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CBI UNEARTHS BUILDER-BANK NEXUS IN HOMEBUYERS FRAUD CASE, FILES CHARGESHEET

New Delhi (TSIT)

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a chargesheet in a major homebuyers fraud case, unearthing an alleged nexus between builders, bank officials and proxy buyers that led to significant financial losses for both financial institutions and innocent homebuyers. According to CBI, the chargesheet has been filed against M/s AVJ Developers (India) Pvt Ltd, M/s AVJ Developers Pvt Ltd, M/s Kesar Builders Pvt Ltd, their Directors, and certain bank officials associated with Bank of India, ICICI Bank and UCO Bank, along with several alleged proxy homebuyers. The agency's investigation revealed that the accused builder firms and their Directors, in collusion with public servants and private individuals, allegedly lured homebuyers and investors through false assurances and misleading representations. The accused are said to have secured financial gains through deceptive and illegal practices. CBI officials further stated that certain bank officers abused their official positions to facilitate these irregularities, bypassing established banking norms and procedures.

Rajinikanth meets Stalin after DMK's defeat, expresses solidarity Chennai (TSIT)

In a significant political development following the Tamil Nadu Assembly election results, superstar Rajinikanth on Wednesday met DMK President M.K. Stalin at his residence in Alwarpet, Chennai, amid intense political activity surrounding government formation in the state. According to sources, Rajinikanth expressed solidarity with Stalin after the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam's disappointing performance in the Assembly elections and conveyed that he would continue to stand by the senior leader during difficult political circumstances. The meeting lasted for some time and is being viewed in political circles as an important gesture of personal and political support at a time when the DMK is facing one of its biggest electoral setbacks in recent years. The DMK, which had been in power for one term under Stalin's leadership, managed to secure only 59 seats in the 234-member Assembly, losing power after a high-voltage election campaign dominated by anti-incumbency sentiments and the dramatic rise of actor-politician Vijay and his party,

Congress signals openness to back Vijay's TVK in Tamil Nadu

New Delhi (TSIT)

The Congress on Tuesday indicated that it is considering extending support to actor-turned-politician Vijay and his party, Tamilaga Vetti Kazhagam (TVK), to form a government in Tamil Nadu, with the final decision to be taken by the party state unit.

In a post on X, Congress general secretary KC Venugopal said Vijay had formally approached the party seeking its backing to form the government. "TVK President Thiru Vijay has requested the Indian National Congress for support to form a Government in Tamil Nadu. He has spoken about drawing inspiration from Perumthalaivar K. Kamaraj as well, in his political mission," Venugopal said. He added that the Congress views the electoral verdict in Tamil Nadu as a mandate for a secular government committed to upholding constitutional



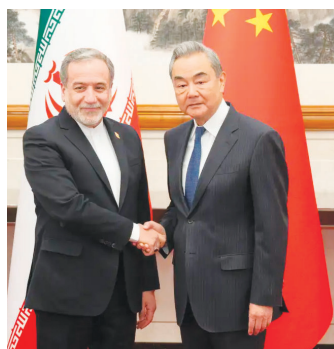
values. "The INC is clear that the mandate in Tamil Nadu is for a secular government that is committed to protecting the Constitution in letter and spirit. The INC is determined not to have the BJP and its proxies run the Government of Tamil Nadu in any manner," he said. Venugopal said the party leadership has asked the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) to take a final decision on the request after assessing the ground situation. "Accordingly, the Congress leadership has directed the TNCC to take a final decision on Thiru Vijay's request, keeping in view the sentiments of the state reflected in the electoral verdict," he added.

Iran seeks 'fair' peace deal with US, says Iranian FM Araghchi

Beijing (TSIT)

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi held talks with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on Wednesday, emphasizing that Iran will accept a peace agreement only if it is "fair and comprehensive." The discussions come as tensions persist over the Strait of Hormuz and regional hostilities. Araghchi's statement comes after US President Donald Trump's pause of "Project Freedom", a naval mission aimed at reopening the Strait of Hormuz.

Trump cited "great progress" in negotiations with Iran as the reason for the temporary halt, without providing further details. "We will only accept a fair and comprehensive agreement," Araghchi said, according to ISNA. He also praised China for its stance, particularly in condemning the actions of the United States and Israel, describing



China as a "close friend of Iran." Araghchi added that under the current circumstances, cooperation between the two countries will only grow stronger.

"The war launched against us is a blatant act of aggression and a clear violation of international law. We will do our utmost to protect our legitimate rights and interests in the negotiations," he said. The one-on-one meeting between Iran's top diplomat Abbas Araghchi and Chinese Foreign

Minister Wang Yi carries heightened significance as it comes ahead of US President Donald Trump's scheduled visit to China on May 15. Araghchi's stop in Beijing is the latest leg of his diplomatic tour aimed at garnering support for Iran and seeking a resolution to the ongoing conflict with the United States. China has played a key but largely indirect role in the crisis.

As Iran's largest oil importer, it has provided a crucial financial lifeline to Tehran while simultaneously working behind the scenes to mediate the conflict. Trump has even suggested that Beijing helped bring Iran to the negotiating table, highlighting China's strategic leverage in the region. Trump's "Project Freedom", announced on Sunday, had failed to bring about any significant resumption of traffic through the waterway, while provoking a new wave of Iranian strikes on ships in the strait and on targets in neighbouring countries.

Siddaramaiah signals full five-year term amid change-of-guard buzz

Mysuru (TSIT)

Amid intensifying speculation over a possible power-sharing arrangement in Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday asserted that the Congress high command alone would decide on the continuation of his tenure, while expressing confidence that the gov-



ernment would complete its full five-year term. Addressing reporters here, Siddaramaiah said he was prepared to continue as Chief Minister for the entire tenure if directed by the party leadership, in remarks widely seen as a response to recurring political discussions surrounding a rotational chief ministership formula involving Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar.

CM Revanth urges centre to approve Hyderabad metro phase-II expansion



New Delhi TSIT:

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday urged Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar to accord early approval for the pending Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II project and requested the Centre to participate as a partner in the ambitious metro expansion initiative.

Chief Minister met Manohar Lal Khattar in New Delhi and held detailed discussions on the proposed expansion of Hyderabad Metro Rail under Phase-II and Phase-III projects.

During the meeting, CM Revanth Reddy explained that the Telangana Government has already prepared a comprehensive Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Metro Rail Phase-II, covering seven corridors with a total length of 122.9 kilometres at an estimated cost of Rs.38,595 crore. He informed the Union Minister

that the DPR has already been submitted to the Central Government for approval. Highlighting Hyderabad's rapid urban growth and increasing transportation demands, the Chief Minister stressed the urgent need for expansion of the metro rail network to ensure safe, efficient and convenient public transportation for commuters across the city.

The Chief Minister further informed the Union Minister that the Telangana Government had taken full control of Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-I from L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad Limited with the objective of ensuring seamless execution of future expansion projects under Metro Phase-II and Phase-III. CM Revanth Reddy stated that with the

State Government now directly managing the metro system, the implementation of the upcoming phases would become smoother and more efficient. He appealed to the Centre to expedite approvals and support the Hyderabad Metro Phase-II project as a joint venture between the Union and Telangana Governments.

The Chief Minister also requested the Union Minister to take up the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport-Bharat Future City corridor under Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-III to meet the city's future transportation requirements. He informed that the DPR related to Metro Phase-III has also been submitted to the Union Government.

Union Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary K. Srinivas, Special Secretary to the Chief Minister B. Ajith Reddy, HMRCL Managing Director Sarfaraz Ahmed, State Government Advisor (Urban Transport) N.V.S. Reddy, Telangana Bhavan OSD Sanjay Kumar, Secretary for Coordination of Central Government Schemes Advait Kumar Singh and other senior officials participated in the meeting.

Requests Union Government to partner in Metro Rail expansion and take up Airport-Future City Corridor under Phase-III

India, Vietnam elevate ties to enhanced partnership; set \$25 billion trade target by 2030



New Delhi (TSIT):

India and Vietnam on Wednesday elevated their bilateral ties to an enhanced comprehensive strategic partnership and set an ambitious target of USD 25 billion in annual trade by 2030. The decision was taken during talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vietnamese President To Lam, who is on a three-day state visit to India. The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation in trade, defence, digital connectivity, and critical minerals amid evolving geopolitical challenges.

Following the meeting, both sides signed 13 agreements cov-

ering key sectors such as digital payments, rare earth minerals, pharmaceuticals, education, banking, and culture, paving the way for deeper bilateral engagement. The leaders also reviewed the situation in the Indo-Pacific region and reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining peace, stability, and rule of law, particularly in the backdrop of rising tensions in the South China Sea.

Prime Minister Modi noted that bilateral trade has doubled over the past decade to reach USD 16 billion and expressed confidence that the new target of USD 25 billion by 2030 would further boost economic cooperation. He also highlighted steps to enhance financial con-

nectivity, including linking India's UPI system with Vietnam's fast payment network. The two countries agreed to update the India-ASEAN trade agreement by the end of this year to facilitate greater trade and investment flows. Cooperation in agriculture, pharmaceuticals, and energy security is also expected to expand significantly.

Describing Vietnam as a key pillar of India's Act East Policy, Modi said the enhanced partnership would support mutual growth and strengthen collaboration across sectors. President To Lam the importance of deepening political trust and enhancing security cooperation between the two nations.

CM Mann alleges BJP 'conspiracy' behind Jalandhar, Amritsar blasts; BJP Leaders Counter-Attack

Chandigarh (TSIT)

An intense political row has erupted between Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) following the IED explosions near the BSF and Army installations in Jalandhar and Amritsar.

Chief Minister Mann, speaking during a 'Shukrana Yatra' at Sri Anandpur Sahib, alleged that these blasts are part of the BJP's election strategy to garner votes by creating fear among the public. He claimed that orchestrating small-scale

blasts and riots in poll-bound states is a hallmark of the BJP's political style. In light of the security situation, the Chief Minister has also postponed his scheduled visit to Jalandhar.

The BJP has hit back sharply at these allegations, with union Minister of State Ravneet Singh Bittu describing the Chief Minister's statement as "absurd" and "disgraceful". Bittu pointed out that while the Director General of Police (DGP) is citing the involvement of Pakistan's ISI, the Chief Minister is instead



attempting to incite internal political friction. He challenged Mann to file a formal case against BJP leaders if he had any evidence, rather than demoralizing security forces with such claims. BJP National Secretary Tarun Chugh also condemned the remarks, call-

ing them a cheap political tactic. Amidst this political slugfest, security has been significantly tightened across the state. The main gate of the Punjab Police Headquarters in Chandigarh has been reinforced with bulletproof shielding, and additional personnel have been deployed to monitor all movement. While the political blame game continues, the DGP confirmed that special teams are investigating the Pakistani connection and the claims made by the Khalistan Liberation Army (KLA) regarding the IED detonations.

Record \$20.5 billion Indian Investment in US announced at SelectUSA Summit

New Delhi (TSIT)

A record USD 20.5 billion in investments by leading Indian companies into the United States was unveiled at the SelectUSA Investment Summit 2026 in Maryland, marking the largest-ever commitment from India at the forum and underscoring deepening economic ties between the two countries.

The commitments span key sectors including pharmaceuticals, advanced manufacturing, energy infrastructure, and emerging technologies, and are expected to create thousands of jobs in both countries while expanding



US production and joint innovation capacity. A dominant share, over USD 19.1 billion, comes from India's pharmaceutical sector, targeting manufacturing expansion, research and development, and new facilities in the US. Additional investments in steel, connectivity, and energy supply chains aim to reinforce industrial capacity and build resilient supply networks.



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Tamil Nadu

CM-Elect Vijay meets TN Guv, stakes claim to form govt, swearing in tomorrow

Chennai, May 6 : On a day of fast paced political developments and a day after he was unanimously elected as the Legislature Party (LP) Leader of the Tamilaga Vetti Kazhagam (TVK), its Founder and Chief Minister-elect C Joseph Vijay on Wednesday called on Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar and staked his claim to form the next government, and the swearing in ceremony all set to take place in the forenoon of tomorrow.

Soon after the Governor landed in Chennai from Kerala, the actor-turned-politician, armed with the resolution adopted at the meeting of newly-elected TVK MLAs electing him as the LP leader and also with the letter of support given by Congress, which had earlier in the day severed its ties with the DMK and allied with the TVK, and the letters of the support signed by five of its Legislators, drove down to the Lok Bhavan met the Governor and staked claim to form the government.

The Governor welcomed Vijay, who was accompanied by senior leaders K A Sengottaiyan, TVK Secretary Bussy N Anand, Election Campaign Management General Secretary Aadhav Arjuna and others, by shaking hands, presenting him a shawl and a bouquet of flowers and also presented him with a memento.

After handing over the letter electing him as the LP



leader and the one given by Congress and its MLAs, Vijay staked his claim to form the government being the single largest party.

Later, during a 30-minute meeting with the Governor, Vijay, who still needed the support of six MLAs to get the magical nubur of 118 in the 234-member Assembly, was said to have discussed about the the swearing in ceremony and also sought time to prove his majority on the Floor of the House.

The charismatic Vijay in an unprecedented show of his youth and women power, came up with a stunning performance at the hustings, proved wrong all the post-poll predictions and won 108 seats in his first ever electoral foray putting an end to the six-decade long Dravidian duopoly.

Since Vijay himself had won from two seats-Perambur in Chennai city and Tiruchy East-technically, the TVK has 107 MLAs and needed the support of 11 more MLAs to get to the magical mark of 118.

In this scenario, the Congress, which had been riding piggyback with the DMK, which headed the multi-party coalition and won all the successive elections since 2017, snapped ties with it and announced its alliance with the TVK earlier in the day.

The alliance with the DMK continued in this year's Assembly elections also but the DMK, which was eyeing for a second successive term, was blown away by the Vijay's political avalanche, as the Congress won just five of the 28 seats it had

secured and contested after hard bargaining.

As the polls gave a fractured mandate resulting in hung Assembly, with the TVK, which had already promised to share power in the run up to the polls if it was voted to power, emerging as the single largest party, the Congress broke ranks with the DMK and ended its decade long honeymoon with the Dravidian major.

After Vijay formally sought its support, the Congress highcommand, after holding detailed discussions gave the nod following which a Congress delegation headed by AICC Tamil Nadu in-charge Girish Chodankar and TNCC President K Selvaperunthagai met Vijay and cemented the alliance to ensure formation of a secular government and to keep the communal forces like BJP at bay, and handed over the letters of support.

Following this, Vijay met the Governor and staked his claim to form the next government and the swearing in ceremony is all set to take place at the Jawaharlal Nehru Multipurpose Indoor Stadium in the city tomorrow, where all arrangements are on in full swing.

Reports said that Vijay has formally extended his invitation to top Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to take part in the swearing in ceremony and sources in the National party said the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha was expected to attend it.

Auto, loadvan drivers take 2 seats into TVK's kitty



CHENNAI: In Chennai's Royapuram constituency, an auto driver handed TVK a coveted win, defeating former AIADMK minister D Jayakumar and the son of former minister Rahman Khan, A Subair Khan of DMK.

Vijay Damu, a district

secretary of TVK, secured 59,091 votes, about 14,000 votes more than the runner-up DMK candidate. Damu's gesture of falling at Vijay's feet and hugging after his surprise candidature drew attention on social media. He called himself a "nor-

mal auto driver", but on May 4, Damu prevailed over two strongmen. In a similar story, TVK's R Prakasam alias Kutty, a loadvan driver, became the Poonamallee MLA 1,61,309 votes, with a whopping 72,740 margin over DMK's Krishnaswamy A.

TN Guv Arlekar honours Vijay with shawl, memento, but yet to extend invite to form govt

Chennai, May 6 (UNI) As part of further enhancing passenger amenities and decongesting and improving station infrastructure, Southern Railway has commissioned 20 new parking facilities in Chennai Division during the 2025-26 fiscal.

With this addition, the total number of authorized parking locations across the Division has increased from the present 106 to 126. These parking facilities have been developed to provide organized, secure, and easily accessible parking spaces, thereby improving passenger convenience and decongesting station premises. A major highlight of this initiative is the commissioning of a Multilevel Parking Facility at Chengalpattu Railway Station, covering an area of 820.32 sqm, catering to the high commuter footfall at this key

junction. The parking facilities have been operationalized at several locations including Vandalur, Potheri, Avadi South, Avadi North, Tambaram East, Chengalpattu, Perambur Carriage Works, Singaperumalkoil, Kadambattu, Tambaram Sanatorium, Nemilicherry, Ennore, Sullurupeta, Arakkonam, Guindy, St. Thomas Mount, Perambur and Jolarpettai. Additionally, certain locations such as Chengalpattu and Perambur have been covered under development initiatives, including the Amrit Station Scheme (ABSS), a Railway release said. To enhance user convenience and safety, these facilities are equipped with modern features such as digital ticketing systems, UPI-enabled digital payment options and CCTV surveillance systems.

Cong breaks ranks with DMK, announces to support Vijay govt, heartburn in Stalin camp

Chennai, May 7 (UNI) Breaking ranks with the DMK, the Congress on Wednesday announced its decision to support Tamilaga Vetti Kazhagam (TVK) of actor-politician Vijay to form a secular government which has predictably enraged its former ally with the Dravidian major slamming it as an act of 'betrayal and backstabbing'.

With the election results throwing up a hung assembly, the Congress, with 5 legislators, is the first party to extend support to the TVK, which has emerged as the single largest party with 108 seats, including two won by Vijay, in the 234-member House and it required the support of another 11 MLAs to prove its majority in the Assembly. The speed and alacrity with which the national party has acted signals the teaming up of Vijay with



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. "The Tamil Nadu Congress Committee and the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) has decided to extend its full support to the TVK to form the government. Our support shall be conditional upon the TVK keeping out of this alliance any communal forces that do not believe in the Constitution of India," AICC in-charge of Tamil Nadu, Girish Chodankar announced in a statement, adding that this followed a formal request from Vijay



to the Congress leadership.

Explaining that the people of Tamil Nadu, especially youth, have delivered a very clear and overwhelming verdict for a secular, progressive and welfare government, the statement said "It is our constitutional duty to respect, uphold and help fulfil this mandate."

This marks the end of the more than a decade-long alliance with the DMK (that was revived in 2016 Assembly polls) which also puts the future of the INDIA bloc in to question.

The Congress which has won five of the 28 seats it contested in the DMK-led alliance, has made it clear that it is a historic duty to support a secular government in Tamil Nadu to keep the BJP at bay. But, this is not palatable to the DMK, which has decided to sit in the opposition, accepting the people's mandate.

Reacting to the development, DMK spokesperson Saravanan Annadurai fumed that this is nothing but 'backstabbing and betrayal' by the Congress. "It was the sweat and blood of the DMK which had given the victory for the Congress. Even before the ink on the Returning Officer's signature on the victory certificate could dry up, the Congress has rushed to this new alliance. It is nothing but backstabbing and betrayal not only against us, but against the people of Tamil Nadu," he said.



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Locker Hired by **N Gowthaman** having address at – **No 19 Trichy Road, Null, Null, Namakkal, TN, 637001** with **Namakkal - Mohanur Road Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **118/116A, Aarthi Complex, Salem Road, Namakkal, 637001** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **K Thulasimani** having address at – **No 10A-4, Nggo Colony 4th Street, Erode 638009** with **Erode Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **182/10 Cauvry Road, Karungalpalayam Erode-638003** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **K Thulasimani** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **Ramalingam A** having address at – **556 Pandian Agency, Sakthi Road, 638003** with **Erode Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **182/10 Cauvry Road, Karungalpalayam Erode-638003** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **Ramalingam A** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

It is hereby informed that despite this notice if the said locker is not operated by **Ramalingam A** within **90 days** from the date of this notice, break open of the said locker will be done on **05/08/2026 at around 12 PM**.



NOTICE

Locker Hired by **Janaki K** having address at – **35 Siva Street, Office 2 Veerappan Chathiram, Erode-638004** with **Erode Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **182/10 Cauvry Road, Karungalpalayam Erode-638003** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **Janaki K** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **Ramalingam A** having address at – **Pandian Steels, 557 Sathyroad, Erode- 638004** with **Erode Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **182/10 Cauvry Road, Karungalpalayam Erode-638003** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **Ramalingam A** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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Left parties violence in West Bengal



CHENNAI: Left parties on Wednesday condemned the alleged attacks on Opposition party offices, flagpoles, party workers and Lenin statues in West Bengal and Tripura following the Bharatiya Janata Party's victory in the West Bengal Assembly elections. In a statement, CPI state secretary M Veerapandian alleged that BJP workers had indulged in violence in several places after the party's electoral victory. He claimed that Opposition party offices were attacked and Lenin statues vandalised in multiple locations, while Left party offices in Tripura had also come under attack. CPM state secretary P Shanmugam alleged that BJP had secured victory in the West Bengal Assembly election through irregularities involving the Special

Intensive Revision (SIR) process, and said BJP cadres were carrying out violent attacks on Opposition offices, flagpoles and party workers in the State.

He alleged that a statue of Lenin in Murshidabad district had been vandalised and that CPM offices in Tripura were also facing attacks.

Describing the incidents as “anarchic violence”, Shanmugam said the CPM Tamil Nadu State Executive Committee strongly condemned the attacks allegedly carried out by BJP cadres.

Veerapandian said Lenin was an unparalleled leader of the global working class and a guiding force for the liberation of labourers, adding that vandalising his statues amounted to a major attack on the working class.

Shanmugam said fascist forces might damage Lenin's statues, but could never erase his ideology. He urged the police in the concerned States to immediately arrest those involved in the attacks and restore peace. The CPI called upon workers and secular forces to unite and resist such attacks, while the CPM urged democratic forces to raise their voice strongly against the alleged violence by BJP cadres.

Let first sign be for farmers’ welfare schemes: Delta farmers to new govt



TIRUCHY: Following the conclusion of the 2026 Assembly elections, Delta farmers have strongly urged the new government to sign schemes for the agricultural sector as their first official announcement, as promised during the election campaign in the region. Recalling the promises of TVK president and Chief Minister-elect C Joseph Vijay, during his campaign in the Cauvery Delta region, the Tamil Nadu Cauvery Farmers Association Secretary, Swamimalai Vimalnathan, said that Vijay had voiced against the land acquisition for the airport in Paranthur and strongly opposed it.

“The Chief Minister-elect Vijay had promised us that he would write off the crop loans when the party forms government, and also an MSP of Rs 3,500 per quintal of paddy and Rs 4,500 per tonne of sugarcane. We are elated that TVK is all set to form a government. The Chief Minister of the new government should fulfil the promises given to farmers as a priority,” he said.

Meanwhile, Saminathan, Thanjavur district president of the association, pointed out that the Chief Ministers of Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka had given priority to the farmers as soon as they assumed office and signed the schemes for the agricultural sector first. “Similarly, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister-elect Vijay should sign key farmers' welfare schemes and fulfil all the promises given to the farming community,” said Saminathan, adding that the farmers would always be grateful if the promises are fulfilled and back TVK always.

Is Tamil Nadu Governor Arlekar blocking Vijay’s swearing-in? What’s the hold up?



Actor-turned-politician Vijay's hopes of taking oath as Tamil Nadu Chief Minister on Thursday, 7 May, have reportedly hit a hurdle, with acting Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar unconvinced that the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) has the numbers to prove a majority in the Assembly.

The party emerged as the single largest force in the recent Assembly elections with 108 seats, but is 11 short of the simple majority mark needed to form a government.

Congress formally announced support from its five newly elected MLAs earlier on Wednesday, but TVK still needs the backing of at least six more MLAs.

Vijay has already staked claim to form the government and met with the Governor on Wednesday. He has reportedly sought two weeks to prove his majority while actively courting parties such as the VCK for support.

But reports later the same day suggested that Arlekar had not yet agreed to administer the oath of office, though Lok Bhavan has not issued any official communication on the matter.

Governor can ask for numbers, not deny floor test

Congress MP S Jyothimani criticised the Governor's reported stand, saying Vijay need only prove his majority on the floor of the Assembly, not before the Governor.

“There is no need to prove a majority at the Governor's residence. The only place where a majority has to be proven is on the floor of the Legislative Assembly. Supreme Court judgments are very clear on this issue. The people have decided that TVK president Mr Vijay should become the Chief Minister. It is not right for the Governor to stand against the people's verdict,” she said.

The Karur MP further accused the Governor of acting at the BJP's behest.

“I believe the Hon'ble Governor understands politics and constitutional provisions to this extent. The BJP must immediately stop doing politics through the Lok Bhavan. The Hon'ble Governor should immediately invite TVK president Mr Vijay to form the government,” she added.

Retired High Court judge Justice Hari Paranthaman agreed with Jyothimani, saying the TVK only needs to prove its majority on the floor of the Assembly.

“There is nothing wrong in the Governor asking about the numbers. But it would become an issue only if he acts against Vijay or invites someone else to form the government – which he cannot do. In the present situation, it appears that he is willing to administer the oath. We will have to wait and watch,” he said.



NOTICE

Locker Hired by **R Ganesh Rajavikhrum / GA Jayanthi** having address at – **7 Mayor Muthu Complex c-o Dhanalakshmi Ayurveda Marundagam Panakal Salai Madurai 625020** with **Madurai Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **LIC of Building Gr.Floor No 3 West Marret Street Madurai 625001** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **R Ganesh Rajavikhrum / GA Jayanthi** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **Y S Ram Moorthy** having address at – **Y S Ram Moorthy, 21 Kamaraj Colony, First Street, Hosur, Tamil Nadu - 635109** with **Hosur Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **No 7, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, Kamaraj Colony, Hosur – 635 109** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **Chandramohan R** having address at – **No 158 Gudisakrappali, Onnalvadi Post Rayakota Road, Hosur, Tamil Nadu - 635109** with **Hosur Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **No 7, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, Kamaraj Colony, Hosur – 635 109** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **Chandramohan R** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **H Irshath Husseni** having address at – **No 82-21 Amman Nagar Hosur, Hosur, Tamil Nadu- 635110** with **Hosur Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **No 7, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, Kamaraj Colony, Hosur – 635 109** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **Karthik R** having address at – **No 4-184 Kottai Street, Rayakottai, Hosur, Tamil Nadu - 635116** with **Hosur Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **No 7, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, Kamaraj Colony, Hosur – 635 109** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **Karthik R** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **L Vanaja** having address at – **24, 14 First Cross C C Nagar, Null, Null, Hosur, TN, 635109**,india with **Hosur Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **No 7, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, Kamaraj Colony, Hosur – 635 109** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **L Vanaja** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **Rajeswari A M /A Meera** having address at – **C Nee 104 Sastri Road, Trichy, Tamil Nadu-620018** with **Tiruchirapalli (Trichy) Branch** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **No:36 Rathna Enclave, Shastri Road, Thillai Nagar, Trichy – 620018** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **Rajeswari A M /A Meera** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **L Krishna Kumar** having address at – **164, 9 Big Bazaar, Trichy, Tamil Nadu-620008** with **Tiruchirapalli (Trichy) Branch** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **No:36 Rathna Enclave, Shastri Road, Thillai Nagar, Trichy – 620018** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **L Krishna Kumar** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **Venugopal V** having address at – **Door N0 77A, Appasamy Street, Salem Corporation, Salem 636002** with **Salem - Shevapet Branch** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **No: 17, Fort Main Road , Shevapet , Salem – 636002** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **Venugopal V** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **N Balachandra Kumar** having address at – **32, 43 Uthvakadu Road PKS, Colony Santhi Mmetri Culation School 642001** with **Pollachi Branch** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **No. 47, 48, 49 Ground floor, Venkatramanan Street Pollachi 642001** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **N Balachandra Kumar** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **S S Manjuladevi** having address at – **No 141 Meeinkaray Road, Pollachi, 642001** with **Pollachi Branch** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **No. 47, 48, 49 Ground floor, Venkatramanan Street Pollachi 642001** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **S S Manjuladevi** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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DMK functionary collapses, dies while watching election results on TV

CUDDALORE: A 56-year-old DMK functionary died after collapsing at his residence in Cuddalore district on Monday evening while watching the Assembly election results on television, according to a Daily Thanthi report.

The deceased was identified as Panneerselvam, a branch-level functionary from Kathazhai village near Sethiyathoppu. According to family members, he



was watching the results as trends indicated a poor performance for

the DMK alliance across the State. Family members said he could not bear witnessing the scale of the DMK's defeat and, in particular, the loss of party president M K Stalin in his Kolathur constituency. As the results progressed, Panneerselvam reportedly became distressed and suddenly collapsed at home. He was immediately taken to a private hospital at Sethiyathoppu junction, where doctors declared him brought dead.

Chennai gold price plunges by Rs 1,840, silver costs Rs 270 per gram on May 6, 2026

CHENNAI: Gold rate plunged in the city on Wednesday (May 6) by Rs 1,840 per sovereign (8 grams). The yellow metal is now priced at Rs 1,12,400 per sovereign and Rs 14,050 per gram, after an increase of Rs 230. On May 5, gold cost Rs 1,10,560 per sovereign and 13,820 per gram. Silver prices increase Silver prices increased by Rs 5 to sell for Rs 270 per gram (Rs 2,70,000 per kg) on May 6. On May 5, silver was sold at Rs 265 per gram (Rs 2,65,000 per kg). Gold rate today vs gold

rate on this day, last year Gold remains significantly higher compared to last year. Prices have surged from Rs 72,200 per sovereign (Rs 9,025 per gram) on May 6, 2025, to Rs 1,12,400 per sovereign (Rs 14,050 per gram) on May 6, 2026, marking an increase of Rs 40,200 or about 55.678%. Gold price (22-carat) over the last five days: May 5, 2026: 1 Sovereign - Rs 1,10,560 | 1 gram - Rs 13,820 May 4, 2026: 1 Sovereign - Rs 1,12,000 | 1 gram - Rs 14,000

May 2, 2026: 1 Sovereign - Rs 1,12,000 | 1 gram - Rs 14,000 May 1, 2026: 1 Sovereign - Rs 1,11,360 | 1 gram - Rs 13,920 April 30, 2026: 1 Sovereign - Rs 1,11,200 | 1 gram - Rs 13,900 Silver price over the last five days: May 5, 2026: 1 gram - Rs 265 May 4, 2026: 1 gram - Rs 270 May 2, 2026: 1 gram - Rs 270 May 1, 2026: 1 gram - Rs 265 April 30, 2026: 1 gram - Rs 270

Youth run over by speeding car on Koyambedu flyover

CHENNAI: A youth died after he was hit by a car on the Koyambedu flyover on Monday night. The police have yet to ascertain his identity. According to the police, the car was travelling from Maduravoyal toward Arumbakkam on Poonamallee High Road when the youth suddenly walked across the road on the Koyambedu flyover and came under the vehicle that was moving at a high speed. Passersby rushed him to Kilpauk Government Hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead.

Chennai Division adds 20 new parking facilities across railway stations



CHENNAI: The Chennai Division of Southern Railway has added 20 new parking facilities across its network during the 2025-26 financial year, increasing the total number of authorised parking locations

from 106 to 126. The facilities have been introduced at stations including Vandalur, Potheri, Avadi South and North, Tambaram East, Chengalpattu, Perambur Carriage Works, Singaperumalkoil,

Kadambattur, Tambaram Sanatorium, Nemilicherry, Ennore, Sullurupeta, Arakkonam, Guindy, St Thomas Mount, Perambur and Jolarpettai.

At Chengalpattu, a multilevel parking facility

spanning around 820.32 sq. m has been commissioned, considering the high passenger footfall at the junction.

The additional parking spaces are intended to address congestion around station premises and provide designated areas for vehicles.

Some locations, including Chengalpattu and Perambur, are also part of station development works under the Amrit Station Scheme.

The parking areas are equipped with digital ticketing systems, UPI-based payment options and CCTV surveillance. The division stated that the expansion is part of ongoing infrastructure upgrades aimed at improving access and passenger movement at stations.

Hey, leave the teacher alone

This has been a hectic time for schoolteachers with the Union government drafting them for its work like the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, census enumeration and the conduct of elections. This being the peak exam season and a torrid summer, that's quite an extra workload in addition to regular teaching.

While SIR and the elections are over, the summer isn't, and the delayed Census promises to keep teachers busy for months more. From now till September, they will double as door-to-door enumerators for the houselisting phase of the survey, and then in February 2027 for the population enumeration phase, each phase entailing training and field work for 30-35 days.

In addition to this mandatory work, the government, from time to time, enlists teachers to promote its special initiatives. It is this headload that has been getting heavier. In the past six months, such activities have included the Jal Pakhwada 2026, a 15-day programme in April on water conservation that required teachers to visit local areas and create awareness about the Jal Shakti Abhiyan; organising quiz programmes on Operation Sindoor



(January); celebration of Veer Baal Divas (December) by making students write essays and poems on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Digital India, etc; and the Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada (November), which involved organising special activities to celebrate India's tribal identity. All this work is extraneous to activities that school boards mandate as part of the curriculum. Even if they involve no field visits and are conducted within campus, these programmes require teachers to organise special activities by students, providing materials for them, grading them and writing up reports on them. As proof of obedience, they are required to upload videos and pictures of the events to a mandated portal. While the themes of

these schemes may be laudable, such as public health and social awareness, they do not organically complement the curriculum, being propaganda add-ons with little actual learning value.

Under the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, it is not permissible to use teachers for non-educational tasks such as propagating government promotional messages. Section 27 of the Act explicitly prohibits deployment of teachers for non-educational purposes except for three specific tasks: the census, disaster relief duties, and election work. The Supreme Court has consistently ruled against teachers being roped in for non-academic work, and the National Education Policy 2020 emphasizes that teachers should not be

involved in work not directly related to teaching. Even if it be argued that these special activities are educational in nature, such as essay writing on tribal culture or public hygiene, they bring a lot of administrative and data entry work upon teachers that eats into their teaching time and interferes with the normal curriculum. The RTE Act strictly defines the workload of teachers. It mandates a minimum of 45 working hours per week, divided into instructional hours and preparation hours to ensure that the focus is on instructional quality.

By heaping 'special activity' workload on teachers, the government is failing to realise that the teacher's work involves more than delivering instruction and grading performance. A lot of invisible work goes into teaching, like creating lesson plans, developing teaching materials, and designing worksheets. It also involves work of great social value, like mentorship, monitoring student behaviour and attending to students who need extra help. It is that precious contribution that is compromised when a teacher is asked to double up as a propagandist.



NOTICE

Locker Hired by **D Sabapathi / S Abirami** having address at – **D No 1 Narayanapillai Street, Srinivasapuram, Zamin Uthukuli-642004** with **Pollachi Branch** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **No. 47, 48, 49 Ground floor, Venkatramanan Street Pollachi 642001** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **D Sabapathi / S Abirami** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **M Vasudevan** having address at – **2, 555(2) Karugalpudur, Pappinayakanpatti Namakkal, Tamil Nadu, Namakkal, TN, 637003** with **Namakkal - Mohanur Road Branch** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **118/116A, Aarthi Complex, Salem Road, Namakkal, 637001** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **R Kailasam** having address at – **Door No 45, 6 Kuttai Street, Namakkal Dt, Null, Namakkal, TN, 637001** with **Namakkal - Mohanur Road Branch** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **118/116A, Aarthi Complex, Salem Road, Namakkal, 637001** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **Mythili K / Kannan A** having address at – **38-1 Thillai Puram, 1st Street, Null, Namakkal, TN, 637001** with **Namakkal - Mohanur Road Branch** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **118/116A, Aarthi Complex, Salem Road, Namakkal, 637001** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **Mythili K / Kannan A** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **P Raja / R Sharmila** having address at – **No 69 14-D6 PWD Colony, Paramathi PO Paramathi Velur, TK Namakkal with Namakkal - Mohanur Road Branch** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **118/116A, Aarthi Complex, Salem Road, Namakkal, 637001** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **P Raja / R Sharmila** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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NOTICE

Locker Hired by **G Palanivel Rajan** having address at – **19 A 4C Vasantham Apartment, Thirunagar Mohanur Road, Null, Namakkal, TN, 637001** with **Namakkal - Mohanur Road Branch** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** situated at **118/116A, Aarthi Complex, Salem Road, Namakkal, 637001** remains Un-operated past **7 years**.

All the **2** letters sent to **G Palanivel Rajan** calling upon them to operate the locker has return unreserved and they are not contactable.

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Vijay’s coronation hangs in balance as TN Guv yet to extend invite to form govt.

Chennai, May 6: The coronation of Joseph C Vijay as the next Tamil Nadu Chief Minister expected for Thursday (May 7, 2026), now hangs in the balance with Governor V R Arlekar making it clear that he could extend the invite to the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) for forming the government only after getting the letter of support for the requisite number of legislators--(118) one more than the half way mark of 117, in the 234-member Assembly.

With doubts lingering over the invite from the Lok Bhavan, the swearing in of ‘Vijay Sarkar’ could be postponed in all likelihood.

The Governor has told Vijay, who called on him at the Lok Bhavan to



stake the claim to form the government, that being the single largest party alone is not enough. Though the meeting which lasted for about half an hour was cordial and the Governor, in a rare gesture, honoured Vijay with a silk shawl and a memento, a replica

of the famed Shore temple at Mamallapuram, he sought the letter of support for the requisite numbers.

In the 234-member Tamil Nadu Assembly, the current strength is 233 since Vijay has won from two seats and the TVK’s tally is 107.

As such, for the half-way mark of 118, the party needs six more besides the support of the Congress, which has five seats.

Even as preparations are on for the swearing in of Vijay and the TVK leadership engaged in finalising the list of ministers, the delay over the invite has cast a doubt on whether it will take place as planned at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in the city tomorrow.

Since the TVK has presented only the letter of support from the Congress, the Lok Bhavan could take a decision after legal consultations and with the union Home Ministry on the next course of action.

Though, the TVK

being the single largest party (with 107 MLAs in the 234-member House) might suffice for the Governor to extend an invite to Vijay, who also has the support of five MLAs from its new found ally, the Congress, it should not turn out like the case of

A B Vajpayee, who was invited by the then President R Venkataraman.

At the same time, the senior TVK leaders are engaged in mustering support for the party. DMK allies, including the VCK and CPI have given positive feelers, while the CPI(M) is still ambivalent. All the three parties have two legislators each, which is enough for the TVK to pass the floor test.

Union Ministry of Earth Sciences Secy Inaugurates Urban Testbed, Aerosol Observatory in Chennai

Chennai, May 6 : The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, operating under the ‘Mission Mausam’ initiative, has established a state-of-the-art Urban Testbed and Aerosol Observatory at the SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) at its Ramapuram campus in Chennai. Union Ministry of Earth Sciences Secretary Dr. M. Ravichandran inaugurated the laboratory and the Centre for Atmospheric Science Research and Innovation (CASRI) it on Wednesday.



In a significant move toward academic and scientific synergy, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also signed between IITM and SRMIST in the presence of Dr Ravichandran.

In his keynote address, he highlighted that the facility houses approximately 15 sophisticated instruments valued more than Rs 60 crore. These instruments are designed to track nearly 50 types of atmospheric data, including weather patterns, wind flow, aerosol particles, and temperature variations and emphasized that the integration of this data will lead to much more accurate weather forecasts for the public.

Notably, Dr RAVICHANDRAN said that while Chennai has various weather monitoring tools distributed across the city, this comprehensive observatory is the first of its kind to be established in India.

The Secretary further explained that by analyzing factors such as the size and speed of airborne particles, the transition between sea and land breezes, and the organic

or inorganic nature of aerosols, scientists can better predict their specific impacts on the weather. This facility is expected to provide vital short-term data regarding global warming in the region, that will subsequently assist in researching long-term climate impacts.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by several officials, including Dr. A. Suryachandra Rao, Director of IITM; Dr. Thara Prabhakaran, Project Director, IITM; Dr. R.S. Kankara, Director of the National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR); Dr. Balaji Ramakrishnan, Director of the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT); Dr. Sivananda Pai, Head of the Chennai Meteorological Centre; and Dr. R. Shivakumar, Chairman of SRMIST, along with various researchers and faculty members. Mission Mausam was launched in September 2024 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a major scientific initiative of MoES with a futuristic vision. The mission aims to enhance disaster preparedness through the modernization of observa-

tional infrastructure, improving monsoon prediction, and now-casting and early warning of severe weather. The Mission also focuses on strengthening climate services to support key sectors such as agriculture, water resources, disaster management, aviation, and energy, thereby making India a “Weather-Ready and Climate-Smart Nation.”

The Urban testbed in Chennai will be equipped with about 100 AWS stations covering the urban areas and the suburban transition zones, three additional X-band radar, including a phased array radar for continuous monitoring of the convection and rain bands approaching the city, an aerosol observational facility in the core urban area with in situ measurement of aerosol physical, chemical (cloud forming) properties, vertical profiling of clouds, aerosol, and precipitation at selected locations, wind profiling to capture the dynamical aspects of the sea breeze, land breeze, and thermodynamic profiling at selected locations using instruments such as radiometers.

SRly commissions new parking facilities in Chennai division

Chennai: As part of further enhancing passenger amenities and decongesting and improving station infrastructure, Southern Railway has commissioned 20 new parking facilities in Chennai Division during the 2025-26 fiscal.

With this addition, the total number of authorized parking locations across the Division has increased from the present 106 to 126.

These parking facilities have been developed to provide organized, secure, and easily accessible parking spaces, thereby improving passenger convenience and decongesting station premises.

A major highlight of this initiative is the commissioning of a Multilevel Parking Facility at Chengalpattu Railway Station, covering an area of 820.32 sqm, catering to the high com-

muter footfall at this key junction.

The parking facilities have been operationalized at several locations including Vandalur, Potheri, Avadi South, Avadi North, Tambaram East, Chengalpattu, Perambur Carriage Works, Singaperumalkoil, Kadamattur, Tambaram Sanatorium, Nemilicherry, Ennore, Sullurupeta, Arakkonam, Guindy, St.

Thomas Mount, Perambur and Jolarpettai.

Additionally, certain locations such as Chengalpattu and Perambur have been covered under development initiatives, including the Amrit Station Scheme (ABSS), a Railway release said.

To enhance user convenience and safety, these facilities are equipped with modern

features such as digital ticketing systems, UPI-enabled digital payment options and CCTV surveillance systems, it said, adding, the Chennai Division remains committed to strengthening infrastructure and providing seamless, user-friendly facilities to passengers.

These initiatives are expected to significantly improve accessibility and ease of travel for rail users.

In South India, doctor visits cost less, while hospital admissions cost the most in the country

The average Indian spends Rs.975 on an outpatient visit for illness, including a doctor’s visit, a prescription, and a diagnostic test. In Kerala, that figure is Rs.583. In Karnataka, it is Rs.629. In Tamil Nadu, Rs.824. In Andhra Pradesh, Rs.873. Telangana, with Rs.1,058, is the only southern state above the national average. Four of the five southern states, all but Telangana, sit below the national outpatient average. Kerala and Karnataka are the two cheapest major states in the country for day-to-day medical care. Telangana is eighth on the national list, and its hospitalisation bill of Rs.46,316 is the highest among major states.



zero.

Not low. Zero.

Half of all outpatient visits to government hospitals across India result in no payment. Consultation, medicines and diagnostics are all covered by the government facility without any charge to the patient. This median figure of zero shapes states averages in a direct way. States where a large proportion of outpatient visits happen in government facilities will have lower average outpatient costs, not because private care is cheap, but because a large share of their outpatient activity costs the patient nothing. In Tamil Nadu, 49 percent of all outpatient spells are handled by government hospitals. The national average is 30.9 percent. In Kerala, 42.7 percent go to government facilities. In Karnataka, 35.5 percent. In Andhra Pradesh, 31.8 percent. Four of the five southern states are above the national average for government outpatient utilisation. Tamil Nadu is the highest of any major state in the country.

When nearly half your outpatient visits are free, your average cost per spell will be low, even if the private sector charges as high as it wants.

The high-frequency sick

There is a second mechanism pulling southern outpatient costs down, and it is less intuitive. The survey measures the PPRA, the proportion of persons who reported being ill during a 15-day reference period, per 1,000 population. It is a measure of how much illness a state reports, and how willing its people are to seek care for it.

Kerala’s PPRA is 397 per 1,000. Almost two in five people in Kerala reported being ill during the reference period. The

national average is 131 per 1,000.

Kerala is reporting illness at three times the national rate. Andhra Pradesh at 211, Telangana at 150, Tamil Nadu at 140, all well above the national average.

What drives a high PPRA is not necessarily more sickness. It is a more health-seeking behaviour. In states with strong primary care infrastructure and high health awareness, people visit a doctor for conditions that would often go untreated elsewhere. A mild fever, a persistent cough, a routine diabetes check-up, and a thyroid review generate outpatient visits in Kerala that would not generate outpatient visits in Bihar.

The consequence for cost averages is significant. When you have a large volume of low-intensity, routine, chronic management visits, many of them free at government facilities, the average cost per spell is pulled down by sheer volume. In contrast, Bihar’s PPRA is just 99 per 1,000, and its outpatient cost is Rs.1,270. People in Bihar seek care less frequently. When they do, it is often for an illness that has progressed to a serious stage, which means the visit involves more diagnostics, more medicines, and more expenditure. The average cost per spell is high precisely because the low-cost routine visits are not happening.

The South is paying Rs.583 per spell partly because half those spells are free at government hospitals, and partly because they are generating thousands of visits for mild, manageable conditions that the North does not count.

Rural South vs urban North

The urban-rural breakdown sharpens the picture further.

In rural Kerala, an outpatient spell

costs Rs.609. In rural Karnataka, it is Rs.549, the cheapest in the country. In rural Bihar, the same spell costs Rs.1,199. In rural Haryana, Rs.1,481. In rural Punjab, it is Rs.1,496, more than two and a half times what rural Karnataka pays. The urban numbers tell a similar story. Urban Kerala is at Rs.559, the cheapest urban outpatient market in India. Urban Karnataka is Rs.759. Urban Tamil Nadu Rs.796.

Urban Bihar costs Rs.1,783. Urban Uttar Pradesh Rs.1,793. Urban Delhi Rs.1,704. A sick person in urban Kerala pays one-third of what a sick person in urban Bihar pays for an outpatient visit. The north’s higher per-visit costs are driven by a combination of lower government utilisation, less frequent care-seeking, which means visits are for more serious conditions, and higher private clinic fees in states where the public outpatient network is thinner.

The exception in the south

Telangana does not fit the southern pattern.

Its outpatient cost is Rs.1,058, the only southern state above the national average, and the eighth most expensive among all major states. Its rural outpatient cost of Rs.1,169 is particularly elevated. The reason follows from the same logic. Telangana’s government outpatient utilisation rate is 34.6 percent, slightly above the national average of 30.9 percent, but well below Tamil Nadu’s 49 percent and Kerala’s 42.7 percent. More importantly, 30.2 percent of Telangana’s outpatient visits go to private clinics and 33.4 percent to private hospitals. The private sector dominates outpatient care in a way that it does not in Tamil Nadu or Kerala. The result is that Telangana pays for its outpatient care at private rates rather than public rates. Its PPRA of 150 per 1,000 is above average, but its public infrastructure is not absorbing that demand the way the rest of the South does.

Telangana is the southern state that proves the rule. Where the public outpatient network does not dominate, outpatient costs are similar to the rest of India.

The sting in the tail

The southern paradox is not a contradiction. It is a system with two very different parts operating simultaneously.

The public primary care network in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka is doing something unusual. It is providing free or near-free outpatient care at high volume for a population that frequently reports illness and seeks treatment early. This is, by any measure, a public health achievement.



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Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, steps are being taken to further develop Visakhapatnam as a major tourist destination. As part of this initiative, preparations are underway to inaugurate a Trishul statue at Kailasagiri on the 9th of this month. Efforts are also being made to complete the construction of key roads leading to the B h o g a p u r a m International Airport within the stipulated time frame. Funds have been allocated for beautification works including decorative lighting, greenery in medians, and construction of drains where necessary along these roads.

this matter, stating that only then would the South Coast Railway Zone be fully effective. He also expressed optimism that Visakhapatnam would develop into a major railway hub, contributing to the state's economic growth.

Babji further appealed to the Central Government to expedite the implementation of remaining bifurcation assurances and to introduce new trains, railway lines, and a separate railway board in line with the state's needs.

Lok Satta city president M.S.N. Murthy, Marrapu Sudheer, Ippalavalasa Gopi, Pakki Shankar, and Mahila Satta leader Rajeswari, among others, were present at the meeting.

The "Beat the Heat" initiative will include public awareness camps, doctor-led talks, educational material, media outreach, community engagement, and practical guidance on recognising and responding to heat-related illness. The campaign's core message is simple: heatstroke is preventable, but only if people recognise the risk early and act in time.



NEW DELHI : Shri Kanhaiya Kumar has appointed Shri Kiran Mugabasav to the Central Election Authority (CEA) of the NSUI to oversee internal organizational elections. A veteran leader from Hubli, Mugabasav previously served as an NSUI Election Commissioner (2016-18) and is recognized as a disciplined party soldier. Key Highlights of Kiran Mugabasav's Career:

- Organizational Leadership:** Currently serves as an AICC Member and General Secretary of the KPCC.
- Grassroots Impact:** Built the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Sangathan (RGPRS) in Telangana and served as its National General Secretary. Dedicated Padyatri: Completed the 3,570 km Bharat Jodo Yatra, the 600 km Sarvodaya Sankalp Padyatra, and the 600 km Lok Svaraj Padyatra.
- Strategic Role:** Served as National War Room Coordinator for the AICC in Maharashtra and New Delhi. This appointment leverages Mugabasav's extensive experience in grassroots organizing and his lifelong commitment to the values of Satya and Ahimsa.

Jogulamba Gadwal, May 6 (TSIT): The Telangana Rajyadhikara Party, founded by Teenmar Mallanna, has completed the formation of its district executive committee in Jogulamba Gadwal with a focus on strengthening Backward Classes (BC) political empowerment.

The appointments were made under the supervision of joint district in-charge Vemulawada Madana Mohanachari and led by district president Morugu Veeresh. The newly appointed office bearers have officially assumed their responsibilities. Uppari Gangadhar Sagar from Sindhannur village was named Working President, while Ashok

Pujari from Pulikal village was appointed Vice President. Minigal Bharathi from Thatikunta village will serve as District Women's President, R. Thippareddy as Farmers Wing President, Narasimha Raju as Labour Wing President, and Suresh Naidu as District Social Media Incharge.

Party leaders said the formation of the district committee aims to strengthen the organisational structure at the grassroots level and expand the party's outreach across the region. The newly appointed leaders expressed their commitment to uphold the party's principles and work actively towards its growth and public service initiatives.

CHENNAI: Antibiotic resistance is a critical global health threat due to excessive and inappropriate use of antibiotics in humans, livestock and agriculture, warn health experts. A major concern is the growing tendency among people to take antibiotics without medical advice.

deaths annually by 2050 if urgent action is not taken. In India, surveillance by the Indian Council of Medical Research shows alarming trends. In 2024, analysis of more than 99,000 laboratory samples revealed that gram-negative bacteria continue to dominate serious infections, particularly blood, urine and respiratory illnesses. Declining effectiveness of last-resort antibiotics such as carbapenems against pathogens like *Klebsiella pneumoniae* has raised serious concern among clinicians.

When antibiotics are misused, taken in the wrong dose or stopped midway, bacteria survive, mutate and become resistant, making infections harder to treat. "If antibiotics are not taken properly, some bacteria survive, mutate and become resistant over time. Even simple infections can turn life threatening," infectious disease expert Dr Surendran told DT Next. "Patients often discontinue antibiotics once symptoms improve, instead of completing the full course, enabling harmful bacteria to persist. Self-medication, use of leftover antibiotics and pressure on doctors to prescribe them for viral infections like colds and flu worsen the problem." . It warns that antibiotic resistance could lead to 10 million

Bengaluru (TSIT) In a major political and symbolic tribute to veteran BJP stalwart BS Yediyurappa, union Home Minister Amit Shah will unveil two landmark books documenting the former Karnataka Chief Minister's five-decade-long political and public life journey during the grand 'BSY Abhimanotsava' celebrations in Chitradurga on Saturday.



Yediyurappa's journey from humble beginnings to becoming one of the tallest leaders in Karnataka politics. Written by R Raghunath (Kautilya), the biography records key turning points from his childhood, organisational struggles and grassroots mobilisation to his emergence as the BJP's strongest face in the state. The second publication, 'Sadana Shikari Yediyurappanavara Gudugina Nudigalu', is a compilation of Yediyurappa's speeches in the Karnataka Legislature over several decades. The book highlights his combative style inside the Assembly and Council, where he frequently raised issues relating to farmers' distress, regional development and governance failures, irrespective of whether,

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to check the indiscriminate use of antibiotics has been lauded by health experts who said that his message drew attention to a major health concern of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) that the country is presently facing and called for regulating over-the-counter sale of such drugs.

biotic use in proper dosage and duration is the need of the hour to prevent further aggravation in the AMR situation," he said.

The early involvement of physicians and infectious disease doctors for proper implementation of the guidelines is very essential to prevent the onslaught of AMR, he added.

counter sale of such drugs. AMR occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites no longer respond to antimicrobial medicines, according to WHO. As a result of drug resistance, antibiotics become ineffective and infections become difficult or impossible to treat.

India, bearing a silent and large pandemic in terms of high burden of infectious diseases, with UTI and pneumonia being the major ones, easy over-the-counter availability of antibiotics, irrational prescribing, and incomplete treatment courses have accelerated resistance, said Dr Neha Rastogi, Senior Consultant-Infectious Diseases, Fortis Gurgaon.

In his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' radio address, Prime Minister Modi on Sunday said that antibiotics are not medicines that can be taken mindlessly and urged people to take them only on the doctor's advice.

He said the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) recently released a report which said that antibiotics were proving ineffective against many diseases like pneumonia and UTI (Urinary Tract Infections). "This is a matter of great concern for all of us," he said.

Dr M Srinivas, Director of AIIMS-Delhi, underlined that antibiotics should be consumed only when prescribed by doctors and for the exact duration.

"Indiscriminate use of antibiotics will lead to resistance, and if the infection increases, there will be no reserved drugs left to use. The AIIMS has taken the leadership role in this matter... we have SoPs and hospital infection control systems and are creating awareness about the issue," he said. ICMR Director General Rajiv Bahl said, "PM Modi has drawn the nation's attention to a serious issue. Overuse or irrational use of antibiotics for infections like pneumonia can lead to resistance, making it difficult to treat."

ing them less effective. Antibiotics should only be used when needed and prescribed by doctors," he said.

Dr Atul Gogia, senior consultant and Head of Infectious Diseases at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, said that antimicrobial resistance is one of the greatest challenges India is currently facing. Indiscriminate use of antibiotics - unsupervised and self-medication - is leading to growing morbidity and mortality, he said. The common simple-to-treat infections are becoming increasingly difficult to treat because of the growing antimicrobial resistance, Gogia stressed.

"There is a need of the hour to restrict over-the-counter sale of antibiotics as well as restrictions on their use in animals. Ensuring supervised anti-

Visakhapatnam Port Wins Double Gold for Second Consecutive Year in CSR Awards

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: The Visakhapatnam Port Authority has achieved yet another prestigious milestone. At the Greentech CSR Awards 2026, it won Double Gold awards in the categories of Healthcare Promotion and Skill Development, repeating this achievement for the second consecutive year. According to details shared by Port Secretary M. Shankar Babu, the awards were decided based on the performance of port officials during virtual presentations and question-and-answer sessions before a panel of judges constituted for selecting the winners. These awards, presented annually, recognize and honor organizations that render outstanding services in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The Visakhapatnam Port Authority has undertaken several service initiatives in the healthcare sector. These include providing funds for mid-day meal schemes for students in orphanages and unaided schools, installation of water purification plants in various areas, and setting



up safe drinking water ATMs through the "Aarogyam" preventive health project. Additionally, initiatives such as distribution of 100 air-conditioned helmets to traffic police personnel, implementation of drone surveillance systems in the harbor area, HPV vaccination for girl students, and support for distribution of artificial limbs to persons with disabilities have been carried out. In the skill development sector, programs have been implemented for women's empowerment through distribution of sewing machines, skill training for tribal youth in Alluri Sitarama Raju district, financial assistance for vocational training to poor students, and special initiatives aimed at empowering fisherwomen. Chairperson Dr. M. Angamuthu congratulated the staff on this achievement and advised them to further expand CSR initiatives that benefit society. Deputy Chairperson Roshni Aparanji Korati, IAS, also extended her congratulations to the staff. The Greentech CSR Awards 2026 will be formally presented at a summit to be held in New Delhi on May 12-13.



CORDIAL WELCOME TO HON'BLE MINISTER NARA LOKESH AT SRI CITY HELIPAD TIRUPATI DISTRICT, SP, AND LEADERS PARTICIPATED.

Carrier to set up Rs.1,000 crore AC plant in Andhra Pradesh, 3,000 jobs expected



Bengaluru : City, May 6: In a major boost to industrial growth in Andhra Pradesh, Minister Nara Lokesh on Wednesday laid the foundation stone for a new air conditioner manufacturing unit of Carrier Global Corporation at Sri City Industrial Park in Tirupati district. The foundation ceremony was conducted in the presence of Carrier Chairman and CEO David L. Gitlin along with senior company officials. The project involves an invest-

ment of Rs.1,000 crore and is expected to generate around 3,000 employment opportunities. The state government has allotted 39 acres of land for the facility at Sri City, where the company will establish a state-of-the-art manufacturing unit to cater to the growing demand for HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) systems. The plant is also expected to enhance Carrier's manufacturing footprint in India.

T.L. Sangeetha takes charge as Sangareddy Additional Collector



Sangareddy, May 6 (TSIT): T.L. Sangeetha assumed charge as the Additional Collector (Revenue) of Sangareddy district on Wednesday. Officials and staff at the Collectorate extended a warm welcome to her on the occasion. Revenue Department officials met her, presented bouquets, and conveyed their best wishes. Sangeetha also interacted with the officials and introduced herself in a cordial manner. Speaking on the occasion, she said she would work towards accelerating the district's development and strengthening revenue administration effectively.

Nirmala Jaggareddy tours Sangareddy, launches key welfare and development initiatives



Sangareddy, May 6 (TSIT): Nirmala Jaggareddy, Chairperson of Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation, toured Sangareddy and Kandli mandals on Wednesday and participated in multiple development and welfare programmes. As part of her visit, she inaugurated a paddy procurement centre at Kulpagur village under the supervision of PACS. Addressing farmers, she urged them not to sell their produce to private millers and instead utilise government procurement centres to ensure they receive the Minimum Support Price (MSP). Several local leaders and public representatives attended the programme. Later, she took part in the housewarming ceremony of an Indiramma house at Begampet village in Kandli mandal. The house, sanctioned to a local beneficiary, was completed under the government welfare scheme. Speaking on the occasion, she said the government is committed to implementing welfare programmes for all sections without discrimination and ensuring benefits reach eligible families regardless of political affiliation. During her tour, she also inaugurated a newly established foam servicing centre on the Sangareddy bypass road. Local leaders, including former councillors and public representa-

Sri Venkateswara College Governing Body Meeting Held in Tirumala



Tirumala (TSIT) The 157th Governing Body Meeting of Sri Venkateswara College was held on Wednesday at Annamayya Bhavan in Tirumala under

the chairmanship of TTD Chairman Sri B. R. Naidu. TTD EO Sri Muddada Ravichandra, TTD Board Member Smt Panabaka Lakshmi, and College

Principal Prof. Vazhalla Ravi attended the meeting. The Governing Body decided to construct an auditorium and additional blocks for students at the college in Delhi. It was also decided to install air conditioners in classrooms due to the summer heat. The meeting approved laddu cards and Srivari darshan facilities for the college staff on par with TTD employees. Special focus will also be given to encourage students in research and publications. Earlier, the Principal presented a report on the college's development and academic activities.

Key decisions taken at TTD Board meeting chaired by B.R. Naidu

Tirumala (TSIT): The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Board, under the chairmanship of B. R. Naidu, held its meeting at Annamayya Bhavan in Tirumala on Wednesday and took several important decisions aimed at improving temple services, infrastructure, and welfare initiatives.



Among the key decisions, the Board approved an increase in financial assistance for Dhupa, Deepa, and Naivedyam in temples from Rs.5,000 to Rs.10,000. It also decided to launch the

"Akshara Govindam" programme soon, under which free kits will be distributed to children. The Board gave its nod for the construction of a permanent Yagasala at Alipiri at a cost of Rs.4.75 crore for conducting Srinivasa Divyanugraha Homam.

Additionally, approval was granted for constructing extra toilets in Srivari Sarvadarshan queue lines at a cost of Rs.4.55 crore and for development works worth Rs.3.61 crore at Varahaswamy Rest House-1. In a major boost to education and infrastructure, Rs.43.40 crore was sanctioned for modern facilities in TTD educational institutions, taking the total allocation to Rs.161.40 crore. The Board also approved Rs.6 crore for laying a new water pipeline from Gogarbham Dam to the filter plant.

SP and MLA Inaugurate Traffic Signals in Nagar Kurnool



The South India times Nagar Kurnool : Traffic signals were inaugurated in Nagar Kurnool town at Sripuram Junction by District SP Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil along with MLA Rajesh Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, the SP said the signals were installed to address growing traffic issues in the town and to ensure smooth movement of vehicles without inconvenience to the public. The traffic signals have been set up at Sripuram Junction and near the Government Hospital to improve traffic regulation and road safety. The program was attended by DSP Srinivas, SI Govardhan, Traffic RSI Kalyan, Municipal Commissioner Nagireddy, Municipal Chairman Sunendra, traffic police personnel, and other officials.

Bomma Sriram Chakravarthy appointed Munnuru Kapu Corporation chairman

Husnabad, May 6: The state government has appointed Bomma Sriram Chakravarthy as Chairman of the Munnuru Kapu Corporation Limited, reaffirming its commitment to the upliftment of Backward Classes (BC) communities.



A senior Congress leader from the erstwhile Karimnagar district, Sriram Chakravarthy brings over three decades of experience in political and social service. He has held several key positions, including Chairman of the AP State Cooperative Housing Societies Federation Limited, General Secretary of the APCC, Vice President of the AP Youth Congress, and Director of AP Housefed. He is also actively associ-

ated with community organisations, serving as Chairman of the Munnuru Kapu Student Hostel and Honorary President of the Munnuru Kapu Association.

Congress cadres and members of the Munnuru Kapu community across the region welcomed the appointment, expressing confidence that it would strengthen initiatives aimed at education, employment, and economic development of the community.

Party leaders said the appointment reflects the government's focus on social justice under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. On the occasion, Sriram Chakravarthy and Congress leaders extended their gratitude to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, and Minister Ponnampalabakur for the opportunity.

Rs.2.50 Crore Donation to TTD SV Pranadanam Trust



Tirumala (TSIT) Himadri Foundation from Kolkata, West Bengal, donated Rs.2.50 crore to the TTD SV Pranadanam Trust. The donation was handed over by Trustee Sri Anurag Choudhary to TTD Chairman Sri B.R. Naidu at the Chairman's Camp Office in Tirumala on Wednesday. The Chairman appreciated the donor's generosity and said the funds will help provide quality medical services to poor patients. TTD Board members and officials were present.

MP and MLA Distribute Bicycles to Rural Students

Nagar kurnool (TSIT): A bicycle distribution program for government school students in the Nagar Kurnool constituency was held on Wednesday at the IDOC office premises. The initiative was launched by Member of Parliament Dr. Mallu Ravi, District Collector Hemanth Keshav Patil, and MLA Dr. Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy. With the special initiative of MP Dr. Mallu Ravi and support from Jindal Steel Power under CSR funds, 130 students who completed 7th class in government schools were provided bicycles. Initially, 48 students from Kummera village received the bicycles.



Speaking on the occasion, the MP said that lack of transportation is one of the major challenges faced by rural students in continuing their education. He stated that providing bicycles would help students attend school on time and increase their interest in studies. He encouraged students to use this opportunity, remain disciplined, and aim for higher achievements. He also mentioned that the state government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is giving high priority to education and is planning to provide breakfast along with mid-day meals from the next academic year. He appreciated the social service activities of Jindal Steel Power.

GITAM scholar earns PhD for research on gut microbiota in metabolic disorders

Hyderabad: GITAM Deemed to be University has awarded a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Pharmacy to P. Rajyalakshmi Devi for her research on the therapeutic potential of gut microbiota in managing metabolic disorders. Her doctoral thesis, titled "Role of Short Chain Fatty Acids (SCFAs) in Combination with Probiotics for the Treatment of Obesity and Diabetes in Rats," was carried out under the guidance of Dr. M. Vinyas at the School of Pharmacy, Hyderabad. The study highlights the significant role of short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs) and probiotics in tackling obesity and type II diabetes. Using experimental



models, the research found that the combined treatment led to notable improvements in body weight, lipid profile, insulin sensitivity, and glycemic control. Further analysis also showed positive changes in liver and pancreatic tissues. Among the SCFAs studied, butyrate demonstrated superior antidiabetic activity. Molecular docking analysis revealed its

strong interaction with key metabolic regulators such as leptin, insulin receptors, and neuropeptide Y receptors, indicating its importance in metabolic signaling pathways. The findings suggest that SCFAs, especially when combined with probiotics, have strong potential as therapeutic agents in preventing and managing obesity, insulin resistance, and related metabolic disorders. University officials, including Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. D. S. Rao, Resident Director D.V.V.S.R. Varma, and Principal Prof. G. Shiva Kumar, congratulated Dr. Rajyalakshmi Devi on her achievement and appreciated her contribution to pharmaceutical research.

KIMS Hospitals Launches First Internationally Recognized Fellowship in Sports Injuries & Arthroscopy

Hyderabad, May 6, 2026: KIMS Hospitals has achieved a significant milestone in orthopaedic education and sports medicine by launching the first internationally recognized fellowship program in Sports Injuries and Arthroscopy in the Telugu states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. This prestigious fellowship has been designed to bridge the gap between general orthopaedic training and the highly specialized skills required to treat athletes and physically active individuals. With the growing demand for minimally invasive surgical techniques, the need for advanced training in sports medicine has

become increasingly important. Arthroscopy, a minimally invasive surgical technique, requires precision and expertise in working within small joint spaces using advanced instruments and fiber-optic cameras. Procedures such as ACL reconstruction, labral repair, and cartilage restoration demand a high level of accuracy and skill. This fellowship aims to equip doctors with comprehensive training in these advanced procedures. The program offers specialized training in reconstructive arthroscopy of the knee, shoulder, and hip, along with sports medicine and joint preservation surgeries. It combines



hands-on surgical experience with structured academic learning, focusing on surgical precision, injury assessment, rehabilitation protocols, and evidence-based medical practices. A key highlight of this fellowship is its integrated approach, combining surgical expertise with research and patient-centric care. It also aims to enhance doctors' understanding of sports-specific movements and injury patterns, enabling them to

diagnose even subtle or complex injuries more effectively. KIMS Hospitals has consistently prioritized the development of Centers of Excellence, focusing not only on delivering superior clinical outcomes but also on nurturing skilled specialists. The international recognition of this fellowship reflects the institution's commitment to clinical excellence and adherence to global standards. The fellowship is led

by Dr. R. A. Poornachandra Tejaswi, Director and Head of Arthroscopy & Sports Medicine. Under his leadership, the program is set to become a benchmark in advanced orthopaedic training in the country. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Tejaswi said that the fellowship would significantly enhance the quality of sports injury management in the region by training doctors in advanced arthroscopic techniques. With this initiative, KIMS Hospitals is strengthening its leadership in advanced medical education and specialised surgical care, and setting new national benchmarks.

Effect of Shah’s Chanakya Neeti: From Chhattisgarh to Haryana, Maharashtra, Delhi and Bengal, the Lotus has bloomed everywhere

AMIT SHAH DEFEATED MAMATA BANERJEE IN HER OWN STRONGHOLD OF BHAWANIPUR

TSIT DESK
West Bengal: The land of Bengal, once fragrant with the music of Rabindranath Tagore, the spiritual brilliance of Swami Vivekananda, and the timeless writings of Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay, had, for decades, wrapped itself in a silence that signalled not development, but the ominous echo of decline. This was the Bengal that once showed direction to the entire nation, yet the wheel of time pushed it into a dark corridor of politics where only the noise of violence and vengeance prevailed. For 35 years, the Communist “Red Corridor” weakened Bengal’s industrial backbone, and over the past 15 years, the rule of the All India Trinamool Congress dragged it further into a swamp of corruption, appeasement, and disorder. The closure of jute mills silenced the morning sirens, industries came to a halt, and Bengal’s youth were forced to leave their own land in search of employment. In a state known for its rich cultural identity, the melodies of Rabindra Sangeet were replaced by the blasts of bombs and gunfire. From



Sandeshkhali to R. G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, stories of exploitation of women and administrative negligence pierced the very soul of Bengal. But the scorching summer of 2026 began scripting a new chapter. When Amit Shah, often called the modern “Chanakya” of Indian politics, landed at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, there was a visible resolve etched on his face and a clear blueprint of the future in his eyes. He sensed that Bengal was no longer seeking just a change in power, but a restoration of its

lost identity. Shah’s Chanakya-like strategy was not merely theoretical; after demonstrating its impact in states like Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Maharashtra, and Delhi, he now set out to implement it on Bengal’s fertile political ground. Leaving behind the air-conditioned rooms of Delhi, Shah made the streets of Bengal his base. For 15 continuous days, he immersed himself in the dust and pulse of the state as if he were not campaigning for an electoral victory, but embarking on a mission to revive civilisation. The most defining feature of

Shah’s working style is his unwavering determination. In political circles, it is often said that, whether in Bhawanipur or New Delhi, transforming resolve into results defines Amit Shah. The rise of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Bengal is not a one-day miracle, but the result of a decade-long perseverance led by Amit Shah. If we turn the pages of history, in the 2016 Assembly elections, the BJP had to settle for just 3 seats. But Shah did not give up; he began identifying possibilities even in a vacuum. By the time the 2021 elections arrived, his strate-



gy started delivering results, with the BJP’s strength rising from 3 to 77 seats, creating the first major crack in the seemingly invincible fortress of Mamata Banerjee. And now, reaching the massive figure of 207 seats in 2026 stands as a testament to Shah’s organisational mastery, often described as the pinnacle of “booth management.” An unbeatable warrior in the electoral arena, Shah wove Bengal’s geography into the threads of his strategy. With more than 50 rallies and countless roadshows, he wasn’t merely delivering speech-

es; he was invoking Bengal’s glorious past, which he argued had been compromised under the “syndicate raj” and “cut money” culture of the All India Trinamool Congress. From the tea gardens of North Bengal to the creeks of the Sundarbans, the discussion around the “lotus” began to resonate everywhere. Shah built such a formidable organisational structure that the cadre-based dominance of the Trinamool Congress started collapsing like a house of cards. The management strategist Amit Shah had deployed his “silent army” at

every polling booth across Bengal. While Mamata Banerjee appeared absorbed in confidence of incumbency, Shah was quietly making inroads into regions where the Bharatiya Janata Party had traditionally been considered weak. He instilled a strong belief among the people of Bengal that under the leadership of Narendra Modi, the vision of “Sonar Bangla” could truly be realised. The massive crowds at rallies reflected a clear shift where the hunger for development began to outweigh the fear of destruction and the fatigue of violence-driven politics. One

of the most fascinating and historic moments of this electoral battle was the contest in Bhawanipur. Considered an impregnable stronghold of Mamata Banerjee, Shah’s organisational prowess turned the tide here. This victory was not merely territorial; it carried deep symbolism, sending a message that public anger can outweigh even the strongest political strongholds. Shah demonstrated that with a precise strategy and motivated cadre, even the mightiest fortresses of opposition can be conquered. His prediction that “Bengal will be in BJP’s fold in 2026” was no longer just a statement; it had transformed into a ground reality. His zero-tolerance stance against corruption, combined with the Modi government’s infrastructure push, resonated deeply with the people. Finally, when the ballot boxes were opened on May 4, the results made history. The “Modi magic” connected with the hearts of the people, while the “Shah factor” converted that support into a mountain of votes. After nearly five decades of political darkness, a saffron sunrise emerged over Bengal.

Oil prices drop and stock markets rise after reports of deal to end Iran war

AGENCY
Mumbai: Oil prices have dropped and global stock markets have risen following reports that the US and Iran are close to a deal to end the war. Brent crude futures, the global benchmark oil price, fell to \$97 (£73) a barrel after the reports before rebounding. The price was over \$108 earlier in the day. The FTSE 100 index of London’s largest public firms and the equivalent German Dax had risen over 2% mid-way through the trading day while the French Cac 40 was up 3%. Asian stock markets closed up. The market movements come after news outlet Axios reported that the US believes it is getting close to a one-page document which will end the war and set up more detailed nuclear negotiations. Oil prices are still much higher than the \$70 a barrel they were hovering around before the start of the US-Israel war with Iran, which has caused caused production and transportation of oil in the region to slump. Central to the conflict is Iran’s threat to attack oil ships crossing the Strait of



Hormuz, a narrow waterway south of the country, in response to US-Israeli strikes since 28 February. About a fifth of global oil and gas shipments usually cross the strait, which has been effectively closed for weeks. Global gas prices have also soared since the conflict began. As for stock markets, the big European bourses are lower than they were at the end of February, while the S&P 500 is higher. The main Asian markets all rose on Wednesday, with the South Korean Kospi closing up 6.45%, the Hong Kong Hang Seng ending the day up 1.22%, and the Japanese Nikkei finishing 0.38% higher. The Hang Seng is down

since the start of war, but the other two are up. On 8 April, the US and Iran agreed a ceasefire, which caused oil prices to slump and stock markets to jump. However, on Sunday, US President Donald Trump said the US military would guide ships through the Strait of Hormuz, dubbing it “Project Freedom”, leading to a rise in attacks in the strait from both Iran and the US. Trump then said on social media on Tuesday he would pause the operation “for a short period of time to see whether or not the Agreement can be finalized and signed”. He added that “Great Progress has been made toward a Complete and Final

Agreement with Representatives of Iran”. Trump said the US would continue to block ships transiting to and from Iranian ports, a move designed to put pressure on Iran’s economy. On Wednesday, Axios reported that the US believes it is getting close to a one-page memorandum of understanding to end the war, citing two U.S. officials and two other sources briefed on the issue. That would, it is claimed, declare an end to the war in the region and start a 30-day period of negotiations on a deal to re-open the strait, limit Iran’s nuclear programme, and lift US sanctions. The reports suggest this is the nearest to agreement that both sides have been since the conflict got under way. The US is believed to be awaiting response from Iran on several key points within the next 48 hours. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio also told reporters on Tuesday the initial US-Israeli offensive in Iran was over, as Washington’s objectives had been met. “We would prefer the path of peace.

Samsung crosses USD 1 trillion valuation as AI boosts demand for chips

AGENCY
Mumbai: Samsung Electronics is now worth USD 1 trillion, joining a tiny club of the world’s most valuable companies, after a global rush to build artificial intelligence (AI) systems sent demand for its computer chips soaring. The South Korean company’s shares jumped 11 per cent on Wednesday, May 6, completing a stunning four-fold rise over the past year. It is only the second Asian company ever to hit this valuation after Taiwan’s TSMC. Why chips are suddenly so valuable Every AI application – from ChatGPT to self-driving cars – needs vast amounts of memory chips to function. Samsung makes more of these chips than almost anyone else in the world, which means the AI boom has been extraordinarily good for its business. In the first three months of this year, Samsung’s chip division earned 48 times more profit than it did in the same period last year. Companies building AI data centres



are buying chips as fast as Samsung can make them, and paying top prices to get them. In a potential boost to Samsung’s prospects, Apple has reportedly held early-stage talks about getting Samsung to make the main processors for its devices in the United States, which it currently relies on TSMC to do. Will

the rally last? The supply of memory chips is currently tight, and Samsung has itself warned that the crunch will get worse in 2027, which means chip prices are likely to keep rising. Analysts polled by Bloomberg expect the stock to climb another 30 per cent over the next year. However, not everything is

going Samsung’s way. While the chip business is booming, its smartphone and screen divisions are struggling with rising costs for raw materials and components. In the first three months of this year, Samsung’s chip division earned 48 times more profit than it did in the same period last year.

VODAFONE IDEA SHARES SURGE OVER 5 PC



AGENCY
New Delhi: Shares of Vodafone Idea jumped over 5 per cent on Wednesday, May 6, as Aditya Birla group Chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla will now steer the debt-ridden firm as its new non-executive chairman. The stock climbed 5.37 per cent to Rs 11.38 on both the BSE and NSE during the morning trade. He will replace Ravinder Takkar, who has

stepped down from the position but will continue to assist Birla as non-executive vice-chairman, according to a regulatory filing on Tuesday. Vodafone Idea said that the board of directors has “Approved the appointment of Mr. Kumar Mangalam Birla, a Non-Executive Director, as the Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Vodafone Idea Limited with effect from 5th May

2026.” The board has also approved the appointment of Takkar as the Non-Executive Vice Chairman. Vi has incurred a loss of Rs 17,418 crore during the nine months ended December 2025, and its net worth stood at negative Rs 87,744 crore. Vi has incurred a loss of Rs 17,418 crore during the nine months ended December 2025, and its net worth stood at negative Rs 87,744 crore.

South Indian Bank Achieves Highest Ever Net Profit of Rs. 1,455 Crores and Recommends Dividend of 45%



TSIT DESK
Hyderabad: South Indian Bank declared net profit of Rs. 1,455.14 Cr for the FY 25-26 registering a growth of 11.69% compared to Rs. 1,302.88 Cr in FY 24-25.

Key Highlights of FY 2025-26
Highest ever business of Rs. 2,23,620 Cr in the history of the Bank
Highest ever Net Profit of Rs. 1,455 Cr in the history of the Bank
Highest ever Operating Profit of Rs. 2,373 Cr in the history of the Bank
Highest

Non-Interest Income of Rs. 2,009 Cr in the history of the Bank
PCR including write off increased by 907 bps from 85.03% to 94.10% on Y-o-Y basis
PCR excl. write off increased by 810 bps from 71.77% to 79.87% on Y-o-Y basis
GNPA dropped by 177 bps from 3.20% to 1.43 % on Y-o-Y basis
NNPA reduced by 63 bps from 0.92% to 0.29% on Y-o-Y basis
Operating Profit of the year increased by 4.55% from Rs. 2,270 Cr in FY 25 to Rs. 2,373

Y-o-Y growth	Rs. in Crore			
	Year ended 31-03-2026	Year ended 31-03-2025	Growth	%
Gross Advance	1,00,274	87,579	12,695	14.50%
Retail Deposits	1,20,116	1,04,750	15,366	14.67%
NRI Deposit	35,371	31,602	3,769	11.92%
Current Deposits	7,146	6,030	1,116	18.51%
Savings Deposits	32,475	27,699	4,776	17.24%
CASA	39,621	33,730	5,891	17.47%
CASA %	32.12%	31.37%	0.75%	
Gross NPA %	1.43%	3.20%	-1.77%	
Net NPA %	0.29%	0.92%	-0.63%	
Net Interest Income	3,437	3,486	-49	-1.41%
Other income	2,009	1,813	196	10.81%
Operating Profit	2,373	2,270	103	4.55%
Provisions excluding tax	417	513	-96	-18.71%
Profit before tax	1,956	1,757	199	11.33%
Net Profit after tax	1,455	1,303	152	11.67%
Bulk Deposit	3,230	2,776	454	16.35%
Total Deposit	1,23,346	1,07,526	15,820	14.71%

	Quarter ended			
	31-03-2026	31-03-2025	Growth	%
Net Interest Income	915	868	47	5.41%
Other income	386	572	-186	-32.52%
Operating Profit	581	683	-102	-14.93%
Provisions excluding tax	34	224	-190	-84.82%
Profit before tax	547	459	88	19.17%
Net Profit after tax	408	342		

Cr in FY 26
The Board of Directors had recommended 45% Dividend subject to approval of the Shareholders in AGM

DEPOSITS
Retail Deposit grew by Rs. 15,366 Cr from Rs. 1,04,750 Cr to Rs. 1,20,116 Cr showing an

increase of 14.67% on Y-o-Y basis

NRI Deposit grew by Rs. 3,769 Cr from Rs. 31,602 Cr to Rs. 35,371 Cr showing an increase of 11.92% on Y-o-Y basis

Savings Bank grew by 17.24% Y-o-Y from Rs. 27,699

Cr to Rs. 32,475 Cr
ADVANCES
Gross advances grew by Rs. 12,695 Cr from Rs. 87,579 Cr to Rs. 1,00,274 Cr showing an increase of 14.50% on Y-o-Y basis
Corporate Segment grew by Rs. 2,472 Cr from Rs. 36,198 Cr to Rs. 38,670 Cr showing an increase of 6.83% on Y-o-Y basis, in well rated borrower accounts
Share of A and above rated accounts in large corporate segments stood at 99.10%
Gold Loan portfolio grew by Rs. 7,747 Cr from Rs. 16,982 Cr to Rs. 24,729 Cr showing an increase of 45.62% on Y-o-Y basis
Vehicle Loan grew by 21.39 % Y-o-Y from Rs. 1,987 Cr to Rs. 2,412 Cr
Business Segment grew by Rs. 1,092 Cr from Rs. 12,686 Cr to Rs. 13,778 Cr showing an increase of 8.61% on Y-o-Y basis
Mortgage loan grew by Rs. 1,621 Cr from Rs. 3,814 Cr to Rs. 5,435 Cr showing an increase of 42.50% on Y-o-Y basis.

Iran considering US proposal to end war, official says, as Trump warns of strikes if no deal

AGENCY
Tehran: Reports suggest that the US and Iran are inching closer to a one-page memorandum aimed at ending the war. Experts, however, are warning that any negotiations aimed at bringing the war to an end are incredibly complex, and in the case of Iran's nuclear materials are highly technical. Holly Dagres, an Iran expert at the Washington Institute on Near East Policy, told the BBC that unless the Iranians address their nuclear programme as part of the proposed memorandum, the Trump administration is "highly unlikely" to be satisfied. While the one-page memorandum being reported sets a 30-day period to negotiate the issue - as well as the Strait of Hormuz and sanctions relief - Dagres said that timeline may be unrealistic. "It's worth emphasising that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, from which the first Trump administration with-

drew in 2018, was 150 pages long and included technical details," she said. There's also considerable confusion as to the pause in Project Freedom, and whether freedom of navigation in the Strait will, in fact, bring the two sides closer to a deal. "If this Mou [memorandum of understanding] does finalise, it should free up these vessels and be a big step in ending this war," a former top Pentagon official told me. "If it doesn't, this may further embolden Iran." Trump himself seems to be somewhat cautious about a deal. In a brief telephone interview with PBS this morning, Trump acknowledged that he's believed a deal was close in the past only to be thwarted. "I felt that way before with them," he said. "So we'll see what happens." On Tuesday, the US strategy seemed to be newly dependent on unclenching Tehran's grip on the Strait of Hormuz, with the diplomatic path apparently on the backburn-



er. Now, President Trump has ditched that approach and is saying that peace is all but at hand. It's being reported that there's a one-page document that the two sides are close to agreeing. The Pakistani mediators are talking it up, too. The little that's come out of Iran so far is as ever notably less enthused about developments. One official has said that what

Washington has presented is a wish-list rather than a reality. In a post on X citing the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Baghaei says the concept of negotiations requires "at the very least, a genuine attempt to engage in discussions with a view to resolving the dispute". "It needs 'good faith', then, meaning that 'negotiations' is not 'disputation'; nor is it

'dictation', 'deception', 'extortion' or 'coercion'", he adds. There is no direct mention of the US, or an American proposal to end the war, in the post. However, as we've been reporting, Baghaei has told Iranian Students' News Agency (ISNA) that Iran has shared its views on the US proposal with Pakistani mediators. An American proposal to end the war with Iran is still being considered, an Iranian foreign ministry spokesperson tells Iranian Students' News Agency (ISNA). In an interview with ISNA, Esmail Baghaei says that Iran is sharing its views on the US proposal with Pakistani mediators. A senior Iranian parliament member has dismissed US media reports of a deal to end the war with Iran being close as an American "wish-list" rather than a reality. According to a report from US news outlet Axios published earlier today, the White House believes it could be closing in on a 14-

point memorandum of understanding with Iran. Responding to the report, Ebrahim Rezaei, the spokesperson of the Iranian Parliament's national security and foreign policy commission, says the US will "not obtain through a failed war what they failed to gain in face-to-face negotiations". In a statement published on X in Persian, Rezaei says Iran "has its finger on the trigger and is ready". He warns that if the US "do not surrender and grant the necessary concessions", Iran will "deliver a harsh and regret-inducing response". While questions remain over whether the US and Iran could reach a deal to end the war, the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) has said it is continuing to strike Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon. In an update earlier today, the IDF said two of its soldiers were injured by two explosive drones in the region, which it says were launched by Hezbollah.

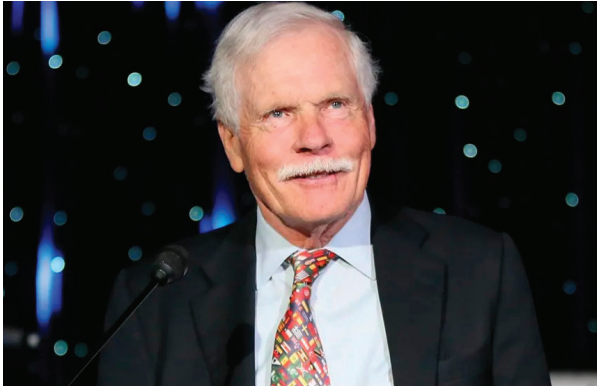
Orphaned baby hippo to be hand-reared by keepers at Kenya sanctuary



AGENCY
Kenya: A baby hippo found desperately nudging its dead mother at a lake in Kenya over the weekend is now being hand-reared at a wildlife sanctuary after being rescued. The calf, which has been named Bumpy, was "just days old" when it became orphaned, according to Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, a charity whose keepers are now taking care of it. The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), which rescued the calf and handed it over to the wildlife charity for specialised care, said the mother may have died

from natural causes. Sheldrick said it was possible that the hippo's mother died in a "territorial fight... protecting her calf, as infanticide is common in hippo society". KWS said rescuing the calf from the water was a "logistical challenge", with the calf clinging to its dead mother. It said it had to make a "painful decision" to use the decomposing body "as the only anchor to safely reach the calf". According to Sheldrick, the mother had been dead for more than a day or longer, based on the level of decomposition.

Ted Turner, media mogul who revolutionised TV news by launching CNN, dies at 87



AGENCY
Washington: Media mogul Ted Turner, who pioneered the modern 24-hour news culture when he launched the CNN channel, has died at the age of 87, the network has announced. In 1980, Turner launched Cable News Network as the first dedicated rolling news channel, which soon became a central part of the media landscape. US President Donald Trump paid tribute to him as "one of the greats of broadcast history, and a friend of mine". Current CNN CEO and chairman Mark Thompson described Turner as "the giant on whose shoulders we stand, and we will all take a moment today to recognise him and his impact on our lives and the world". In a statement, Thompson said: "Ted was an intensely involved and committed leader, intrepid, fearless and always willing to back a hunch and trust his own judgement. "He was and always will be the presiding spirit of CNN." President Trump has been a fierce critic of the current CNN, but said of Turner:

"Whenever I needed him, he was there, always willing to fight for a good cause!" CNN initially faced scepticism and struggles - being mocked as the "Chicken Noodle Network" in its early years by those who thought it would not succeed. But the channel proved its worth by providing speedy and continuous updates of stories like the assassination attempt on US President Ronald Reagan in 1981, and the Challenger space shuttle disaster in 1986. The network truly came of age with its live rolling coverage from Iraq during the 1990-1991 Gulf War. President George Bush once said he learned more from CNN than he did from the CIA. CNN's success led other news channels to follow, such as Fox News, launched in 1996 by Turner's long-time rival Rupert Murdoch. But CNN was far from Turner's only outlet. He began his career by taking over the successful family billboard company when his father took his own life, then bought a radio station in Atlanta, Georgia.

Vivek Ramaswamy wins Republican nomination for Ohio governor



AGENCY
Washington: Vivek Ramaswamy will run for the position of Ohio governor in November, after the staunch ally of US President Donald Trump emerged victorious in one of a series of primary contests held in the US Midwest. Projected results on Tuesday night showed the health-tech entrepreneur had defeated Casey Putsch to earn the Republican nomination. Ramaswamy - who gained prominence during his

unsuccessful run against Trump for president in 2024 - said at a victory party that his plan was to "leave this state and this country better than we found it". Meanwhile, Democratic candidate Amy Acton, who ran unopposed for her party's own nomination, told supporters she wanted to make Ohio more affordable again. "It shouldn't be this hard," said Acton, who is the former Ohio public health director. "It is time to put working families first."

British doctor evacuated from virus-hit cruise ship in stable condition, Spanish minister says

AGENCY
London: It was earlier confirmed that three people were evacuated from the MV Hondius; a 41-year-old Dutchman, a 65-year-old German and a 56-year-old Briton. It leaves a total of 146 people on board the ship, operator Oceanwide Expeditions confirmed to the BBC, including a passenger who died on board on 2 May. Prior to this, in a press update on Tuesday, Oceanwide said that there were 61 crew members and 88 passengers. British passengers made up the highest number in Tuesday's update, with 19 on board, as well as four crew members. Meanwhile the Philippines made up the greatest number of crew, with 38 on board. Other nationalities listed include the USA, New



Zealand, India, Belgium, Ireland and Japan, among others. In total, there are 23 different nationalities listed by the operator. Officials at the World Health Organization (WHO) are monitoring 69 close contacts of people who have been on board the ship, health official Marie Roseline Belizaire says in an online briefing. Samples from people on board are being sent

abroad and analysed, the WHO's representative in Cape Verde Ann Lindstrand tells the briefing. But you have to be "sharing a cabin or bring a couple or really being close" to be able to spread the disease from one to another, she adds. Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper says the UK is working with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) to get British nationals on

board the MV Hondius "safely home". In a statement, Cooper says she is taking this action "with proper protection for public health" as the UKHSA works with the World Health Organization to lead the UK's response. "The outbreak of hantavirus is very serious and deeply stressful for those affected and their families," the foreign secretary adds. In figures released by Oceanwide Expeditions on Tuesday, 19 passengers and four crew members were listed as British. Since then, a 56-year-old Briton has been evacuated. Cooper says Foreign Office staff "are in direct contact" with Brits on board the vessel, while ministers are working with Dutch and Spanish counterparts to facilitate medical evacuations.

MASSIVE ALASKA MEGATSUNAMI WAS SECOND LARGEST EVER RECORDED

AGENCY
Megatsunami: A massive 'megatsunami' wave created when part of an Alaskan mountain crumbled into the sea is the second tallest ever recorded - and a reminder of the risks posed by melting glaciers, say scientists. Last summer a giant wave swept through a remote fjord in southeast Alaska leaving destruction in its wake. The event went largely unreported at the time, but a new scientific analysis shows it was caused by a massive landslide. An incredible 64 million cubic metres of rock - the equivalent of 24 Great Pyramids - splashed into the water below. The sheer power of that amount of



rock plunging into the fjord in under a minute created a gigantic wave almost 500 metres tall. Only the time it happened - in the early hours of the morning - prevented tourist cruise ships being caught up in the devastation, say the researchers. Dr Bretwood

Higman, an Alaskan geologist, who saw for himself the damage at Tracy Arm Fjord, said it was "a close call". "We know that there were people that were very nearly in the wrong place," he said. "I'm quite terrified that we're not going to be so lucky in the future." These huge waves,

labelled megatsunamis, happen when a landslide caused by either an earthquake or loose rock hit water below. They are usually localised and dissipate quickly. The other type of tsunamis happen in the open ocean and are directly triggered by earthquakes, or occasionally other powerful events such as underwater volcanoes. They, like the 2011 Japan tsunami, can travel for thousands of miles, hitting populated areas and causing widespread devastation and loss of life. The biggest megatsunami was in the 1950s and was over 500 metres. This latest megatsunami was the second largest.

Russia ignores Ukraine's unilateral ceasefire and attacks kindergarten



AGENCY
Moscow: Volodymyr Zelensky has accused Russia of breaching a unilateral ceasefire announced by Ukraine by launching a wave of drone attacks on several cities. The Ukrainian president said Russia had carried out "active hostilities and terrorist shelling", targeting the front line as well as firing dozens of drones and missiles at civilian areas. In the Sumy border region, one woman was killed when a kindergarten was hit on Wednesday morning, local authorities said. No children were present at the time. Earlier this week the two warring sides had announced rival unilateral ceasefires - with no agreement on their terms, length or monitoring. Moscow was the first to demand a truce on 8 and 9 May to mark Victory Day on Saturday, when commemorations of the Soviet Union's victory over Nazi Germany are due to be held across the country. Kyiv followed on by announcing its own open-

ended ceasefire from midnight on Tuesday, and that Ukraine would act "symmetrically" from that point on. On Wednesday morning Zelensky stated that Russia's choice was "an obvious spurning of a ceasefire and of saving lives". Ukraine had "clearly stated that it would act in kind", he added, and would "decide on our further actions" based on evening reports from its military and intelligence. A slew of attacks on Tuesday left 27 people across Ukraine dead, including 12 victims in Zaporizhzhia alone. Ukraine's foreign minister, Andriy Sybiha, said Russia's continued aggression showed "fake calls for a ceasefire on May 9th have nothing to do with diplomacy. Putin only cares about military parades, not human lives". Various events are due to be held in Russia on Saturday, including a grand military parade on Red Square - although authorities have announced this year's event will be a pared-down version due to the "terrorist threat" from Kyiv.

GERMAN POLICE RAID NEO-NAZI CRIMINAL YOUTH GROUPS

AGENCY
Berlin: Police have raided around 50 homes and other locations, targeting people suspected of involvement in far-right criminal youth groups that have recently emerged in Germany. Prosecutors said the suspects were believed to be part of two groups, "Jung & Stark" (JS), or Young and Strong, and "Deutsche Jugend Voran" (DJV), which means Forwards German Youth. No arrests were made in Wednesday's raids, which took place in 12 states, mainly in the east and south of Germany, including Bavaria, Berlin, Brandenburg and Saxony. In a statement, federal prosecutors said the raids targeted individuals suspected of



organising violence through social media and forming nationwide networks. "Some of the accused are said to have attacked members of the left-wing scene or people they believed to be paedophiles. In each case, the victims were beaten by several attackers and sustained significant injuries," prosecutors said. During their

meetings, authorities say, group members have called "for acts of violence against political opponents and against alleged paedophiles". Last year one of the leaders of DJV was sentenced to more than three years in prison after a string of violent attacks against political opponents in Berlin. Twenty-four year-old Julian

M, along with a group of 16 to 23 year olds, was convicted of brutally beating up a number of people who appeared to be wearing emblems connected to the political left. More than 600 police were involved in Wednesday's raids. There is deep concern in Germany about young people being drawn into far-right activity and violence targeting both left-wing figures and LGBT communities. Both JS and DJV operate openly, with a visible presence online, on Telegram, Instagram and other social media platforms. Jakob Guhl, from the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, says many of those who join JS and DJV are "pretty young", in their teens or early 20s.

Former FedEx driver sentenced to death for killing seven-year-old Texas girl

AGENCY
Texas: A former FedEx delivery driver was sentenced to death on Tuesday after he pleaded guilty to killing a seven-year-old Texas girl, Athena Strand, in 2022. A jury gave Tanner Horner a death sentence after a weeks-long court case, during which the court heard an audio recording of the young girl's last moments inside the attacker's delivery vehicle. "There are no words that truly capture the devastation that Tanner Horner caused us and our family," Elijah Strand, Athena Strand's uncle, said after the sentence was read. Horner was delivering Athena Strand's Christmas gift - a box of Barbie dolls -



to her home when he kidnapped her. She was later found dead not far from the property. Last month, Horner pleaded guilty to capital murder and aggravated kidnapping as his trial began. Jurors hearing the case had a choice of sentencing him to death or life in prison without parole. They ultimately chose a death sentence.

IPL 2026: SUNRISERS HYDERABAD SETS A TARGET OF 235/4 FOR PUNJAB KINGS



IPL 2026: Axar Patel Exposes 'Ineffective' Kuldeep Yadav Against CSK, Says "Missed Him"

AGENCY
Mumbai: Some admissions, some confessions, and a little bit of reflection, that was Delhi Capitals captain Axar Patel's post-match presentation ceremony after the defeat against the Chennai Super Kings on Tuesday. Axar admitted his side was below par in their eight-wicket loss to CSK in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026, conceding that the team was 10-15 runs short with the bat, and on a sticky pitch, they missed the point of difference a set batter could offer. On a pitch that was offering some assistance to bowlers, Axar said that he "missed his partner" Kuldeep Yadav, despite the chinaman spinner bowling 3 overs for 34 runs in the game. "Obviously, the way



the wicket was playing in the first innings, I felt that yes, 155 was a good score. But since we were playing with eight batters, I felt we were about 10-15 runs short," Axar said after the match ended, with Sanju Samson hitting an unbeaten 87 in a successful chase for CSK. Reflecting on the surface, Axar said conditions eased



out for set batters but remained tricky for new ones. "I feel it got a little better, but I think the difference was made by the set batter. When a batter is well set, it feels like there is nothing in the pitch, but I still feel there was something in it. "For a new batter coming in, it was not easy. Yes, it wasn't easy for new players because, you

know, the length balls were holding up, sometimes staying low, and occasionally even bouncing after holding. So I feel it was very difficult for new batters. But when set batters were playing, it looked easier. You could see the way Sanju took the game forward." Despite the defeat, Axar took positives from the batting efforts of Sameer Rizvi (40 not out) and Tristan Stubbs (38) despite the top five batters' collapse. Kuldeep, who hasn't had the best of IPL 2026 campaigns, looked ineffective with the ball on the day. Though Axar didn't criticise the left-arm spinner for the lack of wickets, he made his feelings known about his ineffectiveness. "Yes, obviously, considering our batting, I think that's a positive.

Stefon Diggs 'Not Guilty' Of Assault Charges, But NFL Suspension Looms Large

AGENCY
Texas: Stefon Diggs has emerged victorious following a lengthy court battle involving an alleged assault, a ruling that may very well prove to be the catalyst that gets his Pro Bowl-caliber career back on track. After nearly two hours of deliberations, a panel of jurors cleared the former New England Patriots wideout of all wrongdoing in the high-profile criminal trial. Although the courtroom drama may finally be behind him, there could still be obstacles for the player before he can take the field once again at the professional level. As of now, there is still an active investigation into the case by the National Football League. Stefon Diggs was



accused of slapping and choking Jamila Adams, his former live-in personal chef, during an argument in December at his house in Massachusetts. Stefon Diggs' legal representative, Mitch Schuster, emphasized his innocence and called the incident 'opportunistic targeting'. "The evidence has shown what we've maintained from day

one: Mr. Diggs was wrongly accused, and this case represents exactly the kind of opportunistic targeting that players can face the moment they step off the field," Schuster stated. The dismissal of the assault charges does not mean that the situation will remain unresolved. As mentioned on NFL.com, according to the league's spokesman

Brian McCarthy, Stefon Diggs's case remains under review within the framework of the personal conduct policy, which does not shy away from issuing suspensions despite no criminal conviction in question. There are good reasons to believe that the same may apply in Diggs's case. Indeed, many players have been suspended for similar incidents despite a lack of convictions. Among these cases are Ben Roethlisberger, Jameis Winston, and Ezekiel Elliott. High-Ranking Clubs Converge As Stefon Diggs Becomes An Intriguing Free Agent Now that Diggs's legal issues are largely cleared up, the focus is once again on his future.

Fan Gives IPL Cheerleader A Hand Fan To Beat Delhi Heat, Her Reaction Can't Be Missed

AGENCY
Mumbai: A little fan's heartwarming gesture towards a cheerleader during the IPL 2026 clash between the Delhi Capitals and Chennai Super Kings has gone viral. The video captured a young girl giving a hand fan to one of the DC cheerleaders at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi. The cheerleaders had a short interaction with the girl, who then gifted them the fan in return for their kindness. The cheerleader, who was wearing a white top and a red-and-blue skirt, thanked the girl for the fan before passing the device to her colleagues. One of the cheerleaders even gave the little girl a DC flag to thank her for the gesture. Look at the priceless reaction of the cheerleader when a little



girl gifted her a hand fan during the live IPL match in Delhi's 45°C heat. First, the cheerleader interacted with the girl, and moments later, the little girl gifted her the hand fan. New Delhi experienced relatively cool and pleasant weather, with temperatures peaking around 33 degree C to 34 degree C and lows near 20 degree C to 23 degree C. However, the

National Capital Region experienced high humidity, peaking near 90% during early morning fog and averaging over 50% throughout the day due to unseasonal rain. Meanwhile, the BCCI announced on Wednesday that the IPL 2026 final will be held in Ahmedabad on May 31 instead of Bengaluru as originally planned.

Delhi Capitals Attain 'Worst' Record In IPL 2026 With Below Par Display vs CSK

AGENCY
Mumbai: It was another underwhelming display by the Delhi Capitals batters. Delhi Capitals' struggles with the bat at home continued as they faltered on a testing track to end up with a below-par 155 for seven against Chennai Super Kings in the Indian Premier League on Tuesday. On a pitch offering assistance to the spinners, with the odd ball holding up, the home team's batters failed to apply themselves. The free fall began with the loss of opener Patum Nissanka, who failed to clear the mid-on fielder off a slower ball from left-arm pacer Mukesh Choudhary. Both Nissanka (19 off 15) and K.L. Rahul (12 off 13)



began with crisp boundaries but did not last long. After Nissanka's dismissal, Rahul attempted an inside-out hit off left-arm spinner Akeal Hosein but could not get to the pitch of the ball on the charge and was caught by opposition captain Ruturaj Gaikwad. According to Cricbuzz, DC have been the 'worst' team

in the IPL 2026 powerplays on four parameters. DC in Overs 1-6 in IPL 2026 Wickets lost: 21 Average runs per wicket: 23.85 Run rate: 8.35 Dot-ball percentage: 46.4% DC laboured to 37 for two in the powerplay, with Hosein bowling half of the overs, including one from the other end that produced the wicket of Rahul.

RADUCANU TARGETS WTA TOUR RETURN IN STRASBOURG



AGENCY
London: Emma Raducanu is targeting a return to the WTA Tour in Strasbourg in two weeks' time following her withdrawal from the Italian Open on health grounds. The British number one is, however, reliant on a wildcard having missed the entry deadline. Raducanu, 23, was granted a wildcard for last year's WTA 500 event and beat top 20 player Daria Kasatkina, before losing to American Danielle Collins. The tournament, which starts on 17 May, has not yet confirmed whether a wildcard will be forthcoming. Raducanu

pulled out of the Italian Open late on Tuesday, just minutes after completing a round of media interviews. She does not feel she has recovered 100% from a post-viral infection which has kept her away from the tour since March. Before her withdrawal, Raducanu told BBC Sport: "I had six weeks almost of doing nothing just trying to recover from the virus, and it takes a lot out of you physically." The event in Strasbourg takes place the week before the French Open, for which Raducanu will no longer be seeded - assuming she is fit to compete.

Haiti's record scorer on Paisley, stunning Scotland & escaping Iran



DAVID WARNER RAISES EYEBROWS OVER PAKISTAN SUPER LEAGUE'S TEAM OF THE TOURNAMENT



AGENCY
London: The 2026 Pakistan Super League (PSL) was won by Peshawar Zalmi, who clinched their second title with a five-wicket victory over debutant side Hyderabad Kingsmen in the final. The Babar Azam-led Peshawar were the most dominant team in PSL 11, losing just one match during the league stage before going on to dominate the title clash as well. Amid their title triumph, the PSL released its 'Team of the Tournament'. David Warner, who led Karachi Kings in the competition, questioned why none of his players were named in the side. "Where is (sic) Karachi players?" Warner asked. Karachi Kings finished sixth in the PSL standings. After defeating Hyderabad in the final, Babar praised his team-

mates for their collective effort and also thanked the management for their support. "This is quite an achievement for me, and I think for Peshawar Zalmi and all the fans as well. Throughout the tournament, as a team, we performed very well in all three departments and tried to enjoy our cricket. Every player executed the plans given to them in batting, bowling and fielding. Our aim was to take it match by match, and by the grace of God, we won tonight," Babar said during the post-match presentation. "From a planning perspective, the management always supported us. During our match-to-match discussions, we focused on identifying both the positives and the areas to improve, and we spoke about them openly," he added.

Nithiin’s Next with Sithara Entertainments Officially Launched with a Pooja Ceremony

Actor Nithiin’s next exciting project has been officially launched with a traditional pooja ceremony



The film is being produced by the prestigious Sithara Entertainments, known for delivering quality and successful films and is directed by talented filmmakers Nari Sirisawada and Somasekhar T. With a strong creative team coming together, the project makes all of us look. The film stars Nithiin in the lead role alongside Ritika Nayak as the female lead. The project brings together a skilled and dynamic crew including DOP Anith Madadi, Music Director Suresh Bobbili and Production Designer Jonny Shaik each contributing their expertise to craft a visually rich and engaging film. The film is being produced by the

Sathi Leelavathi’ is highly entertaining... everyone will enjoy the comedy” – Lavanya Tripathi Konidela



Under the presentation of Anandhi Arts and produced by Naagamohan under the banner of Durgadevi Pictures, the upcoming film ‘Sathi Leelavathi’ stars Lavanya Tripathi and Dev Mohan in lead roles. The film is directed by Tatineni Satya, known for Bheemili Kabaddi Jattu and SMS (Siva Manasulo Sruthi). The movie is set for a grand world-wide release on May 8. On this occasion, Lavanya Tripathi interacted with the media. Here are the highlights: I have already watched ‘Sathi Leelavathi’. It’s very good, and I have strong confidence in it. Now we have to see how the audience responds. During the shoot of this movie, I found out that I was pregnant. However, with the team’s support, I completed the shoot smoothly. Every day after shooting, I used to go to the hospital for checkups. Minor injuries during filming are common. When I first heard the story, I told Varun about it, but I didn’t know I was pregnant then, nor did I have any symptoms. I also understood that the shoot wouldn’t be easy. I even lost weight for this movie. I don’t know where I got the strength from. But in the future, if I know I’m pregnant, I will definitely take a break from shooting. In this film, I play a director. The entertainment in the movie is amazing, and everyone will enjoy the comedy. My manager and I laughed a lot while watching it. It also has emotional moments. Though it conveys a good message, it doesn’t feel preachy. The kind of relationships shown in ‘Sathi Leelavathi’ don’t exist in the real world, and no woman should face such situations. In real life, I’m fortunate to have a good husband like Varun Tej. I’m currently happy with my husband and son. No changes were made to the script because

I was pregnant, but some adjustments were made to the action sequences. This is my first time doing action. I had a kicking scene, which felt a bit difficult. Ram Charan has always been supportive. He keeps asking if we need any help. It made us happy that he released our trailer, which also increased our reach. Dev Mohan is a good person and a wonderful actor. He also dubbed for the film. I’m trying to dub for my own role too—it feels satisfying. Chiranjeevi always encourages us. If we invite him for promotions, he will definitely come. We’re also planning to show him the trailer. Currently, I’m not signing new films. I want to dedicate my time to my family. My son keeps me busy, and I’ve decided to take a short break.

RASHI SINGH STUNS IN Chocolate Lace and Gold

Rashi Singh may have had a small role in the recently released Telugu film Santhana Prapthirastu, and while the film did not set the box office on fire, Rashi made sure no one forgot her name. Her screen time was limited but her presence was impossible to ignore. Off screen, however, Rashi is turning every head in the room. Her

fashion game is nothing short of stunning, and this latest photoshoot is proof. Draped in a rich chocolate brown one-shoulder lace dress, gold bangles stacked on her wrist, and hair slicked back like she owns the room, she looks every bit the star she is becoming. Tollywood may still be warming up to her talent, but the fashion world

already knows exactly who Rashi Singh is. And from the looks of it, she is just getting started.



MALVIKA NAIR LOOKS EFFORTLESS IN BLACK AND SILVER



Malvika Nair has come a long way since her debut in Yevade Subramanyam. She truly won hearts playing Anandhi, a role that made the whole of Telugu audience fall in love with her quiet charm and natural screen presence. That girl next door energy has never left her. Her recent appearance in Sharwanand’s biker film may not have worked out at the box office, but Malvika is not letting



“My Goal is to be Known as a ‘Beauty with Brains’”: Jo Sharma on Her Debut Thriller M4M

The Indian film industry is abuzz with the upcoming suspense thriller “M4M (Motive For Murder).” Starring American-based actress Jo Sharma and directed by Mohan Vadlapatla, the film is set for a grand world-wide release on May 8. Distributed by PVR Inox Pictures, the movie will hit screens in five languages: Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam. In an exclusive interview, lead actress Jo Sharma

shares insights into her journey, the film’s unique concept, and its international acclaim. Highlights of the Interview: - Unique Concept: A “world-first” plot involving murders modeled after legendary paintings. - Global Recognition: Already bagged 15 International Awards before its theatrical release. - Cannes Pride: Received a standing ovation at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival. - Audience Challenge: A cash prize of ?1 Lakh for identifying the villain on release day. Q: Tell us about yourself and your upcoming film. Jo Sharma: Hello everyone! I am Jo Sharma, originally from San Francisco, USA. M4M (Motive For Murder) is my debut feature, and it’s a massive project releasing in five languages. Directed by Mohan Vadlapatla garu, I play a character named ‘Radha’—a fierce crime investigative journalist.

Q: Coming from the US, what was your experience working in the Indian film industry? Jo Sharma: I have a background as a theater artist in America and even run my own theater production company. However, for this film, I trained under Mohan garu for three years. I was also a co-writer for M4M alongside Mohan garu and Rahul Adavala. Being involved in the writing process helped me design Radha’s character with a lot of depth and strength. Q: The film has already garnered significant international buzz. Could you share details about the awards? Jo Sharma: It’s been overwhelming! We have won 15 international awards before the release. This includes Best Film at the Los Angeles Film Festival, Best Director in London, and I was honored with Best Actress awards at the New York, Hollywood, and Santa Monica film festivals.

A special poster from Lenin has been released on the occasion of Bhagyashri Borse’s birthday: Grand Release on June 26th

The upcoming film Lenin is being produced under the banners of Manam Enterprises LLP and Sithara Entertainments by Akkineni Nagarjuna and Suryadevara Naga Vamsi. It stars Akhil Akkineni and Bhagyashri Borse in the lead roles, with direction by Murali Kishor Abburu. The movie is set for a grand theatrical release on June 26. All the posters and songs released so far have generated strong interest among audiences. Recently, a special poster featuring the heroine was unveiled to mark her birthday. Wishing her a happy birthday, the makers revealed a striking

look where Bhagyashri appears in a regal avatar, wearing a crown, sporting a mustache, and dressed in a unique costume. Her appearance in this look has caught everyone’s attention. The background and significance of this look in the film are yet to be revealed. She is playing as Bharathi in the film. The music for the film is composed by Thaman S, and both the songs and background score are expected to enhance the film’s overall impact. Leon Britto is handling cinematography, while Naveen Nooli is the editor. The film will release worldwide on June 26th, 2026.



‘Ugly Story’ Trailer Launched by ‘Bheemla Nayak’ Director Sagar K Chandra – Film Set for May 22 Release



The much-anticipated trailer of Ugly Story, a bold romantic thriller that explores the darker side of love, has been officially unveiled. The trailer was launched by Sagar K Chandra, director of Bheemla Nayak, adding significant buzz to the film’s promotions. Starring Nandu and Avika Gor in lead roles, Ugly Story has already started trending across social media platforms. The trailer impresses with its intense narration, powerful emotions, and unexpected twists, promising a gripping cinematic experience. Music composed by Shravan Bharadwaj further elevates the impact, blending suspense, tension, and romance seamlessly. Backed by Riya Zia Productions, the film showcases high production values and hints at strong box-

office potential. The grand trailer launch event witnessed the team expressing immense confidence in the film’s output. Director Pranava Swaroop shared, “Every love story has a darker side, and our aim was to portray that truth boldly. Nandu and Avika have delivered powerful performances. Our producers Subhashini and Lakshman have supported me immensely in maintaining quality. Audiences will surely have a compelling experience in theatres.” Actor Nandu said, “This role is a new challenge for me. The story is filled with thrilling and engaging moments. Avika brought strong emotional depth to her character, and Pranav has crafted the film brilliantly.” Avika Gor added, “Through this film, we wanted to showcase the reality of love.