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SUVENDU THE NEW ADHIKARI OF BENGAL

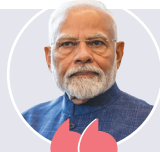
State gets first BJP Chief Minister;
5 ministers sworn in



KOLKATA

BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari was sworn in as the Chief Minister of West Bengal on Saturday, marking the formation of the first-ever BJP government in the state.

Governor R N Ravi administered the oath of office and secrecy to Adhikari during a grand ceremony at the Brigade Parade Ground. The oath ceremony was conducted on Saturday, which coincides with the



Congratulations to Shri Suvendu Adhikari Ji on taking oath as West Bengal's Chief Minister. He has made a mark as a leader who has remained deeply connected to the people and understood their aspirations from close quarters. My best wishes to him for a fruitful tenure ahead..

—Narendra Modi, PM

Bengal polls and Mamata's ouster

Following the election setback, Mamata alleged vote rigging and refused to resign. Her claim was backed by the INDIA bloc. The Governor finally dissolved the Assembly on Thursday, leading to her ouster from power.

birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore as per the Bengali calendar. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Ministers from other BJP-ruled states, some important members of the Union Cabinet and several top Central BJP leaders, were present.

Suvendu has officially become the ninth Chief Minister of West Bengal, marking a major political turning point in the state's history. The swearing-in

New Council of Ministers

CM: Suvendu Adhikari

Ministers sworn in

Dilip Ghosh

Agnimitra Paul

Nisith Pramanik

Kshudiram Tudu

Ashok Kirtania

Mamata calls for 'joint platform'

Mamata on Saturday urged all opposition parties in Bengal to come together to form a "joint platform" to fight against the BJP govt. She also called upon student unions to unite against the saffron camp.

ceremony drew significant public and political attention as the new administration formally took charge.

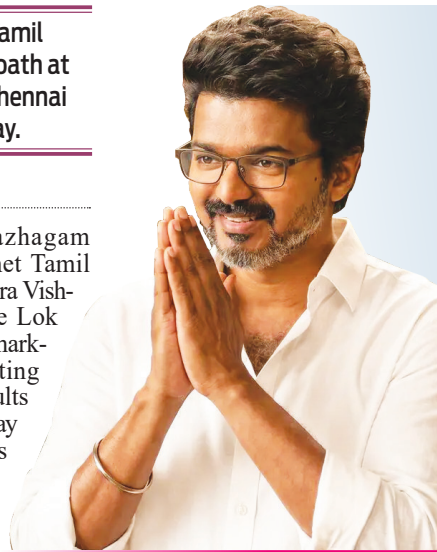
Along with Adhikari, five MLAs -- Dilip Ghosh, Agnimitra Paul, Ashok Kirtanya, Khudiram Tudu, and Nisith Pramanik -- took oath in his council of ministers. The Bengal Cabinet will be expanded later. With a limit of 44 ministers, 39 more MLAs can join the Bengal government under CM Suvendu Adhikari.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The swearing-in marked the first-ever BJP government in West Bengal since Independence.
- The oath-taking took place at the historic Brigade Parade Grounds.
- PM Modi honored 98-year-old Shyama Prasad Mukherjee follower, Mekan Lal Sarkar, at the ceremony.
- Suvendu became the 9th CM succeeding Mamata, who occupied the position for 15 years since 2011.
- After taking oath, Suvendu offered prayers at Bharat Sevashram Sangha and visited the residence of Syama Prasad Mookerjee.
- The new CM will hold meeting on Monday to decide cabinet.

Road cleared for 'Vijay Sarkar' in TN

'Thalapathy' of Tamil Nadu: Vijay to take oath at Nehru Stadium in Chennai at 3:15 pm today.



CHENNAI

Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay met Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar at the Lok Bhavan on Saturday, marking their fourth meeting since the election results were announced on May 4. This latest visit comes after his party, TVK, secured majority support to form a government in the state.

The actor-politician will take the oath as the Chief Minister on May 10 at Nehru Stadium in Chennai at 3:15 pm.

VCK-IUML extend supports

This comes after the Viduthala Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) and Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) extended unconditional support to TVK earlier in the day. In an official confirmation letter to TVK General Secretary Aadhav Arjuna, VCK president Thol Thirumavalavan extended his support for the party to form a government in the state. Shortly after that, IUML also extended its support to TVK. Both VCK and IUML have two MLAs each, taking the alliance strength to 120 MLAs in the 234-member TN Assembly. TVK had secured 108 seats.

AMMK chief files complaint against TVK over 'forged' support letter

Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) has approached the Guindy police alleging that the Tamilaga Vettri Ka TVK used a "forged" support letter while staking claim to form the government, police officials said on Saturday. According to the police, a petition submitted by AMMK general secretary T T V Dhinakaran has been received. However, officials clarified that no FIR had been registered.

DKS rejects claims of TN Cong MLAs being shifted to B'luru

BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday dismissed reports that Congress MLAs from Tamil Nadu had been shifted to a resort in Karnataka amid post-election political developments there, saying he was unaware of any such move.

Political activity in Tamil Nadu has intensified following the Assembly election results, with parties engaged in consultations over government formation and support arrangements. Amid speculation about legislators being moved to resorts in other states and ongoing political negotiations, internal party discussions and interactions between senior leaders have continued. However, no official confirmation has been made regarding any such relocation of MLAs.

Shah hails BSY as leader who created a new path

CHITRADURGA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the five decades of public life and political struggle of former Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa serve as an inspiration for the younger generation.

Speaking at the 'BSY Abhimanyotsava' held to honour Yediyurappa on Saturday, Shah lauded his journey from a humble background to becoming one of Karnataka's most influential political leaders.

During the event, Shah released two books titled 'Kendavare-Kamala Aralida Katha' and 'Sadana Shikari-Yediyurappanavara Gudugina Nudigalu'.

There are leaders who simply walk on existing roads and leaders who create new paths for others to follow, he said and described Yediyurappa as a



leader who has shown a new direction.

"He came from an ordinary family. His willpower, the values of the Sangh and his patriotism guided him throughout his life," Shah said.

Referring to political developments in West Bengal, Shah said the BJP Chief Minister took oath there on the same day that Karnataka was celebrating Yediyurappa's 50 years in public life.

He described it as the beginning of a new chapter in the land associated with Swami Vivekananda and Syama Prasad Mookerjee.

Indian sailor killed, 4 hurt after dhow catches fire near Hormuz

NEW DELHI

An Indian sailor died, and four others were injured after a 'dhow' (a wooden boat) caught fire and sank near the Strait of Hormuz, government sources said.

The boat was carrying 18 Indian crew members - who were rescued by a vessel that was passing by. The exact cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. According to sources, the injured sailors are receiving medical treatment in Dubai.

The Indian Consulate in Dubai, in a post on X, said their officials have met the rescued Indian sailors. "We remain in touch with the dhow owner and rendering all possible assistance," it said.

The incident came amid increasing hostilities between Iran and the US in the Strait of Hormuz.

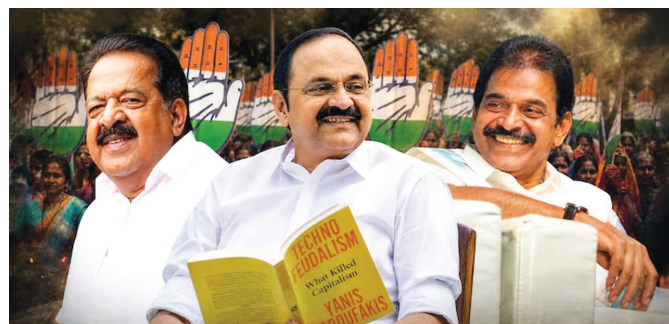
Battle for CM post goes on

NEW DELHI

Amid intense lobbying for the chief minister post of Kerala, the Congress on Saturday could not announce its choice for CM even after a nearly three-hour meeting top leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi had with the contenders. Later, the party made it clear that a "final decision" will be taken in "due course".

The delay in announcement meant that the contenders -- KC Venugopal, VD Satheesan and Ramesh Chennithala -- were unwilling to dilute their claims for the top post in the state, where their supporters had held processions and erected banners, even as the leadership listened to the competing claims.

Congress' Kerala in-charge Deepa Dasmuni said the decision will be announced in "due course... (which) is May 23 (the day Assembly will be dissolved)" after it is finalised



by party chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

The party high command is in a bind as Venugopal has the support of a majority of MLAs while there was an outpouring of support for Satheesan from party workers and the public along with allies like Muslim League. Chennithala is the senior-most and the most experienced among the contenders.

The run up to the meeting saw intense lobbying by all the three leaders. There were

KEY CONTENDERS

KC VENUGOPAL: AICC general secretary with strong organizational backing.

VD SATHEESAN: Outgoing opposition leader, seen by some as the face of the poll campaign.

RAMESH CHENNITHALA: A seasoned veteran with strong, established support within the party.

reports that the Muslim League conveyed to the Congress leadership that they prefer Satheesan as their preference while the latter had Venugopal's name in mind.

India gets new CDS, CNS

NEW DELHI: Indian forces saw two new appointments on Saturday, Lieutenant General N S Raja Subramani (Retd) as the Chief of Defence Staff and Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan appointed as Navy Chief.

Who is CDS NS Raja Subramani?

Lt Gen Raja Subramani is a highly decorated officer with over four decades of distinguished service.

He was commissioned into the 8th Battalion of the Garhwal Rifles on December 14, 1985. He has been awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Sena Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal.

He earlier served as Vice Chief of the Army Staff. The officer holds a Master of Arts Degree from King's College London and an M Phil in Defence Studies from Madras University. He is a Graduate of the National Defence Academy and Indian Military Academy. He is currently serving as a military adviser at the National Security Council Secretariat.



Who is CNS K Swaminathan?

Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan was commissioned into the Indian Navy on July 01, 1987 and is a specialist in Communication and Electronic Warfare. He is a recipient of Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal.

The highly-qualified officer holds a BSc degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; MSc in Telecommunications from Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi; MA

in Defence Studies from King's College, London; MPhil in Strategic Studies from Mumbai University; and PhD in International Studies from Mumbai University. He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla.



KSRTC rolls out gender ticketing

The move aims to track female ridership, signaling a potential move toward free travel for women in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) on Saturday introduced a new system known as 'Gender Ticketing' gender ticketing.

The facility to record the gender of the passenger as male or female while issuing tickets via Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETM).

This move is linked to the newly-elected UDF government's election promise that if the party comes to power, free travel for women would be ensured through the 'Indira Guarantee' scheme.

When issuing a ticket, the conductor must record the passenger's gender in the ETM.

The updated ETMs now include separate options for



women, men and children, and the printed tickets will also show the category of the passenger. The IT Department will provide urgent training to conductors to familiarise them with these technical changes.

According to a KSRTC circular, the gender ticketing system is intended to record whether a passenger is a woman, a man or a child in

tickets issued on KSRTC buses from Saturday.

KSRTC MD Dr PS Pramod Shankar said Unit Officers at each depot would supervise the implementation.

What's the motive?

The move is being seen as an attempt to estimate the number of women using KSRTC services daily before the implementation of the UDF's

poll promise of free bus travel for women across Kerala.

The UDF recently won 102 out of 140 Assembly seats and is expected to form the government once the Congress finalises its chief ministerial candidate.

Officials have stated that the ETM software across the KSRTC depots was updated to support the new system from Saturday onward.

Conductors worried

Some conductors have reportedly expressed concern that entering passenger categories while issuing tickets could lead to delays, especially during peak travel hours and crowded trips. The new process requires conductors to manually select the passenger category while issuing tickets.

QUICK READ

Vehicle towing back in B'lu'ru after 4-year gap

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
In a major step aimed at reducing traffic congestion and improving road discipline, the Karnataka government and Bengaluru Traffic Police have officially reintroduced the vehicle towing system in the city after a gap of nearly four years. Within just one month of restarting the operation, authorities have reportedly seized more than 600 vehicles parked illegally across major roads in Bengaluru. The decision to resume towing operations was taken to curb the growing problem of unauthorized parking and vehicles being left in no-parking zones, which has significantly contributed to traffic congestion in several parts of the city. Officials stated that indiscriminate roadside parking had become one of the major challenges affecting smooth movement of vehicles in Bengaluru.

Peenya flyover reopened after safety test

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
The Peenya Flyover, officially known as the Dr. Shivakumara Swamiji Flyover on Tumakuru Road in Bengaluru, has been reopened for full traffic movement after successfully completing a series of technical safety and stability tests conducted by the National Highways Authority of India. The reopening is expected to significantly reduce traffic congestion in one of the busiest industrial corridors of the city. According to officials, the National Highways Authority of India carried out extensive technical inspections and load-bearing tests on the flyover over the past several days.

Lorry cleaner arrested for killing driver

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
A shocking murder case has been reported from Nelamangala near Bengaluru, where a lorry cleaner allegedly killed a fellow lorry driver during a late-night altercation following a drinking session. The incident, which reportedly began over the distribution of instant noodles, has created shock among local residents and transport workers in the area. According to police sources, the incident took place at a Jio petrol pump near Binnamangala in Nelamangala on Saturday night. The accused and the victim were reportedly staying in the lorry parking area attached to the petrol station when the altercation occurred.

Residents Welcome Renovation of Cooke Town Parks

CH NEWS, BENGALURU
Residents of Bengaluru's Cooke Town area have expressed relief and happiness after long-pending renovation and maintenance works for Milton Street Park and High Street Park finally received official approval. The development comes after more than a year of persistent efforts by the Cooke Town Residents Association (CTRA), which had repeatedly approached authorities to secure permission for the project. The renovation is expected to improve public spaces and provide better recreational facilities for local residents, including children and senior citizens. The Cooke Town Residents Association, led by its executive committee members and

Leadership issue will be resolved within a month: Muniyappa

The minister says the matter is under the consideration of the party leadership and clarity will emerge soon

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Responding to questions from journalists regarding speculation surrounding a cabinet reshuffle and change in leadership, Muniyappa said the matter is under the consideration of the party leadership and clarity will emerge soon. He stated that the Congress high command would take an appropriate decision after assessing the political situation and consulting party leaders. Everything will be decided by the high command. The issue will be resolved within a month. Whether the current leadership continues or changes, the party leadership itself will announce it, he said while addressing the media. Muniyappa also comment-

ed on the recent meeting convened by the Chief Minister regarding the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. Referring to concerns surrounding the revision process, he said there is confusion and debate across the country regarding voter list management and possible misuse.

He stated that discussions were held with various organizations during the meeting to examine issues related to misuse and preventive measures. According to him, arbitrary deletion of names from voter lists could create suspicion and mistrust among the public

at the nation.

The minister clarified that he was not opposed to revision of electoral rolls but stressed that the process must be carried out transparently and responsibly. He alleged that in some cases, names of eligible voters were being removed while unwanted entries were being retained, raising concerns over fairness in the system.

Muniyappa urged political parties and election authorities to handle voter list revisions with responsibility and ensure that genuine voters are not deprived of their democratic rights. He said main -

taining the credibility of the electoral process is essential for preserving public trust in democracy.

The minister also reacted to the political developments in Tamil Nadu regarding government formation. He stated that an opportunity should be given to parties claiming majority support to form the government and later prove their majority on the floor of the House.

He emphasized that governors should act in accordance with constitutional principles and provide adequate time for parties to demonstrate majority support. According to him, denying such an opportunity could be viewed as disrespecting both constitutional values and the mandate given by the people.



1 killed, 4 hurt in fire at Bengaluru hotel

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A major fire accident occurred at a private hotel in Bengaluru's Nagarabhavi area, leaving one person dead and four others seriously injured.

The fire reportedly spread rapidly through the building, trapping hotel staff members and causing panic in the locality.

According to police and fire department officials, the incident took place at a private hotel located on the service road near the Outer Ring Road in Nagarabhavi. The fire reportedly broke out suddenly during the late-night hours, prompting immediate emergency response operations.

Authorities suspect that the blaze may have been caused by a short circuit, although the exact reason behind the fire is still under investigation. Fire and emergency service personnel rushed to the spot soon after receiving information

and launched efforts to control the flames and rescue those trapped inside the building.

Officials stated that the fire initially started in the hotel premises and later spread to the upper floor of the building where several hotel employees were residing. At the time of the incident, eight staff members were reportedly present in the building.

Dense smoke quickly filled the structure, making rescue operations difficult and causing severe breathing problems for those inside. During the incident, five workers identified as Bhima, Shivanand, Satish, and Rajkumar, along with another staff member, reportedly became unconscious after inhaling smoke.

Rescue teams managed to evacuate the affected individuals and shift them to a nearby hospital for treatment. However, 45-year-old Rajkumar succumbed to his injuries while undergoing treat-

ment at the hospital. Police confirmed that the remaining four injured persons are currently receiving treatment at a private hospital and their condition is being monitored.

The incident created panic among residents and commuters in the surrounding area as thick smoke engulfed the hotel building during the night. Local residents gathered near the spot while emergency teams worked for several hours to completely extinguish the fire.

Police officials have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the incident. Fire department personnel are examining the electrical systems and other possible causes to determine the exact source of the fire.

The tragedy has once again raised concerns regarding fire safety measures in commercial establishments and staff accommodations operating within city limits. Authorities are expected to inspect whether the hotel had complied with mandatory fire safety regulations and emergency preparedness guidelines.

ED arrests 3 in Bitcoin scam case

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Enforcement Directorate has arrested three individuals, including prime accused Srikrishna alias Sriki, in connection with the high-profile Bitcoin scam case that has been under investigation for several years.

The arrests mark a significant development in the probe into alleged cryptocurrency theft, hacking activities, and illegal financial transactions involving digital assets worth crores of rupees.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Srikrishna alias Sriki, Robin Khandeaval, and Sunish Hegde. According to Enforcement Directorate officials, the accused were taken into custody following intensified investigation into alleged hacking operations linked to cryptocurrency exchanges and government digital platforms.

Authorities stated that the case revolves around allegations that the accused hacked into Bitcoin exchange platforms and illegally diverted large quantities of cryptocurrency. The Enforcement Directorate reportedly expanded its investigation based on earlier findings and evidence gathered by the Central Crime Branch during its probe into the scam.

Investigators suspect that Sriki and his associates were involved in cyber activities targeting digital systems, including allegations related to hacking the state government's e-procurement portal and transferring funds through illegal channels. Officials believe the accused may have used sophisticated cyber techniques to gain unauthorized access to digital infrastructure and manipulate cryptocurrency transactions.

According to sources, Robin Khandeaval and Sunish Hegde are suspected of assisting in converting the allegedly stolen Bitcoins into cash and helping move the money through various financial channels.

BMRCL rolls back metro service curtailment

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

Metro trains on all routes in Bengaluru will now operate as usual from 5 am on Sunday, ensuring uninterrupted travel for passengers across the city.

Earlier on May 8, BMRCL had issued a notification stating that metro services between Hosahalli Station, officially known as Sri Balagan-gadharanatha Swamiji Station, and Cubbon Park Station on the Purple Line would be temporarily suspended on May 10 due to technical work. The announcement had caused concern among regular commuters who depend heavily on metro services during weekends.

However, the corporation has now officially withdrawn the earlier order, confirming that the planned service disruption will no longer take place. Officials clarified that the previous notification related to technical maintenance is no longer applicable and that metro operations will continue normally.

According to BMRCL authorities, the decision was taken in view of several important events and public gatherings scheduled to take place in Bengaluru on Sunday. A large number of commuters are expected to travel across different parts of the city, prompting the metro corporation to prioritize smooth and convenient transportation for the public.

To manage the anticipated rush, metro services on all lines will commence from 5 am onwards from terminal

Metro services between Hosahalli and Cubbon Park stations on Purple Line were temporarily suspended for technical work.

stations. Authorities stated that trains will run according to the regular Sunday schedule without any interruption.

The metro routes that will operate from early morning include the Purple Line, Green Line, and Yellow Line. Passengers using these routes can travel without worrying about temporary suspensions or changes in service frequency.

Public relations officials from BMRCL requested commuters to take note of the revised schedule and plan their journeys accordingly. The corporation emphasized that ensuring passenger convenience and reducing traffic congestion remain major priorities for the metro administration.

The announcement has been welcomed by daily commuters and residents, many of whom rely on metro services for faster and more reliable transportation across Bengaluru. With growing traffic congestion in the city, the metro network continues to play a crucial role in urban mobility and public transportation management.

Officials also assured passengers that all operational and safety measures would continue to be followed while maintaining regular services across the metro network.



Union Cabinet Approves Major Railway Expansion Projects Worth Rs 23,437 Crore

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

The Union Cabinet has approved three major multi-tracking railway projects aimed at strengthening the Indian Railways network and improving connectivity across several states, including Karnataka. The projects, approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will cover 19 districts across Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka. The projects are expected to add nearly 901 kilometres to the existing railway network and are targeted for completion by 2030-31 at an estimated cost of Rs 23,437 crore. The approved projects include the Nagda-Mathura third and fourth railway lines, the Guntakal-Wadi third and fourth railway lines, and the Burhwal-Sitapur third and fourth railway lines. According to officials, the expansion projects are intended to reduce congestion on heavily used rail-

way routes and ensure smoother movement of both passenger and freight trains across the country. Railway authorities stated that the projects are part of the government's larger strategy to modernise transport infrastructure, improve operational efficiency and enhance logistical connectivity between major industrial and commercial centres. The additional railway lines are expected to increase carrying capacity, reduce delays, and improve punctuality of trains operating on these routes. Among the approved projects, the Guntakal-Wadi line holds significant importance for South India. The existing electrified dual-track railway corridor stretches for nearly 230 kilometres and serves as a crucial link connecting southern states with Central and Western India. Major railway junctions such as Guntakal, Gooty, Don and Wadi are situated along this route, making it an important transport corridor for both passengers and freight operations.

COHAB ISSUES

Man ends life after live-in relationship ‘harassment’

CH NEWS, BENGALURU

A 28-year-old man from Chitradurga allegedly died by suicide in Bengaluru after reportedly facing mental harassment from a woman with whom he was living in a live-in relationship.

The incident took place in the Srigandhanagar area, and Rajagopalnagar police have launched a search operation to trace the woman, who is currently missing.

The deceased has been identified as Tippetwamy, a native of Chitradurga district. According to police sources, he had become acquainted with a woman from Davanagere through Instagram. The woman was reportedly active in creating social media reels,



and both individuals were employed at the same garments factory in Bengaluru.

Investigators stated that the woman had allegedly left her husband and two children before entering into a live-in relationship with Tippetwamy. The couple had reportedly been staying together for the past two months in a rented house located in Srig-

andhanagar.

Police said the pair had allegedly informed the house owner that they were married in order to secure the rental accommodation. Neighbors and local residents reportedly believed they were living as husband and wife.

According to the complaint filed by Tippetwamy's family members, the woman had

been mentally harassing him in recent weeks. Family members alleged that she frequently told him that he was incapable of maintaining her financially and asked him to leave her alone. Relatives claim the repeated emotional distress deeply affected Tippetwamy and pushed him into depression.

Police believe Tippetwamy died by suicide when nobody else was present in the house. His body was later discovered inside the rented residence, creating shock among neighbors and local residents in the area.

Following the incident, the woman reportedly went missing, and Rajagopalnagar police have intensified efforts to locate and question her as part

of the investigation. Authorities are examining mobile phone records, social media communication, and statements from acquaintances to understand the circumstances leading to the incident.

The deceased man's family has lodged a formal complaint at the Rajagopalnagar Police Station, alleging that mental harassment by the woman directly led to Tippetwamy's death. Based on the complaint, police have initiated further legal procedures and are continuing their investigation.

The incident has once again highlighted growing concerns surrounding emotional stress, relationship disputes, and mental health issues among young people in urban areas.

QUICK READ

Plan development with 30-year vision: Officials told

CH News, Bengaluru
Bengaluru West City Corporation Commissioner Rajendra KV has urged civic engineers and officials to work with a long-term vision while implementing development projects across the city. Speaking at a Budget-to-Action Plan Workshop, he emphasized efficient use of public funds, sustainable infrastructure planning, and better asset management for the benefit of future generations. Addressing officials during the workshop organized on May 8, Dr. Rajendra K.V. said engineers should treat their wards with a sense of pride and responsibility while working in the larger public interest. He stressed that all civic development projects must be planned by considering the needs of the city over the next 30 years rather than focusing only on short-term solutions.

Traffic snarls on Mysuru Road hit weekend travelers

CH News, Bengaluru
Severe traffic congestion was reported on Mysuru Road near Kengeri in Bengaluru over the weekend, causing frustration among commuters and travelers heading toward their hometowns. The traffic buildup was particularly noticed near a hotel located along the highway, where roadside parking allegedly worsened the congestion. According to local residents and commuters, long traffic jams stretching several kilometres were witnessed near Kadamba Hotel on Mysuru Road close to Kengeri. The area reportedly experiences heavy congestion during weekends as a large number of travelers stop for refreshments.

BCMC launches cleanliness drive near schools, colleges

CH News, Bengaluru
The Bengaluru Central Municipal Corporation (BCMC) has launched a special cleanliness campaign aimed at improving sanitation standards and making the city garbage-free. The initiative focused on areas surrounding schools and colleges while also creating public awareness about proper waste disposal practices. cording to civic officials, the cleanliness drive was conducted as part of the 11th phase of the corporation's action plan for urban sanitation and waste management. The campaign covered the surroundings of 33 schools and colleges located within the Bengaluru Central Municipal Corporation limits. Development Additional Commissioner Daljit Kumar.

CH NEWS, Bengaluru
The Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC) has intensified preparations for the ongoing Census 2027 house listing and housing enumeration process by directing census staff to continue field visits late into the night to cover locked houses across the city. Officials said the move aims to ensure that no household is left out of the important national exercise. As part of the first phase of Census 2027, house listing and housing census activities are currently

Top officials inspect north Bengaluru wards

The inspection aimed to assess the progress of infrastructure projects and ensure better public services in rapidly developing residential areas

CH NEWS, Bengaluru
The Chief Commissioner of the Greater Bengaluru Authority, Maheshwar Rao, along with Bengaluru North City Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar, conducted an inspection of multiple wards in North Bengaluru. During the inspection, the officials visited Ward No. 15 Byatarayanapura, Ward No. 17 Jakkur, and Ward No. 19 Thanisandra to review civic

conditions and monitor ongoing development works. The inspection aimed to assess the progress of infrastructure projects and ensure better public services in rapidly developing residential areas. One of the major concerns raised during the visit was the issue of illegal waste disposal near the railway parallel road in Jakkur. The Chief Commissioner directed civic officials to take strict action against those involved in unauthorized



dumping of garbage. As part of the enforcement measures, a fine of Rs 10,000 was imposed on the concerned

individuals responsible for the violation. Officials stated that such practices not only damage the environment but also create health hazards for nearby residents. The inspection team also reviewed the condition of footpaths along the main road in the MCECHS Layout area. Authorities observed that several shop owners had allegedly encroached upon pedestrian pathways by extending business activities onto public spaces. The Com-

missioner instructed officials to issue notices to the violators and ensure that footpaths are cleared for safe movement of pedestrians. In addition, the officials examined the ongoing railway parallel road project connecting Jakkur village to Airport Road. The project is considered important for improving connectivity and reducing traffic congestion in North Bengaluru. The Chief Commissioner directed engineers and contractors to speed

up the construction work and complete the project at the earliest. The team also visited the transfer point area in Byatarayanapura ward and instructed sanitation staff to maintain cleanliness and ensure proper waste handling practices. Civic authorities emphasized that regular inspections and strict monitoring would continue to improve urban infrastructure and maintain hygiene standards across Bengaluru's northern zones.

Footpaths cleared of encroachments in Peenya industrial area

CH NEWS, Bengaluru
The operation was carried out along a stretch of road measuring nearly 300 meters, beginning from the BMTC bus stand in Peenya Industrial Area Phase 2. Civic authorities removed multiple forms of encroachments that had obstructed footpaths and affected smooth pedestrian movement in the busy industrial locality. Officials stated that several unauthorized structures and materials had occupied both sides of the road, forcing pedestrians to walk on the main carriageway and creating safety concerns. During the clearance drive, authorities removed shop-front extensions, building debris, construction materials, temporary



toilet structures, abandoned seating arrangements, and damaged electric poles. According to civic officials, six cart shops and one permanent shop structure were dismantled during the operation. In addition, two abandoned vehicles were removed from the roadside to free up public space. Authorities also cleared construction materials equivalent to around ten tractor loads that had been dumped illegally on the footpath area.

Civic authorities removed multiple forms of encroachments that had obstructed pedestrian movement in the busy industrial locality

The operation also addressed infrastructure-related hazards. Ten dilapidated electric poles posing risks to pedestrians and motorists were removed from the site. Temporary seating arrangements made using broken electric poles were dismantled as part of the drive. Civic workers repaired damaged footpath slabs to ensure safe and uninterrupted movement for residents, workers, and commuters using the route daily. Heavy machinery, including cranes and JCB earthmovers,

was deployed to carry out the operation efficiently. Officials further instructed Bescom personnel to remove a 20 kV overhead cable running along the footpath area to prevent future safety hazards and facilitate proper pedestrian use of the walkway. The encroachment removal drive witnessed the participation of senior civic officials, including Chief Engineer Swayamprabha and Executive Engineer Shrirangaraju, along with officers from various departments, police personnel, and municipal workers. Authorities said such operations would continue in other parts of Bengaluru to maintain public infrastructure, ensure pedestrian safety, and prevent illegal occupation of civic spaces.

BMTC bus crashes into temple after driver loses control

CH NEWS, Bengaluru
A BMTC bus rammed into a temple in Bengaluru after the driver reportedly lost control while trying to avoid a bike rider. The incident occurred on 8th Mile Road near Andrahalli, leaving several passengers and the driver with minor injuries. According to preliminary information, the accident took place when the BMTC bus was travelling along the busy 8th Mile Road in the Andrahalli area of Bengaluru. Officials said the driver attempted to maneuver the vehicle to avoid a bike rider who suddenly came close to the bus on the road. During the attempt to prevent a collision with the two-wheeler, the driver reportedly lost control of the bus, causing it to veer off the road and crash into a nearby temple structure. The impact caused damage to the temple premises and created panic among local residents and commuters in the area. Passengers travelling inside the bus, including the driver, sustained minor injuries in the incident. They were reportedly provided immediate medical attention, and no serious injuries were recorded. Authorities confirmed that there were no fatalities or major casualties resulting from the crash. Local residents gathered at the scene soon after the accident, while police and emergency personnel arrived to assess the situation and clear the area.

Nolte Küchen launches flagship showroom in Bengaluru

BENGALURU
German kitchen brand Nolte Küchen has opened a new 3,500 sq. ft. flagship showroom in Indiranagar, Bengaluru, offering visitors an immersive experience of world-class kitchen design. The showroom features Nolte Küchen's latest collections, including Nolte Neo, Nolte, and Express, with a variety of styles, materials, and layouts suited for different needs and budgets. Highlights include anti-fingerprint acrylic glass finishes, elegant glass elements, and intelligent layouts combining style and functionality. Mr. Selva Kumar Rajulu, Managing Director & Senior Vice President, Nolte FZE,



said the showroom reflects the brand's commitment to India, with a planned investment of nearly ₹50 crore and seven more store openings across key cities by year-end. Signature kitchens on display include Neo Lodge, Neo Pure, Porto, Artline,

Perfect Plus, and Express collections, offering contemporary, classic, and practical designs. All kitchens are precision-engineered in Germany, customizable, and built for durability, elegance, and functionality. The showroom sets a new benchmark for premium kitchen experiences in Bengaluru.

DAY-LONG POWER CUTS IN PARTS OF CITY TODAY

CH NEWS, Bengaluru
Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) has announced scheduled power disruptions across more than 70 localities in Bengaluru on Sunday due to emergency maintenance work being undertaken by Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL). The power supply interruption is expected to last from 8 am to 6 pm. According to BESCOM officials, the tem-

porary power shutdown has been planned to facilitate emergency maintenance work at the 66/11 kV KHB sub-station under the Jalahalli division. Authorities stated that the maintenance activity is essential to ensure stable electricity supply and improve infrastructure reliability in the affected regions. Residents and commercial establishments in several parts of Bengaluru have been advised to prepare for interruptions in electricity supply throughout the day.

BESCOM stated that the outage would affect multiple residential layouts, industrial zones, and commercial areas connected to the Jalahalli and Solladevanahalli sub-stations. Areas likely to experience power cuts under the Jalahalli sub-station include Garuda Mall surroundings, Puttenahalli, Pawnee Residency, Sinitilla Apartments, Yelahanka Industrial Area, Prestige Garden Bay Villas, Chikkabommasandra, Allalasandra, Yelahanka B Section, JPN Colony.

It aims at preventing potential accidents and ensure public safety

Civic officials raze dangerous compound wall at KR Puram

CH NEWS, Bengaluru
The action was taken as part of ongoing monsoon safety measures being implemented across the city. The demolition operation was conducted at 5th Cross near Lakshminarayana Bhavan on Chikkabasavanapura Main Road in Bhattarahalli, located within the K.R. Puram region of Bengaluru East. According to civic officials, the compound wall had been severely weakened and was in a collapsing condition, posing a serious threat to nearby residents, pedestrians, and commuters using the busy road.

obstruction to traffic and pedestrian movement in the locality. Residents in the area welcomed the prompt response from civic authorities, noting that the damaged wall had become a matter of concern in recent days. Officials said such preventive actions are essential, especially during the monsoon season, when weakened structures can become hazardous due to heavy rain and water seepage.

Authorities stated that recent weather conditions and continuous rainfall had further increased the risk of the structure collapsing unexpectedly. Considering the potential danger to public life and property, Bengaluru East City Corporation officials initiated immediate action to safely demolish the unstable wall before any untoward incident could occur. The operation was carried out under strict safety precautions to ensure that the surrounding area remained secure during the demolition process. Civic personnel monitored the site closely while clearing the debris to avoid

The Bengaluru East City Corporation emphasized that citizen safety remains a top priority and that officials are continuously monitoring vulnerable locations across the city. Authorities have also urged property owners to inspect old or damaged structures and immediately report any potentially dangerous conditions to civic bodies. Civic officials added that proactive inspections and emergency responses are being intensified during the rainy season to reduce risks associated with collapsing walls, waterlogging, and weakened infrastructure. The corporation stated that similar preventive measures would continue in different parts of Bengaluru to protect citizens and maintain public safety standards.

Enumerators knock on doors of locked houses at night

CH NEWS, Bengaluru
As part of Census-2027 of India, house listing and census work under the first phase is being carried out within the jurisdiction of the Bengaluru Central City Corporation. To complete the census work within the stipulated time and ensure its success, officials are visiting every household within the Central City Corporation limits to conduct House Listing and Housing Census activities. However, in Bengaluru city, many houses are found locked as working residents are away for their jobs and due to other reasons. Such locked houses (door-locked houses) may otherwise remain excluded from the census process.



Therefore, in order to ensure that all households within the Central City Corporation limits are covered under the census operation and to facilitate the successful implementation of this important Central Government exercise, census staff have been instructed to carry out enumeration work at locked houses during evening hours and until late night, stated Additional Commissioner (Development) Shri Daljeet Kumar. For the past four days, enumerators have been conducting census work at door-locked houses during evening and late-night hours. This process will continue until May 15, 2026, the deadline fixed by the Central Government for census operations, Additional Commissioner (Development) Shri Daljeet Kumar stated.

To verify houses identified as locked by enumerators, Charge Officers and Revenue Department officials have been instructed to accompany enumerators and conduct cross-checking of houses marked as locked before carrying out census work. This process is currently underway. As per the directions of the Commissioner of the Central City Corporation, Additional Commissioner (Development) Shri Daljeet Kumar is conducting review meetings twice daily through video conference — in the morning and evening — to assess the progress of House Listing and Housing Census work. Necessary instructions regarding further action are being issued, and visits are also being made to mustering centres and census locations to ensure the successful completion of the census exercise. Enumeration Conducted at the Official Residence of Hon'ble Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Shri Eshwar Khandre. Today, census staff of the Central City Corporation visited the official residence of Hon'ble Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Shri Eshwar Khandre, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Bengaluru.

COUNT THAT NOT TO BE MISSED

BCCC holds census op at night to cover locked houses



underway across areas falling under the Bengaluru Central City Corporation limits. Civic authorities stated that enumerators have been visiting every household to complete data

collection within the stipulated timeline set by the Central Government. However, officials observed that many homes in Bengaluru remain locked during day-

time hours because residents are away at workplaces or engaged in other activities. Due to this, a significant number of houses were initially left uncovered during routine enumeration visits. To address the issue, census staff have now been instructed to revisit locked houses during evening and late-night hours so that all eligible households can be included in the census process. Development Additional Commissioner Daljit Kumar stated that the special late-evening enumeration exercise has already been underway for the

past four days. He added that the intensified drive would continue until May 15, 2026, which is the final deadline fixed by the Central Government for the completion of the current phase of census work. Authorities have also initiated a cross-checking mechanism to verify houses marked as locked by enumerators. Charge officers and revenue department officials are accompanying census staff to re-examine such houses and confirm their status before excluding them from the survey records.

QUICK READ



Young dancer Nimisha Shenai set for Arangetram

MANGALURU

Bharatanatyam dancer Nimisha Shenai will present her arangetram on May 10 at 5:15 pm at Palemar Convention Centre in Maryhill-Konchady, Mangaluru. She is a disciple of Guru Vidushi Vidyashree Radhakrishna from Gana Nritya Academy. Well-known artistes Sudheer Kodavoor, director of Udupi Nritya Niketan Kodavoor, and actress and Bharatanatyam dancer Manasi Sudheer will attend the programme as chief guests. Guru Vidyashree Radhakrishna will handle nattu-vangam and choreography for the performance. Vocal support will be provided by Srikanth Gopalakrishnan from Chennai, while Vinay Nagarajan from Bengaluru will perform on mridangam.

Facebook posts trigger complaint by theatre artiste

PUTTUR

Theatre artiste Sundar Rai Mandara filed a complaint with Puttur Rural Police, alleging that defamatory and threatening posts were shared against him and his family on Facebook and other social media platforms. According to the complaint, several objectionable posts targeted the artiste and his family members, causing mental stress and fear. Sundar Rai claimed that the messages were deliberately circulated to damage his public image and create fear among his relatives. In his complaint, he named Mahesh Shetty Timarodi, Satish Kumar Rai Padumale, Kudla Rampage, Prasanna Ravi and a few others as being involved in sharing the posts online.

Police issue safety rules for jewellery shops

PAVAGADA

Police officials held a meeting with jewellery shop owners under the jurisdiction of the Pavagada police station and advised them to strengthen security measures in their stores. Circle Inspector Suresh addressed the gathering and explained several precautions that shop owners must follow for the safety of their businesses. He instructed every jewellery shop to install CCTV cameras and regularly check whether they are functioning properly. He also stressed the need to maintain proper records during gold buying, selling and mortgage transactions. Shop owners were asked to verify customers' identity documents before carrying out any transaction and record complete details carefully.

Political greed costs Bengaluru the IPL final

Political demands for excessive free VIP tickets forced the BCCI to move the 2026 IPL final to Ahmedabad.

HUNSURU

In a move that has shocked local cricket fans, the BCCI has officially shifted the IPL 2026 final from Bengaluru to Ahmedabad. The decision follows a heated controversy involving Karnataka's elected representatives and their demands for a massive quota of free tickets. Satyappa, president of the Sathya MAS Foundation, has labeled the situation a "national shame," accus-

ing politicians of prioritizing "VIP culture" over the public interest. The trouble began when legislators, including 224 MLAs and 70 MLCs, allegedly lobbied for high-value complimentary passes. While BCCI protocols limit free ticket distribution to just 15% of stadium capacity, reports suggest state representatives demanded far more, with some requesting up to five VIP tickets each. Satyappa noted that with VIP tickets valued at

nearly 25,000 each, the total demand represented a staggering waste of over 4 crore. BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia confirmed the venue change, stating that excess demand for complimentary tickets beyond mandated quotas forced the board's hand. Because defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru were set to host the final, the shift to Narendra Modi Stadium is a major blow to the city's prestige and economy. Critics argue that the

state government should have used its influence to honor achievers and talented students instead of fighting for free seats. "If these representatives knew even a little about the struggles of farmers and the public, they would discuss those issues in the assembly rather than lobbying for cricket tickets," Satyappa said. The fallout has left the government facing sharp criticism for letting political greed derail a major sporting celebration.

LOCAL RESIDENTS FEAR FLOODING AS ROADS CRUMBLE

MANIPAL

Families living near the Aatradi-Hirebettu road are bracing for a difficult monsoon as their main transit route falls into total disrepair. What used to be a smooth path is now a source of daily stress for commuters and neighbors.

The primary concern is the drainage system. Currently, the gutters are choked with plastic bottles, household trash, and thick silt. Residents admit that illegal dumping has turned these drains into stagnant pools that smell terrible. With heavy rains expected soon, there is a very real fear that water will have nowhere to go but inside people's homes and across the driving



lanes.

The mess isn't just underfoot. Overgrown bushes and wild plants are swallowing the roadsides toward Tattur and Kabyadi. Locals report a heartbreaking sight, stray animals dragging discarded waste across the pavement. This creates a massive health risk for children walking to school and elderly residents

living nearby.

Even though this road is a vital link to the Mangaluru International Airport, it is covered in dangerous potholes. Near Hirebettu Junction, loose gravel makes the surface feel like marbles under motorcycle tires, causing frequent skids. Public spaces aren't faring any better; the Tattur bus shelter is currently hidden behind a wall of weeds, making it unusable for passengers seeking shade.

Tired of waiting, the community is now making a final plea to local officials. They want the drains cleared and the asphalt patched immediately, before the first rains turn these small problems into a disaster.

Citizens must fight money power in elections

KALABURAGI

In a powerful call to protect democracy, the Bharatiya Electoral Reforms Struggle Committee hosted a national symposium today at KCT Education College. The event, titled "Control Money Power in Elections, Save Democracy," aimed to inspire future educators to lead the fight against political corruption and the dangerous influence of wealth in voting. Principal Dr. Shantappa Soma inaugurated the session with an inspiring speech. He challenged the common belief that only politicians are responsible for nation-building. "

Protesters accuse officials of hiding the Lakshmana Teertha River's severe pollution from inspectors to win unmerited awards while sewage continues contaminating drinking water downstream.

Hunsur's polluted river sparks cleanliness report row

HUNSUR

A major controversy has erupted as the State Cleanliness Monitoring Team begins its inspection of Hunsur. Local activists, led by Satyappa of the Sathya MAS Foundation, allege that authorities are misleading the visiting team to secure an undeserved cleanliness award.

While the monitoring team is currently camping in the city to prepare its report, critics claim they are being "lured" by local officials to visit only pre-cleaned pockets. The protesters warn that ignoring the city's massive drainage issues will lead to a false report being submitted to the government.

The central point of contention is the historic Lakshmana Teertha River. Originating in South Kodagu and flowing



Basavanna statue unveiled to promote social equality

RAMANAGARA

Retired Justice Nagamohan Das called for a society built on justice and coexistence during the unveiling of a new Basavanna statue at the City Council premises. Speaking at the Basava Jayanti event, the Justice emphasized that true progress is only possible if citizens move beyond "caste politics" and embrace the shared principles of Lord Basavanna and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Justice Das noted that while many politicians use the images of great thinkers for gain, these philosophers actually belong to all of humanity. He reminded the audience that in the 12th century, Basavanna and the Vachanakaras fought against hereditary professions and untouchability. These same values of equality are now the backbone of the Indian Constitution. "The Vachanakaras give us a moral path, while the Constitution provides a legal one," Justice Das stated. He expressed regret that many

Retired Justice Nagamohan Das unveiled a Basavanna statue, urging citizens to embrace constitutional values and end caste-based politics.

people either haven't read these important texts or fail to practice their teachings in daily life. He described the historic Anubhava Mantapa as an early center of democracy that mirrors our modern parliamentary system. Municipal President K. Seshadri Sashi highlighted that the council had officially budgeted for this celebration to honor the "pioneer of social justice." He reiterated the city's commitment to helping the poor and backward classes. The event was graced by several prominent spiritual leaders and local officials. The ceremony concluded with a call to realize a welfare state by blending secularism with the timeless wisdom of the Sharanaras to ensure a prosperous future for all.

Ancient Basrur lakes crumble under heavy neglect

BASRUR

The historic town of Basrur, once a shimmering jewel of the Vijayanagara Empire, is watching its legacy dry up. Known historically as "Vasupura," this former port town once traded with Rome and China. However, the famous "seven lakes" that define its heritage are fighting a losing battle against time and total administrative apathy. Basrur's identity is tied to seven specific water bodies, including Devara Kere and Halavara Kere. Built centuries ago with sturdy red stone slabs and elegant steps, these lakes were designed for both irrigation and daily life. Fast forward to the present, and the scene is grim. Most of these structures are in ruins. Only three lakes still hold any water, but even those are choked by thick green algae and stagnant filth, making them completely unusable for the local residents. Community members recall past attempts to remove silt, but without a long-term plan, the weeds simply returned. The sight of these crumbling monuments is a painful reminder of a glorious past being forgotten. However, a small glimmer of hope has finally emerged for the thirsty town.

Struggling Karkala residents demand better parking solutions

KARKALA

Karkala is famous for its rich history and beautiful landmarks, but for the people living there, the daily reality is a nightmare of gridlock. As the town grows, its infrastructure remains stuck in the past, leaving drivers and walkers frustrated by constant congestion and a total lack of parking.

For over ten years, officials have debated how to fix the parking crisis, yet little has changed. Without official lots, cars and bikes line both sides of the narrow streets. This creates a bottleneck at SBI Junction and Venkatramana Temple Road, where traffic often grinds to a complete halt. The situation has become so dire that even emergency ambulances find themselves trapped in long queues during the busiest

hours of the day.

The chaos on the road has spilled onto the sidewalks. Pedestrians are being forced to walk into the flow of traffic because footpaths are packed with parked vehicles. Adding to the town's worries, residents have reported a rise in public disturbances. Groups of intoxicated individuals often loiter near the bus stands, making students and women feel unsafe while they wait for transportation.

With the major Bahubali Mahamastakabhisheka festival approaching, the town expects a massive wave of tourists. Local families are now calling for an urgent meeting with leaders to find a real fix. They aren't asking for miracles, just clear roads, safe walking paths, and a dedicated place to park their cars so that Karkala can finally breathe again.



Thieves swipe crucial cameras from Tiger Reserve

CHIKKAMAGALURU

In a worrying breach of forest security, unknown thieves have stolen specialized cameras meant for the ongoing tiger census. The devices were located within the Muthodi wildlife sanctuary, a key part of the Bhadra Tiger

Reserve. Forest officials confirmed that the high-tech equipment was working perfectly until May 4. However, the crime was discovered the following day. During a routine patrol on May 5, Deputy Range Forest Officer Yaseen Basha and forest guard Nandish noticed the cameras

were missing from their designated spots. The stolen gear is valued at approximately Rs.40,000. The Forest Department has officially filed a complaint at the Mallanduru Police Station. While the search for the culprits is underway, the motive remains a mystery.

SWR SAFETY RESCUE DRIVE

Railways boost safety and rescue missing children

SHIVAMOGGA

The South Western Railway (SWR) has intensified its safety measures, achieving remarkable results in passenger protection and crime prevention during April 2026. Dr. Manjunath Kana-madi, Chief Public Relations Officer, announced that the Railway Protection Force (RPF) successfully rescued 67 children and recovered stolen property and contraband valued at over Rs. 100 lakh. Under the initiative "Operation Nanhe Far-



ishtey," officers rescued 55 boys and 12 girls who had become separated from their families. These children

were safely handed over to NGOs and police for reunification. Beyond humanitarian efforts, the RPF main-

tained a strict crackdown on illegal activities. Through "Operation Narco," officials seized nearly 99 kilograms of narcotics worth Rs. 61.42 lakh and arrested four individuals. The campaign also prioritized passenger belongings and fair ticketing. "Operation Amanat" saw the recovery of lost items worth Rs. 36.62 lakh, which were promptly returned to their rightful owners. Additionally, the force tackled illegal ticket scalping under "Operation Upalabd," arresting 17 touts and seizing

tickets worth over Rs. 2.43 lakh. Minor offenses were also addressed, with 77 bottles of illegal liquor seized and handed over to the Excise Department. Dr. Kana-madi emphasized that the RPF remains committed to working round-the-clock to ensure that rail travel is not only reliable for freight but also safe, secure, and comfortable for every traveler. This intensified vigil highlights the SWR's dedication to safeguarding both national property and public welfare.

Udupi issues fire safety rules as heatwaves rise

UDUPI

As scorching temperatures grip the region, the Udupi City Municipal Council (CMC) has issued an urgent fire safety advisory to protect lives and property. With fire accidents on the rise in both shops and homes, the municipal body is demanding that citizens take immediate preventive action before a disaster strikes. In a formal press release, the CMC Commissioner warned that the current heatwave has turned many buildings into potential tin-

derboxes. To combat this risk, owners of commercial complexes, hospitals, factories, and residential apartments are now required to install functional fire hydrant systems. The advisory specifically targets scrap yards and warehouses storing chemicals or fuel, where even a tiny spark could trigger a catastrophic explosion. Beyond just installing equipment, the city is pushing for better education. The CMC has instructed businesses to provide basic fire-fighting training to their staff. Safety.

QUICK READ

Gadag to celebrate Shivasharane maraddi Mallamma Jayanti

GADAG
Gadag District will host the Shivasharane Hemaraddi Mallamma Jayanti 2026 on May 10 at 10:30 am at the APMC Yard of K.H. Pati Sabha Bhavan. The event is organized jointly by the Gadag District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, and the Kannada and Culture Department. The program will be inaugurated by Dr. H.K. Patil, State Law, Justice and Human Rights Minister and Gadag District In-charge. Legislative Council Speaker Basavaraj Horatti and Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj S. Thangadgi will attend as dignitaries. Chief guests include former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Karnataka MLAs, MPs, and senior government officials. Shirahatti writer and lecturer Mrs. Sudha Huchanavara will deliver a talk on Hemaraddi Mallamma's life and teachings. District officials, including Deputy Commissioner C.N. Sridhar and Superintendent of Police Rohan Jagadish, welcomed participants. The program aims to honor the legacy of the revered Shivasharane Hemaraddi Mallamma and spread her message of devotion, service, and social harmony.



Three arrested in Belagavi house burglary case

BELAGAVI
Belagavi APMC police have arrested three people in connection with a house burglary in Kuvempu Nagar, recovering stolen items worth ₹4.71 lakh. The accused were identified as Devendra Waghmore and Sachin Gowli from Kolhapur, Maharashtra, and Kapil Jadhav from Hatkanagale taluk. The burglary, reported on May 3, led to the recovery of 12.08 grams of gold ornaments valued at ₹1.67 lakh, 744 grams of silver worth ₹1.83 lakh, two motorcycles, and other valuables. Police confirmed the successful resolution of the case following the arrests. In separate operations across the city, police also apprehended individuals involved in online cricket betting and illegal ganja activities. Authorities seized cash, mobile phones, and cannabis during the raids. Further investigation is ongoing to uncover additional connections and prevent similar crimes in the future. The police urged citizens to remain vigilant and report suspicious activities promptly.

VIJAYANAGARA EMPIRE DRAMA

Students relive golden era through Krishnadevaraya drama

KUSHTAGI
The glorious legacy of the Vijayanagara Empire came to life at the Government First Grade College in Kushtagi during a special theatrical event. Organized by Koppal University, the program featured a stage performance based on the life of the legendary Emperor Sri Krishnadevaraya, aimed at teaching history through the power of art. College Principal Vidyavati Gotur, who inaugurated the event, spoke passionately

Officers key to success for better villages

Panchayat Development Officers hold the vital key to transforming rural India by turning government visions into thriving model villages.

SRINIVASPUR

The dream of creating "Model Villages" is now in the hands of Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs). These local leaders are the backbone of rural growth, turning government plans into real results for families. Experts say that for a village to truly thrive, its administration must be honest, clear, and open to the public. A model village isn't just about fancy roads. It is about clean water, good drains, bright streetlights, and smart waste management. PDOs handle major projects like the MGNREGA job scheme and the Jal Jeevan Mission. When these officers work with a "people-first" mindset, taxpayer money goes toward high-quality work that actually helps the poor instead of just



looking good on paper. Modern villages are also going digital. With "Grama One" centers, residents can now get birth certificates or file taxes online. However, people are calling for even more transparency. Many feel that lists of project costs and beneficiaries should be posted publicly so everyone knows where the money is going. The heart of this progress is the Gram Sabha. These meetings allow

neighbors to speak up about their problems and help make big decisions together. When citizens participate and officers listen, corruption stays away. From planting trees to supporting women's self-help groups, the goal is clear, a better life for every villager. As local residents often say, when the village prospers, the whole nation grows stronger. Honest leadership is the secret to making that happen.

After ten years of frustration, construction has finally begun on a vital Alur road, ensuring safer, flood-free travel.

Long overdue road work begins in Alur

ALUR

After a decade of frustration and broken promises, the residents of Alur and Yembali finally have a reason to celebrate. The long-pending development of the connecting road between the two villages has officially begun, marking the end of a struggle that has lasted for over ten years.

For years, this stretch of road was a nightmare for

commuters. The primary culprit was a poorly designed gokatte (water storage tank) built on the right side of the path. Every time it rained, the tank would overflow, turning the road into a small river. This wasn't just a hurdle for drivers, it was a crisis for the grieving. The village burial ground sits nearby and was frequently submerged, forcing heartbroken families to perform final rites in knee-deep

water.

The new project, estimated to cost several crores, aims to fix these issues once and for all. Engineers have started building a specialized barrier and strengthening the road base. Local officials promised that the drainage system would be redesigned scientifically to ensure that water flows away from both the road and the cemetery.

Relieved villagers ex-

Congress leader hints at BJP power struggles

DAVANAGERE

In a move that has stirred the political pot in Karnataka, senior Congress leader Satish Jarkiholi has issued a cryptic warning to BJP veteran B.S. Yediyurappa. Speaking in Davanagere, Jarkiholi advised the former Chief Minister to remain extremely cautious of his own party colleagues, hinting at deep-seated betrayals within the saffron camp. Jarkiholi remarked that senior leaders must always be awake to the shifting loyalties and internal power struggles within their organizations. While his comments were phrased as a "political observation," they were clearly aimed at the fragile dynamics currently playing out inside the BJP. He suggested that trust is a rare commodity in politics and that Yediyurappa should handle his internal coordination



with extreme care to avoid being sidelined.

The Congress leader's statement comes at a time of high friction between the two major parties. Jarkiholi, known for his strategic mind and active role in state politics, seems to be highlighting a perceived rift among BJP leadership. By commenting on the "internal health" of his rivals, he is effectively questioning the stability of the opposition. While the BJP has not yet issued an official re-

Satish Jarkiholi's cryptic warning to B.S. Yediyurappa about internal BJP betrayals has sparked intense political speculation regarding shifting loyalties and deep-seated rifts within the opposition.

sponse to this unsolicited advice, the remarks have already gained significant traction in political circles.

Library closures spark fury among Sandur students

SANDUR

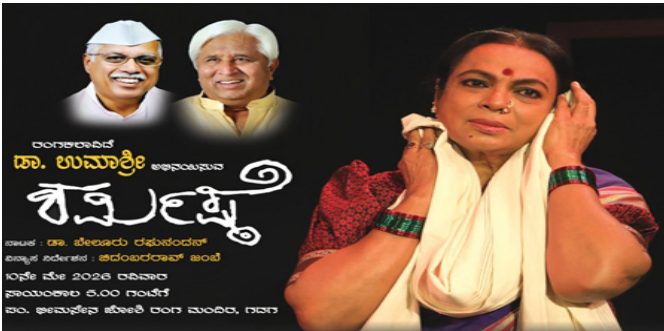
A wave of public anger has hit the Nidugurti Gram Panchayat as students and book lovers find themselves locked out of the local Information Centre. The library, a vital resource for youth preparing for competitive exams, has reportedly been closing its doors every afternoon, leaving residents stranded and disappointed. The controversy stems from a confusion over operating hours. While government offices in the Kalyana Karnataka region follow a summer schedule of

8:00 AM to 1:30 PM, there is no official order applying these hours to public libraries. Despite this, staff at the Nidugurti centre have been shuttering the facility at midday. When residents questioned the early closures, officials allegedly claimed the centre operates under its "own rules," further fueling local frustration. The impact of these irregular hours is significant. Many students and job seekers rely on the library's quiet environment and resources to study for career-defining examinations.

UMASHREE TO STAR IN SHARMISHTA DRAMA

GADAG

The heart of Gadag is set to beat with cultural fervor as the district prepares for a prestigious theatrical event. Organized jointly by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat, and the Department of Kannada and Culture, the acclaimed play "Sharmishta" will be staged at the Pandit Bhimsen Joshi District Auditorium. The spotlight of the evening will be on veteran actress and National Award winner Dr. Umashree, who plays the lead role. Written by Dr. Belur Raghunandan and directed by the veteran Chidambar Rao Jambhe, the play is celebrated for its deep exploration of human values, emotional bonds, and social complexities. Over the years, this production has earned a reputation for being both



thought-provoking and deeply moving. The event will be presided over by Dr. H.K. Patil, the Minister for Law and Tourism, who also serves as the district in-charge. His presence, alongside various literary figures and officials, underscores the state's commitment to reviving regional theatre. Organizers have made the event free for the public, extending a special invitation to students and the youth. By

opening the doors to everyone, the administration hopes to spark a renewed interest in Kannada's rich artistic heritage among the younger generation. For theatre lovers in Gadag, this is a rare opportunity to witness Dr. Umashree's powerful performance live. It isn't just a play, it is a celebration of stories that mirror our lives, brought to life by the finest talents in the industry.

Corruption probe ignites tension at Taluk Office

SRIRANGAPATNA

A high-level investigation has been launched into the Srirangapatna Taluk Office following serious allegations of corruption and illegal construction. Deputy Commissioner

Veerappa and Inquiry Judge Aravind led a team of officials to examine sensitive files after a complaint was lodged by Kiranguru Papu Chinavi, a prominent member of the Karnataka State Farmers' Union. The core of the dispute involves

the Kaveri river basin, which the government declared a protected buffer zone. Chinavi alleges that officials failed to install mandatory warning plaques, instead collaborating with wealthy industrialists to allow illegal dam construction.

Bangarappa launches ₹30 lakh rural road project

SORABA

School Education and Literacy Minister S. Madhu Bangarappa launched a ₹30 lakh road development project in Soraba taluk, fulfilling a key promise to improve rural infrastructure. The Minister performed the "bhoomi puja" for the new route connecting Sri Kalikamba Kammateshwara Temple in Shyadalakoppa to Indihalli village. Speaking at the event, Bangarappa emphasized that transforming his constituency is a top priority that will be achieved in steady phases. He

noted that this specific project is a vital step toward strengthening connectivity for villagers, making it easier for residents to transport goods and access essential services. "Every single village deserves to see progress," Bangarappa told the gathering. "Our first goal is to listen to the problems of common people and ensure that government benefits reach the very last person in the line." He further promised to work closely with the administration to secure additional grants for every Gram Panchayat within the taluk.

Kota c-section deaths trigger suspensions in hospital

JAIPUR

Taking serious action over deaths of mothers after cesarean deliveries at Kota's New Medical College Hospital, the Rajasthan government has suspended a doctor and two nursing staff. A UTB contract doctor has been dismissed and two other doctors received show-cause notices as inquiry begins. Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma ordered a fair investigation and strict action, while health officials review hospital care and monitor patients. Authorities said protocols, operating theatres, and post-surgery monitoring systems are being reviewed to prevent further negligence, and accountability will be fixed. Officials assured improved care for admitted mothers under supervision going forward now

Ahmedabad Zoo shields animals from heatwave

AHMEDABAD

The Kamla Nehru Zoological Garden at Kankaria, run by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, has stepped up cooling measures as temperatures crossed 40°C during a heatwave. More than 2,000 animals, birds, and reptiles are being protected with around 40 air coolers placed near enclosures of elephants, lions, tigers, and leopards. Shade nets, water sprinkling, and geothermal cooling systems have also been installed. Zoo staff are ensuring hydration using ORS and glucose in water, while diets include water-rich fruits. Veterinary teams are closely monitoring animal health as visitors continue to arrive in large numbers during the summer season.

Armed men abducts Woman, Infant

SHIVPURI

Police in Shivpuri said a 22-year-old woman and her three-month-old daughter were abducted from their home by armed men on Friday night. According to complaint she was in a live-in relationship and had returned to her parents due to harassment. Eight to ten men allegedly entered the house with weapons, beat the family, and used caste abuses, closely monitoring animal health as visitors continue.

NAME CHANGE

I, **SHAHIN TAJ** , W/o, Syed Shafi Ulla, Resident of No 148, 2nd Street Gaffar Khan Mohalla Srinivaspur Kolar Dist,563135, have changed my name to **SHAHEEN TAJ** , vide affidavit Dated: 07.04.2026 before notary B.A. LAKSHMINARAYANA RAO, Bengaluru.

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Kejriwal compares Modi to Aurangzeb

The AAP leader said Modi has wrongly taken control over many parts of India and has now reached Punjab

NEW DELHI

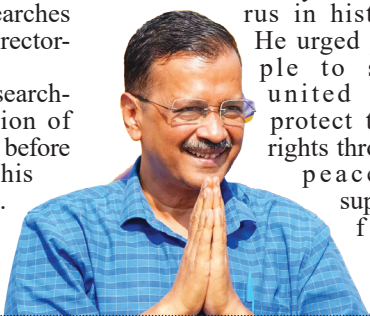
Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday compared Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Mughal ruler Aurangzeb during a press conference in New Delhi. He made strong remarks while responding to recent Enforcement Directorate action in Punjab. He said Modi has wrongly taken control over many parts of India and has now reached

Punjab. Kejriwal said Punjab is the land of Gurus and added that history shows Aurangzeb once used force and control, similar to what he alleged is happening today in politics. He made these comments after ED action against Punjab minister Sanjeev Arora. Kejriwal said Punjab is being targeted through repeated raids and pressure on leaders. He also said the central government is misusing agencies

against opposition leaders. He referred to the farm law protests and said farmers forced the government to withdraw the laws earlier. He added that after elections in other states, raids in Punjab have increased, creating fear among leaders and citizens. Kejriwal also mentioned former AAP Rajya Sabha member Ashok Mittal, saying he faced a raid and later joined the Bharatiya Janata Party. He claimed this shows

political pressure behind such actions. He added that similar pressure is being placed on Sanjeev Arora, who was recently arrested after searches by the Enforcement Directorate. The ED carried out searches under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act before arresting Arora from his Chandigarh residence. Kejriwal said such actions aim to weaken opposition leaders

and force political changes. He said Punjab will resist pressure and follow the path shown by Sikh Gurus in history. He urged people to stay united and protect their rights through peaceful support f o r



elected leaders. Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia said Arora was arrested in a GST-related fraud case. However, there has been no official statement from the Enforcement Directorate so far. The issue has triggered strong political debate in Punjab and other regions. Supporters of AAP called the action unfair, while others defended the role of investigating agencies.

BJP leaders hail major Bengal shift

KOLKATA

Newly inducted West Bengal minister Agnimitra Paul on Saturday said the BJP government marks fulfilment of Syama Prasad Mookerjee's vision and claimed Bengal has been saved from turning into Western Bangladesh. Her remarks came after Suwendu Adhikari took oath as chief minister of first BJP led government in West Bengal along with other ministers. The cabinet also included Dilip

Ghosh, Nisith Pramanik, Ashok Kirtania and Khudiram Tudu among others. Speaking to reporters, Paul recalled struggles of BJP workers and alleged years of violence, harassment and cases during previous rule. She said workers faced attacks and claimed the situation had changed after the new government came to power. Paul also said Syama Prasad Mookerjee's ideals guided the party's rise in Bengal politics. She alleged Mamata Banerjee's government

pursued appeasement politics and claimed cultural identity was at risk. Paul further said Bengal was protected from turning into Bangladesh like conditions due to BJP leadership. She said victims of past political violence deserve justice and peace under the new administration. The swearing in ceremony marked a major political shift in West Bengal with BJP forming government for the first time. Party leaders said the change reflects people's mandate and com-

mitment to development and governance reforms across the state. However opposition leaders continued to criticise the new government and rejected the claims made by BJP leaders. They said allegations of violence and cultural threat were exaggerated and aimed at political mobilisation ahead of future elections. The situation in West Bengal remains politically tense as both sides exchange sharp statements following the change in power.

TMC to continue fight against BJP rule: Abhishek

KOLKATA

As Suwendu Adhikari took oath as the ninth Chief Minister of West Bengal on Saturday, Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee said the party's fight against the BJP will continue. He said the election was marked by alleged irregularities and claimed that nearly 30 lakh genuine voters were removed from electoral rolls. In a social media statement, Banerjee alleged partisan conduct by government agencies and raised questions about the role of the Election Commission of India. He demanded release of CCTV footage from counting centres and verification of VVPAT slips to ensure transparency in the election process. He said democratic institutions must maintain trust and alleged that recent events in West Bengal have raised doubts among citizens. Banerjee also raised concerns over post poll violence, claiming that party workers were at-

tacked and forced to leave their homes. He said no political worker should face fear for their beliefs in a democracy and called the situation unacceptable. He reiterated support for West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and said the fight for democracy will continue. According to him, the party will continue to stand with citizens and party workers affected by alleged political pressure. He said the movement will remain peaceful but firm in demanding electoral reforms and accountability from institutions. Party leaders said they would continue outreach across West Bengal to mobilise support and highlight their concerns. The statement comes amid rising political tensions following the change of government in the state. Leaders from both sides continue to exchange sharp accusations over the election process and governance issues. Further developments are expected in coming days across political state.

TN awaits clarity on new government

CHENNAI

The formation of the new government in Tamil Nadu remains uncertain as political discussions and alliances continue after the recent Assembly elections. AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami extended congratulations to all winning candidates and parties in the 17th Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly election while wishing success to whichever party forms the next government. The state election was held on April 23 across all 234

constituencies in a single phase and saw a closely fought four corner contest involving the DMK alliance, AIADMK alliance, Naam Tamilar Katchi, and actor Vijay led Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam. TVK has emerged as the single largest party with 108 seats, but it is still working to secure a majority in the House. Congress and Left parties have already announced support for TVK, but the party is still awaiting a formal decision from Viduthalaï Chiruthaigal Katchi, which is

expected to play a key role in forming the government. VCK leader Thol Thirumavalavan is scheduled to announce the party's stand later on Saturday, which could influence the final equation in the 234 member Assembly. At the same time, political tensions have increased after AMMK general secretary T T V Dhinakaran filed a complaint alleging that a fake support letter in the name of party MLA Kamaraj was submitted in favour of TVK. This has raised questions over the validity of support claims made by some parties.

CBI extradites Haryana fugitive from Portugal

NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation has coordinated the extradition of wanted fugitive Abhay alias Abhay Rana from Portugal to India. It worked with the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs along with INTERPOL and Haryana Police in the operation. The fugitive was wanted in serious criminal cases including extortion, threats, attempt to murder, and running an organised crime network. Investigators said he and his associates allegedly targeted businessmen in Haryana through social media and demanded ransom money. Victims who refused payment were reportedly assaulted by members of the syndicate, according to police findings. Following investigation, charges were filed and a court issued proceedings against the ac-

cused in India. After a request from Haryana Police, INTERPOL issued a Red Notice leading to his arrest in Portugal. Portuguese authorities approved extradition after legal procedures and handed him over to Indian officials. He was brought to New Delhi by a police escort team on Saturday and taken into custody. Officials said over 160 fugitives have been brought back to India in recent years through coordinated international efforts. The agency continues to use INTERPOL channels and the BHARATPOL platform to strengthen global police cooperation. Authorities said the case highlights growing international cooperation in tracking and returning dangerous fugitives to ensure justice and improve cross-border law enforcement coordination between partner nations globally.



Akhilesh tour jibe sparks BJP clash row

NEW DELHI

BJP leader Syed Shah Nawaz Hussain on Saturday attacked Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav over his visit to Kolkata and meeting with Trinamool Congress leaders after West Bengal election results. He said Akhilesh has become a tourist who goes to places of defeat and consoles allies after losses. He also said the Congress party often leaves its partners in the INDIA alliance when they lose elections. He added that in West Bengal, Congress did not stand firmly with Mamata Banerjee and had made statements before results. He also referred to setbacks faced by DMK, saying Congress stepped away quickly. Hussain said this shows cracks within the opposition bloc. Akhilesh Yadav recently met Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee at the Chief Minister's residence in Kolkata. After the meeting, Akhilesh alleged electoral fraud and accused authorities of manipulation in the West Bengal elections.

ED ARRESTS PUNJAB MINISTER AFTER MULTI-CITY RAIDS

CHANDIGARH

The Enforcement Directorate on Saturday arrested Punjab Industry Minister Sanjeev Arora after conducting raids at multiple locations linked to him in Chandigarh and other regions. The action followed extensive searches carried out under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act as part of an ongoing investigation. Officials have not yet issued an official statement confirming details of the arrest. According to reports, ED teams searched at least four premises connected to Arora, including his official residence in Chandigarh. This marks the third such raid in about a year, with earlier searches conducted in April and previous months in connection with similar allegations. Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia claimed that the arrest is linked to alleged GST fraud and financial irregularities involving a mobile phone purchase and export network. He also alleged connections to money laundering and fund movement through foreign

channels. Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann accused the central government of misusing investigative agencies for political purposes. He said repeated raids on Arora's residence show a pattern of pressure tactics and defended his minister, stating that no wrongdoing has been proven. Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal also criticised the action, alleging that central agencies are being used to target opposition leaders and weaken political rivals rather than focusing on corruption cases. The ED had earlier investigated Arora in connection with alleged land conversion and financial irregularities when he was a Member of Parliament. The current case reportedly involves wider scrutiny of business transactions and associated firms. Opposition leaders have demanded transparency in the investigation, while ruling party representatives say the law must be applied equally to all individuals involved. The case has triggered a fresh political clash in Punjab.

GUARD OF EASTERN FRONTIER

ICGS Achal bolsters maritime security

PANJİ

The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the new patrol vessel ICGS Achal at Goa Shipyard Limited on Saturday, marking a boost to its fleet strength in the North West region. The vessel was commissioned by senior defence officials in the presence of Coast Guard leadership and state representatives. Named 'Achal', meaning firm, the ship reflects the service commitment to maritime security and protection of national wa-



ters. It has been built by Goa Shipyard Limited with more than fifty percent indigenous components, supporting India's self-reliance goals. The vessel is 51-metre-long and

can reach a speed of twenty seven knots with an endurance of fifteen hundred nautical miles. It is equipped with advanced engines, modern control systems and precision

weapons to support multiple maritime missions including patrol and rescue operations. The ship will be based at Vadinar in Gujarat under the operational control of the Coast Guard Region North West. It will be used for surveillance, search and rescue, anti-smuggling operations and pollution response along India's coastline. The crew consists of trained officers and personnel capable of operating the ship's advanced systems in all conditions. Officials said the commissioning of Achal strengthens coastal

security and improves readiness of the Indian Coast Guard. It marks another step in India's effort to build modern indigenous defence capability under national initiatives like Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat, while also enhancing safety at sea for fishermen, trade vessels and maritime traffic across the region, officials added, highlighting the ship's role in long term maritime protection and rapid response during emergencies at sea across Indian maritime zones coastline and waters.

QUICK READ

2 women seek protection after temple marriage

GURUGRAM
Two adult women living in Sohna, Gurugram, have sought police protection after claiming a temple marriage and alleging threats from their families. Police said the couple, one Hindu and one Muslim, had been friends for a long time and were originally from Delhi. Relatives filed an online complaint, after which a crowd gathered in the area and police reached the spot to investigate the matter. Officials confirmed both are adults and said they were allowed to leave after completing legal formalities, reiterating that they had requested protection from authorities due to alleged threats from families officials.

SC to hear PIL on education regulation on May 11
NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court will hear a Public Interest Litigation on May 11 seeking regulation of all institutions teaching or giving religious instruction to children under 14 years. The plea filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay asks for registration, recognition, supervision and monitoring of such institutions to protect children. It argues that young students are vulnerable and need safeguards under the Constitution. The petition also raises concerns about unregistered centres operating in border areas and says better oversight is needed to prevent misuse and ensure quality education for children across the country. The hearing is scheduled soon.

Pistol, ammunition seized in Churachandpur op
IMPHAL
Security forces in Manipur arrested a and seized a pistol and ammunition in Churachandpur district, police said. The accused, a resident of Churachandpur, is suspected to be an active member of Kuki National Army (Burma) and was caught in Zou Veng area on May 8. One 9 mm pistol, a magazine and seven live rounds were recovered. Officials said the arrest is part of ongoing operations near Myanmar border amid rising militant activity. Former CM Biren Singh called it serious and warned against unlawful armed groups operating in the state border regions. Police said investigation continues.

Mamata, Adhikari update profiles after Bengal shift

KOLKATA
Former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari updated their social media profiles on Saturday following major political changes in the state after the Assembly election outcome. Adhikari, who took oath earlier in the day as the new Chief Minister of West Bengal, updated his online profiles to reflect his new position. His social media identity now reads “Chief Minister of West Bengal”. Banerjee, meanwhile, revised her profile description but did not use the term “former Chief Minister”.

Union Min Bandi Sanjay's son booked under POCSO

The accused has lodged a counter complaint accusing the girl and her parents of extortion

HYDERABAD

Police in Hyderabad have filed a serious case under the POCSO Act against Bhageerath, son of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar, over claims of sexually harassing a 17-year-old girl. In response, the accused has lodged a counter-complaint accusing the girl and her parents of extortion. The girl's mother told police that her daughter, a student, had been in a relation-



ship with Bhageerath for about seven to eight months. She alleged that he harassed the minor sexually. Officers said they have not yet questioned the girl but are investigating the matter. Bhageerath, however, painted a different

picture in his complaint filed at a Karimnagar police station. He claimed he met the girl through social circles and joined her family for events and trips to holy sites, thinking they were friends. According to his account, the girl and her parents later pressured him to marry her. When he refused, they demanded huge sums of money and threatened false charges. He said he paid ₹50,000 out of fear to the father, but they then asked for ₹5 crore. Bhageerath also al-

leged the mother threatened suicide if he did not pay. Police registered an FIR based on the girl's mother's complaint, while also noting Bhageerath's version. The case highlights tensions around consent in POCSO matters, where even relationships can lead to charges if one party is underage. Both sides await further probe as the incident draws attention to the minister's family. No arrests have been made yet.

'Money laundering': ED arrests Punjab Min Sanjeev Arora

CHANDIGARH

Punjab Power, Industries, Investment Promotion and Local Government Minister Sanjeev Arora has been arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) following a search operation at his official residence in Sector 2 in an alleged money laundering case. Meanwhile, the ED has also provisionally attached assets belonging to M/s Hampton Sky Realty Limited and entities under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) linked to Arora in connection with an alleged foreign exchange violation. The violation involves bogus exports worth Rs 157.12 crore. Sanjeev Arora is considered the most powerful minister in the Bhagwant Mann Cabinet



and was mainly responsible for forging ties between the AAP government and industrialists of the State, in a case related to money laundering. However, Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema told the media that no arrest had been officially confirmed yet. The ED is yet to officially respond to reports of his arrest. Sources further added that the searches were conducted at five premises in Delhi, Gurgaon and Chandigarh, on the office premises of Hampton Sky Realty Limited, and Arora's residence. A case of large-scale money laundering allegedly committed by Arora through his company in fake GST purchases of mobile phones worth more than Rs 100 crore and through exports to round-trip

Charges against Arora

He generated fraudulent purchase invoices for mobile phones worth over Rs 100 crore from non-existent firms based in Delhi through his company.

These transactions were 'used' to claim undue input tax credit (ITC), along with wrongful GST refunds on export credits and duty drawbacks.

The proceeds of crime were routed through export channels and subsequently round-tripped back into India from Dubai in an attempt to legitimise.

illegitimate funds from Dubai to India was detected. Also, many fake GST purchase bills have been obtained from non-existent firms in Delhi to claim fake ITC.

Constitution ensures equality for all: Rijiju

MUMBAI

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday said that all citizens in India are equal under the Constitution, regardless of religion or population size. He rejected what he called false narratives suggesting that minority communities are unsafe in the country. He was speaking at an event organised by the National Commission for Minorities in collaboration with TISS and the Parzor Foundation. The seminar focused on the Parsi Zoroastrian community and their contributions to India despite their small population. Rijiju said the principle of “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas” ensures that no community is treated differently based on religion or caste. He added that India's Constitution guarantees equal rights to every citizen. He also said some political groups try to create fear among minority communities by claiming they are not safe, but stressed that such claims are not true. The minister further spoke about India's demographic changes and said that the upcoming census will provide updated population data. He noted that the Muslim population in India could be among the largest in the world, though final figures will be known after the census.

Owaisi slams media trial in TCS case

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR

Asaduddin Owaisi criticized media coverage of the TCS sexual harassment and alleged forced conversion case involving Nida Khan on Saturday. He said it is wrong to link his party AIMIM with the accused and insisted that the court will decide the truth. Nida Khan was arrested by Nashik police after allegations in several FIRs related to harassment at the TCS office in Nashik. The case includes claims of sexual harassment, pressure for religious conversion, and hurt sentiments among employees. Police also booked AIMIM corporator Matin Patel for allegedly giving shelter to the accused while she was on the run. State ministers have demanded a deeper investigation into the role of AIMIM, leading to strong political reactions. Owaisi said Khan was transferred from her job before any FIR was filed and that she is being subjected to a media trial. He questioned whether owning a burqa or religious book could be treated as a crime and said such items are common in Muslim homes. He also compared the case

with earlier incidents where youths were wrongly labelled, and said media judgment can harm justice. The AIMIM leader stressed that courts will decide the outcome and rejected claims linking his party to wrongdoing in the case. Authorities said a Special Investigation Team is probing multiple FIRs linked to alleged harassment and exploitation at the IT company. The company TCS has suspended employees accused in the case and said it follows a zero tolerance policy against misconduct. The controversy has triggered political debate, with Owaisi saying the accusations are driven by hate and targeting educated Muslim individuals. He expressed confidence that the judiciary will ensure justice and said the case will not stand in court. AIMIM maintained that linking the party to the allegations is incorrect and said it will legally contest all charges while calling for fair investigation and warning against media trials influencing public opinion in sensitive cases like this one involving corporate workplace harassment and religious issues in India while the matter remains under court consideration and police investigation.

VISION FOR GLOBAL TOURISM

65-ft trident inaugurated at Kailasagiri

VISAKHAPATNAM

A 65-foot trident was inaugurated at Kailasagiri in Visakhapatnam on Saturday, marking a major tourism boost for the coastal city. The structure, which includes a Damarukam, was built in about eight months at a cost of around six crore rupees. It was designed to withstand strong coastal winds reaching up to 250 kilometres per hour due to the hilltop location.



Union ministers and local leaders, including P Narayana and Kondapalli Srinivas, attended the inauguration along with MP Matukumilli Sri-bharat. Officials said the project aims to strengthen Visakhapatnam's position as a global tourism hub with improved infrastructure and planning. As part of a larger master plan, the city will link Kailasagiri, Indira Gandhi Zoological Park and Kambalakonda

Wildlife Sanctuary for extended tourist visits. New pathways, scenic viewpoints and visitor amenities are being developed to improve comfort and attract more domestic and international travellers to the region. Authorities said the initiative will also promote longer stays, cultural experiences, and eco-friendly travel while boosting the local economy through sustainable tourism growth in region.



Assam rifles rescues abducted woman from Myanmar

GUWAHATI

Assam Rifles personnel rescued a 45-year-old Manipur woman abducted by armed groups near the India-Myanmar border, officials said on Saturday. She was taken away during a pre-dawn attack on villages in Kamjong district on May 7. The group linked to Kuki National Army-Burma and allied volunteers had carried out the raid, according to reports. Security forces tracked the woman and negotiated her release at a location south of Z. Choro village. Her family, village leaders, and civil groups were present during the handover process with Assam Rifles support. After the release, she was given medical and psychological care at a nearby security camp. Troops also secured nearby homes, evacuated civilians, and rescued fifteen villagers during the operation. One armed suspect was arrested and handed over to police with weapons and ammunition recovered. Officials said the rescue highlights continued counter-insurgency efforts in sensitive border areas of Manipur. They added that coordination between security agencies helped ensure safe recovery and return of civilians. Authorities said search operations and monitoring will continue along the border to prevent further incidents and maintain stability in the region. Officials from Assam Rifles said they acted quickly after receiving intelligence inputs and deployed multiple teams to control violence, secure villagers, and restore normalcy in affected areas while ensuring humanitarian assistance and coordination with local authorities throughout the rescue mission in difficult terrain conditions.

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This is to inform to General public that my client Smt.Radha N W/o Venkataswiva, Residing at Situated at 427/9, #T, 2nd Cross, Bagepalli Town and Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, I am the Owner of the Below said Property, while Sale Deed, for taken Digital copy have lost following Documents of property pertaining to below Mentioned property Situated at Situated at 427/9, #T, 2nd Cross, Bagepalli Town and Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, had published the factum of lost of her Original Regd Sale Deed, Executed by Sri.N.V.Chennavekataravanappa S/o Gorla Venkatarayappa. In Favour of Smt. Deepa Y R W/o Sudhakara Reddy P.R. In Regd as Book No.1, Volume No.BGP-1-00540-2019-20, CD No.BGPD209. In regd before of the SRO Bagepalli, in Respect of Property bearing Shinganyakanadinne village, E-Swathu no.152800102501020823, House list no.620, in Measuring 16.764 Meters, North To south 8.2296 Meters, police complaint have been filed with regards to loss of the above said Document vide complaint in NCR No. Lost Report no.2182590/2026, DATED:-02-05-2026, and complaint dated:- 02-05-2026, by respective person; if anybody f--inds these Document please inform within 7 Days in Below mentioned Address. Place:-Chinthamani, Date:-02-05-2026.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA, CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
Diary No. 21328 OF 2025
WITH PRAYER FOR INTERIM RELIEF
WITH
121704/2025-APPLICATION FOR CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
AND
29527/2026-APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO
EFFECT SERVICE TO SOLE RESPONDENT THROUGH FAMILY COURT
TO
EDIGA VENKATESWARLY
Petitioner(s)(Appellant(s))
VERSUS
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Respondent(s)
To,
T NEELAKANTA S/O CHENNAIRAOID, CHIKHALAPUR, DISTRICT-CHIKKABALLAPURA, KARNATAKA
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(PROCESS ID-71756/2026)
Diary No. 21328/2025(XII-A)
WHEREAS the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal with prayer for interim relief along with application for CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, PERMISSION FROM FILING OF PETITION, EXEMPTION TO EFFECT SERVICE TO SOLE RESPONDENT THROUGH FAMILY COURT above mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by Mr. SABARISH SUBRAMANIAN, Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named was listed for hearing before this Court on 16th May, 2025, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-
Issue notice on the application seeking condonation of delay as well as on the Special Leave Petition, returnable in eight weeks.
AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was listed before Ld. Registrar's Court on 13th March, 2026, When the following order was passed:-
Opportunity to respondent nos. 2 and 3 to file counter affidavit has already been declined.
Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed a letter to withdraw I.A. (Diary) No. 22005/2026 (Application for deletion of respondent no.1). As requested, the said application is allowed to be withdrawn.
As per Office report, learned counsel for the petitioner has cured the defects in I.A. (Diary) No. 29527/2026 (Application for substituted service to serve respondent no.1) through paper publication in newspaper namely, "Hosidiganttha" (Kannada) & "City Highlights" (English).
Application is hereby allowed.
Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file affidavit alongwith proof of paper publication by 02.04.2026.
List the matter again on 13.04.2026. Copy of this Record of Proceedings be furnished to the concerned learned Advocate-on-Record for information and compliance.
NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition with prayer for interim relief along with application for CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, PERMISSION TO EFFECT SERVICE TO SOLE RESPONDENT THROUGH FAMILY COURT will be posted for hearing before this Court in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf immediately. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why delay in filing SLP be not condoned and Special Leave Petition and interim relief as prayed be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.
Take Further Notice that the prayer for interim relief after notice will also be listed before the Court in due course.
You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 14(1) of Order XXI, S.C.R.2013 immediately and shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SLPs and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the Court/Tribunal against whose order the SLP is filed and shall also set out the grounds for not granting interim order or for vacating interim order if already granted.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.
Dated: 17th March, 2026
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
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Spinners struggle as Delhi Capitals lose big

DC suffered a crushing home defeat as their spinners failed to stop a dominant KKR attack.

NEW DELHI

The Delhi Capitals suffered a crushing eight-wicket defeat against the Kolkata Knight Riders in their last match. Following the loss at Arun Jaitley Stadium, captain Axar Patel pointed the finger at his bowling unit. He admitted the team's spinners made too many mistakes on a pitch that should have helped them.

Delhi batted first but struggled to find their rhythm, posting a modest total of 142 runs. While Pathum Nissanka scored a brave half-century, the team lost five wickets in a sudden collapse. This middle-order slump shifted the momentum entirely toward Kolkata. Axar noted that losing so many players in just a few overs left them with a



score well below par.

The defense started poorly as Delhi's spinners conceded 102 runs in just nine overs. Kuldeep Yadav and Vipraj Nigam were particularly ex-

pensive, failing to take any wickets. Meanwhile, Kolkata opener Finn Allen took full advantage of the wayward bowling. Allen smashed a breathtaking 100 runs off only 47 balls, hitting ten massive sixes to seal the game early.

Kolkata chased down the target in just over 14 overs, marking their fourth straight win. A disappointed Axar Patel said the team must now look toward the future. He suggested that management might start testing players from the bench to prepare for next season. For Delhi, the long journey back to the top requires fixing these tactical errors. The captain remains hopeful that reviewing these tough moments will eventually lead to a much stronger comeback.

Finn Allen finds form with an amazing century

NEW DELHI

Kolkata Knight Riders opener Finn Allen has opened up about his recent struggles after smashing a brilliant century against the Delhi Capitals. The Kiwi batter's incredible 100 runs off 47 balls powered his team to a vital eight-wicket victory. This win keeps Kolkata's playoff hopes alive while ending Delhi's chances for the season.

Before this standout performance, Allen faced a difficult period. After a series of low scores, he was dropped from the starting lineup for three matches. Reflecting on that time away, Allen admitted he had been putting too much

pressure on himself to succeed. He explained that being left out actually helped him find a fresh perspective and a much-needed mental refresh.

During the match, Kolkata faced early trouble while chasing a target of 143. After losing two quick wickets, Allen decided to change his approach. Instead of playing too aggressively, he focused on batting deeper into the innings. He told himself that if he could survive for at least 40 balls, the runs

would eventually come. His strategy worked perfectly as he hit ten massive sixes to dominate the bowlers. Allen's powerful knock was supported by teammate Cam Green, who remained unbeaten as they reached the target in just 14.2 overs. For Kolkata, this marks their fourth win in a row after a rocky start to the tournament. Allen is now focused on staying responsible at the crease, proving that patience and a clear mind can lead to massive success.



After being dropped for poor form, Finn Allen returned with a stunning century, hitting ten sixes to keep Kolkata's playoff dreams alive against Delhi Capitals.

Kolkata's star all-rounder ready for any role

NEW DELHI

Kolkata Knight Riders star Cameron Green has declared he is fully fit and ready to bowl his maximum quota. After overcoming an early season back injury, the Austra-

lian all-rounder confirmed he is "100% ready" to deliver four overs whenever his team needs him. This news comes as Kolkata celebrates their fourth consecutive victory in the tournament.

In the win against Delhi,

Green played a vital role by taking a wicket and scoring an unbeaten 33 runs. Initially, Green played only as a batter to manage his fitness. Now, he feels his bowling adds great depth to the squad. He explained that having multi-

ple options, like fellow all-rounder Anukul Roy, allows the team to be flexible. Green is happy to bowl during the powerplay, the middle overs, or even at the high-pressure end of the game.

Anukul Roy shines with new found confidence

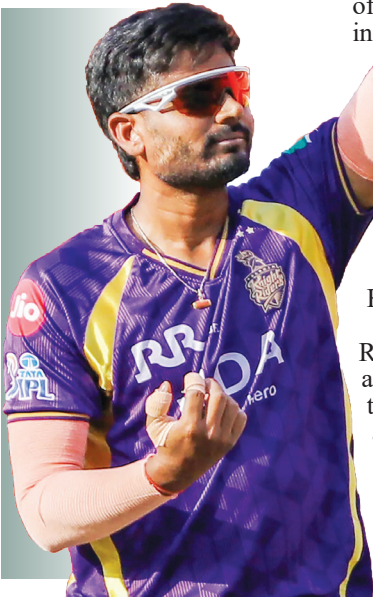
NEW DELHI

Former Indian cricketer Deep Dasgupta has praised Kolkata Knight Riders all-rounder Anukul Roy for his standout performance this season.

Speaking after Kolkata's dominant

eight-wicket victory over the Delhi Capitals, Dasgupta credited Roy's success to the clear role and consistent backing provided by his team management.

Roy was the game-changer at Arun Jaitley Stadium, finishing with impressive figures of 2-31. He turned the match in Kolkata's favor by dismissing the dangerous Pathum Nissanka right after his half-century. Just two balls later, he bowled Tristan Stubbs, sparking a major collapse for Delhi. This disciplined bowling helped restrict the hosts to a low total of 142, which Kolkata chased down easily. Dasgupta highlighted that Roy's confidence grew from a strong domestic season and the security of knowing he is a regular starter. The left-arm spinner has become a vital weapon for Kolkata, often bowling difficult overs during the powerplay.



NADA warns Star Cricketers over missed tests

NEW DELHI

The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has issued formal notices to Indian cricket stars Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shafali Verma. The warnings follow a "whereabouts failing," meaning the athletes were not present at their specified locations for mandatory drug testing. This development has sent ripples through the sports community as both players are key figures in the national teams.

As members of the Registered Testing Pool, athletes must provide a daily 60-minute window for no-notice testing. Reports indicate that testers arrived to find Jaiswal on December 17 and Verma on November 7 of last year, but neither player was found. When NADA reached out for explanations in February, both cricketers allegedly failed to respond, leading to the official recording of a "first missed test." Jaiswal and Verma now have seven days to explain their absence. This situation is critical because anti-doping rules are very strict regarding



NADA Warns Young Stars Over Missed Tests

Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shafali Verma face warnings after missing mandatory drug tests.

Both stars failed to update their locations, leading to "whereabouts failures." NADA recorded these as first offenses after the pair ignored follow-up emails. They must stay compliant now to avoid a potential four-year sports ban.



player locations. If an athlete records three whereabouts failures within a single year, it is treated as a major violation. Such an offense can lead to a suspension from all competitive cricket for up to four years. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the ICC have been informed of the situation. Both young stars must now be extremely careful with their filings to avoid further complications. This incident serves as a stern reminder to all professional athletes about the importance of administrative compliance in the fight to keep sports clean and fair.

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE 2026...



Gijarat Titans beat Rajasthan Royals by 77 runs at Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur on Saturday

POINT TABLE

TEAM	Played	Won	Lost	NR	Pts	NRR
Sunrisers Hyderabad	11	7	4	1	14	0.737
Gujarat Titans	11	7	4	0	14	0.228
Punjab Kings	10	6	3	0	13	0.571
Royal challengers Bengaluru	10	6	4	0	12	1.234
Rajasthan Royals	11	6	5	0	12	0.082
Chennai Super Kings	10	5	5	0	10	0.151
Kolkata Knight Riders	10	4	5	0	9	-0.169
Delhi Capitals	11	4	7	1	8	-1.154
Mumbai Indians	10	3	7	0	6	-0.649
Lucknow Super Giants	10	3	7	0	6	-0.934

Chennai target playoffs against struggling Lucknow

CHENNAI

The Chennai Super Kings are gearing up for a high-stakes battle against the Lucknow Super Giants. Currently sitting in sixth place, Chennai desperately needs a victory at their home ground, Chepauk, to keep their playoff dreams alive. Despite an inconsistent season, the five-time champions hope the familiar home conditions will give them the edge they need to break into the top four.

Chennai's strategy centers heavily on star batter Sanju Samson. Samson has become the team's "backbone," often deciding the game's fate with his powerful starts. While captain Ruturaj Gaikwad has struggled with consistency, his recent form shows signs of a comeback. Fans are also keeping a close eye on the dugout, as legend Mahendra Singh Dhoni remains sidelined with a persistent calf



injury and has yet to play a match this season.

On the other side, the Lucknow Super Giants are having a nightmare tournament. Stuck at the bottom of the table, the team has struggled despite a record-breaking 27-crore price tag for captain Rishabh Pant. However, a recent stunning century by Mitchell Marsh ended a six-match losing streak, giving Lucknow a tiny glimmer of hope. Injuries to key players

like Mohsin Khan have only added to their misery.

While Lucknow holds a slight lead in past head-to-head meetings, Chennai enters this match as the clear favorite. With spin-friendly conditions expected, Chennai will look to their bowlers to stifle Lucknow's middle order.

For both teams, this match is more than just a game, it is a fight for survival in a wide-open race.

Suryakumar Yadav ready for high stakes clash

RAIPUR

Star batter Suryakumar Yadav is set to join the Mumbai Indians for their critical match against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Despite recently celebrating the birth of his daughter, the Indian T20I captain has confirmed his availability to team management. He is expected to arrive in Raipur shortly, providing a massive boost to a side fighting to keep its season alive.

While Suryakumar's return is certain, leadership remains a question mark. Regular captain Hardik Pandya missed the previous game due to back spasms and is currently under medical assessment. The team's medical staff will monitor Pandya's fitness during training this evening before deciding if he can lead the squad.

KKR build momentum for playoffs

NEW DELHI

Former cricketer Aditya Tare believes the Kolkata Knight Riders have completely transformed their season at the perfect time. After a disastrous start with five consecutive losses, Kolkata has surged back into contention with four straight victories. Their latest triumph was a dominant eight-wicket win over the Delhi Capitals, which Tare says makes them a serious threat for the top four.

The turnaround is fueled by a team finally clicking as a single unit. Tare noted that the spin attack has come back to life, while the fast bowlers are taking crucial wickets. He praised the current form of Finn Allen and Cameron Green, whose powerful batting has made difficult chases look easy. Allen recently smashed a breathtaking cen-



tury in just 14.2 overs to secure their most recent win.

In contrast, Tare was highly critical of Delhi's performance. He highlighted a shocking collapse where the team managed only 10 runs off 30 balls during the middle overs. He described this stretch of play as too passive for T20 cricket, noting that the batters failed to show any intent to pressure the bowlers. Only a late cameo from

Ashutosh Sharma saved Delhi from an even lower total.

Kolkata's strategy of building momentum during the "business end" of the tournament is a classic championship approach. With their confidence at an all-time high, the team will now hunt for a fifth consecutive win. As the race for the playoffs tightens, Kolkata's newfound balance makes them the team no one wants to face.

RCB SEEK BATTING BOOST TO END SLUMP



RAIPUR

Royal Challengers Bengaluru are desperate to find their missing spark as they prepare to face Mumbai Indians. After a disappointing run of form, the team's powerful batting lineup is under immense pressure to deliver and snap a painful two-match losing streak that has stalled their season.

The defending champions started this year's IPL with incredible momentum. They looked unstoppable in the early stages, winning four of their opening matches with

ease. At that point, securing a spot in the playoffs seemed like a certainty for the Bengaluru fans. However, the tides have turned quickly in this unpredictable tournament. Having lost three of their last five games, the team now finds itself in the middle of a worrying mid-season crisis.

The primary concern for the management is the sudden dip in scoring power. While the openers provided solid starts early on, the middle order has struggled to finish games under pressure. Against a confident Mumbai side,

RCB knows that another slip-up could jeopardize their standing in the points table.

Captain and coaches are likely focusing on rebuilding the players' confidence in the nets.

For Bengaluru, the clash in Raipur is more than just another game, it is a vital opportunity to prove they still have the heart of a champion.

If their stars can regain their rhythm and find the boundary once again, they can get their campaign back on track and silence the doubters before the playoff race tightens.

Fast bowler Ashok Sharma chases speed dream

JAIPUR

Gujarat Titans pacer Ashok Sharma has become the talk of the IPL 2026 season with his incredible speed. The 23-year-old recently made headlines by bowling a 154.2 kph delivery against the Rajasthan Royals. This lightning-fast ball is currently the quickest recorded in the tournament this year, fulfilling a goal Sharma has held since his childhood.

Growing up, Sharma spent hours watching legendary fast bowlers like Brett Lee and Dale Steyn. He often wondered what it felt like to bowl

at such extreme speeds. Now that he is consistently crossing the 150 kph mark himself, he describes the experience as a major personal milestone. While he is proud of his individual pace, he insists his main focus remains helping his team win matches.

Sharma credited Gujarat Titans head coach Ashish Nehra for his rapid improvement. Nehra has taught him that speed is useless without control. The coach insists that every fast bowler must first master "Test-match lengths" before trying variations like yorkers or slower balls.



QUICK READ

South Korea, US discuss defence control shift

WASHINGTON

South Korean Defence Minister Ahn Gyu-back will visit the United States next week for talks with US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth. The five-day trip marks his first visit as minister. Key discussions include transfer of wartime operational control and South Korea's push for nuclear-powered submarines with US support. Seoul aims for OPCON return by 2028, while US signals later timing. Talks will also cover maritime security in the Strait of Hormuz, intelligence-sharing concerns on North Korea, and broader defence cooperation between the allies during ongoing regional tensions. Officials will meet lawmakers and navy leaders in Washington DC.

US strike on drug boat leaves two dead

WASHINGTON

The US military said its Southern Command sank a suspected drug-trafficking boat in the eastern Pacific Ocean, killing two men and leaving one survivor. Officials said the vessel was moving along known drug routes and linked to organised crime groups. No US personnel were harmed in the operation. The command claimed intelligence confirmed illegal activity, though no evidence was shared publicly. Since September, more than 50 similar strikes have been carried out, resulting in hundreds of deaths.

Japanese PM Takaichi eyes South Korea visit

Takaichi will discuss bilateral co-op with Korea on energy security amid crude oil transportation disruption due to war.

TOKYO

Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi is considering a visit to South Korea later this month for a summit with President Lee Jae Myung.

The meeting is expected to take place in Andong, the president's hometown, about 190 kilometres from Seoul. Reports say the two-day trip may happen on May 19 and will focus on economic security, energy, and critical mineral supply chains.

Takaichi recently met Lee at the APEC summit in Gyeongju after taking office last year. In January, President Lee visited Japan and held talks in Nara, marking ongoing shuttle diplomacy between the two nations.

Both countries continue regular exchanges to improve relations and strengthen cooperation on regional security issues.



Meanwhile, South Korea has said it is not considering a military logistics agreement with Japan despite reports of Japanese interest. Japan has been seeking an acquisition and cross-servicing agreement with South Korea to improve defense coordination with the United States. The agreement would allow sharing of supplies and services during emergencies and strengthen deterrence against North Korea and China. However,

Seoul has expressed caution, saying it does not want any arrangement that could expand Japanese Self-Defence Forces operations on the Korean Peninsula.

Officials say both governments will continue dialogue on security and economic cooperation while maintaining careful steps to avoid rising regional tensions in Northeast Asia amid ongoing geopolitical concerns in the region and beyond.

Ukraine peace remains very distant: Kremlin

MOSCOW

The Kremlin said on Saturday that peace in Ukraine is still far away and a full agreement is difficult because many issues remain complex.

Officials said the United States is trying to move quickly toward a deal, but progress remains slow. Russia and Ukraine confirmed a US brokered three day ceasefire that runs from May 9 to May 11.

The United States president Donald Trump said he hopes the ceasefire can be extended beyond the initial period.

A Kremlin spokesman said the American side is in a hurry, but a settlement remains very complex and long. The conflict has continued for more than four years and remains one of the most serious wars in Europe.

Analysts say both sides still face major disagreements and a lasting peace



deal appears far from close. Officials also said monitoring the ceasefire will be difficult on the ground due to ongoing fighting and distrust between both militaries. The United States has been trying to mediate talks, but officials admit that a broader settlement will require time and political compromise. Russian officials compared the current conflict duration to past major wars, saying it has already lasted longer than expected.

Despite diplomatic efforts, both Moscow and Washington acknowledge that final peace terms remain undecided and highly sensitive.

Pak security forces kill five terrorists

PESHAWAR

Pakistan security forces killed five terrorists in separate operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, the army said on Saturday.

The actions were carried out in Tank and Dera Ismail Khan districts after intelligence reports on May 7 and 8. Four members of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan were killed in Tank during an exchange of fire.

In Dera Ismail Khan, one more militant was killed and weapons and ammunition were recovered from them. Security officials said violence has increased in the region since the TTP ended its ceasefire in 2022.

Authorities said intelligence-based raids are continuing across the province to eliminate militant hideouts and improve security for residents. Officials added that security forces remain alert and are working with local intelligence networks to prevent further attacks,

3 Indian-origin men guilty in murder case

ABBOTSFORD

Three Indian-origin men have been found guilty of the first-degree murder of a Canadian couple in Abbotsford in 2022. A court in British Columbia said Gurkaran Singh, Abhijeet Singh and Khushveer Toor played key roles in the killing of Arnold and Joanne De Jong. Prosecutors said the crime was planned for money and rejected claims that it was a failed robbery. Arnold De Jong, 77, and Joanne De Jong, 76, were found dead in their home in 2022.

Senior monk accused of abusing minor girl

COLOMBO

Police in Sri Lanka have arrested one of the country's senior Buddhist monks over allegations of sexual abuse involving a minor girl, officials said on Saturday.

The suspect is Venerable Pallegama Hemarathana, 71, the chief priest of a well-known temple linked to the Atamasthana sacred sites in Anuradhapura. According to police, the victim is now 15 years old and the alleged abuse took place within temple premises. Authorities said the arrest followed a magis-

trate court warrant issued against the monk and the victim's mother, who is also accused of helping in the case. The investigation began after a complaint was filed in March, initially relating to abduction and illegal detention of a minor. However, further inquiry revealed more serious allegations of sexual abuse. Police said the monk was taken into custody from a private hospital in Colombo, about 200 kilometres from Anuradhapura, where he was receiving treatment. The victim's mother has also been arrested in connection with the case.

North Korea strengthens Russia ties

SEOUL

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un sent a message to Russian President Vladimir Putin on Russia's Victory Day, state media said. He congratulated Russia on its 81st Victory Day and said ties between the two countries are growing stronger.

According to the Korean Central News Agency, Kim praised shared progress in independence, dignity, peace, and prosperity.

He reaffirmed that North Korea will prioritize developing its partnership with Russia under their new treaty. The two countries signed a com-

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Reports say North Korea has also increased support for Russia during its ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Officials from both sides recently discussed long-term defence cooperation in Pyongyang, according to Russian state media TASS. They also talked about future military plans and possible

training exchanges between their armed forces.

Russia praised North Korea's invitation to a memorial event and said bilateral relations are at a high level. Both nations say they will continue strengthening ties in the coming years despite global tensions and sanctions pressure.

Officials said the partnership is expected to expand further in areas such as trade, security, and infrastructure cooperation over the next few years as both countries continue closer diplomatic engagement amid ongoing geopolitical uncertainty in Northeast Asia and the wider international landscape.

BUSINESS

Airlines receive lifeline amid Mideast tensions

The quick move showed the government's strong commitment towards protecting India's aviation sector

NEW DELHI

The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has welcomed the Central government's decision to launch a Rs 5,000 crore emergency credit support scheme for airlines facing financial pressure due to the ongoing West Asia crisis. PHDCCI president Rajeev Juneja said the quick move showed the government's strong commitment towards protecting India's aviation sector, which plays a major role in tourism, trade and business travel.

He added that helping airlines during this difficult period would also support hotels, travel companies and jobs linked to the tourism industry.

The business body said the decision matched several suggestions made in its recent



report on the impact of the West Asia conflict on India's tourism and aviation sectors. The report warned that rising operating costs and fewer available seats could reduce tourist arrivals from Europe and North America, where passengers are highly sensitive to airfare prices and longer travel times. Anil Parashar, Chair of PHDCCI's Tourism and Hospitality Committee, said airlines and tourism businesses needed strong financial support during periods of

global uncertainty. He stressed that stable funding and policy assistance were necessary for maintaining confidence in the travel sector.

PHDCCI also urged the government to continue reforms such as reducing aviation fuel taxes, improving e-visa facilities and providing easier financial support for tourism MSMEs.

Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, CEO and Secretary General of PHDCCI, said the present geopolitical tensions had highlighted the close connection between aviation and tourism growth in India. He said timely financial help would allow airlines to continue operations smoothly, maintain passenger confidence and reduce disruptions across the wider travel.

India fully activates four labour codes system

NEW DELHI

The Centre has fully implemented the four labour codes after notifying all related rules in the official gazette.

This marks the completion of major labour reforms that were introduced more than five years ago to simplify India's labour laws.

The four codes include wage, industrial relations, social security and workplace safety laws designed to replace 29 older regulations. Officials said some parts were delayed earlier because rules had not been notified for full enforcement. Labour Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya recently launched a nationwide annual health check-up programme for workers aged above forty. Under this initiative, workers across the country will receive free yearly medical examinations to improve workplace health and safety. The minister said the



reforms reflect the government's aim to ensure dignity, welfare and social security for employees. He also highlighted equal pay provisions for men and women along with extended maternity leave increased to twenty six weeks. Work from home options for women workers have also been included in the new legal framework.

A National Reskilling Fund has been created to support workers who lose jobs and need new training opportunities. The government said these changes will help

strengthen India's labour system and improve long-term job security. Authorities added that full enforcement of the codes will also improve ease of doing business and worker protection.

Officials believe the new labour framework will modernise employment rules, reduce complexity, and ensure better coordination between employers, workers, and the government across all sectors in India going forward supporting inclusive growth and stable employment conditions nationwide.

GOVT PUSHES CLIMATE-RESILIENT FARMING ACROSS INDIA

NEW DELHI

The government has expanded its efforts to promote climate-resilient farming and improve soil health across India.

A fact-sheet released on Saturday highlights major progress under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture launched in 2014-15. Since its launch, Rs 2,119.84 crore has been released for Rainfed Area Development, covering 8.50 lakh hectares and benefiting 14.35 lakh farmers through

integrated farming systems. Another major initiative Per Drop More Crop has expanded irrigation efficiency across 109 lakh hectares with Rs 26,325 crore in support provided. Soil health monitoring has also strengthened with 97.53 lakh samples collected and 92.87 lakh tested in 2025-26, helping farmers make better fertilizer decisions. The Soil Health Card programme has issued 25.79 crore cards since 2015 to guide balanced nutrient use and improve productivity nationwide. Officials said the

cards have reduced excessive urea use and improved soil conditions for many farmers across states. A recent evaluation by NITI Aayog found that most farmers reported better soil health after adopting recommended practices. Around 68.5% saw significant improvement while 25.7% observed moderate gains in soil quality. Between 2014 and 2025, nearly 2,996 climate-resilient crop varieties were developed to support farmers against weather changes.

The government said these

efforts aim to reduce risks from climate change and ensure stable food production for the country.

The mission was later included under broader agriculture programmes to improve coordination and efficiency in implementation. Officials added that integrated nutrient management and sustainable practices remain key priorities for future growth of farming systems in India. Authorities said continued support will strengthen resilience, productivity and farmer incomes nationwide further ahead.

India insurance schemes deliver massive social protection

NEW DELHI

India's Jan Suraksha insurance schemes have paid about Rs 25,160 crore in claims since 2015, the government said on Saturday.

The schemes were launched on May 9, 2015, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It aims to provide affordable life and accident insurance and pension support to people across India. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said claims and enrolments have grown strongly across schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha

Bima Yojana.

Together, PMJJBY and PMSBY have settled large numbers of insurance claims for families in need. PMJJBY has settled over Rs 21,500 crore for more than 10.7 lakh families, while PMSBY has settled nearly Rs 3,660 crore for about 1.84 lakh families. Over 27 crore people are enrolled in PMJJBY and 58 crore in PMSBY, while Atal Pension Yojana has around 9 crore enrolments. The Atal Pension Yojana offers monthly pension between Rs 1,000 and Rs 5,000 after age 60 for workers in the unorganised sector.

QUICK READ

Adani Agri fresh begins HP cherry procurement

SHIMLA

Adani Agri Fresh will start buying cherries from Himachal Pradesh farmers this season and later expand into peaches and plums. The company, known for apple procurement under its Farm-Pik brand, has upgraded storage facilities at six centres to improve fruit quality and shelf life. Business Head Manish Agarwal said the move aims to give growers better market access and fair pricing. Since 2006, the company has purchased more than three lakh metric tonnes of apples from over 17,000 farmers. Adani Agri Fresh is also expanding its Digital Mandi platform to help farmers.

Gut-friendly protein demand rises in India

MUMBAI

India's protein supplements market reached about USD 912.9 million in 2025, and may grow to USD 1,578.1 million by 2034 with 6.27% CAGR during 2026-2034. The broader protein market in India is around USD 1.62 billion in 2026, with plant-based protein the fastest growing segment. Consumers are shifting toward gut-friendly and additive-free protein products focused on transparency and long-term wellness. An ITC survey shows 56% of Indian families report digestive issues, especially in cities. Abbott research found 22% adults face constipation.



Vinay Rajkumar Turns Rugged Hero In Upcoming Film Maachis

Kannada actor Vinay Rajkumar's upcoming film with director BSP Varma has officially been titled Maachis. The makers announced the project on Vinay's birthday, creating excitement among fans eager to see the actor in a different role. The movie will be an action-revenge drama and marks the first collaboration between Vinay and BSP Varma.

The film is being produced by Suresh Gowda Hennur, while Shivugowda will work as the creative producer. Shooting for the project is expected to begin in July this year. Director BSP Varma, who earlier made the musical drama Murphy, is now moving



ing into a completely different genre with Maachis. He has described the movie as a raw and emotional revenge story filled with intense action sequences.

Speaking about the film

earlier, BSP Varma said he wanted to show a new side of Vinay Rajkumar that audiences have not seen before. He also praised the actor's recent performances and said Vinay was ready for a stronger and

more powerful character.

Vinay Rajkumar is currently waiting for the release of Gramayana and is also acting in City Lights, directed by Duniya Vijay. The technical team of Maachis includes cinematographer Adarsh R, editor Kiran, and art director Guna. Famous stunt master Dr K Ravi Varma will handle the action scenes in the film. Though the story details are still being kept secret, the title Maachis hints at a fiery narrative. Fans are expecting the film to present Vinay Rajkumar in one of the intense and action-packed roles of his career.

Lockdown Pain and Pain

New talents have come together to prepared film called 'Lockdown'. Manju Mudgal has produced it under Abhinava Productions and has also played an important role. Javed Tippanahatty, who has worked with many directors, has composed the screenplay, lyrics, and music for the film and has given Direction. As the first step in the promotion, the



trailer and the songs by Siri Music were released recently and the launch program was held at Sri Renukamba Studio in a grand manner.

Vijay Vignesh from Bangalore is the hero. Vanishree Srinivas, who hails from Davangere, is the heroine. Along with him, Sravani, Ashwinimudgal, Mamatha and the famous Reels Karnataka pair Govindaraju-Vaila have acted. Sharanappa Sugganahalli is the cinematographer and Shivaraj Mehu is the editor of the film.

The director then spoke, saying that the lockdown that shook the world brought pain to many but joy to some. Especially, some bitter incidents that happened in Bellary that day have been adapted into the script. In addition, the love of young lovers and

middle-aged couples has been shown with humor. The scenes are real. But the story is fictional. The North Karnataka language has been used. Some things are unknown to people. To know that, you should watch our film, says Javed Tippanahatty.

I used to go to everyone for an acting opportunity. Due to their uncooperation, I thought why not do the film myself, but I stopped bringing it up to this point. There will be a love story in two tracks, and I have appeared in one. I have spent my earned money on the film. Manju Mudgal requested the media to cooperate.

The shooting was done in villages around Koppal and Uppina Betageri. As expected, Jayadeva Films has planned to release the film this month.



'Chikkavaru Konaralla' film, Prakash Chinnappa produced film along with the story, screenplay, and direction under the banner of HUE Arts Studios. Nethrababu-Swetha-Jameela-Naziya.R.Khazi-Sathish have joined hands in the production. A special screening and trailer launch ceremony for the media was held at Sri Renukamba Studio recently.

The main roles are played by childrens called Sehari, Tishya, Hansika, Srivas, Viyan, Srigowri, and Srivas. The rest of the senior artists Ramesh Bhatt, SundarRai

and Anita Bhatt have added value to the film.

Speaking on the occasion, the director said that a lot of changes occur in children between the ages of five and eleven. Children of that age are very intelligent, and their thoughts, manners, policies and ideas are innovative. How will the world change after twenty years? When global warming occurs, how will children dare to save their place? In the meantime, how do senior citizens resolve old differences with love and mutual understanding be-

tween their siblings. Prakash Chinnappa revealed that the film shows how six children respect their elders and uphold the balance of knowledge and culture by bringing about change, with meaningful situations.

Ramesh Bhatt, Sundarraj and Anita Bhatt shared their experiences of shooting and expressed their happiness at being children with children. Uttam Kumar has composed music for two songs written by Prasanna-Chandrashekar Bhat. Cinematography and editing are by Rishikesh, background sound is by Vivaan Surya.

The shooting was done around Sagar and Hosabale. The team has made plans to release the film, which has been praised by the censors.

Kids are not Chikkavaru, Konaru

RJ Balaji Confirms Karuppu Release Amid Delay Rumours Strongly



Director and actor RJ Balaji has dismissed rumours about the delay of Karuppu starring Suriya. He confirmed that the film will release in theatres as planned on May 14. The movie has already received its censor certificate, while fans are eagerly waiting for the official trailer launch.

RJ Balaji recently shared a video message on social media explaining why the trailer has not yet been released. He said the trailer is completely ready, but the team wants to release it at the right moment so it reaches audiences properly. According to him, the current political climate and election-related discussions could reduce attention towards the trailer if it is launched im-

mediately.

He assured fans that the trailer would match their expectations and said the makers are waiting for a clear and suitable time for promotion. His emotional statement about Karuppu protecting everyone quickly became popular online among fans.

Earlier, RJ Balaji also explained why the film's production took longer than expected. He revealed that the movie was originally planned for a Diwali release, but delays during filming forced the team to postpone it.

Vijay Deverakonda's Rowdy Janardhan Poster Creates Birthday Excitement Online

Tollywood actor Vijay Deverakonda celebrated his 37th birthday with the release of a powerful new poster from his upcoming film Rowdy Janardhan. The makers unveiled the striking look on social media, instantly creating excitement among fans across the country.

The poster shows Vijay sitting confidently in heavy rain with a revolver in his hand. He appears in a rugged avatar with a moustache,

sharp expression, and maroon outfit. The intense visual hints at a strong action-packed role filled with emotion and violence. One of the most talked-about details in the poster is a woman's foot placed on Vijay's chest, directly over his heart, suggesting an emotional connection in the story.

Fans believe the foot belongs to actress Keerthy Suresh, who plays the female lead in the film.

KRITI SANON Dreams Of Playing REKHA In Inspiring Biopic

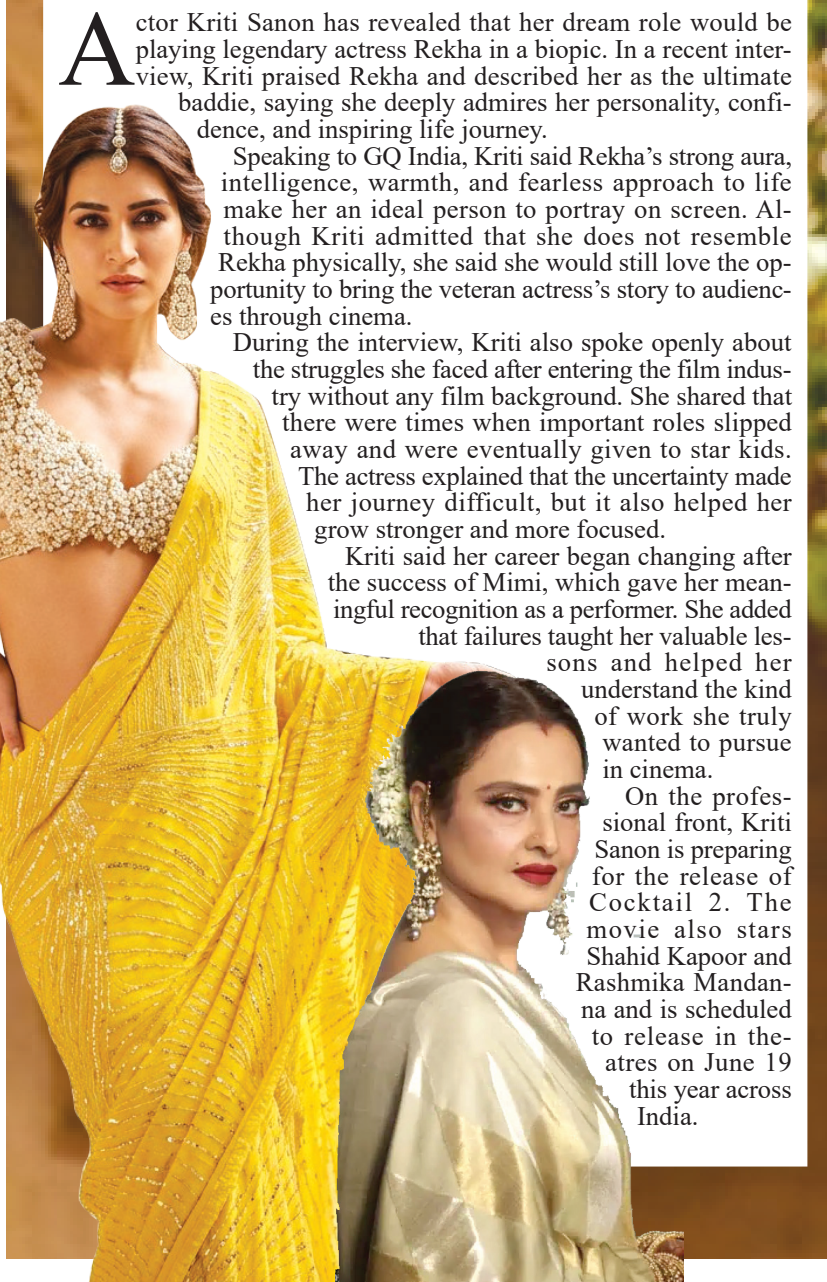
Actor Kriti Sanon has revealed that her dream role would be playing legendary actress Rekha in a biopic. In a recent interview, Kriti praised Rekha and described her as the ultimate baddie, saying she deeply admires her personality, confidence, and inspiring life journey.

Speaking to GQ India, Kriti said Rekha's strong aura, intelligence, warmth, and fearless approach to life make her an ideal person to portray on screen. Although Kriti admitted that she does not resemble Rekha physically, she said she would still love the opportunity to bring the veteran actress's story to audiences through cinema.

During the interview, Kriti also spoke openly about the struggles she faced after entering the film industry without any film background. She shared that there were times when important roles slipped away and were eventually given to star kids. The actress explained that the uncertainty made her journey difficult, but it also helped her grow stronger and more focused.

Kriti said her career began changing after the success of Mimi, which gave her meaningful recognition as a performer. She added that failures taught her valuable lessons and helped her understand the kind of work she truly wanted to pursue in cinema.

On the professional front, Kriti Sanon is preparing for the release of Cocktail 2. The movie also stars Shahid Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna and is scheduled to release in theatres on June 19 this year across India.

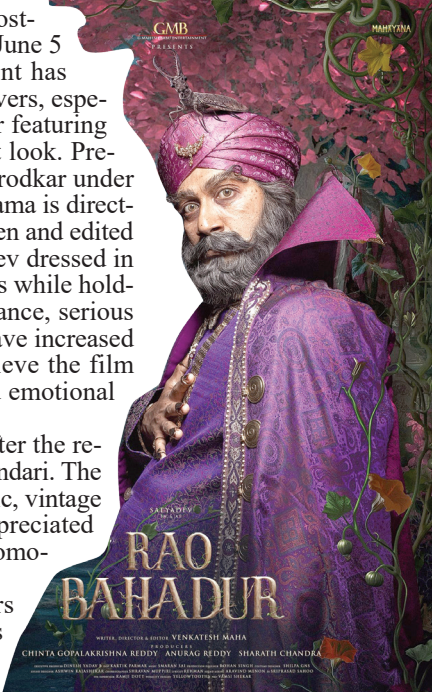


The makers of Rao Bahadur have postponed the release of the film from June 5 to July 3, 2026. The announcement has created fresh excitement among movie lovers, especially after the team released a new poster featuring actor Satya Dev in a completely different look. Presented by Mahesh Babu and Namrata Shirodkar under GMB Entertainment, the psychological drama is directed by Venkatesh Maha, who has also written and edited the film. The latest poster shows Satya Dev dressed in royal-purple clothing decorated with pearls while holding an elegant hand fan. His aged appearance, serious expression, and luxurious surroundings have increased curiosity about the story. Many fans believe the film will explore secrets, power struggles, and emotional conflicts inside an aristocratic family.

The film already created strong buzz after the release of its first glimpse and the song O Sundari. The song became popular for its nostalgic music, vintage visuals, and emotional mood. Viewers appreciated the old-world atmosphere shown in the promotional material.

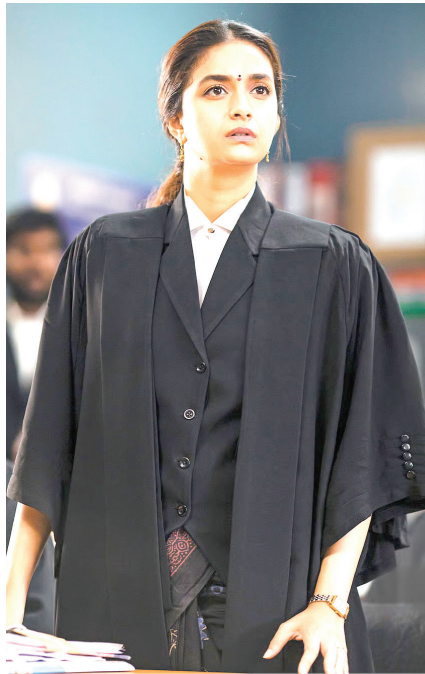
Along with Satya Dev, the movie stars Deepa Thomas as the female lead. Actors Vikas Muppala, Bala Parasara, Anand Bharathi, Pranay Vaka, and Master Kiran also play important roles. Cinematographer Kartik Parmar, music composer Smaran Sai, and production designer Rohan Singh are part of the technical team.

With Venkatesh Maha's unique storytelling style and Satya Dev's intense performance, Rao Bahadur is becoming one of the most awaited Telugu films of the year. The makers hope the delayed release will help the film reach audiences across theatres nationwide successfully.



Satya Dev's Rao Bahadur Release Shifted Amid Rising Curiosity

Keerthy Suresh Battles Mysskin In Intense Courtroom Drama Film



Actor Keerthy Suresh is set to appear in the legal thriller Sathyaavan Savithiri, where she plays a junior advocate fighting for justice against her senior lawyer, played by Mysskin. Directed by Praveen S Vijaay, the film promises an emotional courtroom battle mixed with commercial

entertainment.

According to the director, the story focuses on the difference between law and justice. Keerthy's character Savithiri becomes deeply involved in her husband's legal case and chooses to fight for justice, while her senior believes only in following the law. These differences eventually lead them into a courtroom clash. Actor Charukesh, known for the series Heart Beat, plays Keerthy's husband in the film.

Praveen revealed that he asked both Keerthy and Mysskin to behave naturally rather than create dramatic characters. He wanted their performances to feel realistic and close to their real personalities.

The director also credited actress Aishwarya Rajesh for helping the project move forward. He shared that she encouraged him to narrate the story to Keerthy after he had been trying for nearly six years to reach the actress.

Praveen said his earlier experience as co-director and dialogue writer for Gargi helped him design the courtroom scenes. He attended real court sessions for around 20 days to understand legal proceedings better.

The director originally wanted to title the film Savithiri, but changed it to avoid confusion with Keerthy's earlier role in Nadigaiyar Thilagam.