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## KTR questions Rahul Gandhi on govt job promises

Hyderabad: Amid the ongoing protests by unemployed youth and students for government job notifications, BRS working president KT Rama Rao condemned the police excess and detention of job aspirants. He demanded that Congress Lok Sabha leader Rahul Gandhi respond immediately and direct the State government to implement its electoral promise of providing government jobs. Speaking to mediapersons at his Nandi Nagar residence on Friday, Rama Rao termed the police lathi charge against unemployed youth and students as a brutal assault for merely questioning the Congress government's failure to issue job notifications. He said the Congress had betrayed the very students it courted before the elections.

"Why did Rahul Gandhi pose for photos promising two lakh jobs? Why did he promise two lakh jobs to youth, if they ousted the BRS from power?" he asked, accusing the Congress leader of deceiving youth with false assurances.



"If Rahul Gandhi has any sincerity left, he must react now," he demanded. Targeting Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Rama Rao stated that instead of providing jobs, the Chief Minister was using the police to suppress students' protests. He said students were detained and shifted to multiple police stations simply because the Chief Minister was scheduled to inaugurate a shopping mall at RTC Crossroads on Friday. "Students and unemployed youth have been taken to six or seven police stations and harassed since yesterday," he said, accusing the government of resorting to intimidation rather than governance. He assured that the BRS would stand firmly with the unemployed and support protests against the government's inaction.

## India's office leasing soars 20% in 2025, residential sales remain steady

New Delhi: India's office market touched record high in 2025, with annual gross leasing surging to 86.4 million sq ft, up 20 per cent (year-on-year) and 43 per cent above the pre-pandemic 2019 peak, a report said on Friday. Real estate services firm Knight Frank India said that on the residential front, sales across eight major cities held broadly steady at 3,48,204 units in 2025, easing 1 per cent YoY. In the same period, new launches were recorded at 362,184 units across the top markets easing 3 per cent YoY. Mumbai accounted for 29 per cent of sales with 97,188 units.

On the office market front, the scale of activity reflected sustained occupier demand and positions India as a global leader among commercial real estate markets, the report said. Strong performance across regions reflected the maturity of India's office ecosystem, supported by robust talent pools, resilient demand drivers and disciplined supply. "With annual leasing volumes rising over 20 per cent YoY, the current cycle marks not just a numerical high but a structural shift in how global and domestic enterprises view India as a long-term business destination," said Shishir Baijal, International Partner, Chairman and Managing Director, Knight Frank India. Bengaluru led the office market with a historic 28.7 million sq ft of leasing. Delhi-NCR retained its position as India's second-largest office market in terms of total stock. The resi-



dential sector, meanwhile, entered a phase of measured normalisation after three consecutive years of elevated activity, supported by end-user activity and sustained by premiumisation and firm price growth, the report noted. Global Capability Centres (GCCs) accounted for 38 per cent of total absorption, while third-party IT services rebounded strongly, taking 15.3 million sq ft (20 per cent of transacted area), up 94 per cent YoY. Flexible workspace operators leased a record 18.6 million sq ft, marking 19 per cent surge YoY. Rents grew between 1 per cent and 16 per cent YoY across all markets in H2 2025, led by Kolkata (16 per cent), with NCR and Hyderabad surging 10 per cent each.

## BRS accuses Revanth Reddy of targeting university lands for real estate projects

Hyderabad: BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan lambasted the Congress government and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for attempting to convert lands belonging to government educational institutions into real estate assets. He demanded the immediate withdrawal of the notices issued to Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), calling it a direct assault on minority education. Speaking at a press meet at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday, Sravan warned that the BRS would stand with students and faculty in protecting MANUU lands, just as it did during the Kancha Gachibowli land issue. He said the university was already suffering from inadequate land despite running 26 departments, and instead of attempting to seize its property, the government should allocate at least Rs 1,000 crore for its development.

Accusing the Chief Minister of turning into a real estate vulture, the BRS MLC alleged that the Congress government was trying to grab 50 acres belonging to the Urdu University. "Revanth Reddy's behaviour is nothing short of licensed looting," he said, adding that attempts were reportedly being made to target Indian School of Business (ISB) lands as well. He questioned whether such decisions were dis-



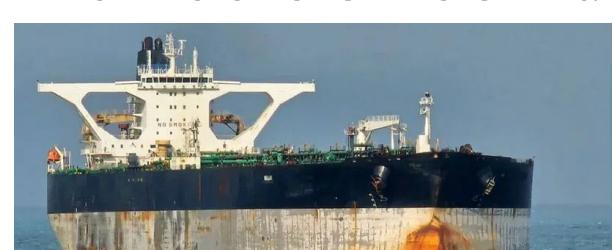
cussed in the Cabinet and criticised the Chief Minister for acting like a real estate middleman rather than an administrator. He warned against meddling with educational institutions. He called on the Muslim community and students to oppose what he termed an anti-education and anti-minority agenda of the government.

## Telangana Human Rights Commission orders Rs 8 lakh relief and job for family after botched surgery death

Hyderabad: In a major ruling on medical accountability, the Telangana State Human Rights Commission (TGHRC) has held the State Government liable for the death of a young woman following a botched tubectomy. The Commission, led by Justice Shameem Akther, has recommended an additional compensation of Rs 8 lakh to the family of the deceased, M Lalitha, along with a directive to provide government employment to her surviving husband. The case (H.R.C. No. 2355 of 2018) stems from a surgery performed at a Government Community Health Centre in Wanaparthy District. While authorities initially claimed the death resulted from unavoidable physiological complications, the Commission's investigation revealed a far more tragic reality.

The TGHRC found that an ileal perforation, a hole in the small intestine, occurred during the surgery. This injury went undetected for a critical period, leading to septic peritonitis and ultimate cardiopulmonary arrest. The Commission sharply criticized the inadequacy of a prior Rs 2 lakh compensation. The Commission said that Lalitha is survived by two minor children and a husband with a disability. Justice Akther emphasized that the state must ensure the family can live with dignity. "The earlier payment was wholly inadequate given the gravity of the negligence and the family's circumstances," the order stated. In addition to monetary relief of Rs lakh, the Commission has directed the State government to provide livelihood support by providing suitable government employment for the victim's husband.

## Russian tanker seized by US with 3 Indian crew members on board



Moscow: Three Indians are among the crew on board the Russian oil tanker seized by the US, local media reported even as Moscow on Thursday asked Washington to comply with international laws on freedom of maritime navigation while strongly rejecting its 'neo-colonial' tendencies. The Russian Foreign Ministry also said information about the Marinera tanker, previously known as Bella 1, that was seized on Wednesday by the US coastguard in the North Atlantic, was conveyed to America repeatedly. "The Marinera crew consists of 17 Ukrainian citizens, six Georgian citizens, three Indian citizens and two Russian citizens," Russia Today said, quoting sources. "We call on Washington to resume compliance with the fundamental norms and principles of international maritime navigation and immediately cease its illegal actions against the Marinera tanker and other vessels engaged in law-abiding activities on the high seas," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement. Moscow said it considers the US references to its national "sanctions legislation" to be unfounded. "The statements by some US officials that the seizure of the Marinera is part of a broader strategy to establish Washington's unlimited control over Venezuela's natural resources are extremely cynical. We strongly reject such neo-colonialist tendencies," the Foreign Ministry underscored. "Unilateral restrictive measures by the US, as well as other Western countries, are illegitimate and cannot justify attempts to establish jurisdiction and, even more so, to seize ships on the high seas," it said.

# Editorial

## on the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization guidelines

The new guidelines to compound minor drug violations that the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has released, operationalise a legal change in the works since 2023. Until recently, many instances of relatively minor or technical non-compliance under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, invoked criminal prosecution. The new guidance and standard operating procedures are meant to standardise compounding instead, whereby, at the regulator's discretion, firms can settle certain offences by reporting them and applying to pay a fine, instead of litigating. The legal backdrop is the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act that was framed as an exercise in "decriminalising and rationalising offences ... for ease of living and doing business". In the 1940 Act, Jan Vishwas broadened the scope of Section 32B by adding heads into the group of offences that could be compounded; this now includes making a drug to sell or distribute in breach of the 1940 Act but not covered by its Section 27(a-c) and stocking or exhibiting such a non-spurious or non-adulterated drug, among others. If compounding is granted and paid for, the key benefit is "immunity from prosecution" for that case, subject to conditions. This change is for the better if the regulatory apparatus implements it in good faith. For offences based on record keeping and disclosure, compounding prevents needless criminalisation and lets enforcement focus on direr violations.

The main pitfalls are the guidelines regressing into a 'pay and pass' scheme and the CDSCO's transparency. Firms can seek compounding "before or after" prosecution. If, however, the CDSCO does not publish (even redacted) compounding orders and the underlying case details, the public may lose faith in the legal proceedings and in the regulator. Even if repeat offenders cannot avail of the benefit, there needs to be a publicly auditable trail. The guidance's emphasis on discretion and conditions cannot substitute for public reporting that lets independent actors check whether the same firms are repeat offenders. Similarly, the published process does not create room for consumer groups or whistle-blowers to make representations before immunity is granted. Next, the way the errors that can be compounded are written is broad enough in practice to cover a wide range of behaviours, from lapses in paperwork to more substantive compliance failures. If the compounding fines are also set too low, applied inconsistently or used routinely in place of deterrence, compliance will only falter. Perhaps most of all, the CDSCO also needs to link compounding to corrective and preventive actions, follow-up inspections, and, where relevant, public-facing actions such as issuing alerts or directing firms to recall products. Otherwise, there may not be a durable reduction in risk over time.

# Hyderabad man charged after CCTV catches him deliberately crushing puppy

Hyderabad: In a disturbing incident of animal cruelty, the Hyderabad City Police with the help of PETA India and a local caregiver, have registered a First Information Report (FIR) against a man for allegedly running over a puppy with his car in Saroornagar. The incident took place on January 2, when a vehicle was caught on CCTV slowly approaching a group of five puppies before crushing one under its wheels. The driver did not stop or offer assistance, leaving the animal dead. When confronted by the local caregiver Sonali Bhowmick, the accused, identified as Shravan, was reportedly recorded stating, "I don't want any dog over here." The Saroornagar Police Station registered the FIR under Section 325 of (BNS), 2023. This section classifies the killing or maiming of an animal as a cognizable offense, carrying a potential prison sentence of up



to five years, a fine, or both. Commending Hyderabad police for quick action, Sinchana Subramanyan, PETA India's Senior Cruelty Response Coordinator said "Those who abuse animals often move on to harming humans". PETA India is also advocating psychiatric evaluations for animal abusers, citing research that links animal cruelty to violent crimes against humans. The organization has urged the public to report abuse immediately and provides a 24/7 emergency helpline (9820122602) for injured animals.

## Congress rift surfaces in Nalgonda after Mother Dairy chairman's resignation

Nalgonda: Internal rifts have surfaced within the Congress in Nalgonda district following the resignation of Mother Dairy Chairman G Madhusudhan Reddy and the appointment of Prabhakar Reddy as his successor. Madhu Sudhan Reddy resigned from the post, after which Prabhakar Reddy was appointed chairman on Thursday. The development has triggered speculation within party circles, with several leaders terming the move politically motivated. Party sources said the change was aimed at curbing the influence of Alair MLA and Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah, allegedly at the behest of senior leaders in the district. Prabhakar Reddy is said to be a close aide of Munugode MLA Komatireddy

Rajgopal Reddy. Before stepping down, Madhusudhan Reddy had reportedly raised concerns over financial constraints and the functioning of certain senior employees in Mother Dairy. He alleged that some officials were involved in corruption and financial irregularities. "Despite repeated instructions to transfer a few senior employees to protect the organisation, no action was taken. Frustrated by this apathy, I decided to quit," he was quoted as saying. Earlier, Legislative Council member Gutha Sukhender Reddy had also expressed concern over Mother Dairy's financial condition and stressed the need for measures to streamline operations, particularly employee management.

## Three killed in tanker-truck collision in Miryalguda

Nalgonda: Three persons died on the spot and three others suffered grievous injuries when a tanker and truck were involved in head-on collision at Edulaguda crossroads in Miryalguda town on Friday morning. The incident occurred due to over speeding of the vehicles and crashed directly into each other. Such was the impact of the collision that three persons died on the spot, according to reports. The three injured persons have been shifted to hospital treatment. The



condition of the injured is said to be critical. More details are awaited.

## Harish Rao blasts Revanth Reddy govt over exam paper leaks, calls it "Revanth-Mark Failure"

Hyderabad: Former Minister and senior BRS MLA T Harish Rao launched a sharp attack on the Revanth Reddy government over its incompetence, inefficiency, and corruption, in conducting examinations and safeguarding students' futures. He cited the latest question paper leak at Prof Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University as a glaring example of the government's inability to conduct fair and secure exams. He demanded immediate action against officials involved in the irregularities and called for stringent measures to prevent further leaks and safeguard the credibility of recruitment exams. In a statement, Harish Rao said the State was yet to recover from the PG medical entrance exam scam, and now another modern scam at agricultural university where BSc Agriculture question papers were leaked via WhatsApp,



coming as an utter shock for students across Telangana. He questioned how such malpractice could occur brazenly, while the government remained in deep slumber, despite repeatedly promising transparency and reforms. The BRS leader said educational institutions under the Congress regime have turned into centres of corruption, with Revanth Reddy repeatedly proving that nothing is unworthy of a scam. He said the government has failed both in issuing job notifications and in conducting academic examinations, which was a classic Revanth Reddy-mark failure.

## BRS NRI wing invites KTR to silver jubilee celebrations in Australia



Hyderabad: The BRS NRI unit in Australia has formally invited the party working president KT Rama Rao to participate in its silver jubilee celebrations scheduled to be held in Melbourne. He reportedly responded positively and is expected to travel to Australia soon to join the Telugu diaspora and BRS supporters. The invitation was formally extended by BRS NRI-Australia president Nagender Reddy Kasarla along with its members Abhinay Kanaparti, Santosh Reddy, Shrivekar Reddy, Lakshman Nallan, Yugandhar Reddy Allam, Sai Ram Reddy and Venkat Sai Tenugu, along with several others. They thanked Rama Rao for his support and felt that the latter's visit would energise BRS cadres overseas, strengthening the party's engagement with the global Telugu community.

## Hyderabad: Woman, minor son die in suspected family dispute in Meerpeta

Hyderabad: A woman and her minor son died after allegedly consuming unknown poison in a suspected case of family dispute at Hastina puram in Meerpeta on Thursday late night.

The woman's mother survived a suicide attempt and is undergoing treatment at a private hospital. As per information available, the incident took place at Jaya Krishna Enclave in Hastinapuram. Sushmitha (27), wife of Yashwanth Reddy, is believed to have given poison to her 10-year-old son, Yashwanth Nanda Reddy, before taking her own life. The child also succumbed. The situation worsened when Sushmitha's mother, Lalitha, who found the two unresponsive at home, allegedly consumed poison in a state of shock. She was immediately shifted to a nearby hospital, where her condition is reported to be stable. The Meerpeta police reached the spot and shifted the bodies of the woman and the child for autopsy. Preliminary investigation points to ongoing family disputes as the possible trigger. Police said further inquiry was underway to establish the sequence of events and the exact cause.

## RTA cracks down on private buses over exorbitant Sankranti fares

Hyderabad: Regional Transport Authority (RTA) carried out surprise inspections in Rajendranagar on Friday, targeting private travel buses which were reportedly charging exorbitant fares ahead of the Sankranti festival. The checks were conducted at Aramghar crossroads, where officials stopped and inspected private buses operating from Hyderabad to Kerala, Bengaluru, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and several destinations in Andhra Pradesh. The action comes amid complaints that passengers were being overcharged by private travel operators during the festive rush.

## Children die after touching nylon manja hanging from power lines

Sangareddy: Children will not resist the temptation to collect the threads of Manja hanging from electric wires and trees, but be cautious that it could lead to your child's death since most of the manjas are found to be conductors of electricity leading to fatal electrocution deaths in the State. Since the pulvressed glass and mixtures of some metals such as iron were being used in manufacturing manja, they were acting as efficient conductors. Though nylon is an insulator, electricity will pass when it is wet. Since the kite flying season is usually in December and January months in Telangana when the state witnesses heavy morning fog, the touching of wet nylon manja would also result in electric shock incidents. While one boy was electrocuted after trying to pick up a manja thread that was hanging from an electric line, another boy sustained serious burn injuries after trying to pick up his kite which was hanging from an electric line in Sangareddy district. A 14-year-old boy Appam Nanda Kishore of Zaheerabad, was living in Borabanda area with family. He sustained serious burn injuries a week ago while trying to catch the manja thread hanging from an electric wire. Nanda Kishore died on Wednesday after battling for life in the hospital for four days. His funeral was performed in Zaheerabad. In another in-



cident, a 6-year-old boy Abubaker also sustained serious burn injuries after he suffered electric shock while trying to pick up a kite hanging from overhead electric line at Dakur in Andole mandal on January 5. In both the incidents, the children did not touch the electric lines directly. But, they have suffered serious electric shock as manja threads had acted as conductors. Speaking to Telangana Today Pradeep Nair, founder of Animal Warriors Conservation Society (AWCS), said that there were several such incidents reported in the State. Whenever they rescue the birds, which were entangled in nylon manja and hanging from electric lines, he said that they will request the Transco officials to switch off the power supply. Pradeep said that one of their volunteers, Rohit also suffered a minor electric shock when he touched the manja thread unaware of the danger. He urged the parents to educate their children on the danger.

## Hyderabad Traffic Police issue Sankranti advisory as Sankranti rush begins

Hyderabad: In view of the Sankranti rush, the Hyderabad Traffic Police have issued a traffic advisory anticipating heavy vehicular movement in the city during the festival period. Traffic officials said traffic volumes are expected to surge between January 9 and 13 due to large-scale travel towards Andhra Pradesh and various districts of Telangana. Similarly, return traffic is likely to peak between January 16 and 19.

According to the advisory, congestion is expected around major transport hubs such as Kacheguda and Secunderabad railway stations because of increased passenger arrivals, frequent pick-ups and drops, auto and cab movement as well as pedestrian flow. Several arterial routes are also likely to witness slow-moving traffic. These include the MGBS-Aramghar corridor via Afzalgunj, City College, Puranapul and Bahadurpura, the SR Nagar-Lakdikapul stretch, and the



Rethibowli-Aramghar route through Attapur. Officials said festival travel, inter-city vehicles and heavy bus operations are likely to add to congestion on these roads. Other stretches where delays are anticipated include Kacheguda-Ramanthapur and MGBS-Dilsukhnagar, mainly due to increased local traffic, autos, buses and signalised junctions. Traffic police have requested citizens to plan their journeys in advance, avoid peak hours wherever possible and opt for alternate routes and public transport. A traffic helpline – 9010203626 has also been activated to assist the citizens during emergencies.

## Hyderabad-based Axiom Gas set for IPO this month

Hyderabad: Hyderabad-based Axiom Gas Engineering Limited, a company engaged in the distribution and retailing of Auto Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Auto LPG), is set to launch its Initial Public Offering (IPO) later this month. Axiom

Gas operates 11 auto LPG dispensing stations in Telangana, eight in Maharashtra and two in Karnataka under its flagship brand 'PrimeFuel'. On the back of increased consumption of Auto LPG across the country, the company plans to launch its IPO this month to accelerate its expansion plans in Telangana and other States, a press release said.

**Maxwell Trevor nominated as athlete representative for IOA summit in Ahmedabad**

Hyderabad: Former national champion Maxwell Trevor has been nominated as



athlete representative on behalf of the Cycling Federation of India to attend the Indian Olympic Association summit to be held in Ahmedabad on January 10.

## Hyderabad school students make history with CubeSat on ISRO's PSLV-C62

Hyderabad: When ISRO's PSLV-C62 lifts off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota on January 12 at 10.17 am, it will carry aboard a CubeSat payload built entirely by 17 school students from Hyderabad — a first of its kind in the country. The compact satellite, assembled, engineered and coded by middle-school students of Blue Blocks Montessori School, Hyderabad, marks a milestone in Indian STEM education.

While CubeSats are typically designed by universities and startups, a flight-ready satellite built solely by school students and integrated into an ISRO mission is a rare achievement. The CubeSat has received official authorisation from the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe). The students have been working on the project for the past five months and two students — Sanjay and Sanshry — will be present at ISRO's mission control on launch day. The student team also includes Sreshta, Ummi Hani, Saachi, Ashrit, Ashrit Reddy, Manish, Ranveer, Kartiyea, Varun, Viaan, Dhruvi, Amaira, Vedika and Pratista. Speaking to presspersons on Thursday, the students said the CubeSat is expected



to remain operational in orbit for six to eight months. Positioned at an altitude of about 450 km, it will transmit raw data related to temperature, humidity and other weather parameters. Throughout the project, the students worked closely with scientists from Take Me 2 Space, a private company engaged in building operational satellites. The CubeSat was developed from first principles, using real sensors, real firmware and real operational constraints. The project followed structural autonomy, an innovative pedagogical approach developed by the Blue Blocks Micro Research Institute. The initiative was conceptualised by Pavan Goyal and Muneara Husain, co-founders of Blue Blocks Montessori School, located in Gachibowli. The school launched a dedicated space programme in August 2023, coinciding with India's successful Chandrayaan moon landing.

## Former India forward

### Sadatullah Khan passes away at 75

Hyderabad: The All India Football Federation condoled the death of former India forward Sadatullah Khan, who passed away in Bengaluru after a brief illness on Tuesday. He was 75. A genial dribbler par excellence, Sadatullah was a tough-tackling forward for whom no defence held any terror. He had the ability to cut in and out or produce the half turn or full turn with the ball glued to his feet. Once in control, it was tough for anyone to snatch it away.

With such abilities, Sadatullah represented India at the international level during the 1968 Merdeka Cup. He made his senior national team debut against Malaysia on August 11, 1968, in Kuala Lumpur, and went on to earn five caps, scoring three goals (two against South Vietnam and one versus Burma), all in the 1968 Merdeka Cup. At the domestic level, Sadatullah represented Mysore in the Santosh Trophy in 1965 and 1966. At the club level, he enjoyed a distinguished ca-



reer with several leading teams. With Mohammedan Sporting, Sadatullah won the Calcutta Football League in 1967 and was widely regarded as the architect of the title-winning campaign. He also won the Stafford Cup (1970) and the Bordoloi Trophy (1970) with the Black and White Brigade. In 1969, he turned out for East Bengal and was part of the team that won the IFA Shield that year. He later represented ITI, Bangalore, in 1971 and 1972. The All India Football Federation joins the Indian football fraternity in mourning the loss of Sadatullah Khan and honours his contributions to Indian football.

## Kanwal Rekhi opens KREST startup centre in Nizamabad

Hyderabad: Renowned entrepreneur Kanwal Rekhi inaugurated Kanwal Rekhi Rural Entrepreneurship and Startup (KREST) centre in Nizamabad on Thursday. KREST is a startup vertical under Kakatiya Sandbox, a non-profit organisation working for the economic transformation of North Telangana co-founded by Raju Reddy (founder of Sierra Atlantic) and Phanindra Sama (founder of redBus). Raju Reddy and Phanindra Sama, founders of Kakatiya Sandbox, were among other prominent mentors, founders, and supporters, who participated in the inauguration ceremony, a press release said.

## YSRCP worker among two arrested for conspiracy to defame Tirumala

Tirupati: Andhra Pradesh Police arrested two persons, including a YSRCP functionary, for allegedly conspiring to defame the sanctity of Tirumala and the Police Department, officials said on Thursday. Allapaka Koti, the YSRCP functionary, and Mohana Krishna, a photographer of a local daily, were arrested at Tirupati Zoo Park Road, for allegedly purchasing old liquor bottles and deliberately dumping them near bushes outside Kaustubam Guest House to target Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) and the Police Department, an official press release said. Police also said that they were on the lookout for another YSRCP social media activist for the same charges. The dumping of liquor bottles was part of a conspiracy, police said. On

January 4, Police said social media posts went viral claiming that liquor bottles were found in Tirumala, and alleging that dozens of liquor bottles were present near the Police Guest House. Further, the Police noted that claims were made that liquor was routinely being brought to Tirumala through the Alipiri toll gate, and photographs of empty liquor bottles were also made viral. However, preliminary investigation established that empty liquor bottles had no connection with the Police Guest House, the press release said. Based on CCTV footage analysis, vehicle movement tracking and other technical details, the Police said Koti conspired with others with the intention of targeting TTD and the Police Department, said the press release.

## Sindhu reaches Malaysia Open semifinals as Yamaguchi retires

Hyderabad: Former World champion P.V. Sindhu moved into the semifinal of the Malaysia Open Super 1000 badminton championship when her opponent Jaan's Akane Yamaguchi retired due to injury concerns in Kuala Lumpur on Friday. Sindhu, returning after a long injury layoff, won the first game 21-11 against reigning world champion Yamaguchi before the latter decided to quit the contest. Incidentally, this is Sindhu's first semifinal appearance in Ma-



laysian Open after eight years, will take on either Indonesia's Putri Kusuma Wardani, the sixth seed, or second-seeded Chinese Wang Zhi Yi.

## Sai Vikas Reddy and Mayank Gupta shine in HCA A Division semifinals

Hyderabad: P. Sai Vikas Reddy (170, 137b, 11x4, 9x6) and Mayank Gupta (122, 245b, 10x4, 2x6) helped Evergreen score 438 for seven in the second essay in the semifinal of the HCA A-Division two-day league cricket championship here on Thursday. In another semifinal, Owais Abdul Wahed (109 no, 165b, 12x4, 2x6) batted well for Gemini Friends, which won the match against East Marredpally by an innings and 88 runs.

### The scores:

Semifinal: 3rd day: Evergreen 395/8 in 87.2 overs & 438/7 in 90 overs (P. Sai Vikas Reddy 170, Mayank Gupta 122, Ishan Sharma 39, Rishiket Sisodia 3/17) vs Deccan Wanderers 366/9 in 78.4 overs. East Marredpally 540/9 in 90 overs bt Gemini Friends 166 all out in 41.2 overs & 286/8 in 62.5 overs (Owais Abdul Wahed 109 no, Mohd Taha Sheikh 68, Ansh Chaturvedi 4/60).

### C-Division one-day league:

Southern Star 157 in 32.2 overs (K Shreyas Goud 30, Irshad Pasha 58, Md Akber Khan 3/35) lost to Nizam CC 158/



2 in 30.1 overs (Mirza Houzef Baig 122 no). Hyderabad Wanderers 214 in 44.5 overs (Shariq Akhtar 49, Swachit 46, Kapish A 3/58) bt Manikumar 122 in 36.5 overs (Nagesh 66, Uday Kiran 3/39, Khaleem 3/23). Mahadev 300/8 in 47 overs (P. Rishanth Reddy 47, V Preethesh 37, N Tarun Raj 41, G Ganesh 39 no, S Nirudh 3/53, Nasa Rakesh 3/43) bt Amberpet 70 in 19.3 overs (M. Teja 3/24). Mahesh 295 in 48.1 overs (ASS Sekhar 131, A. Sai Charan 46, Jasti Ranadheer 53, Manish Bhati 3/58, N Saketh 4/31) bt Sagar XI 290/9 in 50 overs (Rajkumar 104, K. Jaidev Goud 75, M. Abhishek Raj 30, K. B. Vinay Kiran 4/53).

## India clubbed with Bangladesh, New Zealand and USA in Group B

Hyderabad: The ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup's most successful team, India, are drawn alongside 2020 champions Bangladesh, former finalists New Zealand and the USA in Group B, according to ICC media release on Friday. With five titles to their name, India have been a powerhouse at this level, reaching the last five finals, most recently losing out to Australia in the final two years ago. That came four years after they missed out on the title to Bangladesh, with the two set to face off in the young tigers' opening match on 17 January. Joining them are New Zealand, finalists back in 1998, and USA, appearing in back-to-back editions for the first time.

### India

One of the most exciting young talents in world cricket is set to take his next steps towards stardom in the shape of 14-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi. Sooryavanshi shone in India's Youth ODI series against England U19s, with knocks of 143 from 78 balls and 86 from 31. More recently, India reached the final of the U19 Asia Cup but were beaten by Pakistan in the final.

Wicketkeeper-batter Abhigyan Kundu made an unbeaten double century against Malaysia at the U19 Asia Cup, while medium-pacer Deepesh Devendran finished as the competition's leading wicket-taker with 15.

### Bangladesh

Bangladesh made it to the semi-final of the tournament for the first time at the 10th attempt but then followed third place in 2016 with the title four years later. A host of players from the 2020 edition are

now forming the backbone of the senior team including Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Shoriful Islam and Towhid Hridoy. This time around, they arrive after reaching the semi-final of the Asia Cup, with opener Zawad Abrar starring with the bat and left-arm spinner Sharir Ahmed the pick of their bowlers.

### New Zealand

Runners-up 28 years ago, New Zealand have made it back to the semi-final stage three times since, most recently in 2020. In that edition in South Africa, they lost out to Group B opponents Bangladesh, while another of their Group B rivals, India, accounted for them on the other two occasions. Coached by former New Zealand batter Anton Devcich, New Zealand have named a squad with a fair amount of first-class experience under their belts. Skipper Tom Jones scored a century on his first-class debut for Otago, while Northern Districts pair Snehit Reddy and Aryan Mann will also have a big role to play.

### USA

The USA sealed their fourth appearance at an ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup by cruising through the Americas Qualifier. They won all six matches they played by comfortable margins, with plenty of notable individual performances. Amrinder Gill's century inspired a victory over Bermuda while Sahir Bhatia took five for nine as Argentina were bowled out for just 34. Tougher tests lie ahead in Zimbabwe – starting against India on the opening day – but the American squad will be relishing the challenge.

## Senate advances resolution curbing Trump's Venezuela military actions

Washington: The Senate advanced a resolution Thursday that would limit President Donald Trump's ability to conduct further attacks against Venezuela, sounding a note of disapproval for his expanding ambitions in the Western Hemisphere. Democrats and five Republicans voted to advance the war powers resolution on a 52-47 vote and ensure a later vote for final passage. It has virtually no chance of becoming law because Trump would have to sign it if it were to pass the House. Still, it was a significant gesture that showed unease among some Republicans after the US military seized Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro in a surprise nighttime raid.



## Delayed but not defeated: Jiiva, Simbu support Vijay on Jana Nayagan

Chennai: Joining the likes of Ravi Mohan, Simbu, Jai and Harish Kalyan, actor Jiiva has now expressed support to actor Vijay, saying to the latter that his film 'Jana Nayagan' may be delayed but that it was not defeated. A number of actors from the Tamil film industry have been voicing support and expressing their solidarity with actor Vijay, the release of whose last film 'Jana Nayagan' has had to be postponed because of the Censor Board not having cleared the film for release. Jiiva, who is the latest in the list, took to his X timeline to pen a post of support. He wrote, "When the wait gets longer, the impact gets bigger. Always beside you, today and every day #Thalapathy @actorvijay na. You are truly our Janangalin Nayagan. We are coming – Delayed but not defeated! #Jana Nayagan." Young actor Harish Kalyan too expressed support. He wrote, "As a Vijay sir fan and a cinema lover Jananayagan's delay hurts badly. But the celebrations are only postponed. Kaathiruppom. #JanaNayagan @actorvijay" Actor Jai in his post of support to actor Vijay had earlier said that he was eagerly awaiting the day of Jana Nayagan's release as he considered the release day of 'Jana Nayagan' as the festival day of Pongal. Taking to his X timeline to pen a post in Tamil, expressing support to Vijay, actor Jai wrote, "There are obstacles that are always piling up to stop you. Breaking them and coming through is not something new for you – it is just your normal way (of functioning). Like everyone else, as a fan, as a younger brother, I'm waiting as Jana Nayagan's release day is Pongal anna... @actorvijay #Jana Nayagan team."



Nayagan #PongalPostponed. "Prior to Jai, actor Simbu had penned a post looking to motivate actor Vijay, saying that setbacks had never stopped him and that he had crossed bigger storms than this. Simbu, in his post, wrote, "Dear @actorvijay anna, Setbacks have never stopped you. You've crossed bigger storms than this. This too shall pass, real Thiruvizha begins on the day #Jananayagan releases." It may be recalled that the makers of 'Jana Nayagan', late on Wednesday night, announced their decision to postpone the film. KVN Productions, while announcing their decision to postpone the release of Jana Nayagan, had in a statement, said, "It is with a heavy heart that we share this update with our valued stakeholders and audiences. The release of 'Jana Nayagan', eagerly awaited on January 9, has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances beyond our control." The production house further said, "We deeply understand the anticipation, excitement, and emotions surrounding this film, and this decision has not been an easy one for any of us. The new release date will be announced at the earliest. Until then, we humbly request your patience and continued love. Your unwavering support is our greatest strength and means everything to the entire Jana Nayagan team."

## Sobhita Dhulipala-starrer crime thriller Cheekatilo to premiere on Prime Video on Jan 23

Mumbai: Actors Sobhita Dhulipala and Viswadev Rachakonda's upcoming Telugu original crime suspense drama is all set to premiere from January 23 on Prime Video. The movie also features Chaitanya Visalakshmi, Esha Chawla, Jhansi, Aamani and Vadlamani Srinivas. Set in the heart of Hyderabad, Cheekatilo is an edge-of-the-seat crime suspense that follows Sandhya, a true crime podcaster portrayed by Sobhita, whose relentless quest for truth exposes some of the most brutal and darkest secrets of the city. D. Suresh Babu, producer of Cheekatilo, shared that the film is a layered, emotional suspense drama. He added: "What's close to my heart is how it explores the courage to confront darkness and speak the truth, something we need more of in society today. Working with Prime Video on this Prime Original has been a wonderful experience. The movie marks another milestone in our longstanding collaboration." "We share a vision of championing unique, culturally rooted narratives with relatable characters that not only entertain but deeply engage viewers. With its haunting storyline and powerful per-



for me in a nice way, Cheekatilo promises an unforgettable and gripping journey." "While suspense and thriller are widely explored genres, our focus is on delivering unique narratives with emotional depth, something audiences strongly resonated with in our Telugu Original series Dhootha. Our upcoming Telugu Prime Original Cheekatilo reflects that vision," said Nikhil Madhok, director & head of Originals, Prime Video India. Madhok added: "What sets Cheekatilo apart is its blend of cultural authenticity, with modern storytelling mediums like podcasts that play a key role in the narrative." Directed by Sharan Kopishetty and produced by D. Suresh Babu under the banner of Suresh Productions Pvt. Ltd., the gripping narrative is written by Chandra Pemmaraju, and Sharan Kopishetty. A Prime Original movie, Cheekatilo is directed by Sharan Kopishetty, produced by D. Suresh Babu under the banner of Suresh Production Pvt. Ltd., and written by Chandra Pemmaraju and Sharan Kopishetty.