



Modi Extends Telangana Formation Day Wishes

Hyderabad: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday extended greetings to the people of Telangana on the special occasion of Telangana Statehood Day. "The people of Telangana are known for their spirit of innovation and enterprise. The State is known for its glorious culture and history...one of courage and determination," he said in a post on 'X'. Modi said the Central Government was committed to supporting Telangana's growth tra-



jectory in realising the dream of a Viksit Bharat. "Praying for the good health and success of the people of the State," he added.

Congress Govt Ensuring Social Justice, Equal Opportunity in Telangana: Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi: Telangana is the struggle and sacrifice of lakhs of people and the Congress government carries forward that legacy with social justice, equal opportunity, and the dignity of every person of the state, former party chief Rahul Gandhi said on Tuesday. On Telangana formation day, Gandhi greeted the people of the state and paid his tributes to individuals who gave their life for the state's birth. "Warm greetings to the people of Telangana on their Formation Day. Telangana is the struggle and sacrifice of lakhs of people. Today we remember every in-



dividual who gave their life for the Telangana of their dreams," Gandhi said on X. "The Congress government today carries forward that legacy with social justice, equal opportunity, and the dignity of every person of Telangana," he said. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge extended his greetings to the people of Telangana, "a state born out of sacrifice, resilience, and the unwavering aspirations of millions." He said the creation of Telangana stands as a defining moment in India's democratic journey.

Revanth Greets People on Telangana Statehood Day



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday extended greetings to the people on the occasion of state-

hood day, remembering people's sacrifices for the separate state movement and looking forward towards the future. In a

post on X, Revanth Reddy said, "Every year Remembering yesterday's sacrifice Reviewing tomorrow's

goal. An emotional occasion... June 2. Heartfelt wishes to all people on the Telangana State Formation Day celebrations."



Telangana Targets \$1 Trillion Economy by 2034: Bhatti



Hyderabad: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Tuesday said that plans have been finalized to scale up Telangana's current economy from \$200 billion to \$1 trillion by 2034, and eventually into a massive \$3 trillion economy by 2047. The state's economy has been categorized into three segments—"Cure, Pure, and Rare"—to kickstart planned and structured growth, he said, while attending as a chief guest during Telangana Formation Day celebrations at the

local Police Parade Ground in Khammam. Bhatti stated that the government has launched a novel initiative with an aim of providing social security to every family in the state, unmatched by even developed countries globally. "The Indiramma Kutumba Bima Pathakam" (Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme) will provide free life insurance worth Rs.5 lakh per family to 1.15 crore families in the State, without any distinction between poor, middle class, or rich.

He assured that this scheme would provide immense financial support to families during times of crisis when they lose their sole breadwinner. Vikramarka said. He shared statistical details regarding the benefits delivered under the Abhayastham program and the progress of Indiramma Houses in Khammam district. Under the first phase, monitoring is being done at the field level for the construction of 16,243 houses, and Rs.441 crore has been credited to beneficiaries' accounts.

Congress Govt Balancing Welfare and Development: Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday said that the Congress government is giving equal priority to welfare and development, asserting that the state is implementing schemes unmatched elsewhere in the country. Addressing the Telangana Formation Day celebrations at Parade Grounds in Secunderabad, the Chief Minister extended greetings to the people and said Telangana society would not tolerate autocracy or domination. Also Read - Part Time Job Fraud Tops Cyberabad Crime in 2025 Advertisement He thanked former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and

Congress leader Sonia Gandhi for fulfilling the dream of Telangana statehood. Citing poet Kaloji's ideals, he said the government has been working for the welfare of the state since assuming office and has successfully met people's aspirations over the past 30 months. Highlighting employment generation, Revanth Reddy said over 67,000 government jobs have been filled transparently without legal disputes. He added that more job notifications in departments such as engineering, PCB, forest, town planning and education will be released soon through TSPSC. Also Read - 70-Year-Old Gets 20-Year RI in POCSO Case in Hyderabad Discover more Geographic



Reference Business news articles Bollywood movie reviews The Chief Minister also outlined key initiatives in education, including the introduction of pre-primary classes in 1,362 government schools, provision of breakfast in all government institutions this year, and plans to extend mid-day meals to junior college students. On housing, he said the government aims

to free the poor from the burden of rented accommodation. Over 1.25 lakh Indiramma houses have been constructed in 13 months, with ₹22,000 crore allocated for the scheme. An additional 3.5 lakh houses have been sanctioned this financial year. Revanth Reddy further announced that new ration cards have been issued to eligible beneficiaries. Following the event.

Hyderabad, Amaravati Must Emerge as World-Class Cities: Naidu

Hyderabad: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu on Tuesday said Telangana's capital Hyderabad and AP's capital Amaravati should shine as the world's finest cities. "Today marks 12 years since the formation of two states for the Telugu people. Even though they were formed as two separate states... the Telugu nation re-

mains forever one. Telangana on one side and Andhra Pradesh on the other should compete in development and race ahead," he said in a post on 'X'. Also Read - Part Time Job Fraud Tops Cyberabad Crime in 2025 Advertisement The Telugu soil, rich with so much history and cultural heritage, should achieve many more victories in the future. Telangana's

capital Hyderabad and AP's capital Amaravati should shine as the world's finest cities, he said. The fruits of development should reach every Telugu family.



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Sex Workers also have Human Rights

(02 June on the occasion of "International Sex Workers Day")

Today's civil society looks down on the unfortunate women who work as sex workers or prostitutes. We live in a society where sex workers do not have the slightest respect, decency, safety, or human rights. Women are dragged into prostitution to meet both ends. Brothels are centers that provide physical pleasure only by only the poor and unfortunate women. Prostitution continues in a society where the money and muscle power people enjoy monstrous pleasures by crushing them as flowers. Most of them are trapped in prostitution because they have no other means to support themselves. Divorced women, women who have lost the support of society, women who have been thrown out of their families, women or adolescents who have been forced into this profession, sell their bodies as a profession and continue reluctantly and without any other option. The profession of sex workers is spreading HIV-AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, STDs. "Over 50 Years of the Fight for Sex Workers' Rights: The struggle for sex workers' rights in world history has been 51 years old. On June 2, 1975, sex workers united at the Saint-Nizier Church in Lyon, France, and held an 8-day strike for their safety, dignity, labor rights, and basic human rights, which led to the world's attention being focused on the problems of prostitutes. To commemorate this event, it has become a tradition to observe "International Sex Workers' Day" on June 2 annually. It should be noted that sex workers are also ordinary people, who have to take up prostitution to make a living, and that they too have human rights. Civil society, which has negative perceptions of prostitutes and negative ideas about the profession, should show minimal respect to women working in that profession, educate them, protect their health, and meet the basic needs of their children. "Sex Trade Industry in India: Although prostitution is legal in India, it is illegal to solicit, own, or operate brothels, to engage in prostitution in hotels, to engage in child prostitution, to pimp, to pander, and to crawl. As of 2016, there were an estimated 6,57,829 prostitutes in India, of whom 35 percent were under the age of 18. Other unofficial estimates put the number of sex workers at 3 million. The number of prostitutes increased by 50 percent between 1997 and 2004. It is considered the world's largest commercial sex industry, worth a multi-billion dollar industry. It is also a major draw for sex tourism. Prostitution in India takes many forms. Prostitution continues in the form of brothels, street prostitution, call girls who make appointments over the telephone, escort agencies available for entertainment, private residences, massage and spa parlours, hotels, night clubs, bars, virtual/cyber/phone sex services, devadasis in the form of dancers, sex trafficking, and tawaif cultures. Red-light areas are found in districts like Sonagachi - Kolkata, Kamathipura - Mumbai, Budhwarpet - Pune, Muzaffarpur, Varanasi, New Delhi, Nagpur, Gwalior, and Prayagraj in India. Let us

Dr Burra Madhusudhan Reddy

SIT Notice To Mahbubnagar MLA Yennam In Phone-Tapping Case

Hyderabad: Mahbubnagar MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy was served a notice by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged unauthorised phone tapping case and asked to appear for questioning in connection with Crime No. 243, police said. In the notice issued under Section 160 CrPC, SIT Investigation Officer P. Venkatagiri, Assistant Commissioner of Police, stated that the investigation had revealed that Srinivas Reddy was acquainted with facts and circumstances relevant to the case. The officer said an earlier notice had been issued to the MLA on July 7, 2025, seeking his appearance before the SIT. The latest communication has been treated as a second notice. Srinivas Reddy was directed to appear in person before the investigating officer at 11 am on Monday at the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC), Commissioner's Office, for examination as part of the ongoing investigation. Earlier, Srinivas Reddy had lodged a complaint with then city police commissioner Kothakota Sreenivasa Reddy alleging that his phone had been tapped by the Telangana State Level Agency (TSLA) during the tenure of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government.



Minister Tells Telangana BJP Leaders to March to Delhi, Not Across Telangana

Nalgonda: Roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Sunday said BJP leaders should undertake a padayatra to New Delhi to press the Centre to increase the rice procurement quota from Telangana, instead of holding a bus yatra in the state during the concluding phase of paddy procurement. Inspecting the construction of a Government Junior College at Kanagal in Nalgonda district, taken up at a cost of ₹6 crore, he said paddy procurement in the state had reached completion. He criticised the BJP's three-day "Rythu Gosa-BJP Bharosa" bus yatra, alleging it was aimed at political gain rather than addressing farmers' issues. He said the BJP-led Union government had earlier attempted to introduce anti-farmer laws and added that its leaders had no moral right to speak on farmers' concerns. He said education was a key means for the poor to achieve development and that the state government was strengthening infrastructure in educational institutions to improve access to quality education, particularly in rural areas. Government junior colleges had been established at mandal headquarters such as Thipparthi and Kanagal to bring education closer to students, he said, directing officials



to complete the Kanagal college building at the earliest without compromising on quality. The minister alleged that the previous BRS government had neglected the education sector during its tenure. He said Mahatma Gandhi University, established on 300 acres at Annaparthi during the tenure of Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, would offer courses such as DPharmacy, MPharmacy, BPharmacy and LLB from the current academic year. Responding to criticism over his use of a helicopter, he said his travel, whether by helicopter, car or two-wheeler, was for development work in the district. He said 80 per cent of the SLBC tunnel works had been completed and the remaining work would be finished soon. Once completed, the project

would provide irrigation to cultivable land in Nalgonda district for two crops a year. He alleged that the BRS had politicised an accident at the tunnel site, and said work had resumed using new technology, with one kilometre of drilling completed. He said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy would lay the foundation stone for a Hybrid Annuity Model road project from Darveshipuram to Dindivula via Kanagal, Gurrampode and Devarakonda, estimated at Rs 13,600 crore, on June 13 or 15. A public meeting would be held between Gurrampode and Kanagal on the occasion. He said the tendering process for the project had been completed under the roads and buildings department.

Quarry blasts give Hanamkonda villagers nightmares



HANAMKONDA: Residents of Katakshapur, Mohammed Gousepalle, and House Buzurg villages under Athmakur mandal are living in constant fear as nearby stone quarries pose a severe threat to their lives and properties. Villagers allege that intensive blasting activities generate deafening noise and vibrations that damage their houses, while rampant dust pollution leads to health complications and soaring medical expenses. The three stone quarries operate along the border of Hanamkonda and Mulugu districts, directly impacting the boundary villages of Mohammed Gousepalle and Katakshapur. Revenue officials from Athmakur and Mulugu mandals admitted that the quarries and crushing units operate dangerously close to agricultural fields and residential zones. "We have received several representations from residents and farmers demanding the closure of these quarries. However, we do not have the authority to shut them down. The District Mines and Geology Department must act against them," a revenue official said. K. Srinivas, a resident of Mohammed Gousepalle, alleged that the district administration and mining authorities have turned a blind eye to the violations. "The heavy stone blasting is destroying our crops, fields and homes. The dust settles so heavily over the villages in the evening that people are terrified to step outside," Srinivas said. The environmental fallout also threatens local history. M Ravi Kumar, a resident of Katakshapur, stated that the intense vibrations from the three quarries are structurally damaging two Kakatiya-era.



Shankar Naik To Probe Palakurthi Congress Rift

Hyderabad: The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee Disciplinary Action Committee has appointed MLC K. Shankar Naik as observer to address internal differences in the Palakurthi Assembly constituency. The move follows complaints and counter-complaints between rival groups within the party. MLA M. Yashaswini Reddy appeared before the committee, chaired by MP Mallu Ravi, on Sunday as part of the inquiry. Party leader H. Jhansi Reddy and rival group leaders R. Krishna Kishore Reddy and Hari Prasad also met the committee separately following summons. "An inquiry was conducted regarding a complaint received from the Palakurthi constituency. We spoke with MLA Yashaswini Reddy and Jhansi Reddy. The party is suffering damage due to the activities of these two groups (rivalry). We have appointed MLC Shankar Naik as an observer," Mallu Ravi said. The committee had earlier issued notices on April 26 to Krishna Kishore Reddy and Hari Prasad over alleged anti-party activities during municipal polls. The complaints were lodged by Yashaswini Reddy and Jhansi Reddy.

Urban transformation on fast track as SUDA unveils two-year progress report



Karimnagar: Sathavahana Urban Development Authority (SUDA) Chairman Komatireddy Narendar Reddy said the authority has recorded significant progress over the past two years by implementing a series of infrastructure and urban development projects across the region. Addressing a press conference on Sunday, Narendar Reddy said SUDA had undertaken 183 development works, including the construction of internal roads, drainage network, streetlights, high-mast lighting systems and junction beautification projects. He stated that

works worth nearly Rs 30 crore were currently being executed to strengthen urban infrastructure and improve civic amenities. The Chairman noted that SUDA, which previously did not possess any land of its own, is now constructing a commercial complex on 800 square yards at a cost of Rs 5 crore. He said the long-neglected IDSNT complex was also being redeveloped at a cost of Rs 1.5 crore and would soon be made available to the public. According to him, the revamped IDSNT facility will house 40 modernised commercial shops, parking space for nearly

100 cars and 300 two-wheelers, and a food court proposed at a cost of Rs 1.20 crore. He added that tenders had already been invited for the food court project. Narendar Reddy further said Rajiv Chowk had been beautified with the installation of a nine-foot bronze statue of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. He also informed that Angarika Township would soon be equipped with all essential civic amenities. To highlight SUDA's achievements, the Chairman announced that a fortnight-long programme would be organised from June 1 to June 15.



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Won't seek re-election if meters fitted on borewell motors: CM



Hyderabad: Clearing the air surrounding the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders' opposition to the Telangana Rythu Discom being established by the state government, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said that if "electricity reading meters are installed at the borewell motors or if the 24 hours free electricity for agriculture is stalled," Congress will not contest in the



next assembly elections. He questioned if BRS would not contest if he stood true to his claim. He made it clear that Rythu Discom was being established with the sole intention of providing 24 hours free electricity to the farmers. During a chit-chat with the media in Hyderabad on Saturday, May 30, Revanth Reddy said that BRS Chief K Chandrasekar Rao (KCR) was trying to instigate the farmers in times of the pink party's existential crisis, using the issue as a lifeline.

He assured that the move to setup Rythu Discom was being done to have accountability, and accuracy with regard to the utilisation of power for farmers' scheme, as well as its utilisation in the lift irrigation schemes and drinking water scheme (Mission Bhagiratha). He said that presently it is not known as to how much power is

being consumed for each of these schemes.

He said that one of the objectives of the move was to ease the repair of transformers in agricultural fields, by giving some responsibilities to officials in Rythu Discom. He also expressed confidence in purchasing power from other states on lesser prices through Rythu Discom. Revanth Reddy made these comments in response to the criticism coming from the BRS leaders that Rythu Discom will be a curse for the farmers. The state government has been moving swiftly to make a crucial announcement on the Rythu Discom on the occasion of Telangana Formation Day on Tuesday, June 2. Presently there are two discoms namely Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL), and Telangana Northern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGNPDCL), handling the free electricity scheme for farmers, power utilisation for lift irrigation schemes, and drinking water schemes like Mission Bhagiratha.

Pharma City farmers stage dharna, demand repeal of G.O.Ms. 31



Hyderabad: Accusing the Congress government of adopting double standards on the proposed Pharma City project and failing to honour promises made in its election manifesto, farmers opposing the acquisition of fertile agricultural lands demanded the repeal of GOMs 31. They also urged the State government to withdraw the Future City, Greenfield Expressway and other projects that involve large-scale acquisition of fertile agricultural lands. Under the banner of the Pharma City Vyathireka Porata Samithi, farmers and agricultural labourers from Yacharam, Kandukur and other parts of Rangareddy district staged a dharna at Indira Park here on Saturday. The protesters alleged that despite stay orders issued by the High Court on land acquisition, the government was proceeding with acquisition and executing project-related works. Samithi convenor Saraswathi Kavula recalled that ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections, Congress leaders had extended support to the agitation and promised to scrap the Pharma City project. The assurance was also incorporated in the party's Abhaya Hastham manifesto, she said. According to Saraswathi, Congress leaders had also promised to protect farmers' lands and grant permanent ownership rights. However, farmers in Kurmidla village were now being pressured to part with their lands for the proposed Greenfield Expressway project, she alleged. The farmers displayed flex banners carrying photographs of Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Rythu Commission Chairman M Kodanda Reddy, Pan Chayat Raj and Rural Development Minister D Seethakka and Roads & Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy. The banners read: "While in opposition, Congress leaders promised to protect our lands and opposed the Pharma City project."

Amidst Complexity, Pawan Kalyan Coming To Telangana

The deputy chief minister of Andhra Pradesh Pawan Kalyan is finding himself in the middle of a controversy in Telangana after the local journalists have piled up against him for allegedly targeting senior journalist Nageshwar Rao. The issue got blown out of proportion after Janasena Telangana leaders reacted on the same and friction broke out between them and the senior journalists here. The entire episode took an ugly turn after a section of Telangana journalists started to protest against Pawan. Coming to the topic now the latest news is that Pawan Kalyan is going to take part in a massive public event in Telangana on June 2 on the occasion of Telangana formation Day.

This massive public event has been named Telangana Nava Nirmana Sankalpa Sabha and it is scheduled to be held on June 2 in Hyderabad. The attendance of Kalyan is going to be the main highlight of the same. There are multiple purposes that can be



served through this event, including the rejuvenation of Janasena cadres in Telangana with the presence of Pawan Kalyan. And at the same time, the deputy CM can clarify on the ongoing controversy with Telangana journalists and put an end to this ongoing fiasco which is looking very ugly. For a long time now, Kalyan had been aspiring to build JSP from the fundamental level in Telangana and this massive event on the occasion of Telangana formation day could perfectly set the foundation for the same.

Engineering student killed after tipper lorry hits scooter at Tolichowki

Hyderabad: An engineering student died in a road accident at Tolichowki Road in the city on Saturday night. The victim, Bendi Srujan Reddy (21), a resident of Shadnagar, Ranga Reddy district, was pursuing engineering from a college at Ibrahimpatnam and stayed along with his friends at a hostel at BN Reddy Nagar on Nagarjunasagar Highway. On Saturday around 10 pm, Srujan Reddy along with five others started from BN Reddy Nagar to visit a popular café at Madhapur to have tea.

On reaching Tolichowki, a tipper lorry hit the scooter on which Srujan was going along with a friend.

1500 Cr Hyd Land Scam, Ex YCP MLA Booked



Several allegations surfaced against YSRCP leaders over illegal activities during the party's tenure in Andhra Pradesh. From liquor and sand to mining and land dealings, multiple investigations are already underway into alleged large scale irregularities. Now, former YCP MLA from Vinukonda, Bolla Brahmanaidu, has landed in fresh trouble in a massive land grabbing case linked to Hyderabad. According to police, an attempt was made to illegally occupy a prime land parcel worth nearly Rs 1,500 crore in Gandipet, one of Hyderabad's fastest growing and most expensive regions. Authorities say fake government documents and forged GOs were allegedly created to claim ownership over the land. The issue came to light after the Gandipet Tahsildar detected irregularities during the registration process and alerted the police. Following a detailed probe, officials identified the involvement of several persons

including Nimmala Rajesh Goud, Venugopal and Sai Kiran, along with former MLA Bolla Brahmanaidu and his brother Bolla Ramesh. Police revealed that the accused allegedly fabricated documents claiming the government had allotted the land to them. Based on those forged papers, they reportedly planned to register and later sell the property illegally. Investigators say the group even negotiated deals to sell the land at around Rs 3.5 crore per acre. During the investigation, police reportedly found financial transactions worth nearly Rs 4 crore connected to the scam. Officials also traced two separate money transfers from accounts linked to Bolla Brahmanaidu. A case has been registered at Narsingi Police Station. However, by the time police intensified the probe, Brahmanaidu and his brother had reportedly gone absconding. Cyberabad police said special teams have now been formed to trace and arrest the accused.

Telangana govt forcing farmers to sell paddy at low price: BJP state president



Hyderabad: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Telangana President N Ramchander Rao has accused the state government of colluding with rice millers and forcing farmers to sell their paddy at a lower price. Rao attended the inaugural ceremony of the training workshop for the party workers held in Thimmapur mandal of Kaimm

agar district on Saturday, May 30. Speaking on the sidelines of the workshop, he said that the rice millers have been deducting 10 kg per quintal paddy by having "prior understanding" with the state government. Referring to BJP's 'Rythu Gosa- BJP Bharosa' campaign, where its representatives have been inspecting various Paddy

Procurement Centers (PPC), Rao said that even before the leaders could reach the PPCs, district collectors allegedly shifted the paddy to the rice mills. "There is no uniformity in what the ministers are saying. While the civil supplies minister claims that 60 lakh tonne paddy has been procured, others are giving different numbers," he said. He criticised the state government for blaming the Centre for lapses in procurement. "The Central Government determines the paddy to be procured based on the indent given by the state governments. It reimburses the states for every expenditure incurred in the procurement process," he

noted. He argued that blaming the Centre for the lack of maize procurement was unwarranted. The state should first procure the crop and then take up the matter with the Centre, rather than resorting to a blame game, he said. Claiming to have visited a few procurement centers, Rao said paddy in PPCs and maize in market yards were lying there in large quantities. "Farmers are telling us something, and the state government is claiming something else," he said. Pointing out that large quantities of paddy and maize were damaged after being soaked in sudden rains, he said mango growers had also suffered losses as fruits.

Man Kills Wife Over Two-Wheeler Dispute, Dies by Suicide

A man allegedly murdered his wife and died by suicide after his wife refused to buy a two-wheeler, police said on Saturday. The alleged attacker, Dasari Anjaiah of Marepalli of Sangareddy district, had married the victim, Yadamma of Sanjeevraopet, Narayankhed mandal, just 11 months ago. After marriage, he rented a mango orchard in the suburbs of Marepalli. Anjaiah, allegedly addicted to alcohol, used to quarrel with his wife often to buy a bike for his sister-in-law. Following another quarrel on Friday, Anjaiah allegedly strangled Yadamma in the living room and died by suicide in the orchard, police said.

Farmers cry foul over fertiliser overpricing in Asifabad

Kumram Bheem Asifabad: Farmers alleged that they were being fleeced by certain dealers who were overpricing complex chemical fertilizers such as urea and Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP). Farmers accused some dealers of collecting more than Rs 300 per bag, citing various charges including hamali and other costs. "The dealers are mentioning Rs 266 in receipts, but actually collecting over Rs 300 from farmers."

Tummala Seeks Speedy Munneru Wall Works



Nalgonda: Agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Sunday directed officials to expedite construction of the Munneru retaining wall in Khammam to mitigate flood risks. Inspecting the works, he said residents in low-lying and catchment areas had faced hardships over the past two years due to flooding of the Munneru stream. The government had taken up the retaining wall project at an estimated cost of Rs 690 crore to address the issue. The minister said land acquisition for about 240 metres was pending and instructed officials to complete works on both sides of the stream — from the bypass road to the cable bridge — by June. He directed that the entire project be completed by March 2027.



Over 45 families benefited from SCCL's accident insurance scheme

Kothagudem: "The accident insurance scheme for employees of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has provided financial assistance of nearly Rs 41 crore to the families of deceased workers over the past two years," officials revealed on Sunday. In a statement, officials informed that the scheme, which offers accident insurance coverage ranging from Rs 1 crore to Rs 1.25 crore without any premium on employees, has benefited over 45 families. India news analysis According to Singareni officials, the scheme came as a major relief to families, such as that of late Santosh, a Singareni employee who died in a road accident after serving the company for only 18 months. His family received Rs 1 crore under the insurance programme, providing financial security to his elderly parents who were dependent on him. In an-

other case, the family of late Ranjith Kumar, who died in a road accident, received Rs 1 crore through the scheme. The compensation cheque was handed over by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu. Family members said the assistance would help secure the future of his infant son and support other dependents. Officials said the success of the Singareni model has prompted several public sector organisations and government institutions to examine similar welfare measures, with the initiative now being replicated in various sectors across Telangana and drawing attention at the national level. Telangana news portal They described the programme as one of the largest employee welfare initiatives undertaken in the history of Singareni, providing financial security to workers and their families against unforeseen tragedies.

'Sedition' charge added against Balka Suman



HYDERABAD: Nampally police have invoked Section 152 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) against BRS leader and former Chennur MLA Balka Suman in connection with his alleged remarks during a party meeting held at Telangana Bhavan in Banjara Hills on May 26. Suman was remanded to 14 days of judicial custody late on Saturday. Section 152 of the BNS deals with acts endangering the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India. The provision replaced Section 124A of the erstwhile Indian Penal Code, commonly referred to as the sedition law. The case was initially registered based on a complaint lodged by B Anand, an official of Singareni Bhavan. Police booked Suman under Sections 326(g) (mischief by fire or explosive substances), 351(3) (aggravated criminal intimidation), 353(1)(b) (spreading misinformation with intent to cause fear), read with Section 55 (abetment of serious offences) and Section 61(2)(a) (criminal conspiracy) of the BNS, besides Section 4 of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act. Subsequently, Section 152 was added to the case. In the remand report submitted before the court, police stated that judicial custody was necessary to prevent any threat to public order and to safeguard critical infrastructure and civilian lives. "It is crucially pertinent to the investigation that neither the top leadership of the political organisation has condemned or distanced themselves from these dangerous, anti-social pronouncements, nor has the accused expressed any remorse, issued a retraction, or published a rejoinder to alter his criminal stand," the remand report stated. Police further alleged that Suman had instructed party cadre and supporters to carry out acts of sabotage on active railway networks. They told the court that if he remained at liberty, there was a risk that his followers could act on those alleged directives. According to the remand report, Suman had also openly instigated supporters to target and set fire to Singareni Bhavan in Nampally. Police argued that if released at this stage, he could allegedly orchestrate or direct such attacks.

Errabelli alleges negligence in paddy procurement, demands immediate action

Hanumakonda: Former minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao on Sunday accused the state government of neglecting farmers' concerns, alleging that delays in paddy procurement had pushed cultivators into distress across several procurement centres. While travelling to attend various programmes in villages under the Palakurthi constituency of Jangaon district, Rao stopped at a paddy procurement centre in Thorur village after noticing large quantities of paddy lying unattended. He interacted with farmers to assess the situation and hear their grievances. Farmers informed him that their paddy stocks had been ready for procurement for nearly 40 days, but purchases had remained stalled due to a shortage of lorries and gunny bags. They also complained about the lack of basic

facilities at the centres and alleged that officials were conducting inspections without taking effective measures to resolve the problems. Following the interaction, Rao spoke with District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha over the phone and highlighted the difficulties being faced by farmers. He explained that prolonged delays were causing financial losses and anxiety among cultivators waiting for their produce to be lifted. Responding to the concerns, the Collector assured Rao that procurement operations would be accelerated and sought information about other locations where paddy purchases had not yet commenced or were progressing slowly. Addressing the gathering, Rao criticised the government's handling of the procurement process and alleged that adequate planning had not been undertaken in advance.

Harish Demands Withdrawal Of 'Rythu Discom'



HYDERABAD: BRS leader T. Harish Rao demanded the state government immediately withdraw the 'Rythu Power-Discom' (TGRPDCL) proposal. He warned that if the government fails to ensure 24-hour free power supply to farmers, BRS would launch a massive movement to protect Telangana's electricity sector and farmers' interests. Addressing the media in Siddipet, the former minister alleged that this decision would prove to be a curse for the farming community and expressed concern that the establishment of the new discom could lead to power cuts. He said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's claim that RP-Discom was being created to provide 24-hour free electricity to farmers was completely false. "Instead of ensuring free power, RP-Discom will become a noose

around the neck of Telangana's agriculture sector," he said. He stated that during the public hearing before the ERC, the Congress officially conveyed through farmers' commission chairman M. Kodanda Reddy that three hours of electricity was sufficient for farmers. He reminded that Revanth Reddy had also made similar remarks in the past. "I challenge Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to take an oath that he will seek votes only if he provides 24-hour free electricity to farmers," Harish Rao said. Harish Rao alleged that farmers in Telangana were currently not receiving more than 13 hours of power supply and said the Congress government was preparing to reduce agricultural power supply to 8-9 hours, similar to Gujarat and Karnataka. Referring to G.O. No. 8 issued by the government, Harish Rao said it clearly mentions allocating a higher share of renewable energy to TGRPDCL. "Solar power starts around 7 am and ends by 5 pm. How can the government claim to provide 24-hour electricity to farmers by depending on daytime solar power alone, while ignoring thermal and hydel power?" he questioned.

Infant loses arm due to medical negligence at govt hospital in Khammam

Hyderabad: A newborn baby lost his left arm due to the alleged negligence of medical professionals at the government-run Mother and Child Health Centre (MCH) in Khammam. According to local reports, a couple, Renuka and Satyakanth, hailing from Punyapuram village of Wyra mandal, had twins at a private hospital in Khammam on March 3. Renuka had given birth in the seventh month of her pregnancy; therefore, while one of the boys was a healthy 3 kg, the other weighed only 1.2 kg. Unable to afford the required care at the private hospital, the smaller boy was shifted to the Khammam MCH, where Renuka's relative, Vijayakumari, looked after him. The baby was kept in an incubator and given blood transfusions. After 18 days, Vijayakumari noticed swelling on the baby's arm and brought this to the doctor's attention. However, they reportedly dismissed the issue and prescribed an ointment. Three more days passed, and when the baby's arm started to turn black, doctors asked for a scan, which revealed that the arm had caught gangrene. The boy was finally shifted to Niloufer Hospital in Hyderabad on March 26, where doctors had no other option but to amputate his arm.

State Rejigs School Education Dept Postings



Hyderabad: The Telangana school education department has completed general transfers 2026 for officers and non-teaching staff as per the schedule, which covers posts from additional director to office subordinate, including online transfers for non-teaching staff for the first time and new postings for several additional directors, joint directors, deputy directors and district educational officers. Senior officer postings formed the main part of the transfer orders issued by the government. Five additional directors, seven joint directors and four deputy directors or district educational officers were moved on administrative grounds. Among the additional directors, Ch. Ramana Kumar was moved from secretary, TGREIS, to additional director, MDM. P.V. Srihari, director, TOSS, was posted as additional state project director, Samagra Shiksha. K. Lingaiah, additional director, co-ordination, was posted as director, TOSS, and given full additional charge as director of government examinations, Hyderabad. Also Read - Woman Murdered Before Husband In Sangareddy Radha Reddy

was moved from additional state project director, Samagra Shiksha, to director, Government Text Book Press. G. Usha Rani, additional director, MDM, was posted as secretary, TGREIS. The joint director transfers included P. Rajeev's posting as joint director, Telangana Open School Society, Hyderabad, and M. Somi Reddy's move to the regional joint director of the school education, Hyderabad. K. Satyanarayana Reddy was posted as joint director, model schools, with full additional charge as additional director (C). P. Madan Mohan was moved to joint director (I), Samagra Shiksha, while A. Usha Rani was posted as joint director (II), Samagra Shiksha. B. Venkata Narasamma was moved to joint director (Services), office of the director of school education, and E. Vijaya Lakshmi was posted as regional joint director of school education, Warangal. The government also changed postings of four deputy directors and district educational officers. P. Revathi Reddy was moved from deputy director, TET Cell, to deputy director, model school. R. Rohini, district educational officer, Hyderabad, was moved to Sangareddy. Venkathwarlu was moved from Sangareddy to Rangareddy as district educational officer, while Yadaiah was transferred from Mancherla to Hyderabad. The transfers followed GO 38 issued by the finance department on April 21 and a government memo dated May 20.

PM Modi chairs BJP's poll panel meet to devise Rajya Sabha strategy

Mission BJP: Is It End Of Mamta Banerjee In Bengal?



One of the most revolutionary politicians in India, Mamta Banerjee lost her home battle in West Bengal in the recent Assembly election and things are not going smoothly for her Trinamool Congress party now. Recently, it was the fierce attack on Mamta Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee which shook the TMC supporting group in Bengal. The brutal physical assault on this TMC representative, who ran the Mamta Banerjee administration from the shadows during TMC rule was an indication that BJP's returned to power in Bengal is proving existential threat for TMC. Now, today, Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Kalyan Banerjee was allegedly attacked near Chanditala Police Station in West Bengal's Hooghly district when he ar-

rived to submit a deputation regarding post-poll violence in the area. The video of the TMC MP collapsing on the ground after he was allegedly beaten on the head by some unidentified individual is going on social media. This is the second attack on a TMC top representative in the recent past. There is a strong narrative building that the BJP coming to power in Bengal could be very bad news for the TMC camp, as it is evident that the saffron party is on a mission. The previous TMC administration faced several complaints about physical attacks on their political opponent, including the BJP leaders. And now the inception of the BJP government in Bengal has started to fire back adequately, and the consequences are being felt at every level by the TMC top brass.

NEW DELHI: A meeting of the BJP's Central Election Committee (CEC), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Sunday deliberated on candidates for the Rajya Sabha elections to be held on June 18 for 24 seats across 10 states. The meeting was attended by Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP president Nitin Nabin, and Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha J P Nadda, among others. This will be the second round of Rajya Sabha elections this year, following the first phase held on March 17 for 37 seats in 10 states. A third round is likely to be held in November. The terms of 11 BJP Rajya Sabha MPs are ending this time, and the party is expected to retain a significant number of these seats. According to party estimates, the BJP and its NDA partners are projected to secure 17 of the 24 Rajya Sabha seats. The BJP expects to win four seats in Gujarat, two of the three seats in MP, three in Rajasthan, one seat in Andhra Pradesh, either through support from the TDP or Jana Sena Party, two in



Manipur, one in Arunachal Pradesh, and potentially one seat in Karnataka. Rajya Sabha elections are scheduled for four seats in Andhra Pradesh, four in Gujarat, two in Jharkhand, three in MP, one in Manipur, one in Meghalaya, three in Rajasthan, four in Karnataka, one in Mizoram and one in Arunachal Pradesh. The CEC also reviewed candidatures for Legislative Council elections in Bihar and other states. The biennial election for 16 seats of Maharashtra Legislative Council (MLC) is set to be held on June 18.

After the meeting, the CEC approved the names of candidates for Maharashtra MLC seats from the local authorities' constituencies. In Bihar, the MLC seat became vacant after resignation of former Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. Meanwhile, the BJP's OBC Morcha on Sunday held a meeting of to discuss plans for taking the NDA government's achievements over the past 12 years to the grassroots level. The meeting was chaired by BJP OBC Morcha national president K Laxman.

SC Gets 5 New Judges; Strength to Go Up to 37



New Delhi: Five new judges were on Monday appointed to the Supreme Court, which will now have 37 judges, one short of the upgraded sanctioned strength of 38. According to separate notifications issued by the department of justice in the Union law ministry on Monday morning, senior SC advocate Venkita Subramani Mohana, Justice Shree Chandrashekhar, Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court, and Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court have been elevated as top court judges. Once they take oath and assume charge, the SC will formally have 37 judges. The government last month promulgated an ordinance amending a law to increase the sanctioned strength of the apex court to 38 from 34, including the Chief Justice of India. While there were already two vacancies, after the sanctioned strength was increased, altogether six posts became vacant in the apex court. With five appointments on Monday, the Supreme Court has one vacancy. The five names were recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium on May 27 and the appointments came through in four days.



Congress Rewards Sharmila: Rajya Sabha Berth Confirmed?

The Congress party has been slowly regaining power in South India after having already won Telangana and Karnataka. The recent alliance with TVK in Tamil Nadu and the remarkable rise to power in Kerala have rejuvenated Congress party to the fullest capacity. Now the Congress appear to be focus on Andhra Pradesh and they have rightly rewarded their regional president Sharmila to a very good degree. As per media reports, It is confirmed by AICC president and one of the Senior leaders in the Congress party, Mallikarjuna Kharge that Sharmila is confirmed to be nominated to the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka state on behalf of the Congress party. This would be a significant promotion to Sharmila, who is the President of Andhra Pradesh Congress, but it is reported that this was a long due. Apparently, the Congress party promised Sharmila that she would be given the Rajya Sabha membership before she joined the party, and they have finally honoured the same now. However, this additional responsibility to share will come with its own set of challenges as she will have to balance the work in the Rajya Sabha and also simultaneously run Andhra Pradesh Congress. Sharmila had been very vocal for the Congress party in Andhra Pradesh, but the party has not yet lost momentum in the state. It has to be seen if this reward given to Sharmila by the Congress party in the form of the Rajya Sabha membership would fuel her political ambitions and in turn help the party in the state.

Janasena Supremo Pawan's Masterplan For GenZ

The most important aspect of building a solid political platform is the ability to attract the younger generation of the voters as they are the ones who dictate the electoral outcome in the future. Now, Andhra Pradesh deputy chief minister Pawan Kalyan appears to be working to this effect as he's set out of on a mission to attract the younger folk. In particular, Kalyan is coming up with a new campaign named Sena Galam. This campaign is going to be a strong attempt from the Janasena party to give a strong voice to the Gen Z folk. The Janasena party is forming a new committee under the command of Pawan Kalyan, and this has been named Sena Galam. This committee will primarily look to incorporate the current gener-



ation of Gen Z population into the integral ranks of Janasena party. The most important aspect for the youth to look at a political party is when they feel inclusive and heard. While no mainstream political party is actively emphasising on this aspect, it is good to see Pawan Kalyan get into action and constituting a dedicated system to enhance the Gen Z culture here.

Villagers in Bastar gather for PM's Mann Ki Baat at former Maoist meeting ground

RAIPUR: In a strong symbol of the changing landscape of Bastar, hundreds of villagers in the once-turbulent region of Abujmad gathered on Sunday to listen to the 134th episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio programme, Mann Ki Baat. The assembly took place on a ground historically notorious for hosting Naxalite meetings, marking a poignant shift toward peace and community integration. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai expressed immense pride following the broadcast, characterising the Prime Minister's specific mentions of the state as a moment of national recognition for Bastar's ongoing transformation, its local talent, and its rich historical heritage. A central highlight of the PM's address was his interaction with Chhattisgarh's young sprinting sensation, Animesh Kujur, alongside Punjab's Gurvinder Singh. PM Modi pointed out that the men's 100-metre na-



tional record was shattered three times within a span of just two days—a feat he described as a testament to the rising confidence and fierce, healthy competition redefining Indian sports. Animesh Kujur, who hails from a modest village

in the Jashpur district of Chhattisgarh, recently clocked a stunning 10.15 seconds in the 100-metre race. The performance not only secured him a new national record but also sealed his qualification for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

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Osmania University, JNTU-H plan four-year evening engineering programmes for professionals



Hyderabad: Evening undergraduate engineering programmes for working professionals may soon be extended from three to four years. This move is aimed at reducing academic pressure and helping professionals better manage their work and studies. However, there will be no change in the fee structure of these programmes. The move by Osmania University and Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU)-Hyderabad follows representations from working professionals who sought an extension of the programme duration to better balance their work and academics. Presently, the programme mandates the completion of four subjects per semester. Following the extension of the programme duration, the number of subjects per semester is expected to be reduced to three. "The AICTE has mandated a minimum of three years for working professionals to complete their UG engineering. In view of representations from professionals, we are planning to change the programme duration from three to four years. We will shortly announce the decision," a senior official said. The All India Council for Technical Education had launched the evening BE/BTech programmes for diploma holders in engineering who are working professionals and will be admitted to second-year UG engineering programmes. Classes will be conducted from 6 pm to 9 pm on weekdays and throughout the day on weekends. Further, commencing this year, an entrance examination will be conducted for admissions to the evening BE/BTech programmes. The entrance test, which will be on the lines of the Telangana Engineering Common Entrance Test (TG ECET), will be held in OMR-based mode. The 100-mark examination will have 90 per cent questions from the respective subject and 10 per cent questions from mathematics. An admission notification will be issued by Osmania University in about a week. Eleven colleges – Osmania University College of Engineering, Abdul Kalam Institute of Technological Sciences, AnuBose Institute of Technology, Jayaprakash Narayan College of Engineering, MGIT, Siddhartha Institute of Engineering and Technology, St Peter's Engineering College, VNR Vignana Jyothi Institute of Engineering and Technology, MVSR, Methodist College of Engineering and Technology, and Stanley College of Engineering and Technology for Women – are offering evening BE/BTech programmes. Programmes on offer are civil engineering, computer science and engineering, electrical engineering, electronics and communication engineering, mechanical engineering, and metallurgical engineering. Around 500 seats are expected to be available for admissions during the academic year 2026-27.

TG PECET-2026 Begins at Satavahana University 3,305 Candidates to Appear Over Four Days



TG PECET 2026

TG PECET-2026 begins May 31 for B.P.Ed and D.P.Ed admissions 3,305 candidates registered for physical and skill tests Men and women to undergo separate efficiency tests 1,860 seats available across 18 colleges in Telangana Telangana news portal Hyderabad: The Telangana Physical Education Common Entrance Test (TG PECET-2026) will commence on May 31 at Satavahana University, Karimnagar, for admissions into B.P.Ed and D.P.Ed two-year programmes for the academic year 2026-27. The test is being conducted by the Telangana Council of Higher Education (TG CHE), with Satavahana University as the host institution. According to TG CHE, the Physical Efficiency and Skill Tests will be held from May 31 to June 3, beginning at 6:30 AM each day. A total of 3,305 candidates have registered for the entrance test, comprising 1,986 men and 1,312 women. The day-wise schedule includes 993 men candidates on May 31, 993 men candidates on June 1, 656 women candidates on June 2, and 656

women candidates on June 3. The Physical Efficiency Test for men includes 100m, 800m, Shot Put, Long Jump/High Jump, while women will undergo 100m, 400m, Shot Put, Long Jump/High Jump. Skill Tests for both men and women will be conducted in Ball Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Handball, Hockey, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Lawn Tennis, Shuttle Badminton, and Volleyball. For the academic year, Telangana offers 1,560 B.P.Ed seats across 15 colleges and 300 D.P.Ed seats across 3 colleges, for a total of 1,860 seats.

DOST 2026 second-phase seat allotment released; 52,302 students get seats



Hyderabad: The Degree Online Services Telangana (DOST) 2026 second-phase seat allotment was released on Saturday, with 52,302 students receiving provisional seats. A total of 46,504 new candidates registered in the second-phase counselling. As many as 60,439 candidates, including candidates from the first phase, exercised their web options. Of the total, 52,302 students, including 7,737 who opted for a better choice, received seat allotment. Of the total who received seat allotment, 31,445 students got seats against their

first priority, and 20,857 against their second and other priorities. A staggering 8,137 students could not be allotted a seat as they exercised a limited number of web options. At 21,431 seats allotted, commerce continues to be top choice for students. It is followed by physical science stream, in which 15,245 seats have been allotted. Similarly, 9,664 seats in life sciences, 5,955 seats in arts and seven in other degree courses have also been allocated. All candidates who have secured a seat are

required to reserve their seat through online self-reporting between May 31 and June 5 by paying Rs 500 or Rs 1,000, depending on the case, via the DOST candidate login. Candidates allotted to government degree colleges/university colleges who are provisionally eligible for ePASS fee reimbursement (subject to verification of caste and income certificates) are not required to pay any amount for seat reservation during online self-reporting. Further, candidates have to forgo their seat if he/she fails to reserve their provisionally allotted seat through online self-reporting and their registration on DOST will also be cancelled. If any candidate is looking for a better choice of seat, he/she can exercise web-options in the next phase by sliding, but after online self-reporting. The third phase registration and web options are open from May 31 to June 16, and seat allotment is scheduled for June 20. Students have been advised to report at the respective colleges after third phase allotments. Failure to report at the college between June 20 and 27 will result in the forfeiture of the allotted or self-reported seat.

Microsoft Hires 11 Of 14 Students From Telangana's YISU Data Centre Course

Hyderabad: Eleven of 14 students of the Data Center Management Course at YISU of the Telangana government were hired by tech giant Microsoft. Young India Skills University (YISU) was established on August 1, 2024 through an Act of the Telangana State Legislative Assembly, with a vision to "transform higher education through skill-based and industry-aligned learning". "11 out of 14 students of the Data Center Management course at YISU were absorbed by Microsoft at a package of Rs 7 lakhs per annum," an official release said. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy hailed the appointment of the 11 students with Microsoft, saying he is thrilled to see the vision of YISU becoming a reality. "The success of our policy to focus on industry-class, skills development of world-class standards is both endorsed and exemplified by this report of @Microsoft hiring 11 students of our #YoungIndiaSkillsUniversity (YISU) in the Data Centre Management course," he said in a post on X. "This is just the beginning. We are scaling up, YISU is launching new B.Tech & B.Sc streams this academic year," he said. The state-of-the-art permanent campus of YISU at the 'Bharat Future City' being developed by the state government on city outskirts is shaping up phenomenally well, he said. He asserted that the future of Telangana is in the hands of our youth and that the state's youth have a great future in all fields.



TGPOLYCET-2026 First Phase Counselling Gains Momentum; Officials Urge Candidates to Book Slots Early

Hyderabad: The first phase of TGPOLYCET-2026 admissions counselling is progressing steadily, with thousands of candidates participating in the certificate verification and option-entry process. City & Local Guides According to the latest update released on May 30, 15,519 candidates have already attended certificate verification, while 29,353 candidates have booked their slots for verification. The Technical Education Department has also reported that 5,558 candidates have exercised their web options so far, with one candidate entering as many as 439 options, reflecting the wide range of choices available across polytechnic institutions in Telangana. Certificate verification for the first phase is being conducted from May 29 to June 1, while candidates can exercise their options until June 3. The provisional allotment of seats will be announced on or before June 6, after which candidates must follow the instructions issued on the official portal. Commissioner of Technical Education and Convenor of TGPOLYCET-2026 Admissions, A. Sridevasena, on Saturday, urged candidates and parents to pay the processing fee and book their verification slots immediately. She emphasised that those who complete verification early will have more time to enter and revise their options, increasing their chances of securing admission to a better college and their preferred course. The department is asking media outlets to publicise the counselling schedule widely so that all eligible candidates can participate promptly. Officials reiterated that exercising more options significantly increases the likelihood of receiving a favourable allotment. All essential information—including the detailed notification, the list of Help Line Centres, and course availability—is available on the official website: <https://tgpolycet.nic.in>. Please regularly check the portal for updates and follow the counselling guidelines carefully. The counselling authorities have also highlighted the importance of timely participation, noting that delays in slot booking or option entry may limit candidates' choices during seat allotment.

Over 21,000 candidates qualify in Telangana DEECET 2026

Hyderabad: The results of the Telangana Diploma in Elementary Education Common Entrance Test (DEECET) 2026 were declared on Saturday, with 21,137 candidates qualifying for admission into teacher education programmes across the state. A total of 25,054 candidates appeared for the entrance examination conducted on May 21, resulting in an overall pass percentage of 84.3 per cent. Among the three media, the English medium candidates recorded the highest success rate. Of the 14,414 candidates who appeared in the English medium examination, 12,784 qualified, registering a pass percentage of 88.6 per cent. In the Telugu medium, 7,918 out of 9,612 candidates cleared the test, translating to a pass percentage of 82.3 per cent. Urdu medium candidates recorded a pass percentage of 42.3 per cent, with 435 of the 1,028 candidates qualifying. The examination is conducted for admissions into the two-year Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed) and Diploma in Pre-School Education (DPSE) courses for the 2026-28 academic session. Among the top performers, B. Anandu secured the first rank in Telugu medium with 76 marks, while Javvaji Shiva Nageshwar topped the English medium category with 83 marks. Danish Ahmed emerged as the highest scorer in the Urdu medium, securing 66 marks. Following the declaration of results, the admission process will begin with certificate verification at 10 Government District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) from June 2 to June 5. Candidates will be required to exercise their web options between June 6 and June 8 as part of the counselling process. Officials advised qualified candidates to regularly check the admission portal for detailed counselling schedules and seat allotment updates.

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HEALTH

Taking gym supplements regularly? These 5 blood tests are important



A nephrologist explains why people consuming gym supplements regularly should monitor kidney health every six months through routine blood and urine tests, especially when following high-protein diets or using creatine, pre-workouts and muscle-gain supplements. Protein shakes, creatine, pre-workout supplements, and muscle-building supplements are among the most widely used supplements by people working out in gyms.

The blood tests advised by most physicians include the following:

- Serum creatinine
- Blood Urea Nitrogen (BUN)
- Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate (eGFR)
- Electrolyte Profile
- Uric Acid Levels

These indicators help the physician evaluate the effectiveness of the kidney in eliminating waste products, regulating fluid regulation, and reacting to an increase in protein intake and supplements.

Are gym supplements harmful to the kidneys?

The doctor clarifies that most supplements are not inherently dangerous when taken in moderation and under proper guidance. However, certain habits may increase kidney-related risks.

These include:

- Excessive protein consumption
- Poor hydration
- Use of unreliable or counterfeit supplements
- Overuse of stimulants
- Anabolic steroid use

Dehydration combined with heavy supplementation can particularly affect kidney function because the kidneys already work harder to process excess protein and metabolic waste products.

Why hydration matters more than many realise

One of the simplest but most ignored habits among fitness enthusiasts is proper hydration. According to the nephrologist, drinking enough water becomes essential for people consuming protein-heavy diets and supplements because hydration supports the kidneys' filtration process. The doctor also advises against mixing multiple stimulant-heavy pre-workout formulas, which may increase strain on the body unnecessarily.

Instead, he recommends sticking to:

- Balanced nutrition
 - Moderate supplementation
 - Trusted supplement brands
 - Consistent hydration
 - Urine tests may also reveal early warning signs
- The doctor adds that some individuals need to be even more cautious while using supplements, especially:
- People with diabetes
 - Individuals with hypertension
 - Those with a family history of kidney disease

For such groups, regular monitoring becomes particularly important. The fitness industry often pushes extreme routines, rapid muscle gain and aggressive supplementation strategies online. However, health professionals insist that health benefits must always take precedence.

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



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 Dr Pradeep Mahajan, 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, inflammation and digestive disruption may

increase. Dr 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," Dr 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 Dr 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.

How hydrocolon therapy and probiotics may help

Dr Mahajan also highlighted hydro colon therapy as a supportive gut-cleansing technique that uses warm filtered water to remove waste and harmful microorganisms from the colon. According to him, this may help prepare the gut environment before microbiome restoration therapies. At StemRx, gut restoration treatments combine FMT, probiotics, personalised nutrition plans and regenerative medicine techniques to support long-term digestive health. Why IBD treatment may be evolving Experts believe IBD management is gradually shifting from symptom suppression towards more holistic restoration-based approaches. "True healing requires more than symptom control; it demands restoration at a cellular and microbial level," Dr Mahajan explained.

While more research continues globally around microbiome therapies, doctors say growing awareness around gut health may help patients better understand the connection between digestive balance, immunity and long-term wellbeing.

Why do your joints feel stiffer in air-conditioned rooms?

Being able to escape from the summer heat in an air-conditioned room is a welcome treat for some individuals. However, if you have ever experienced knee stiffness, a tightened neck, or inflexible shoulders because you have been sitting in an air-conditioned environment, then you can be sure that you are not the only one. Air conditioning alone is not harmful to the joints; however, studies show that cooler temperatures indoors increase joint pain. The effect is particularly common among people with arthritis, past injuries or inflammatory joint conditions. So why does this happen, and when should you be concerned?

Cold temperatures can make muscles tighten

Orthopaedics, Medanta Gurugram, says that chilly weather inside your home can impact the muscles surrounding your joints.

"Cold climate makes your muscles contract, which results in reduced range of motion," he further adds. As your muscles become tight, movement becomes tough. You might find it difficult to bend your knees or even turn your head because of stiffness in your muscles.

Why existing joint issues may feel worse

Individuals with existing arthritis, inflammation, or any form of injury would be more susceptible to



changes in temperature. According to Dr Mathur, cold temperatures can temporarily affect blood flow, which could contribute to stiffness in certain vulnerable joints. Furthermore, immobility is another reason why this could happen. The act of sitting in front of the computer in an office, sitting inside a car that is running its AC, or even just staying at home in air-conditioned comfort can result in stiffer joints.

The effect of joint lubrication :

One thing to take into consideration is the synovial fluid, which is a substance responsible for joint movement. As per the expert, when subjected to both cold temperature and immobility for prolonged periods of time, this substance can thicken. This is one reason some people

experience neck pain, lower back stiffness or knee discomfort after long hours indoors.

Simple ways to reduce AC-related stiffness : The good news is that a few lifestyle adjustments may help reduce discomfort. According to Dr Mathur, one should maintain the air conditioning at average temperature levels and stay well-hydrated while taking movement breaks after every 30-45 minutes.

A short walk, light stretching exercise or even just standing up can aid in maintaining joint mobility and enhancing blood flow. "It is advisable to consult a physician if joint stiffness persists for several days and is associated with swelling, discolouration, intense pain, or inability to complete daily tasks,"

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WOMEN

SPF 15 vs SPF 50

Which Sunscreen is best for Indian skin tones?



You may be using scarves, hats and sunglasses to avoid the sun, but the most important thing is sunscreen. It is advisable to apply sunscreen in all seasons, winter and summer. Sunscreen is necessary for everyone so that the skin does not get damaged by the strong rays of the sun. Sunscreen SPF numbers can be mind-boggling. The question is, do Indian skin types actually need SPF 50, or is SPF 15 enough? Dr Ameesha Mahajan, Cosmetic Dermatologist & Founder, Eden Skin Clinic, has explained what type of SPF is right for the Indian skin tones.

What is SPF and how does it work?

The term 'SPF' denotes 'sun protection factor'. It indicates the efficiency of sunscreen in protecting against the sun's UVB rays, the ones responsible for sunburn and skin cancer. SPF 15 assists in filtering out 93 per cent of UVB rays, while SPF 50 blocks 98 per cent of these rays. You may feel this difference to be small, but when it comes to sun protection, it is significant.

Do Indian skin tones really need sunscreen?

Many Indians believe higher melanin gives complete natural protection. While melanin does lower the risk of sunburn, it doesn't shield against tanning, pigmentation, or long-term sun damage like premature ageing and melasma. In fact, darker skin tones are more prone to uneven pigmentation, making consistent sunscreen use crucial.

Best SPF for Indian skin

- SPF 15 is ok if you spend your day indoors and stay away from direct sun exposure.
- SPF 30-50 works best in the Indian population, where the UV index remains high throughout the year.
- If you go outdoors, opt for sunscreen with SPF 50.
- Pigmented-skinned individuals also need a high SPF of 50.

How to apply sunscreen correctly (two-finger rule)

Indian skin tones require SPF 30 or 50 for more reliable skin protection.

But to make SPF more effective, you require appropriate quantities, which is a two-finger rule that needs reapplication every 2-3 hours when outdoors. So rather than focusing on the number of SPF, maintain consistent application to achieve healthy and glowing skin.

4 deodorant myths that are totally false and what you should know



Body odour is a stinker; it can ruin your mood and image. Thankfully, this issue can be easily tackled with the help of a good deodorant. No matter your gender or age, deodorant should be a must-have in your body care routine. It will not only keep body odour at bay but (if you choose right) also give you smooth and even-toned underarms. However, despite their many incredible benefits, we've come across several myths surrounding the use of deodorants that make people wary of using them. So, to ensure that you don't fall prey to these deodorant myths, we decided to go ahead and debunk the most common ones for you.

Myth #1: Deodorant causes unwanted hyperpigmentation

Let's begin with the most common deodorant myth. A lot of people claim that using a deodorant has made their underarm skin darker. But the fact is that dark underarms

are usually a result of shaving, scratching, and a skin condition called acanthosis nigricans. In some cases, dark underarm patches can also be genetic. Also, deeper skin tones might be more likely to develop hyperpigmentation in the underarm area. That said, it's best to look for a deodorant with moisturising properties and no irritating ingredients like alcohol and parabens to properly care for your delicate underarm skin.

Myth #2: Deodorants stain your clothes :

Yellow stains on white shirts and faded or discoloured patches in the underarm area on darker clothes are common. However, your deodorant is not entirely responsible for this. Discolouration usually occurs when the minerals (mainly salt) in the sweat come in contact with the deodorant ingredients, leaving behind a yellowish stain. The best way to avoid this is to not

overapply the deodorant and allow it to dry for a few minutes before putting on your clothes.

Myth #3: Deodorant causes a burning sensation on freshly shaved skin

Shaving is one of the quickest ways to get rid of underarm hair; however, spraying deodorant on freshly shaved skin can sometimes cause a burning sensation. But here's why it happens your underarm skin is delicate, and shaving gets rid of the protective layer on top, along with the hair, leaving it sensitive. Fortunately, you can easily avoid the stinging sensation by using shaving foam or gel before shaving and following it up with a deodorant that does not contain alcohol.

Myth #4: Deodorants can make the skin sticky

Many women complain that deodorants, especially roll-ons, leave their armpits feeling sticky after application. However, you'd be surprised to know that it has nothing to do with the deodorant itself but rather a result of how much of it is applied. You're supposed to roll on your deodorant about 2-3 times and allow it to dry.

But if you use too much, your armpits WILL feel sticky even after letting them dry for a few minutes. If you haven't been using deodorants because of the myths mentioned above, it's time to get your hands on one right now!

Summer is here, and we recommend keeping an extra stick of deodorant in your bag to avoid those awkward, smelly moments.

This vegetable juice can help you get rid of dark spots

Potatoes are a staple in many kitchens around the world, but did you know that their juice could help you achieve clearer, more even-toned skin? Potato juice has become a popular natural remedy for treating dark spots, acne scars, and pigmentation issues. Packed with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants, it has multiple benefits for the skin. Let's explore how potato juice can help you achieve glowing, flawless skin.

1. Rich in vitamin C for skin brightening

Potatoes are a rich source of Vitamin C, a nutrient known for its brightening properties. This vitamin helps in reducing melanin production, which is responsible for dark spots and uneven skin tone. Regular application of potato juice can lighten dark spots over time and give your skin a more radiant appearance.

2. Contains antioxidants to fight free radicals :

The antioxidants found in potato juice, such as flavonoids, help combat oxidative stress. Oxidative stress is one of the leading causes of premature ageing and pigmentation issues. By neutralising free radicals, potato juice helps prevent the formation of new dark spots and reduces the appearance of existing ones.

3. Promotes skin regeneration :

Potato juice contains a variety of enzymes that promote skin healing



and regeneration. It encourages the growth of new, healthy skin cells, which can replace damaged ones. This makes it particularly useful for fading acne scars and other types of pigmentation.

4. Natural skin lightening

Potato juice acts as a natural bleaching agent, gently lightening the skin without causing irritation. It can be used to reduce the appearance of dark spots caused by sun exposure, acne, or ageing. The starch content in the potato juice helps to lighten and brighten the skin over time.

5. Soothes and hydrates the skin :

In addition to its skin-lightening properties, potato juice is also hydrating and soothing. If you have

sensitive or irritated skin, applying the potato juice can help calm inflammation and provide deep hydration. This makes it a great option for people with dry or inflamed skin that often leads to pigmentation.

Potato juice is an affordable, effective, and natural way to lighten dark spots and improve skin tone. Whether you're dealing with acne scars, pigmentation from sun exposure, or other discolouration, potato juice can help your skin look fresher and more radiant. Incorporating it into your skincare routine can bring noticeable results over time. However, as with any new skincare treatment, it's essential to do a patch test first to ensure you don't have any sensitivities.



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Jaishankar condemns Sydney Hanukkah attack, appreciates Israel's support to India in fight against terrorism



NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Tuesday strongly condemned the terror attack during Hanukkah celebrations at Sydney's Bondi Beach and said that India and Israel share a policy of "zero tolerance" towards terrorism. Jaishankar, who is on a two-day visit to Israel, held discussions with his Israeli counterpart Gideon Saar. "Let me first of all convey our very, very sincere, deep condolences at the loss of life due to the terror attack at Hanukkah celebrations in Bondi Beach. I want to say that we condemn it in the strongest possible terms," Jaishankar said. At least 15 people were killed and 40 others injured when two gunmen opened fire on a gathering during the Jewish festival's 'Hanukkah by the Sea' celebration on Sunday. The attackers were identified as 50-year-old Indian national Sajid Akram and his 24-year-old Australian son Naveed Akram. Sajid Akram had migrated to Australia 27 years ago but was carrying an Indian passport. Thanking Israel for its consistent support to India in combating terrorism, Jaishankar said both nations stand united against the menace. "Where India and Israel are concerned, we are both countries who have

a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism. We appreciate your consistent support to our fight against terrorism and all its forms and manifestations," he said. The External Affairs Minister said discussions during his visit would focus on advancing the strategic partnership between the two countries, which he described as having "developed very significantly in the last decade." "It has a G2G dimension, a B2B dimension, and one P2P between people as well. And I would say there really are a very large number of domains today that our relationship touches in one form or the other," Jaishankar said, adding that India and Israel are "very complementary partners" and must fully leverage this synergy. He also reiterated India's support for the Gaza peace plan and expressed hope that it would lead to a "lasting and durable solution." Later, in a post on X, Jaishankar said he had conveyed his "deepest condolences" to his Israeli counterpart and reaffirmed India's "steadfast resolve in combating the shared challenge of terrorism." He added that the two sides held "productive discussions" on the strategic partnership, regional developments.

Pandas, pingpong and ancient canals: President Xi's hosting style says a lot about Chinese diplomacy



When French President Emmanuel Macron traveled to China in early December for his fourth state visit, the itinerary began with the expected formalities. There was a red carpet reception at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing and high-level talks with President Xi Jinping on trade, technology and Ukraine. But the defining image of this diplomatic trip did not take place in the capital. Rather, it occurred

more than 1,000 miles (1,600 km) away in Chengdu, Sichuan province. There, Xi hosted Macron for a rare instance of "no-tie diplomacy," a term used by Chinese media to describe a relaxed and informal style of statecraft. Stepping outside the rigid protocols of Beijing, Xi personally guided Macron through the mist-covered mountains of Sichuan. The walk held high significance. It marked the first

time Xi has hosted a foreign leader for such an informal sightseeing meeting outside the capital, with an itinerary that included the Dujiangyan irrigation system, a visit to China's national table tennis team and the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. Global attention remains understandably fixed on "hard" issues — trade tariffs, the war in Ukraine and nuclear energy. But as a cultural historian of modern

China, I believe the choreography of this visit offers a vital window into Beijing's diplomatic strategy. By foregrounding things like ancient waterways and table tennis, China is deploying a sophisticated brand of cultural statecraft designed to soften the edges of a hardening geopolitical landscape. The choice to host Macron in Chengdu was not random, but a carefully curated act of diplomatic reciprocity. In April 2024, Macron had invited Xi to his personal retreat in the French Pyrenees, a gesture intended to foster personal intimacy. During the latest tour, Xi reportedly referenced their previous meeting, telling Macron: "Last year you invited me to your hometown in the Hautes-Pyrénées; I believe this visit will further deepen your understanding of China." By bringing Macron to Sichuan, Xi was returning the favor.

PM Modi Conferred With Ethiopia's Highest Honour

Addis Ababa: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday was conferred with Ethiopia's highest award 'The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia' by his Ethiopian counterpart Abiy Ahmed Ali. The award was conferred upon Prime Minister Modi in a special ceremony hosted at the Addis International Convention Centre on Tuesday. Prime Minister Modi was conferred with the award for his exceptional contribution towards strengthening India-Ethiopia partnership and for his visionary leadership as a global statesman, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement in New Delhi. Prime Minister Modi is the first global head of state/head of government to receive this award. "I'm honoured to be conferred with the 'Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia.' I dedicate it to the 140 crore people of India," Modi posted on X. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Modi noted that it was an honour for him to accept the award from one of the most ancient civilisations of the world, and he did so with a deep sense of humility and gratitude, the statement said. I also express heartfelt gratitude to my friend PM Abiy Ahmed Ali. Last month, when we met during the G20 Summit in South Africa, with great love and right, you had urged me to visit Ethiopia. How could I have turned down this invitation from my



friend, my brother? So, at the first chance, I decided to come to Ethiopia," Modi said after receiving the award. Prime Minister Modi also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Abiy and the people of Ethiopia for this honour. He also expressed appreciation for the leadership of Prime Minister Abiy and his initiatives to promote national unity, sustainability, and inclusive development, the statement said. Underlining the salience of knowledge for nation building, Prime Minister Modi stated that it was a privilege for Indian teachers for over a century now to contribute towards Ethiopia's progress and development, it said. We, in India, have always believed... Education is the foundation stone of any country. I am proud

that in Ethiopia and India relations, the most significant contribution has been from our teachers," he said. "...Together with Ethiopia, we are committed to furthering such partnerships which can bring forth a solution to evolving global challenges and build new opportunities." Modi dedicated the award to all those - Indians and Ethiopians - who have nurtured the bilateral ties for ages and conveyed heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the 1.4 billion Indians for being bestowed with this honour, the statement said. The conferment of the award marks a milestone in the close partnership between India and Ethiopia and in furthering the positive agenda of the Global South.

Trump Orders Blockade of 'Sanctioned' Venezuela Oil Tankers



Washington: US President Donald Trump announced Tuesday a naval blockade of "sanctioned oil vessels" leaving and heading to Venezuela, sharply escalating his pressure campaign against Caracas. The United States has for months been building a

major military deployment in the Caribbean -- with the stated goal of combatting drug trafficking but taking particular aim at Venezuela. Caracas views the operation as a pressure campaign to oust leftist strongman Nicolas Maduro, whom Washington and many

nations view as an illegitimate president. After weeks of military jet flybys off the Venezuelan coast and deadly strikes on alleged drug-trafficking boats that have killed nearly 90 people, the Trump administration recently heightened its campaign by seizing an oil tanker leaving the South American nation. It subsequently announced sanctions on several other vessels. "Today, I am ordering A TOTAL AND COMPLETE BLOCKADE OF ALL SANCTIONED OIL TANKERS going into, and out of, Venezuela," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform Tuesday evening. Trump also said the large US naval armada amassed in the Caribbean -- which includes the world's largest aircraft carrier -- "will only get bigger" until Venezuela returns "to the United States of America all of the Oil, Land, and other Assets that they previously stole from us." "The illegitimate Maduro Regime is using Oil from these stolen Oil Fields to finance themselves, Drug Terrorism, Human Trafficking, Murder, and Kidnapping," Trump said. Though the United States already has sanctions on Venezuela's oil sector, seizing its exports could potentially cripple its already struggling economy.



After a year of Trump, EU leaders begrudgingly learn to live with reality of an unreliable ally

BRUSSELS: Over the course of 2025, a new reality has sunk in for Europe. The United States, long its strongest ally, has chipped away at the European Union's unity, economies, security and even its democracies, setting the backdrop for an EU summit this week at the end of an exceptionally trying year. After putting an indefinite freeze last week on Russian assets in Europe, EU leaders face a new test of strength at Thursday's summit. Ukraine is in dire financial straits, and they have promised to meet Kyiv's economic and military needs for the next two years, most probably through a new reparations loan. "It's crunch time for Europe and Ukraine," warned Danish Foreign Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen, whose country holds the EU's rotating presidency. "We need to take this decision in order to secure the Ukrainian economy, but also in order to send a signal to the rest of the world, which will include the White House in (Washington) DC, that Europe is a strong geopolitical player," he added. As the continent's biggest land war in decades rages on, the Europeans have been tested by President Donald Trump's threats, his support for Europe's far right, and his camaraderie with Russian President Vladimir Putin. At first they responded with flattery. Less so in recent months. Since January, as the leaders have tried to keep Ukraine in the fight against its bigger neighbor, Trump has switched back and forth, appearing to support Kyiv one month,

Russia the next. He has mostly remained critical of Europe, and that criticism now has a sharper edge. European leaders have worked to fill the gap and shore up military support for Ukraine, but they concede that the United States is an irreplaceable partner, and Trump is the only person Putin might talk peace with. German Chancellor Friedrich Merz warned last week that "we are really witnessing a watershed moment now and nothing is the way it was before. We're living in a different time, and this time requires different responses than we've given in the past." Weeks after Trump returned to office in January, his administration signaled that US security interests lie elsewhere: Europe must now look after itself and Ukraine, whose president was humiliated at a White House meeting in February. Days later, Vice President JD Vance met with a far-right leader in Germany, claiming that free speech is in retreat in Europe, sparking allegations of election interference. Vance's themes were developed this month in a US National Security Strategy. The text also attacked EU migration policy, suggesting that Europe faces "the prospect of civilizational erasure" and might not be reliable as an American partner. Judy Dempsey, from the Carnegie Europe think tank, said that "Europe has no choice but to respond." "Europe and the rest of the world now know how poorly this US administration regards them and they cannot keep pretending otherwise," she said.

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FM Sitharaman Flags State Debt Risks, Pushes Manufacturing Focus

NEW DELHI: Flagging concern over fiscal stress in some Indian states, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday called for sharper focus on manufacturing, innovation and strategic trade positioning in the country. "India's growth momentum and global aspirations hinge on disciplined fiscal management, competitive manufacturing, and confident policymaking rooted in domestic priorities. The government has set clear goals for transparency in fiscal management and brought down its debt levels, and called upon states to implement the same," she said at an event here. From the next financial year, debt levels will be the core focus area for the Centre, along with fiscal deficit, and nudged states to lower their debt levels so that the country can achieve its goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047. India's debt-to-GDP shot up to 61.4 per cent post Covid, but policies adopted by the central government helped



bring it down to 57.1 per cent by 2023-24. The government expects it to reduce to 56.1 per cent this year," she said. The finance minister also called upon states to take up accountability and transparency in fiscal management as a priority just like the Centre, which has every year reduced the debt levels. "The RBI documents and studies show worrisome debt-to-GDP in some states (unnamed here or in Parliament). Unless managed within fiscal responsibility and budget management (FRBM) limits and high-interest debt reduced, states borrow to service loans, not development, a poor fiscal play. This threatens the 10-year momentum for Viksit Bharat by 2047," she said. On trade and global economic engagement, the finance minister also said that India must chart its own course amid shifting global norms. "It is important for us to understand that trade is no longer what we

used to talk about in global trade norms. Countries like India with aspirations must mark their own goalposts by chalking their own growth story," she said, adding that such an approach builds confidence to meet future challenges. Pushed back against criticism of India's tariff policies, Sitharaman also said that globally, trade isn't fair or free. "India faces lectures on being inward-looking or a 'tariff king,' but tariffs are weaponised -- India safeguards against dumping, yet others face no criticism. This reality requires India to negotiate cautiously while leveraging its growing economic strength," she said. Outlining India's long-term ambition, she also said, "We can aspire to an India that contributes 25 per cent to world trade and 25 per cent of global trade emanated from India. Achieving this would require reviving manufacturing and agriculture, strengthening value addition, and sustaining services growth across sectors including tourism and hospitality," she added.



Message for Musk? Telecom minister urges satcom providers to offer affordable services

NEW DELHI: Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Wednesday urged satellite communication providers to charge low prices for customers in India, saying this could lead to greater penetration and better revenue for firms. While answering questions in the Lok Sabha, the minister said that India has demonstrated low pricing in terrestrial networks, which offer the lowest prices in the world across both the mobile and broadband sectors. However, he also noted that pricing is ultimately determined by the companies themselves. "India has had a very strong track record of showing the world how high volumes and low pricing can lead not only to great penetration but also to significant revenue for firms, and this has been demonstrated in both the mobile and broadband sectors," said the minister. The statement comes amid reports suggesting that satellite communication broadband services may be more expensive than terrestrial networks. Recently, Elon Musk-led Starlink had shared ₹8,600 per month as the subscription rate for its residential satellite internet service in India, including unlimited data, a 30-day trial, and a weather-resilient service. However, Lauren Dreyer, Vice President of Starlink's business operations, later clarified that the pricing shown on Starlink's official website for residential consumers in India was due to a "config glitch that had briefly made dummy test data visible". In neighbouring countries such as Bhutan and Bangladesh, satellite communication pricing provided by Starlink is also higher than that of normal broadband services offered by players like Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea. Highlighting telecom pricing in India, the minister said that the country has the highest number of subscribers at the lowest rates. "What used to be 50 paise per minute in 2014 is today around 0.3 paise per minute—a 97% decline in cost. Similarly, one GB of data, which earlier cost ₹287, now costs around ₹9 per GB, or roughly nine cents. The world average is about \$2.49, making India's cost around 5% of the global average," said the minister.

India, Oman to Sign Free Trade Pact in Muscat

New Delhi: The government on Wednesday confirmed that India and Oman would sign a free trade agreement on Thursday in Muscat with an aim to boost economic ties between the two countries. "It will be signed in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is on a four-day, three-nation visit. Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal has already reached Muscat for the FTA signing and he is actively participating at the business summit there as well," a commerce ministry official said. Talks for the free trade agreement or FTA, officially termed as comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA), formally began in November 2023 and the negotiations con-



cluded this year. In such a deal, the two trading partners are expected to either significantly reduce or eliminate customs duties on a maximum number of goods traded between them and both sides also ease norms to promote trade in services and attract investments. Meanwhile, commerce minister Goyal also confirmed that India and Oman will be signing a FTA on Thursday. "The FTA offers "imense opportunities" in a number of sectors, including textiles, footwear, automobiles, gems

and jewellery, renewable energy, and auto components," he said, while speaking at the Oman-India Business Forum in Muscat. The minister also said that Oman is signing FTA after a gap of about 20 years and the country last inked a similar agreement with the US in January 2006. "A huge potential is there to increase cooperation in sectors such as textiles, footwear, auto and auto components, gems and jewellery, agrochemicals, and renewable energy," he said.

RBI governor Malhotra sees interest rates 'staying low for long'



MUMBAI: Reserve Bank governor Sanjay Malhotra expects the interest rates regime to remain "low for a long period" as the economy remains robust and could receive a boost from trade deals with the US and Europe. The central bank's projections suggest that the interest rates "should remain low for a long period of time", Malhotra, who has delivered four rate cuts totalling 125 bps since he assumed charge on December 10 last year, told the British financial daily the Financial Times published Wednesday. The RBI-led Monetary Policy Committee had unanimously cut the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.25% earlier this month "to support a goldilocks economy", and many analysts see the terminal rate is 25 bps down from the present level. However, the

governor was quick to note that RBI's economic forecast does not take into account the potential effect of trade agreements with the US which has been pending since July and the almost completed pact with the European Union. "The impact of the US trade deal could be as much as about half a percentage point," the governor said. Malhotra said the most recent headline GDP figure wherein the economy sprinted at heavily surprising 8.2% in the September quarter was "surprising" and that the central bank which had predicted 7% annual growth in the September quarter had to "improve our forecasting". The economy delivered a solid 8% growth in the first half leading to an upward revision by the RBI as well as others to forecast a 7.5% clip for the full fiscal. The world's fifth-largest economy is under pressure from punitive 50% tariffs imposed by US, widening its trade deficit and pushing its currency to a record low which had plunged to 91.14 to a dollar Tuesday losing over 6.2% year to date. Amid questions over the quality of official data (the latest being the IMF questioning the forex rates), Malhotra said "some margin of error will always be there because these figures do get revised". He pointed out that these margins of error should always be kept in mind while making any policy. "Otherwise I think the figures are quite robust."

ARCs looking to net 120% jump in recoveries from road assets next fiscal: Crisil



MUMBAI: Asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) are set to see a strong step-up in cumulative recovery rates for stressed operational road projects with recovery rates doubling to 120% by next fiscal over fiscal 2025 levels on the back of healthy annuities and toll collections. This will ride on timely annuity payments by the National Highways Authority, healthy toll collections and resolutions through the bankruptcy process, Crisil Ratings said in a report Wednesday. The bankruptcy process has aided resolution of 11 road projects cumulatively until fiscal 2025, with an average recovery of 60% on admitted claims worth Rs 6,000 crore. Further, having gained substantial capabilities in the road sector, ARCs which have been struggling after the IBC got traction, are also eyeing acquisition of terminated assets banking on collaborative efforts by multiple stakeholders to pave the way for timely recoveries, said the report, which is based on the 2,500 lane km of stressed operational road projects, with total security receipts issued of Rs 3,200 crore and 1,000 lane km of terminated road projects with total SRs issued of Rs 3,000 crore. Majority of operational road projects, primarily under the build-operate-transfer model, faced stress between fiscals 2017 and 2019 due to construction delays and cost overruns owing to difficulties in land acquisition and getting the right of way. These assets were consequently acquired by ARCs between 2019 and 2022 with around 44% haircuts.

Sebi slashes mutual fund expense ratios, culls 5 bps exit load, caps brokerage fee at 6 bps

MUMBAI: The Securities and Exchange Board has almost completely overhauled the mutual fund regulations, penned way back in 1996, to improve cost transparency and reduce the expense burden on investors. This was among seven other changes for the capital markets including introduction of an abridged IPO prospectus, and a complete overhaul of the 1992 broker regulation. The Sebi board meeting here on Wednesday -- the fourth since the new chairman Tuhin Pandey took over in March -- has also cleared changes to the total expense ratio (TER) framework, replacing it with a base expense ratio (BER). This excludes all statutory levies such as securities transaction tax (STT), GST, stamp duty and commodities transaction tax from calculations, which will be directly but separately passed on to the investor. The TER was inclusive of these statutory duties and levies. The board has also approved tighter caps on brokerage and distribution commissions and allowed performance-linked expense structures for certain schemes. The new mutual fund regulations replace the 1996 framework.

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Satwik and Chirag stun world champions to enter Singapore Open final

Hyderabad: India's top men's doubles combination of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty knocked off world champions Kim Won Ho and Seo Seung Jae of Korea in straight games to reach the final of the Singapore Open Super 750 tournament on Saturday. The fourth-seeded Indian pair registered their first victory over the Korean duo in three meetings, winning the semifinal clash 21-19, 21-18 in 52 minutes to reach their second World Tour final of the year. The 2025 World Championships bronze medallists had finished runners-up at the Thailand Open earlier this year. In the semifinal on Saturday, Satwik and Chirag fought back after conceding early leads in both games against the Koreans. The Indian combination trailed 8-13 and then 13-17 in the opening game but held its nerve under pressure to clinch the game. "When we were down, we kept calm and backed ourselves because we knew if we stuck to our plan, they would crack at some point," Chirag said. The second game also saw the Indians trailing 11-14 before they clinched six straight points to take a 17-14 lead and then maintained that advantage to reach the final. On facing Kim/Seo, Chirag added: "They have the best defence on the circuit right now. We knew we had to stay calm and steady, especially when attacking." Satwik and Chirag will now face the winners of the second semifinal between fifth seeds Mathias Christiansen and Alexander Boe of Denmark and China's Gao Jia Xuan and Wei Ya Xin. Meanwhile, the challenge of Indian mixed doubles pair Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto ended in the semifinals after a 16-21, 21-17, 13-21 loss to Japan's Yuichi Shimogami and Sayaka Hobara.

Manu Bhaker and Samrat Rana add silver in pistol mixed team at World Cup

After missing out on an individual medal in Munich, double Olympic Games medallist Manu Bhakar won a medal in the mixed 10m pistol event teaming with Samrat Rana at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol event on Saturday. Manu has not been performing to her lofty standards this season, but has managed to win a few in mixed events. She won an individual medal at the Asian championships and gold in mixed earlier this year. But when it comes to the World Cup, she is not yet shone like previous years. With this medal, India finished second with two gold and two silver medals behind China who secured four gold and three bronze medals. Manu and Samrat had a slow start, shooting 100.0 after the first series of five shots each to be in third out of the four team finals with Samrat hitting 51.0 and Manu a 49.0. Manu caught her rhythm in the second series hitting a high 51.5 while Samrat's 49.9 helped the pair to leap into second. The Indian pair cut down the lead with the Chinese pair to just 0.1 at the end of the third series with Manu hitting an impressive 51.8 while Samrat followed it up with another good score of 50.7. Both shooters took a huge 2.2-point lead at the end of the first elimination series of three shots with scores of 30.9 from Manu and 30.5 from Samrat. The Chinese pair faltered with scores of 29.7 and 29.4. Samrat hit 31.2 in the next elimination series, but Manu faltered with shots of 9.3 and 8.8 in her 19th and 20th shots, allowing the Chinese to catch up. At the end of the 21st shot, the 2.2 points



lead that the Indians had was wiped out as Yao and Hu took 0.2 points lead. Shen Yihao and Bu Shuaihang of China were confirmed as the bronze medallists after the series. Manu started the last series with a 10.6 but Samrat could only manage a low 8.8 which increased the lead of the Chinese pair. Yao did shoot an 8.7 herself in the 23rd shot but HU Kai compensated for that with three shots in the high 10s. Meanwhile the Indian pair could only manage to cut short the lead by 0.3 points, confirming their silver medal.

India wins 10 medals with perfect podium finish at U17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2026



Hyderabad: India's women wrestlers delivered a flawless performance at the U17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2026 in Da Nang, Vietnam, securing a 100% podium finish with an impressive haul of 10 medals: two gold, three silver, and five bronze. Leading the charge were Diksha (43kg) and Garima (73kg), who

clinched gold medals with dominant victories in their finals, underlining India's growing strength at the youth level. India added three silver medals through Nikita (49kg), Antra (65kg), and Taniya (69kg). Taniya finished runner-up after a hard-fought final against Khadisha Flyuk, while Nikita and Antra also settled for second place following their title bouts. The bronze medal tally featured Palak (40kg), Anamika (46kg), Akshra (53kg), Sakshi (57kg), and Manya (61kg), all of whom secured podium finishes with strong performances. Palak defeated Aruuke Nurbekovna Nurbekova, Anamika overcame Inzhu Bakkozha, Akshra beat Ema Arakawa, Sakshi got the better of Shiyang Wang, and Manya defeated Aigerim Polatbay in their bronze medal bouts. This clean sweep highlights India's depth and consistency in women's wrestling at the age-group level, reinforcing its status as a dominant force in Asian wrestling.

Vikings PC clinch CCPL Club League title with dominant final win



Hyderabad: In the Conference A final of the CCPL Club League, Penguin PC defeated DRC Sports Foundation 4-2, while in the Conference B final, Vikings PC emerged victorious. What began as side-court battles across 19 city venues concluded at the Crosscourts Sports Club in Gandipet. Over 10 weeks, the home-and-away circuit built fierce local rivalries, drawing an on-ground audience of over 8,000 and providing more than 220 playing opportunities for over 350 registered athletes, including 92 women. Riding that momentum into the ultimate State of the League Final, Vikings PC delivered a dominant performance, sweeping Penguin PC 4-0 to claim the championship. "We're extremely happy to win the title and this is only the beginning for Vikings and a whole bunch of talented athletes," a Vikings

PC representative stated. "A huge thank you to the Centre Court team for organising such an amazing tournament. What they're doing for the pickleball community is truly amazing. Finally, a huge shoutout to our players and supporters who were there for us from day one. This is not the last time you'll be hearing this name. Let's go Vikings!" Yashwanth Biyyala, Co-founder, Centre Court Sports & Entertainment, noted, "What's exciting is how competitive the league became right at the end. Every team in the top four had moments when they looked capable of going all the way, and that's what made the finals really interesting." Vikrant Rao, Co-founder, thanked the fans for their support.



Vinesh loses in semifinals at Asian Games trials

NEW DELHI: Vinesh Phogat was knocked out of the Asian Games selection trials here on Saturday after losing to Meenakshi Goyat 4-6 in a tense semifinal bout of the women's 53kg event. The loss will dash Vinesh's hopes of a comeback and her chances of securing a berth at the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan later this year. Earlier, Vinesh had summoned her years of experience to prevail in a fiercely fought bout against a super aggressive Nishu to reach the semifinals. After a rather easy 7-1 win against Jyoti, Vinesh had to contend with a technically sound Nishu, who opened up a massive 5-0 lead and almost pinned the star grappler in the first period after a sensational four-point throw, but she survived. The bout was emotionally charged but was littered with challenges and technical failures of the screens. The resultant long breaks gave Vinesh much needed breather. She remains technically skilled, but time away from the mat has certainly taken a toll on her endurance. Nishu used the half head locks effectively to keep Vinesh under check for a large part but Vinesh needed that one move to turn the tables and she found that in the second period -- a powerful four-pointer as she threw Nishu on mat. Vinesh had Nishu in her grip as she went for a pin. Sitting in her coach corner, her husband Sombir Rathi and supporters charged on the net, demanding a pin. Eventually, a challenge was sought. It was ruled that the referee gave 'wrong whistle' but Vinesh was not given the 'pin' result. Nishu was put on the ground position, though she could not take advantage. Another two-pointer put Vinesh ahead 6-5. It soon became 6-6, putting Vinesh ahead on criteria. Nishu attempted a take down but was not given points. Nishu's coach challenged the decision but lost as Vinesh left the mat relieved. Stunned, Nishu refused to share hands with the referee and Vinesh and stood on mat for a long time, crying. She will now fight it out with Meenakshi Goyat, who had shocked Antim Pangal in the Asian Championship trials. Meanwhile, Antim Pangal needed only 34 seconds to make a winning start as she defeated Tannu by technical superiority. In no time, Antim had her rival locked in a 'fitley' move and rolled Tannu five times to finish the bout in a jiffy. She later beat Mansi to make the semis, staying on course for a final against Vinesh.

Karnataka celebrates as RCB clinch back-to-back IPL crowns

Bengaluru: Celebrations erupted across Karnataka following the victory of the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) final against the Gujarat Titans. Fans and supporters of the RCB team marked the occasion by bursting fireworks, cheering enthusiastically, and congratulating one another. In Bengaluru, the celebrations knew no bounds despite tight security arrangements and close police monitoring. Thousands of jubilant fans took to the streets to celebrate RCB's historic triumph, creating a festive atmosphere across the city. CM-designate D.K. Shiva Kumar, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and

Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy, former CM Sidda ramaiah and others have conveyed congratulations to the team Bengaluru. Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy on Sunday congratulated Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) on winning the IPL 2026 title, hailing the franchise's second consecutive championship triumph as a testament to consistency, character and an unrelenting will to win. In a statement, Kumaraswamy said the "Red and Gold reign supreme once again," and praised RCB for further cementing its place in the hearts of cricket lovers across the country with another memorable campaign.



Karuppu Turns Up the Pressure on Viswanath & Sons



Director Venky Atluri is directing Suriya for the first time, for the actor's straight Telugu film. Despite meeting Telugu audiences all these years through dubbed films, Suriya finally stepped forward to do a straight film with the director who gave big hits to Dulquer Salmaan and Dhanush. Titled Viswanath & Sons, the film's teaser already caught the attention of moviegoers. Interestingly, the situation has completely changed now. While Karuppu carried only mixed buzz before its release, Viswanathan & Sons enjoyed much stronger pre-release excitement. However, after Karuppu emerged as a blockbuster and won widespread appreciation, the tables have turned. The film's massive success has significantly raised expectations, putting Viswanathan & Sons under immense pressure. Surprisingly, what once looked like the safer project must now match or surpass Karuppu's impact at the box office and among audiences. With Karuppu close to minting 300 Cr rupees in global box office revenue, it is natural that the deals with Viswanath & Sons will also be fancy. Moreover, Suriya is coming up with a family entertainer this time which will usually have a universal appeal. It is indirectly adding pressure on the team to shape the film in an entertaining manner. Bankrolled by Sithara Entertainments, the film also features Mamitha Baiju as the female lead in the film.

Premalu 2 Shelved: A Wise Decision ?

Malayalam cinema has delivered numerous coming-of-age romantic dramas till date. But, the 2024 rom-com Premalu was among the fewest to achieve the cult classic status in recent years. Starring Naslen and Mamitha Baiju, the film struck a chord with young moviegoers and create a box office storm after its release in 2024. As the film received a tremendous response beyond Malayalam, the makers planned a sequel by retaining the core plot with the same cast and crew. The sequel was supposed to take off in mid 2026 once the director wraps up the script work. But, here is a big disappointing news for all those who have been waiting for the sequel. Going by statement of actor Naslen during his recent podcast, Premalu 2 has reportedly been shelved as of now. Speaking to the anchor, Naslen clarified that the plans to bring the next installment are put on the back burner due to scripting issues. He confirmed that the idea has been dropped for now. While the latest development will be a huge shock to movie-



goers, it is indeed a wise decision if the team decided to shelve it due to lack of proper script because there are massive expectations on the second installment following the huge success of the first part. Nowadays, many sequels are being announced just for namesake to create some hype without actually having a proper script that deserves another installment.



Now that Peddi trailer has come out, the audiences will be waiting for June 4th to catch the film in screens. But until then, we have some interesting films in the offing at the box office. One Telugu film that is gaining attention in the recent times is Purushaha. Pavan Kalyan Battula is set to make his debut as a lead hero with the upcoming film. The film features Pavan Kalyan alongside Sapthagiri, Kasireddy Rajkumar, Rayancha Kokkura, Vishika and Hasini Sudheer in key roles. Already, the makers

Purushaha Betting Big On Married Men's Frustration

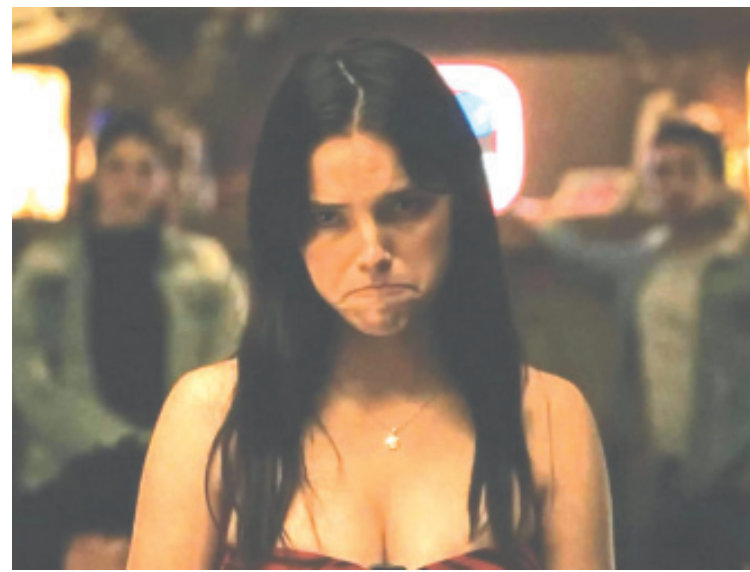
impressed the fans with the teaser, trailer and the songs. Now, they are also putting a great effort during the promotional campaigns. The film tells the story of husbands who are frustrated of their wives. The universal line is expected to be treated with comic tinge which is a plus point for the film. Purushaha has a good chance at box office on the coming Friday as there are no big releases except Ugly Story and the dubbed version of Drishyam 3. The movie's theme is also in alignment with the current generation youth's preferences. If the film get good word of mouth, it will surely rake in good revenues at the box office. Produced by Battula Koteswar Rao under the Kalyan Productions banner and presented by Battula Saraswathi, the film is directed by Veeru Vulavala. Purushaha is scheduled for a theatrical release on May 22.

Sandeep Vanga Brings Another Mad Youth Entertainer

Director Sandeep Reddy Vanga, who created sensational blockbusters like Arjun Reddy, Kabir Singh, and Animal, is now presenting an exciting youthful entertainer titled Romanchakam. The film is being produced by Pranay Reddy Vanga under the Bhadrakali Pictures banner. Whenever the Vanga brothers back a project with fresh talent, expectations naturally go high among movie lovers. Continuing the same trend, Romanchakam is arriving with a promising young team and refreshing concept. The film stars Sumanth Prabas and Ananthika Sanilkumar in the lead roles, while debutant Venugopal Reddy is directing the movie. The makers unveiled the title poster today, and it instantly grabbed attention with its colorful youthful vibe and emotional touch. The poster hints that the film will offer a perfect mix of romance, entertainment, fun moments, and thrilling emotions. The tagline "Love, Laughter & Thrills" has added more curiosity around the project. The fresh pairing of Sumanth Prabas and Ananthika Sanilkumar looks appealing and is expected to bring a new energy to the film. With several talented youngsters working behind the scenes, Romanchakam is shaping up as an interesting entertainer for the youth.



1000cr Miracle Obsession: How Did It Open in India?



After creating a sensation across the globe, Obsession finally arrived in Indian theatres with strong anticipation and considerable social media buzz. However, despite the hype surrounding the film's extraordinary international success, its opening day performance in India remained average, collecting around Rs 2 crore on Day 1. The film's journey in India appears to be facing a few challenges. Unlike many successful international releases, Obsession was released only in English, with no dubbed versions in major Indian languages. In several locations, even subtitles were reportedly unavailable,

making it difficult for a wider audience to connect with the film. This limited accessibility may have affected its initial box office numbers. Adding to the challenge are reports suggesting that the movie could arrive on digital platforms as early as June 2. If true, the possibility of an early OTT release could discourage casual moviegoers from visiting theatres, especially those who are already aware of the film's upcoming streaming availability. Nevertheless, the film's global achievement remains remarkable. Made on a modest budget of approximately Rs 7 crore, Obsession has reportedly crossed the Rs 1,000 crore mark worldwide, placing it among the most profitable films in recent years.

Ashika Shines In Golden Glam

Actress Ashika Ranganath grabbed everyone's attention at the Chittara Star Awards 2026 with her glamorous red carpet look. The Kannada Telugu beauty looked stunning in a sparkling strapless gown designed with gold and pink shades. The shiny sequined outfit gave Ashika a classy and stylish appearance. The corset style perfectly highlighted her elegant look while keeping the overall styling grand and fashionable. She paired the outfit with beautiful jewellery that added extra sparkle without looking too heavy. Her hairstyle and makeup also matched the glamorous vibe perfectly. The gold and pink combination made Ashika stand out beautifully under the event lights. Fans on social media could not stop praising her look, with many calling her an angel and red carpet queen. Ashika has once again proved that she knows how to make a strong fashion statement at public events. Her latest appearance at the Chittara Awards is now going viral on social media for the right reasons.

