



US and Iran launch new strikes

The US military said it launched "self-defence" strikes on Iran overnight, and shot down ballistic missiles and drones fired at ships and Gulf countries. The strikes on Qeshm Island, in the Strait of Hormuz, were "in response to attempted attacks by Iran across the Middle East", US Central Command (Centcom) said. Iran said it had attacked US bases and helicopters in a "regional country" using missiles and drones in retaliation. Centcom said Tehran fired two missiles at Kuwait and three at Bahrain, all of which

broke apart or were intercepted. Kuwait's army later said

on Wednesday morning. Ministry of defence spokesman Brigadier

The latest attacks come amid stalled ceasefire negotiations between the US and Iran, after talks on a deal to end the months-long war failed to advance over the weekend. Centcom said the strike on Qeshm Island had targeted an Iranian military ground control station, and that the US military also shot down three attack drones that had been launched by Iran toward "civilian mariners that were rightfully transiting regional waters".

The IRGC said "disrupting the security of the Strait of Hormuz will carry a heavy price for the aggressive US military".



Iranian drones had hit its international airport, causing "significant" building damage and injuries to a number of people. Air traffic was suspended

General Saud Abdulaziz Al-Otaibi described the attack as "criminal Iranian aggression". He said the wounded had received medical care.



Fire Breaks Out in South Delhi Restaurant

New Delhi: Delhi Police have confirmed the loss of 20 lives in a fire at a restaurant in Malviya Nagar on Wednesday. Authorities said the fire broke out early in the morning. Jitendra Kumar, SDM, DDMA, South District, told ANI, "We activated the DDMA cell as soon as we received a call. We have come to know that a restaurant was operating on the ground floor of this building. The cause of

the fire is still not known." He added, "Four bodies have been retrieved so far. Seven to eight people, including the injured, have been taken to the hospital for treatment. Some people from the floors above jumped out of the building onto mattresses laid on the road by locals." Chief Minister Rekha Gupta expressed grief over the tragedy and prayed for the speedy recovery of those injured.

"Deeply saddened by the tragic loss of lives in the devastating fire incident in Malviya Nagar. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. I pray for the speedy recovery of those injured and for strength and courage to all those affected by this heartbreaking tragedy," she said. The Chief Minister stated that teams from Delhi Fire Services, Delhi Police, DDMA, CATS Ambu-

lance Services and other emergency agencies were mobilised immediately after information about the fire was received. "Their swift response helped in rescuing and evacuating several persons from the affected premises," Gupta said. She further informed that the Delhi government is closely monitoring the situation and ensuring all necessary assistance to affected families.

PM condoles loss of lives in a fire incident in Malviya Nagar, Delhi

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today described the loss of lives due to a fire incident in Malviya Nagar, Delhi, as tragic. He extended his heartfelt condolences to those who have lost their loved ones and wished a speedy recovery to the injured. He noted that authorities are providing all possible assistance to those affected. The Prime Minister has

announced an ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh from the

the next of kin of each deceased. Shri Modi also



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Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) for

stated that Rs. 50,000 would be provided to those who sustained inju-

ries in the incident. "The loss of lives due to a fire incident in Malviya Nagar, Delhi is tragic. My condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. Wishing a speedy recovery to the injured. Authorities are providing all possible assistance to those affected. An ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh from PMNRF would be given to the next of kin of each deceased. The injured would be given Rs. 50,000

KTR Hits Back at Pawan Kalyan

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) strongly responded to the recent remarks made by

that no discrimination has been faced by settlers over the past decade. "Taking exception to

long history of struggles, sacrifices, and resistance movements. While expressing respect for



Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, asserting that Telangana rightfully belongs to its people who fought, sacrificed, and shed blood for the state's formation. "KTR said Telangana is the land of its four crore people and those who dedicated their lives to the statehood movement. He emphasized that people from all regions are welcome to live, work, and do business in Telangana, noting

Pawan Kalyan's criticism of regionalism, KTR argued that regional aspirations have played a key role in India's history, citing the movement led by Potti Sriramulu for the formation of Andhra State. He also questioned what he described as economic regionalism, referring to industries allegedly being diverted from Telangana to Gujarat. "KTR said Telangana's people do not need lessons in patriotism, highlighting the region's

tion, but stressed that leaders should understand and respect the aspirations, sentiments, and sacrifices of the people before making statements about the state. "KTR also remarked that Telangana was not formed easily, but emerged after decades of struggle and thousands of sacrifices. He urged leaders to be mindful of the state's history and sentiments while speaking on Telangana-related issues.



Secunderabad Railway Station

Hyderabad: Secunderabad Railway Station is steadily transforming into a world-class transportation hub. One of the busiest railway stations in India, Secunderabad, handles nearly 180 trains per day with an average daily footfall of 1.5 lakh passengers. Its ambitious redevelopment is progressing at a rapid pace, transforming the station into a world-class transportation hub. The cost of the project is Rs.714.73 crore and over 64 per cent of the work has already been completed, Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy in a post on 'X'.

TN CM's Private Bodyguards



Chennai: AIADMK leader I S Inbadurai on Wednesday raised serious concerns regarding the security entourage surrounding Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay, while questioning as to why the CM relied on private bodyguards despite being under extensive multi-tier state security, including a specialised "Core Cell," to safeguard CM Vijay. In a social media post shared on X, the former MLA questioned, "When multiple layers of official security rings, including a Core Cell, have been provided by the government, why is the CM

moving around with a private bodyguard?" Inbadurai asked in his post. The AIADMK leader questioned if this reliance implies a lack of complete faith on the chief minister's part in the security arrangements provided by the state police department. Raising specific concerns about institutional security protocols, Inbadurai asked whether allowing an individual who is not part of the official government security apparatus to constantly shadow the chief minister as a "bodyguard" conforms to established guidelines.



Karnataka CM swearing

Eight-time legislator and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar was sworn-in as the 34th Chief Minister of Karnataka on Wednesday (June 3, 2026) at 4.15 p.m. at Lok Bhavan. This completes the leadership transition from outgoing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah that started last week. Hours before the swearing-in ceremony, the Congress released a list of 13 cabinet ministers who will be sworn in along with the CM. While the Congress has decided to appoint G. Parameashwara as the Deputy Chief Minister, the other names include Yathindra Siddaramaiah, U.T. Khader, M.B. Patil, K.J. George, K.H. Muniyappa, Satish Jarkiholi, Ramalinga Reddy, Krishna Byregowda, Priyank Kharage, Ishwar Khandre,

Byrathi Suresh and Sharan Prakash Patil. The Cabinet is expected to be expanded after Rajya Sabha elections. Among the Congress leaders attending the event include the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, and Congress Chief Ministers V.D. Satheeshan (Kerala), Revanth Reddy (Telangana) and Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu (Himachal Pradesh). A host of religious leaders, students, pourakarmikas, farmers' leaders, Dalit leaders and Kannada activists have also been invited to the event. Siddaramaiah resigned as CM last week, as directed by the Congress high command, paving the way for Shivakumar to take the coveted position.

Kerala BJP MLA under fire



Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala BJP MLA and former BJP state president V Muraleedharan has come under fire for the manner of distributing sweets at a tribal residential school, garnering allegations of him showing caste-based discrimina-

School in Thiruvananthapuram, during the school's reopening functions. Media footage of the event showed the BJP MLA, who was also the Minister of State of External Affairs in the Modi 2.0 government, was seen tossing toffees out of a packet on

Man Stuck Under RTC Bus, Rescued

Secunderabad: In a shocking incident, a man who fell under a Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus was rescued by the police and bystanders on Wednesday



afternoon. As per reports, the man identified as

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Bicycle - A Simple, Affordable, Reliable, Eco-friendly Vehicle

(On the occasion of "World Bicycle Day" on 03 June)

Bicycling has become a childhood milestone where fun and falling are closely intertwined. It provides not only as a form of exercise but also as an environmentally friendly mode of transportation. Cycling is a simple, affordable, reliable, joyful, Eco-friendly, and healthcare provider. The UN has approved in 2018 unanimously to observe 03 June as "World Bicycle Day" annually to promote health of individuals, carbon-free Eco-friendly environment, liberty, well-being, happiness, and adventure. This day is dedicated to celebrating the bicycling, its history, versatility, and sustainability. "Theme of World Bicycle Day-2026:" The 2026 World Bicycle Day theme is "Cycling for a Greener Future" to propagate the importance of cycling in everybody's life. It is easier to spend at least 30 minutes of cycling for our own health and also ensure the healthy environment, in addition to, the cheap mode of transportation. Bicycling promotes adventurous trips, happiness, fresh and clean air, greener and safer mode of transport, and open air nature beauty. The bicycle has a rich history and great cultural significance. It stands as one of the most important human inventions, as it provides people with a means of transport that is affordable and practical while helping them stay healthy. "Finally, staying active and cycling regularly is a great way to stay healthy and fit. Cycling helps reduce the risk of stroke, heart diseases, diabetes, and certain cancers. By promoting on this day, more people across globe will take up cycling. Bicycles and riders are on the rise gradually. They're seen as a healthier, inexpensive and convenient mode of transportation. If you have a bicycle, get on to it, enjoy its riding by experiencing the natural beauty during a long drive.

Dr Burra Madhusudhan Reddy

Uttam Orders Faster Paddy Procurement After Rain Forecast



NALGONDA: Minister for irrigation and civil supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday directed officials to expedite paddy procurement and complete purchases at the earliest in view of the rain forecast. During an inspection of a procurement centre at Phanigiri in Nagaram mandal of Suryapet district, he asked officials to speed up the process. He also announced that petrol bunks, solar power plants and buses for hire by TGSRTC would be sanctioned for women in the mandal under the 'Mahila Shakti' scheme. Mahila Shakti Bhavans would be constructed in all gram panchayats as part of efforts to support women's economic advancement. The minister said

he would extend support to the Thungathurthi MLA for the development of the constituency. Reviewing works at a model housing colony at Ramaswamygutta in Huzurnagar, he expressed dissatisfaction over delays and noted that there had been no significant progress since his visit in January. He said funds had been fully released through state allocations and local sources. "With the sufficient funds available, why was the construction of these houses not yet been completed?" he questioned officials. He warned that negligence in delivering housing for the poor would not be tolerated and directed officials to complete the works on a war footing and hand over houses.

Tummala Sets July Deadline For Marellapadu LIS



Nalgonda: Agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Monday expressed displeasure over delays in the Marellapadu Lift Irrigation Scheme (LIS) under the Sitarama project, directing officials to complete the works by July. During an inspection of the project works in

Pinapaka Assembly constituency of Bhadradi-Kothagudem district, the minister sought an explanation from officials for missing the June deadline and asked them to expedite execution with greater responsibility. He said the Marellapadu LIS was intended to provide irrigation to

16,500 acres in Pinapaka, noting that farmers from the constituency had first given their lands for the Sitarama project and should be its primary beneficiaries. The minister reiterated that the government was prioritising irrigation to support agriculture and farmers' welfare. He said Rs 10,000 crore had been sanctioned for the Sitarama project and Rs 4,000 crore for its distributary canal. Irrigation could be extended to Aswarapeta, Kothagudem, Sathupalli and Madhira Assembly constituencies by next year, subject to cooperation in land acquisition, he added. On the Sitarama Sagar Multi-Purpose Project, he said the government was pursuing clearances in the Supreme Court. The project, with a storage capacity of 38 TMC ft, is expected to provide irrigation to seven lakh acres in the erstwhile Khammam and Mahbubabad districts. The minister directed officials to remove silt and obstructions along the Sitarama canal to ensure uninterrupted water flow. District collector Ankith, Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateshwarlu and officials from irrigation and revenue departments were present.

Girl Dies as Sari Swing Tightens Around Neck

Nalgonda: An 11-year-old girl died after a sari being used as a swing tightened around her neck at Kaprayipalli village in Pochampally mandal of Yadadri-Bhongir district on Monday, police said. The victim was identified as Puduta Tejasri, daughter of Shankar and Mamatha of Kaprayipalli. She was a Class VI student at the local government school. According to police, Tejasri was swinging on a makeshift swing made by tying a sari to a ceiling rod inside her house when the cloth twisted and wrapped tightly around her neck. She lost consciousness due to suffocation and fell. Her mother, who was at home at the time, noticed the incident and raised an alarm. Family members and neighbours rushed her to AIIMS, Bibinagar, but she died while being shifted to the hospital, police said. On receiving information, Pochampally police reached the spot and shifted the body to the Area Hospital, Bhongir, for post-mortem examination.

Widowed farmer attacks Mahbubabad revenue attendant for harassing her

Hyderabad: Tensions prevailed in Mahbubabad district when a widowed farmer, along with her relatives, attacked a revenue attendant with her shoes for repeated alleged harassment. Yakamma from Parvatagiri village had lost her 20 pits of land on the Amravati-Nagpur Greenfield Expressway after the government acquired it, for which she was due compensation. "For the past year and a half, she had been going to the Collectorate seeking compensation, as it was deposited in someone else's account," her nephew said. Murali, an employee at the Revenue Department, has allegedly been harassing her, seeking sexual favours multiple times, he added. Yakamma's brother said Murali reportedly gave her a ride on the bike on May 30, under the pretext of dropping her off at home. However, he stopped on the outskirts of the village and



attempted to exploit her sexually, the brother said. Distressed, Yakamma even attempted suicide the following day, her nephew claimed. Tensions prevailed in Mahbubabad district when a woman farmer, along with her relatives, attacked a revenue attendant with her shoes for repeatedly harassing her. "On Sunday, my aunt wanted to die by suicide. Her family is in acute financial difficulty due to debts. My aunt's husband is not there, and his sister's in-laws left her at my aunt's house," he said. Her relatives expressed anger and took to beating the attendant with slippers after the incident. The police intervened and took the revenue employee to the station, where Yakamma lodged a complaint against him.



Thousands take holy dip as Saraswati Antya Pushkaralu ends

Hyderabad: The 12-day Saraswati Antya Pushkaralu concluded on Monday with thousands of devotees taking a holy dip at the Pushkar Ghats in Kaleshwaram. Geographic Reference A large number of devotees participated in the religious event, which began on May 21. Kaleshwaram is considered a sacred confluence where the rivers Godavari, Pranahita and the subterranean Saraswati (Antarvahini) meet. The Pushkaralu commenced on a grand note when Kanchi Seer Jagadguru Shankaracharya Vijayendra Saraswati took a holy dip at Kaleshwaram at 5.43 am on the opening day, marking the beginning of the 12-day event. Pontiffs from various mutts and devotees from Telangana, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh visited Kaleshwaram during the festival. Pilgrims also offered prayers at the Sri Kaleshwara Mukteswara Swamy Temple. The State Government made extensive arrangements to facilitate devotees, including bathing ghats, drinking water, sanitation and other amenities. One of the major attractions of the Pushkaralu was the Ganga Aarti performed every evening by priests from Uttar Pradesh, drawing large crowds of devotees and visitors.

Telangana teen girl dies by suicide, saffron groups allege 'love jihad'

Hyderabad: A minor girl died by suicide in Narayanpet town, after the man she loved, who promised to marry her, refused to keep his promise. The minor girl aged 16, and the adult male (18 plus) belonged to different religious communities, that sparked allegations of "Love Jihad," resulting in a protest outside Narayanpet town police station on Monday, June 1. Narayanpet Station House Officer Venkateshwarlu told Siasat.com that the accused named Fasiuddin has been arrested and sent to judicial remand for abetment to suicide and under various sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Some of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and Bajrang Dal workers led by veteran BJP leader Nagurao Namoji held a protest outside the police station, demanding justice for the victimised family. They were briefly detained at the police station and were released later. When Siasat.com asked the SHO how this case could be treated as a case of alleged 'love jihad,' he replied saying, "how can we talk about it."

Former corporator stages sit-in at Prajavani

HYDERABAD: Alleging prolonged neglect of civic issues and the absence of key officials, former corporator V Sravan staged a sit-in protest during the Prajavani grievance redressal programme at the Malkajgiri Municipal Zonal Office on Monday. Sravan, along with local leaders, attended the programme seeking solutions to grievances but expressed anger after finding several officials.



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Car rams into TGSRTC bus at Ramanthapur

Hyderabad: A car rammed into the rear of a TGSRTC bus at Ramanthapur on Monday morning, causing severe damage to the vehicle. According to information available, the RTC bus was travelling from Uppal to Mehdiapatnam and had stopped at the Polytechnic College bus stop in Ramanthapur to pick up passengers when the accident occurred. A speeding car approaching from behind crashed into the stationary bus. The impact was so strong that the front portion of the car was completely damaged.

Ready for SIR, Revanth Tells Kharge



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday met AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge in Hyderabad and discussed the party's preparations for the upcoming Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls announced by the Election Commission and apprised him of other political developments in the state. According to party sources, Revanth Reddy informed the AICC president about measures being taken to prevent wrongful deletion of voters' names during the forthcoming SIR exercise. The Chief Minister also outlined the party's strategy for monitoring the Special Intensive Revision process. He said party leaders and workers had been instructed to closely monitor the functioning of booth-level officers (BLOs) and activate the Congress party's booth-level network

to safeguard voter rights. Highlighting sections that may face challenges during the revision process, Revanth Reddy reportedly said the exercise could pose difficulties for Lambadas, Adivasis and migrant workers. He noted that migration from several constituencies could result in the deletion of genuine voters and stressed the need for special vigilance to ensure eligible voters are not removed from the electoral rolls. He also cautioned that women, Dalits and minorities could risk losing their voting rights if the process is not monitored carefully. Revanth Reddy was accompanied by deputy chief minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and TPCC president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud. The meeting was held at a hotel near the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport at Shamshabad, where

Kharge was staying during a brief stopover in Hyderabad ahead of his flight to Gulbarga. Also Read - Woman Murdered Before Husband In Sangareddy The meeting, which lasted over half an hour assumed significance as the Congress government in Telangana is set to complete half of its five-year term on June 7. Sources said Revanth Reddy briefed Kharge on the resolutions and decisions taken at the recent Political Affairs Committee (PAC) meeting of the Telangana Congress aimed at strengthening the party organisation across the state. He said ministers assigned as constituency in-charges have been directed to devote one full day every 10 days exclusively to party activities and to interact with grassroots workers. The Chief Minister also informed Kharge that he would personally spend one day every 10 days in the field, engaging with party workers and earmark three days every month solely for organisational affairs. Party sources said Kharge was briefed on the government's welfare and development initiatives as well as the Congress party's efforts to further strengthen its organisational structure across Telangana.



TGSRTC to be merged with the govt after trade union elections: Ponnab

Hyderabad: Telangana Transport Minister Ponnab Prabhakar said on Sunday, May 31, that the merger of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) with the government would be undertaken after the elections for the recognised trade union. He stated that elections for the recognised TGSRTC trade union would be conducted shortly and that the process of merging the RTC with the government would be undertaken following consultations with the elected representatives. The minister said every precaution was being taken to ensure that no disputes or hurdles arise during the merger process and urged employees not to harbour any apprehensions. He assured that all issues concerning RTC employees would be resolved and advised them to dispel any misconceptions. The minister informed that under the leadership of the Deputy Chief Minister, discussions were held involving five ministers, senior officials and 40 RTC representatives, resulting in the sanctioning of an 11 per cent pay revision for employees. Minister Ponnab Prabhakar, accompanied by Minister for IT, Industries and Legislative Affairs Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Government Whip Vijaya Ramana Rao, inspected the proposed site for the bus depot at the Peddapalli district headquarters. The Transport Minister announced that steps were being taken to expedite the construction of the RTC bus depot. Speaking on the occasion, Ponnab Prabhakar said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had sanctioned the RTC bus depot for Peddapalli following requests from Government Whip Vijaya Ramana Rao and senior Minister Sridhar Babu. He noted that although work on the bus depot had faced some delays, steps had now been initiated to accelerate the process and ensure its early inauguration.

Farming couple struck dead by lightning in Asifabad

Kumram Bheem Asifabad: In a tragic incident, a farmer and his wife were killed in a lightning strike, while another person sustained injuries when they were standing under a tree at Kairiguda village in Rebena mandal on Sunday. Locals and family members said that Tekam Bheemu (50) and his wife Raju Bai (45) of the village died on the spot when lightning struck them. Athram Gangu, another farmer, sustained minor injuries. He was shifted to a hospital in Asifabad. His condition is stated to be stable. Several parts of the district witnessed brief spells of rain coupled with strong winds.

KTR Questions Congress on Poll Promises

Hyderabad: BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao on Sunday reminded the Congress of the poll promises it made before coming to power. He recalled how both Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy about their promises to various sections. He dared Revanth Reddy to declare that he would not contest in next Assembly polls if he fails to deliver. Claiming that more than 100 auto drivers have committed suicide since Congress assumed office in Telangana, the former minister reminded Rahul Gandhi and questioned his silence about the Welfare Board which was promised. Before making grand new promises in Delhi, can you kindly explain what has happened to the promises you made to Telangana's auto drivers in 2023? A welfare board was promised for auto drivers and



also you had promised Rs 12,000 annually to each driver. 30 months have passed, yet not a single promise has been fulfilled. Why this drama in Delhi when the promises made to Telangana's auto drivers 3 years ago are still pending?" he asked in his post on X. Later addressing a party meeting in the city, KTR demanded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy fulfill the poll promises terming them as '420' promises. He dared Revanth Reddy declare he would not contest in next Assembly polls if he fails to deliver. He questioned the progress of Indiramma housing in Secunderabad Cantonment and said that not even a single unit was provided to the poor. He ridiculed that the entire administration was engaging itself in mere 'ribbon cuttings', for works executed during the BRS regime while appropriating all the credit for themselves.

Conspiracy behind move to set up farmers' DISCOM: Kavitha

Hyderabad: Telangana Rakshana Samithi (TRS) leader K Kavitha on Sunday, May 31, alleged that there is a conspiracy behind the Congress government's move to set up farmers' DISCOM. She alleged that the government was trying to privatise the remaining two DISCOMs by creating a farmers' DISCOM. Addressing a press conference, she reacted to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's remarks during an informal chat with media persons that the government will not scrap 24-hour free power to farmers and that meters will not be installed for agricultural connections. She demanded that the Chief Minister officially make the announcement instead of speaking during the informal chat with the media. She also challenged the Chief Minister to announce that he will not seek votes in the elections if the remaining two DISCOMs are privatised. She said her party would approach even the Supreme Court to counter the conspiracy by the government. She said that when this Chief Minister claims he will not scrap free electricity, it only raises more suspicion. She demanded that



instead of chit-chat, he should hold a press meet and tell the people the same thing. Stating that the Chief Minister has not honoured the promises made in public meetings, she expressed doubts if he would stick to the words he is saying now. She appealed that the Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) should not give permission to the farmer's DISCOM that harms farmers under any circumstances.

Banners Against Etala Spark Row in BJP

Hyderabad: Banners targeting party MP Etala Rajendar in parts of the city under Malkajgiri and Cyberabad municipal corporation limits have caused a flutter in party circles. The flexis, which appeared overnight, questioned his contributions since joining the party and hinted at alleged rifts with senior leaders. Party president N. Ramchander Rao reacted swiftly, terming them a conspiracy aimed at creating divisions among leaders. He said political rivals were envious of the united struggle waged by the party's MPs and MLAs, who had exposed the state government's failure to procure paddy and other grains from farmers during the "Rythu Gosa - BJP Bharosa" bus yatra. Nizamabad MP D. Arvind condemned the posters and extended support to Etala. In a joint statement, BJP MLAs and MLCs strongly denounced the banners, calling them a malicious political attack



intended to undermine the party's growing popularity in Telangana. The statement, signed by 10 legislators, said: "We unequivocally denounce the banners arranged to belittle Rajendar. This is not merely a personal assault on a leader; it reflects the insecurity of rival political forces alarmed by the BJP's rise in Telangana." The leaders demanded a thorough investigation into the role of the ruling party and other opposition elements, accusing them of being unable to tolerate increasing public support for the BJP.



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11 held in crackdown on illegal betting network

HYDERABAD: The Telangana Crime Investigation Department (CID) has busted an illegal online betting network linked to the Dafabet platform and arrested 11 persons from Gujarat, New Delhi and Punjab following a multi-state investigation conducted over two weeks. The arrested include organisers who received funds generated through the platform, individuals who arranged mule bank accounts on commission, technical support providers and operators of fake firms used to receive betting proceeds.

CM Highlights Welfare and Development on Telangana Formation Day



Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy affirmed that the Congress government prioritises both welfare and develop-

ment equally. Addressing the Telangana Formation Day celebrations at the Parade Grounds in Secunderabad, he praised the government's unprecedented welfare schemes and emphasised that society would not tolerate monarchy or authoritarianism. He extended his greetings to the people of Telangana, paying tribute to former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Congress leader Sonia Gandhi for realising the state's dream. Quoting poet Kaloji, Reddy said, "Birth is yours, death is yours... but your entire life belongs to the nation," and spoke of ongoing efforts to serve the state. The Chief Minister highlighted recent achievements, including filling over 67,000 government vacancies transparently and without legal issues. He announced that further recruitment notifications for departments such as Engineering, PCB, Forest, Town Planning, and Education would be issued this month. Reddy also mentioned educational reforms, including the introduction of pre-primary classes in 1,362 government schools, provision of breakfast in all government institutions, and plans to extend the midday meal scheme to junior colleges, as part of the government's commitment to the state's progress towards 'Telangana Vision-2047'.



Indiramma houses are for all, including tribals: CM launches Phase 2

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy instructed the chief secretary and all district collectors that there shouldn't be a single hut in any Adivasi or Lambada hamlet in a year, and that Indiramma houses should be constructed to cover all the tribals across the state. He directed that a special drive has to be conducted to ensure that no tribal is left without a pukka house by this time next year, and that Indiramma houses should be sanctioned on a war-footing for tribals across the state. He also said that the tribals should be allowed to build Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC) roofs for Indiramma houses that were built a couple of decades ago, where the walls were intact, but the roofs had become damaged. The chief minister performed a housewarming ceremony of 28 Indiramma houses built for Adivasis belonging to the Kolam tribe in Kothari gram panchayat of Kerameri mandal on Monday, June 1. Revanth Reddy, accompanied by Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Women and Child Welfare Minister Danasari Anasuya alias Seethakka, Labour Minister G Vivek Venkatswamy and Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao and Asifabad MLA Kova Laxmi, tasted the rotis prepared by the Adivasis at their newly constructed Indiramma houses. A total of 226 houses were sanctioned for Kothari (Kolam Penta), out of which 28 houses have been constructed as of Monday. The chief minister interacted with the members of the Kalam tribe, which is among the Primitive Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Atram Susheela said that the Anganwadi centre in her village had no teacher or helper. She also brought to the notice of the chief minister that there was a drinking water problem in the village. He immediately instructed the Kumram Bheem Asifabad District Collector to address the issues. Addressing a public meeting in Kagaznagar later, Revanth Reddy reminded that 21,000 Indiramma houses were sanctioned exclusively for tribals in the state in the first phase, in addition to 4.5 lakh houses that were sanctioned during the first phase of the Indiramma housing scheme. He also urged all the MLAs in the 10 assembly constituencies of the erstwhile Adilabad district that, irrespective of political party affiliations, they needed to give data on all the tribals not having pukka houses, so that Indiramma houses could be constructed for them. He also ordered that by September 17 housewarming ceremonies of another 1 lakh Indiramma houses (under the first phase) have to be performed. Revanth Reddy also announced the launch of the second phase of Indiramma houses across the state on the occasion, with 2.5 lakh Indiramma houses sanctioned on the occasion. The chief minister laid foundation stones for development works for Rs 112 crore on the occasion.

Telangana nets Rs 1,038 crore from Raidurg land e-auction

HYDERABAD: A 5.09 acre land parcel in Knowledge City, Raidurg Panmaktha, fetched Rs 204 crore an acre in an e-auction conducted by the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIC) on Monday. The auction of 24,672 sq yds generated Rs 1,038.36 crore for the state government under its asset monetisation programme. The latest sale comes days after TGIC auctioned a 6.29 acre parcel in the same locality at Rs 237 crore an acre, generating Rs 1,490.73 crore. Together, the two auctions fetched Rs 2,529 crore.

Nitin Nabin Charts BJP Roadmap for Telangana: Ramchander Rao

Hyderabad: BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao said the party national leadership was focused on strengthening the organisation and making the party a major political force in Telangana. He added that party president Nitin Nabin had given a clear message and guidance to bring the party to power. Rao stated that Nabin convened a meeting of all state presidents and general secretaries (organisation) in Delhi and gave detailed guidance on strengthening the party's organisation and preparing for upcoming elections. The leadership recalled the party's recent victories in West Bengal, Assam and Puducherry and asked for a roadmap to form governments in Telangana and Karnataka. Rao also confirmed that Nabin would take part in the Telangana Formation



Day in New Delhi on Tuesday and address the event. On paddy procurement in the state, Ramchander Rao strongly criticised the state Congress administration, saying that despite election promises by the Chief Minister to buy "every last grain," the government has failed farmers this year.

Revised Employees Health Scheme: TG employees likely to end up paying more premium



Hyderabad: The government employees in Telangana are likely to end up paying higher premium towards the insurance scheme proposed by the government, compared to government staff in other states as the administration had decided to deduct 1.5 per cent of the basic salary. City & Local Guides For the unversed, under the revised Employees Health Scheme (EHS) in Telangana, working staff and pensioners are required to contribute 1.5% of their basic pay to access cashless health coverage. The state government will match this with an equal 1.5% contribution. The funds are routed into a dedicated Employee Health Care Trust (EHCT), which oversees the cashless health insurance scheme. Beneficiaries receive coverage for nearly 2,000 medical procedures and can access cashless treatment at government hospitals and hundreds of empanelled private hospitals. However, some staff unions have expressed frustration that deductions have occurred prior to the rollout of digital health cards and finalised hospital agreements. A section of the employees points out that the per-

centage of deduction by the government would not help without baring the modalities of the scheme. According to the employees, in most States government employee health insurance schemes operate with a fixed monthly contribution ranging from Rs 300 to Rs 810 per month and provide coverage between Rs 1.5 lakh and Rs 20 lakh per family. Some states also provide government-funded schemes with little or no employee contribution. However, Telangana has proposed a contribution of 1.5 per cent of basic pay, resulting in widely varying monthly contributions among employees. So, how did the government arrive at a decision to deduct 1.5 per cent from the basic pay? The Health Department had estimated that Rs 1,056 crore would be enough for giving health insurance to the 3.75 lakh employees and 2.5 lakh pensioners in the state. It was then decided that half of this amount will be the employees' share and the remaining half the government's contribution; that is, Rs 528 crore each. To recover this, the government decided to deduct 1.5 per cent of the basic pay from employees and pensioners. There are different types of schemes in other states in the country. The neighbouring state of Andhra Pradesh has a scheme in which the employee contribution is Rs 300 per month, which has been implemented since 2014.



Focus on AP, not Telangana: Ponnamp takes jibe at Pawan Kalyan

Hyderabad: A day ahead of Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's Hyderabad visit scheduled for June 2, Telangana Backwards Classes Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar has demanded an unconditional apology from the Janasena Party Chief over his recent remarks on the state. Pawan Kalyan is set to arrive in Hyderabad to participate in the Nava Nirmana Sankalpa Sabha, which aims to strengthen the party's presence in the Telangana political arena. It will be held at Sandhya Convention in Gachibowli, and around 2,000 party workers and leaders are expected to

participate. Ponnamp's demand comes when Kalyan, a few months ago, remarked that the people of Telangana's dishti (bad omen) has fallen on the fertile lands of the Godavari region. "Earlier, the Konaseema region in Godavari was blessed with greenery and coconut trees. Now, it is all gone and dried up. This is because the neighbouring state has put dishti," he had said. Addressing the media at Husnabad camp office, Siddipet, Ponnamp demanded that Kalyan tender an unconditional apology to the people of Telangana before holding any public meetings in the state.

SIT records statements of two Congress MLAs

HYDERABAD: Congress MLA J Anirudh Reddy and Whip Yennam Srinivas Reddy appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) as witnesses/victims in the alleged pho ne-tapping case on Monday following summons from the probe agency. The MLAs, in their statements to the SIT, alleged that their phones had been tapped by the accused police officers. Addressing a press conference at the Congress Legislative Party office on the Assembly premises after recording their statements, Srinivas Reddy asserted that those responsible for the alleged phone-tapping scandal would not be spared, regardless of their political stature or position. He accused the Kalvakuntla family — K Chandrasekhar Rao, KT Rama Rao, K Kavitha, and T Harish Rao — of resorting to undemocratic practices to safeguard their political future.

PM Modi, Myanmar Prez U Min Aung Hlaing discuss bilateral talks

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday held bilateral talks with Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing at Hyderabad House in New Delhi. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal described the meeting as "deepening the bonds of friendship and cooperation." Geographic Reference "PM Narendra Modi held wide-ranging discussions with President U Min Aung Hlaing of Myanmar on further deepening India-Myanmar bilateral ties," Jaiswal said in a post on X. He added that both sides agreed to advance partnership for peace, progress and prosperity and to further collaborate in areas of trade, investment, connectivity, development partnership, capacity building, security and border management. During the meeting, PM Modi reiterated India's commitment to supporting Myanmar as a trusted neighbour and reliable partner. The Prime Minister conveyed that India remains Myanmar's trusted neighbour, a reliable partner



and steadfast first responder in times of crisis, in line with India's Neighbourhood First, Act East and MAHASAGAR policies. PM Modi also reaffirmed

India's readiness to support peace and dialogue in Myanmar, including by sharing federal governance and economic growth experiences.

ECI announces polls for 27 Rajya Sabha seats on June 18



New Delhi: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Monday announced the schedule for elections to 27 seats in the Rajya Sabha and various state legislative councils, with polling set to take place on June 18. According to the poll schedule, the nomination process begins on June 1, while candidates can file their nominations until June 8. Scrutiny of nomination papers will be conducted on June 9, and the last date for with-

drawal of candidatures is June 11. Voting for all the seats will be held on June 18 between 8 am and 4 pm, followed by counting of votes from 5 pm onwards on the same day. The elections include biennial polls for 24 Rajya Sabha seats across 10 states. In addition, by-elections will be conducted for Rajya Sabha vacancies in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Odisha. The ECI also announced elections for legislative council seats in

multiple states. Bihar will witness biennial elections for nine Legislative Council seats along with a by-election for one seat. In Karnataka, elections will be held for seven seats in the Legislative Council. The upcoming elections are important for determining the composition of the Upper House of Parliament and state legislative councils, where members are elected indirectly by elected representatives and designated electoral colleges.

Congress slams PM's silence on Israel-Lebanon conflict, says 'so-called fatherland more important than actual motherland'



NEW DELHI: The Congress party on Tuesday criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for remaining "completely silent" on Israel's military actions in Lebanon, accusing him of failing to respond to what it described as devastation in the region and disruption of US-Iran negotiations. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, posting on X, referred to ongoing talks between the United States

and Iran aimed at de-escalating tensions in West Asia. He said a potential agreement could lead to the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz and put downward pressure on global oil prices—developments he argued were of significant importance to India. Ramesh alleged that the negotiations had been hindered by Israel's continuing military operations in Lebanon, which he said involved "unprecedented incursions". He also cited remarks attributed to US President Donald Trump, claiming that Trump had expressed frustration with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during recent discussions, including a reported intervention urging Israel to halt a planned strike on Beirut.

SC refuses plea on online NEET-UG retest

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to grant urgent hearing to a plea filed by Rashtriya Janta Dal MP Sudhakar Singh and others demanding that the re-test of NEET-UG 2026, scheduled for June 21, be conducted in Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode, after observing that the National Testing Agency (NTA) is already under significant pressure. A two-judge bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Aravind Kumar said NTA "is already faced with too many problems" due to the re-conduct of the exam. "They are reholding the exam. The kind of pressure they have. We will post (this matter) after vacation," Justice Narasimha said while declining urgent listing and hearing of the plea. Petitioner Singh and others, had sought a direction to shift the NEET-UG re-test from the existing pen-and-paper format to CBT mode, citing concerns over transparency and integrity.

CM Vijay 1st Speech: More Aggression Than Ever



believe him a bit more and backed TVK. It appears that Vijay took the hung situation in the election to his heart. He pleaded with the people of Tamil Nadu to be more receptive of him. About the criticism that he has been facing for weighing a black and white suit, Vijay said he will be in black or white, but he will never operate in the grey. This is an indication that he will be very polarised with his choices which can go either way but he will not beat around the bush like his predecessors. Vijay was very straightforward and characteristically aggressive with his first speech as the CM and this must strike the Tamil people at the right place. But he needs to hold this momentum as 4 Assembly constituencies in Tamil Nadu are going for by-election due to resignations in recent past.

The newly elected chief minister of Tamil Nadu, Joseph Vijay, who is more famous as Thalopathy Vijay due to his film career has delivered an explosive speech at his first public appearance after becoming the CM. Vijay took part in a massive public event in Trichy today, and he was very aggressive with his approach. He maintained his usual style of attacking his political finances in a subtle yet strong manner. Vijay pointed out that the people of Tamil Nadu have two options on which is backing him who has true intentions for the people, and the other is telling who had conspired against him. He said he wants the complete support of people of Tamil Nadu. About the result, Vijay said the people of Tamil Nadu have backed him overwhelmingly, and he will definitely do all he can to reciprocate as much love and admiration as the CM. But at the same time, he said things could be even smooth with administration if the people

Didi Faces Fresh Rebellion in TMC?

Trinamool Congress president and former Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee was seemingly disappointed to witness the meagre attendance of her party MLAs to the meeting called on Monday at her Kalighat residence. After the TMC's rout in the recently held Assembly elections, this is the first meeting of the party's newly elected MLAs, called by her and the poor attendance, could have made her feel threatened. The BJP's victory in the state following ruckus over deletion of a whopping 2.7 million voters from the electoral rolls, during the controversial SIR exercise, has left the TMC in tatters, political experts say. In addition, TMC general secretary and Mamata Banerjee (Didi) nephew Abhishek Banerjee was also attacked two days ago. The next day, another party MP Kalyan Banerjee was also assaulted. The newly elected legislators meet called on Monday afternoon failed to take off as only 20 of the total 80 MLAs reached the venue.

30 Indian Migrants Arrested in US for Unauthorized Trucking Jobs, Deportation Imminent

New York: About 30 individuals from India, found to be living in the US illegally and working as commercial truck drivers, have been arrested as part of a federal operation and will soon be deported. The US Customs and Border Protection said in a statement Monday that during the week of May 11-15, Border Patrol agents from Yuma Sector in Arizona arrested 52 individuals during 'Operation Checkmate' for being in the US illegally, including 36 who were found to be driving semi-trucks. Out of the 36 illegal semi-truck drivers arrested, 30 were from India.

India, Australia step up defence ties with supplies pact, undersea surveillance push

New Delhi - India and Australia on Monday agreed to develop a defence supplies and services pact, while stepping up cooperation in maritime surveillance, undersea domain awareness and military interoperability as the two Quad partners deepen strategic coordination in the Indo-Pacific. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles co-chaired the second India-Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue in New Delhi, barely eight months after their inaugural meeting in Australia. Marles arrived describing the two countries as "top-tier security partners." A key outcome of the dialogue was the decision to begin work on a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the pro-



vision of defence articles and services, which the two sides described as the next step in deepening defence-industrial collaboration. The ministers also welcomed Australia's first defence trade mission to India and the Australia-India Defence Industry Roundtable, both held in October last year. Sources said that the MoU's


specifics are still to be negotiated but it is expected to provide a framework for closer defence-industrial cooperation, including potential collaboration in defence manufacturing, sustainment and supply chains. Maritime security dominated the agenda as the two sides agreed to progress collaborative maritime domain awareness.

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IIT-H Gets AGC Innovation Hub for AI and Digital Research

Hyderabad: AGC Asia Pacific India (AAPI) set up an innovation hub at the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIT-H) technology research park to expand joint work in artificial intelligence, digital technologies and industry research. The AAPI innovation hub will support internships, collaborative research projects and industry-driven innovation programmes, involving students, researchers and AGC teams. On Saturday, officials said the collaboration would focus on digital transformation, advanced engineering solutions and practical research initiatives. The initiative builds on existing internship and AI research collaborations between the institute and the Japan-based AGC Group. The company said India was identified as a strategic region for digital transformation because of its large engineering and technology talent base. IITH director Prof B.S. Murty said the partnership would help students and researchers work on real world technological challenges through industry collaboration and interdisciplinary research. The hub is also expected to contribute to AGC's global innovation projects involving teams across Japan, Europe and other international locations.

Changing Lives Of The Average Students: Biggest Challenge Before Teachers

In today's highly competitive world, excellence has become the most sought-after goal in education. Whether it is a class test, board examination, entrance test, sports competition, or co-curricular activity, students and parents alike aspire to achieve the highest levels of success. However, educational reality presents a different picture. The abilities and performance levels of students in any classroom generally follow a typical "bell-shaped distribution". A small percentage of students excel consistently, another small percentage may struggle significantly, while the overwhelming majority fall somewhere in the middle. These students are often labelled as "average students." Unfortunately, in the relentless pursuit of excellence, this large group of average learners frequently goes unnoticed. They neither attract attention through exceptional achievements nor demand intervention because of poor performance. They occupy a silent space within the classroom, often remaining invisible to teachers and peers. These students constitute what may be called the "silent majority" of the classroom. They usually score average marks, hesitate to ask questions, rarely volunteer answers, and often avoid participating in competitions or leadership roles. This phenomenon can have serious consequences. When students repeatedly compare themselves with high

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- PROMOTE CONFIDENCE
- SET SMART GOALS
- PROVIDE POSITIVE FEEDBACK
- ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION
- CELEBRATE SMALL WINS
- BE A MENTOR
- BE A ROLE MODEL
- BE A SUPPORTER
- BE A CHALLENGER
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When teachers believe in average students, extraordinary transformations begin.

From Average to Above Average. From Potential to Excellence. Every Student. Every Step. Every Success.

Every Effort Matters. Every Student Counts.

achievers, they may experience embarrassment, fear of failure, low self-esteem, and a diminished sense of self-worth (cringe effect). The greatest challenge before teachers, therefore, is to ignite the potential hidden within this silent majority.

Why Average Students Matter

Education is not merely about producing a handful of outstanding performers. Its broader purpose is to enable every learner to realise his or her fullest potential. A classroom can be considered truly successful only when all students are given opportunities to participate and succeed according to their abilities. Many teachers gravitate towards bright and vocal students because they respond quickly, participate actively. While encouraging excellence is important, focusing exclusively on a small group of high achievers may leave a large section of learners behind. A truly effective teacher is one who can identify hidden potential in average students and help them move from "average" to "above-average" levels of performance. The brightest students are often equipped to find their own path; it is the average learners who require encouragement, mentoring, and guidance. Here lies the true test of a teacher's effectiveness.

Understanding the Causes

Before attempting solutions, teachers must understand that there is no single reason why a student performs average. Some students come from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Some may be first-generation learners lacking academic support at home. Others may face language barriers, communication difficulties, learning challenges, or confidence issues. Therefore, teachers should avoid viewing all average students through the same lens. Each learner has a unique story, and effective intervention begins with understanding that story.

Strategies for Transforming Average Students

Identify Individual Needs: The first step is diagnosis. Teachers should make conscious efforts to understand the specific challenges faced by individual students. Personal conversations, classroom observations,

TG TET Online Exams From June 16

HYDERABAD: The schedule for TG TET-June 2026 has been released, with online examinations to be conducted over five days from June 16 to June 22, the director of SCERT and convener, TG TET-2026, said. The examination will be held in two sessions each day — Session I from 9 am to 11.30 am and Session II from 2 pm to 4.30 pm. The timetable includes Paper-I, Paper-II Mathematics and Science, and Paper-II Social Studies in English and Telugu medium, organised through district-wise slots. Paper-I (English/Telugu) will be conducted on June 16 and 17. Paper-II Mathematics and Science is scheduled for June 17 and 18, while Paper-II Social Studies will be held on June 19. Examinations for minority language mediums across all districts are scheduled on June 22. The de-

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Telangana Invites Minority Students for Overseas Scholarship Scheme 2026

Hyderabad: The state government has invited applications for the Chief Minister's Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Minorities for the Spring Season 2026, offering financial assistance to eligible students pursuing higher education abroad. According to the Minorities Welfare Department, minority students who have secured admission in postgraduate and Ph.D. courses in foreign universities across countries including the USA, UK, Australia, Canada, Singapore, Germany, South Korea, Japan, France, and New Zealand are eligible to apply. Under the scheme, selected candidates will be granted financial support of up to Rs 20 lakh, along with a one-way airfare of Rs 60,000 or the actual ticket cost, whichever is lower. Online applications will be accepted from June 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026, until 5:00 PM through the official portal. Authorities stated that the scheme applies to students who have obtained admission between January 1, 2026, and June 30, 2026. Officials also cautioned that all certificates submitted will undergo verification, and strict action will be taken against candidates found submitting fake documents. Applicants are required to produce original academic transcripts, and parents must be present during document submission at the concerned district offices. The department has urged eligible candidates to apply within the stipulated timeline to avail the benefits under the scheme.

Mumbai University Begins Online Admissions For Distance & Online Education Courses For 2026-27

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Mumbai: The University of Mumbai has commenced the online admission process for various undergraduate and postgraduate programmes offered through its Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) for the academic year 2026-27. The admission process began on May 28 and online applications will be accepted until July 31, 2026. The university stated that direct admissions are being offered to candidates who fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria prescribed for the respective courses. The programmes are being conducted in line with the National Education Policy (NEP), with a focus on flexible learning, affordable fees, and accessibility for students unable to pursue regular college education. The undergraduate courses offered include B.A. programmes in subjects such as History, Political Science, Sociology, Economics, Geography, Rural Development, Marat

hi, Hindi, and English. Other undergraduate programmes include B.Com., B.Com. in Accounts and Finance, B.Sc. in Information Technology, and B.Sc. in Computer Science. At the postgraduate level, students can apply for M.A. courses in History, Sociology, Economics, Political Science, Marathi, Hindi, English, Geography, Education, Communication and Journalism, and Public Relations. Other postgraduate programmes include M.Com. (Advanced Accountancy), M.Sc. in Business Management, Mathematics, Information Technology, and Computer Science, along with MMS and MCA programmes. The CDOE is also offering specialised programmes such as the Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Management (PGDFM) and Diploma in School Management (DSM). A dual-degree option has also been introduced for eligible students. The university highlighted that the M.A. Sociology program

me, introduced in online mode last year, enables students to complete the entire process — from admission to examinations — entirely online from any location. According to the university, the CDOE currently operates regional centres in Churchgate, Thane, Kalyan, Ratnagiri, Sawantwadi, and the newly established Palghar centre, where students can receive admission guidance and study materials. Director Prof. Shivaji Sargar said students can now begin filling online application forms, while subject selection and fee payment procedures will be made available shortly. The university also announced that admissions to the MMS and MCA programmes will be conducted through entrance examinations, which are expected to be held online soon. Students can complete the admission process through the official CDOE admission portal and obtain detailed information on the university's website.



Sri Chaitanya students get good ranks in JEE Advanced

Sri Chaitanya Educational Institutions, Khammam, have achieved remarkable success in the JEE Advanced 2026 examination, with 26 students securing ranks within the top 1,000 at the national level, institution officials announced on Monday. According to the results declared on Monday, students of the institution secured impressive ranks between top 500 and 1,000 in the highly competitive engineering entrance examination. Among the top performers, B. Sai Sharan secured an All India Rank (AIR) of 1,266. The institution also registered AIRs of 122, 128, 179, 216, 272, 329, 353, 448, 453, 473, 478, 495, 507, 508, 567, 586, 607, 622, 665, 709, 715, 787, 846, 856, 924 and 949, reflecting its strong performance in the examination. Institution authorities said that 12 students secured ranks within the top 500, while 26 students figured within the top 1,000. In addition, 45 students obtained ranks within the top 3,000, 63 students within the top 5,000 and 95 students within the top 10,000 at the national level.

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HEALTH

Can fatty liver really be reversed without medication?



Fatty liver disease is increasingly becoming one of the most common lifestyle-related health concerns globally, especially among people dealing with obesity, sedentary work culture and unhealthy eating habits. Experts say many patients are now discovering fatty liver accidentally during routine scans, often without experiencing noticeable symptoms beforehand. According to Doctor, Chief Wellness Officer at Kshemavana Naturopathy and Yoga Centre, many people immediately look for medication after seeing a fatty liver diagnosis on their ultrasound reports. "Lifestyle is the best medicine," the expert explained while discussing how fatty liver develops silently over time because of modern lifestyle habits.

Why fatty liver is becoming increasingly common

Experts say prolonged sitting, processed foods, sugary drinks, late-night eating and lack of physical activity are major contributors to non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD). Over time, excess fat gradually begins accumulating inside liver cells, often without pain or obvious warning signs. "This thing is everywhere now," Dr Shetty noted while explaining how routine lifestyle habits slowly affect liver health over the years.

The reassuring part, however, is that early-stage fatty liver can often be reversed naturally if lifestyle changes are followed consistently.

Sugar reduction may play a major role : According to the expert, excessive sugar intake is one of the biggest hidden causes behind rising fatty liver cases. Soft drinks, packaged juices, biscuits and excessive sugar consumption can overload the liver with fructose, which then gets stored as fat. Dr Shetty explained that many patients notice improvement in liver enzymes simply by significantly reducing sugar intake from their daily diet.

Walking and movement help the liver recover : The doctor also stressed that expensive fitness routines are not always necessary for recovery. "Thirty-minute brisk walk, six days weekly. Enough," he said while discussing how regular walking can help reduce liver fat naturally. He also encouraged simple strength-building activities such as yoga, squats and push-ups because muscles help improve glucoseregulation and reduce stress on the liver.

Sleep and stress also affect liver health : Experts say poor sleep and chronic stress can worsen hormonal imbalance involving cortisol and insulin, indirectly affecting fat storage and liver inflammation. "Six to seven hours minimum sleep is essential." While also recommending limiting late-night screen exposure.

Weight loss and alcohol control matter too : The expert explained that gradual weight reduction can significantly improve fatty liver. Even losing around 7-10% of body weight may help reduce liver fat and inflammation over time. Crash diets, however, may stress the liver further instead of helping recovery. He additionally warned that alcohol consumption, even occasional weekend drinking, may slow down liver recovery.

Real food over processed food : Dr Shetty encouraged focusing on simple home-cooked meals involving vegetables, fruits, eggs, fish and whole grains while reducing deep-fried and heavily processed packaged foods. "Your kitchen and walking shoes work harder than any prescription ever will," he concluded while explaining how consistent lifestyle correction remains central to reversing early fatty liver naturally.

Text neck in teens: How excessive screen time is quietly damaging young spines



head bent forward while focusing on an electronic device. Although the head typically weighs 10 to 12 pounds when in a neutral position, the extra pressure experienced by the neck region significantly increases when the head tilts downward. Scientific studies carried out and documented in the Journal of Surgical Technology International reveal that tilting the head downward in order to see a smartphone

can result in up to 60 pounds of extra strain on the neck region.

Why teenagers are particularly vulnerable

Doctors are increasingly seeing teenagers visit orthopaedic clinics with complaints of neck pain, rounded shoulders, poor posture and early spinal changes that were once more commonly associated with older adults. Because children and adolescents are still growing, their bones, muscles and posture are more susceptible to long-term damage. Spending prolonged periods hunched over screens can contribute to stiffness, muscle imbalances, headaches, upper back pain and changes in spinal alignment.

Dr Gupte notes that poor posture affects more than just the spine.

"Poor posture also hurts breathing, concentration, quality of sleep and overall physical quality of life."

The hidden impact of sedentary lifestyles

A study cited from the National Library of Medicine found that excessive screen time is associated with bone and muscle discomfort as well as posture-related problems in children. The growing adoption of sedentary lifestyles may also weaken the core muscles that help support the spine.

The problem often becomes worse during school holidays when children spend longer periods indoors and on their devices without taking regular breaks. Many use phones while lying on sofas, beds or in awkward positions that place even more strain on the neck and back.

Simple changes can make a big difference

The good news is that preventing text neck does not require completely eliminating technology. It is recommended that the screen be kept at eye level and that one maintain their position. It also helps to have brief breaks after every 30 to 40 minutes by moving and stretching in order to avoid back pain.

As Dr Gupte suggests, balancing time spent on screens with time spent outdoors exercising is highly recommended.

Physically engaging in activities like swimming, cycling, walking, and even playing games is the best way for muscles to get strong and maintain good posture. One must also look out for symptoms such as backache, headaches, stiffness in the shoulders and poor posture.

Migraines getting worse in extreme heat?

Summer headaches hit differently. Especially during heatwaves when even stepping outside for a few minutes feels draining. For people who already deal with migraines, rising temperatures often make things much worse. Bright sunlight, dehydration, poor sleep, skipped meals, screen exposure and heat exhaustion can all quietly build up and trigger an attack before you even realise what is happening.

Common migraine triggers you should know about

In an Instagram video shared on May 5, Dr Sehrawat, an AIIMS-trained neurologist currently associated with The Neuromed Clinic in Gurugram, explained some of the most common migraine triggers people often overlook.

According to her, these include:

- Skipping meals
- Poor sleep
- Stress
- Excessive screen time, especially at night
- Menstrual cycle changes
- Sun exposure
- Travelling in extreme heat
- Processed and junk food
- Sedentary lifestyle

Foods like chocolate and cheese Diet changes that may help prevent migraine attacks during summer

1. Keep meal timings regular : Dr Sehrawat stressed that people with migraines should try maintaining consistent meal timings every day.

According to her, skipping meals can easily trigger headaches for many people. She recommends following a regular eating schedule, ideally having breakfast around 9 am, lunch



at 2 pm and dinner around 8 pm.

2. Stay properly hydrated during summer :

Hydration becomes especially important during heatwaves. The neurologist recommends drinking around two to three litres of water daily. However, she also clarified that people with heart or kidney-related conditions should first consult their doctor before increasing water intake significantly.

3. Include more protein-rich foods :

Dr Sehrawat also recommends increasing protein intake as part of a migraine-friendly diet.

Some foods she suggested include:

- Tofu, Paneer
- Quinoa
- Almonds
- Lentils
- Eggs
- Chickpeas
- Greek yoghurt

4. Avoid processed and deep-fried foods :

According to the doctor, foods high in saturated and trans fats may worsen migraine symptoms

for some people. She advised cutting down on processed, packaged and deep-fried food items as much as possible.

5. Avoid tea or coffee on an empty stomach : The doctor also warned against consuming tea or coffee first thing in the morning on an empty stomach. Instead, she suggested coconut water as a better alternative during summer because it may help improve hydration levels naturally.

6. Add pumpkin seeds to your diet :

Dr Sehrawat mentioned that eating around six to ten pumpkin seeds daily, roughly about one teaspoon, may also offer benefits for migraine management.

7. Eat whole fruits instead of juices

According to the neurologist, whole fruits are a much better option than packaged juices or fruit juices.

8. Increase fruits and vegetables intake :

Dr Sehrawat recommended eating nearly 400 grams of fruits and vegetables every day as part of a balanced diet.

9. Avoid sugary drinks and alcohol :

Sugary soft drinks, energy drinks and alcohol may also worsen migraine symptoms for some people. She advised limiting beverages with added sugar as much as possible during summer.

10. Cut down on excess sugar

Dr Sehrawat explained that excessive sugar intake may trigger migraines in certain individuals. She specifically advised reducing foods like chocolates and cheese. Regular movement and exercise also matter

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Glutathione effervescent tablets for skin health.



A glass of water used to be just water. Now, for many young professionals and students, it has become part of a small daily ritual. Drop in a tablet, watch it fizz, wait for it to dissolve, and drink. The simple act feels less like medicine and more like a mindful pause in a busy day. Among the products finding space in these routines are glutathione effervescent tablets. Glutathione is often described as one of the body's most important antioxidants. It is naturally produced in the liver and helps protect cells from damage caused by free radicals. Doctors explain that factors like stress, pollution, irregular sleep, and poor diet can affect the body's antioxidant balance, and the skin often shows the first signs. This is one reason why interest in glutathione supplements has grown, especially among people looking for clearer, more even skin. Traditionally, glutathione was discussed mostly in clinical settings. Today, it has moved into mainstream skin-care conversations. Many users associate it with brighter skin and an even tone, though experts stress that results vary. "Glutathione supports cellular health and may help reduce oxidative stress in the skin," says a Mumbai-based nutritionist. "When combined with sun protection and a good topical routine, it can be one part of a skin-care plan."

The effervescent format has added to its popularity for skin use. Unlike regular tablets or capsules, effervescent tablets dissolve in water, making them easy to take daily. Some people prefer the ritual: it is convenient, gentle on the stomach, and fits into busy schedules. For those building a skin-focused routine, this format feels less clinical and more approachable. Indian wellness brands have noticed this change and are offering products aimed squarely at skin benefits. HK Vitals, for instance, sells glutathione effervescent tablets framed primarily as skin-support products. The brand positions these tablets as solutions aimed at enhancing skin glow and helping reduce pigmentation, focusing on visible radiance and a more even-looking complexion. Health experts advise realistic expectations. Glutathione is not an instant fix for skin concerns. Visible improvements in skin brightness or texture can take weeks or months, and effects vary by individual. Doctors recommend using such supplements as part of a consistent routine that includes sun protection, gentle cleansing, and adequate hydration. Another reason effervescent glutathione is finding favour among skin-conscious users is the clearer messaging from brands. Products that explain dosage, expected timelines, and how they fit with topical treatments help consumers make sensible choices. HK Vitals and similar companies now emphasise regular use and realistic outcomes rather than quick promises.

Safety and quality remain important. People should check labels, choose well-manufactured products, and consult a healthcare professional if they have underlying conditions or take other medications. For skin goals, combining internal support with outward care, sunscreen, moisturiser, and topical antioxidants is the commonly advised path.

The larger story is one of habits changing around skin care. Modern routines are less about single treatments and more about small, steady steps that support skin from the inside and outside.

The rise of clinical hair and skin treatments: Why DIY remedies often fall short



India has seen increasing demand for clinical hair and skin treatments during the past few years. Dermatologists now treat more patients who need help with hair loss, acne scars, and skin discoloration, as well as premature aging. People choose DIY solutions because they are easy to access and people understand them from their traditions, but experts warn that these solutions only provide short-term relief while they fail to solve the main issue.

Why DIY remedies often fail : One of the biggest reasons DIY remedies fail to deliver long-term results is the difference in strength and delivery of active ingredients. At-home treatments typically contain low concentrations of beneficial compounds, and even when natural ingredients are effective, they cannot reach the deeper layers of the skin or scalp where many problems originate. "Hair follicles and skin

structures lie below the surface," explains Dr Chavan. "Unless treatments are designed to reach these deeper layers, the results will always be limited."

Understanding the root causes of hair and skin problems

Hair loss, for example, is rarely caused by just one factor. Genetics, hormonal changes, stress, nutritional deficiencies, scalp infections, certain medications, ageing, and even tight hairstyles can all contribute to hair thinning. Because of these multiple triggers, dermatologists stress the importance of identifying the root cause before deciding on treatment. "Hair fall is often a symptom rather than the disease itself," says Dr Chavan. "Without proper diagnosis, people may continue trying remedies that do not target the actual problem."

Clinical treatments that target the problem : Modern dermatology treatments focus on addressing

these underlying mechanisms. Procedures such as Platelet-Rich Plasma therapy involve extracting a patient's own blood, concentrating the growth factors, and injecting them into the scalp to stimulate dormant hair follicles. This process helps improve blood circulation and promotes cellular regeneration.

Advanced skin treatments for long-term results : Skin treatments have also evolved significantly over the past decade. Dermatologists now use scientifically designed procedures to treat concerns like pigmentation, acne scars, and uneven skin texture. Chemical peels, for instance, use controlled levels of medical-grade acids to remove damaged skin layers and stimulate collagen production. This encourages fresh skin cells to regenerate, improving tone and texture. Meanwhile, low-level laser therapy helps stimulate hair follicles, encouraging new hair growth in patients experiencing thinning hair. "Home care can support skin and hair health," When a condition continues for months or worsens over time, professional evaluation becomes important. Early treatment almost always leads to better outcomes." The growing shift toward clinical dermatology reflects a broader change in how people approach personal care, moving from temporary fixes to scientifically backed solutions that address the problem at its source.

From flights to beach vacations

How women can protect their intimate health while travelling

Vacationing is supposed to be a relaxing experience; nevertheless, the change in lifestyle, weather, and sanitary habits could make one susceptible to some medical problems. The first thing that comes to mind when one thinks about health issues related to vacationing is sexual health issues. For instance, one may face irritation during long flights, road journeys, or beach vacations. Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Mother Hood Hospitals, Greater Noida, a few simple habits can go a long way in helping women stay comfortable and healthy while travelling.

Why travel can affect intimate health : With schools and colleges on break, many families are planning holidays across India and abroad. Although travelling is enjoyable, lengthy periods of sitting down, poor availability of clean toilets and weather changes could influence sexual hygiene.

Tavelling for prolonged periods by train, bus or aeroplane, along with wearing tight and man-made fabric, will result in irritation. High temperatures and humidity at tropical locations will only contribute to sweating and infection. Although it is common practice among ladies to overlook these problems while on vacation, it is important to take preventive steps.

Common intimate health problems women may face while travelling

Another issue that commonly occurs among travellers is that of UTIs, which might be brought about by dehydration or lack of visiting the toilet for longer intervals of time.



Fungal infections might also occur in women as a result of sweating, as well as using tight-fitting clothes or staying in wet clothes for a prolonged period. Using public washrooms that may not be very hygienic could lead to bacteria-induced infection and irritation. Another important thing that Dr Thakral mentions is that using panty liners or sanitary pads for a longer period in the hot season without changing them frequently may also cause some sort of discomfort and infection. Changes in pH levels as a result of travel stress and changes in eating habits or sleeping habits can make some women vulnerable to infections.

Expert-approved tips to stay comfortable while travelling

Being hydrated is one of the best ways of ensuring intimacy when travelling. Drinking sufficient amounts of water will go a long way in ensuring that you do not get dry and thus lower your chances of get-

ting UTIs. As a woman, avoid going a long time without urinating and wear looser underwear made from cotton fabric to avoid building up moisture. You should avoid wearing sweaty gym clothes, leggings, and shapewear.

Hygiene habits that can make a difference

Personal hygiene becomes even more crucial when on vacation. Always clean your hands before entering and after leaving public washrooms, and try to minimise skin contact with all surfaces where necessary. It may be useful to bring along personal items like tissues, wipes, and intimate wash products that have been prescribed by doctors.

The use of disposable toilet seat covers might also contribute to your safety. Ladies also need to keep their feminine hygiene products well organised and change out of wet swimsuits as soon as possible. Additionally, keeping an extra pair of underwear handy will be beneficial.



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Hundreds Arrested As Clashes Erupt In Paris On PSG Victory Night



Paris : Police on Saturday detained more than 280 people in Paris after violent clashes erupted when thousands poured onto the streets during Paris Saint-Germain's Champions League final victory. Some 22,000 police were deployed across France for the game, including 8,000 in Paris, after unrest marred PSG's win in the competition last year. Paris tram lines were halted, several metro stations shut and bus traffic halted in places in a bid to minimise disturbances. According to the French interior ministry, 416 people were detained nationwide, including 283 who were apprehended in Paris. It was not immediately clear how many of these individuals were remanded in custody to face further investigation. Interior minister Laurent Nunez said seven officers had been wounded and called the unrest "absolutely unacceptable." Six vehicles and two businesses were damaged. A group of supporters also stormed the Paris ring road, the peripherique, bringing traffic to a halt for a time and letting off flares, an AFP photographer said. As fans celebrated the dramatic penalty shoot out victory in the Hungarian capital, Budapest, some 20,000 people converged on Paris's iconic Champs-Elysees av-

enue, police said. Shops boarded up their windows ahead of the match to avoid a repeat of disturbances last year when youths ransacked shops on the Champs-Elysees and other streets. Hundreds of people were arrested. Two dozen flares and about 100 fireworks were seized Saturday, while a bus shelter was destroyed near the Champs-Elysees. The match also came on a hectic evening in Paris, with singer Aya Nakamura performing at the Stade de France national stadium, rapper Damso at the La Defense Arena and the French Open tennis in full swing. Police said a bakery and a restaurant were damaged near PSG's Parc des Princes stadium, where tens of thousands gathered inside to watch the match but 4,000 to 5,000 people loitered outside with projectiles which were thrown at officers. About 150 people "attempted to enter through one of the gates" at the stadium but police pushed them back, a police spokesperson said. Some also attempted to erect a barricade with rental bikes which was cleared by police. An AFP reporter at the scene said clashes broke out between police and supporters near the stadium, and officers responded with tear gas when fireworks were thrown at them.

WHO chief visits epicentre of Ebola outbreak in eastern Congo as cases outpace response

BUNIA: The head of the World Health Organisation on Saturday visited eastern Congo's Bunia, a city at the heart of an outbreak of a rare type of Ebola, where the virus is spreading faster than the response despite better-organised health facilities and new aid arrivals. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is expected to visit a treatment center and meet local authorities, health workers and affected families in Bunia. "The best way to address this is to provide all the necessary support to fight the disease at its epicenter and to continue offering every assistance needed," the WHO's director-general told reporters late Friday. The health organization said latest official figures showed 906 suspected cases and 223 suspected deaths. Neighboring Uganda has confirmed nine cases and one death, the Ugandan ministry of health said Friday. The Bundibugyo virus, the current kind of Ebola, has no approved treatment or vaccine. "This is a difficult situation, and we recognize that. But the Democratic Republic of Congo has faced the Ebola virus many times before. We are confident that it can once again bring this outbreak under control," Tedros said after meeting with Congo's Prime Minister Judith Suminwa Tuluka on Friday. Medical aid donated by the European Union arrived in Ituri, the heart of Congo's Ebola outbreak, on Thursday. More shipments are expected



in the coming days. The U.S. announced \$80 million in additional aid on the same day, bringing its total commitment to more than \$112 million. Response efforts at Bunia's Rwampara and General hospitals appear more organized, with additional staff, protective gear and medical supplies, though patients continue arriving around the clock, a reporter from observed on Friday.

22 Afghan Returnees Killed in Truck Crash



Kabul: At least 22 people were killed and around 36 injured after a truck carrying Afghan refugees overturned on a highway in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, officials said. The accident occurred in Laghman Province on the highway linking Kabul with Nangarhar Province, according to provincial officials. Spokesperson to the governor, Abdul Malik Niazi, said 10 children and five women were among those killed. The injured were shifted to hospitals in Nangarhar. Provincial public health director Aminullah Sharif said the accident occurred after the driver fell asleep, causing the vehicle to veer off the road and fall into a ditch. The passengers were among Afghan refugees returning from Pakistan amid a crackdown on undocumented migrants launched in

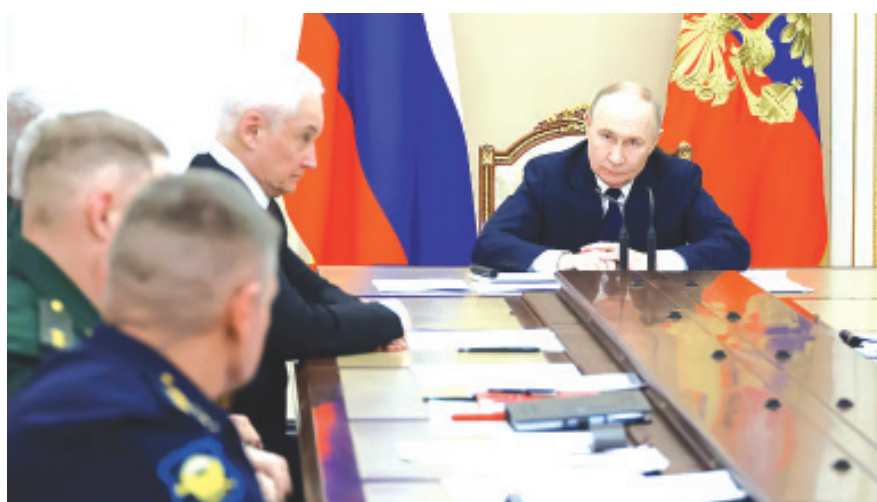


Hegseth Softens China Warning, Reaffirms US Commitment to Pacific Security

Singapore: U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth assured Pacific allies on Saturday that Washington remained committed to the region, but toned down previous comments calling China a threat. Speaking to a group of world leaders, diplomats and top security officials at the Shangri-La defense conference in Singapore, Hegseth said that the region "has profound implications for U.S. security and prosperity" and that Washington's priority was to "achieve a lasting and favorable balance of power in the Pacific. It was his second time addressing the forum. Last year, he raised the ire of Beijing by warning of rapidly developing threats from China, particularly its aggressive stance toward Taiwan. He said China is no longer just building up its military forces to take Taiwan, it's "actively training for it, every day." This year, however, the meeting comes only about two weeks after U.S. President Donald Trump visited Chinese leader Xi Jinping in Beijing, following which Trump called Xi a "great leader" and said that they were going to have a "fantastic future together." Hegseth says China won't be allowed to dominate the region Hegseth, who was with Trump in Beijing, said the two leaders had agreed that China and the U.S. should "build a constructive relationship of strategic stability, based on fairness and reciprocity, reaffirming that while our nations will vigorously protect our respective interests, we can secure practical, mutually beneficial agreements where our interests align." However, he said it was still an American priority to ensure that China is not allowed to dominate the Indo-Pacific. "There is rightful alarm regarding China's historic military buildup and the expansion of its military activities in the region and beyond," he said. "We share a clear-eyed assessment of that security environment and a mutual understanding that a Pacific dominated by any hegemon would unravel the regional balance of power and undermine the equilibrium we all seek to preserve." U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, part of a congressional delegation to the conference, accused the Trump administration of "cozying up" to China. "I worry that this administration is being distracted into wars that they've started in other parts of the world at the expense of our commitment here in the Indo-Pacific," the Illinois Democrat told reporters on the sidelines.

Russian spies are aggressively seeking Western technology as sanctions bite, officials say

STOCKHOLM: Russia's intelligence agencies have grown more aggressive in their efforts to steal Western technology and defense secrets as sanctions squeeze the country's wartime economy, three senior European intelligence officials told. Moscow's agents are building fake companies, recruiting middlemen and deploying cyber spies and hackers who are gathering information that could also be used to attack key infrastructure, they said. Four years of international sanctions have hampered Moscow's ability to procure machinery, technology and research from Europe, while the grinding war in Ukraine has taxed key industries and pushed the country toward a potential



financial crisis. "They really know what they need," and are putting "serious effort" into acquiring advanced machine tools, factory equipment, research

and dual-use technology, said Christoffer Wedelin, deputy head of operations at the Swedish Security Service. In Sweden, Russia is targeting the defense industry and high-end research on the country's most advanced weaponry, such as the Gripen fighter jet, Wedelin said. It is also trying to procure camera and laser technology developed for civilian purposes that could be integrated into Russian weapons systems, he said. Moscow is also trying to steal technology to help it keep pace — or give it an edge — against the West in the decades ahead, said Juha Martelius, the director of Finland's Security and Intelligence Service. "

India, EAEU in Talks on 'Temporary Free Trade Zone': Russian Minister

Moscow: India and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) are discussing a "limited and temporary" trade arrangement covering selected groups of goods as part of negotiations on a proposed free trade agreement, Russia's Economic Development Minister Maxim Reshetnikov has said, according to a media report. Describing the negotiations as "complex", Reshetnikov said on Friday that the Indian side's requests were "quite ambitious". Things are more complicated with India: the economy is larger, mutual interests are more complex, so to speak. And, frankly, our colleagues' requests are also quite ambitious," he said in an interview with the Vesti programme, according to the state-run TASS news agency. "Therefore, we are currently discussing a limited and temporary free trade zone, that is, for a list of goods defined by product groups," he added. Reshetnikov's remarks came hours after Russian President Vladimir Putin said negotiations on trade liberalisation between India and the EAEU had gained momentum. Speaking at a meeting of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council in Kazakhstan's capital Astana, Putin was quoted as saying by TASS: "Last year trade agreements were concluded with Mongolia and the United Arab Emirates, as well as with Indonesia, intensifying negotiations on trade liberalisation with India." The Russian president added that the EAEU supported launching talks on free trade agreements with new partners and that all aspects of such cooperation would be carefully analysed. The EAEU is a five-member economic bloc comprising Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Armenia. It was established in 2015 to promote economic integration through a common market, removal of trade barriers and coordination of economic policies among member states. The India-EAEU free trade agreement process has gathered momentum in recent years. In August 2025, India and the EAEU signed the Terms of Reference to formally launch negotiations for a free trade agreement. At the time, the two sides said bilateral trade turnover had reached USD 69 billion in 2024, up seven per cent from the previous year. The first round of negotiations was held in November last year.



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Imports drive up GST collection by 3.2% to Rs 1.94 lakh crore in May 2026; domestic collection falls



NEW DELHI: While total gross GST revenue collection in May rose by 3.2% to Rs 1.94 lakh crore, gross domestic collection in May fell by 2.6% to 1.34 lakh crore, as per the data released by the Finance Ministry on Monday. As per the data released by the Finance Ministry on Monday, the gross GST revenue collection of Rs 1.88 lakh crore in May 2025 included around Rs 10,000 crore of one-time payment made by a telecom operator for spectrum allocation. However, with no one-

time payment in May 2026, adjusted growth is therefore the right measure to evaluate the GST performance for the month. The domestic collection comprised Rs 37,397 crore in CGST, Rs 45,143 crore in SGST and Rs 51,990 crore in IGST. After accounting for all refunds, the total net GST revenue for the month stood at Rs 1.66 lakh crore, reflecting a 3.3% increase over Rs 1.61 lakh crore collected in the same month of the previous year. In contrast, revenue from imports recorded robust

growth, with gross import revenue from IGST reaching Rs 59,654 crore, a 19.1% increase over Rs 50,070 crore collected in May 2025. As per the sources from the Ministry of Finance, "The bulk of this import growth is driven by raw materials and intermediate inputs that feed India's industrial production chain. A granular review of the 1st-25th May 2026 data at the CTH level confirms that the surge is driven overwhelmingly by industrial raw materials and energy inputs."

MCX Launches Silver 100 Futures Contract, Smaller Lot Size Makes Silver Trading Easier For Retail Investors

Mumbai: The Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) on Monday launched Silver 100 futures contracts, offering investors and small businesses a new way to trade silver with lower capital requirements. The new contract allows trading in 100-gram units, making silver futures more accessible to retail investors, small jewellers and traders. Until now, silver futures on MCX were available in larger contract sizes of 1 kg, 5 kg and 30 kg. The introduction of the 100-gram contract significantly reduces the amount of money required to participate in silver trading, helping a wider range of investors enter the market. With the launch, MCX's silver product portfolio now includes multiple futures and options contracts across different lot sizes. According to Praveena Rai, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of MCX, the new product has been introduced to help participants in the silver value chain manage price fluctuations more effectively. She said the smaller contract size would enable jewellery businesses and other market participants to hedge price risks in quantities that better match their inventory needs. MCX said the product was launched following feedback from market participants seeking lower entry barriers and more flexible trading options. The exchange said traders holding the contract until expiry will have the option of taking physical delivery of silver.

India's Industrial Output Grows 4.9% In April, Manufacturing Sector Leads Growth Under New IIP Series

New Delhi: India's industrial production grew by 4.9 percent in April 2026 compared to the same month last year, driven mainly by strong performance in the manufacturing sector. The figures were released under the new Index of Industrial Production (IIP) series with 2022-23 as the base year. Manufacturing, which contributes more than three-fourths of the IIP, recorded a healthy growth of 6.2 percent in April. The sector remains one of the biggest job creators in the country, providing employment opportunities to graduates from engineering colleges and universities. Out of 23 industry groups within manufacturing, 17 reported positive growth during the month. The biggest contributors to manufacturing growth were motor vehicles, electrical equipment, and machinery and equipment. Production of motor vehicles increased by 12.7 percent compared to April last year. Electrical equipment production grew by 19.2 percent, while machinery and equipment recorded a growth of 12.9 percent. These sectors benefited from strong demand and higher industrial activity. The electricity and gas supply sector recorded a growth of 4.9 percent in April. Water supply, sewerage and waste management services performed even better, registering a 6.6 percent increase during the month. The growth reflects continued expansion in public utility services across the country. Unlike other sectors, mining recorded a decline in output. The sector posted a negative growth of 5.1 percent in April, making it the weakest performer among the major industrial segments. Data based on use-based classification showed that pro-



duction of capital goods increased by 11.7 percent. Capital goods include machinery and equipment used by factories and industries. A rise in this category is seen as a sign of higher investments in the economy and stronger business confidence. Production of consumer durables such as televisions, refrigerators and electronic goods grew by 4.5 percent during April. The increase indicates steady consumer demand supported by improving income levels. Infrastructure and construction goods also recorded growth of more than 9 percent, helped by government spending on highways, ports and railway projects. The revised IIP series has been prepared with 2022-23 as the base year. The update was carried out under the guidance of a Technical Advisory Committee. The government said the new series will provide a more accurate and comprehensive picture of India's industrial performance.



How do rich people invest

The rich in India do not reveal much. About 3.2 lakh people proudly disclose incomes above Rs 1 crore, according to data from IT returns filed each year. However, if you listen to interviews with top executives at luxury car companies, they would say there are more than 8.3 lakh households with a net worth exceeding Rs 9 crore. Their excitement about their booming sales in India is not hidden. Yet, in a country of 150 crore people, that is still a small number. This influence extends beyond consumption; the financial behaviour of the rich serves as an inspiration for ordinary people. Many look up to their lifestyle and work towards their own dreams and aspirations. The desire to succeed prompts everyone to seek opportunities to increase income. You can learn a lot from the way the rich manage their wealth: they focus on protecting, rather than rapidly growing, their assets. Many with generational or new wealth make preservation their main priority. One clear example is the mutual fund industry, which today manages a significant amount. Nearly two-thirds of those assets are in equity, mainly sourced from salaried workers and those with regular incomes. So, a natural way to understand how smart managers handle money is to examine the mutual fund industry's asset allocation. However, this allocation depends on the mutual fund scheme's mandate. Mutual fund managers cannot allocate money meant for equity investing to de funds unless the fund is a multi-asset or hybrid fund.

Foreign Investors Pull Out Record Rs 21,105 Crore In A Day, MSCI Rejig & Global Factors Trigger Massive Selloff

Mumbai: Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold a record Rs 21,105 crore worth of Indian equities on May 29, marking the biggest single-day outflow ever from the domestic stock market. The sharp selling has once again raised concerns over foreign investors reducing their exposure to Indian stocks. The massive selloff came even as the Nifty continues to trade below its average valuation levels of the past five years. Market experts said the outflow was not entirely due to regular FII selling. A large part of the selling was linked to the latest MSCI index rebalancing exercise. According to estimates by Nuvama Alternative, MSCI-related adjustments resulted in outflows of nearly USD 1 billion. However, even after excluding this amount, foreign investors remained heavy sellers in the market. The MSCI Standard Index rebalance led to a reduction in the



weightage of several major Indian companies. Among the stocks expected to witness significant outflows were Bajaj Finance, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Infosys, Mahindra & Mahindra and Hindustan Unilever. Bajaj Finance was estimated to see outflows of around \$204 million, while the other companies were expected to face outflows ranging between USD 109 million and nearly USD 200 million. Although Friday's outflow was the biggest on record, Indian markets have witnessed sharp foreign selling on several occasions over the past year. On Oct 4, FIIs sold more than Rs 15,000

crore worth of equities shortly after the market peaked on Sept 27. Another selloff of over Rs 12,000 crore was recorded on June 5, following the Lok Sabha election results. Markets also witnessed foreign selling of more than Rs 12,000 crore. Despite continuous outflows, market valuations have become more attractive. The Nifty is currently trading at around 18.1 times one-year forward earnings, lower than its five-year average valuation of 20 times. Analysts believe lower valuations, possible policy reforms and easing geopolitical tensions in West Asia could help attract foreign investors back to Indian markets.

UPI Transactions Reach New Record In May, Summer Travel & IPL Spending Drive Digital Payments Surge



New Delhi: Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions touched a record high in May, driven by strong consumer spending during the summer travel season and the Indian Premier League (IPL). According to data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), UPI transactions reached 23.2 billion in volume and Rs 29.90 lakh crore in

value during May, the highest ever recorded on the platform. The achievement marks a sharp increase from April, when UPI recorded 22.35 billion transactions worth Rs 29.03 lakh crore. The latest figures also show continued year-on-year growth in digital payments across the country. The value of UPI transactions rose 19 percent from Rs 25.14 lakh crore in May last

year to Rs 29.90 lakh crore this year. Transaction volume increased 24 percent from 18.67 billion during the same period. The steady rise reflects the growing use of digital payments for everyday purchases, travel bookings and entertainment-related spending. Akash Sinha, co-founder and CEO of Cashfree Payments, said May's numbers reflect strong organic demand across sectors. According to him, summer travel, IPL 2026 and seasonal consumer spending helped drive the record 23.2 billion transactions during the month. He said the latest figures indicate a healthy month-on-month recovery and underline UPI's continued growth momentum. Sinha pointed out that the Reserve Bank of India's Payments Systems Report shows the average UPI transaction value has fallen from Rs 1,848 in 2021 to Rs 1,313 in 2025. He said the decline should not be

viewed negatively, as it reflects the growing adoption of UPI for smaller, everyday transactions and signals a more mature digital payments ecosystem. Industry experts believe the next phase of growth will come from credit-on-UPI services and international expansion. Sinha said credit-on-UPI remains at an early stage and could create a significant new pool of transactions in the future. UPI is already operational in several countries, including the United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal and Mauritius. Cross-border UPI services are also expanding, creating new opportunities for digital payments beyond India. NPCI, an initiative of the Reserve Bank of India and the Indian Banks' Association, operates UPI, which enables real-time payments between individuals and merchants across the country.

Passenger Vehicle Demand Remains Strong, Maruti Suzuki & Kia India Post Record May Sales

New Delhi: Passenger vehicle sales remained strong in May 2026, with several carmakers reporting healthy growth. Maruti Suzuki India and Kia India achieved their highest-ever sales for the month, showing that demand in the automobile market continues to stay firm. Maruti Suzuki India reported its highest-ever monthly domestic sales of 1,93,535 units in May 2026. The company had sold 1,38,690 units in May 2025. Senior Executive Officer, Marketing and Sales, Partho Banerjee said rising fuel prices have affected sentiment among small-car buyers. However, the company still recorded strong growth across segments. Sales of mini cars, including Alto and S-Presso, increased to 16,275 units from 6,776 units a year ago. Compact car sales, including Baleno, Celerio, Dzire, Ignis, Swift and WagonR, rose to 81,555 units from 61,960 units. The company's total passenger car sales, excluding utility vehicles, stood at 1,90,337 units in May, compared with 1,35,962 units in the same month last year. Banerjee said higher fuel prices increase the overall cost of owning a vehicle and could affect the automobile industry if the trend continues. He added that bookings for the all-electric e-VITARA have doubled to more than 4,000 units after petrol prices increased.

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Divyanshi Bhowmick becomes youngest Indian woman to win WTT Feeder singles title



Hyderabad: Indian table tennis witnessed a landmark moment as 15-year-old Divyanshi Bhowmick produced a dream performance at the WTT Feeder Prishtina 2026 in Kosovo, scripting history by becoming the youngest Indian woman ever to win a WTT Feeder Women's Singles title. The young Indian star, ranked World No. 211, showcased extraordinary composure and fighting spirit to defeat Chinese Taipei's Yeh Yi-Tian, the World No. 38, in a thrilling five-game final. After dropping the opening game, Divyanshi mounted a spirited comeback to register a memorable 3-2 (8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 7-11, 11-7) victory, announcing her arrival on the senior international stage in emphatic fashion. The victory is not only historic for Indian table tennis but also places Divyanshi in elite company globally. At just 15 years of age, she is believed to be the second-youngest player in the world, after Japan's prodigious Miwa Harimoto, to capture a Women's Singles title on the WTT Feeder circuit. Divyanshi's triumph was the culmination of

a remarkable week in Prishtina, where she demonstrated maturity well beyond her years, overcoming higher-ranked and more experienced opponents with fearless attacking play and unwavering confidence. Adding further sparkle to an already unforgettable campaign, Divyanshi also clinched the Women's Doubles gold medal alongside fellow Indian teenager Syndrela Das. The talented Indian pair defeated the Japanese combination of Sachi Aoki and Cocona Muramatsu in a pulsating final that kept spectators on the edge of their seats. After losing the opening game, the Indians fought back brilliantly to prevail 3-2 (7-11, 14-12, 12-14, 11-8, 11-7) in a contest lasting a little over 30 minutes. Their resilience under pressure, especially in the crucial closing stages, highlighted the growing maturity of one of India's most promising partnerships. The Prishtina triumph adds to the growing success story of the Divyanshi-Syndrela combination, which has already earned international recognition with strong performances on the WTT circuit this year.

Fairytale finish for Kohli & RCB

AHMEDABAD: Fairytale finishes are hard to come by in sport. As much as one hopes for it, such moments do not happen to every sporting legend. Virat Kohli chased it for 18 years in the Indian Premier League (IPL) before the Royal Challengers Bengaluru came together to win their first title in 2025. On Sunday, in Ahmedabad, Kohli had his moment. Again. With an unbeaten 75 off 42 balls — also his fastest IPL fifty (25) in 19 years — the former captain took RCB to their second title, beating Gujarat Titans in front of 90,000 fans who were cheering for him. However, the chase and title were possible because of their bowling attack, led by Josh Hazlewood and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who removed Shubman Gill and Sai Sudharsan early to break



the contest. They were reduced to 115/6, and from thereon, despite a fighting Washington Sundar's fifty that took GT to 155/8, it was RCB's game to lose. For the first 15 years, RCB remained a batting dynasty led by Kohli, AB de Villiers and Chris Gayle. Over the years, almost every batting superstar, especially overseas, would

have turned up for the franchise. They headlined victories while bowlers got the flak. Now, the batting stars are still there, but they aren't the lead protagonists anymore. It was the Kumars, Hazlewoods and Krunals who won them their first IPL title. And it is they who made the fairytale possible for Kohli.

India finish second in medal tally at Asian U20 Athletics Championships



Hong Kong: India clinched three more gold medals on the final day to end an impressive campaign in second place in the medal tally at the 22nd Asian U20 Athletics Championships here on Sunday. India accumulated 19 medals — 10 gold, five silver and four bronze — in the four-day meet to finish second behind China (14 gold, nine silver, two bronze). Japan finished

third with 18 medals (five gold, five silver, eight bronze). India also won two silver medals and one bronze on the final day. The Indian women's 4x400m team, anchored by Neeru Pathak, won gold with a time of 3 minutes 38.07 seconds to better the meet record. The other members of the team were Bhumika Sanjay Nehate, Tahura Khatun and Sehnoor Bawa. The previous meet record of 3:38.20 was set by Japan in 2018. All three medal-winning teams in the men's 4x400m relay improved on the previous meet record of 3:07.38 set by Japan in 1999. China took home gold with a time of 3:04.88, while Qatar won silver in 3:05.06. The Indian men's 4x400m relay team also bettered the meet record of 3:07.38 but finished third with a time of 3:05.54. The team members were Piyush Raj, Sayed Sabeer, Ranjith Kumar S and Mohammed Ashfaq. Earlier in the morning session, Muskan set the ball rolling by winning the gold medal in the women's 5,000m. She clocked 16:53.08. Venkatram Reddy Mogali won the second gold medal of the day in the men's 800m. He clocked 1 minute 48.27 seconds, a personal best. Discus thrower Nishchay narrowly missed the gold medal and settled for silver with a throw of 60.10m, which was also his personal best. The women's 4x100m relay team also won silver with a time of 45.05 seconds. The team members were Kajal Hirabhai Vaja, Bhavana G, Aarti and Nipam.

After two years of hurt and pain, a red-letter Sunday for SatCh

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty had largely been at sea for over two years. If the 2024 Paris Olympics setback was a new low at the time, Satwik had suffered a heartbreaking loss of his father, somebody who had been instrumental in his career, just six months later. It was life-altering to say the least. The injuries also continued to disrupt his game. If 2025 was a trophyless season, the current season, though still early days, was proving to be a bigger obstacle with the duo struggling to find any sort of rhythm in the game. But despite all the jarring experiences, they never lost belief in their abilities. Things had been brighter since the Thomas Cup (where the Indian men's team won bronze) and they had come close to ending their title drought during the Thailand Open recently. It was a matter of time, as they kept telling themselves. On Sunday,



that finally arrived at the Singapore Indoor Stadium. And the duo did it the hard way. The duo beat Muhammad Fikri and Fajar Alfian of Indonesia 18-21, 21-17, 21-16 across 73 fairly pulsating minutes. Having conceded the opening game, the Indians displayed their survival instincts before going on to capture the Singapore Open — a BWF Super 750 tournament. Soon after the match-sealing point, they expressed their delight with a dance in front of the fans. It was a poignant moment, highlighting what this meant for them. This was their first title since the Thailand Open crown in May, 2024. It was also the first time an Indian pair had captured a doubles crown at Singapore. Speaking to reporters after the final, Satwik later dedicated his victory to his niece and family. "After the Olympics (Paris), we had been chasing for that one win and when we thought we're on

the right track, personal things happened. One good thing that happened was that my brother was blessed with a baby last week. That was my celebration for her. We felt our father was reborn. I'm really happy with how things have gone this week. I was thinking I should dedicate this to my family, who has been supporting me all along. My mom is in the US. Really happy how this week went," he said. The opening game was a tightly-contested affair. Fikri was employing the tumble serve, troubling the Indians on numerous occasions. Most of the rallies lasted a few seconds, mostly flat hits with any form of lift being subjected to punishment. At 18-18, it was anybody's game. However, the Indonesia pair tightened the screws towards the closing stages to clinch three consecutive points, pocketing the game (21-18) in the process.



Gukesh, Divya suffer losses as Norway Chess title race intensifies

Oslo: Round six of Norway Chess produced another dramatic day of chess with all three games in the tournament ending decisively. World No 1 Magnus Carlsen scored an important victory against tournament leader Alireza Firouzja. Playing with the white pieces, Carlsen gradually increased the pressure in a tense strategic battle before converting his advantage in the later stages. The win brings the Norwegian star closer to the leaders and hands Firouzja his first classical defeat of the tournament. Wesley So claimed a crucial victory over Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu in a long encounter. So handled the complications confidently and converted his chances in the endgame to secure the full three points. The victory moves the American grandmaster into the top of the standings. The third decisive result came when Vincent Keymer defeated reigning World Champion Gukesh Dommaraju. Keymer maintained the initiative for much of the game and capitalized on his opportunities to score a valuable victory against the World Champion. Following round six, Wesley So leads Norway Chess, with Alireza Firouzja remaining close behind as the battle for first place remains wide open. Norway Chess Women delivered another tense round in Oslo, featuring one decisive classical result and two Armageddon deciders. Reigning Women's World Champion Ju Wenjun scored the only classical victory of the day, defeating Divya Deshmukh in a long struggle. Ju gradually improved her position and converted her advantage in the endgame to secure an important win. Bibisara Assaubayeva and Humpy Koneru ended their classical game in a draw after a closely contested battle. Assaubayeva later prevailed in the Armageddon game, earning the valuable extra points and reclaiming sole possession of first place. Anna Muzychuk and Zhu Jiner also ended in a draw after a balanced encounter. Zhu Jiner went on to win the Armageddon game, securing the additional points.

Pakistani RCB Fans In UAE Celebrate Virat Kohli's Winning Runs; Video Goes Viral

Royal Challengers Bengaluru's IPL 2026 title victory has sparked celebrations far beyond India's borders. A viral video circulating on social media has revealed that the franchise's fanbase extends deep into neighboring Pakistan, where a group of cricket enthusiasts was seen celebrating RCB's championship win with immense excitement. The video, which has garnered significant attention online, shows several Pakistani fans based in the UAE cheering enthusiastically after RCB clinched their second IPL title. Dressed in Royal Challengers Bengaluru jerseys along with Pakistan cricket team jerseys, the supporters can be seen celebrating the historic victory as if they were present at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. The scenes have surprised many social media users, with netizens expressing amazement at the franchise's reach beyond India.





Ram Charan Reveals What PM Modi Asked About Peddi



Actor Ram Charan recently shared an interesting memory about his meeting with Narendra Modi while promoting his upcoming film Peddi in Delhi. The actor revealed that the Prime Minister had asked him about the story of the film and was keen to know its main idea. Speaking at the event, Ram Charan recalled, "The last time I met our Honourable Prime Minister Modi Ji in Delhi, he asked me what Peddi was about. I told him it's about an evolved India and empowering our villages. He said that after the movie, he did not meet Sukumar for almost seven years. The actor explained that the film is closely connected to the idea of a developed India. According to him, Peddi highlights the importance of villages and the role they play in the country's growth. He said the film celebrates the strength, talent, and determination found in rural communities. Ram Charan also spoke about sports and how they can transform lives. He pointed out that many members of India's archery team come from tribal and rural backgrounds. The actor said these athletes naturally possess exceptional talent and deserve recognition and support.



Tall Beauty In Backless Blouse

Faria Abdullah, the 28-year-old actress, turned up the heat in a gorgeous red satin saree. The bold crimson drape with delicate gold border detailing made her look absolutely breathtaking. She paired it with a stunning backless blouse, elegant drop earrings, and a cocktail ring, keeping the look glamorous yet traditional. Her poses were effortlessly sultry and confident. In one shot, she swept her hand through her hair while glancing away dramatically, showing off her open back. In another close-up, she posed with eyes closed and a warm backlit glow framing her curls, pure magic. Her bold red eye makeup and glossy lips completed the look perfectly. However, on the work front, Faria's recent film Gaayapadda Simham did not perform well at the box office and turned out to be a major flop.

Action Glimpse From Mahesh's Nephew

Marking the birth anniversary of Super Star Krishna, the makers of Srinivasa Mangapuram unveiled a power-packed action teaser. Directed by Ajay Bhupathi, the film marks the debut of Krishna's grandson and Mahesh Babu's nephew, Jaya Krishna. The teaser opens with Jaya Krishna taking down a baddie and delivering a stern warning. It then shifts into a series of high-octane action blocks, with the protagonist single-handedly dismantling groups of henchmen across diverse backdrops. Whether smashing opponents onto car hoods under the cover of night, wielding heavy farming tools against a mob in a dusty quarry, or unleashing gravity-defying flying kicks in a rustic courtyard, the action choreography looks stylish, and visually striking. Beyond the adrenaline-filled stunts, the teaser also offers a glimpse into the film's vibrant rural milieu. Sporting thick curly hair and a rugged look, Jaya Krishna showcases an impressive action avatar, exuding confidence and screen presence. One of the teaser's most emotional moments arrives with the appearance of a beautifully restored portrait of the late Krishna against a heavenly cloudscape, as Jaya Krishna folds his hands in a respectful Namaste. The



touching tribute serves as a fitting homage to the legendary actor on his birth anniversary. Jayakrishna ISC's cinematography effectively captures the film's gritty atmosphere, while GV Prakash Kumar enhances the impact with an energetic and rousing background score. Rasha Thadani plays the female lead, while Mohan Babu takes on the role of the antagonist. The film is produced by P Kiran and presented by Ashwini Dutt. The makers are expected to announce the release date soon.

When Films Fail, Why Are Critics Always The Villains?

Director Vignesh Shivan has shared an emotional note following the positive response received by his film LIK on OTT platforms. The filmmaker, who collaborated with actor Pradeep Ranganathan for the project, opened up about the challenges the film faced during its theatrical run and expressed gratitude for the renewed appreciation from audiences. In his social media post, Vignesh revealed that many viewers had informed him they skipped watching the film in theatres due to the overwhelming negativity surrounding it online. He stated that while some films manage to overcome negative reviews, others struggle when public perception shifts rapidly. According to the director, LIK was an earnest and original Tamil film that deserved more support and generosity from audiences. The filmmaker also spoke about the difficulties involved in making and releasing the movie. He admitted that the film's box office performance was painful to accept, especially after a promising opening weekend.

Mrunal Thakur's Black Outfit Goes Viral

Indian actress Mrunal Thakur, known for her versatile work across Hindi and South Indian cinema. She appears in a sleek black outfit, reflecting her growing presence as a contemporary fashion icon alongside her acting career. Mrunal Thakur began her journey in the entertainment industry with television, gaining early recognition through shows like Mujhse Kuchh Kehti... Yeh Khamoshiyaan and Kumkum Bhagya. She transitioned into films with her debut in Marathi cinema and later made her Hindi film debut with Love Sonia (2018), where her performance as a trafficked girl earned critical appreciation and established her as a serious talent in the industry.



Emaindhi Emaindhi.. Baboi Edho Ayipoyindi

What happens when an entire village suddenly loses the ability to speak normally and starts singing every conversation instead? The answer lies in Sing Geetham, the latest imaginative venture from master storyteller Singeetham Sreenivasa Rao. Nag Ashwin is bankrolling the movie set for release on June 11th. Launched by actress Shruti Haasan, the film's song Emaindhi introduces the film's eccentric world. Rockstar Devi Sri Prasad delivers a lively and refreshing composition. However, the song's biggest strength lies in how seamlessly it introduces the central conflict. A strange incident leaves an entire village communicating exclusively through songs, turning everyday interactions into musical exchanges. As confusion spreads among the villagers, they attempt to make sense of their bizarre predicament, creating moments that are humorous, emotional, and endlessly entertaining. The concept offers immense scope for creativity, and the song provides a delightful taste of what's to come. A particularly noteworthy aspect is that the performers



themselves have sung the track. The lyrics, jointly penned by Shree Mani, Devi Sri Prasad, Gautam Challagulla, Rathna Sreekar, and Shashank Chintalpudi, perfectly complement the song's playful spirit and storytelling purpose.