister said. With the fourth phase of voting underway, the "Modi wave has now turned into a tsunami," he said. Hitting out the Congress and Samajwadi Party, he said, "They have a history of scams. These people are making big claims, but the truth is that during their time people used to die of hunger, farmers used to commit suicide and youth used to migrate."

## Two NGOs move SC seeking court-monitored SIT probe into electoral bonds scheme

NEW DELHI: Two NGOs on Tuesday urged the Supreme Court to consider listing their PIL seeking a court-monitored probe by a special investigation team into alleged instances of "apparent quid pro quo" involving political parties, corporate entities and officials of investigative agencies in the electoral bonds scheme. A bench comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta took note of the submissions of lawyer Prashant Bhushan, appearing for NGOs 'Common Cause' and the Centre for Public Interest Litigation (CPIL), that the plea needed to be listed for hearing at the earliest. "The CJJ's office is seized of it. It will be listed," Justice Khanna told Bhushan.

## 3 Naxals killed in Gadchiroli gun battle

Mumbai: Three Naxalites, including two women, were killed in a gun battle with the police in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district on Monday afternoon after the former allegedly opened fire during a search operation. According to the police, they had received credible information that some members of the Perimili Dalam were camping in a forest area near Katrangatta village in Bhamragad taluka. "They were there, with an aim to carry out subversive activities during the ongoing tactical counter-offensive campaign period," said a senior police officer. Subsequently two units of the police were dispatched to the forest, and while searches were being carried out by the team, the Naxals allegedly launched an attack around 1.30 pm.



## Predict The Breakdown Of 175 Seats In AP

The polls in Telugu states have been completed last evening. Although the polls are always interesting, this time the AP elections have garnered more curiosity and attention than ever. While the alliance of TDP – Janasena – BJP on one side and the YSRCP on the other side remain the top contenders obviously, the Indian National Congress and others follow them. Each party is confident in winning the polls with a thumping majority. Since the polls are completed and the results will not be out until June 4th, here is something for the Gulte.com viewers. Predict the breakdown of the 175 assembly seats of Andhra Pradesh in the given order and the closest prediction will receive a gift voucher from Gulte.com on the results day, the fourth day of June.

## Dear Pithapuram! Howz The Josh?



For the whole day on May 13th, one constituency that is trending throughout the Telugu states is "Pithapuram". Other high-profile constituencies like Hindupur, Mangalagiri, Kuppam, Pulivendula and others didn't get as much attention as this

place where Jana Sena's Pawan Kalyan is contesting. That's the reason everyone is now asking, "Dear Pithapuram! How is the josh?" While the Election Commission officially declared that Andhra Pradesh registered 76% polling of votes by 8 pm while the number might go to 80% or more, everyone is keen to find out what things are like in Pithapuram. In fact, according to a report from a few Telugu news outlets, polling in Pithapuram continued till late night as many voters reached booths before 6 pm, indicating that Pawan has the advantage there. Some booth-level reports are indicating that Pawan Kalyan will be winning the seat with more than 30,000 votes margin easily.

While many political analysts who do 'exit polls' have failed to give their prediction this time, stating that voting patterns are pretty clumsy, ground-level talk is that most of the voters took 'glass' very seriously. Previously some analysts opined that Pithapuram is a tough nut to crack, but Pawan's repeated campaigns in the place along with his family members and other cine glamour canvassing for him, he might give a tough fight. But now, the same analysts are surprised to know that the main opposition contestant, YCP's Vanga Geetha lacks people's support and their anger toward her might turn into a huge blessing for Pawan. The real josh will be out on June 4th when the result gets declared.

## Anurag Thakur files nomination, says BJP will sweep Himachal

NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH: Union minister of information and broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur, BJP's Preneet Kaur and Harshimrat Badal of SAD, among others, filed their nominations for Lok Sabha elections on Monday. Their constituencies will go to the polls in the last phase on June 1. Thakur, seeking his fifth term from Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh, said, "The BJP has taken the pledge of 'Viksit Bharat' and to achieve this, stability and continuity of this Modi.

## YCP Leaders Asking To Vote TDP To Defeat Me

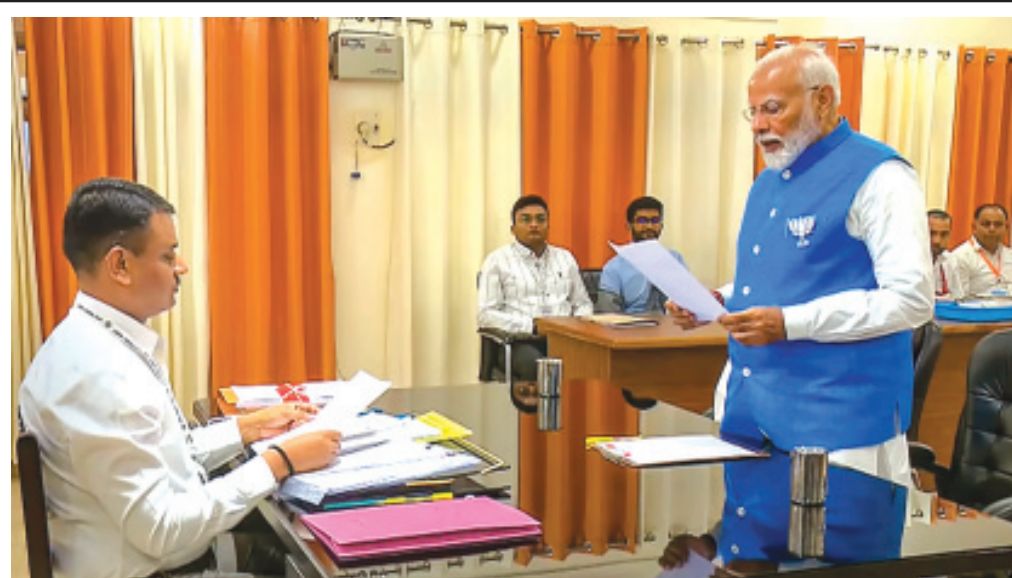


The elections in Andhra Pradesh have come to an end. The people turned out in big number to vote for their favourite parties. Meanwhile, RK Roja of YSRCP is aiming at winning for the third time but many surveys and ground reports are not in

favor of her. A lot of her own party members are against supporting the actress turned politician. Confirming the same, Roja revealed that many YSRCP leaders are working against her in the constituency. "All those who are my opponents in the party have now began working for my defeat. Especially, people like KJ Kumar who received nominated posts from the party are working against my favour," said Roja. Roja quit TDP and joined YS Jagan's YSRCP. Now, she told, "I don't have a problem with the TDP leaders but my own party members want to see me getting defeated. It is an unfortunate situation for me." The irony is that Roja had made these comments today from a polling booth and the on-lookers say that she is going to lose and her voice reflects the same.

## PM Modi files Lok Sabha nomination from Varanasi, eyes third term

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday filed his nomination from the Varanasi Lok Sabha seat after offering prayers at the Dashashwamedh Ghat and the Kaal Bhairav temple here. He is eyeing a hat-trick in the Varanasi Lok Sabha seat, which he had won for the first time in 2014. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was among those present at the collectorate when Modi filed his papers. Varanasi goes to the polls on June 1 in the seventh and last phase of the general elections. Modi exuded confidence in his party's win for the third successive time and said that he will participate in the G-7 Summit next month following the declaration of the results of the ongoing parliamentary elections. Ahead of filing nominations from his Lok Sabha constituency of Varanasi, PM Modi, in an exclusive interview with India Today, said, "I've al-



ready received the invitation (for G7). I'm preparing for the summit. After the oath-taking ceremony, I'll go." In a post in Hindi on X, Modi said.





## Education

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## Girls outperform boys again in CBSE exams

Girls continued to outshine boys in the CBSE exams for Classes 10 and 12 while the pass percentage and number of students scoring above 90 and 95 per cent witnessed marginal increases from last year. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) exam results for Classes 10 and 12 were announced on Monday. The pass percentage in Class 10 stood at 93.6, a rise of 0.48 percentage points from last year. The pass percentage in the Class-12 exam saw a marginal increase of 0.65 percentage points from last year to 87.98. In the Class-10 exams, girls have done better than boys by 2.04 percentage points. While 94.75 per cent girls cleared the exams, 92.71 per cent boys managed to pass the exams. In Class 12, girls have done better than boys by 6.4 percentage points. The pass percentage for girls stood at 91.5 per cent while that of boys was 85.12 per cent. CBSE officials attributed the rise in the pass percentage to the increase in the number of competency-based questions in the exams this year. The CBSE revamped its assessment practices for the academic session 2023-24 by introducing more competency-based questions in the papers and reducing the weightage given to short and long answer-type questions. A similar trend was witnessed in the number of students who scored above 90 per cent and 95 per cent marks. In Class 12, a total of 1.16 lakh students scored above 90 per cent and 24,068 above 95 per cent. Among the students who scored above 90 per cent, 262 are from the Children With Special Needs (CSWN) category. More than 11,000 Class 10 students scored a perfect 100 in Mathematics while Painting topped the subject with the highest number of full marks scorers in Class 12, the CBSE said on Monday.

## CBSE Class 12 results: Telangana among top 3 States with 99.15 pass percentage

Hyderabad: In the CBSE Senior School Certificate Examination (Class XII) 2024 results announced on Monday, Telangana with a pass percentage of 99.15 won a place of pride in the top three states in the country. The state-wise data of the results has Lakshadweep in the top with 100 pass percentage followed by Kerala with 99.91 per cent. However, the case of Lakshadweep is interesting as it had only 13 candidates appeared for the examinations and all of them passed. For the Class XII examinations, a total of 8,337 students, i.e., 4,433 boys and 3,904



girls, appeared of whom 8,266 students were declared as pass. The pass percentage among boys from the State was 98.85 while it was 99.49 among the girls, according to the results data for Telangana, students from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV)

in the State excelled by registering 100 pass percentage. The Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State came next with 99.83 pass percentage followed by independent category i.e., private schools with 99.08 pass percentage and government schools with 98.86.



## Tamil Nadu registers 98.47 pass percentage in CBSE Class 12 exams

Chennai: Tamil Nadu has registered a 98.47 pass percentage in the Class 12 examinations conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The national pass percentage is 87.98. Chennai region stood third in the country in the examinations after Trivandrum and Vijayawada regions. The CBSE class 12 exams began on February 15 and concluded on April 2. The supplementary exams for students who failed will be conducted from July 15. In the class 10 exams, Tamil Nadu registered a 99.3 per cent pass rate, a slight increase from last year's 99.14 per cent. The national pass percentage for class 10 results stands at 93.6 per cent. The class 10 exams commenced on February 15 and concluded on March 13.

## Registration For NMIMS's NCET, NPAT, NLAT, And MST Entrance Exams Closes

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SVKM's NMIMS, a global institute for higher education, has announced the closing date to register for its entrance exams. These entrance exams include NMIMS NCET, NPAT, NLAT, and MST. These entrance exams are conducted in order to shortlist candidates for admission to various programs at campuses across India. Candidates who wish to apply for these entrance exams can do so by May 20, 2024. The application form for the above-mentioned exams is available on the NMIMS's official website. The candidates who wish to secure admission at NMIMS' School of Technology Management and Engineering (STME) and School of Pharmacy and Technology Management (SPTM) give this entrance exam. Programs available through NCET include B.Tech (4 years), integrated courses like B.Tech + MBA Tech (5 years), and B.Pharm + MBA (5 years). These programs equip students with the skills required to excel in today's technology-driven industries. NMIMS engineering programs are offered at the Mukesh Patel School of Technology Management and Engineering, Mumbai, and the School of Technology Management and Engineering at Shirpur, Navi Mumbai, Indore, Hyderabad, and Chandigarh campuses. NMIMS also offers pharma programs at the Shobhaben Pratapbhai Patel School of Pharmacy and Technology Management in Mumbai, Shirpur, and Hyderabad. NMIMS BBA is offered at Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Dhule, Indore, and Chandigarh campuses, and the B.com program is offered at Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Dhule, Indore, Chandigarh, and Navi Mumbai campuses.

The NMIMS National Test for Programs After Twelfth (NPAT) is the official entrance exam for admissions to a variety of undergraduate programs at NMIMS. Programs offered under NPAT include BBA and B.Com. (Hons.), B.Sc. Finance, BBA (Fintech), B.Sc. (Economics), BBA in Branding & Advertising, BA (Hons.) Liberal Arts, and Bachelor in Business Management & Marketing (BBMM). Through NPAT, students can join schools like the Anil Surendra Modi School of Commerce, Sarla Anil Modi School of Economics, School of Branding & Advertising, Jyoti Dalal School of Liberal Arts, Pravin Dalal School of Entrepreneurship & Family Business Management, and the Centre for International Studies (CIS). Meanwhile, the CIS, in association with Kingston University, London, offers a 3-year Dual Degree program in Business Administration—a 2+1 pathway program with an initial two years on the NMIMS CIS campus (BBA-International Business) and the final year in London (BBA-Hons.). NMIMS provides honors degree in Commerce and Economics by introducing a 4-year UG program for the 2024-25 academic year with a focus on research. The NMIMS Law Aptitude Test (NLAT) provides entry to NMIMS' 7 law schools across the country, namely, the Kirit P. Mehta School of Law at Mumbai and Schools of Law (SOL) at Navi Mumbai, Hyderabad, Indore, Bengaluru, Dhule, and Chandigarh.

## IISc, Lam Research upskill engineers in semiconductor fabrication tech

New Delhi: The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) announced that it successfully concluded the pilot to upskill engineers in semiconductor fabrication technology, which was announced in partnership with the US-based semiconductor firm Lam Research, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to Washington DC in July 2023. The pilot included Lam's Semiverse Solutions portfolio to train 32 MTech and PhD students at IISc's Center for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE). Three students from the cohort have been offered placements at leading global semiconductor manufacturing companies. "With three of the pilot's participants already placed in a global tier-1 semiconductor manufacturing companies, we are confident about the broad rollout of the course and its impact," Professor Srinivasan Raghavan, Chair of the CeNSE at IISc, said in a statement. After the completion of the pilot, IISc and Lam Research have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the India Semiconductor Mission to scale the programme nationally. The plan is to upskill a targeted 60,000 engineers over the next 10 years via the broad rollout of Semiverse Solutions, the institute said. As part of the pilot, students got the chance to train on SEMulator3D, a powerful 3D semiconductor process and integration modelling software that is part of the



Semiverse Solutions platform. The programme is used by the world's largest semiconductor companies, manufacturers, and foundries to model complete process flows and predict downstream ramifications of process changes that would otherwise require build-and-test cycles in the fab, the institute mentioned. "We believe in the democratisation of specialised semiconductor knowledge and are ex-

cited to support the scaling of the semiconductor industry in India," said Rangesh Raghavan, Corporate VP and GM at Lam Research India. Since 2014, Lam Research India has been a part of CeNSE's Industry Affiliate Programme (IAP) and is continuously engaging with the centre to collaborate on multiple innovative projects to advance the state of semiconductor technologies.

## IPS Business School UG, PG admissions 2024 open; check details here

NEW DELHI: IPS Business School, Jaipur has begun the application process for UG, PG programmes 2024 in online mode on the official website ipsedu.in. Candidates meeting the eligibility criteria can complete the application process for IPS Business School admissions 2024 by submitting the required details and paying the application fee of Rs. 700. For IPS Business School BBA, MBA admissions, candidates will be shortlisted through personal interview and academic performance. For IPS Business School BCA admission, students will be shortlisted on the basis of academic performance. Applicants can also apply for IPS Business School admissions 2024 in offline mode by visiting the college campus.







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## WB offers quick access to 10 pct of undisbursed loans for Bangladesh's crisis response

Dhaka: The World Bank has opened a new financing window that will enable Bangladesh to access 10 percent of the undisbursed amount of its loan portfolio with the global lender for emergency use during a crisis. The amount would be 847 million U.S. dollars if the volume of pledged loans in the pipeline for the last fiscal year is considered, officials of the Economic Relations Division (ERD) were quoted by Business Standard as saying on Monday, Xinhua news agency reported. They said the amount would be greater if the undisbursed amount of the current fiscal year is calculated. The new feature, referred to as the Rapid Response Option (RRO), is part of the World Bank's recently approved Crisis Preparedness and Response Toolkit. The toolkit is aimed at helping countries quickly repurpose existing balances in the World Bank portfolio for emergency response when crises such as natural disasters, health shocks, or conflict events occur. In April, in a letter to Bangladeshi Finance Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, the World Bank informed Bangladesh about the feature and invited the country to "establish a new Rapid Response Option." The World Bank's new initiative came as another relief for the country's foreign exchange reserve after an IMF team last week agreed to release 1.15 billion dollars, nearly double the amount previously scheduled, in the third tranche of its 4.7 billion dollars loan package. The introduction of this new initiative, offering added flexibility, will complement existing mechanisms, empowering governments to deliver prompt responses in times of crisis, it said. However, some initial steps need to be taken, including signing an agreement with the World Bank beforehand, to get the fund.

## India, Iran sign 10-year contract for operation of Chabahar port



NEW DELHI: India and Iran on Monday signed a 10-year contract for the operation of the Shahid Beheshti Port in Chabahar. Minister of Shipping, Ports and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal witnessed the signing of the 10-year contract between India Ports Global Ltd (IPGL) and Ports & Maritime Organisation of Iran (PMO). IPGL will commit to further equip and operate the port for the duration of the contract. At the end of the 10-year

period, both sides would further extend their cooperation in Chabahar. IPGL will invest approximately \$120 million in equipping the port. India has also offered a credit window equivalent to \$250 million for mutually identified projects aimed at improving Chabahar-related infrastructure. "We are scripting a new chapter in the bilateral partnership as we signed a long term contract for the operation of Shahid Beheshti Port in Chabahar.

# Stارmer win would embolden Putin as UK election looms: Rishi Sunak

London: British Prime Rishi Sunak warned giving opposition leader Keir Starmer the keys to Downing Street would leave the country less safe and embolden Russia's Vladimir Putin, in an early indication of bitter general election battles to come. Sunak claimed Labour's refusal to adopt the government's plan to spend 2.5 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) on defence sent the wrong message at a time when the world was facing "one of the most dangerous periods we've ever known. The highly personal attack on Starmer came as Sunak attempted to revive Conservative hopes with his party more than 20 points behind in the opinion polls and licking its wounds after a local election mauling. The next UK general election must be held no later than January 2025, but Sunak has indicated he could call an election this autumn. Starmer rejected the attack, saying "I know first-hand the importance of national security" from his role as director of public prosecutions. Sunak said that despite the dangers over the coming years, there was also opportunity and voters will have a choice between the Conservatives' "optimistic" view of the future and Labour's "doomsterism." In a speech to the Policy Exchange think tank, Sunak said he remained "confident" that his party could win the general election as it was "the only party really talking about the future" and offering "bold ideas and a clear plan" rather than "lofty platitudes." The prime minister's wide-ranging address warned of threats over the next five years from an "axis of authoritarian powers" including China, Russia, Iran and North Korea, extremists seeking to sow division at home, fears about new technologies such as artificial intelligence and global forces imperilling people's financial security. He said: "People want to know that they have got someone in charge who understands these dangers, because only if you understand what's happening can you be trusted to keep us safe." Sunak has set out a plan to spend 2.5 per cent of GDP on defence by 2030, with the money largely coming from slashing the size of the Civil Service. Labour has said it wants to raise defence spending to 2.5 per cent of GDP, but has not set a date for achieving that target and would carry out a defence review if it wins the election. Sunak said: "I believe that we will keep this country safe and Keir Starmer's actions demonstrate that he won't be able to do that." He added: "The Labour



Party and Keir Starmer not matching our investment on defence spending emboldens our adversaries. "What do you think Putin thinks when he sees that? That he thinks the West isn't prepared to make the tough choices to invest in their security? "Because Russia's economy has mobilised for war, he is continuing to be aggressive, we need to meet that aggression with strength." Sunak also accused the opposition of attempting to "depress their way to victory" with "talk of doom loops and gaslighting and scaremongering about pensions".

## 10 killed in clashes between govt forces and Houthis in Yemen



Ten people were killed in fierce clashes between joint Yemeni forces aligned with the internationally recognised government and the Houthi fighters in Yemen's central province of Marib, a military official told Xinhua News Agency on Sunday. The military source said on condition of anonymity that "ferocious confrontations took place between a force from the 'Giants' brigades, part of the joint pro-government forces, and Houthi fighters" on the Harib front south of the strategic city of Marib, adjacent to the oil-rich Shabwa province, on Sunday night. Marib has emerged as the primary battleground of the protracted Yemeni conflict since the Houthis launched a major offensive in early 2021 aimed at seizing complete control of the energy-rich Marib province. The government-controlled Marib city holds great political, military, and economic significance. It is home to the defence ministry headquarters, the pro-government Yemeni army leadership, the key Safer oil fields and refinery, and the country's largest power plant. The source said that the hour-long clashes involved the use of heavy weaponry, leading to the deaths of four government forces members and six Houthi fighters, with nine more sustaining injuries on both sides. In a separate incident, the military source said an unidentified projectile, believed to be a ballistic missile launched by the Houthis on Sunday, exploded in the airspace over the Wadi district east of Marib city, though no casualties were reported.



## More bodies found in Indonesia after flash floods killed dozens and submerged homes

PADANG, Indonesia: Rescuers recovered more bodies Monday after monsoon rains triggered flash floods on Indonesia's Sumatra Island, bringing down torrents of cold lava and mud, leaving 41 people dead and another 17 missing. The heavy rains, along with a landslide of mud and cold lava from Mount Marapi, caused a river to breach its banks. The deluge tore through mountainside villages along four districts in West Sumatra province just before midnight Saturday. The floods swept away people and submerged nearly 200 houses and buildings, said National Disaster Management Agency spokesman Abdul Muhari. Cold lava, also known as lahar, is a mixture of volcanic material and pebbles that flow down a volcano's slopes in the rain. Rescuers on Monday recovered more bodies, mostly from villages that were worst hit in Agam and Tanah Datar districts, bringing the death toll to 41, said Ilham Wahab who heads the West Sumatra Disaster Mitigation Agency. "Bad weather, damaged roads and access that blocked by thick mud and debris were hampering relief efforts," Wahab said. He said at least 19 people were injured in the flash floods and rescuers are searching for 17 villagers reported missing. Flash floods on Saturday night also caused main roads around the Anai Valley Waterfall area in Tanah Datar district to be blocked by mud, cutting off access to other cities, Padang Panjang Police Chief Kartyana Putra said on Sunday. This drone photo shows the damage at a village affected by a flash flood in Tanah Datar, West Sumatra, Indonesia, Monday, May 13, 2024. Videos released by the National Search and Rescue Agency showed roads that were transformed into murky brown rivers and villages covered by thick mud, rocks, and uprooted trees. Heavy rains cause frequent landslides and flash floods in Indonesia, an archipelago nation of more than 17,000 islands where millions of people live in mountainous areas or near floodplains.

# Putin removes defence minister Shoigu



MOSCOW, RUSSIA: Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday moved to replace defence minister Sergei Shoigu in a major shake-up to Russia's military leadership more than two years into its Ukraine offensive. Putin proposed economist Andrey Belousov as Shoigu's replacement, according to a list of the ministerial nominations published by the Federation Council, Russia's upper house of parliament. The move comes at a key time in the conflict with Russian troops advancing in eastern Ukraine and having just launched a major new ground operation against the northeastern Kharkiv region. Despite a string of military setbacks in the first year of the campaign -- including the failure to capture the Ukrainian capital Kyiv and retreats from the Kharkiv and southern Kherson regions -- Putin had stood by Shoigu until now. That included when Wagner paramilitary chief Yevgeny Prigozhin launched a bloody insurrection last year calling for Shoigu's removal. Explaining the timing of the decision, the Kremlin on Sunday said it needed the defence ministry to stay "innovative". "The defence ministry must be absolutely open to innovation, to the introduction of all advanced ideas, to the creation of conditions for economic competitiveness," state media quoted Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov as saying in a briefing on the appointments. "The battlefield is won by whoever is more open to innovation," Peskov said. "That is likely why the president has settled on the candidacy of Andrey Belousov," he added. Belousov, who has no military background, has been one of Putin's most influential economic advisers over the last decade. UK defence minister Grant Shapps said the Ukraine conflict had left more than 355,000 Russian soldier casualties under Shoigu's watch as well as "mass civilian suffering". "Russia needs a Defence Minister who would undo that disastrous legacy" and end the conflict, "but all they'll get is another of Putin's puppets," he wrote on X, formerly Twitter.



# VOICE OF WORDS BUSINESS

## Income Tax Dept rolls out new functionality in AIS for taxpayers



New Delhi : The Income Tax Department has now rolled out a new functionality in Annual Information Statement (AIS) to display the status of the information confirmation process to taxpayers, according to a statement issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on Monday. This functionality will display whether the feedback of the taxpayer has been acted upon by the source, by either, partially or fully accepting or rejecting the same. In case of partial or full acceptance, the information is required to be corrected by filing a correction statement by the source. The following attributes shall be visible to the taxpayer for status of Feedback confirmation from source. Whether feedback is shared for confirmation: This will let the taxpayer know if the feedback has been shared with the Reporting Source for confirmation or not. Feedback Shared On: This will let the taxpayer know the date on which the feedback has been shared with the Reporting Source for confirmation. Source Responded On: This will let the taxpayer know the date on which the Reporting Source has responded to the feedback

shared with it for confirmation. Source Response: This will let the taxpayer know the response provided by the Source on the taxpayer's feedback (if any correction is required or not). "This new functionality is expected to increase transparency by displaying such information in AIS to the taxpayer," the official statement said. AIS is available to all registered income taxpayers through the compliance portal, accessible through the e-filing website ([www.incometax.gov.in](http://www.incometax.gov.in)). AIS provides details of numerous financial transactions undertaken by the taxpayer which may have tax implications. AIS is based on financial data received from multiple information sources. In AIS, the taxpayer has been provided with functionality to furnish feedback on every transaction displayed therein. This feedback helps the taxpayer to comment on the accuracy of the information provided by the Source of such information. In the case of wrong reporting, the same is taken up with the Source for their confirmation, in an automated manner. Information confirmation is currently made functional with regard to information furnished by Tax Deductors/Collectors and Reporting Entities, the statement added.

## Warren Buffett Moves Away From Apple; Is It A Sign For Something Worse?

Warren Buffett in one of his now famous statements said that his favourite holding period with regards to the stocks that his entity has purchased is forever. Buffett is renowned for holding onto stocks, that he has invested in for a long time, as he trusts his acumen. In a recent development, however, Oracle of Omaha offloaded a large tranche of his stocks from one of his biggest holdings, Apple. In addition, he also dumped his stocks in its entirety from Paramount. Could this indicate something? something that is amiss with the second most valuable, trillion-dollar American tech giant. There are developments that could indicate in that direction. In the recent past, the California-based corporation has been mired in one controversy after another. While, the company has been at the centre of political and governmental scrutiny for a while, it has seen a major uptick in the recent past. Recently, the European Union, which has not had the best of understanding with Apple, handed it a fine of over a billion dollars for misusing and illicitly prioritising Apple's music service, Apple Music, affecting the competitiveness of the audio streaming sector in Europe, including the streaming-giant Spotify. It was just last month, that the company received the biggest blow of all, when a comprehensive legal suit was filed against it for trying to monopolise the US market with



its iPhone by the United States Department of Justice. In addition, it was also accused of missing its App Store and other devices that its users use to engage with other users and devices, that run on systems as an alternative to the ones run by Apple, restricting its users, in a nexus, with only Apple products, including iPads, AirPods, and most importantly, their smartwatches. Recently, the company also lost its position as one of the best selling phones to its Korean arch-rival Samsung, as Samsung surged with a 20.8 per cent market share, going past Apple's 17.3 per cent. Recently, the company also lost its position as one of the best selling phones to its Korean arch-rival Samsung, as Samsung surged with a 20.8 per cent market share, going past Apple's 17.3 per cent. | Image Source: Wikipedia (Representative) Recently, the company also lost its position as one of the best selling phones to

its Korean arch-rival Samsung, as Samsung surged with a 20.8 per cent market share, going past Apple's 17.3 per cent. In addition, its approach towards government has also wavered a little. A company, that made a mess when it was asked to crack the phone of an extremist, who was responsible for the San Bernardino, California, shooting in 2015 by the FBI, was pliant enough to take down applications from its App Store, when the Chinese government asked it to. The impact of slowing China sales, in addition to the rising protectionism and trade war between China and the US, Apple's prospects may look bleak to many. Its shares prices, however, have not been affected as now. In the past five days, the company shares have gained 1.43 per cent, scaling to USD 186.28 on May 13.

## Zomato's Blinkit turns adjusted EBITDA positive, aims 1,000 stores in FY25



New Delhi, May 13 (IANS) Zomato on Monday said that its quick commerce business Blinkit turned adjusted EBITDA positive in March, as the online food delivery platform clocked Rs 194 crore in adjusted EBITDA for the

January-March quarter of FY24. The consolidated adjusted EBITDA improved by Rs 369 crore as compared to the same quarter last year. The adjusted revenue was Rs 3,873 crore, a 61 per cent growth (year-on-year) for the quarter, as food gross order delivery (GOV) grew 28 per cent (on-year), the company said in a statement. "We could not have imagined the current state of all four of our businesses – food delivery, Blinkit, Going-out and Hyperpure. I think the team has executed phenomenally well over the last couple of years," said Deepinder Goyal, Founder and CEO, Zomato. The company added 75 new stores in the fourth quarter of FY24, taking the total store count to 526. Zomato aims to reach 1,000 Blinkit stores by the end of FY25. "In addition to scaling up the existing store network and use cases, we will be adding more use cases so the Blinkit platform is even more useful in the everyday lives of our customers," said Albinder Dhindsa, Founder and CEO, Blinkit. According to the latest Goldman Sachs report, quick delivery service Blinkit has become more valuable than Zomato's core food delivery business.

## Adani Defence & Aerospace joins IIT Gandhinagar to bolster defence sector with new-age tech



Gandhinagar : In a bid to foster collaboration in research, education, and innovation in defence technology, the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN) on Monday joined hands with Adani Defence & Aerospace, a subsidiary of Adani Group, to

collaborate in areas of emerging technologies. The collaboration will encompass joint research projects, prototype developments, student projects, and joint workshops in technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and large

language models (LLMs) for defence applications. The MoU was signed by Amit Prashant, Dean, Research & Development, IITGN, and Ashish Rajvanshi, CEO, Adani Defence & Aerospace, on the IITGN campus. "Our collaboration with IITGN marks a pivotal moment in the defence sector's technological evolution. By combining our industry acumen with IITGN's academic prowess, we aim to develop sophisticated, innovative solutions for defence," said Rajvanshi. Our joint efforts underscore our dedication to national security and affirm our commitment to India's self-reliance in defence technology," he added. The partnership between Adani Defence & Aerospace and IITGN is a strategic step forward in reinforcing India's defence sector through technological innovation and academic-industry collaboration. "Our alliance with Adani Defence and Aerospace, a trailblazer in the defence industry, is a testament to our shared vision of harnessing potential technologies for defence."

## Airtel, Google partner to deliver cloud solutions to Indian businesses

NEW DELHI: Bharti Airtel and Google Cloud announced a long-term collaboration on Monday to deliver cloud solutions to Indian businesses. This partnership aims to fast-track cloud adoption and modernization for Airtel's vast customer base. Google Cloud will provide its cutting-edge suite of cloud solutions, enabling Airtel's customers to leverage the latest technologies and streamline their operations. Airtel, in turn, will offer cloud-managed services, catering to both large enterprises (over 2,000) and emerging businesses (over 1 million) in India. This strategic alliance targets the booming Indian public cloud services market, projected to reach \$17.8 billion by 2027, according to IDC. "We are happy to partner with Google Cloud and jointly address this market opportunity with secure and scalable cloud solutions for government.



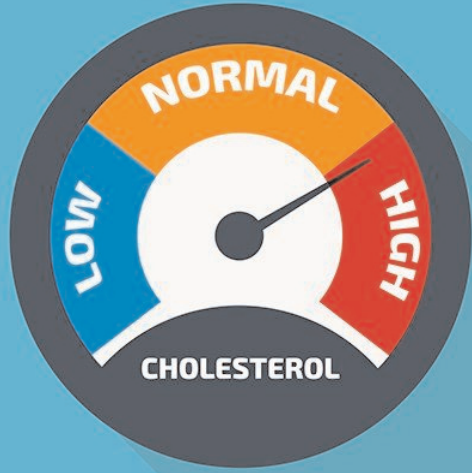
## Mid-segment businesses hit hard by high tax, inflation, absence of schemes

GUWAHATI: Businessmen, traders and contractors in Assam are keeping their fingers crossed as they hope that crucial issues such as high taxes, exclusion from financial schemes and inflationary pressure that are affecting the mid-segment businesses will be resolved by the new dispensation at the Centre after the ongoing Lok Sabha elections. They felt that there would be an adverse impact on the economy if the mid-segment businesses continued to reel under pressure, despite being one of the biggest employment-generating sectors after the railways. While interacting with PTI, businessmen and traders, who are from Marwari and Bengali communities in the state, also alleged that the government has "totally neglected" the medium segment of businesses across sectors. "In the present scenario, the government is focussing on industrialisation. But the medium size businesses are not progressing. The government has not rolled out any scheme targeting the medium scale units," Sivasagar-based garment trader Rupchand Karnani said. The government claims that many schemes are launched, but when traders go to banks and financial institutions to avail of these facilities, too many documents are sought and finally, they become a failure, he said. Karnani, also the Sivasagar District Secretary of All India Marwari Federation, claimed that the sales of every trader were down, as compared to the previous years, during the recent Rongali Bihu, which is the main festival of Assam. "The government also imposed a lot of taxes on us and every year, the rates are increasing. Municipality tax, property tax, licence fee -- all are rising. Rents are also skyrocketing. Staff wages are rising along with the prices of goods. Where from will we pay for these?" he asked. With voting for Lok Sabha elections in Assam coming to an end, the mid-segment business community is optimistic that a new government at the Centre will look into their problems for long-lasting solutions.



# VOICE OF WORDS HEALTH

## Alzheimer's risk linked to high HDL cholesterol and high blood pressure



Both high cholesterol and high blood pressure may put people at risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. Researchers from a European collaboration have found that people at a genetically increased risk for high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol and high systolic blood pressure are also at a higher risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. Scientists believe these findings may provide new drug targets and improve early dementia prevention.

High cholesterol levels and high blood pressure are both known modifiable risk factors for Alzheimer's disease — a type of dementia that causes loss of memory and cognitive decline. Now, researchers from the European Alzheimer's & Dementia Biobank Mendelian Randomization (EADB-MR) Collaboration have also found that genetically determined increased high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol and high systolic blood pressure are associated with a higher risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. Scientists think these genetic links could be used to develop new drug targets and treatments to prevent dementia. This study was recently published in the journal JAMA Network Open Trusted Source. It is essential for helping the body make vitamin D and certain hormones Trusted Source, such as estrogen and testosterone. And it is also an important building block for cell walls and body tissues, and also helps make up digestive bile in the digestive tract. Because cholesterol is not water soluble, it is carried through the bloodstream via lipoproteins Trusted Source.

There are two main types of cholesterol: low-density lipoprotein Trusted Source (LD) cholesterol, known as "bad" cholesterol, is known to build up in a person's arteries, putting them at risk for stroke or heart attack.

high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol, known as "good" cholesterol, helps eliminate LDL cholesterol buildup from the arteries. Although HDL cholesterol is considered "good" cholesterol, too much in the body may be harmful.

Previous studies show high HDL cholesterol may contribute to inflammation in the body. And other research found high levels of HDL cholesterol can be harmful Trusted Source to the heart and are associated with an increased risk of all-cause death Trusted Source and cardiovascular death in men.

What is high systolic blood pressure?

A person's blood pressure measures the force it takes for blood to move around their cardiovascular system.

When a doctor takes a person's blood pressure reading, there are two numbers involved: The top number, known as the systolic pressure, measures the pressure in the arteries when the heart is actively contracting. The bottom number, called diastolic pressure, measures the pressure in the arteries when the heart relaxes between contractions. Typical or healthy blood pressure is defined as a systolic pressure of less than 120 over a diastolic pressure of less than 80. High blood pressure — also known as hypertension — occurs when the heart needs to exert an unnatural amount of force to pump blood throughout the body. Sometimes it is only the systolic portion of a person's blood pressure that goes too high, over 130.

This could be caused Free cholesterol-lowering tips — all medically reviewed Get our cholesterol micro-lessons to support you in making lasting lifestyle changes to manage your cholesterol levels. Our experts have gathered cholesterol-lowering tips into free weekly 5-min lessons. According to Dr. Ruth Frikke-Schmidt, a clinical professor in the Department of Clinical Medicine at the University of Copenhagen, chief physician in the Department of Clinical Biochemistry at Copenhagen University Hospital – Rigshospitalet, and corresponding author of this study, it is estimated that up to 40% of dementia Trusted Source cases can be prevented or delayed by modifying 12 risk factors throughout the life course.

## 6 healthy habits that decrease your risk of diabetes

Our way of life is drastically altering in the quickly evolving world of today, which, regrettably, has resulted in a lifestyle that is becoming less and less sustainable. Among the many health problems brought on by our contemporary way of life, diabetes stands out as a

problem that affects a lot of people. With a startling 17% of the world's diabetes patients, India has distinguished itself as the "diabetes capital of the world." According to research, the number of diabetics in India is presently at 80 million, and by 2045, it is expected to rise to 135 million.

Here is now no known treatment for diabetes, however there are several lifestyle choices that can delay the onset of the disease. These practices include: Dr. Sushrut Pownikar, Deputy

Director, Oncquest Laboratories says, "Maintaining a healthy weight is crucial in reducing the risk of diabetes. Studies have shown that even losing as little as 7% of body weight can lower the risk of developing diabetes by almost 60%. This is because excess weight contributes to insulin resistance and imbalances in blood sugar levels. Regular checkups are essential for early detection and management of diabetes. The American Diabetes Association recommends routine screenings for type 2 diabetes for all adults aged 45 or older. These checkups allow doctors to monitor blood sugar levels, identify risk factors, and provide necessary guidance for diabetes prevention. harms your overall health but also increases the risk of developing diabetes.

Smoking contributes to insulin resistance, making it more challenging for the body to regulate blood sugar levels. Quitting smoking has been proven

to reduce the danger of developing Type 2 diabetes over time." Choosing water as your primary beverage helps you avoid drinks that are high in sugar, preservatives, and other unnecessary ingredients. Water keeps you hydrated without adding extra calories or negatively impacting

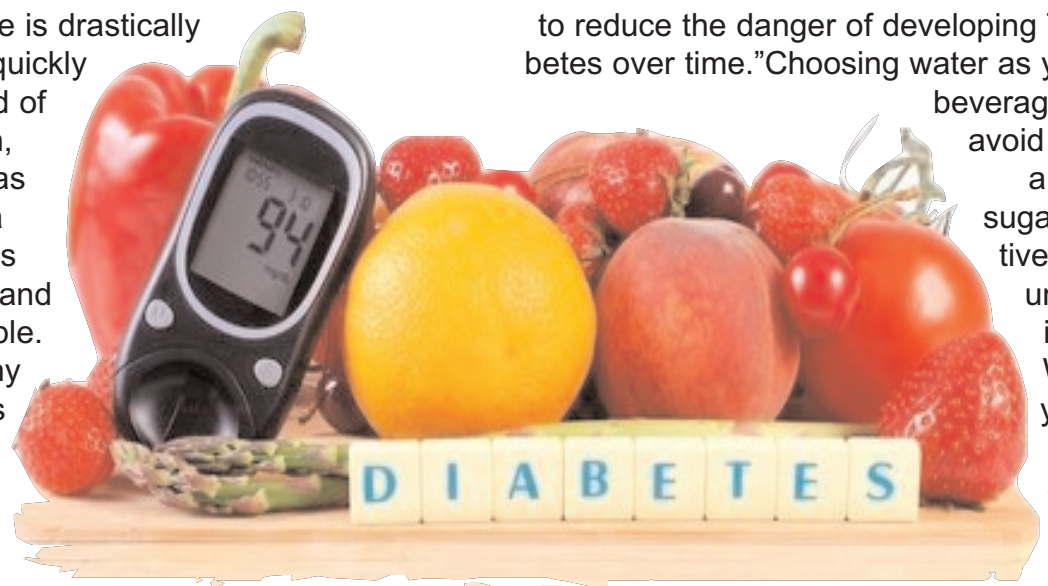
blood sugar levels. It is a healthier alternative to sugary beverages that can contribute to weight gain and increase the risk of diabetes.

"Including fiber-rich foods in every meal is beneficial for diabetes prevention. Fiber slows down the absorption of sugar, preventing spikes in blood glucose levels. It also promotes a feeling of fullness, aiding in weight management. Fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and legumes are excellent sources of dietary fiber," says Dr. Pownikar.

Diets high in sugar and refined carbohydrates can lead to elevated glucose and insulin levels, increasing the risk of diabetes over time. It is important to limit the intake of sugary drinks, desserts, processed snacks, and refined grains.

Instead, focus on consuming nutrient-dense foods that provide essential vitamins, minerals, and complex carbohydrates.

"Diabetes is a lifestyle disease that is rampant in India, with nearly 80 million people affected. Early detection is crucial for managing and curing diabetes. To reduce the risk, some sensible lifestyle changes like quitting smoking, drinking water, consuming high fiber, and limiting sugar and refined carbohydrates, along with regular sugar level monitoring and timely visits to your doctor, are effective and recommended," says Dr. Pownikar.



## What are the triggers and treatment for migraine?

Migraines are quite common types of headaches that affect millions across the globe. While the triggers of a migraine can be different for different people, the treatment could be almost the same.

Migraines are a type of headache that can cause severe pain, nausea, vomiting, and sensitivity to light and sound. They are often accompanied by other symptoms, such as fatigue, mood changes and vision problems.

Dr Vivek Loomba, Consultant Pain Physician, the Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, New Delhi, earlier told IndiaToday.in that migraines happen when overactive nerve cells stimulate the trigeminal nerve that releases neurotransmitters such as serotonin and calcitonin gene-related peptides (CGRP). CGRP causes swelling in the blood vessels present in the lining of the brain which leads to inflammation and pain.

Some of the most common triggers for migraines include:

- Stress
- Lack of sleep
- Changes in weather
- Strong smells
- Loud noises
- Bright lights

Certain foods and drinks, such as alcohol, caffeine and chocolate

Hormonal changes

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TREATMENT FOR MIGRAINE

There is no one-size-fits-all treatment for migraines, but there are a number of things that can help to prevent and relieve them.

Some common treatments include:

Over-the-counter medication: Pain relievers, such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen and prescription medications, such as triptans or ergotamines can be taken, upon the recommendation of an expert, to reduce the pain.

Single-pulse-transcranial magnetic stimulation: A device is placed at the back of your head and it sends magnetic energy that could ease the pain.

Biofeedback: This is a type of mind-body technique you use to control some of your body's functions, such as heart rate, breathing patterns and muscle responses. Relaxation techniques: Meditation or yoga are exercises that relax the body and are known to relieve any pain.

Drink plenty of liquids: Keep yourself hydrated and drink lots of herbal teas as this could help you manage the pain. Having to give something more special that challenges everything to give into the mechanical relationship Avoid triggers like certain foods, smells and light-induced pain. If you suffer from migraines, it is important to see a doctor to discuss your treatment options. There are a number of effective treatments available, and the sooner you start treatment, the sooner you can get relief from your pain. Here are some additional tips to manage migraine.





# VOICE OF WORDS

## WOMEN

### Home Remedies Using Lemon for Skin Whitening/Lightening



#### Home Remedies Using Lemon for Skin Whitening

Is white skin with lemon really possible? Does lemon lighten skin? These are the frequently asked questions about lemon regarding fair skin. Skin whitening with lemon is a tried and tested remedy. Here we bring you various ways in which you can use lemon along with other simple and easily available ingredients to make some amazing and effective face packs and masks using lemon for skin whitening.

#### Lemon Face Packs & Face Masks

Lemon and Honey Mask

Lemon and Tomato Mask

Lemon, Honey and Milk Mask

Lemon and Baking Soda Mask

There are various home remedies one can follow to make different types of lemon juice masks, scrubs and creams to lighten and brighten skin easily at home.

Lemon and Honey Mask

Honey & Lemon Face Pack

This is one of the easiest beauty tips and sure shot ways to get rid of skin marks and blemishes and add a natural glow to your face.

Ingredients:

Juice of half lemon

1 tablespoon of honey

Method:

To the juice of lemon add a tablespoon of honey

Mix the two ingredients together and gently apply on the face

Let the mix dry for 10-15 minutes and thereafter wash with lukewarm water

Repeat the process at least once a week

Lemon and Tomato Mask

Tomato & Lemon Face Pack

Both lemon and tomato are known to boost one's skin texture and complexion by removing tan, blemishes and dark spots. Both lemon & tomato are quick home remedies which helps in getting rid of tan. Learn more about how to remove tan using lemon & tomato.

Ingredients:

Juice of 1/2 lemon

Pulp of one ripe tomato

A pinch of turmeric

Method:

To the juice of lemon add the pulp of a ripe, red tomato and squish the two properly

Then to the mixture add a pinch of turmeric powder and again mix

Apply the mask on the face and keep it on for 15 minutes or till it dries

Wash with cold water and repeat the process twice or thrice a week for desired results

Lemon, Honey and Milk Mask

Milk, Honey & Lemon Face Mask

While skin whitening with lemon is a common knowledge, combined with honey and milk they can do wonders for the overall texture and complexion of your skin.

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon honey

1 teaspoon of milk powder

Juice of 1/2 lemon

In a bowl, mix juice of lemon, honey and milk powder

Now add rose water and mix till a smooth paste is formed

Apply the mixture all over the face and neck area and keep it on for 20 minutes

## Rose Water Benefits for Face & Skin



The aroma and the beauty of a Rose is something that brings a smile to our faces always. Roses that symbolize love also stand for pureness and freshness with the number of benefits that they have. Rose water; which is one of the purest forms of Rose extract is an extremely useful product. It should surely be a part of daily beauty regimes for all. Men and Women both can benefit a lot from the daily usage of Rose water as a part of their daily beauty doses. Rose water is very good in purifying the skin and protects it from bacterial infections as well.

Here are a few benefits of using Rose water that we just cannot miss. In fact these are certain simple things that we all can practice:

Rosewater is a natural toner. It has amazing toning and cleansing properties. Use two to three drops of rosewater on a cotton ball daily to wipe your face. It will not only remove all dirt gently but also give you a very refreshing feeling. Follow this routine every morning and night for a natural glow, and for a refreshing and soothing effect.

Every day before bathing, you can put a few drops of rosewater into your bathing water for a glowing skin. The fragrance of the rosewater will help you relax and sooth your body and mind.

If you suffer from skin irritations or have skin issues like acne, pimples, redness and break-

outs, wash your face with rosewater daily to keep it free from all infections.

Rose Water Benefits for Eyes:

For fatigued and tired eyes mildly soak cotton in rosewater and put it on your eyes for a cooling and relaxing effect. Keep the cotton swabs on your eyes for about 10-15 minutes for best results. You shall feel very soothing and relaxed. If you have dark circles, use Rose water under your eyes everyday to give your skin the much needed oxygen and to get rid to the dark circles. Sandalwood with rosewater together is a good formulation to treat tired and droopy eyes. Apply this mixture on the eye lids and keep it for 15 minutes. Wash it off with cold water and experience a very cooling effect on your eyes.

Dabur Gulabari is one product that has been a part of our household since ages. Not only do our Mothers but this is something that even our Grand mothers have been using since their childhood. The Dabur Gulabari water comes packed with natural properties which are a great for both our mind and body. Quick Recommendation: For people who have hectic work lives and specially work in front of the Laptop all day, putting rose water soaked cotton balls on the eyes daily for 15 minutes in the night can be a great way to get rid of all tensions and sleep peacefully.

## Home Remedies on How to Repair & Fix Damaged Hair

When your hair gets damaged the first thing you feel is sadness. It's like the world is crashing and you can't save it. We know how hard it is to avoid dryness and damage when you are reluctant about your hair. It is a must to protect and take care of your hair. Repair Your Damaged Hair with Avocado

Massage Your Hair with Butter

Olive Oil the Perfect Hair Conditioner

When Tea Becomes Useful

Apply Apple Cider Vinegar Hair Mask for Damaged

Hair Make a Shampoo Omelet

Botanical Oils to the Rescue

Sandalwood Oil for Instant Sleekness

Wrap Instead Of Rub

Let Your Hair Down, At Times!

Each strand of your hair has three layers. The outer layer is called cuticle which when damaged becomes dry and brittle. The usage of chemicals, pollution, heat and the harmful UV rays of the sun are the combined factors, which leave a bad repercussion on your hair. We know it is heartbreaking to see your hair becoming dry, lifeless and brittle.

Well, worry not! There are remedies on how to repair damaged hair and bring it back alive. Read more natural hair care tips at our blog.

Home remedies always come handy. And why not? These are effective methods, which bring no side effects. Here we will tell you how to fix damaged hair. The ingredients are right there and hence no big investment is required. It's an easy, inexpensive way to fix your damaged hair. Who would have thought of that kitchens ingredients can be this useful! You may be surprised to know that each ingre-



redient in your fridge and kitchen imparts multiple benefits, which can be useful for your hair and skin. Here in this article, let's learn how to take care of damaged hair with home ingredients. There are some home remedies for damaged hair.

Repair Your Damaged Hair with Avocado

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A very common fruit in your kitchen with huge benefits. Mash a ripe avocado with one egg and then apply this mask to your wet hair. Avocados are rich in vitamins, essential fatty acids and minerals that will help restore luster to your dry hair.

Leave this hair mask for damaged hair for 20 minutes and then rinse your hair thoroughly. Repeat once a week for damaged hair and see noticeable results. Next time when you buy avocado just for salads, read our article and think it through. This one fruit has multiple benefits, which can heal you inside and out. Butter is the staple ingredient of any household. Did you know butter can be beneficial for your hair? In this method learn how to take care of damaged hair. Butter can add shine and luster to your dry and damaged hair.



# VOICE OF WORDS SPORTS

## Pistol shooters Esha and Anish top OST T3 finals

BHOPAL: Esha Singh and Anish Bhanwala dominated the proceedings on Sunday to claim top honours in their respective events in the Olympic Selection Trial (OST T3). Esha was simply unstoppable in the women's 25m pistol as she shot 43 in the finals of the OST T3. That tally is a point more than the existing world record. However, it doesn't count as trials are not taken into consideration by ISSF, the governing body that maintains such records. Manu Bhaker finished second with a tally of 40. Rhythm Sangwan finished third. Anish, meanwhile, seems to be shooting with plenty of confidence at the moment as he also put up a dominant show in the men's rapid fire pistol. He bossed the five-man finals field with three perfect series of five-hits to begin the eight series final. He eventually missed just four to finish with 36 hits to finish as topper.



## Supermom Veerpal dedicates win to daughter

BHUBANESWAR: The inaugural day of the 27th National Federation Senior Athletics Competition did not produce any remarkable results at the Kalinga Stadium here on Sunday. However, Punjab athlete Veerpal Kaur, mother of a three-year-old, was thrilled as she clinched the gold medal in the women's 400m hurdles, clocking 59.43 seconds. After she became a mother, Veerpal made her comeback in 2023 and won a silver medal each in the Open National Championship 2023 held at Bangalore and National Games 2023 held at Goa. "Being a mother it's a great moment for me, I dedicate this gold medal to my baby girl. Though I am not happy with my timings, gold is gold. Today's (Sunday) race will motivate me to do better in the upcoming events. Motherhood has never been a burden for me. With the support of my in-law family and from my husband, I made my comeback," said Veerpal, who is presently working in Punjab Police. Talking about female athletes who away from family after getting married, Veerpal said, "It was not that difficult to get back on track again, needing a little bit of time management and determination. As my husband is a 110m hurdler, we both planned that our girl will be the future athlete of our country." Results: women's 400m hurdles: Veerpal Kaur (Punjab 59.43s), Salini Valupara (Kerala 1:00.73), Ramandeep Kaur (Punjab 1:01.29); men's 400m hurdles: Santosh Kumar (Tamil Nadu 50.04), Nikhil Bharadwaj (Punjab 50.92), Dhaval Mahesh (Gujarat 51.13).

## Telangana Football Association to host Indian women's team camp starting May 16



Hyderabad: Telangana Football Association (TFA) will host the Senior India Women's Team camp at Sreenidi Deccan FC, Aziznagar, Hyderabad from May 16 to 28. The 30-member squad will arrive at the camp in preparation for the upcoming two friendly matches against Uzbekistan's Senior National Team scheduled to be held in Uzbekistan on May 31 and June 4. Telangana's first female football coach has her goal set

## Women's football nationals: Haryana pip Bengal on penalties; to meet Manipur in final



Kolkata: Haryana beat hosts Bengal 4-3 on penalties in the second semifinal of the 28th Senior Women's National Football Championship for Rajmata Jijabai Trophy at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan on Monday. After a goalless 120 minutes, Haryana's Shreya Hooda made a fine save, before Dular Marandi hit the post for Bengal to seal the result. Haryana are now through to their second consecutive Senior Women's NFC final and will hope to better their runners-up finish from last year. Ravi Kumar Punia's side will face Manipur

in the final on May 15, who defeated defending champions Tamil Nadu 2-0 earlier on Monday. Sibani Devi and Bala Devi scored for Manipur. The contest began in frenetic fashion, with attacks from both sides. Varshika's goal-line block and a few good saves from India international Shreya Hooda prevented an early Bengal opener. Haryana mostly rallied forward on the wings, utilising their pacy wingers to build attacks from crosses and cutbacks. However, their finishing let them down a bit in the first half. Senior India striker Renu and youth international Varshika each sent a header wide, while Neha hit the side netting, missing the bottom corner by a whisker. Sunita Munda also had a great chance for Bengal as a rebound fell kindly on her feet, but she could only shoot straight at Hooda from six yards out. A different and more offensive Bengal side came out of the tunnel after the break. Haryana remained pegged back in their own half, while the hosts launched wave after wave of attacks.



## Mbappe bids farewell to PSG fans with defeat in final home game

PARIS, FRANCE: Kylian Mbappe scored on his final home appearance as a Paris Saint-Germain player on Sunday but the French champions suffered a surprise 3-1 defeat against Toulouse on the night they picked up the Ligue 1 championship trophy. Mbappe confirmed in a video posted on social media on Friday that he would be leaving PSG when his contract expires at the end of the season, ending a seven-year association with the club. Real Madrid is expected to be the next destination for a player whose departure from Paris had been an open secret since February, when he privately informed the club of his intention to move on. Mbappe wore the captain's armband and opened the scoring early on against Toulouse to take his tally for the season to 44 goals goals in all competitions. However, Thijs Dallinga quickly equalised for the visitors against a PSG side which showed 10 changes to the team knocked out of the Champions League by Borussia Dortmund in the semi-finals in midweek, with Mbappe the only player to keep his place. Yann Gboho put Toulouse ahead with a brilliant strike in the second half, and Frank Magri wrapped up the win in stoppage time as PSG suffered just their second Ligue 1 loss this season, and their first in 27 games since September. Mbappe has now scored 256 times for PSG, a club-record tally, since signing from Monaco in 2017 in a deal worth 180 million euros (\$194 million). His tally of 191 goals in France's top flight -- including 16 with Monaco at the beginning of his career -- puts him in seventh place in the all-time list. Coach Luis Enrique described the 25-year-old as "a club legend" when he spoke to media on the eve of the game. PSG's French forward Kylian Mbappe (C) celebrate with the French Ligue 1 championship trophy during a ceremony following the French L1 football match between PSG and TFC on May 12, 2024. PSG had indicated that celebrations after Sunday's match would be dedicated to their title triumph, rather than any specific tribute to Mbappe himself. There were even some jeers from the crowd for the striker when the teams were read out before the game, although a huge display was unfurled before kick-off at one end of the stadium depicting Mbappe in a trademark pose with his arms folded. "I heard applause, the supporters paid him a deserved tribute, he is a club legend despite his youth," said Luis Enrique who described the banner as "beautiful". The Qatar-owned club had already wrapped up a record-extending 12th French title, and 10th in 12 years, before hosting a Toulouse side who were themselves safe from any lingering threat of relegation. PSG's Champions League disappointment means Mbappe will leave the club without ever having got his hands on European football's greatest prize. With Mbappe, PSG were runners-up in 2020.

## Humpy, Pragg, and Vaishali set to compete in Norway Chess 2024

Stavanger (Norway) : Indian Grandmasters Koneru Humpy, Vaishali Rameshbabu and Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu are set to compete in the 12th edition of the prestigious Norway Chess Championship scheduled to take place from May 27 to June 7 at SR-Bank's main building, here. The prestigious event will feature World No.1 Magnus Carlsen (Norway), World No.3 Hikaru Nakamura (USA), current World Champion Ding Liren (China), Women's World Champion Ju Wenjun (China), Lei Tingjie (China) among others. Rani says 'film reaffirms power of storytelling' Popularly known as the 'Wimbledon of Chess', Norway Chess annually extend invitations to top Grandmasters from the world rating list. However, within the top 100 players globally, no women are listed. There has been a scarcity of women in top-level private competitions due to limited invitations and unequal prize money. Hence, to address this issue and set a new benchmark for gender equality, Norway Chess has introduced the world's first-ever equal female tournament this year. The Norway Chess Women's Tournament, to be held in the same hall concurrently, with the same number of players as the Norway Chess, will have the same format and an equivalent prize fund. With



their partners EY, the SpareBank 1 SR-Bank Foundation, SpareBank 1 SR-Bank, and Stavanger Municipality, Norway Chess aim to provide women chess players with more opportunities and a comparable prize fund, fostering participation and giving a platform to aspiring female chess players. In this edition, the brother-sister duo of Praggnanandhaa and Vaishali will make their debut in the Norway Chess and the Norway Chess Women's Tournament respectively. While Praggnanandhaa is only the second Indian to reach the final of the FIDE Chess World Cup, Vaishali is the third woman in India to achieve the Grandmaster title. Both are the first brother-sister duo to earn this distinction. Notably, Praggnanandhaa was the winner of the 2022 Norway Chess International Open Tournament.





## Hyderabad Hottie's Hidden Heatwave



Hyderabad's very own Faria Abdullah is giving a major style transformation and we're loving it! Gone are the days of the "chubby" label, Faria has completely revamped her look, flaunting a toned physique and a whole lot of oomph. From plunging necklines to stylish midriff-baring outfits, sarees to lehengas, Faria's style game is now on point. Just recently, she set the internet on fire with a picture in a gorgeous cream-colored embroidered lehenga. The sleeveless crop top and off-the-shoulder jacket added a touch of elegance, while the forehead ornament, brown lipstick, silver eyeliner, and black mascara completed the look with a touch of glam. This new Faria is definitely here to slay and we can't wait to see what she serves up next! Despite her latest film 'Aa Okkati Adakku' not performing well at the box office, Faria's style is definitely a winner!

### Telugu producers scored blockbuster in Kollywood

The renowned production house Sree Venkateswara Cine Chitra (SVCC) has scored a blockbuster in Tamil cinema with their latest release, 'Star.' This wholesome blockbuster produced by BVS Prasad, Bapineedu along with Sreenidhi Sagar of Rise East Entertainment. Starring Kavin and directed by Elan, 'Star' has received widespread acclaim from both audiences and critics. Even before its release, the movie created a buzz, and now that it's in theaters, it's proving to be a massive success.



## Dil Raju Pinning All Hopes On Anil Ravipudi Now

Star producer Dil Raju is aiming to go big with 'Game Changer'. Apart from producing Tami and Hindi films, the Telugu star producer took the pan-Indian route with Ram Charan's film. But the movie's shooting is taking a lot of time and Shankar is known to be a perfectionist. Sources say that it might be postponed to December 2024 and there are other movies under his banner which are reportedly taking longer than expected. As we know, the trio of Venkatesh, Anil Ravipudi and Dil Raju are reuniting together after delivering the super hit 'F2' and a decent 'F3'. The script has been finalized and sources say that the shooting will begin in June. Knowing Anil's planning and speed, the production is expected to be wrapped up within 6 months. Anil and Dil Raju worked together many times and the director always delivered on time. Dil Raju is hoping that the same would happen once again and he is hoping to release this film during the Sankranti season of 2025. Venkatesh is currently working on the second season of the hit Netflix series 'Rana Naidu' and he will start working on Anil's film at the end of June as per reports. Anil is known for his entertainers but he showed that he can make serious films too through 'Bhagavanth Kesari'. Looks like he has gone back to the fun genre for Venkatesh and let us see what they deliver for the 3rd time.

## Big B Claims He Is Only Looking Forward To 'Kalki 2898 AD'

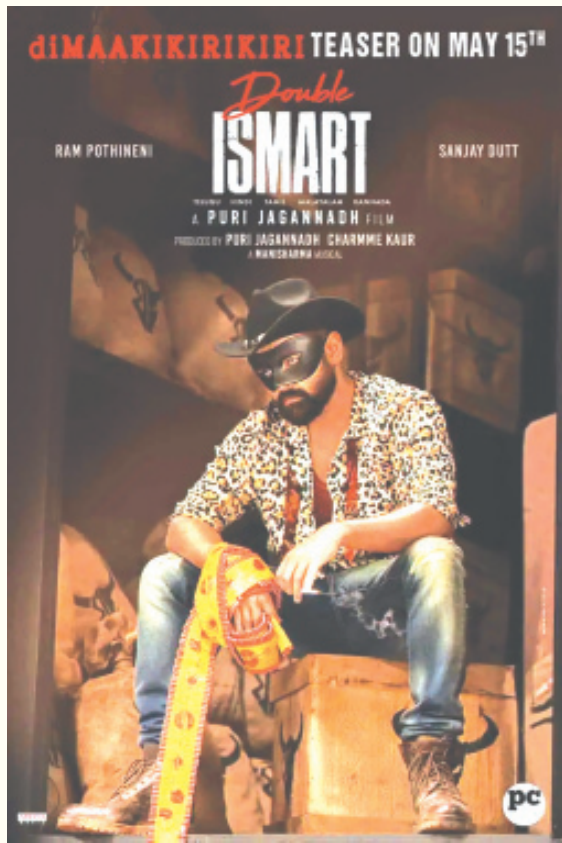
There is a lot of talk about the highly-anticipated visual spectacle 'Kalki 2898 AD'. There are giant expectations on this movie which is all set to hit the screens on 27th June 2024. Rebel Star Prabhas is the lead actor in this movie and India's biggest actors like Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, Deepika Padukone, and Disha Patani are doing lead roles in this movie. Prabhas is playing the lead role of Bhairava in 'Kalki 2898 AD'. A few weeks back, the team introduced Amitabh Bachchan as Ashwatthama. His look and appearance generated a lot of hype and fans are keen to see what Nag Ashwin has readied for them. Not just the audience but Amitabh himself is highly excited about this science-fiction project. He recently said that if there is one film he is looking forward to, it is 'Kalki 2898 AD'. Apparently, the makers are readying the first single and it will be out at the end of May or in the first week of June. The post-production works are going on in full swing and producer Swapna Dutt recently shared a funny story on social media. We can see her and the director having a conversation where Nagi says that all the



CG guys left for elections and the producer asks who will be winning the elections while Nag Ashwin replies that he doesn't care and wants his footage ready. With an incredible cast and backed by Vyjayanthi Movies, it's gearing up for its release at the end of June. Ashwini Dutt is the movie's producer. Santosh Narayanan is the music composer while Djordje Stojiljkovic is the director of photography. As per sources, the legendary actor's role is inspired by Kamsa in Hindu mythology.

## Double iSmart: Gear Up For Ram's Explosive Teaser

Hero Ram Pothineni is going to offer double entertainment and double dhamakedhaara action in the much-awaited Pan India film Double iSmart, which is the second instalment of iSmart Shankar. Puri Jagannadh who is well aware of the high expectations is crafting the movie cautiously. The makers came up with a brand-new poster featuring Ram Pothineni which is meant to announce the date to unveil the film's teaser. The glimpse will be out on May 15th, on the occasion of Ram's birthday. The announcement poster sees Ram with an eye mask and hat on. Sporting a beard, Ram looks oora mass. Giving a firm gaze, Ram is seen smoking a cigarette and holding firecrackers. Ram's explosive tease in the offing, as the poster indicates. Produced by Puri Connects, Double iSmart is progressing with its shoot in Mumbai. Sanjay Dutt is playing a powerful role in the movie which is gearing up for release.



## #GangsOfGodavari: Oops, One More Postponement



In recent times, if there is any special award for 'postponement' surely the film that will grab it is none other than Vishwaksen's "Gangs Of Godavari". For reasons unknown, the film has once again shifted its date from May 17th, and the new release date is May 31st, which is already crowded with many movies. Till the other day, there are even the 'count-down' posters of Vishwaksen and Neha Shetty starrer "Gangs Of Godavari" everywhere. But after the political tour of producer Naga Vamsi, who went to Pithapuram to canvas for Powersar Pawan Kalyan's Janasena, it looks like decisions got changed. Understanding that the Andhra Pradesh public is fully submerged in a political wave and the public mood will not look at films until the result of the election (June 4th), though the polling date will be over on May 13th itself, the makers took the call of postponing Gangs of Godavari. At the same time, with IPL fever like never before this year, for obvious reasons including SunRisers Hyderabad giving new josh to Telugu fans, and all the favourite players in other teams like CSK and RCB playing superbly, there is no way that the craze for the cricket league until the final that is scheduled for May 26th. Keeping these things in mind, it looks like Gangs Of Godavari is now eyeing May 31st as the best possible date.



## Jacqueline's Tollywood Debut: Leading Man Revealed?

Jacqueline Fernandez, Bollywood's reigning queen of special appearances and special songs, might be stepping into a leading role in Tollywood. If rumors are true, she's not just entering the Telugu film industry; she's headlining a woman-centric project! This news comes after Jacqueline's scorching performance in a special song for Prabhas's action extravaganza "Saaho." Now, she's poised to make a powerful Tollywood debut, showcasing a strong female protagonist. The director behind this exciting venture is none other than the acclaimed Jayashankar. Fresh off the success of his critically praised film "Paper Boy," Jayashankar is ready to captivate audiences again with "Ari," a film inspired by the intriguing concept of Arishadvargas. With "Ari" already generating buzz, it seems Jayashankar is set to surprise the industry once more. While rumors swirl about potential leading men, such as "Paper Boy" star Santosh Sobhan, sources suggest their roles may be limited to smaller characters. Reports suggest that Jayashankar recently pitched a captivating female-centric story to Jacqueline Fernandez, and she was instantly drawn to it.