

PM Modi to inaugurate Rs 1,695 crore textile park in Warangal on May 10

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the PM MITRA Kakatiya Mega Textile Park in Warangal, Telangana on May 10, Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy said on Saturday, May 2. He further highlighted that the project has an estimated cost of Rs 1,695.54 crore, with expected investments exceeding Rs 6,000 crore, of which over Rs 3,800 crore has already been grounded. Spread across 1,327 acres, the facility among the largest textile parks in the country and has been selected under the PM MITRA (Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) scheme as a brownfield project.



WHIPS ARE GOVERNMENT'S EYES AND EARS: CM REVANTH

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy stated that government whips act as the "eyes and ears" of the administration. He made these remarks during a meeting with Assembly and Council whips held on Saturday at MCRHRD.

During the meeting, the whips brought several public issues from their constituencies to the Chief Minister's attention. They discussed measures required to address drinking water and irrigation needs amid the summer season, as well as the progress of paddy procurement across the state.

The Chief Minister directed officials to speed up the paddy procurement process and take necessary steps to resolve related issues promptly. He

emphasized that whips should stay connected with the public and work actively to address their concerns. He also instructed them to keep district administrations alert to ensure timely resolution of problems.

Revanth Reddy stressed the importance of taking government welfare schemes to the grassroots level and building public confidence that issues will be resolved quickly. He also suggested using media platforms effectively to spread awareness about government initiatives.

The Chief Minister assured that he would be available one day every week to coordinate with whips and review public issues. The meeting was attended by MP Vem Narender Reddy, Legislative Council Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy, and several other party whips.



Two men convicted of spying for Israel's Mossad executed in northwestern Iran

Two men convicted of spying for the Israeli regime's Mossad intelligence service have been executed in Iran's northwestern province of West Azarbaijan. The death sentences of Yaghoob Karimpour and Nasser Bekrzadeh were carried out on Saturday morning after their convictions were upheld by the Supreme Court of Iran and finalized through the legal process. According to case documents, Karimpour was actively in contact with a Mossad officer during the 12-day US-Israeli war of aggression against Iran in July 2025, and used to provide classified information about a number of sensitive Iranian locations and specific individuals to the Zionist regime's spy agency in exchange for cryptocurrencies. Based on his confessions, the video footage was later broadcast on the Israeli-funded so-called Iran International news channel to portray Iran as unstable.

IRGC: 14 MARTYRED IN BLAST

During unexploded ordnance clearance in Zanjan



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The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) says 14 of its personnel were martyred and two others wounded following an explosion during a mine and unexploded ordnance clearance operation in Zanjan

province.

According to a statement by the IRGC of Zanjan, the incident occurred on Friday while specialized demolition units were conducting a sensitive mission to identify and neutralize unexploded munitions left by US-Israeli airstrikes against the country. "The explosion of an un-

known and unexploded munition during a counter-improvised explosive device (neutralization) operation led to this tragic incident," the statement read.

The IRGC emphasized that all of the martyrs were experienced, trained, and specialized personnel working on the front lines to ensure regional security, adding that they sacrificed their lives in the service of the nation's safety and tranquility.

The IRGC noted that following aerial bombardments by the US and Israeli warplanes using cluster bombs, bomblets, and similar munitions, an extensive operation had been launched to contaminate Zanjan province.

LEADER VOWS TO DEFEAT ENEMY IN ECONOMIC, cultural wars following Iran's victory on battlefield

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The Leader of the Islamic Revolution has vowed that the Iranian nation will defeat the enemy in the cultural and economic spheres as well, following the victory on the military battlefield.

Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei made the remarks in a Friday message on the occasion of Teacher's Day and Labor Day.

"Now that the Islamic Re-



public of Iran, after more than forty-seven years of struggle, relying on divine grace, has

proven to the world a part of its remarkable capability in the military battle against the enemies of its progress and excellence, it must also disappoint and defeat them in the phase of economic and cultural jihad," he wrote.

"Teachers will be the most influential link in the cultural battle, and workers will be among the most effective elements in the economic battle—so much so that it can be claimed that these two serve as the backbone of the arenas of culture and economy," he said.

On May 2, Iran marked National Teachers' Day, which coincides with the martyrdom anniversary of legendary Iranian scholar Ayatollah Morteza Mutahhari. Meanwhile, International Workers' Day, also known as May Day, is marked

on May 1 every year.

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that the country's progress hinges on "the twin pillars of knowledge and labor," and called for practical support for both groups.

Teachers, he said, carry the "grave responsibility" of teaching skills, nurturing insight, and shaping the identity of the next generation. "Students will reflect, like a mirror, the behaviors and words of their teachers," he added.

Turning to workers, the Leader described the workplace as an arena "as wide as the country itself." He said hard work and commitment are the "pillars of any great success."

Ayatollah Khamenei warned officials that occasional verbal tributes are not enough. "Just as the Iranian nation has shown worthy support for their military forces, it is fitting that they also demonstrate strong backing for teachers and workers," he said.

He called for greater interaction between families and school administrators, and urged citizens to prioritize domestically manufactured goods to support local workers.

Israeli Strikes Kill 12 Civilians in South Lebanon Amid Ceasefire Breaches

Israeli forces have carried out a series of airstrikes targeting multiple areas in Lebanon's Nabatieh governorate, killing a dozen civilians and marking continued violations of a ceasefire agreement that has been in place since April 17. According to Al Mayadeen's correspondent in southern Lebanon, Israeli warplanes struck the towns of Harouf and Choukine, as well as the heights of Iqlim al-Tuffah, amid intensified aerial activity over the region.

REPOL IN ALL 285 BOOTHS OF FALTA CONSTITUENCY IN WEST BENGAL ON MAY 21



Kolkata: The Election Commission on Saturday ordered repoll in all 285 polling booths of the Falta assembly constituency in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district on May 21, an official said.

The repoll was ordered due to "severe electoral offences and subversion of the democratic process" on April 29, when voting in Falta was held in the second phase of the assembly elections, he said. The poll panel said repoll across all the booths, including auxiliary polling stations, will be held between 7 am and 6 pm on May 21. Counting of votes for the constituency will take place on May 24, the EC official said. The two-phase assembly polls were held on April 23 and April 29, with counting of votes scheduled for May 4.

JAMMU BRIDGE COLLAPSE: 3 DEAD, 1 INJURED; PROBE ORDERED

Jammu: Rescue workers pulled out three bodies and an injured person from the debris of a partially collapsed old bridge during a 12-hour search operation on the outskirts of Jammu, officials said on Saturday, May 2. One injured worker was rescued on Friday, May 1, shortly after a portion of the bridge collapsed in the Thuthar area of Bantalah. Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary rushed to the spot at midnight and ordered the suspension of two engineers. The government has also constituted a committee to probe the incident.



IRGC NAVY

Gaza flotilla, Strait of Hormuz soldiers will awaken world against Epstein front

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The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Navy says the passengers of the Sumud naval flotilla, along with the soldiers of the Strait of Hormuz, will awaken the world against the Epstein front.

It comes after the Israeli regime previously announced that its operation to intercept the ships of the Sumud flotilla, which was bound for Gaza, had concluded, and that 175 activists on board had been transferred to the occupied territories.

The Israeli army had also earlier reported the seizure of 21 out of 58 vessels belonging to the Sumud

flotilla, warning that action against the remaining ships would begin soon unless they changed course and turned back.

The Sumud Flotilla stated in a statement that thirty-one activists were wounded in the Israeli regime's attack on the Sumud Flotilla, which was traveling through international waters in the Mediterranean Sea toward the Gaza Strip to deliver humanitarian aid and break the blockade.

It added that among the wounded are four activists from New Zealand and Australia, three from Italy and the United States, two from Canada, the Netherlands, Spain, the United Kingdom, Colombia.

CHINA BLOCKS US SANCTIONS ON REFINERIES BUYING IRANIAN OIL

China has blocked US sanctions imposed on its refineries over purchasing Iranian oil, saying that Washington's measures "shall not be complied with." In a statement on Saturday, China's Ministry of Commerce announced it had issued an injunction to block US sanctions targeting five Chinese refineries. The ministry emphasized that the US measures announced separately since last year "shall not be recognized, implemented, or complied with." These sanctions, it added, "improperly prohibit or restrict Chinese enterprises from conducting normal economic, trade and related activities with third countries... and violate international law and the basic norms governing international relations."

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Iran says 'ball is in US court' after submitting proposal to mediators

Iran says it has submitted a comprehensive proposal to bring about a permanent end to the US-Israeli aggression against the country, insisting that it is now up to the United States to decide whether it wants a deal or confrontation.



Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs, Kazem Gharibabadi, shared the country's official stance on the ongoing efforts to negotiate a deal with the US during a meeting with a number of foreign ambassadors in Tehran. Gharibabadi said that Iran is fully and resolutely prepared to repel any renewed act of

aggression against the country, although it also believes in interest-based diplomacy to resolve existing issues. "The Islamic Republic of Iran has submitted its plan to Pakistan as the mediator with the aim of permanently ending the imposed war, and now the ball is in the US court to choose between a diplomatic solution or a continuation of the confrontational approach," he said. The diplomat said, however, that Iran has always approached talks with the US with a sense of distrust because of Washington's track record in previous rounds of negotiations. Gharibabadi's comments came after he held a trilateral meeting with the ambassadors of China and Russia to Iran. Iran and the US held a first round of talks in Islamabad on April 11, days after Pakistan mediated a ceasefire to allow a halt to the 39-day US-Israeli aggression against the country. Pakistan's efforts to arrange a second round of talks between Iran and the US have also faltered, as Iran has refused to accept US demands.

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an extensive operation had been launched to contaminate Zanjan province. Parts of the region, including an area of over 1,200 hectares, which also covered agricultural lands, were intentionally threatened through aerial mining, the statement said. The IRGC expressed condolences to the families of the martyrs and emphasized its continued commitment to safe and responsible service, utilizing specialized expertise and a dedicated approach. The United States and Israel launched an unprovoked war against Iran on February 28. They assassinated Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and struck nuclear facilities, schools, hospitals and civilian infrastructure. Iran's Armed Forces responded with 100 waves of retaliatory strikes under Operation True Promise 4, launching



hundreds of ballistic and hypersonic missiles, as well as drones, against American military bases across West Asia and Israeli positions throughout the occupied territories. In response to this threat, specialized and committed personnel from the IRGC's demolition battalions in Zan-

jan launched operations to identify, clear, and neutralize the dangers with high precision and sensitivity. The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) says 14 of its personnel were martyred and two others wounded following an explosion during a mine and unexploded ordnance clearance

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Hijacking Gaza aid flotilla amounts to intl. terrorism: Qaani

The IRGC Quds Force commander has deplored the Zionist Israeli regime's action in hijacking the Samud aid flotilla as an example of international terrorism.

The commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Quds Force, Major General Esmail Qaani, has strongly condemned what he described as the "hijacking" of the Samud aid flotilla by the Zionist Israeli regime, calling the act a clear example of international terrorism. In a message released on Saturday, General Qaani said the interception and detention of the Samud aid flotilla—reportedly carrying humanitarian assistance intended for the besieged population of Gaza Strip—constitutes a grave violation of international norms and humanitarian principles. He characterized the incident as "kidnapping," emphasizing that such actions target not only aid efforts but also the broader global conscience. "The movement and efforts of the free-fighters of Samud to breach the siege on the oppressed people of Gaza and save Palestinian children and women from the grip of the Zionists is a sign of the growing global resistance," Qaani stated. He further claimed that such initiatives reflect an increasing international determination to challenge what he described as injustice and oppression. General Qaani also accused Israel of committing repeated "cowardly crimes," arguing that these actions would only strengthen the resolve of freedom-seeking people worldwide. According to him, attempts to halt humanitarian missions like the Samud flotilla would ultimately backfire by galvanizing broader international support for efforts to break the blockade on Gaza.

No limit on uranium enrichment level under IAEA supervision: Iran's UN mission

Iran's permanent mission to the United Nations says there is no restriction on the level of uranium enrichment under the IAEA's supervision. In a post on its X account on Saturday, the mission sharply criticized the United States for its "extremely shameful" failure to comply with its nuclear obligations as per the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). "For 56 years, the US - possessor of thousands of nuclear warheads and the

No, 1 proliferator of such weapons - has been in clear non-compliance with its nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament obligations under Article I and VI of the NPT," it wrote. According to the mission, it is "extremely shameful!" It stressed the need not to give Washington any cover for its "outrageous and hypocritical behavior". The mission defended Iran's right to enrich uranium with no

limitation, reiterating that no restriction can be imposed on the level of uranium enrichment, so long as it is conducted under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). "Legally, there is no restriction on the level of uranium enrichment, so long as it is conducted under the IAEA's supervision, as was the case with Iran," it pointed out.

'There's not much you can do': Israel confirms Hezbollah drone nightmare in Lebanon

Israel has admitted its failure to counter Hezbollah's drones, stressing that the aircraft has become one of the most significant challenges facing invading Israeli troops in southern Lebanon. The military affairs correspondent for Israel's newspaper Haaretz, Yaniv Kubovich, reported that the Israeli army has acknowledged that the drones pose a complex threat to its invading troops. "The drone threat has evolved. Over the past two months, we've been dealing with hundreds of them," a senior Israeli officer stationed in Lebanon as part of the ongoing Israeli occupation of the country said. "The situation is worse than before.



In previous rounds, the Israeli army had freedom to operate and launch attacks anywhere in southern Lebanon," an Israeli soldier on his third

deployment to Lebanon since October 2023 admitted. "Hezbollah is firing intensively." Hezbollah has been reportedly using one-way attack drones against Israel for years. However, in recent weeks, the resistance movement has unveiled more small first-person-view (FPV) drones as well as drones attached to fiber-optic cables. A senior Israeli officer described the drone threat as "a very significant challenge," noting that there is "a clear gap between recognizing the threat and effectively responding to it." Kubovich stressed that "the threat is not theoretical, as evidenced by

casualties among troops", referring to the killing of an employee of the Israeli ministry of war while he was demolishing homes in southern Lebanon with a bulldozer. According to the Haaretz correspondent, the drone is small, silent, and readily available. Kubovich emphasized that Hezbollah has drawn lessons from previous wars and identified vulnerabilities in Israeli forces deployed in combat zones. "They hover in the air or wait on rooftops. The moment there's movement, they detonate over the troops. They're extremely difficult to detect- small, silent, and fast," an Israeli soldier explained.

GAZA DEATH TOLL RISES TO 72,608 SINCE OCT. 07: MINISTRY



The Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza has put the number of Palestinians martyred in the Gaza Strip since the outbreak of war between Israel and Hamas at 72,608. The ministry added that seven martyrs, including four new martyrs and three martyrs, have been pulled from the rubble, and 26 injured people have been admitted to hospitals in this area over the past 48 hours. Since the ceasefire was established on October 11, 2025, 828 people have been killed, 2,342 injured, and 767 bodies have been pulled from the rubble, the ministry added. The total number of Palestinian people martyred since October 07, 2023 has reached 72,608.

Israeli airstrikes kill 12 more civilians in southern Lebanon amid continued ceasefire violations

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The Lebanese Ministry of Public Health has revised the casualty figures from an Israeli attack on the town of Haboush in the Nabatieh district, confirming that eight people were killed, including one child and two women,

and 21 others wounded, among them two children and a woman. The strikes coincide with ongoing Israeli military assaults along Lebanon's southern border, including repeated incursions, demolitions in border villages, and a continued military presence inside Lebanese territory. In a separate attack on the town of Zrariyeh in the Sidon district, four people were killed, including two women, while four others were injured, including a child and a woman. On the other side of the border, Israeli media reported that air raid sirens were activated in 24 settlements in northern occupied Palestine following the detection of drones launched from Lebanese territory. Israeli authorities are also seeking to establish a so-called "yellow zone" along the border that would encompass more than 50 southern Lebanese villages — a move

that would further erode Lebanese sovereignty and constitute continued breaches of the ceasefire. In response, Lebanese resistance fighters have continued to carry out operations targeting Israeli positions in northern occupied Palestine, as well as Israeli military deployments inside Lebanese territory, using guided missiles and explosive drones as part of their ongoing deterrence efforts. Following the Iran-US ceasefire on April 8, Tel Aviv was compelled to accept a ceasefire in Lebanon as well, after Tehran demanded an end to Israeli attacks on Lebanese soil as one of its primary conditions in indirect negotiations with Washington. The Israeli military, however, quickly resumed its assaults on southern Lebanon, issuing evacuation threats for several areas even after the initial ten-day truce between Tel Aviv and Beirut was extended for an additional three

Poll: Most Americans believe US aggression against Iran was a 'mistake'

A recent poll has found that most Americans believe that using the US military against Iran was a mistake, and that the war will make things worse in the United States. According to an ABC News/Washington Post/Ipsos poll conducted using Ipsos' KnowledgePanel, about 6 in 10 Americans say that it was a mistake to go to war against Iran, while just over one-third say it was the right decision. The percentage of Americans who say the Iran war was a mistake (61%) is far higher than the 26% of Americans who said the US going to war with Iraq was a mistake in a March 2003 ABC/Post poll shortly after the US invasion of the Arab country, but far closer to the 64% who reached to this conclusion after it had gone on for nearly four years in

January 2007. Most Americans see potential risk in the US aggression against Iran, including an increased chance of the US economy slipping into a recession (60%) and weakening relationships with US allies (56%). As gas prices have reached a four-year high because of the war, half of Americans expect gas prices to increase even more in the upcoming year, 4 in 10 say they are not as well off as they were when President Donald Trump returned to power and nearly a quarter say they are falling behind financially. The poll also showed that few Americans, only 19%, say the US war in Iran this year has been successful, while 39% believe it has not been successful and 41% say it is too soon to tell.

GERMANY'S VICE CHANCELLOR SLAMS TRUMP, DEMANDS SWIFT END TO IRAN WAR

Germany's vice chancellor has strongly criticized US President Donald Trump over his anti-Iran strategy and called on him to end the war of aggression against Iran as quickly as possible. Lars Klingbeil told a Labor Day event in the western town of Bergkamen on Friday that Trump had wrongly assumed the war against Iran would be over within just a few days. "I think he really believed this would be a matter of two or three days, and then everything would be fine. He now bears the responsibility for ensuring that this war on Iran ends quickly," Klingbeil said. Klingbeil held the US president directly accountable for the political repercussions

and massive economic fallout resulting from the war against Iran. He also defended Chancellor Friedrich Merz against recent criticisms from Trump. "We really don't need any advice from Donald Trump. He should take a look at the mess he's created. He should ensure that serious peace talks are now held with Iran," Klingbeil said. "And I say this especially in light of the past few days, when he has been making comments about the German federal government and the chancellor," he added. On Tuesday, Trump verbally attacked Merz after the top German official blasted Trump's war on Iran, further straining ties between the allies.

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS CREATE HISTORY, BECOME 1ST IPL TEAM TO...

D GUKESH'S GIDDY REACTION TO VAISHALI'S CANDIDATES TRIUMPH: 'I SCREAMED WHEN AKKA WON'

Captain Ruturaj Gaikwad (67) and young Kartik Sharma (54) scored unbeaten half-centuries on Saturday, May 2, to help Chennai Super Kings secure a big win by 8 wickets over Mumbai Indians. The Chennai-based franchise chased down the target of 160 runs in 18.1 overs for the loss of just 2 wickets. The win in front of home fans on Saturday helped CSK become the first team to win 20 IPL matches against the Mumbai Indians. The Chennai-based franchise has played a total of 41 IPL matches so far against MI and managed to win 20. Meanwhile, MI has secured 21 wins over them in the last 18 years. In the list of teams with the most wins in the IPL against the Mumbai Indians, Chennai Super Kings are followed by Punjab Kings. In 35 IPL matches played so far against the Mumbai-based franchise, PBKS have



managed to secure 17 wins (+1 in a super over). The win over Mumbai Indians on Saturday was a special one for Chennai Super Kings as it

lifted them to No. 6 in the IPL 2026 points table. On the other hand, Mumbai Indians remain at 9th position. They have only managed to win two out of nine matches played so far in IPL 2026, and their chances of qualifying for the playoffs by finishing in the top four are all but over now. Even if Mumbai Indians win all of their remaining five matches, they will finish the league stage with 14 points. But 14 points might not be enough for them to qualify for the playoffs. In the last four seasons of the IPL (since it became a 10-team tournament), only once has a team that finished the league stage with 14 points managed to finish in the top four (RCB in 2014). Chennai Super Kings enter their name in the record books on Saturday (May 2) by becoming the first team to win 20 IPL matches against Mumbai Indians.

When two of India's brightest chess stars share a moment, it's bound to feel special. Reigning World Champion Gukesh D stated that he couldn't hide his excitement after R Vaishali clinched the 2026 Women's Candidates Tournament, booking her place at the Women's World Championship later this year. "I Just Screamed" Vaishali's win in Cyprus was a breakthrough moment, and Gukesh was glued to it. "I was following Vaishali Akka's game and I just screamed when she won," he said during a felicitation event in Chennai. He didn't stop there. "Huge congrats to Vaishali Akka. Since the 2024 Candidates, I've always been amazed by the character she shows in any tournament. And I'm really glad that we both can fight for the World Championship." Vaishali, calm as ever, had a light response ready. "I hope we both will win (the World Championship) and we'll have yet another celebration," she said, drawing laughter and applause from the crowd. A Title Sealed Under Pressure By Vaishali-Facing a must-win situation in the final round of the 2026 Women's Candidates, Vaishali delivered with the white pieces, defeating Kateryna Lagno in the final round. She finished on 8.5 points, edging Bibisara Assaubayeva by half a point in a tight finish. And by doing so, she booked herself a clash with reigning champion Ju Wenjun for the world title.

LEEDS UNITED SECURE PROVISIONAL PL BERTH; THUMP RELEGATED BURNLEY 3-1

Goals from Anton Stach, Noah Okafor and Dominic Calvert-Lewin move Daniel Farke's Leeds nine points clear of the PL drop zone.



Look away, Spurs fans. Ain't nothing getting pretty for y'all. Leeds United took a big step toward Premier League survival with a 3-1 win over

already-relegated Burnley on Friday. Goals from Anton Stach, Noah Okafor and Dominic Calvert-Lewin lifted Daniel Farke's side nine points clear of the relegation zone, with four games left for those below them. Fast Start Sets the Toe Leeds, still smarting from their FA Cup semi-final loss to Chelsea, came out sharp. Stach opened the scoring inside eight minutes, his low strike slipping past Martin Dubravka. The hosts controlled the first half but had to wait until just after the break to put the game to bed. A slick move early in the second half saw Okafor finish after a clever backheel from Calvert-Lewin set up Jayden Bogle.

Moments later, Calvert-Lewin added a third, his 13th of the season, tapping in after Dubravka parried Ao Tanaka's effort. Burnley's Tough Season Continues Burnley, who were narrowly beaten to last season's Championship title by Leeds, have struggled in the top flight and are heading back down. The club parted ways with manager Scott Parker just a day earlier, with Mike Jackson taking interim charge. Loum Tchaoua grabbed a late consolation, but it did little to change the outcome. Leeds now sit 14th in their first season back, looking to avoid the common fate of promoted teams dropping straight back down.

Gaikwad, Kartik Fifties Guide CSK To Double Over MI At Chepauk

Chennai Super Kings registered a 8-wicket win over arch-rivals Mumbai Indians at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Saturday to pick up their second win over the fellow five-time champions in the ongoing season of IPL. Chennai limited Mumbai to 159/7 thanks to an Anshul Kamboj three-fer, before captain Ruturaj Gaikwad and youngster Kartik Sharma produced half-centuries to take the team over the finish line with 11 balls to spare. MI skipper Hardik Pandya won the coin toss and opted to bat first as CSK found early joy with the falls of Will Jacks, who was sent back for a solitary run as debutant Ramakrishna Ghosh pulled off a brilliant catch off Anshul Kamboj's over. Ryan Rickleton and Naman Dhir steadied the innings with a 58-run partnership before the South African was scalped by Noor Ahmed for 37 off 24 runs right after the powerplay. Ghosh's night got better as he picked up his first wicket with the dismissal of Suryakkumar Yadav for 21 runs, before Noor doubled his kitty with the wicket of Tilak Verma for 5 runs



with skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad taking his catch. Naman held fort as he went on to bring up his half-century, his second of the season, before Jamie Overton foxed him with a slower one as Sarfaraz Khan picked up a blinder. Kamboj completed his three-fer on the night with the scalps of Robin Minz and Pandya for 5 and 18 runs respectively as CSK limited MI to 159/7 in 20 overs. CSK opened the chase with Sanju Samson and Gaikwad but the former, who had scored a ton against Mumbai at Wankhede was re-

moved for 11 run by Jasprit Bumrah. Urvil Patel produced a quick 24 off 12 deliveries before being castled by Allah Ghazanfar, as Karthik Sharma steadied the chase alongside skipper Ruturaj with a solid stand as the duo took the hosts into triple-digits shortly after the midway point of the innings. Gaikwad remained unbeaten on 67 from 48 balls, while young Karthik too brought up his maiden fifty for CSK with a well-made 54* off 40 balls to close the game out with 8 wickets to spare.

Former World Champion Backs F1's Return To India: 'Real Shame It Was Cancelled'

There's been plenty of noise around Formula 1 potentially returning to India. Timelines like 2027 have been floated, though they feel optimistic at best. Still, the conversation refuses to die. And now, a former world champion has weighed in. Jensen Button is firmly in favour of seeing F1 back in India. And his reasons are simple: he's been there, raced there, and remembers it fondly. "The Track Was Awesome" India hosted just three Grand Prix between 2011 and 2013, all dominated by Sebastian Vettel during his peak Red Bull Racing years. For Button, the debut race in 2011 still stands out. He shared the podium with Vettel and Fernando Alonso, finishing second in what felt like a landmark moment for Indian motorsport. Looking back, he didn't hold back. "I think I finished second in one of the years," Button recalled, according to Sportstar. "The track itself that I drove on was awesome. It was fast, it was flowing, it was a real shame when it was cancelled. Because I really enjoyed it." "It was one of the really interesting new tracks on the calendar. I really enjoyed my time there. So it would be great to see it back on the calendar for sure." Why It Disappeared The race, held at the Buddh International Circuit, started with promise. Big crowds, strong interest, and a growing motorsport base. But it didn't last. Tax disputes, bureaucratic hurdles, and logistical issues ultimately forced F1 out after 2013, and it hasn't returned since. Why A Quick Comeback Is Not Feasible As much as Button and many fans would like a comeback, the road isn't straightforward.

40 India Boxers Left Out Of SAI Sanction, CWG And Asian Games Trials Delayed

SAI sanction letter has omitted 40 boxers from national camp and with BFI seeks resolution the assessment has been delayed to May 6.

As many as 40 boxers are facing uncertainty after being left out of the sanction letter issued by the Sports Authority of India for the national camp, casting doubt over their participation in the selection assessment process for this year's Commonwealth Games and Asian Games. According to the selection policy of the Boxing Federation of India, the top two finishers across 20 weight categories – 10 each in the men's and women's sections – at the Chief of Army Staff Cup (COAS), held from March 30 to April 5, were to be included in the national camp scheduled to begin on April 25. The policy, released in December last year, states that these 40 boxers would be eligible for the assessment trials, which will determine India's squads for the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, and the World Boxing Cup 2. However, the sanction letter received by the BFI on April 29 did not include the names of these boxers. "The sanction was received on 29th April 2026, and 40 names are currently missing from the list," the federation said in a notification on Friday. It is understood that the BFI has been in constant communication with the Sports Authority of India to resolve the issue but has yet to receive a response. The assessment process, originally scheduled to begin on May 5, has now been delayed by a day and will commence on May 6 due to the uncertainty surrounding the missing names.

NBA Finds A Fix For Tanking? '3-2-1 Lottery' Plan Proposed To Curb Mess - Report

For years, NBA fans have complained about 'tanking'. And now, the league seems set to draw a line in the sand and stand on business. According to ESPN's Shams Charania, the NBA has presented a new draft reform proposal, dubbed the "3-2-1 lottery," to all 30 teams in an effort to curb the growing issue. Why the League Is Stepping In Tanking (losing intentionally to secure better draft odds) has become increasingly visible, especially after the All-Star break. And this season, it reached a tipping point. Five teams — Washington Wizards, Indiana Pacers, Utah Jazz, Memphis Grizzlies and Brooklyn Nets — all posted winning percentages below .180 after the break, something never seen before. The league even fined the Jazz \$500,000 for "conduct detrimental to the league" after questionable player usage late in games. How the "3-2-1 Lottery" Works The proposed system reshapes draft odds to discourage finishing at the bottom. The lottery pool expands from 14 to 16 teams, including play-in losers. All 16 teams enter the draw, rather than weighting only the worst records

'Losers Cry': Roberto De Zerbi Lights Fire Under Spurs, Says 'We Have To Die On The Pitch'

Tottenham Hotspur are deep in trouble, but Roberto De Zerbi isn't entertaining defeat just yet. Spurs remain stuck the purgatory, languished in the relegation zone two points from safety, with only four games left to salvage their season. And if things continue to go south, the North London side could see themselves drop out of the top flight for the first time since 1977-78. But, there is no time for tears, says De Zerbi. Injuries Pile Up at the Worst Time Tottenham finally snapped a 118-day wait for a league win with victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers last weekend, but it came at a cost. Both Xavi Simons and Dominic Solanke picked up injuries, adding to an already stretched squad at



the worst possible moment in the campaign. Despite the setbacks, De Zerbi isn't allowing a defeatist mindset to creep in. "I keep hearing we are in an impossible moment, that we're crying because we are going to be relegated. Well, not yet," he said ahead of the trip to Aston Villa. "We have to die on the pitch first.

Only then could we lose a game. We have to fight." He doubled down on the message: "Losers cry, the losers think negative. I don't want people close to me to be crying or think in a different way from me." Tough Test Ahead Villa, fresh off a strong run and sitting in the Europa League semi-finals, could seal a top-five finish and UEFA Champions League qualification this weekend. But, there is some hope for Spurs, atleast on the injury front — James Maddison has been back on the bench after recovering from an ACL injury suffered in pre-season. Spurs remain stuck the purgatory, languished in the relegation zone two points from safety, with only four games left to salvage their

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BRS LEADER STAGES DHARNA IN ADILABAD OVER GRAIN PROCUREMENT

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Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) party workers led by former Minister Jogu Ramanna blocked the national highways in Jainath and Bela mandals of Adilabad district on Saturday, May 2, demanding that the government purchase chickpeas and jowar from the farmers.

Ramanna said that during the K Chandrashekar Rao government, every grain grown by farmers was purchased without any restrictions or rules and the farmers were fully supported. However, under the Congress government, farmers are being

driven to suicide, the leader alleged. He accused the local MLA Payal Shankar and MP Godam Nagesh of failing to raise farmer's issues in front of the state and central government and prioritising their own selfish interests. The BRS leader said that his party will continue support the farmers and hold protests until every grain grown by the farmers is purchased. Ramanna said that during the K Chandrashekar Rao government, every grain grown by farmers was purchased without any restrictions or rules and the farmers were fully supported. The BRS leader said that his party will continue support the farmers and hold protests until every grain grown by the farmers is purchased.

Telangana CM assures Rs 6,000 crore retirement benefits within 100 days

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Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has announced that the state government will disburse all the pending retirement benefits of government pensioners amounting to Rs 6,000 crore within 100 days. During a meeting held with the employees' union leaders in Hyderabad on Saturday, May 2, Revanth Reddy has also instructed the committee of officials, to submit a report on the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) at the earliest.

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PRC. He also assured that the health security cards to government employees will be given before June 1.

He asked the recognised

employees' unions to hold meetings once in two months and submit a report to the government about their issues.

Assuring that the state government was being friendly

with the employees, Revanth Reddy assured that it is the government's responsibility to address their issues. CM A Revanth Reddy also assured that the government will take

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Bathukamma Kunta Is a Lake: HYDRAA Commissioner Shows 1975 Records & Satellite Proof

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HYDRAA Commissioner A. V. Ranganath clarified that Bathukamma Kunta in Amberpet is unquestionably a lake, presenting historical records, satellite images, and Google Maps evidence. Speaking to media at the HYDRAA office on Saturday, he issued a clarification following recent news reports and rumors. He stated that gates and boards



were removed as per court directions, and the matter is currently under legal process, with an affidavit

to be filed within 3 weeks as directed by the Supreme Court. Historical Records and Satellite Images Released

The HYDRAA Commissioner presented detailed evidence: 1975 irrigation records clearly classify Bathukamma Kunta as a lake. In Survey No. 563/1, the lake extent is 9.19 acres as per reveue and GHMC records. The lake bund exists in Survey No. 563/2, measuring 6 guntas, referred to as Masan Katta. Additional evidence released: Survey of India photos (1971) NASA (Landsat) satellite images (1989)

Road Safety Bureau to soon be established in Telangana: CV Anand

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Telangana DGP C V Anand on Saturday, May 2, said that the state government is in the process of establishing a Traffic Management and Road Safety Bureau. He said efforts are underway, and the bureau is expected to become operational soon, according to a press release.

The DGP, who held a review meeting with Joint Commissioners of Police (Traffic) and Deputy Commissioners of Police (Traffic) under GHMC limits, conducted a comprehensive assessment of prevailing traffic conditions



in the city. He emphasised the need for better coordination among various departments to ensure effective traffic management.

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prevent such incidents. The CM stressed that speed control and strict adherence to safety standards must be enforced, he said.

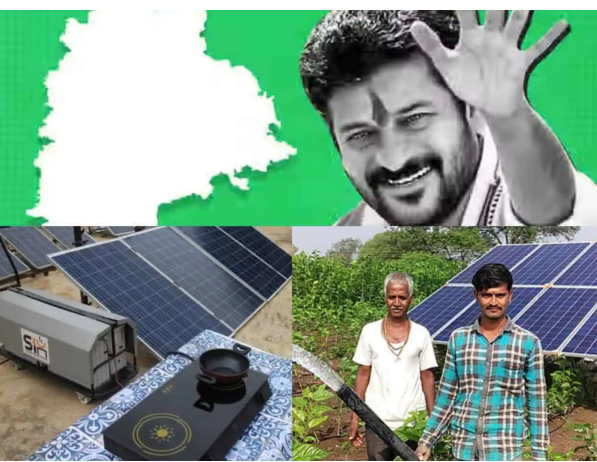
Anand directed traffic police officers to discharge their duties efficiently while ensuring minimal inconvenience to motorists and the public across Hyderabad.

Plumber hides friend's body under kitchen platform, held months later

Hyderabad: A 47-year-old plumber was arrested by Neredmet police on Friday, May 1, for allegedly killing his friend and hiding his body under the kitchen platform in his rented house. The murder took place in December last year, but came to light in April, after the landlord, unable to contact the accused, broke into the house to find a foul smell.

According to the police, the accused, Gavvala Malesh, hails from Siddipet district. He had been living alone in an apartment in JK Colony, Neredmet, after separation from his family. He has a criminal history and has been to jail. The accused used to frequent labour addas where he met the deceased, Kanchi Venkata Ramulu, also 47, and a labourer by profession. The two became close acquaintances and regularly drank. On December 15 last year, they consumed alcohol near a wine shop in HB Colony, and later at the accused's residence. However, both got into a fight after Ramulu allegedly made derogatory remarks about Malesh's personal life. In a fit of rage, Malesh attacked Ramulu with a wooden stick, causing fatal head injuries, leading to instant death. Malesh then tied Ramulu's hands, legs, and neck with a rope and concealed his body beneath the kitchen platform. He then sealed the space with bricks and fled from the spot.

REVANTH REDDY ORDERS SUBSTATIONS, 18 SOLAR PLANTS ACROSS TELANGANA



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In a major push for the Telangana power sector, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has ordered the immediate construction of electricity substations to meet rising power demand driven by upcoming industrial zones, high-speed rail corridors, and Triple R development projects. The decision was taken during a high-level review meeting on the electricity department, held jointly with Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Mallu. The meeting was also attended by MP Vemmarender Reddy and senior officials from the energy department.

The Chief Minister stressed that ensuring adequate power supply infrastructure is critical for Telangana's upcoming large-scale development projects and directed officials to act

without delay. The current status remains ongoing implementation with immediate administrative action initiated. Green Energy Policy and Data Center Approvals As part of the Telangana power sector reforms, the Chief Minister instructed officials to: Grant permissions on priority to applicants under the Green Energy Policy

Approve necessary clearances for large data centers requiring high power supply

This move aims to strengthen Telangana's position as a hub for technology and industrial investments. The Telangana government, led by Revanth Reddy, has initiated urgent construction of substations and rollout of 18 solar power plants across nine districts (excluding Hyderabad) to meet rising demand from industrial zones, high-speed rail corridors, and major infrastructure projects. The plan includes

green energy approvals, AI integration, and awareness

No personal issues with KCR, only ideological differences: Kavitha

According to her, every state should have a fixed number of Rajya Sabha seats and voting rights so that a balance is maintained among all states.

Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) founder K Kavitha on Saturday, May 2, said her criticism of former BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao was not personal but political. "In no way have I criticised my father. I have no problem with him. I only have ideological differences with the party (BRS) which is headed by KCR," she said. Holding her first "meet the press" programme at Basheerbagh Press Club, after the announcement of her political party on April



25, Kavitha explained why she differed with KCR. She claimed that Rs 1,25,000 crore spent by BRS on Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation

Scheme (KLIS) and Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS) could irrigate only 1 lakh acres. Claiming that there has been

a lost opportunity cost of Rs 2,50,000 crore during the ten-year BRS government, she said 20 to 30 lakh job aspirants lost their precious years due to frequent paper leaks during that period. Draws a parallel between working in media, political party On a question posed by a reporter at her about why she was silent when she was part of BRS, but was complaining now, Kavitha questioned the reporter back, asking her whether she as a journalist would work

against the policy of the news outlet's management, if she differed with it. "I have represented the issues to the party leadership vocally multiple times, with evidence about corruption as well. But I had to follow my boss' orders as it was my duty," she said. She, however, chose not to answer a question about why she was targeting Siddipet MLA T Harish Rao, by making corruption allegations against him. On BRS issuing show cause notice to Rohit Reddy, but not her

Bengal: Over 72 pc turnout till 3 pm in repoll in 15 booths of 2 assembly seats

Counting of votes will take place on May 4.



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Over 72 per cent turnout was recorded till 3 pm in repoll in 15 booths of two assembly constituencies in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district on Saturday, an official said. Voting was underway more or less peacefully at 11 polling stations of Magrahat Paschim assembly constituency and four in Diamond Harbour, where the EC ordered repoll a day ago, following reports of electoral malpractices.

However, at booth number 179 at Chanda Primary School of Diamond

Harbour seat, the Trinamool Congress alleged that a specially abled voter and his mother were harassed by central forces. The alleged incident sparked protests by party workers and locals.

The TMC claimed that the voter's mother, who had entered the booth to assist him, and her son were detained for a considerable time by central forces over alleged rule violations.

"TMC leaders Manmohini Biswas and Pratik Ur Rahman reached the spot and led the protests, with residents terming the action unwarranted harassment. The matter has been taken care of by our officials there," an official of the poll body said.

Counting of votes will take place on May 4. Voting began at 7 am and will continue till 6 pm, the official said, adding that till 3 pm, the turnout was 72.43 per cent. Magrahat Paschim registered 72.50 per cent voter turnout, while in Diamond Harbour, it was 72.36 per cent, a poll official stated. Voting in these two assembly constituencies was held in the second phase of the state elections on April 29. The repoll order was based on reports received from returning officers

and observers of the two constituencies and "material circumstances", the Election Commission official said.

In Magrahat Paschim, TMC's Md Samim Ahamed Molla is pitted against BJP nominee Goursunder Ghosh, while Abdul Majid Halder of the Congress and ISF candidate Abdul Aziz Al Hassan are also in the fray. TMC candidate Panna Lal Halder is contesting against Dipak Kumar Halder of the BJP in the Diamond Harbour seat. Goutam Bhattacharya of the Congress and CPI(M)'s Samar Naiya are among other candidates.

The BJP had alleged rampant electoral malpractices in certain polling stations of both the assembly seats under the Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha constituency, which is represented by TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee.

The EC had deputed its special observer, Subrata Gupta, to fact-check the allegations from the ground.

The poll panel will decide on repolling in the Falta assembly constituency on Saturday. The West Bengal assembly elections were held in two phases — April 23 and April 29 — amid unprecedented security arrangements.

Dental Camp Organized for Poor and Disabled Patients in Secunderabad



Hyderabad/2/May(TDN)The Government Dental College and Hospital organized a dental health camp for poor and specially-abled patients at the Bansilalpet Home for Disabled, Secunderabad, under the leadership of Dr. Hasan Imam Naqvi. During the camp, several patients were examined and educated about various oral health issues, including dental hygiene, gum diseases, and preventive care. Based on their conditions, necessary treatments and medical advice were provided on the spot.

Dr. Hasan Imam Naqvi stated that such camps are regularly conducted as part of a social service initiative and a moral responsibility towards the underprivileged and differently-abled sections of society.

Dr. Sarjeev Singh Yadav and Dr. Jagdish Rao Sukhabogi has motivated and provided guidance for the camp. The initiative was appreciated by the attendees, as it brought much-needed dental care and awareness directly to those in need.



CH Neta Ji Police Inspector of Rein Bazar Police Station organized a public Awareness program on cybercrime near Jabbar Hotel, Dabeerpura. On this occasion, Sub-Inspector Pawan, police staff, and other individuals were also present.