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BJP Flag is My Wish

Bandi Sanjay

Hyderabad, May 20: Central Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Wednesday strongly dismissed speculation about launching a new political party and reaffirmed his loyalty to the BJP. Speaking at the BJP state headquarters in Hyderabad, the Union Minister said his "final wish" was to have the BJP's saffron flag draped over him after death. He stated that every committed BJP worker would feel proud of such an honour. Bandi Sanjay rejected reports circulating in some media sections about the formation of a new political outfit. Reacting to reports that he could be removed from the Union Cabinet, the BJP leader sarcastically remarked that perhaps former CM KCR and KTR had already taken that decision.



Melody to Melodi

Rome: A light-hearted moment between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni has taken social media by storm, with the popular hashtag "#Melodi" once again trending across the internet. During his visit to Italy, Prime Minister Modi gifted a packet of Melody toffees to Giorgia Meloni in a playful gesture that instantly grabbed public attention. The cheerful exchange between the two leaders was shared by Meloni herself on Instagram, where she posted a video and captioned it, "Thank you for the gift." In the now-viral video, Meloni can be seen smiling while holding the packet of Melody toffees alongside PM Modi. Speaking in the clip, the Italian PM says, "PM Modi brought us a gift.. a very, very good toffee," after which Modi smilingly replies, "Melody." The two leaders then pose with the toffee packet and share a laugh, creating a moment that social media users quickly celebrated. The interaction rapidly spread across platforms like Instagram and X, with users flooding timelines with memes, screenshots, edited videos, and humorous comments. Internet users described the moment as "peak internet diplomacy" and called it the perfect "#Melodi



crossover." The term "Melodi" has become a popular social media nickname referring to the warm and friendly rapport between Modi and Meloni. The hashtag emerged during previous international meetings and public appearances where the two leaders were seen interacting warmly. Over time, the tag evolved into a viral internet trend. The latest "Melody moment" further strengthened that online trend, with many users praising Modi for cleverly acknowledging the already popular hashtag through the

symbolic gift. Several posts joked that the internet trend had now become "official diplomacy." Political observers also noted that the interaction reflected the growing personal comfort and diplomatic chemistry between two leaders. While the moment appeared casual and humorous, it also highlighted the increasingly warm relations between India and Italy. The video drew huge engagement within hours of being uploaded, with thousands of comments and shares pouring in from users.

Revanth Alerts Officials On Heatwave

Hyderabad, May 20: Telangana CM Revanth Reddy on Wednesday urged people to remain alert and take precautions as severe heatwave conditions continue across State. Following warnings issued by the India Meteorological Department,



the Chief Minister said northern Telangana districts are likely to witness extremely high temperatures in the coming days. Revanth Reddy directed officials to take all necessary measures to protect public health and ensure the availability of ORS packets, drinking water and uninterrupted power supply in affected regions. He instructed health officials from Primary Health Centres to district hospitals to stay on high alert and provide immediate treatment to people suffering from heatstroke and other heat-related illnesses. The Chief Minister also suggested setting up "Chali Vendralu" or free drinking water centres in urban areas to help people cope with the intense summer heat. Advising citizens to avoid unnecessary travel during afternoon hours, Revanth Reddy asked Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao to closely monitor the situation and coordinate with district collectors to handle heatwave conditions effectively across the state.

Hyderabad to host Stone Expo

Hyderabad, May 20: India Stone & Tech Expo 2026 will be held at the HITEX Exhibition Centre from May 29 to 31, bringing together major players from the stone, machinery and surface technology industries. Organised by Incense Media, the expo aims to promote networking, technology exchange and business partnerships across the industry ecosystem. Organisers said the event is especially significant for Telangana as TG and AP together form India's largest natural stone-producing region.

Telangana Seeks Rs 5,000 Cr

Hyderabad, May 20: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu on Wednesday met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi and requested major financial support from the Centre for the State's education, infrastructure, and welfare expansion plans. During the meeting, Bhatti Vikramarka submitted detailed memorandums seeking an additional Rs 5,000 crore under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI). He also urged the Centre to provide relief from FRBM borrowing limits for large-scale educational infrastructure projects currently being implemented by the Telangana government. The Deputy Chief Minister thanked the Central Government for already extending financial assistance through 50-year interest-free loans under the

SASCI scheme. He informed the Union Finance Minister that Telangana had received Rs 4,208 crore during the 2025-26 financial year under the programme. However, Bhatti Vikramarka explained that the State requires additional financial support to continue welfare schemes and accelerate infrastructure development. He stated that Telangana is currently facing financial stress due to debts accumulated through Special Purpose Vehicles between 2014 and 2023 and the repayment burden linked to those borrowings. Despite the financial challenges, the State government is continuing major investments in education, healthcare, rural infrastructure, and human resource development. According to the Deputy Chief Minister, Telangana is giving special priority to improving educational opportuni-



ties for students from weaker sections of society. A major focus of the discussions was the ambitious Young India Integrated Residential Schools project. Bhatti Vikramarka said the State has prepared a massive Rs 30,000 crore investment plan for the education sector. Out of this, Rs 21,000 crore has been allocated for the construction of 105 Young India Integrated Residential School campuses across Telangana.

TG CM Pushes Mega Future City 'Net Zero' Vision Unveiled

Hyderabad, May 20: Revanth Reddy on Wednesday directed officials to develop the proposed Bharat Future City as a world-class "Net Zero City" with international-standard infrastructure and advanced industrial facilities. Reviewing the Industries Department at the MCR Human Resource Development Institute in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister said the project should emerge as a global hub for industries, technology, innovation and data centres. Revanth Reddy instructed officials to study globally renowned cities and adopt the best international practices while planning the mega project. He stressed that no compromise should be made on infrastructure quality and said land allocations must happen only after trunk infrastructure is fully completed. The Chief Minister also directed officials to allocate 500 acres in the proposed city for public representatives, civil servants and journalists. He asked officials to ensure that the Centre's proposed Health Cluster is established within Bharat Future City and said the state government is ready to approach Prime Minister Narendra Modi if required. To attract investments, Revanth Reddy proposed a dedicated "Invest Telangana" cell with its own office, logo and website.

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INS Sunayna Completes Historic Mission

Navy Ends Landmark Deployment

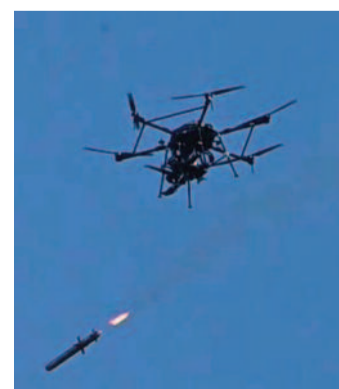
Kochi, May 20: Indian Navy on Wednesday successfully concluded the landmark IOS SAGAR deployment with the return of INS Sunayna to Kochi after a major multinational mission across the Indian Ocean Region. The deployment involved naval personnel from 16 partner nations, including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Indonesia, Singapore, South Africa and the UAE, reflecting India's growing role as a trusted maritime security partner in the region. Conducted under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's SAGAR and MAHASAGAR maritime vision, the mission focused on strengthening regional security, interoperability and cooperative maritime engagement. INS Sunayna received a ceremonial welcome at Kochi harbour with water cannon salutes and escort



vessels. Senior naval officers from the Southern Naval Command attended the flag-in ceremony, where Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena praised the multinational crew for their professionalism and teamwork during the deployment.

DRDO ULPGM-V3 Trials Successful

Sriharikota, May 20 (Tricolour Estate): Defence Research and Development Organisation on Wednesday successfully completed final trials of the ULPGM-V3 missile in both air-to-ground and air-to-air modes at its test range near Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh. The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Launched Precision Guided Missile (ULPGM)-V3 is an upgraded indigenous missile system designed for launch from UAVs. Officials said the successful trials mark a major boost to India's indigenous precision strike capability. The missile can target tanks, bunkers, drones, helicopters and other aerial threats with high accuracy. DRDO stated that the



extended-range weapon is equipped with advanced seeker technology and modular warheads for different combat roles. The trials were conducted using an advanced Ground Control System that automates launch procedures and readiness checks, improving operational efficiency. The missile was developed by multiple DRDO laboratories led by Research Centre Imarat, with production support from Bharat Dynamics Limited and Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Limited. UAV integration for the trials was carried out by Newspace Research and Technologies. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO.

EDITORIAL

Scorching Summer

The numbers are alarming, but the reality on the ground is even harsher. As Telangana braces against yet another brutal summer-with the mercury routinely breaching the 44°C mark in districts like Adilabad, Nirmal, and Jagtial- we are no longer just dealing with a seasonal shift. We are facing a full-blown public health emergency. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has urged citizens to stay indoors during peak hours, and the state's Heatwave Action Plan is deploying color-coded alerts to manage the crisis. However, government advisories alone cannot shield us.

Combating this extreme weather requires proactive community awareness and personal responsibility. We must stop treating this as just another hot Indian summer. Extreme heat is a silent, rapid killer. The transition from severe dehydration to a fatal heatstroke can happen in a matter of hours, especially for outdoor workers, the elderly, and children. When the human body's core temperature crosses 40°C and loses its ability to cool down, internal organs begin to shut down. While global climate change is the undeniable culprit, our local actions have intensified the crisis. The relentless concretization of Hyderabad, the shrinking of our lakes, and the felling of trees for rapid urban expansion have trapped the heat, creating intense urban heat islands. We are paying the ultimate price for replacing natural canopies with concrete. While policymakers must address this long-term ecological damage, our immediate priority must be survival. Taking the heat lightly is a gamble no one should take. Here is what every household needs to practice until the monsoon arrives. Do not wait for a parched throat to drink. Consume at least three liters of water daily. Keep buttermilk, coconut water, and lemon water handy to replenish lost electrolytes. Avoid sugary sodas, caffeine, and alcohol, as they actively dehydrate your body. The sun is at its most punishing between 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Unless it is an emergency, stay indoors or in the shade. If you must step out, cover your head with a cap or umbrella, and wear loose-fitting, light-colored cotton clothing. Heavy, spicy, and oily foods increase metabolic heat and strain digestion. Switch to water-rich foods like watermelons, cucumbers, and citrus fruits. Check on elderly neighbors, pregnant women, and young children, as their bodies are less efficient at regulating temperature. Additionally, keep a shallow earthen bowl of fresh water outside for stray animals and birds suffering in the dry spell. Finally, awareness saves lives.

Nalanda Was a Civilisational Symbol

PM Principal Secretary
P.K. Mishra

Rajgir/New Delhi, May 19: Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr. P.K. Mishra on Tuesday described the ancient Nalanda Mahavihara as not merely one of history's greatest centres of learning, but a lasting "civilisational symbol" whose legacy continues to shape intellectual thought and human values across continents. Addressing the third Convocation ceremony of Nalanda University at Rajgir in Bihar, Mishra said institutions like Nalanda transcend the conventional idea of a university because they represent openness, dialogue, pluralism, and the pursuit of wisdom for humanity's collective well-being. "There are universities that are institutions. And then there are universities that are civilisational symbols. Nalanda belongs to the latter category," Mishra said while congratulating 221 graduating students from 14 countries. Highlighting the historic and spiritual significance of the region, Mishra referred to nearby Bodhi Gaya,



where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment, and noted that Buddhist teachings had profoundly influenced the Asian continent. He expressed confidence that the learning emerging from Nalanda University would similarly spread globally in the years ahead. Mishra praised the university's newly inaugurated Net Zero campus, describing it as a reflection of India's commitment to sustainable and future-oriented education. Speaking on the challenges of the modern era, he observed that humanity today possesses unprecedented technological capabilities in fields such as artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and quantum computing, yet faces deep uncertainties arising from climate change, geopolitical tensions, and growing social polarisation. "The central question before humanity is not merely whether we can generate more in-

formation or technology, but whether knowledge remains connected to wisdom, ethics, compassion, and human responsibility," he said. Emphasising Nalanda's traditional interdisciplinary learning model, Mishra stressed the importance of vāda — rigorous debate and inquiry — in preserving intellectual independence. He warned that while technology can provide instant answers, it cannot replace ethical reasoning or fully understand human dignity, suffering, and aspirations. "Civilisations decline not when they lose information, but when they lose the capacity for reflection and independent thought," he remarked. Mishra also spoke extensively about the need for "intellectual decolonisation", arguing that colonial domination had marginalised indigenous systems of knowledge such as Ayurveda, Buddhist epistemology, and the Arthashastra. He called for the 21st century to become an era in which nations reclaim civilisational self confidence and contribute native knowledge systems to global discourse. "The revival

of Nalanda University reflects India's belief that openness, pluralism, dialogue, and inquiry remain essential to the future of humanity," he said. Detailing reforms under the National Education Policy, Mishra pointed to the government's emphasis on multidisciplinary learning, multilingual education, and the integration of Indian Knowledge Systems into mainstream academia. He further highlighted initiatives such as the National Mission for Manuscripts and the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library, which aim to preserve ancient texts and safeguard traditional medicine systems from international misuse. AI-based language initiatives like Bhashini and the One Nation One Subscription programme were also cited as steps towards democratising access to knowledge. Addressing the growing influence of artificial intelligence, Mishra cautioned that AI systems trained largely on Western and English-language datasets may fail to adequately represent the realities of Asia and the Global South, particularly in agriculture, medicine, and climate-related challenges.

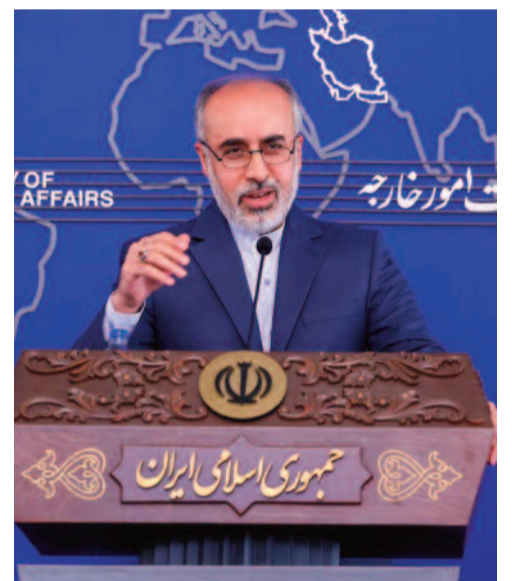
NATO Moves Near Hormuz

New York: Mark Rutte on Wednesday said NATO allies are discussing the deployment of military assets near the Strait of Hormuz to ensure safe maritime movement amid rising tensions involving Iran. Addressing a press conference ahead of the NATO foreign ministers' meeting in Sweden, Rutte accused Iran of trying to "hold the global economy hostage" by threatening to disrupt navigation through the crucial oil transit route. He said several NATO countries, including France, Germany, United Kingdom, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands, are repositioning military assets near the Gulf region to safeguard freedom of navigation. Rutte stated that discussions are underway within NATO on whether the alliance should play a broader role in handling the Gulf crisis. He stressed that keeping the Strait of Hormuz open is vital for global trade and energy security. The NATO chief also defended increased European military cooperation with the United States, saying allies are investing heavily in defence capabilities and reducing dependence on Washington. On the Ukraine conflict, Rutte said NATO remains committed to strengthening its defence posture and confirmed that planned adjustments in US troop deployments across Europe would happen in a "structured way" without affecting alliance security plans. He also raised concerns over drone warfare and accused Russia, China, North Korea and Iran of increasing strategic coordination since the Ukraine war began. Rutte further warned Moscow against any nuclear escalation, saying NATO would respond decisively to any such move.



More Surprises Await: Iran

Tehran: Abbas Araghchi on Wednesday warned that Iran has "many more surprises" for the United States if Washington resumes military action against Tehran. In a post on X, Araghchi claimed Iran had gained valuable military experience during recent confrontations and was prepared to respond strongly to any future aggression. He referred to a reported US congressional assessment that allegedly detailed heavy American aircraft losses during the conflict. According to the report cited by Iranian officials, US forces reportedly lost or suffered damage to dozens of aircraft during a 40-day aerial campaign conducted jointly by the US and Israel against Iran earlier this year. The reported losses allegedly included fighter jets, drones, refuelling aircraft and surveillance systems. Iranian officials also claimed their forces successfully targeted an F-35 fighter aircraft during the conflict. The confrontation between Iran, the US and Israel had intensified after military strikes launched on February 28 before a fragile ceasefire was reportedly brokered in April. The tensions also disrupted global energy markets as Iran tightened control over the Strait of Hormuz, a key global oil transit route. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump said he expects the conflict to be resolved quickly, while Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian maintained that Tehran would not bow to increasing American pressure.



Russia, China Slam Asset Freezes, Sanctions

Russia and China on Wednesday jointly criticized the blocking, freezing, and seizure of sovereign assets, calling such actions violations of international law and warning against the growing use of unilateral sanctions across the world. The remarks came through a joint statement released during Russian President Vladimir Putin's official visit to Beijing, where he held high-level talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People. In the statement, both countries strongly opposed initiatives in-

volving the freezing or confiscation of foreign state assets and stressed that affected nations have the right to take retaliatory measures under international legal norms. Russia and China also called for the removal of what they described as "unlawful unilateral coercive measures" that undermine the principles and objectives of the United Nations Charter. The two nations emphasized that all countries must respect sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the legitimate security interests of other states. They also stated

that global disputes should be resolved peacefully through dialogue, consultations, and cooperation instead of pressure tactics and economic restrictions. The joint declaration further highlighted the need to improve the global governance system and strengthen international relations based on equality and mutual respect. Russia and China reiterated their opposition to unilateral sanctions, secondary restrictions, and trade barriers, arguing that such measures negatively affect global stability and economic



growth. Putin's visit to China is being viewed as another significant step in strengthening strategic ties between Moscow and Beijing amid evolving global geopolitical tensions.

SC Questions Sale of Liquor in Juice-Like Packs

New Delhi: Supreme Court of India on Wednesday termed the sale of alcohol in tetra packs and sachets resembling fruit juice cartons as "very deceptive" and issued notices to the Central government and State Excise Departments on a PIL seeking a ban on such packaging. A Bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi made the observation while hearing a plea filed by the organisation Community Against

Drunken Driving. Advocate Vipin Nair, appearing for the petitioner, argued that several liquor products are being sold in packaging featuring fruit images such as apples and mangoes, making them look similar to juice cartons despite containing alcohol like vodka. The petition stated that such inconspicuous packaging could encourage public drinking, drunk driving, underage access, and illegal transport of liquor across states. It also

pointed out the absence of prominent statutory health warnings on these packs. The plea sought directions to introduce a uniform national policy banning alcohol sales in tetra packs and sachets and restricting liquor packaging to clearly identifiable containers such as glass bottles. The Supreme Court had earlier raised similar concerns in November 2025 while hearing a trademark dispute involving whisky manufacturers.

UDF Finalises Cabinet Portfolios

Thiruvananthapuram: The Congress-led United Democratic Front government in Kerala has finalised Cabinet portfolio allocations under CM VD Satheesan. Governor Rajendra Viswanath Arlekar approved the list on Wednesday. Satheesan retained including Finance, Law, and General Administration. Ramesh Chennithala was assigned Home. The allocation was finalised after discussions among UDF alliance partners.

Modi Receives FAO Honour



Agricola Medal Dedicated

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday received the 2026 Agricola Medal, the highest honour of the Food and Agriculture Organization, and dedicated it to India's farmers and food providers. The award was presented by FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu at the FAO headquarters in Rome, recognising India's contributions to food security, agricultural development and farmer welfare. Modi said he accepted the honour with humility and dedicated it to millions of farmers, livestock keepers, fishers, scientists and agricultural workers across India. He said the award reflects India's commitment to human welfare, sustainable development and strengthening global food security systems. During the event, he also held discussions with FAO leadership on agriculture and food security cooperation and highlighted India's ongoing initiatives in the sector. The FAO chief praised India's farmer-centric reforms and digital initiatives, stating that they have helped improve productivity, reduce poverty and support global development goals.

Chadha Moves Court Over AI Misuse



New Delhi: Raghav Chadha has approached the Delhi High Court seeking protection of his personality and publicity rights against alleged misuse of his name, image and identity on digital platforms. The petition reportedly raises concerns over unauthorised use of his likeness, including AI-generated and morphed content circulating online without consent. The case is scheduled to be heard on Thursday before a single-judge bench of Justice Subramonium

Prasad, according to the court's cause list. Chadha has also sought action against unknown persons (John Doe defendants) allegedly involved in creating or distributing such content. The plea comes amid a rising number of similar cases in the Delhi High Court involving public figures seeking protection against deepfakes and digital impersonation.

KKR Keeps Playoff Dream Alive

Kolkata, May 20: Kolkata Knight Riders kept their Indian Premier League 2026 playoff hopes alive with a tense four-wicket victory over Mumbai Indians in Match 65 at Eden Gardens on Wednesday night, climbing two places on the points table in a tightly contested race for qualification. The win took KKR to 13 points from 13 matches, with experienced batter Manish Pandey emerging as the central figure in a nervy chase of 148. Chasing a modest but challenging target



on a pressure-filled evening, KKR suffered early setbacks as Finn Allen departed in the opening over, while Ajinkya Rahane (21) and Cameron Green (4) also fell cheaply. Mumbai Indians seized the momentum with disciplined bowling and regular breakthroughs, leaving the home side under mounting pressure. Amid the collapse, Pandey produced a composed 45 off 33 deliveries, anchoring the innings with maturity and calmness. His knock was built on controlled strokeplay, intelligent strike rotation and timely boundaries rather than aggression, ensuring KKR never lost touch with the required rate despite the constant fall of wickets. Pandey stitched together crucial partnerships through the middle overs, particularly with Rovman Powell, whose attacking 40 provided the much-needed momentum in the chase. While Powell counterattacked, Pandey absorbed pressure from Mumbai's bowlers, especially Jasprit Bumrah and AM Ghazanfar, who kept the contest alive with key wickets and tight spells. Even after Pandey's dismissal, KKR retained enough stability to push towards the target without panic. Rinku Singh eventually sealed the win in the 18.5th over with a crisp boundary off Will Jacks, triggering celebrations at Eden Gardens. Earlier, Mumbai Indians endured a fluctuating innings after being asked to bat. KKR bowlers Cameron Green and Saurabh Dubey struck early blows to leave the visitors in trouble before Hardik Pandya and Tilak Varma attempted to rebuild the innings. A late assault from Corbin Bosch, who smashed an unbeaten 32 off just 18 balls, lifted Mumbai to 147 for 8. Bosch's aggressive finishing included boundaries and sixes off Kartik Tyagi in the final over, although Deepak Chahar was dismissed off the last ball of the innings. De-

spite the late flourish, Mumbai's total ultimately proved insufficient against a disciplined KKR bowling performance and Pandey's stabilising presence during the chase. The match remained evenly poised until the closing stages, but KKR's ability to recover from early setbacks under pressure highlighted their resilience at a crucial point in the tournament. With the playoff race entering its final phase, the victory has significantly strengthened Kolkata's qualification prospects while adding further pressure on teams battling in the middle of the table.

Cyber Bureau Flags IPL Frauds

Hyderabad, May 20: Telangana Cyber Security Bureau has warned cricket fans against a rise in fake IPL ticket scams being carried out through social media platforms, fake websites, Telegram channels and WhatsApp groups. In an advisory issued by TGCSB Director Shikha Goel, the bureau said cybercriminals are luring fans with fake VIP and VVIP passes, huge discounts and last-minute ticket offers for IPL matches. Officials said fraudsters are collecting money through UPI payments, QR codes and bank transfers before either sending fake tickets or disappearing completely. The bureau clarified that District is the only official ticketing partner for IPL bookings. TGCSB advised the public to stay alert against suspicious offers, avoid buying tickets from unknown agents and never share OTPs, bank details or payment screenshots with strangers. People facing cyber fraud or spotting suspicious activity have been asked to contact the cybercrime helpline 1930 or report complaints through the national cybercrime portal

Virendra Sachdeva Gets World Archery CWG Role

Virendra Sachdeva has been appointed as a Member of the Commonwealth Games Committee of World Archery for the Commonwealth Games 2030 scheduled to be held in Ahmedabad. Sachdeva, who is currently the Secretary General of the Archery Association of India and an Executive Board member of World Archery Asia, expressed happiness over the appointment through a post on X. He said he was "deeply humbled and truly honoured" to be part of the committee and credited the leadership of Narendra Modi for creating an environment where Indian athletes are now competing and leading at the global level. Sachdeva also thanked the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Sports Authority of India, and the Archery Association of India for their trust and support. He stated that he looks forward to contributing to the growth of archery and strengthening India's presence in international sports. The appointment was made by the World Archery Executive Board. Apart from his sports administration roles, Sachdeva also serves as Vice President of the Delhi Olympic Association and has previously been associated with the Delhi and District Cricket Association.

Three Children Drown in Koneru

Jagtial, May 20: A tragic incident occurred in Kondapur village of Medipally mandal in Jagtial district on Wednesday after three children drowned in a temple tank near a local temple. According to villagers, 11-year-old Manvith, 9-year-old Manasvi and 7-year-old Sharvind had gone to the Shivaganga temple during the afternoon. The children reportedly entered the 'koneru' (temple tank) for swimming but accidentally drowned as they did not know how to swim. Hearing their cries for help, local residents rushed to the spot and pulled the children out of the water. They were immediately shifted to a hospital in Jagtial, where doctors declared them brought dead. Police reached the spot after receiving information and registered a case. An investigation into the incident is underway.



Hyd Police Bust Ghost SIM Racket

Hyderabad, May 20: Hyderabad City Police and the Cyber Crime Police Station have launched "Operation Octopus 3.0," a nationwide crackdown targeting illegal "Ghost SIM" networks allegedly linked to organised cyber fraud. Hyderabad Police Commissioner V C Sajjanar said 66 people were apprehended across 13 states during the seven-day operation carried out by 18 specialised police teams. Police said the accused are connected to 76 cybercrime cases involving fraud worth more than Rs 101.87 crore. Investigators identified 1,194 Ghost SIMs allegedly used by cybercriminals to hide their identities. Among them, 544 SIM cards were seized in Hyderabad, including 432 sealed

SIMs reportedly ready for use in cyber fraud activities. The operation covered multiple states including Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. According to police, fraudsters used several illegal methods, including activating extra SIM cards during mobile number portability, misuse of eKYC verification, diversion of SIMs obtained from digitally illiterate individuals and misuse of OTPs to create fake social media and messaging accounts. Hyderabad Police said the next phase of the operation will involve meetings with telecom companies such as Airtel, Jio and Vodafone Idea to strengthen SIM verification systems and improve monitoring of



suspicious activities. Police advised citizens not to share Aadhaar details, OTPs or biometric information with unauthorised SIM vendors and urged the public to verify SIMs linked to their Aadhaar through the Sanchar Sathi portal.

HCU Students Mourn Mayukh Kundu

Hyderabad, May 20: Students of University of Hyderabad gathered on campus to pay tribute to Mayukh Kundu, a first-year MA Financial Economics student who recently passed away. The condolence meeting was organised by the Hyderabad Central University Students' Union (HCUSU). During the gathering, students, faculty members, and union representatives expressed grief over the untimely demise of the student and extended condolences to his family. HCUSU President Siva Palepu said the student community stands firmly with Mayukh's family during this difficult period. He appealed to students and the public not to spread misinformation or give political colour to the incident. He stated that this was a moment of mourning and urged everyone to avoid creating divisions or hatred over the tragedy. The gathering concluded with students paying homage and remembering Mayukh Kundu's life and presence on campus.



TG Cabinet to meet at Secretariat

Hyderabad, May 20: The Telangana Cabinet will meet on May 23 at the State Secretariat in Hyderabad, with a wide-ranging agenda covering housing, infrastructure, irrigation, welfare schemes and administrative reforms. The meeting was earlier scheduled for May 21 but was postponed due to religious observances. It is now expected to play a crucial role as the state government prepares for upcoming Telangana Formation Day celebrations on June 2. The Cabinet is also expected to review the 99-day "Praja Palana-Pragathi Nivedika" action plan, which concludes in June, alongside broader governance efficiency measures. Some proposed cost-cutting steps reportedly include reduced convoy sizes, hybrid meetings, limited foreign travel, and lower office energy usage—aligning with fiscal



discipline suggestions linked to national-level appeals by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The meeting is seen as an important policy check-

point for the Telangana government, as it attempts to accelerate welfare delivery and infrastructure expansion ahead of key state events.

Bandi Son Withdraws Bail Plea

Hyderabad May 20: The anticipatory bail petition filed by Bandi Sai Bageerath in connection with a POCSO Act case was withdrawn from the Telangana High Court following his arrest. The case was registered at the Petbasheerabad Police Station in Hyderabad. Bageerath's counsel, N. Naveen Kumar, submitted a memo before the High Court registry seeking permission to withdraw the anticipatory bail petition. The counsel informed the court that no further orders were required in the matter. Following the request, the petition was listed for formal withdrawal on Thursday. The development comes amid continuing political attention surrounding the case involving the son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar.



Nabha Natesh

Tulasi Reddy Creates History

Hyderabad, May 20: Tulasi Reddy Palpunoori, a mountaineer from Bowrampet near Hyderabad, successfully scaled Mount Everest, turning years of discipline and determination into a remarkable achievement. Tulasi's journey began with a simple goal of improving his fitness and health. What started as regular gym workouts gradually transformed into a passion for endurance sports and mountaineering. Over the years, he participated in several demanding endurance events, including the Ironman challenge, before taking on some of the world's toughest mountains. His mountaineering achievements include summiting Mount Elbrus, Aconcagua and Mount Kilimanjaro. He also gained valuable high-altitude experience through expeditions to Kang Yatse, Dzo Jongu, Lobuche East and the Spiti Valley region in Himachal Pradesh. These climbs helped him prepare mentally and physically for the extreme conditions of Everest. After reaching the summit, Tulasi described the achievement as the result of years of sacrifice, planning and perseverance. He thanked his family, Sherpa team, friends and expedition guides for supporting his dream. Tulasi Reddy's inspiring transformation from a fitness enthusiast to an Everest conqueror is now motivating many young people to pursue their goals with dedication and hard work.

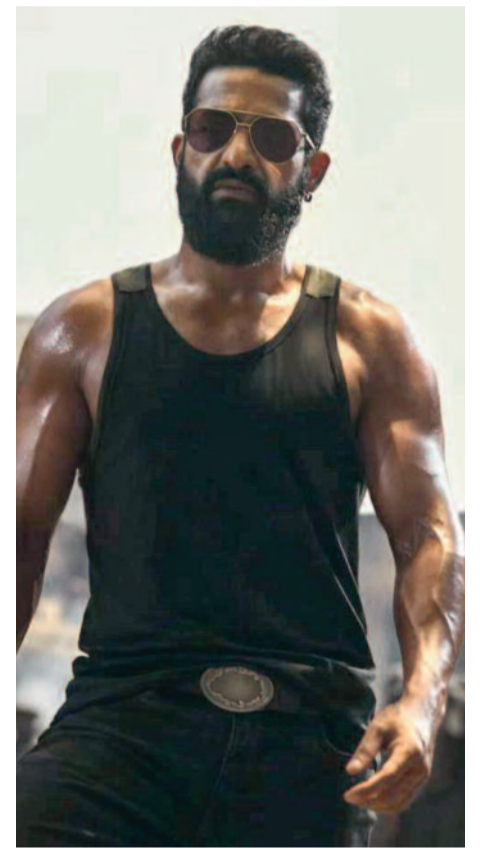


Sunil Narang Resigns as Film Chamber President

In a surprising development in the Telugu film industry, prominent distributor, exhibitor, producer, and Asian Multiplexes head Sunil Narang has resigned from the post of President of the Telangana State Film Chamber of Commerce. According to official sources, Narang submitted his resignation letter via email, stating that he was stepping down due to personal reasons. The Executive Committee of the Film Chamber held an emergency meeting and formally accepted his resignation. However, industry insiders suggest that the real reason behind his resignation is the ongoing dispute in Tollywood over the controversial "percentage sharing system" between producers and exhibitors. With theatre maintenance costs rising sharply, exhibitors have been demanding the implementation of a multiplex-style revenue-sharing model even in single-screen theatres. Several leading Tollywood producers have reportedly opposed the proposal, leading to growing tensions within the industry. Sources from Film Nagar indicate that Narang, who stood firmly in support of exhibitors, faced increasing pressure and criticism. This is believed to have caused severe dissatisfaction, ultimately leading to his decision to step down from the position. Following this sudden development, Film Chamber officials have reportedly begun the process of selecting a new president.

Jr NTR Thanks Fans

Jr NTR thanked fans and well-wishers for their overwhelming support and birthday wishes after the makers unveiled the first glimpse of his upcoming film *Dragon* on Wednesday. Sharing a heartfelt message on social media, the actor said his fans remain the "biggest blessing" in his cinematic journey and added that the response to the "Dragon" glimpse has given the team great confidence and excitement. Jr NTR also credited director Prashanth Neel for envisioning the film and creating the powerful world of "Dragon." If the teaser is any indication, Jr NTR will appear in a fierce and intense role connected to a global opium war involving the Afghan Trading Company. Several film stars extended birthday wishes to the actor, including Allu Arjun and Mahesh Babu. Allu Arjun praised the "Dragon" glimpse, while Mahesh Babu wished Jr NTR another successful year ahead. Jr NTR responded warmly to both actors, thanking them for their support and wishes.



PEDDI Completes Censor Formalities



The much-awaited rustic sports drama *Peddi* starring Ram Charan and directed by Buchi Babu Sana has successfully completed its censor formalities ahead of its grand worldwide release on June 4. Ever since the film was announced, "Peddi" has generated massive buzz among audiences and fans. Recently, the makers released the trailer, which created a sensation on social media and YouTube by garnering record-breaking views. The film's shoot is progressing at a brisk pace, and expectations are soaring high. According to the latest reports, the Censor Board members watched the film and awarded it a U/A certificate. The runtime of the movie is said to be approximately 3 hours and 2 minutes. Industry insiders claim that the sports-based entertainer delivers an engaging cinematic experience without any dull moments. The film is reportedly packed with goosebumps-inducing sequences and high emotional intensity, making it one of the most anticipated releases of the year. In an exciting update for fans, the makers are also planning premiere shows on June 3, a day before the official release. The film features Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead opposite Ram Charan. Prominent actors Jagapathi Babu, Divyendu Sharma, and Shiva Rajkumar are playing key roles in the movie. "Peddi" is being produced on a massive budget under the banners of Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings, in association with Vriddhi Cinemas. The film is produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru and Ishan Saksena. Adding to the excitement, Oscar-winning composer A. R. Rahman is composing the music for the film.

Muhurtham Fixed for Mega-158

A huge buzz has been created around *Mega-158*, the upcoming big-budget project starring Chiranjeevi and directed by Bobby Kolli. Ever since the project was announced, fans and movie lovers have been eagerly waiting for updates about the film. The duo previously delivered a massive commercial success, and expectations are now soaring for their next collaboration. The makers have officially confirmed that the film's grand pooja ceremony will be held on May 21. Currently being referred to by the working title "Mega-158," the film will feature music composed by S. Thaman. Meanwhile, discussions are ongoing on social media regarding who will be cast as the female lead opposite Chiranjeevi. According to the latest buzz in film circles, Pawan Kalyan is expected to attend the launch event as the chief guest. Several filmmakers, producers, and political leaders are also likely to participate in the ceremony. Industry sources suggest that Chiranjeevi will be seen in a powerful and mass-oriented role in the film. Reports also indicate that the regular shooting schedule may begin immediately after the launch event. The production team is expected to make an official announcement soon regarding the heroine and other major cast members.



Sanju, Klaasen End Rift

After their heated on-field argument during the recent match, Sanju Samson and Heinrich Klaasen appear to have patched things up. The two star cricketers shared friendly posts on social media, putting an end to the controversy that took place during the match. Sanju stated that such moments can happen in the heat of the game and added that he has great respect and admiration for Klaasen. He also shared pictures with the South African batter. Klaasen quickly reacted to the post and reshared the photo with a warm message. "I enjoy watching your game, bro... looking forward to our next match," he wrote, delighting fans online. Following the exchange, cricket fans expressed happiness that the misunderstanding between the two players had been resolved. Many said such gestures after intense matches help promote the true spirit of cricket and strengthen the game's popularity. The incident occurred during the recent Hyderabad vs Chennai match when Sanju Samson stumped Klaasen, leading to a brief on-field altercation between the two players.

Lakshya, Prannoy Exit Early

Lakshya Sen and HS Prannoy suffered opening-round defeats as India's men's singles campaign ended at the Malaysia Masters 2026 in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday. Lakshya Sen lost in straight games to Indonesia's Zaki Ubaidillah 21-17, 21-11, while HS Prannoy went down in a marathon three-game battle against Japan's Kodai Naraoka 17-21, 22-20, 22-24 despite fighting back strongly. Other Indian shuttlers including Tharun Manjappalli and Kiran George also exited the tournament, bringing India's men's singles run to an end. However, Malvika Bansod kept India's hopes alive in women's singles with a hard-fought win over Germany's Yvonne Li. Ashmita Chaliha too advanced to the second round after defeating Indonesia's Thalita Ramadhani Wiryanan. In mixed doubles, Sathwik Reddy Kanapuram and Radhika Sharma progressed to the next round with a comeback victory over Scotland's Alexander Dunn and Julie MacPherson.



India Slip to 6th in WTC Standings

ICC World Test Championship standings witnessed a major shake-up on Wednesday after Bangladesh national cricket team completed a historic 2-0 Test series whitewash against Pakistan national cricket team. The result pushed India national cricket team down to sixth place in the WTC 2025-27 table, increasing pressure on captain Shubman Gill and his team to deliver consistent performances in the ongoing cycle. Bangladesh's impressive victory in Sylhet lifted them above India with a points percentage (PCT) of 58.33, while India dropped to 48.15. Although India were not directly involved in the series, the outcome significantly impacted the standings. India's current WTC campaign has been far from dominant. In nine matches so far, the team has registered four wins, four defeats, and one draw. Unlike previous WTC cycles where India remained among the strongest Test sides, the team has struggled to maintain consistency this time around. Meanwhile, Australia national cricket team continue to lead the standings with an impressive PCT of 87.50. NZ hold second place, while South Africa and Sri Lanka are also positioned ahead of India. Despite the setback, India still have enough matches remaining in the cycle to revive their campaign.