

### Mule Accounts Scam Busted in Telangana: 137 Crore Fraud Exposed, 13 Arrested

**Hyderabad:** In a major breakthrough, police have busted a multi-crore mule accounts scam in Karimnagar, exposing illegal transactions worth ₹137 crore. So far, 13 people have been arrested, while several others are still under investigation. What is the Mule Accounts Scam? The Karimnagar mule accounts scam involved opening bank accounts in the names of innocent people and using them for illegal money transfers. Key highlights: Accounts opened using personal details of unsuspecting individuals. Victims were offered small commissions (around 2%). Accounts used for large-scale illegal financial transactions ₹137 Crore. Transactions conducted using just 8 mule accounts. Funds were routed into cryptocurrency trading. Money also transferred to foreign bank accounts. This makes it one of the largest financial scams in Karimnagar region. Bank Employees Involved in Scam. Authorities confirmed that two bank employees played a key role: Kalyan Ayesha. They allegedly violated banking rules and helped create mule accounts for illegal transactions. Other Accused and Arrests. Among those arrested in the case: Sairam Ranjith, Mallesh Satyam, Bandi Pranay. Police have identified a total of 24 individuals involved, with 11 still absconding.



## Revanth Reddy launches Rs 351 cr expansion works of Bhadrachalam temple

*Rs 351-crore project aims to enhance temple infrastructure, riverfront ghats, and pilgrim amenities at Bhadrachalam ahead of rising footfall.*

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Telangana chief minister A Revanth Reddy on Friday, March 27, inaugurated the first phase of a major expansion project for the Sri Seetharamachandra Swamy Temple in Bhadrachalam, with an estimated outlay of Rs 351 crore. Expenditure details: The comprehensive development plan includes the construction and enhancement of the Godavari river ghat at a cost of Rs 75 crore. Additionally, Rs 180 crore has been allocated for expanding the temple premises and strengthening infrastructure facilities for devotees.



Another Rs 96 crore will be spent on improving the surrounding areas of the temple to enhance accessibility and the overall pilgrim experience. Several prominent leaders attended the

foundation-laying ceremony, including deputy chief minister Mallu Bhathi Vikramarka, ministers Konda Surekha, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Tummala Nageshwara Rao, Vakiti Srihari, along with

Members of Parliament, Legislative Assembly, and Legislative Council. Ramanavami celebrations. Later in the day, the chief minister participated in the Sri Ramanavami celebra-

tions at Mithila Stadium. On behalf of the state government, he offered silk robes and pearls to the presiding deity during the Thirukalyana Mahotsavam, symbolising the celestial wedding of Lord Sri Rama and Sita. Expenditure details: The comprehensive development plan includes the construction and enhancement of the Godavari river ghat at a cost of Rs 75 crore. Additionally, Rs 180 crore has been allocated for expanding the temple premises and strengthening infrastructure facilities for devotees. Another Rs 96 crore will be spent on improving the surrounding areas of the temple to enhance accessi-

### Telangana HC issues notices to Speaker, two BRS MLAs in defection case

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The Telangana High Court on Thursday, March 26, issued notices to Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar and to two MLAs who

won the election on the BRS ticket but allegedly defected to the ruling Congress. The High Court issued the notices on the petitions filed by Bharat Rashttra Samithi (BRS) MLAs challenging the Speaker's recent ruling

dismissing disqualification petitions. A division bench of Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice GM Mohiuddin directed the Speaker and MLAs Kadiyam Srihari and Sanjay Kumar to file counters and adjourned the hearing to April 16. This came a day after the High Court issued notices to the Speaker and seven MLAs facing defection allegations. The division bench had directed the Speaker, along with MLAs Danam Nagen-der, Arekapudi Gandhi, Kale Yadaiah, T Prakash Goud, Pocharam Srinivas Reddy,

Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy and Tellam Venkat Rao, to file counter-affidavits. The Speaker, in four separate rulings, had dismissed petitions for the disqualification of 10 MLAs, who were elected on the BRS ticket in 2023, but allegedly switched to the ruling Congress in 2024. The BRS approached the High Court, challenging the Speaker's verdict. The party argued that the Speaker's decision to dismiss the disqualification petitions, citing a lack of evidence, effectively gave them a clean chit despite their defection.

### FORMER MINISTER JEEVAN REDDY TO JOIN BRS? BIG POLITICAL SHIFT IN TELANGANA EXPECTED

*Former minister Jeevan Reddy likely to join BRS next month, massive public meeting planned in Jagtial, Telangana politics heats up.*

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Political circles in Telangana are buzzing as former minister Jeevan Reddy is likely to join the BRS (Bharat Rashttra Samithi) soon. Reports suggest that the senior leader may officially enter the party on the 10th of next month, marking a major development in Telangana politics. Jeevan Reddy BRS Joining Plans. According to sources, Jeevan Reddy's joining BRS is almost finalized, with internal discussions already completed. Key points include: Likely joining date set for next month. Preparations underway for a grand public meeting. Event planned to showcase Massive Public Meeting in Jagtial. A large-scale meeting is being planned in: Lakshampur village, Jagtial rural mandal. Spread across nearly 15 acres of land. The meeting aims to: Display Jeevan Reddy's support base. Send a strong political message ahead of joining BRS. Senior BRS Leaders to Visit Venue.



Top BRS leaders are expected to inspect the arrangements, including: K. T. Rama Rao, T. Harish Rao. Their visit indicates the importance of this development within the party. End of Long Congress Association. Jeevan Reddy, a veteran leader, has had a political career of over 40 years with Congress. His shift to BRS signals: A major change in his political journey. Potential reshaping of local political equations. Political Impact in Telangana.

Experts believe that Jeevan Reddy joining BRS could: Strengthen BRS in key regions. Influence upcoming political strategies. Attract more leaders to shift sides. The expected move of former minister Jeevan Reddy joining BRS could become a turning point in Telangana politics. With a massive public meeting planned and senior leaders involved, this development is being closely watched across the state.

## BANDI SANJAY TURNS SINGER AS RSS COMPLETES 100 YEARS

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Minister of State for Home Affairs and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Bandi Sanjay Kumar has recorded special songs for Rashtriya Swayam-sevak Sangh's centenary celebrations, earning praises from many. Promo clips of the politician's recordings are making rounds on the internet along with reports of the 'full version' of the songs being released in Karimnagar on Friday, March 27, on the occasion of Ramanavami.

RSS is a right-wing Hindutva organisation founded by KB Hedgewar

in 1925 and completed 100 years on October 2, 2025. Over the years, the organisation has developed its presence in all sections of the Indian society, including politics. The BJP acts as the main political wing of the Sangh. Bandi Sanjay, who has been associated with the Sangh for several years, garnered praise for his singing and dedication to the organisation. "What a beautiful rendition! True karyakarta spirit. Bandi Sanjay garu singing from the heart for RSS centenary. Proud moment!" said one X user.

"Strong leaders, strong roots, strong nation! This is the spirit that drives Bharat forward," said another user.



### Telangana govt mulls pilot project to address nutrition deficiencies in kids

**Hyderabad:** Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has directed officials to examine the feasibility of implementing the recommendations proposed by eminent economist Karthik Muralidharan across 29 government school complexes under the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) to address nutritional deficiencies in pre-primary and primary-level children as a pilot project. Muralidharan met the Chief Minister at the Legislative Council Hall on the sidelines of the ongoing Assembly session, where he discussed nutritional deficiencies and learning ability gaps among children aged 0 to 10 years in the state. He highlighted the future health complications that may arise from nutritional deficiencies during early childhood, as well as the psychological distress students may endure later in life if they do not receive proper care at the primary level. He suggested measures that need to be taken to overcome these challenges. Revanth Reddy informed Muralidharan that they have already been paying special attention to these specific issues. He explained that budgetary allocations have been made to provide breakfast in schools, in addition to mid-day meals. Officials informed that there is a possibility of appointing an additional person, designated as "Poshan Sakhi," to provide nutritious food to children at Anganwadis.

## 'GAS PROMISE REMAINS GAS': CONGRESS JIBES AT PM MODI

The Congress on Friday attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi over India's increasing dependence on crude oil, LPG and natural gas imports. "The gas grandly promised by Mr Modi has remained that — gas," Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh said on X, pointing to India's dependence on natural gas imports. "Between 2014-15 and 2024-25, India's dependence on crude oil imports went up from 84% to 90%. Between 2014-15 and 2024-25, India's dependence on LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) imports went up from 46% to 62%," Ramesh said, adding that "all this when the mantra was supposed to be Atmanirbharta, or self-reliance." The natural gas story is



murkier, he claimed. "On June 26, 2005, the then CM of Gujarat (Modi) boasted that the Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation had discovered India's biggest gas reserve in the deep waters of the Krishna-Godavari river basin. Mr Modi announced that this would make India energy

independent," Ramesh said. He claimed that five CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) reports between 2011 and 2016 were to reveal later that this was a "Rs 20,000 crore scam, which was subsequently covered by the prime minister, forcing Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation's merger into Oil

and Natural Gas Corporation in August 2017". Panic buying, long queues at petrol pumps, LPG distributors. The Congress leader's remarks come amid reports of panic buying and long queues at petrol pumps and LPG distributors. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural

Gas, for the first time since the war in West Asia broke out, released stock details of crude oil, fuel and LPG as it rushed to calm nerves. India has about 60 days of oil stock cover and has arranged one full month of LPG supply, the government said on Thursday, adding that there is no shortage of petrol, diesel or LPG, calling reports of shortages a "deliberate misinformation campaign" aimed at triggering panic buying. The state-owned oil marketing companies also said there is no shortage of petrol, diesel or LPG and supplies remain stable. In a statement, the petroleum ministry said that all petrol pumps across the country are adequately stocked and operating normally, with no rationing of petrol or diesel.

### Accreditation Crisis Looms as New GO Norms Hit Small and Medium Newspapers

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The implementation of new guidelines under GO 103 has created widespread concern among small and medium newspaper publishers, as stricter circulation certification rules threaten their eligibility for accreditation cards. As per the revised norms, newspapers with a circulation above 25,000 copies are now required to submit verified certificates from the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) or the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI). Publications with circulation below 25,000 can submit certification from a Chartered Accountant. However, several newspapers that were previously categorized as "medium" or "big" and already empanelled are now facing reclassification into the "small" category due to the new compliance requirements. Publishers' associations and media unions have raised objections, stating that many organizations are unable to immediately obtain ABC or RNI certification due to procedural delays and costs involved. They have urged authorities to provide a grace period, allowing publications to continue under existing norms



while transitioning to the new system. "We are not against the rules, but the sudden implementation is affecting genuine publications," said a representative of a publishers' union, requesting flexibility for one accreditation cycle. Despite these concerns, the Chairman of the State Media Academy has taken a firm stance, insisting on strict adherence to GO 103 without exceptions. Officials argue that the move is aimed at ensuring transparency, authenticity, and credibility in circulation claims. The situation has left many newspaper organizations uncertain about their accreditation status, with fears that several may lose eligibility if immediate compliance is not met. Further discussions between government authorities and media representatives are expected in the coming days.