



Deal with US not imminent, Iran says

Iran says some progress has been reached in talks with

"It is correct to say that we have reached a conclusion on a large

understanding reportedly involves a 60-day ceasefire extension, reopening the Strait of

Hormuz and a plan for further negotiations over Iran's nuclear programme. At the weekend, President Donald Trump suggested the sides

Maybe today." Cautioning "I wouldn't read too much into it", Rubio said: "It takes a little while to hear back from Iran."

CBS News, the BBC's US partner, has reported that US intelligence believes Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei - who was injured in an Israeli strike on the first day of the war which killed his father and predecessor - is holed up in an undisclosed location, making communication with his envoys difficult and therefore delaying pace of talks with the US. According to US media, the mooted deal is not a final settlement - instead it leaves some of the thorniest issues to be negotiated later, includ-

ing the scope and timing of Iranian sanctions relief, the release of frozen Iranian funds, and Washington's demands for Iran to curb its nuclear ambitions. "So we have, what I think is a pretty solid thing on the table in terms of their ability to open up the Straits," he said referring to the Strait of Hormuz - the crucial waterway where 20% of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas passes and which Iran has been blocking. Oil prices fell sharply and Asian stock markets rose on Monday on hopes of an agreement. The reported deal has split Trump's Republicans, with some publicly arguing it is too lenient on Iran.



the US, but a deal "is not imminent". Foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqai's remarks came after US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said an agreement could possibly be reached on Monday.

portion of the issues under discussion," Baqai said in Tehran on Monday. "But to say that this means the signing of an agreement is imminent - no-one can make such a claim." The memorandum of

were closing a deal, even though he later said he had instructed negotiators "not to rush into" one. On Monday, Rubio told reporters in the Indian capital, Delhi: "We thought we might have some news last night.



Rahul Slams PM Modi On Fuel Hike

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday launched an attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the latest fuel hike, saying 'mehangai manav' has struck again and he has just one job of making promises during elections and attacking people's pockets at other times. Petrol and diesel prices were raised by Rs 2.61-2.71 per litre on Monday, marking the fourth increase in less

than two weeks as state-owned fuel retailers continued to pass on rising international oil prices to consumers. "Mehangai manav' Modi strikes again. He raises petrol and diesel prices in installments - ensuring that your pockets are quietly picked, bit by bit," Gandhi said in his post in Hindi on X. "For months, I had been warning of an impending economic storm. But

Modi Ji, true to form, was busy with elections at the time and the moment the elections ended, he hiked the prices of petrol and diesel by Rs 8," the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said. And, this upward trend will only continue, he added. "Mehangai manav' Modi has just one job: promises during elections, and attacking people's pockets at other times," Gandhi said.

Centre is announcing only MSP and not purchasing harvested crops

"Hamali shortage after West Bengal elections during procurement in Telangana "CM Revanth Reddy says prevailing heatwave conditions halts Paddy and Maize procurement in afternoon "CM appeals left parties to expose the centre's failure in procurement " "Musi Rejuvenation Project will create jobs and improve quality of life in Hyderabad "BRS and BJP are creating hurdles for Musi project "Re-vamp of education sector is proposed Breakfast and mid day meal scheme to school and junior college

students "CM Revanth Reddy holds a meeting with CPM leaders today. "Hyderabad;"Honourable Chief Minister Shri A Revanth Reddy criticized the Union Government for not purchasing the harvested crops. Except announcing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) to the crops, the centre was doing nothing in the procurement of Paddy, Maize etc , the Chief Minister charged. "In a meeting with the state CPM delegation today, the CM discussed the issues of procurement of foodgrains,



progress in the Musi Rejuvenation Project and reforms in the education system to provide quality education to the poorer sections. "Appealing to the left party leaders to fight against the centre on procurement, CM Revanth Reddy said that the union government was not procuring even 30 percent of the harvested crops. It was only the State Government purchasing every single grain cultivated by the farmers.

HMRL Enters Pact With IRFC For Re-financing of Rs 13,600 cr loan



The Hyderabad Metro Rail entered into an agreement with Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) for re-financing of Rs 13,600 crore loan, which would provide financial cushioning to the company on a long-term. In Delhi, IRFC CMD Manojkumar Dubey and CS K. Ramakrishna signed on the related documents to this effect. With a 20-year time limit and payment scheduled for every trimester, the loan would be extended to Hyderabad Metro. Speaking on the occasion, CS Ramakrishna said that 100 per cent stake of RIL had been

transferred to the government. He said that the government was committed to the improve the public transport system in the state. Hyderabad is growing as the key growth engine in the country. If the Metro connectivity improves, there would be less traffic and passengers can enjoy more facilities, he said. He thanked the Centre, IRFC, L&T, HMRL teams for assisting in loan refinancing. The government is dedicated to install an efficient and stable public transport system in Hyderabad, he added.

Fuel Prices Surge Again; Petrol Crosses Rs.117 in AP, Rs.115 in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Fuel prices have gone up sharply once again across the country. State-run oil marketing companies increased petrol prices by Rs.2.84 per litre and diesel prices by Rs.2.86 per litre. The revised rates came into effect from 6 am today. This is the fourth fuel price hike in recent weeks. Following the latest revision, petrol in Delhi is priced at Rs.102.12 per litre, while diesel costs Rs.95.20. In Mumbai, petrol has risen to Rs.111.21 and diesel to Rs.97.83 per litre. Chennai recorded



petrol at Rs.107.77 and diesel at Rs.99.55 per litre. In Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, fuel prices have reached record levels. In Vijayawada, petrol is now priced at Rs.117.19 per litre and diesel at

Rs.104.88. Guntur recorded petrol prices at Rs.117.59 and diesel at Rs.105.28 per litre. In Hyderabad, petrol is being sold at Rs.115.58 per litre, while diesel costs Rs.103.74 following the latest nationwide hike.

MSMEs Backbone of Economy, Says CM Chandrababu Naidu

Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday said micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone of the country's economy and a platform for youth aspirations. Participating in the MSME Growth Summit in Vijayawada, the Chief Minister visited exhibition stalls and reviewed products developed by startups. He also laid the foundation stone for 38 industrial parks. Addressing the gathering, Naidu said MSMEs are the largest source of employment after



agriculture. He noted that the sector plays a key role in promoting women entrepreneurs and bringing their products to global markets. He announced that the state aims to establish one crore MSMEs and is offering special incentives for SC, ST,

and BC communities. The government plans to set up 175 MSME parks—one in each constituency—adding to the existing 550 industrial parks in the state. He emphasized that these parks should serve as hubs for innovation and new ideas.

Not just a journalist but also a clay artist

In this period when people are showing more support for environmental protection, the making of clay Ganesha idols is gaining special popularity. As plaster of paris idols are causing water pollution, devotees are turning towards Ganesha idols made of natural clay. With the addition of modern ideas to the



traditional art, artists are creating attractive clay Ganapatis. Apart from being environmentally friendly, these clay Ganesha idols convey the message of being in harmony with nature to the society.

BRS Will Provide 24x7 Drinking Water Supply to Every Household in Hyderabad: KTR

"Hyderabad, May 25: K. T. Rama Rao announced that the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS), once voted back to power, would ensure 24-hour safe drinking water supply to every household in Hyderabad city. Addressing a meeting of party cadres in Kukatpally on Sunday, KTR said the BRS government had earlier transformed Telangana from a state plagued by severe power shortages into one with uninterrupted 24-hour electricity supply and would similarly guarantee round-the-clock drinking water supply to Hyderabad in the future. "Recalling the conditions before the



formation of Telangana, KTR said the region had suffered under decades of Congress rule, with people forced to face long power cuts and drinking water scarcity. He stated that protests and agitations for electricity and water were common during the undivided state era. However, after Telangana was

formed, the government led by K. Chandrashekar Rao successfully implemented uninterrupted 24-hour power supply and launched Mission Bhagiratha to provide piped drinking water to households across the state. "KTR said the same determination shown by KCR in ensuring uninterrupted

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Thyroid and Nutrition: Awareness through Education

(On the occasion of "World Thyroid Day" on 25 May)

Thyroid diseases are among the most prevalent endocrine disorders globally, Indian is not an exception. Around 4.2 crores of Indians are affected by thyroid related diseases. The thyroid gland produces thyroid hormones which are essential for normal growth and energy metabolism. Thyroid dysfunction is common, readily identifiable and easily treatable, but if undiagnosed or untreated, it can have profound adverse effects. Iodine is a crucial component in producing thyroid hormones. Over one billion people globally lead lives in iodine-deficiency. The studies indicate that 1% of men and 5% of women have detectable thyroid disorders. "World Thyroid Day- 2026 Theme: "To increase awareness about thyroid disorders and highlight the importance of early detection and proper treatment, "World Thyroid Day" is observed annually on 25 May since 2008. Although small in size, the thyroid gland regulated essential body functions like metabolism, temperature p, mood, heart beat, and growth. Early detection, timely treatment, and consistent follow ups can help manage thyroid problems effectively. The theme of "World Thyroid Day - 2026" is "Thyroid and Nutrition: Awareness through Education" - a timely reminder and timely action can make a significant difference. The aim is to encourage individuals to take common symptoms like fatigue, weight change, or neck swelling seriously and consult a doctor as early as possible. "Thyroid Burden in India: "In India, more than 42 million people are estimated to have thyroid disorders. The problem is that many individuals remain unaware of their conditions. A delay in diagnosis can lead to serious complications like infertility, heart problems, and mental health issues. Regular screening, early detection, and lifestyle changes can make a huge difference in managing these disorders. The common thyroid disorder symptoms are fatigue, weight changes, mood swings, hair loss, cold sensitivity, heat sensitivity, depression, puffy face, muscle weakness, constipation, dry skin, irregular periods, and swelling in the neck. "Types and Risks of Thyroid Disorders: "Disorders occur when the thyroid becomes underactive (hypothyroidism) or overactive (hyperthyroidism). The thyroid nodules, thyroid cancer, and goitre are also the other types of thyroid disorders. The major risk factors responsible for thyroid disorders are iodine deficiency or excess, autoimmune diseases, family history, gender, age factor, radiation exposure, hormonal medications, pregnancy and postpartum, and smoking. "The activities like educational programs, free thyroid checkup camps, social media campaigns, sharing patient experiences, and distribution of printed material on thyroid disorders can be planned and executed on this day."

Dr Burra Madhusudhan Reddy

Thousands take holy dip, perform pujas at Kaleshwaram

Jayashankar Bhupalpally: Acharya Samvidananda Saraswati Maharaj visited the Sri KaleshwaramMukteshwar Swami temple in Kaleshwar of JayashankarBhupalpally district on the occasion of the SaraswatiAntya Pushkaralu and performed special pujas on Saturday. After taking a holy dip in the Saraswati River in the morning, the Maharaj reached the temple where priests accorded him a traditional welcome with PurnakumbhaSwagatam amid the chanting of Vedic hymns. Special abhishekas and archanas were later performed to the presiding deity, and the Maharaj had a special darshan of Sri KaleshwaramMukteshwar Swami. He also visited the Parvati Devi temple, popularly known as Shubhananda Devi temple, and offered special prayers. Following the rituals, the Maharaj delivered spiritual messages and bless-



ings to priests and devotees at the ashirvachanamandapam. Temple authorities honoured him by presenting the ceremonial robes of the deity. A large number of devotees participated in the programme along

with temple chairman Mohan Sharma, RJC Ramakrishna, EO Mahesh, temple officials and Vedic scholars. Later, the Maharaj visited MahaSaraswatiAmmam temple and performed additional special pujas.



Walk over water at Yellamma Cheruvu

SIDDIPET: A visit to the US left Transport Minister Ponnambhakhar inspired. After seeing a glass bridge abroad, he decided his own constituency deserved a similar attraction. Now, Yellamma Cheruvu in Husnabad is set to host Telangana's first glass bridge — a striking "heart"-shaped structure rising from the middle of the lake. The bridge, expected to open to the public within a week or 10 days, is part of a larger tourism development project worth nearly Rs 80 crore aimed at transforming Yellamma Cheruvu into a major recreation destination in Siddipet district. Officials have also undertaken extensive beautification works around the lake bund on the lines of Hyderabad's Tank Bund. Walking tracks, decorative lighting, green parks, children's play areas and an open gym have already been developed around the lake. Though the project is yet to be officially inaugurated, visitors have already started flocking to the area during evenings. "People from rural areas rarely get opportunities to travel to cities like Hyderabad, Bengaluru or Delhi to experience such tourist attractions. This glass bridge will give them that experience here itself," says Shankar, a resident of Husnabad. Yellamma Cheruvu also carries historical significance. Locals believe the lake dates back to the reign of Kakatiya ruler Prataparudra. The adjacent Yellamma temple has also been renovated as part of the tourism initiative. Speaking to TNIE, Prabhakar says the idea took shape after he saw a glass bridge during his visit to the US. "Many people spend large amounts travelling to foreign countries and neighbouring states for recreation. We wanted to create such an experience for people here," he mentions, adding that Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao would be invited to inaugurate the bridge soon. The says said a nearly 200-acre forest area in Husnabad was also being developed into an Urban Park with cottages for visitors. He adds that the government plans to create a tourism circuit connecting Bhairava Swamy temple, Maha Samudram, Raikal Waterfalls, Sarvai Papanna Gaud Fort and Yellamma Cheruvu.

Tension in Kosgi after alleged illegal demolitions spark protest in Kodangal constituency



Mahabubnagar: Tension prevailed at Kosgi municipality in Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's Kodangal constituency on Saturday after Congress leaders allegedly demolished a few commercial establishments as part of road widening works. Interestingly, residents alleged that it was the Congress workers who took up the demolitions in Shivaji Chowk area in the sixth ward, instead of the municipal officials. That too, the demolitions took place despite a stay order from the

court. Things turned for worse after a house-commercial establishment was demolished even as a woman was bathing, according to reports. Fuming over the inhuman act, the woman allegedly slapped a Congress leader Narasimlu, who is learnt to be local councillor's husband. Heated arguments took place between the Congress leaders and residents over the demolitions. The property owners charged that Congress leaders had taken up the demolitions in the absence of municipal of-

officials. They argued that despite stay orders from the court, the Congress leaders ruthlessly demolished the establishments, reports said. They also informed that while municipal officials were following the stay orders, the Congress leaders forcefully demolished the establishments. No notices were issued before taking up the demolitions. Along with earthmovers, the Congress leaders arrived at Shivaji chowk and demolished the structures, residents complained as per the reports



6 Bus Passengers Suffer Injuries in Road Accident at Kodad

Nalgonda: Six passengers injured in a road accident when a private travel bus rammed into a lorry on the national highway near Kodad in Suryapet district early Sunday. According to police, the bus belonging to Yolo bus, which was going to Hyderabad from Kakinada, hit a lorry from its backside. Six passengers received injuries in the road accident. In all, 36 passengers were traveling in the bus at the time of the incident. After the bus hit the lorry, the passengers abandoned the bus and left the area fearing that the bus may catch fire. The police said the accident could have occurred when the bus driver dozed off while driving. Following the incident, the traffic on NH No.65 was disrupted for a while. Upon receiving information, the Kodad police rushed to the spot and shifted the bus using a crane and cleared the traffic. The injured passengers were shifted to the government hospital at Kodad for proper treatment.

BRS Leader Found Murdered In Suryapet Canal

NALGONDA: BRS leader Chinthapati Madhu, 42, was found murdered, with his body cut into three pieces and packed in a gunny bag, in the SRSP canal at Yerikaram village in Suryapet district in the early hours of Saturday. Madhu, husband of former sarpanch Chinthapati Mounika, had been missing since 9 pm on Friday. Police said unidentified persons allegedly killed him and disposed of the body in the canal. He was accused in two murder cases and was a witness in the murder case of Onteddu Venkanna reported at Yerikaram on February 15, 2020. His statement in the case was reportedly to be recorded in court. The incident occurred de-

spite a police picket in Yerikaram, which has witnessed clashes in the past, including the killing of Congress leader Vadde Yellaiah three years ago. Madhu had shifted to Suryapet with his family following threats to his life. Mounika said her husband did not respond to calls from 9 pm on Friday and she initially assumed he was occupied. When he did not return home by 11 pm, she lodged a complaint with Suryapet rural police around midnight. Police said the gunny bag containing the body was found in the canal at Yerikaram on Saturday morning. The body was shifted to the Government General Hospital, Suryapet, for post-mortem. Superintendent of police K. Narasimha said a case had been registered.

Scientists-to-Farmers Outreach Concludes Successfully, Reaching 2.5 Lakh Farmers



Hyderabad: Professor Jayashankar Telangana agricultural university's month-long "Scientists at Farmers' Doorstep" programme concluded on Saturday, with agriculture minister Tum mala Nageswara Rao and

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Aldas Janaiah highlighting its role in strengthening farm awareness and modernising cultivation practices. Launched on April 27 at Raghunadhapalem in Khammam district as part of the 99-day 'Praja Palana — Prajalar Pragathi' programme, the initiative covered 1,600 villages across 32 districts over four weeks. According to Prof. Janaiah, nearly 400 agricultural scientists, 1,000 students and around 600 agriculture department staff directly interacted with about 2.5 lakh farmers, explaining six key farm-related topics, including reduced urea use, soil health protection, crop rotation, water conservation, organic farming and choosing market-demand crops. Taking part in a programme at the university campus at Rajendranagar, the agriculture minister underscored the importance of technologies as the shortage of agriculture labour is expected to intensify in the coming days. He inspected the centre for digital agriculture and technology, where he reviewed drone-based research, robotics and sensor-based laboratories developed with SBI's CSR support.



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Fake HC Lawyer Held In Rs 20 Cr Land Fraud

HYDERABAD: Chevella police arrested a man impersonating a High Court lawyer and attempting to dupe influential persons of several crores of rupees by promising them land — most of it disputed property — using fake documents. Acting on a complaint, police arrested Abdul Karim from his hideout in Mehdiptnam, Chevella station house officer Bhupal Sridhar said. Karim, a native of Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, targeted disputed land, created forged documents and struck deals worth crores by claiming to be the owner or agreement holder, Sridhar said.

Revamped Power Sector SOP for TG



Hyderabad: Telangana has joined the revamped distribution sector scheme (RDSS) in the power sector following a decision taken by the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy here on Saturday. The RDSS is a Central initiative launched by the Union power ministry to help state-owned power distribution companies (discoms) improve operational efficiency and achieve financial sustainability. As part of the scheme, the

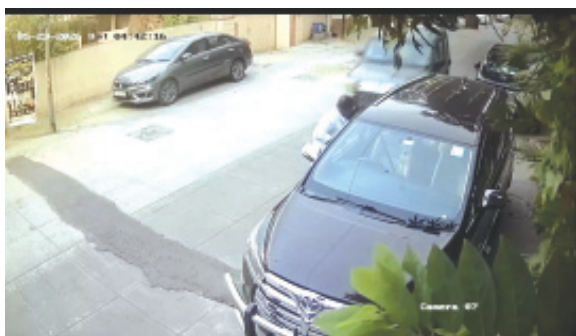
state government will roll out smart electricity meters aimed at eliminating estimated billing and enhancing transparency in power consumption and billing. Priority for installation of smart meters will be given to government offices, commercial establishments and households with high electricity consumption. The government clarified that there would be no upfront installation charges for consumers. Briefing the media on the Cabinet decisions,

information and public relations minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the previous BRS government had signed a tripartite agreement with the Centre on January 2, 2017, for implementation of the RDSS but had subsequently kept the process on hold. Srinivas Reddy said the present Congress government had decided to honour the agreement entered into by the previous government and move ahead with implementation of the scheme. The minister said the Centre provides financial assistance to states under the RDSS in the form of grants. However, release of funds was linked to conditions such as publication of audited financial reports, timely revision of electricity tariffs and clearance of pending subsidy dues by the state government. Srinivas Reddy added that the Centre would provide assistance of up to 60 per cent of the approved project cost for works other than smart metering.



Centre Ready With Rs 10,000-Crore Green Energy Investment, Telangana Govt Yet To Respond: Kishan Reddy

Hyderabad: Union Minister G Kishan Reddy on Saturday expressed dissatisfaction over the Telangana government's delay in responding to proposals involving nearly Rs 10,000 crore investments in green energy projects by central public sector undertakings. Speaking at the Renergine-2026 conference organised by the National Forum Rengi at The Corum in Knowledge City, Madhapur, the Union Minister said central PSUs including NLC India Ltd and Coal India Ltd had written to the Telangana government in October last year expressing willingness to invest in solar, wind, pumped storage and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects in the State. Despite the proposals being sent months ago, the State government has not yet responded. The government should immediately allocate land and utilise these investments for Telangana's development," Kishan Reddy said. The Minister said the Centre was moving ahead with a multi-dimensional strategy to make India self-reliant in the energy sector in view of increasing electricity demand and changing global conditions. Referring to tensions in West Asia and global energy security concerns, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had anticipated future energy challenges nearly a decade ago and initiated a clean energy revolution aimed at reducing excessive dependence on conventional energy sources while strengthening the economy and protecting the environment. Kishan Reddy said renewable energy had evolved beyond a government policy into a people's movement in India. Highlighting the Centre's initiatives in the green energy sector, he spoke about schemes such as PM Surya Ghar Yojana, PM Kusum Yojana and the National Solar Mission, which aim to encourage solar energy adoption through subsidies and infrastructure support. The Union Minister also said the Centre had approved an additional 450 MW capacity for decentralised grid-connected solar power plants in Telangana and sanctioned 20,000 solar agricultural pump sets for the State. He added that NTPC had invested nearly Rs 44,000 crore in Telangana's power sector, with 1,600 MW of power generation already made available. Kishan Reddy said India recently recorded a peak power demand of 270.82 GW on May 21 without any major power shortages, unlike the 2012 northern grid collapse during the UPA regime. Calling for responsible energy consumption, the Minister urged citizens to avoid wastage of electricity and said Hyderabad, which has emerged as a major IT and pharma hub, should also lead in renewable energy research and innovation.



Moizuddin Had Won Cases on Trust Rule Changes

Hyderabad: Murdered High Court advocate Khaja Moizuddin's son Farhan has alleged that his father's murder was intentional and linked to issues over grabbing of Waqf properties, which he had been fighting for over years. Farhan accused Mujahid Alam Khan of illegally occupying Waqf land and constructing the educational institutions on the disputed properties in the city. He said his father had filed several cases challenging the alleged encroachments. According to Waqf records, Anwar-ul-Uloom High School at Habeebnagar is on 2,826 sq yards, and a two-storey Anwar-ul-Uloom College at Mallepally has been built on 14,705 square yards. Aiza Madrasa (Nawab Shah Alam Engineering College) in Malakpet is spread across 6.5 acres and Mumtaz College has been established in the same area on 23 acres. Sources said the society, which is running these institutions on Waqf land, had been paying the Waqf fund. These Waqf properties have been uploaded in the Umeed portal by the Waqf Board as they are notified properties. The dispute between educational society members Mahbub Alam Khan and Mujahid Alam Khan, and Moizuddin, according to sources, stemmed over allegations that certain society guidelines were changed as per their convenience. Moizuddin's father-in-law Ghulam Yazdani was also part of the society. The advocate reportedly raised concerns over such changes and went on to win related legal cases, sources said. Meanwhile, the Waqf protection members and activists raised serious concerns over the murder of Moizuddin. If the family's allegations of the involvement of Mujahid and Mahbub Alam Khan were proved to be true, it would be a matter of worry and security concern for the activists.

Telangana man killed by friends over threat to leak private photos

Hyderabad: A 25-year-old man from Telangana's Suryapet district was allegedly murdered by two of his friends following a dispute over private photographs, police said. The victim, identified as Balguri Ganesh, was a resident of Ganapavaram village in Kodad mandal of Suryapet district. According to investigators, Ganesh had become acquainted with two youths — Barrenkula Somesh and Pagilla Uday Kiran from the Huzurnagar area — through a homo-

sexual dating application called "Polo". Police said the three became close friends and frequently spent time together. However, tensions reportedly developed between Ganesh and Somesh over time. Investigators said Ganesh allegedly threatened Somesh that he would leak their private photographs on social media. Police also found that Uday Kiran was allegedly angry with Ganesh over claims that he had been harassing his sister-in-law. According to the police investigation,

Somesh and Uday Kiran allegedly conspired to kill Ganesh and called him to meet them as part of the plan. The accused allegedly attacked Ganesh with a large stone, killing him on the spot. Police said Somesh's parents allegedly helped the accused after the murder. Authorities have arrested Uday Kiran along with Somesh's parents in connection with the case. Meanwhile, Somesh remains absconding and police teams are continuing efforts to trace and arrest him.

CM launches Rs 99 crore projects at Yadagirigutta Temple



Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy laid the foundation stone for development projects worth Rs 99.55 crore at the

Yadagirigutta Temple on Saturday, May 23. Among all the development initiatives, Reddy first laid the foundation stone for a Veda Pathashala

to be constructed at a cost of Rs.43.80 crore. This was followed by a foundation stone for constructing the Lord's Nitya Kalyana Mandapam atop the hill for Rs 9.87 crore. The CM also laid the foundation stone for the construction of a roof covering over the stairway from Vaikuntha Dwaram to the hilltop for Rs 1.41 crore. This was followed by the foundation stone for the construction of a Rs 1.35 crore staircase towards the Mada Veedhis near the Rathashala.



Appointment of PCC working presidents soon: Mahesh Kumar Goud

HYDERABAD: Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president and MLC B Mahesh Kumar Goud on Saturday said that the names of working presidents had already been sent to the AICC and their appointments would be announced soon. During a chit chat with the media at Gandhi Bhavan here, he clarified that the Cabinet expansion was entirely the prerogative of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and said he had no role in the exercise. He reiterated that any decision regarding a change in PCC leadership would rest solely with the party high command. He said he was appointed PCC chief because the leadership considered him the right person for the role. He alleged that some people were unable to accept the fact that he and the chief minister were working in coordination. Stating that he would not pay attention to media reports targeting him, Mahesh Goud said he would not waste time on "petty issues." At the same time, he maintained that the media had the freedom to express opinions and added that Gandhi Bhavan Trust affairs were handled by the trust itself. Reacting to former minister Harish Rao's comments that Future City plan would be scrapped if BRS came to power, the PCC chief said that the project would emerge as a model for the entire country.

Telangana Police set up special IPS team for AI-driven policing



Hyderabad: Telangana Director General of Police (DGP) CV Anand has constituted a special five-member IPS officers' Core Team with a target of completing key Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based platforms within six months. Addressing the officers at a review meeting on Saturday, May 23, DGP Anand advised departments to adopt cutting-edge technologies and AI in policing to strengthen crime investigation, law and order management, and overall efficiency. Hyderabad Joint Commissioner of Police N Shweta has been assigned responsibilities related to the development of CCTNS 2.0, HRMS monitoring and coordination. CID Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) R Bhaskaran will oversee the integration of AI technology into the CCTNS project. Deputy Commissioner of Police DCP (Social Media and Information Technology) Chennuri Rupesh will supervise social media, video analytics and AI-based drone technology initiatives. Superintendent of Police K Apoorva Rao will overview data intelligence, training programmes and system design. Avinash Mohanty will monitor traffic and road safety modules. He suggested TS-COPS, a unified mobile platform which integrates existing systems Telangana Police official website, Hawkeye, Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System (CCTNS), and Human Resource Management System (HRMS), under a unified framework.

CSR Funds For Govt Schools In TG



HYDERABAD: In a major boost to the development of government schools, three corporate firms — K. Raheja Group, Ramky Foundation and Yashoda Foundation — have come forward to provide financial assistance under their corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives. The three firms signed agreements with the education department in the presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy here on Saturday.

The agreements were handed over to the Chief Minister by K. Raheja Group chairman Neil C. Raheja, Ramky Foundation managing trustee Alla Dakshayani and Yashoda Group director Gorukanti Devender Rao. As part of the initiative, Ramky Foundation will contribute 40 per cent of the cost, amounting to Rs 19.66 crore, for the construction of an integrated campus housing schools from the pre-primary to the Intermediate level at Jawaharnagar in Medchal-

Malkajgiri district. The foundation will also bear 40 per cent of the project cost, amounting to Rs 10.4 crore, for the upgradation of the Zilla Parishad High School at Tukuguda in Maheshwaram mandal of Rangareddy district. The project includes construction of facilities from pre-primary to Class V and Intermediate sections. The K. Raheja Group will fully bear the Rs 50.50 crore required for development of educational infrastructure from pre-primary to intermediate level at Kondapur in Rangareddy district. Yashoda Foundation, through Yashoda Hospitals, will provide Rs 12.20 crore for development of facilities for pre-primary, Class VI and Class VII students at the MPP School in Subhashnagar, Uppal, in Medchal-Malkajgiri district. Education secretary Yogita Rana, technical education commissioner Devasena, Chief Minister's special secretary Ajit Reddy and Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) chairman C. Shekhar Reddy were present during the programme.

Ponguleti, Sridhar Babu slam KTR, Harish for threatening to scrap Future City Project

Hyderabad: Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and IT minister D. Sridhar Babu tore into BRS leaders T Harish Rao and K.T. Rama Rao for threatening to scrap the Future City project if the BRS returned to power. "Your own future in the BRS is uncertain... and you are talking about stopping Future City," Srinivas Reddy said, addressing the two leaders. In a post on X, Srinivas Reddy questioned Harish Rao's comments made from the US on abolishing the Future City project. He asked whether BRS leaders had struck secret deals abroad over the land of the project. He said that while the Congress government was building a world-class Future City for Telangana and the nation, the BRS regime had failed to build a single Metro Rail station or add to basic urban infrastructure during its 10-year rule. BRS leaders built farmhouses for their family members. We are building a futuristic city for the youth, for jobs, for investments, and for India's future," he said. Srinivas Reddy accused the BRS of obstructing every major development initiative — from Musi rejuvenation to industries in Lagacharla that would create employ-



ment for thousands of youths — and was now attempting to derail Future City as well. He asserted that Congress will return to power again with people's blessings and complete Future City as a landmark project that Telangana and the country will be proud of. BRS has no future... but Future City is unstoppable," Srinivas Reddy stated. Speaking to media persons at Gandhi Bhavan, IT minister Sridhar Babu said that Telangana's development could not be sacrificed for political frustration and cheap politics.

Telangana to Fast-track Tourism Projects with Private Sector Participation

Hyderabad: As part of the plan to accelerate tourism projects through private sector participation, the government would soon invite expressions of interest (EOIs) for the development of selected tourism destinations, said Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao. For the shortlisted agencies, the government would bear the cost of project designs and estimated project reports, he said. The government was committed to transforming Telangana into a globally competitive tourism destination and positioning tourism as a major engine of economic growth, Krishna Rao said, while addressing the tourism conclave 'Destination Telangana — Road Ahead' at the national institute of tourism and hospitality management (NITHM), Gachibowli, on Saturday. The conclave was organised as part of the government's 99-days 'Praja Palana — Pragathi Pranalika' initiative and marked the culmination of Tourism Week celebrations. Inviting industrialists, investors and tourism entrepreneurs to come forward with investments, the minister assured that proposals along with detailed project reports would be processed on priority and approvals would be granted without delay. The minister stated that underutilised government assets could be offered on long-term lease for tourism development projects, enabling easier implementation and professional management of tourism infrastructure. He encouraged stakeholders to bring innovative and creative tourism concepts to Telangana. Rao observed that some locations lacked basic amenities such as drinking water, restrooms, accommodation and restaurants. He appealed to private investors and hospitality operators to partner with the government in developing modern tourism infrastructure including mobile glass houses, eco-tourism facilities, canvas tents and other visitor-friendly amenities.

Telangana Thermal Units Hold Steady Coal Stocks

Hyderabad: Telangana's thermal power stations are maintaining satisfactory coal reserves despite heavy consumption to meet peak summer demand, according to data available for Friday. The state's generation fleet is operating at strong load levels, with plant load factor (PLF) of 80 per cent for Singareni thermal power plants, 77 Bhadradi, 83 Kakatiya, 71 Kothagudem (New), 62 Kothagudem Stage-7 and 21 per cent at the Yadadri Thermal Power Plant.

Cabinet approves one lakh Indiramma houses in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD: The state Cabinet on Saturday approved construction of one lakh houses under the Indiramma Housing Scheme for Low Income Group (LIG) families in the Core Urban Region (CURE), covering 24 Assembly constituencies. The Cabinet also approved Phase 2 of the Indiramma Housing Scheme, under which at least 2,000 houses will be sanctioned in each Assembly constituency, taking the total to around 2.5 lakh houses statewide. The Cabinet further approved implementation of the mid-day meal scheme in all junior colleges. Along with government schools, junior college students will also be provided breakfast and milk, as announced in the Budget 2026-27. Briefing the media after the meeting chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, I&PR Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said the government had received six lakh applications for houses in the CURE region, but only 18,500 applicants owned land. "For the remaining beneficiaries, the Cabinet decided to construct apartment houses on government land where they are currently residing. Beneficiaries will also get Undivided Land Share (UDS). Each flat will measure around 400-420 sq ft," he said. He added that the Cabinet also

STATE CABINET DECISIONS

Key decisions for Housing, Infrastructure, Education and Development

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2 nd PHASE	INCOMPLETE HOUSES TO BE COMPLETED
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1 LAKH HOUSES

House-warming ceremonies by June 2

JUNE 1

Inauguration of 28 houses for Kolan Adilash community in Afzalabad district

1 LAKH LIG HOUSES

To be built in 24 constituencies of Hyderabad Metropolitan Region

Telangana man killed by friends over threat to leak private photos

Hyderabad: A 25-year-old man from Telangana's Suryapet district was allegedly murdered by two of his friends following a dispute over private photographs, police said. The victim, identified as Balguri Ganesh, was a resident of Ganapavaram village in Kodad mandal of Suryapet district. According to investigators, Ganesh had be-

come acquainted with two youths — Barrenkula Somesh and Pagilla Uday Kiran from the Huzurnagar area — through a homosexual dating application called "Polo". Police said the three became close friends and frequently spent time together. However, tensions reportedly developed between Ganesh and Somesh over time.

Let's ensure a Cong victory to make Rahul Gandhi as PM: Jagga Reddy



Hyderabad: Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) working president T Jagga Reddy on Saturday made a strong pitch for the Congress party's return to power at the national level, stating that the party must secure a decisive majority in the next Lok Sabha elections to see Rahul Gandhi as the Prime Minister of India. Addressing the media at Gandhi Bhavan, Jagga Reddy said the Congress should aim to win more than 300 of the 543 parliamentary seats, and, if delimitation expands the number of constituencies, should target over 500 of the projected 850 seats. Referring to a "Cockroach Janata Party" in his remarks, he urged the online group to use social media platforms to highlight what he described as the contrast between development during the Congress era and the present Modi government. He said the intent behind the so-called "Cockroach movement" remained unclear and suggested that Rahul Gandhi should extend support to it, adding that clarity on the issue should come from the party's top leadership. Jagga Reddy described Rahul Gandhi's "Samvidhan Bachao" (Save the Constitution) campaign as "critical," saying the Constitution drafted by Dr BR Ambedkar acts as a protective framework for citizens, similar to the "Kavacha Kundalas" of Karnata in the Mahabharata. He said protecting constitutional values was central to the Congress party's ideology and to Rahul Gandhi's political message. The TPCC leader credited earlier Congress governments with shaping India's modern development. He said Indira Gandhi nationalised banks to expand financial access, while Rajiv Gandhi laid the foundation for the Information Technology revolution and lowered the voting age to 18. He also cited welfare initiatives under the Congress-led UPA government headed by Dr Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi, including the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), which he said ensured employment security for rural households. India news analysis Jagga Reddy accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of misusing institutions and questioned the fairness of democratic processes, referring to the Election Commission while alleging erosion of electoral integrity. He also accused the BJP of using religion in politics and failing to fulfill major promises, including large-scale job creation. Jagga Reddy further cited rising national debt levels, claiming that public debt had increased significantly since 2014 and arguing that governance standards had declined under the present government. Calling for strong electoral support for Congress, Jagga Reddy said a decisive mandate would help address issues such as Special Category Status and key infrastructure projects like Polavaram to Andhra Pradesh. He urged voters to exercise their franchise carefully and support what he described as constitutional and inclusive governance.

decided to earmark 30% of the houses for Middle Income Group (MIG) families and that modalities would be worked out shortly. The chief minister will launch Phase 2 of the scheme on June 1 in Kothari Bheem Asifabad district. On the same day, he will inaugurate 28 Indiramma houses constructed for Kolan tribal families at Kothari village in Kerameri mandal.

The Cabinet also decided to complete unfinished Indiramma houses sanctioned during the Congress government in undivided Andhra Pradesh. Houses completed up to foundation level will receive Rs 3 lakh each, while houses with completed walls but pending slabs will receive Rs 2 lakh each. Funds will be allocated for 500 such houses in every constituency.

What A Twist: NDA Going After DMK Now?

There is a famous saying in politics, which goes like "There are no permanent enemies or friends in politics." This is perfectly applicable in the case of Tamil Nadu politics as something extraordinary appears to be happening now. According to the latest reports from national media channels, the NDA alliance at the Centre is looking to gather the support of the DMK party in Tamil Nadu. Historically, the DMK party has been with Congress for many decades and was a crucial part of the alliance down South. However, there was a complete fallout between DMK and Congress in the recent election and Congress ended up supporting TVK to form the government recently. There are reports that DMK leadership and Stalin extremely disappointed with Congress and are waiting for right time to



seek vengeance. This is precisely where the NDA is scooping into action. It is reported that the NDA is looking to extend a helping hand to the DMK and gain their support and issue based topics in the parliament. This is primarily due to the fact that DMK has significant representation of 22 MPs in the Parliament and 8 Rajya Sabha members. Despite the defeat in the recent Tamil Nadu assembly election, it needs to be noted that DMK is one of the biggest political parties in India in terms of representatives in the Parliament. So it is natural for the NDA to look for the support of DMK now that they have broken apart from Congress. However, Stalin had publicly spoken against NDA and it would take a lot of convincing from the saffron party BJP to convince him to associate with them even on specific matters in the parliament.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi on Saturday during his first official visit to India, as the two countries seek to reset bilateral ties that have faced strain since last year. Rubio described India as a "cornerstone" of Washington's Indo-Pacific strategy and said an "America First" visa schedule prioritising business professionals will deepen economic ties with New Delhi. "It is at the cornerstone of this important partnership between us and India, which, as I said, is an incredibly important one," Rubio said. "It's the reason why I'm here on this visit -- to reaffirm those ties, to build upon them. We think in the months ahead, we're going to have even more exciting and new announcements to make about the development and strengthening of the relationship between the two countries," he added. The US Secretary of State also announced a new "America First" visa schedule designed to prioritise business professionals and strengthen commercial engagement between the two countries. "We're introducing a new America First visa schedule that prioritises business profes-



sionals that strengthen these ties," Rubio said, adding that the new embassy facility would help improve efficiency and support America's diplomatic and security operations in India. PM Modi said he was happy to receive Rubio and added that India and the US would continue to work closely for "global good." "We discussed sustained progress in the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and issues related to regional and global peace and security. India and the United States will continue to work closely for the global good," Modi wrote on X. Speaking on the meeting, the PMO said

Modi reaffirmed call for peaceful resolution of conflicts through dialogue and diplomacy. US Ambassador Sergio Gor said Rubio had extended an invitation on behalf of US President Donald Trump for PM Modi to visit the White House. Gor added that both sides held "productive discussion on ways to deepen US-India cooperation across security, trade and critical technologies." Rubio, who arrived in Kolkata earlier in the day, is also expected to hold talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and attend a meeting of Quad foreign ministers in New Delhi.

Flight Costs: Pawan Spending Own Money, What About Jagan?

The political commentary in Andhra Pradesh is primarily revolving around air travel and related flight services as Jagan has been criticising Chandrababu, Lokesh and Pawan Kalyan for misusing public money by using private flights. Reacting on this matter today, the Janasena leadership has clarified that Pawan Kalyan had not spent a single rupee from government on personal flight trips till now. Nadendra Manohar sat in front of the Media today, and he said Pawan Kalyan uses his own money to travel in flights for personal trips, and he had not spent a single government rupee on this. On the other hand, it was alleged that former Chief Minister YS Jagan spent Rs 222 crore on flight tickets and private trips during his tenure as the Chief



Minister of Andhra Pradesh. While Jagan had been repeatedly targeting Lokesh and Pawan Kalyan over private trips and flight charges, this clarification from JanaSena could not have come at a better time. It turns out to be that Jagan, who is the one criticising other politicians had ended up spending multiple times more money than his counterparts.

RRR Gives Clarity on TVL

For the last couple of days, speculation has been growing that TDP MLA and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Speaker Raghurama Krishnam Raju going to launch a new political party. The reports spread widely on social media, prompting RRR to issue a clarification. In a video message, RRR explained that TVL, Telugu Veera Levara, is not a political party. He said it is a voluntary forum created to provide legal assistance to people facing injustice in matters related to religion and other social issues. According to him, the organization has a few experienced lawyers who will offer guidance and support free of cost. He stressed that the initiative has no political agenda.

Cockroach Party Out of Social Media

New Delhi: Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Saturday alleged a crackdown on the satirical digital outfit, stating that it had lost access to all its social media platforms following a series of takedowns and hacking incidents. In a post on X, Dipke said his personal Instagram account had also been hacked and that the organisation no longer had control over its accounts. "Crackdown on Cockroach Janta Party.

J&K anti-terror operation intensifies after Rajouri encounter; more troops deployed

Security forces on Sunday intensified search operations and reinforced the cordon in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, deploying additional troops to track down suspected terrorists believed to be hiding in the area, officials said. The operation in the Dorimal-Gambhir Moghla belt was widened after a brief encounter between security personnel and suspected terrorists during an intelligence-based operation on Saturday.

"Search operations have been intensified in the Dorimal-Gambhir Moghla area and the cordon has been strengthened," the officials said. Additional security personnel have been rushed to the area to assist in the search for the suspected terrorists, they added. A joint team of the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) launched a massive cordon-and-search operation in the area on Saturday.



stalled CCTV cameras in the area. "The safety of the businessman and his family has been ensured. Necessary preventive measures have been taken to avoid any outward incident," the officer said. After Modi's visit, the small roadside stall became a point of public attention in the town, and jhalmuri's popularity increased manifold across the nation. The BJP swept the Junglemahal region, where Jhargram is located, in the recently-concluded elections and formed the government in the state after defeating the TMC.



Telugu Man Becomes Key Advisor To Vijay Government

Tamil Nadu politics is now witnessing an interesting Telugu connection. A Telugu businessman named Vishnuvardhan Reddy has been appointed as one of the advisors to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Joseph Vijay. Along with him, John Arokiasamy was also named as an advisor by the Tamil Nadu government. Vishnuvardhan Reddy originally belongs to Erradoddipalle village in Annamayya district. He moved to Chennai nearly fifteen years ago and later expanded his granite business there. His family also has a political background in Andhra Pradesh. Interestingly, Vishnuvardhan Reddy is related to former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy and Pileru MLA Kishore Kumar Reddy. His father Ramanarayana Reddy earlier served as village sarpanch and also held local political positions in the region.

Bengal 'Jhalmuri' Vendor Gets Death Threats After PM Visit, Security Beefed Up


Kolkata: Security has been stepped up at the 'jhalmuri' stall, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited during his campaign for the West Bengal election last month, after its owner allegedly received death threats, police said on Saturday. Bikram Kumar Sau, who runs the jhalmuri stall near Raj College More in Jhargram town, hogged the limelight after the PM stopped at his shop and ate the popular snack while returning from a public rally on April 19. Sau lodged a written complaint at the Jhargram police station, alleging that he had been receiving threatening phone calls and messages from people claiming to be from Pakistan and Bangladesh since May 17. The callers allegedly threatened to kill him and blow up his stall with bombs, according to the complaint. Sau also claimed that in a WhatsApp video call, some persons brandished firearms and issued threats. I was terrified after receiving repeated threats. My family members were also scared, and I had shut the shop for a few days," Sau told reporters on Saturday after reopening the stall. Police said an investigation has been initiated, with cybercrime experts assisting in tracing the origin of the calls and messages. "A complaint has been registered, and all aspects are being examined. We are verifying the source of the calls and messages," a senior police officer said. In view of the threats, authorities have deployed four CAPF personnel outside Sau's stall and in-

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Telangana POLYCET results 2026 released



HYDERABAD: The State Board of Technical Education officially declared the Telangana Polytechnic Common Entrance Test (TG POLYCET) result on Saturday. Candidates who appeared for the exam will be able to access their rank cards through polycet.sbtet.telangana.gov.in. Out of 106,439 registered candidates, 98,029 appeared for the exam on May 13, with 81,307 successfully qualifying. In the MPC stream, N. Lokesh secured the first rank, while Kotla Apoorva topped the MBIPC stream. The annual entrance exam facilitates admissions into all technical diploma courses at polytechnic institutes across the state, as well as diplomas in agriculture, agricultural engineering, seed technology, and organic agriculture.

VTU Sets Unprecedented Record By Declaring Final Semester BE & BTech Results Within Just 10 Minutes Of Exam Completion



Bengaluru, May 23: The Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) has set a new record by announcing the final semester BE and BTech examination results within 10 minutes after completion of examinations. About 56,192 students had appeared for the examinations on Friday and the practical ex-

aminations concluded at 5.30 pm. The University declared the results by 5.40 pm. The overall results stood at 99.98% and the results were jointly released by University Vice Chancellor Vidyanankar and Registrar (Evaluation) U J Ujwal. According to UTV, the examinations in the 220 colleges were being con-

ducted from the first week of May. The theory examination answer scripts had already been evaluated and were digitally stored in advance. The practical exam was conducted on Friday between 2.30 pm and 5.30 pm. Within five minutes of exams concluded, the marks were consolidated and in the next five minutes, the results were announced. Registrar (Evaluation) Prof Ujwal said that the digital evaluation of answer scripts and advance preparations made the quick announcement possible. The University also sent results directly to students through mobile phones, he added.

ITM Business School Launches MBA In Applied AI To Prepare Students For AI-Driven Corporate Roles And Strategy

Mumbai: As artificial intelligence reshapes workplaces and business decision-making, companies are increasingly seeking managers who understand both business strategy and AI applications. Responding to this shift, ITM Business School has launched a management programme in Applied AI aimed at preparing students for AI-driven corporate roles. Programme unveiled at Navi Mumbai campus. The programme was unveiled at the institute's Navi Mumbai campus in the presence of industry leaders and academicians. The curriculum focuses on equipping students with practical AI skills across business functions, including workflow automation, intelligent systems, and AI-driven decision-making. The newly launched full-time MBA in Applied AI has been designed to provide students with industry-relevant AI capabilities that can be applied across a range of business operations. AI transforming business operations. Dr. Lakshmi Mohan, Director of ITM Business School and Pro Vice Chancellor of ITM



Skills University, said artificial intelligence is no longer a futuristic concept but a force actively transforming the way businesses operate and make decisions. "Our MBA in Applied AI is designed to equip students with practical, industry-relevant AI capabilities that will define the future of work," she said. Speaking at the launch, Sunil Gupta, Co-founder,

Managing Director and CEO of Yotta Data Services, said organisations today require professionals who can combine strong business understanding with the ability to apply AI effectively and responsibly. "Ultimately, when confronted with rapid technological change, we must remember that human intelligence remains central," he said.

Over 23,000 Candidates Opt For 3 Newly Added Centres In UPSC Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination-2026



New Delhi: In an effort to decongest examination centres for the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination-2026, the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has introduced three new examination centres at Bhubaneswar, Kanpur, and Meerut. Nearly 23,000 candidates have applied to these new centres, easing the rush at the adjoining centres for the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination-2026. According to a press release issued by the UPSC, total number of centres for the Preliminary Examination has increased from 80 to 83, according to a press release. Reflecting on the initiative, UPSC Chairman Ajay Kumar said, "Our objective is to make the examination process more candidate-friendly, accessible, and efficient. The addition of three new centres is aimed at easing congestion and providing greater convenience to aspirants. Further, by ensuring that PwBD candidates are allotted their preferred examination centres, the Commission is actively breaking down geographical and physical barriers to make the UPSC journey truly accessible and inclusive for all." As per the press release, the newly introduced Bhubaneswar centre substantially reduced the burden on Cuttack. The Bhubaneswar centre has received 10,656 applications for the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination - 2026. Similarly, the addition of the Kanpur centre helped ease pressure on Lucknow. The newly established Kanpur centre attracted 6,938 applications. In western Uttar Pradesh, the introduction of the Meerut centre benefited candidates from nearby regions and reduced dependence on Ghaziabad. The newly added Meerut centre received 5,902 applications.



Govt Aims To Make June 21 NEET-UG Re-Test 100% Error-Free: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan

New Delhi: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Friday said the government had to take "tough decisions" after irregularities were detected in the conduct of the NEET-UG, asserting that authorities did not want even a single deserving student to lose their rightful seat because of the "examination mafia". He also asserted that the government is committed to ensuring that the re-test scheduled to be held on June 21 remains "100 per cent error-free". Addressing the Jagran Bharat Education Conclave 2026, Pradhan said around 22 lakh students have suffered "mental anguish" due to the controversy surrounding the medical-entrance exam and the government is committed to fixing the

system. "Twenty-two lakh children have gone through immense mental anguish. Understanding that anguish and taking responsibility, I am saying this today, we had to take some tough decisions," he said. The National Eligibility-Cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate) for admissions in medical courses held on May 3 was cancelled by the National Testing Agency (NTA) recently amid allegations of paper leak. The matter is being probed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and a re-test is scheduled to be held on June 21. Pradhan said the government decided to cancel the examination after finding that "some assessments had been compromised". "We did not want even a single

student to be deprived of their rightful seat because of the conspiracy of those involved in irregularities in the education system and the examination mafia," he said. The minister acknowledged the criticism over the handling of the issue but said the government is prepared to face the challenge. "We are facing criticism and challenges, and I accept that. But it is our responsibility to set the system right. It is not our duty to shut our eyes and turn away from the problem," he said. The education minister further said the government is committed to ensuring a smoother conduct of the re-examination scheduled on June 21. "For the examination scheduled on June 21, it is our responsibility to ensure that it is 100 per cent error-free," he said.

Hinduja Foundation Offers MSc And PhD Scholarships For Indian Students At King's College London For 2026-27



Mumbai: Hinduja Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Hinduja Group, has announced scholarships for Indian-origin students to pursue the MSc in MedTech Innovation & Entrepreneurship at King's College London for the 2026-27 academic year. The scholarships are part

of a broader academic and healthcare collaboration launched in 2024, when Hinduja Foundation UK made a major philanthropic contribution to establish the Hinduja King's Health Partners' Academy at King's College London. The initiative supports advanced healthcare research, innovation, and cross-border clinical training between the UK and India. The partnership includes fully funded four-year PhD studentships in healthcare technologies at the School of Biomedical Engineering and Imaging Sciences, along with scholarships for the one-year MSc programme in MedTech Innovation & Entrepreneurship. The collaboration also supports nurses' training, observerships, and online leadership courses delivered by Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for healthcare professionals at P. D. Hinduja Hospital. Three PhD scholars and two MSc scholars began their studies at King's College London in October 2025, while another PhD scholar joined in February 2026. For the upcoming academic year beginning in October 2026, applications remain open for four PhD scholarships and five MSc scholarships. The MSc scholarships

for Indian citizens include one scholarship covering 80% of tuition fees and four scholarships covering 50%. The initiative aims to equip Indian students with global exposure, innovation-driven learning, and hands-on healthcare experience, enabling them to address emerging clinical challenges and contribute to healthcare advancements in India and internationally. Speaking on the initiative, Ashok Hinduja, Chairman of Hinduja Foundation, said: "Guided by our philosophy of 'Act Local, Think Global', we believe investing in future-ready talent is essential to building resilient healthcare systems in India that are aligned with global standards, contributing to the vision of a Viksit Bharat. Through this partnership, we aim to enable Indian students to access global expertise. The focus is on strengthening India's capabilities in healthcare and expanding the scope of knowledge and research linked to India. Over the long term, the objective is to advance India's role in the global healthcare landscape." Applications for the PhD scholarships are open until May 30, 2026, while applications for the MSc scholarships close on June 19, 2026.

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HEALTH

Can extreme heat quietly damage your body?



Large parts of north and central India are currently dealing with brutal heatwave conditions, with temperatures in and around New Delhi climbing close to 45°C. The India Meteorological Department has already issued alerts, but health experts say the bigger concern is what this kind of heat can quietly do inside the human body. Once temperatures rise too high, the body does not just feel uncomfortable. It starts struggling at a biological level. Research published in Springer Nature in 2025 and studies available through PubMed in 2023 suggest that extreme heat can trigger damage across multiple organs if the body overheats for too long.

Why temperatures above 40°C become dangerous

According to researchers, the human body starts facing serious stress once internal temperatures rise beyond 40°C. At that point, hyperthermia can begin damaging cells directly. Blood cells like platelets and granulocytes are especially sensitive to heat, which may increase inflammation and even trigger abnormal blood clotting. Researchers also point towards something called "heat-stroke pathophysiology", where mitochondrial damage and oxidative stress begin affecting how organs function. The heart comes under pressure too.

The report also highlighted groups who are more vulnerable during heatwaves, including:

- People above 50
- Overweight adults
- Those with heart, lung or kidney conditions
- People taking diuretics, sedatives or blood pressure medicines
- Individuals on low-sodium diets
- Anyone with circulation-related problems

1. Keep your home as cool as possible

The opening windows during the night and early morning when outside temperatures are lower. During the daytime, shutters and windows facing direct sunlight should stay closed. Shades, curtains and draperies can help reduce indoor heat. Some people also use wet towels for cooling, although that may increase humidity indoors.

2. Keep your body cool and hydrated

The WHO recommends wearing loose, lightweight clothing made from natural fabrics like cotton. Wide-brimmed hats are also useful while outdoors. Drinking fluids regularly is important. Alcohol, excessive caffeine and sugary drinks should be limited during heatwaves.

3. Plan outdoor movement carefully

Staying indoors during the hottest part of the day is strongly recommended. If physical work, exercise or labour cannot be avoided, the safest window is generally between 4 am and 7 am when temperatures are relatively lower. The WHO also suggests spending two to three hours in air-conditioned public places like malls or libraries if homes become dangerously hot.

Signs of a heat emergency you should not ignore

The WHO says symptoms like dizziness, anxiety and intense headaches should be treated seriously during extreme heat. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should immediately move to a cooler place and drink water or fruit juice.

- Hot and dry skin
- Delirium
- Convulsions
- Unconsciousness

In such situations, an ambulance should be called immediately. The person should be shifted to a cool area and laid flat with legs slightly elevated.

Why frozen shoulder is becoming more common in menopausal women



Experts say frozen shoulder is becoming increasingly common in menopausal women due to hormonal changes affecting joint health and inflammation. Here's why shoulder stiffness develops, who is at risk and when medical treatment becomes necessary. Frozen shoulder, medically known as adhesive capsulitis, is characterised by progressive shoulder pain, stiffness, and severely restricted movement. According to orthopaedic specialists, the condition is gradually becoming more common among women who are going through menopause, thereby stressing the link between hormonal changes and joint problems.

Doctor Sivaraman B, an orthopaedic surgeon specialising in shoulder and elbow operations at the Apollo Hospital in Chennai, states that reduced levels of estrogen during menopause can be a significant factor contributing to the occurrence of the condition. Estrogen helps maintain connective tissue health, regulates inflammation and supports joint

flexibility. "As women enter menopause, reduced estrogen levels can lead to increased inflammation and thickening of the shoulder capsule, ultimately causing stiffness and restricted mobility,"

Why do hormonal changes affect shoulder movement?

Experts explain that hormonal changes during menopause also impact collagen production and tissue elasticity. This reduces the body's ability to repair minor joint injuries and maintain lubrication around the shoulder joint properly.

As a result, even a small strain, prolonged inactivity or temporary immobilisation may increase the likelihood of developing frozen shoulder. It typically occurs slowly over time and gets progressively worse without treatment. Often, women will overlook any slight soreness or stiffness because they think it will go away or that their muscles ache due to age.

Who is most at risk?

According to the expert, women between the ages of 40 and 60 are

especially vulnerable to frozen shoulder during menopause. Certain health conditions may increase the risk further. "Women with diabetes, thyroid disorders or sedentary lifestyles are more susceptible and may also experience slower recovery," Doctor Sivaraman noted.

Doctors say limited physical activity and prolonged desk work may also worsen shoulder stiffness over time.

What are the symptoms people should not ignore?

Frozen shoulder typically begins with gradual pain followed by increasing stiffness that makes everyday movements difficult. Even basic tasks, such as raising the hand, overhead reach, doctoresing, and resting, can become difficult. The diagnosis is made mostly by physical examination and patient history; however, diagnostic imaging studies may occasionally be employed in excluding other disorders.

How is frozen shoulder treated?

Experts say early treatment is extremely important for preventing long-term movement restriction. Physiotherapy and pain management remain the first line of treatment for most patients. Where there is no relief in the conservative treatment method, other less invasive techniques like hydrodilatation can be considered to increase the range of motion. Another technique involves using arthroscopy for cases with severe symptoms that involve stiffening of tissues in the shoulder region, making movement impossible. It is important for women going through menopause who are facing gradual shoulder stiffness to see a doctor at an early stage.

Constant bloating and inflammation? Your gut microbes may be the real problem

Experts say restoring the gut microbiome may help improve Inflammatory Bowel Disease symptoms naturally. Doctor explains how therapies like FMT, probiotics and gut restoration techniques target inflammation and digestive imbalance at the root level. While many think that gut wellness is solely linked to one's digestive process, healthcare professionals believe that there is more to it when it comes to one's general state of wellness.

Our digestive systems have trillions of microorganisms that affect everything from our immune responses to metabolism and our mental well-being as well. When there is an imbalance here, it is known as gut dysbiosis. According to Doctor, Regenerative Medicine Researcher and Founder of StemRx Hospital, this imbalance may play a major role in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), a condition marked by chronic inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract. "IBD is not just a digestive disorder; it is a complex immune-mediated condition driven by chronic inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract,"

Why gut microbiome balance matters:

Experts say a healthy gut generally maintains a balance of beneficial bacteria alongside other microbes that help the body function normally. When harmful bacteria begin overpowering healthy microbes, inflam-



mation and digestive disruption may increase. Doctor Mahajan explained that a disturbed microbial environment can contribute to symptoms such as abdominal pain, diarrhoea, bloating, fatigue, nutrient deficiencies and reduced quality of life.

Inflammation and imbalance in the gut can also contribute to psychological well-being. According to the specialist, most IBD sufferers experience stress, anxiety and brain fog because of inflammation and imbalance in the gut-brain axis.

Why some treatments may not address the root cause

Conventional IBD treatments often focus on suppressing symptoms and controlling inflammation. However, experts say some therapies may not fully restore the damaged gut environment itself. "Antibiotics kill harmful bacteria but can also wash out important microbes, creating an imbalance that becomes worse,"

Doctor Mahajan said. This is why many regenerative medicine specialists are now exploring therapies that aim to naturally rebuild the gut microbiome instead of only suppressing symptoms temporarily.

What is Fecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT)?

Among these emerging treatments, one is the Fecal Microbiota Transplantation. FMT involves transplanting healthy gut bacteria harvested from pre-screened donors into the gut of the patients. This aims to promote bacterial balance in the body. As explained by Doctor Mahajan, FMT can assist in alleviating inflammatory conditions of the gut, promoting digestion, and restoring mucosal lining. The FMT is considered an ideal therapy for health problems caused by bacterial imbalance in the body, like ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel syndrome, and leaky gut syndrome.

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WOMEN

Sweaty scalp and dandruff in summer? Dermatologist explains what to do



Dermatologist explains why scalp sweating, dandruff and hair dryness increase during summer. From switching shampoos to avoiding overnight oiling, here are simple expert-approved summer hair care habits for healthier hair and scalp.

Summer heat does not just affect the skin. Excess sweating, humidity and frequent washing can also change how the scalp and hair behave during hotter months. Many people notice increased dandruff, greasy scalp, dryness or even tiny bumps during summer, but dermatologists say a few simple changes in hair care habits can make a major difference.

Dermatologist Dr Shehla Agarwal recently shared detailed summer hair care advice on YouTube, explaining why scalp care needs to change with the season. According to her, increased sweating is one of the biggest reasons behind summer scalp problems. "You may think dandruff is only a winter issue, but it becomes very common during summer too because the scalp remains sweaty most of the time," Dr Agarwal explained. Why washing your hair more often matters in summer According to Dr Agarwal, sweat should not remain trapped on the scalp for too long because it can increase fungal growth and irritation. She advised increasing the frequency of hair washing during the summer months. "If you were washing your hair twice a week during winter, then in summer you should shift to alternate-day washing. People with short hair can even wash daily without damage," she said.

The dermatologist also suggested switching to a mild or "everyday" shampoo instead of heavy cleansing shampoos. She explained that summer hair care is more about removing sweat than aggressively cleansing the scalp. "Choose a shampoo for normal hair or an everyday shampoo because you only need to remove the layer of sweat, not dry out the hair," she added.

Why overnight oiling may not be ideal in hot weather Dr Agarwal also warned against keeping heavy oil on the scalp overnight during summer. According to her, excessive oil can clog pores already affected by sweat and humidity, which may trigger bumps or scalp irritation. "The benefit comes from the massage, not from leaving thick oil overnight," she explained.

Instead, she recommended using lighter oils such as coconut oil or baby oil for a gentle 30-minute massage before washing the hair.



From tanning to wrinkles

What harsh Indian sunlight may really be doing to your skin



Doctors are warning that excessive sun exposure in India may be causing hidden skin damage beyond just tanning. Experts explain how harsh UV rays can lead to pigmentation, premature ageing, irritation and even increase long-term skin health risks. For many Indians, stepping out in the sun feels completely routine. In fact, sunlight is often associated with good health and Vitamin D. But experts say excessive and unprotected sun exposure may be quietly damaging the skin more than people realise. Dr Consultant Surgical Oncologist at TGH Onco Life Cancer Centre, Talegaon, rising temperatures and prolonged UV exposure in India are becoming a serious skin health concern.

Why experts are worried about daily sun exposure

India experiences strong sunlight for most of the year, especially during the summer months when UV radiation levels rise sharply. Although exposure to the sun in moderation is recommended for Vitamin D production, overexposure to sunlight can have several consequences on skin

health. According to dermatologists, many individuals consider using sunscreen only during vacations to the beach or during holidays as opposed to every day.

Sun tanning and skin pigmentation A consequence that will be immediately noticeable from overexposure to the sun is the increase in melanin.

This could cause:

- Sun tanning
- Discoloration
- Irregularities
- Skin pigmentation
- UV rays may also accelerate skin ageing

Experts suggest that strong ultraviolet rays have the potential to damage collagen and decrease skin elasticity.

This can lead to:

- Fine lines
- Wrinkles
- Loose skin
- Early signs of ageing

Physicians indicate that skin ageing induced by sun exposure tends to progress slowly, which makes it difficult for individuals to notice initially. Sun exposure can trigger irritation

and sensitivity

Being exposed to extreme heat for long periods could also cause:

- Redness
- Irritation
- Burning sensation
- Sensitive skin

According to experts, individuals with sensitive or acne-prone skin would experience aggravation during the summer.

Can sun exposure increase skin cancer risk?

Repeated exposure to UV rays might lead to skin cell damage.

According to doctors, there is an increased possibility of developing actinic damage and, in some rare cases, even skin cancer.

Although the incidence of skin cancer in India is low compared to the Western world, experts feel that prevention is important. Pollution, along with repeated exposure to UV rays, might exacerbate oxidative stress and skin damage.

Simple ways to protect your skin daily

It is advised that individuals should make sun protection part of their daily routine rather than an intermittent activity.

Some essential preventive measures include:

- Usage of broad-spectrum sunscreen on a daily basis
- Wearing protective clothing
- Use of sunglasses and caps while outdoors
- Avoiding sunlight at its peak hours in the afternoon
- Staying hydrated in excessive temperatures

According to doctors, consistency is key in maintaining good skin health.

Bleaching and peroxide: What they really do to your hair

Hair colouring often involves bleaching agents like hydrogen peroxide and ammonia that can weaken hair structure, cause dryness and affect scalp health over time. This expert-backed story explains how these chemicals work, the risks involved. Hair colouring has evolved into an essential aspect of our day-to-day grooming routine, from simple highlights to radical changes.

However, what we rarely consider is what goes on underneath our hair when we colour it. There is typically a chemical process behind most hair-colouring methods that alters the hair's natural properties. Even though the effects may be dramatic, their long-term consequences on the hair's health should be considered before going through with your next session.

What occurs when your hair is bleached

Permanent hair colouring requires hair to be bleached before achieving the desired colour. This method involves the use of chemicals such as hydrogen peroxide and ammonia to remove the hair's natural pigmentation. The effect is achieved by first opening up the hair's cuticles before depositing artificial pigmentation. As Dr explains, this process weakens protein bonds and removes moisture, making hair more prone to dryness and breakage.



Why peroxide and ammonia can damage hair

Hydrogen peroxide plays a key role in lightening hair, but it also breaks down the natural melanin that gives your hair its colour.

At the same time, ammonia swells the hair shaft, making it easier for colour to penetrate.

But the bad news is that this mixture will:

- Make your hair brittle inside out
- Remove moisture from your hair
- Cause frizzy hair
- Cause rough hair
- It is not just hair; your scalp is affected too Hair dyeing is not only confined to the hair, but the scalp too bears the brunt of the chemicals. Strong chemicals might give rise to irritation, drying, and sensitivity to the scalp.

It could adversely affect the scalp's natural barrier function, leading to

poor hair growth and conditions.

Why ingredient knowledge is essential

A common mistake among many people is that they only pay attention to the end colour, not the ingredients required for their achievement. However, the benefits of label knowledge are substantial. Avoiding certain ingredients, such as hydrogen peroxide, ammonia, and PPD, may come in handy. Selecting formulas that are easier for the hair and scalp becomes more relevant due to increased awareness.

Trend toward safer hair colouring

One could notice that there is a tendency in the industry towards hair colouring products that care about the health of the hair and not just its colour. Hair colours that do not contain harsh bleach and use organic or herbal ingredients are becoming popular. An example of such a product would be hair colours offered by Indus Valley, which are gel-based and free of hydrogen peroxide, ammonia, and PPD.

Long-term care should take precedence over immediate benefits. If the correct decisions are made, it is quite possible to have colour on your hair without affecting its health. Hair colouring is as much a matter of care as it is of fashion. What you choose today can affect the health of your hair in the long run.



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Tulsi Gabbard steps down as US Intelligence chief

Washington: Tulsi Gabbard, the US Director of National Intelligence, on Friday resigned from her position, citing her husband's ill-health. "I am deeply grateful for the trust President Trump placed in me and for the opportunity to lead Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) for the last year-and-a-half. Unfortunately, I must submit my resignation effective from June 30. My husband, Abraham, has recently been diagnosed with an extremely rare form of bone cancer. He faces major challenges in the coming weeks and months. At this time, I must step away from public service to be by his side and fully support him through this battle." Gabbard said in her resignation letter addressed to the US President Donald Trump. She said that while significant progress has been made at the ODNI in advancing "unprecedented transparency and restoring integrity to the intelligence community", there is still important work to be done. She noted that she is fully committed to ensuring a smooth and thorough transition over the coming weeks to avoid any disruptions for the US President and his team in leadership or momentum. Gabbard praised her husband for his support through her deployment to East Africa on Joint Special Operations mission political campaigns and her service in the role of Director of National Intelligence. "I cannot in good conscience ask him (my husband) to face this fight alone while I continue in this demanding time-consuming position," she elaborated on her decision to step aside as the US Director of National Intelligence. Trump responded to Gabbard's resignation on social media platform Truth Social, saying, "Tulsi has done an incredible job, and we will miss her. Her highly respected Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, Aaron Lukas, will serve as Acting Director of National Intelligence." "Her (Tulsi Gabbard's) wonderful husband, Abraham, has been recently diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer, and she, rightfully, wants to be with him, bringing him back to good health as they currently fight a tough battle together. I have no doubt he will soon be better than ever," the US President said.

Indian Army Major Abhilasha Barak Awarded 2025 UN Military Gender Advocate Of The Year Award

New York: Major Abhilasha Barak has been awarded the 2025 UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations said. Barak is recognized for her outreach and community engagement activities for women and adolescent girls and gender sensitization training for peacekeepers or Abhilasha Barak has been awarded the 2025 UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award. She is serving with the Indian Battalion as the Commander of the Female Engagement Team (FET) in UNIFIL. Major Abhilasha is also first woman combat helicopter pilot of the Indian Army. She is being recognized for her outreach and community engagement activities for women and adolescent girls and gender sensitization training for peacekeepers. She is the third recipient of the award from India, after Major Suman Gawani (2019) and Major Radhika Sen (2024)." In a post on X, the embassy said, "The Embassy extends heartiest congratulations to Maj



or Abhilasha Barak on being honored with the prestigious UN Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2025 by the United Nations. Major Barak served with distinction as the Female Engagement Team (FET) Commander of INDBATT-XXVI." The UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award is presented annually since 2016 to a military peacekeeper - male or female - who has shown outstanding commitment and leadership in promoting the principles of UN Security Council Res

olution Resolution 1325. The resolution calls on actors to mainstream a gender perspective in all aspects of peacekeeping and peacebuilding and to ensure women's participation in peace and political processes. The Resolution also calls for the protection from, and prevention of, conflict-related sexual violence and for an expansion of the role and contribution of women in UN operations, including of uniformed women peacekeepers.

'No One Above Law': Maryam Nawaz Warns Against Harassment After Pak TV Actress Momina Iqbal's Allegations Against PML-N Lawmaker

'No One Above Law': Maryam Nawaz Warns Against Harassment After Pak TV Actress Momina Iqbal's Allegations Against PML-N Lawmaker Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has issued a strong warning against harassment and exploitation of women after Pakistani actor-model Momina Iqbal accused a ruling party lawmaker of online harassment and death threats. In a statement posted on X, Maryam Nawaz said the matter involving a Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Member of the Provincial Assembly and a media personality was a "personal issue" that would be handled strictly according to law. However, she stressed that no one would



be spared if found involved in harassing, threatening, or exploiting a woman. "No individual, regardless of status, position, or political connections, is above the law," she said, adding that any attempt to threaten a woman through the release of personal content or by exerting political pressure would invite "firm and uncompromising action." The statement came after PML-N MPA Saqib Chadhar and Momina Iqbal appeared before Pakistan's National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency in Lahore on Thursday to record their statements. According to reports, Momina accused the lawmaker of prolonged online harassment, cyberbullying, and issuing death threats. She also alleged that attempts had been made

to suppress her complaints and discourage her from pursuing the matter. Punjab police provided security to the actor following the controversy, which gained traction on social media after her public appeal to Maryam Nawaz for justice. Momina's sister and legal representative, Advocate Rimsha Iqbal, claimed that threats had also been directed at Momina's fiancé ahead of their planned wedding next month. She said evidence supporting the allegations had been submitted to investigators. Meanwhile, Saqib Chadhar's counsel denied the accusations, stating that the two had shared a close personal relationship since 2020 and were once considering marriage.

Putin Accuses Ukraine of Deadly Attack on Student Dorm, Orders Military to Prepare Options

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday ordered his military to prepare options to retaliate against Ukraine for what he described as a drone attack on a student dorm that killed six people and wounded dozens, with 15 still unaccounted for. Putin said the attack had struck the dorm in Starobilsk in Luhansk, a Russian-controlled region in eastern Ukraine. He said Kyiv's military must have known what it was targeting. Ukraine's military denied the Russian accusations and said it had struck an elite drone command unit in the area. It said that Kyiv complied with international humanitarian law. Putin said in his own statement, which was carried by state TV, that there were no military targets near the dorm. "There are no military facilities, intelligence service facilities, or related services in the vicinity. Therefore, there is absolutely no basis for claiming that the munitions struck the building as a result of our air defence or electronic warfare systems. The strike was not accidental; it came in three waves, with 16 drones targeting the same location," Putin told officials. The Russian military had been or-



dered to draw up options for Moscow to retaliate, he added. Reuters was not able to independently verify what happened. Both sides deny deliberately targeting civilians in the war. Ukraine wants to recapture Luhansk, one of four eastern regions that Moscow unilaterally claimed as its own in 2022 in what Kyiv denounced as an illegal land grab. Yana Lantratova, Russia's human rights commissioner, said that 86 teenagers aged 14 to 18 had been asleep inside the hostel belonging to Luhansk Pedagogical University's Starobilsk college when Ukrainian drones had attacked it during the night. Piles of misery on Stranded Sailors Leonid Pasechnik, the top Russian-installed official in Luhansk, said two people had been pulled from the rubble. Maria Lvova-Belova, presidential commissioner for children's rights, said up to 718 children could still be trapped. Some children being treated in hospital were reported to be in a serious condition, Lvova-Belova said. Lyubov Yakovlevna, a local resident, told Reuters she had heard loud explosions from the attack, which she said had been carried out first by rockets and had targeted what she described as a

former base. She said she had then heard drones which had targeted the student dorm causing fires to break out and people to seek shelter in her apartment block. "A shock wave went through our apartment. Nobody could sleep all night. We were watching the fires. I was afraid, I was shaking, it was really terrifying," she said. KREMLIN CALLS ATTACK 'MONSTROUS' Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called for those responsible to be punished. "This is a monstrous crime. An attack on an educational institution where children and young people are present," he told reporters. Moscow said the U.N. Security Council would hold an emergency session in New York later on Friday to discuss the incident. Russia's Foreign Ministry said the Ukrainian strike had pulverised the top three of the host el's five floors. "We call on international organisations, national governments and the global community to give an honest assessment ... and to strongly condemn the bloody terrorist attack," it said in a statement.

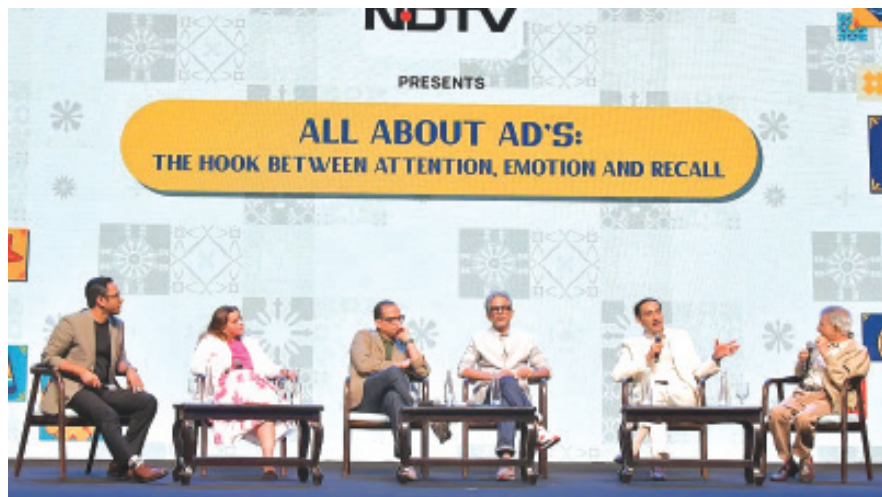


US Navy Official Says Taiwan Arms Sales on 'Pause' Over Iran War

United State: The acting US Navy Secretary said Thursday that arms sales to Taiwan had been put on "pause" to ensure that the American military had sufficient munitions for its Iran operations. Asked at a congressional hearing about the stalled \$14 billion weapons purchase by Taiwan, acting Secretary Hung Cao said that "right now we're doing a pause in order to make sure we have the munitions we need for Epic Fury -- which we have plenty." But, we're just making sure we have everything, then the foreign military sales will continue when the administration deems necessary." The US State Department and the Pentagon did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Cao's remarks. Taiwan's Presidential Office spokeswoman Karen Kuo said Friday there was "no information indicating that the US intends to make any adjustments to this arms sale. A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman told a news conference Friday that Beijing's "position of resolute opposition to US arms sales to China's Taiwan region is consistent, clear and firm." US President Donald Trump has not committed to following through with the sale, raising concerns over his commitment to support for Taiwan. The United States recognizes only Beijing, but under US law is required to provide weapons to the self-ruled democracy for its defense.

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Goa Fest 2026 Day 4: In the Age Of Artificial Intelligence, Originality Is Way Through



We keep worrying about: what happens when AI can do what we do? But what we should be really worried about is: What then happens when AI becomes extremely good at doing, what everyone else is already doing? Through sessions that resonated most strongly, by the end of the three-day information overload that was Goafest, these ideas stood out the most. Creativity was never built on optimisation. It was built on originality. Execution is becoming cheaper, automation is becoming faster, and systems are becoming more capable. Therefore the differentiator is no longer output—it is authorship. The uncomfortable truth is this: if someone spends their life trying to become broadly acceptable—thinking like everyone else, speaking like everyone else, producing safe work and smoothing every rough edge—technology will eventually become very good at reproducing that. There is a growing instinct to treat technology as identity support — relying on systems to tell us what to think, what

to wear, what to write — and the more external systems define internal expression, the less distinct people become. And distinctiveness is becoming increasingly valuable. That changes the question from How do I compete with AI to What part of me cannot be automated? The answer will never be speed, discipline, volume, what everyone else is doing and what you only deign to do. It is taste. Point of view. Instinct. The willingness to say something only you would say. Even the strongest of technology is not generating more original thinking. For decades, advertising competed to put more things in front of people. Perhaps the next era belongs to creating fewer things worth paying attention to. Because while attention is finite, original ideas are infinite. The human perspective is infinite. AI tools can generate almost everything — except original thought, and therefore unapologetic expression. If there's one takeaway from Goafest, it's this: Stop trying to be every kind of person. AI is already doing that.

Gross FDI inflows in FY26 at \$95 bn; net FDI rises to \$7.7 bn

In a major relief for the government, which has faced criticism over the outflow of capital, gross FDI inflows increased 18% to \$94.5 billion during FY26 from \$80.6 billion a year ago. Similarly, net FDI inflows rose to \$7.7 billion from \$1 billion during the same period, according to the May edition of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) monthly bulletin. According to the RBI, gross FDI inflows have been encouraging. "This will remain robust with the recent spree of greenfield FDI announcements, especially in the finance and tech sectors," the central bank said in its bulletin. Net foreign direct investment (FDI) in March remained positive for the second consecutive month. According to the RBI Bulletin for May, net FDI during the month stood at \$1.6 billion against \$4.6 billion in February. During March, the country received gross FDI inflows of \$6.2 billion. Outward FDI declined in March, with more than half of the flows directed towards Singapore, the UAE and the Netherlands. Rishi Shah said the FDI recovery is real but should not be over-read. He pointed out that close to \$87 billion left India as repatriation, disinvestment and outward FDI, which, according to him, reflects Indian corporates maturing internationally rather than being a vote against India, "but a line that deserves far sharper disaggregation than it has received". However, the RBI said that with the recent correction in



financial asset valuations, it expects repatriations to moderate, improving the net capital account position going forward. Meanwhile, the central bank said in its bulletin that global economic conditions remained fragile, shaped by heightened geopolitical tensions, elevated energy costs and persistent uncertainty surrounding the growth and inflation outlook. "The near-term outlook is somewhat clouded by supply-side pressures. Although headline inflation remains firmly within the tolerance band, the pass-through to domestic prices needs to be monitored. Financial conditions, crude oil prices and capital flows continue to pose challenges to the external sector outlook," the RBI said in its monthly report.

IN-SPACe Offers Full Technology Transfer Of PSLV To Indian Private Industry



New Delhi: Space regulator IN-SPACe has announced that it is offering a full transfer of technology of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) to the Indian private industry. In a statement, the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) said the opportunity is

aimed at capable Indian industries that have handled multi-disciplinary turn-key projects, and are keen on assimilating PSLV's technology and offering commercial launch services to compete in the global medium-lift satellite launch market. "To ensure seamless technology absorption, infrastructural and hand-holding support will be provided by ISRO for a 'defined period' of 30 months or until realisation and launch of two PSLV vehicles by the selected party, whichever is earlier," IN-SPACe said. It also said that the technology transfer is restricted only to private Indian entities on certain terms and conditions. One of them is that "the respondent (the company seeking transfer of technology) or at least one of the consortium members, if any, should have experience in the domain of space/aerospace for a period of not less than five years". Another condition is that the respondent's annual turnover for any three years of the last five years should be greater than Rs 400 crore, or the valuation of the entity must be at least Rs 1,000 crore.

RBI Plans Strict Loan Recovery Rules, Banks & Recovery Agents May Face Tougher Customer Protection Guidelines



Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is planning to introduce new rules to make the loan recovery process more transparent and customer-friendly. The proposed guidelines aim to stop harassment by recovery agents and improve the protection of borrowers' privacy and dignity. If implemented, the new rules could come into effect from October 1, 2026. The rules will apply to all commercial banks, but small finance banks, payment banks, regional rural banks and local area banks will remain outside their scope. Under the proposed rules, recovery agents will only be allowed to contact customers between 8 am

and 7 pm. Calls or visits outside these hours will not be permitted unless the customer specifically requests it. The RBI has also proposed strict action against repeated calls, abusive language, threats or attempts to shame customers on social media. The aim is to ensure that borrowers are treated respectfully during the recovery process. The RBI may make training mandatory for all recovery agents. Agents could be required to complete training through the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance (IIBF) or other approved institutions. Recovery agencies may also have to conduct proper background verification of their employees before assigning them recovery work. Banks will need to publish updated lists of all recovery agencies on their websites and digital platforms. Customers must also receive information at least one day before any recovery visit. If a recovery agency is changed or removed, customers will have to be informed about it. The RBI has clearly said that banks and recovery agents cannot randomly lock a customer's mobile phone for loan recovery. Phone features may only be restricted if the mobile device itself was financed by the bank or finance company. Even in such cases, emergency calls and important alerts must continue working. If a customer clears the loan and mobile access is not restored on time, banks may have to pay compensation of Rs 250 per hour for the delay. Banks will also have to record all recovery-related conversations and create a proper complaint resolution system. If a customer complaint is pending, recovery action may have to stop until the issue is resolved. The RBI has also made it clear that banks and recovery agents cannot access or misuse data stored on customers' mobile phones.



Tesla to open sales and service centre in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Electric vehicle giant Tesla on Friday expressed interest in establishing a sales and service centre in Hyderabad, the Telangana government said. During a meeting with Telangana IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu, Tesla India representatives expressed their interest in launching operations in the city, the state Information and Public Relations department said in a post on 'X'. "Tesla is preparing to establish a sales and service centre in Hyderabad," it said. Speaking on the occasion, Babu said Telangana has developed a strong ecosystem for electric vehicles and intelligent mobility systems with advanced technologies. He said the state has emerged as a major hub for semiconductor design, automobile software, electronics engineering, and deep technology sectors. The minister congratulated Tesla India General Manager Sharad Agarwal and Lead Public Policy and Business Development Director Rajat for choosing Hyderabad as the next destination for Tesla's sales and service expansion in India. He expressed happiness that Hyderabad was selected after Tesla established four showrooms in other parts of the country, the I&PR department said in the post. Babu invited Tesla representatives to explore opportunities for expanding ancillary industries related to Tesla in Telangana and assured full government support for investments in technology and industrial sectors, it added.

India Blocks China's Request For Dispute Panel On Solar Sector Support Measures At WTO

New Delhi: India has blocked China's request to set up a dispute panel at the WTO in a case that Beijing has filed against New Delhi's support measures for the solar cells, modules, and information technology sectors, an official said. Earlier this month, China made this request to the WTO's (World Trade Organization) dispute settlement body. The request follows the failure of bilateral consultations on reaching a mutually-agreed solution on the dispute filed by China in December last year. The Geneva-based official said that India has blocked the first request of China for the establishment of a panel. China has alleged that India's tariff or import duty on certain technology products, and measures like the use of domestic products over imported goods, discriminate against Chinese goods. Beijing, which is a major exporter of goods under these sectors, had claimed that these support measures and incentives infringe rules pertaining to the WTO's General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures. Refuting China's allegations, India has stated the measures are completely consistent with the WTO rules. India also said it was ironic that, despite acknowledging the importance of a responsible and diversified supply chain.

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SPORTS

Hockey India announces Indian Women's squad for U18 Asia Cup 2026

Hockey India on Friday announced the 18-member Indian Women's U-18 squad that will represent the country at the upcoming Women's U18 Asia Cup Kakamigahara 2026. The prestigious continental tournament hosted by Japan will take place from May 29 to June 6. The tournament will serve as an opportunity for the young Indian squad, captained by Sweety Kujur, to test themselves against some of Asia's strongest teams, a press release said. As part of the preparations, the Indian team played a four-match series against Australia in Bhopal, which the hosts ended with a confidence-boosting win. Placed in Pool A, India will compete against Korea, Malaysia and Singapore. India will open their campaign against Malaysia on May 30, followed by the clash against Korea on May 31. The team will then conclude its pool-stage fixtures with the match against Singapore on June 2. The top two teams from Pool A and B will progress to the semi-finals scheduled on June 5, while the final will be played on June 6. Commenting on the final squad for the tournament, coach Rani said that the upcoming tournament will pro-



vide the athletes with an excellent platform to gain international exposure as well as get an understanding of the demands of high-pressure matches. "This tournament is a fantastic platform for these young athletes to gain international exposure and understand the demands of high-pressure matches. We have focused heavily on fitness, tactical structure and team coordination over the past few weeks. The team is excited and motivated to represent the country, and our aim will be to play fearless

hockey and challenge strongly for the title," Rani said. Indian Women's U-18 Squad: Goalkeepers: Mahak Parihar, Khili Kumari. Defenders: Sukan Sanga, Nilam Topno, Rubina Baxla, Kiran Ekka, Sulochani Midfielders: Shruti Kumari, Diya, Sneha Davde, Rashmeen Kaur, Nammi Geetashree, Pushpa Manjhi Forwards: Nousheen Naz, Sweety Kujur (captain), Priyanka Minz, Sandeepa Kumari, Nancy Saroha



Indian Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa draws with Vachier-Lagrave

BUCHAREST: Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa missed a few winning attempts and was held to a draw by Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France even as the race for the title tightened at the end of the penultimate round of the Super Chess Classic here. On what turned out to be another excitement-filled day, the clash between overnight leaders Fabiano Caruana of United States and Vincent Keymer of Germany ended in a draw while world championship challenger Javokhir Sindarov of Uzbekistan scored his second victory on the trot over Dutchman Jorden Van Foreest Friday night. It was not a day the two Dutch GMs would like to remember as Anish Giri went down to lowest ranked Deac Bogdan-Daniel of Romania. Wesley So of United States was the beneficiary of a walkover following the withdrawal of Alireza Firouzja of France earlier in the tournament. With just the last round remaining, the race for the title has heated up with as many as five players in contention. A play-off seems much on cards as both Keymer and Caruana have five points apiece to share the lead. Sindarov, Wesley and Foreest share the third spot on 4.5 points each while Praggnanandhaa is now joint sixth along with Giri and Vachier-Lagrave with each having four points in their bags. Deac Bogdan-Daniel finished his playing campaign on 3.5 points but will get a walkover in the final round to be on a fifty percent score. After a second round victory over Sindarov, Praggnanandhaa's hunt for the second win almost came close against Vachier-Lagrave. It was a Grunfeld defense wherein the Indian came up with a surprising seventh move as white that had not been played at the highest level. The Indian was on top pretty early in the Queen and heavy pieces middle game as black had a fractured pawn structure and one could sense that the game could be over soon. However, a couple of unforced errors led the game to a queens and pawns endgame wherein Praggnanandhaa had an extra pawn. The game fluctuated between Praggnanandhaa's chances and Vachier-Lagrave coming close. To his credit, Praggnanandhaa gave it his all, playing the last 40 moves way behind on time. The longest game of the tournament was eventually drawn after 139 moves. The day also saw Sindarov striking yet again. It was an immaculate display by the Uzbek in the rook and minor piece endgame and it was checkmate when he orchestrated a fine checkmate web with the help of Knight and rook. The tournament has a total prize pool of USD 375000, with a USD 100000 reserved for the winner. In case of a tied result at the top, tiebreak games of shorter duration will be played to determine the winner. Results Round 8: R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 4) drew with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra, 4) Deac Bogdan-Daniel (Rou, 3.5) beat Anish Giri (Ned, 4); Fabiano Caruana (Usa, 5) drew with Vincent Keymer (Ger, 5); Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb, 3.5) beat Jorden Van Foreest (Ned, 4.5); Wesley So (Usa, 4.5) got a walkover against Alireza Firouzja (Fra, 1).

Yonex Sunrise State U-19 Badminton Selection Tournament 2026: Nishika Gokhe To Face Yashwi Patel In Girls U-19 Final



Mumbai, May 23: It was the end of the road for the top two seeds among the Girls U-19, who crashed out at different stages of the Yonex Sunrise State U-19 Badminton Selection Tournament, organised by GMBAA, promoted by Badminton Gurukul and hosted by Willingdon SC. While top seed Yutika Chavan of Pune went down in a tough quarter-final encounter against seventh seed Nishika Gokhe of Nagpur that could have gone either way, second seed Ridheema Sarpathe of Nagpur lost to unseeded Yashwi Patel of Pune in straight games in the semi-finals. Nishika was the better player on the day, with enough energy and grit to rally from the loss of the first game and defeat Yutika 18-21, 21-19, 21-17. Nishika then got on to the court again after a couple of hours' rest to defeat Mumbai Suburb's Ketaki Thite 22-20, 21-14 in the semi-finals. She will take on Yashwi for the title, who outplayed second seed Ridheema 21-18, 21-18 in the other semi-final. There were no such hiccups in the Boys U-19 category as the top two seeds played true to their ranking to set up a title clash.



Kujur, Gurindervir turn on heat with record runs

RANCHI: The new national record in the men's 100m set by sprinter Gurindervir Singh at the Birsa Munda Football Stadium only lived for a grand total of five minutes. All thanks to Animesh Kujur's blazing run. Competing at heat 2 in the men's 100m semifinals on Day 1 of the National Senior Athletics Federation competition on Friday, Kujur clocked 10.15s, to breach the qualification mark for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow later this year. Gurindervir's run, coming at heat 1, was as quick as Animesh's but only for the 80 metres. In the last twenty metres, he pulled the brakes, which as his photo finish saw him lean back. "10.17s," was what read against his name. "I wanted to get into the final," he was heard saying. While a national record is a moment of celebration, Gurindervir could not have been happier for what followed, as his 'friend' Kujur bettered his mark. After the 22-year-old finished first in his heat, he stood beside Kujur and when the timings showed up on the screen, they shared a long embrace, before latter walked back to the track to pose for photographs. With weather conditions pleasant than in the morning, the track also was fast enough to help athletes run to their full potential. Reliance Foundation's athletics director

and coach of both Gurindervir and Kujur, James Hillier, explained more on this run. "Gurindervir is in amazing shape while training. He's actually been running 10.0s in training or equivalent based on my modelling. But he was very relaxed as he eased down the photo finish. We know that had he run through the line it would have been significantly quicker but it wasn't about breaking records, it was about qualifying and practising stuff that he needs for tomorrow for the final so I expect him to come back super strong for the final," Hillier said. "Then you've got Animesh who's the most unbelievable competitor. So he's seen that record get broken and was like, 'I'm not having any of that' and goes and drops one so it's great to see and that was what I was talking about a couple years ago would happen they start breaking each other's records and you know the 10.1s would come and so it's very exciting it's all sort of starting to come together now for these guys," he said. In the larger context, runs from the duo have lowered the gap between the athletes and a sub-10 second run. Last year, both Kujur and Gurindervir held national records in this sprint event, with the latter holding it for a longer period of time. It began in March 2025 during the Indian Grand Prix - 1 in

Federation Cup: Long jumper Sojan makes a comeback with meet record

RANCHI: After a below-satisfactory 2025 which ended in injury, long jumper from Kerala Ancy Sojan stepped into the new year with a point to prove. With a season best of 6.54m in 2025, there were question marks over her potential. Winning silver in the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou — which took place in 2023 — with a leap of 6.63m, she went on to better her mark with a personal best jump of 6.71m in 2024. The expectations were high but her progression took a hit due to injuries. Cut to the first day of the National Senior Athletics Federation competition on Friday, where the women's long jump final was taking place and Sojan made herself a star in what was a record-breaking day at the Birsa Munda Football Stadium. She broke the meet record of Shaili Singh (6.64m) which was set last



year. Shaili finished second with a leap of 6.58m. After a subdued start, Sojan came close to her then-PB. Then in the fourth attempt, Sojan leapt 6.75 metres, setting the meet record. "I just wanted to rock and take the madness out!" Sojan told reporters after her performance. But her year so far has not been the easiest one. Sojan said she sacrificed a lot to get in shape this season. "I was struggling with hormonal issues. And it was very hard for me to lose weight. And I struggled a lot with food. I trained hard too. Because I know, if I want a good performance, I need to sacrifice

and be disciplined. So, my coach Anoop Joseph told me if you want to be a good performer, you need to train like that. So, I feel the changes in my training and all is translating well here. So, it is working," she said. She also opened up on how difficult it was for her to follow the diet chart. "Sometimes I felt like I was starving, but I controlled myself to not eat too much. I struggled with that in the beginning. I remember on my off-days, I was crying after the runs," she said. But her mindset to roar back and prove doubters wrong did not change. "I heard lots of talk about how others can easily beat me. I said, okay, let them talk. I will train hard and I will show that," she said. And that personal best mark is a statement of intent from Sojan.

Kohli Refuses Handshake with Travis Head Post RCB-SRH Match, Video Viral

The IPL 2026 is as dramatic as any other season. After the match yesterday between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Royal Challengers Bengaluru, which made SRH the third IPL team to qualify for the playoffs, there was a tense moment exchanged between RCB's Virat Kohli and SRH's Travis Head. Post match, when the players of both the teams were exchanging the usual pleasantries, Kohli was seen snubbing Head and refusing to shake his hands. But what exactly happened? The incident took place post RCB's loss against SRH on Friday in Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium.





Trailer Talk: Pooja & Mrunal's Glam Up Varun's Film



Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai is the upcoming film that features Varun Dhawan in the lead, and is directed by his father, David Dhawan. The most important feature of the film is that it features both the struggling heroines, Pooja Hegde and Mrunal Thakur, in an ultra-glamour avatar. While the songs have already gone viral on the internet, especially with the 'Wow' song becoming a chartbuster, here's how the trailer is. The trailer of Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai is finally out, and it looks like the film is a hilarious ride. An estranged husband, Varun, loves to impregnate his wife, played by Mrunal Thakur, and as she's not interested in kids, she seeks a divorce. Later, when the hero falls in love with another girl, Pooja Hegde, she gets pregnant even before getting married.

Now the wife comes back saying she's also carrying a child. The trailer has lots of jokes, cringeworthy elements, and glamour. Both Pooja and Mrunal competed with each other in the glam department, unlike their previous comments about not being interested in glamorous roles. On the other hand, all the remix songs and the new songs in this film have struck a chord with the youth. But then, the film is hitting cinemas on June 5th, a day after "Peddi" arrives in theatres. In the mass pockets of the North, the film might not find as much attention, as its urban appeal is quite high due to its London backdrop. When these two factors are combined, the film would feel pressure in mass centres, but might get admired in A-centres, if the reviews are good.

Miss Venezuela 2025 Attacked At Cannes



for the attack. She said the incident exposed his true behavior. The video quickly spread across social media platforms and shocked many fans around the world. The hotel room shown in the clip was completely messy, with furniture and other items scattered around. Reports say hotel guests heard loud shouting and sounds of a fight before contacting the police. Soon after, officers arrived at the hotel and reportedly took Giovanni Laguna into custody. Giovanni Laguna is known in Latin American fashion and beauty pageant circles. He has worked with several beauty queens and celebrities over the years. Since 2023, he has also worked as a creative director connected to beauty pageant events in Colombia. After the alleged attack, Andrea received medical treatment for her injuries. Reports say she is now safe and recovering. However, officials have not yet confirmed what exactly caused the argument between the two. Authorities are still investigating the matter, and it is unclear whether formal charges will be filed against the stylist.

A shocking incident at the famous Cannes Film Festival has become a major topic on social media. Andrea Del Val, who holds the title of Miss Venezuela, accused her celebrity stylist Giovanni Laguna of physically attacking her inside a hotel room during the event in France. Andrea shared a disturbing video online showing injuries on her face and blood coming from her wounds. In the video, she appeared emotional and directly blamed her stylist

Sandeep Reddy Vanga To Direct Chiru After Spirit?



For a long time, director Sandeep Reddy Vanga, popular for films like Arjun Reddy and Animal, has openly expressed that he's a

hardcore Megastar Chiranjeevi fan. He has even pasted some exclusive posters of Chiranjeevi at his office too. And recently, adored by that love, Chiranjeevi even attended the opening ceremony of Vanga's next film "Spirit", featuring Prabhas in the lead. Guess what, today when a news channel asked Vanga if there are any of his favourite heroes that he's looking forward to working with, the director stated that he wants to work with Chiranjeevi. Even fans are assuming that Sandeep Reddy, being a fan of Chiranjeevi, should craft a proper Mega movie in which Ram Charan will also play a part. They are expecting him to direct another Chiranjeevi-Charan film, though the two have earlier appeared together in Acharya, but the film ended in disappointment. Some reports indicate that after wrapping "Spirit", Sandeep Reddy might not for "Animal Park" immediately, but might do another standalone film. Earlier, it was expected that he would team up with either Allu Arjun, whom he had already met along with T-Series Bhushan Kumar. Later, it has come out that he might team up with Vijay Deverakonda. But latest buzz is that he might do a Chiranjeevi-Charan movie.

Satya Dev's Rao Bahadur Making Video Introduces His World



Tollywood actor Satya Dev is coming with an interesting new film titled Rao Bahadur. The makers recently released a powerful making video and officially announced that the movie will hit theatres worldwide on July 3, 2026. With only six Fridays left for release, the team has already started strong promotions on social media. The film is directed by Venkatesh Maha and is said to be a psychological drama set against a royal family backdrop. The making video gives a glimpse into the intense world of the movie. Satya Dev appears in a stylish and serious look, creating curiosity among movie lovers. His body language, costumes, and expressions hint at a powerful role filled with mystery and emotion. The movie is being presented by Mahesh Babu and Namrata Shirodkar under GMB Entertainment. The film is produced by A+S Movies and SriChakraas Entertainments. Actress Deepa Thomas is playing an important role in the film. Earlier, the movie was planned for release on June 5, 2026. However, the team later shifted the date to July 3 because Ram Charan's highly awaited movie Peddi was also arriving during the same week. The new date is considered a smart decision as there will be less competition at the box office. The first glimpse and the first song released from Rao Bahadur already received a very good response from audiences. Fans are especially excited to see Satya Dev in a completely different role. Many believe this movie could become one of the most unique films in his career. The latest poster and making video have increased expectations even more. With rich visuals, royal settings, and a suspense-filled story, Rao Bahadur is now one of the most awaited Telugu movies of 2026.

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan Stuns in Royal Blue Mermaid Gown at Cannes 2026

In a breathtaking moment captured on the red carpet, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan dazzled in a shimmering royal blue mermaid gown with intricate pleated detailing and dramatic shoulder accents. The former Miss World 1994 waved gracefully to fans and photographers, her long wavy tresses cascading elegantly, exuding timeless grace and star power. The image perfectly reflects her enduring status as one of Indian cinema's most glamorous icons. Advertisement Aishwarya made her cinematic debut in 1997 with the critically acclaimed Tamil film Iruvar, directed by Mani Ratnam. She quickly transitioned to Bollywood and rose to superstardom with films like Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam (1999), Devdas (2002), Guru (2007), and Jodhaa Akbar (2008). Known for her versatility, she has worked in multiple languages and international projects, including Bride and Prejudice and The Pink Panther 2. Over two decades, she has won two Filmfare Awards and numerous accolades. Despite taking a break for family, she made powerful comebacks with Ae Dil Hai Mushkil (2016) and Ponnin Selvan series. As of 2026, Aishwarya is reportedly working on exciting new projects, including potential pan-Indian and international collaborations, keeping her fans eagerly awaiting her next on-screen appearance.

How This Small Film Is Making Rs 1000 Crores?



Sometimes small movies create huge records at the Hollywood box office. Though in India also, we're seeing like how small-budget movies like Manjummel Boys and Premalu, which are made with Rs 10-15 crores budget, have actually made more than Rs 200 crores at the box office. But in Hollywood, films made with a mere Rs 10 crores budget sometimes make Rs 1000 crores also. Here's what's happening with the "Obsession" movie now. A horror film titled "Obsession" that was released a week ago, is now dominating the Hollywood box office like anything. The film has opened to a stunning \$17.2 million collection on its debut, and is likely hitting \$50 million collection this weekend. Other day, the film happens to be the Top 10 charts at No.1 position, for three days in a row.

