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## SC backs EC's power to conduct SIR



NEW DELHI, May 27 (GNS): Delivering a major victory for the Election Commission, the Supreme Court today upheld its power to conduct a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter rolls and said the exercise "breathes life" into the constitutional mandate for fair elections.

Ruling on the intensely debated issue, a Supreme Court bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant held that the exercise advances the "constitutional imperative of free and fair elections".

The bench, also comprising Justice Joymalya Bagchi, said the poll panel was empowered under Article 324 of the Constitution and Section 21(3) of the Representation of the People Act (RPA) to carry out special revisions.

"We are equally satis-

fied that, in its object and design, the impugned SIR bears a direct nexus to the constitutional goal of a free and fair election. Free and fair elections do not rest merely upon the mechanics of polling. They equally depend upon the integrity, accuracy and purity of the electoral roll which forms the foundation of the democratic process," the court said.

"The SIR breathes life into the constitutional mandate for fair elections," the court said while rejecting arguments that the EC had overstepped its statutory powers.

The 124-page judgment, authored by the CJI, agreed with the EC's reasoning on the need for SIR. The passage of more than two decades since the last intensive revision, large-scale additions and deletions over that period, rapid urbanisation, migration, and the resulting possibility of repeated or defective entries are valid grounds for the SIR to preserve foundational integrity of polls, the judgment said.

## ED raids Ex-Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan's house

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, May 27 (GNS): The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday conducted searches at the residences of former Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan and his family members as part of its money laundering probe linked to the CMRL case involving his daughter, officials said.

A total of 10 premises in the capital city, Ernakulam, Kannur and Bengaluru (Karnataka) were covered under the raids that began around 7 am accompanied by a security escort provided by CAPF personnel.

The searched premises included the rental house of the 81-year-old former chief minister located at the Bakery Junction area here, the Kozhikode residence of his

## Others In CMRL-Linked Money Laundering Case

son-in-law and former minister P A Mohammed Riyas, a Vijayan family house in Kannur and other locations linked to "key persons" of Cochin Minerals And Rutile Ltd (CMRL), a private entity.

The action was taken under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the officials said. Vijayan's house has been searched as the probe involves his daughter Veena Vijayan, they said. The former CM was at his house during the searches. The officials added that documents related to investments and fixed deposits were recovered during the searches. As the ED team was leaving Vijayan's resi-



dence, violence broke out. Suspected CPI(M) workers gathered outside his Bakery Junction residence who were protesting the raid. The situation escalated as some protesters allegedly blocked the vehicle carrying ED officials and threw stones at it. Police and central security

personnel struggled to control the crowd. The vehicle, which also had women officials on board, was allegedly targeted during the incident. The windshield of a vehicle was also broken in the incident. ED officials said they would lodge a police complaint regarding the

"attack" on their teams. The veteran CPI(M) leader later alleged that the searches at his premises were part of a targeted crackdown on opposition leaders across the country. Speaking to reporters after ED officials left, Vijayan said such actions would not weaken him or the CPI(M).

"This is only a beginning. Nobody should harbour the illusion that such actions can intimidate or weaken us," he said.

Vijayan was unseated from power after the Congress-led UDF won the Assembly elections in Kerala last month. The two-term former chief minister (2016-2026) has now been nomi-

nated for the position of leader of the opposition in the Kerala Assembly by his party. The ED probe pertains to an allegation that CMRL made fraudulent payments worth Rs 2.78 crore to Veena's company Exalogic Solutions Private Limited under the guise of IT Consultancy Services.

Another company named Empower India Capital Investment Private Limited (EICPL), operated by CMRL MD Sasidharan Kartha, also extended Rs 50 lakh worth of loans to Exalogic despite the company (Exalogic) failing to make timely repayments, according to the ED.

The agency claims that the management of CMRL (led by Kartha) and Veena generated "proceeds of crime" in this process.

## CM Siddaramaiah may resign in one or two days

Bengaluru, May 27 (GNS): A change of guard in the three-year-old Karnataka government seems imminent, with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah seeking the Governor's appointment on Wednesday, May 27. Earlier, Senior Congress MLA and Chairperson of the Administrative Reforms Commission RV Deshpande had said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah told him he had decided to resign. The former minister, who met Siddaramaiah at his residence, said that when some MLAs insisted he should not resign.

## CM Vijay meets PM Modi, discusses Mokedatu dam issue and fishermen arrests

New Delhi/Chennai, May 27 (GNS): Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday, May 27, and discussed matters concerning the state, including the Mokedatu dam issue, fishermen arrests and the Tamil invocation song row. In addition, Vijay also met Union Finance Minister Nirjala Sitharaman and handed over a memorandum to prioritise funding for ports, national highways, railway projects and industrial corridors that are crucial for Tamil Nadu's development.

This was Vijay's maiden official visit to the national capital after assuming office. His meeting with the PM and Sitharaman comes days after his party TVK secured an upset win in the April 23 Assembly polls, defeating Dravidian heavyweights DMK and AIADMK



and formed its government with the support of allies including VCK.

The CM raised the issue of the Tamil Thai Vazhthu (invocation) song, as a controversy had broke out over the sequence of playing it third—after Vande Mataram and National anthem in the swearing-in ceremony of his government as well as the expansion of his cabinet. In a letter addressed to

PM Modi, Vijay said, "at the outset, I wish to affirm that the Government and people of Tamil Nadu hold the National Anthem and the National Song in the highest esteem." "Tamil Nadu has consistently upheld the dignity and decorum associated with all national symbols and remains deeply committed to the unity, integrity and constitutional values of India.

## India Rejects China-Pak Remarks on J&K

NEW DELHI, May 27 (GNS): India on Tuesday strongly rejected "unwarranted" references to Jammu and Kashmir in a joint statement issued by China and Pakistan, reiterating that the Union Territory and Ladakh "have been, are and will" remain an integral part of the country and that no other nation has the locus standi to comment on it. India's position is consistent and well known to the concerned parties, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. "India categorically rejects unwarranted references to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in the Joint Statement between China and Pakistan," he said.

The joint statement was issued during Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to Chi-



na. "The Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have been, are and will always remain integral and inalienable parts of India. No other country has the locus standi to comment on the same," Jaiswal said.

He was responding to media queries on the issue. India also criticised the mentioning of projects under the so-called China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in the joint statement.

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# Cabinet extends SARTHAK-PDS scheme for 5 yrs with Rs 25,530 cr outlay

New Delhi, May 27 (GNS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday urged all Union Cabinet Ministers to ensure that their respective ministries and departments take necessary steps to mitigate the impact of the prevailing heatwave conditions across the country.

Addressing a media briefing after the Cabinet meeting, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the Prime Minister stressed the need for a "whole-of-nation" approach to deal with the extreme heat situation.

Vaishnaw said the Prime Minister directed all ministries to take appropriate action to protect people from the heatwave, particularly departments such as health and water resources.

"The Prime Minister said all ministries must take steps to protect people from the heatwave, especially ministries such as health and water resources, and consider what measures can be taken. He was clear that such major challenges should be addressed through a whole-of-nation approach, with the Centre, states and citizens working together," the minister said.

Asked about the measures the Government plans to take, Vaishnaw said individual ministries and departments would determine their respective courses of action and added that the Centre has also reached out to state Governments.

Modi on Wednesday urged citizens to take maxi-

mum precautions as the country continues to witness soaring temperatures, stressing that staying hydrated is key during harsh weather conditions.

In a series of posts on X, Modi said children, the elderly and those working outdoors are especially vulnerable to extreme heat.

He cautioned people against ignoring signs of heat exhaustion, warning that it can quickly turn dangerous and may even lead to heatstroke.

Meanwhile, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the continuation of the 'SARTHAK-PDS' scheme for five years with a financial outlay of Rs 25,530 crore till March 2031, marking a significant step



towards overhauling the country's public distribution infrastructure through technology-led reforms.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, also cleared a revision in

conceived as an umbrella scheme, consolidating two existing programmes – "Assistance to State Agencies for Intra-State Movement of Foodgrains and FPS Dealers' Margin under NFSA" and the "Scheme for Modernization and Reforms through Technology in Public Distribution System (SMART PDS)."

The merger is aimed at comprehensively strengthening implementation of the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), by bringing financial assistance and technology modernisation under a single administrative framework. Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, briefing reporters after the Cabinet decisions, said the

approval covers the entire PDS value chain.

"Right from selection of beneficiaries to movement of foodgrains, to getting proactive feedback from citizens, to reducing transportation distance – all those activities have been approved with an outlay of Rs 25,530 crore for five years," he said.

The State Governments were facing difficulties in bearing the cost of transportation of foodgrain to the PDS shops. This cost will be supported under the scheme wherein FPS dealers' remuneration will also be enhanced, he added.

Vaishnaw was categorical that SARTHAK-PDS does not replace the existing PDS architecture but

is designed to bring structural reform across delivery of foodgrains, logistics, transportation, material handling and grievance redressal. The scheme carries a dual mandate: providing assured financial support for intra-state movement, handling and FPS dealers' margins on one hand, and building a unified, citizen-centric and interoperable PDS architecture on the other – aimed at ensuring last-mile service delivery while minimising leakages.

On the technology front, the scheme envisages deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Blockchain to modernise PDS operations.

## Demolish all illegal structures within 15 km of international border: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI, May 27 (GNS): Union Home Minister Amit Shah has directed the authorities to strictly enforce a 'zero tolerance' policy against illegal constructions within 15 km of the country's borders and demolish all such structures that have come up over the years.



The Ministry of Home Affairs has assigned enhanced responsibility to the district magistrates to ensure legal and financial compliance of banking transactions in the border areas by all banks, verify big business establishments, examine their funding sources, track mule accounts and false companies, identify fake Aadhaar cards and control cross-border smuggling, officials said.

Chairing a security review meeting in Bikaner on Tuesday, Shah assessed security related issues concerning the border districts of Rajasthan along the India-Pakistan border.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, senior state officials, and the district magistrates and superintendents of police of five border districts – Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Barmer, Sri Ganganagar and Phalodi – were present at the meeting. In a statement, the home ministry said the border districts have been directed to carry out an in-depth study of the sources, patterns and networks behind crimes and the drug menace, and to develop

lasting solutions so that these problems do not resurface. Shah stressed formulating a 360-degree security cover for every border district involving citizens, state machinery and security agencies.

The home minister called for strict enforcement of the zero tolerance policy against illegal constructions, particularly within 0 to 15 km of the internal borders, and to demolish all such structures, officials said.

He underscored the importance of a coordinated approach to border management involving the BSE, CDBT, NCB and the state machinery to address issues of infiltration, narcotics smuggling, encroachment, terror financing and other trans-border crimes.

"Emphasis was laid on the successful implementation of the Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP)-II for strengthening last mile governance, curbing economic crimes, fulfilling infrastructural gaps and supporting border population," the ministry statement said.

## Vijay seeks funds, priority for key projects from Nirmala

NEW DELHI, May 27 (GNS): Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay on Wednesday urged union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to accord priority to the state in various projects and allocate necessary funds, besides releasing the pending dues under the SSA scheme and GST platform.

In his first meeting to Delhi after assuming office as CM, Vijay met Ms Nirmala soon after meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and submitted a memorandum. In the memorandum, he said Tamil Nadu was one of the leading states in registering fast paced growth, according to an official release here. Since investments in

key infra projects has become inevitable to give a further boost to it, Vijay urged the union Finance Minister to accord priority in ports, highways, railway projects and creation of industrial corridors and allocate necessary funds for them.

With a view to further strengthening the education environment in the state, he stressed the need for setting up Insitutes of National Importance in TN and allocate funds for implementation of the Metro Rail Projects in Hosur, Coimbatore and Madurai, which has been contributing significantly to the state economic growth and industrial development, to upgrade the public transport system.

## Sikkim declared fully literate state

GANGTOK, May 27 (GNS): Sikkim was declared a fully literate state in the presence of President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday.

The declaration was made under the Centre's ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society) initiative by Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang at the convocation ceremony of Sikkim University at Manan Kendra in Gangtok. Congratulating the state government and people of Sikkim, the president described the achievement as a significant step towards inclusive development and social empowerment through education. Chief Minister Tamang also hailed the achievement and congratulated



the people of the state. "Heartiest congratulations to the people of Sikkim on the historic and proud occasion of our state being formally declared a Fully Literate State under the ULLAS, Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram," he said.

Tamang described the development as a defining milestone in Sikkim's educational and social journey and said it reflected the

and perseverance of learners from all age groups, many of whom learnt to read and write for the first time in their lives.

"Their determination embodies the true spirit of 'Saakshar Sikkim' and serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration for future generations," he added.

The chief minister also expressed gratitude to the Education Department, volunteer teachers, educators, coordinators and officials associated with the literacy mission.

"Your selfless service, compassion, patience and unwavering commitment towards the upliftment of society have made this transformative initiative a grand success," he said.

## Demographic Changes Due To Illegal Migration Not Limited To Border Areas: MHA

NEW DELHI, May 27 (GNS): The demographic changes due to illegal migration are not limited just to border areas, but their impact has extended, "affecting urban centres, industrial corridors, tribal regions, and other socially and economically sensitive areas," said a government notification.

The notification issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs on the constitution of a High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes (HLCDC) under Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar, a retired Supreme Court judge, said "extensive challenges" have arisen from demographic changes due to illegal immigration.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah had announced

the formation of the committee to assess demographic changes across India due to "illegal immigration and other unnatural causes".

Headquartered in New Delhi, the committee will also include the Census Commissioner, along with retired IAS officer Durga Shankar Mishra, ex-IPS officer Balaji Srivastava and Dr Shamika Ravi as members and will submit its report in a year. "The joint secretary (foreigners-1), Ministry of Home Affairs, will serve as the member secretary of this committee," Shah had said on Tuesday.

The notification said demographic changes have been observed in certain regions of the country, which are "not attributable to



normal fertility or mortality trends" but are instead emerging due to external abnormal factors such as "illegal immigration, irregular population mobility, and administrative laxity". "Although these changes are most visibly concentrated in the border districts, their impact has extended beyond those areas, now affecting urban centres, industrial

corridors, tribal regions, and other socially and economically sensitive areas, thereby severely impacting public service delivery, local governance, resource distribution, and social cohesion," it said. The existing institutional framework has not been adequately equipped to undertake coordinated, evidence-based, and time-bound evaluation and re-

sponse to such demographic shifts, the notification said.

"...therefore, the Government of India resolves to constitute a High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes (HLCDC) under the Ministry of Home Affairs to undertake scientific study of the nature, causes and consequences of such demographic changes occurring across the country and to recommend appropriate policy, administrative and legal measures," it said.

The committee is tasked to submit its report within a year after undertaking an extensive consideration of the challenges arising from demographic changes, including illegal immigration.

The panel will study the possible causes of such de-

mographic changes, such as variations in fertility, cross-border movement (including illegal immigration), economic opportunities, and other socio-environmental factors and underlying factors behind changes, including illegal immigration, abnormal settlement patterns, and planned migration.

It will analyse the structural population changes at the level of religious or social communities, especially those diverging from uniform trends and recommend a well-organised and permanent operational system for the "legal, fair and time-bound identification, detention, and deportation of illegal immigrants already residing in the country."

## Technology must be used for improving trust between citizens, institutions: Jitendra Singh

NEW DELHI, May 27 (UNI): Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Wednesday told a group of civil servants that technology must be used not merely for efficiency but also for improving trust between citizens and institutions.

Interacting with trainee officers of the 2024 batch of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) here, he said modern governance no longer functions through rigid hierarchies and one-way communication.

Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel, encouraged the officers to remain open-minded learners throughout their careers, saying the ability to adapt, unlearn and evolve is now more valuable than static knowledge. He said the nature of adminis-

tration has changed significantly in the last decade with greater emphasis on transparency, responsiveness and citizen participation.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's philosophy of "maximum governance, minimum government," the minister said technology must be used not merely for efficiency but also for improving trust between citizens and institutions. Singh said future administrators would be expected to combine technological competence with empathy, sensitivity and ethical public conduct.

During the interaction, the minister also exchanged views with the trainee officers on district administration, governance



challenges, leadership responsibilities and changing public expectations from civil servants. He encouraged them to maintain neutrality, remain accessible to citizens and focus on meaningful public out-

comes rather than visibility. Describing India@2047 as a national mission rather than merely a milestone, Singh said the officers of this generation would become the principal drivers of India's rise in the com-

ing decades. He urged them to approach public service with humility, discipline and a larger sense of national purpose. Referring to nearly 41 per cent representation of women officers in the 2024 batch of IAS, mark-

ing one of the highest-ever gender participation in the history of the service, Singh said the changing character of India's civil services mirrors the transformation taking place across the country, where access to opportuni-

ty is expanding beyond traditional social and regional boundaries and young Indians are shaping a new governance culture driven by aspiration, technology and accountability.

The minister said the high representation of women officers "reflects wider social change underway in India". He said the growing presence of women across competitive examinations, higher education and professional spaces demonstrates how opportunity and access are becoming increasingly democratised, according to a statement issued by the personnel ministry. The interaction formed part of the assistant secretary programme, under which 184 IAS officers of the 2024 batch have been

attached with 49 ministries and departments of the Government of India for an eight-week period from May 4 to June 25, 2026, to gain first-hand exposure to policy making, coordination mechanisms and administrative functioning at the Centre.

Singh said the Assistant Secretary programme, introduced under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, has fundamentally changed the early administrative exposure available to young IAS officers. Recalling the evolution of the initiative over the last decade, he said the programme has helped create a generation of officers that is more confident, policy-oriented and institutionally connected from the very beginning of service.

# Sooryavanshi's 97 Powers RR to Big Win Over SRH in Eliminator

Chandigarh, May 27 (UNI): Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is enjoying one of the most extraordinary seasons not just of the IPL, not just of T20, and not just of cricket but of all sport and all time. He produced his most extraordinary effort of this extraordinary season in the Eliminator, narrowly missing out on one of the IPL's most coveted records but putting Rajasthan Royals (RR) on course for what turned out to be a thumping win over Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH).

Sooryavanshi, 15, swept past numerous records over the course of his innings - among them the most sixes by any batter in a T20 tournament - and he came with

in one shot of breaking Chris Gayle's record for the fastest IPL century (30 balls) only to top-edge an attempted uppercut to deep third to fall for 97 off 29 balls. RR's innings fell away after that innings and a 21-ball 50 from Dhruv Jurel, and they ended up seven short of the 250 that had at one stage seemed a formality. But it still proved more than sufficient thanks to yet another impactful new-ball burst from Jofra Archer. His spell against Mumbai Indians (MI) on Sunday had been key to RR making the playoffs, and he followed up with three wickets in three powerplay overs to hold back an SRH top order that



began the chase with an ominous flurry of boundaries. A second-wicket stand of 51 off just 15 balls from Is-han Kishan and Travis Head was threatening to turn this game into a repeat of the last meeting between these sides - Sooryavanshi had scored 103 off just 37 balls that day, but SRH had fired from both ends where RR had fired from just one - but Archer made sure that didn't happen, dismissing both of them. He had already bounced out Abhishek Sharma before that; this was a truly special display against one of the most dangerous top threes in all T20 cricket. RR eventually won by 47 runs, setting up a meet-

ing with Gujarat Titans in Qualifier 2 on Friday. How do you keep Sooryavanshi quiet? Every team in the IPL has tried to come up with a method, and none of them have worked. SRH went with something like death bowling in the powerplay, with Pat Cummins and Eshan Malinga attempting to go full and straight and deny Sooryavanshi elevation, with both their outfielders stationed in front of square on the leg side, with the occasional short ball thrown in as a surprise.

It was a plan with slim margins for error, and Sooryavanshi was ruthless on anything that even slightly missed its mark. If he got half a chance to get under a full ball, he did, timing the ball with crystalline purity. Anything short disappeared over the boundary behind square on the leg side. Jurel sparkles, RR slump. Soon SRH began trying Plans B, C, R, W and so forth, and Sooryavanshi had an answer to everything, revealing particularly in holding his shape and driving slower balls over mid-off and extra-cover. If there was one thing SRH didn't really try, it was to hold a traditional good length and see what came of it. Perhaps the flatness of this New Chandigarh track made them dismiss that as an option. Sooryavanshi hit 12 sixes in 28 balls before falling to his occasional nemesis Praful Hinge in the eighth over of the match; at that point, this contest turned into something like a normal T20 game. Jurel sparkles, RR slump. Imagine being Yashasvi Jaiswal. He remains one of India's most accomplished T20 openers, but who can match Sooryavanshi's rate of six-hitting or run-scoring? On this day life must have been even more surreal for Jaiswal; he faced exactly as many balls as his opening partner did, and scored 29 runs to Sooryavanshi's 97. When RR lost Jaiswal, they seemed in danger of squandering all the early momentum, but Jurel ensured that didn't happen with his most enterprising innings of the season.

## Sumit Antil makes history with a massive 74.82m throw in Indian open Para Athletics

Bengaluru, May 27 (GNS): Two-time Paralympic gold medallist Sumit Antil added another glorious chapter in the history of para javelin throw competitions with a breathing throw to improve on his own World Record in the Men's Javelin F64 category at the 8th Indian Open International Para Athletics Championships 2026 in Bengaluru on Wednesday.



Sumit Antil produced a gigantic throw of 74.82m to set a new World Record. With this effort, he surpassed the previous mark of 73.29m, which he had set at the 2022 Asian Para Games in Hangzhou. Antil, who won the gold medals in the Tokyo 2020

Games and then retained his title at Paris in 2024, stole the spotlight on Day 2 of the competitions with a sensational gold medal-winning performance. Representing Haryana,

Sumit produced a best throw of 74.82m to comfortably secure the top spot and underline his dominance on the national para-athletics circuit. Maharashtra's Sandip Sargar clinched

silver with 62.88m, while Rajasthan's Sandeep secured bronze with a throw of 61.83m.

The day also witnessed several standout performances across track and field events. In the Men's High Jump T64, Paralympic medallist Praveen Kumar cleared 2.00m to win gold, while Varun Singh Bhati took silver after clearing 1.84m.

Tokyo Paralympic gold medallist Deepthi Jeevanji impressed in the Women's 400m T20 event, clocking 57.84 seconds to finish first. In the Men's 400m T47 category, Dilip Gavit of Maharashtra sprinted to gold in 47.64 seconds.

## Shooting: Esha strikes gold with world record in 25m pistol at Munich World Cup

New Delhi, May 27 (GNS): Olympian Esha Singh, a three-time world championship and double Asian Games medallist, bossed the women's 25m pistol final with a world record (and junior world record) score of 43, en route to gold at the year's second International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol leg, at the hallowed Olympic Shooting range in Munich on Wednesday.



In a power-packed final, Esha shot perfect fives in half of the 10 series of five shots, leaving home favourite and former world champion Doreen Vennekamp, a full five shots behind in silver. Bulgarian

Miroslava Mincheva won bronze in a field where reigning Olympic champion Yang Jiin bowed out in fifth. It was also India's first medal of the Munich World Cup after two days of competition. Sharing her thoughts

after the final, Esha said, "Munich meant a lot to me. Everyone knows the kind of competition that goes on here, especially in pistol. I mean, even getting into the top eight is very tight. I really wanted to win this, as this was my

third time here. I am really grateful and loved the experience. I just focused on myself, my process, and the things I did in training, and it just paid off."

Speaking about nerves in a big final, the world record holder said, "I wasn't calm at all. At one time, when trying to hear the command, I could almost feel my left hand shaking. I had a lot of nerves, but in our sport you can't escape that. You have to face it and embrace it, and that is what experience is all about."

A stellar show The 21-year-old picked up a fourth individual World Cup medal, and her work began early morning.

# India 5th country to develop fully indigenous 4G stack: Scindia

Guwahati, May 27 (UNI) The Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) has activated 19,823 of 27,106 targeted towers, connecting 26,327 villages and nearly 20 lakh households across aspirational districts, North-East regions, border areas, and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) zones, Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Saturday, adding that India has joined the world's elite group of five nations that have successfully built their own 4G stack. In August, these towers facilitated 42,773 TB of data usage, averaging 21 GB per customer. "From remote Odisha to hilly Assam, DBN ensures education, healthcare, and governance reach every doorstep," Scindia said as Prime Minister Narendra

Modi inaugurated India's fully indigenous 4G stack and one lakh BSNL indigenous 4G towers from Jharsuguda, Odisha. Scindia joined the programme virtually from Assam, alongside Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and highlighted the historic significance of this achievement.

Lauding the landmark achievement, the minister stated that, guided by Prime Minister Modi's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, BSNL had committed to developing its own indigenous 4G stack. "This is a moment of pride for the entire nation as India advances towards becoming a global leader in the telecommunications sector," he said. Swadeshi 4G towers were inaugurated across several states with participation



from key Union Ministers and Chief Ministers.

In Odisha, CM Mohan Charan Majhi joined; in Andhra Pradesh, Union Ministers Ram Mohan Naidu and Chandrashekhar Pemmasani along with CM N. Chandrababu Naidu participated; in Uttar Pradesh, Union Minister Pankaj

Chaudhary and CM Yogi Adityanath were present; in Maharashtra, Union Minister Raosaheb Nikhil Khadse, CM Devendra Fadnavis, and Deputy CMs Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar attended; in Rajasthan, Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and CM Bhajanlal Sharma joined; in Assam, CM Himanta Biswa

Sarma participated; in Gujarat, Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and CM Bhupendra Patel were present; and in Bihar, Union Minister Giriraj Singh and CM Nitish Kumar took part.

"When 2G, 3G, and 4G emerged globally, India relied on foreign technology. Today, BSNL's expertise has reversed

this, establishing India as a global telecom manufacturing hub," said Scindia. The cloud-based, 5G-upgradable swadeshi stack serves over 2 crore citizens and connects nearly 30,000 previously unserved villages. Scindia highlighted BSNL's role in positioning India for 5G and 6G leadership, with the indig-

enous stack ready for global export, reflecting Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

Officials said the indigenous 4G stack has been developed through collaboration between Indian technology companies and public sector units, reducing dependence on imported telecom infrastructure. The initiative is also expected to strengthen cyber security and ensure greater control over critical communication networks within the country.

The government noted that the rapid expansion of telecom connectivity in rural and remote regions has significantly improved access to digital services, including online education, telemedicine, digital banking and e-governance platforms. Authorities said the

programme is playing a key role in narrowing the digital divide between urban and rural India.

According to the Communications Ministry, the roll-out of indigenous telecom infrastructure is generating employment opportunities in manufacturing, installation and maintenance sectors, while also encouraging innovation and research in next-generation technologies. The ministry expressed confidence that India's homegrown telecom solutions would attract interest from several developing nations. Scindia further said that with the successful deployment of indigenous 4G technology, India is now preparing for a faster transition to 5G services across the country.

## India to power global hydrogen transition: Puri

New Delhi, May 27 (UNI) India's hydrogen era has begun, as the nation targets 5 million metric tonnes (MMT) of green hydrogen production per year by 2030, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri said. This led to the cost of green hydrogen dropping from \$3.50 per kilogram (kg) to \$3 per kg, unlocking \$150 billion in savings on imports. The union minister, in a post on X, informed that public sector units (PSUs) are planning to achieve a 1 MMT capacity by 2030, and tenders for 42 kilo tonnes per annum (KTPA) will rise to 170 KTPA. Puri emphasised that India is moving forward to capture 10 per cent of the global hydrogen market



under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. Green hydrogen projects of around 900 KTPA capacity have already been awarded to 19 companies, he added.

In a separate X post, the minister said India sits at the heart of the global energy equation as the world's third-largest energy consumer, third-largest crude

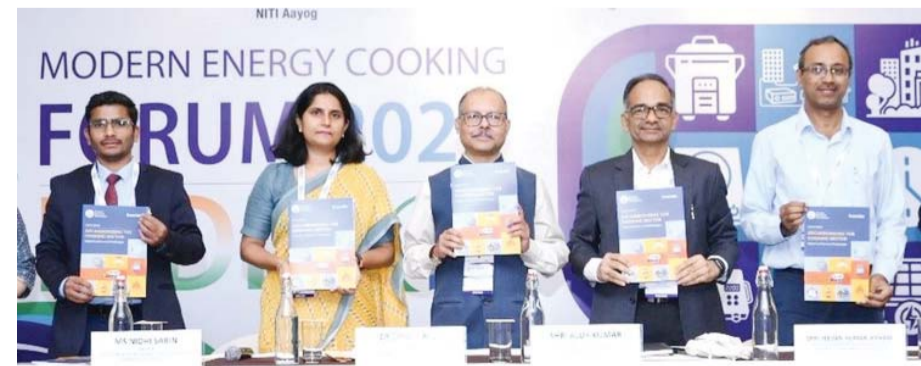
and policy simplification to catalyse upstream activity, he added. According to the Petroleum Minister, the last decade has seen bold reforms transitioning from a new exploration licensing policy (NELP) to a hydrocarbon exploration and licensing policy (HELP), from a 'production sharing' regime to a 'revenue sharing' regime, launching open acreage licensing policy (OALP) rounds. The OALP Round X was the single largest bid round, with acreage offered 1.92 lakh sq km.

"Our efforts have delivered strong results. Investments of Rs 1.4 lakh crore in exploration and production (E&P) have driven major progress, with 578 wells drilled in FY25."

importer, and fourth-largest refiner. "With 651.8 million metric tonne (MMT) of recoverable crude oil and 1,138.6 billion cubic meter (BCM) of recoverable natural gas, the nation is poised to unlock hidden energy opportunities," Puri said.

## Decarbonising India's cooking sector key to achieve net zero goal by 2070

New Delhi, May 27 (GNS) Decarbonising India's cooking sector is crucial to achieve net zero goal by 2070, said experts here. Speaking at an event hosted by Chintan Research Foundation (CRF) as part of the Modern Energy Cooking Forum (MECF) 2025, the experts recognised the urgency, particularly in the context of India's NetZero goal. India has been promoting the use of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), Piped Natural Gas (PNG), Biogas (CBG), and, more recently, electric cooking primarily to reduce household air pollution. However, greenhouse gas emissions from cooking have not received due atten-



tion despite being comparable to those of the aviation and shipping sectors.

Dr Debajit Palit, Centre Head - Climate Change and Energy Transition, CRF, underscored the need for decarbonising the cooking sector. "The future lies in enabling a multi-fuel roadmap that scales renewable

energy-based electric cooking technologies while integrating complementary solutions, such as compressed biogas blending, decentralised renewables, and electricity tariff reforms," Palit said. During the session, panellists emphasised that policy clarity, innovative financing models, and

technological synergies are crucial to unlocking the potential of electric cooking in India. Alok Kumar, Director General, All India DISCOM Association and Former Power Secretary, stressed that electric cooking must be integrated into India's energy policy with tariffs reflecting grid system costs.

# CM Revanth Reddy seeks talks with Maha on Tummidihatti Barrage

Hyderabad, May 27 (GNS) The Telangana government has initiated discussions with Maharashtra on finalising the height and construction of the Tummidihatti Barrage across the Godavari River. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has written a letter to his Maharashtra counterpart, Devendra Fadnis, and requested that a schedule be finalised for talks with a delegation led by him from the Telangana government.

As part of the B.R. Ambedkar Pranahita-Chevella Sujala Sravanthi Project, the state government has proposed constructing a barrage at Tummidihatti.



Initially, it was intended to construct the barrage at a height of 152 metres. During an Inter-State Board meeting held on August 23, 2016, the Maharashtra government agreed to construct the barrage at Tummidihatti at a height of 148 metres. The Maharashtra government also assured that it would extend cooperation in obtaining the necessary clearances.

Following the decision to expedite completion of the Pranahita-Chevella Project, the present government in Telangana recently reviewed the issue by holding a series of meetings with top officials and irrigation experts. Based on expert advice, the government concluded that an FRL (Full Reservoir Level) of 148 metres would be insufficient to meet North Telangana's water requirements. Consequently, CM Revanth Reddy mentioned in the letter to the Maharashtra Chief Minister that a fresh round of discussions on the height of the Tummidihatti barrage was important to address the irrigation and drinking water needs of Adilabad,

Nizamabad, Karimnagar, and Medak districts. Further, the CM explained that the impact of submergence in Maharashtra would remain minimal even if the FRL were to slightly exceed 148 metres. It would be easier to bring water to Telangana through gravity if the FRL were increased, the Chief Minister asserted. The Congress government last year decided to revive the Pranahita-Chevella Project across the Godavari River in the erstwhile Adilabad district. It promised to correct the "historic mistake" committed by the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) regime, which merged the original Pranahita-Chevella project into the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme.

Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy had said on April 29 that the state government is committed to the construction of the Pranahita-Chevella Project. He said proposals have been prepared in line with the assurance given in the election manifesto. The government is making determined efforts to divert water from Tummidihatti to Yellampalli to irrigate lakhs of acres, while also examining alternative proposals for the same alignment.

## Uttam Kumar Reddy assures Procurement of rain-soaked paddy

Hyderabad, May 27 (GNS) Amid demands from the farming community and opposition parties over losses suffered due to unseasonal rains, Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar assured that the State government would procure all the soaked grain.

The Minister on Wednesday assured farmers that there was absolutely no need for panic over rain-drenched paddy. "The State Government has activated an intensive emergency response mechanism to protect soaked grain and ensure



procurement of every grain reaching the purchase centres," he said.

Chairing a video conference with Ministers, district collectors, senior civil supplies officials and police au-

thorities, the Minister said the review was convened in view of sudden rains and adverse weather conditions affecting paddy procurement operations in several districts. Telangana had so far recorded paddy arrivals of 66.75 lakh metric tonnes (LMT), out of which nearly 57 LMT had already been procured. The government has released Rs 10,096 crore directly into the accounts of over 8.14 lakh farmers under MSP payments, he said.

The Minister said reports about rain-drenched paddy were received from 17 districts, involving nearly 9,214 metric tonnes. In a massive salvage operation launched overnight, authorities succeeded in shifting nearly 95 per cent of the soaked paddy to boiled rice mills, thereby preventing major crop loss, he stated. About 9 LMT of paddy still remained to be procured, while another 8.1 LMT was expected to arrive from fields where harvesting operations were continuing, especially in districts like Siddipet, Nagarkurnool and Jagtial, he said. The Minister wanted the lorries engaged in sand transport to be withdrawn and pressed into the transportation of procured paddy. The lorries engaged in cement dispatches should also be diverted for paddy transport to mills, he said.

## Telangana Road Transport Corporation to add 2,200 electric buses to fleet soon

Hyderabad, May 27 (GNS) The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) will soon add 2,200 electric buses to its fleet, state Transport Minister Ponnabhai Goud said on Wednesday.

Flagging off 60 electric buses at Kukatpally depot here, he said currently 960 electric buses are operational in Telangana, and another 2,200 buses will soon become available.



Hyderabad city alone. A total of 580 buses are operating under inter-city services. The minister said that the deployment of a total of 3,000 electric buses has the potential to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 600 tonnes.

He explained that EV vehicles are being promoted specifically to prevent Hyderabad from turning into a polluted city like Delhi. He also added that everyone is well-aware of the impact that petrol and diesel prices have on public transportation.

The minister mentioned that the RTC currently operates a fleet of 10,000 buses and nearly 1,000 of these buses are electric buses. Stating that 35 lakh passengers utilise RTC services daily across Hyderabad, he said the introduction of electric buses helps reduce both traffic congestion and pollution. The minister stated that the Congress government has implemented several reforms within the RTC since assuming power. He remarked that, through new recruitments and the induction of new buses, the Telangana RTC is emerging as one of the premier organisations in the country. He emphasised that the government remains committed to the welfare of RTC employees.

## Telangana tahsildar caught accepting Rs 2 lakh bribe

Hyderabad, May 27 (GNS) Telangana's Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday caught a tahsildar red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 2 lakh.

T. Suchitra, Tahsildar & Executive Magistrate and Joint Sub-Registrar, Shamirpet Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri district, had allegedly demanded a Rs 30 lakh bribe for clearing the conversion of 30 acres of agricultural land.

ACB officials said Rs 2 lakh was accepted as part payment through her private driver, V. Nagesh.

She had allegedly demanded the bribe to do the official favour of processing and approving applications for NALA conversion of 30 acres of agricultural land. The tainted bribe amount of Rs 2 lakh was recovered from the possession of the accused officer's private driver, the ACB said in a re-



lease. The anti-graft agency said she performed her duty improperly and dishonestly to obtain an undue advantage. Both were arrested and produced before the Additional Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases at Nampally for judicial remand. The case is under investigation. The complainant's details have been withheld for security reasons.

In another case, Kamari Brahmaiah, Mandal Surveyor of Waddepally Mandal in Jogulamba Gadwal district, was caught red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000.

According to the ACB, he had demanded Rs 15,000 as a reward for conducting a survey of the land pertaining to the complainant's parents. Earlier, on May 6, the accused officer allegedly demanded and accepted Rs 5,000 in cash as an advance. The tainted bribe amount of Rs 10,000 was recovered from the accused officer's possession.

Thus, the accused officer performed his duty improperly and dishonestly to obtain undue advantage, the ACB said.

## Kavitha meets Governor over land displacement issue

Hyderabad, May 27 (GNS) Telangana Rakshana Samithi (TRS) President K. Kavitha on Tuesday met Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and sought justice for those displaced by land acquisition by the state government at various places. Kavitha, along with Dharma Samaj Party President Visharadan Maharaj and some affected people, submitted a petition to the Governor, requesting that house sites be provided to all those whose homes were demolished in Velugumatla in Khammam district.

They also demanded that the land acquisition notice issued for setting up an Industrial Park in Kadlapur of Parigi Mandal be cancelled. They also urged him to address the issues of the change in the Regional Ring Road (RRR) alignment and

land acquisition problems.

Two representatives each from Velugumatla, Kadlapur, and RRR areas were part of the delegation that met the Governor. Kavitha told media persons after meeting the Governor at Lok Bhavan that he responded positively. She hoped that justice would be served. She slammed the government headed by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for demolishing the houses of women.

She stated that the Chief Minister is spreading lies, claiming to have turned these people into millionaires after merely distributing sarees worth one hundred rupees. Describing Revanth Reddy as a "ruthless" Chief Minister, she stated that the Congress government is a "wicked" administration.

## Revanth Reddy considered joining BJP before cong: Arvind

Hyderabad, May 27 (GNS) BJP MP Dharmapuri Arvind on Wednesday, May 27, made a startling claim that he had information suggesting Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had once considered joining the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) before moving from the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) to Congress, while asserting that such a leader "cannot be loyal to anybody".

The remarks came a day after Arvind alleged that Revanth Reddy could eventually do a "Suwendu Adhikari" to the Congress party. He had also suggested that CM Reddy might have some sort of understanding or connection with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "I am a small worker in the BJP, so I do not have complete details.

But just like how Suwendu Adhikari aligned with the BJP in West Bengal, Revanth Reddy might also be trying to build a similar relationship with PM Modi," Arvind had said, while referring to PM Modi's recent remarks at a public event in Hyderabad.

Reacting further to the issue while speaking to IANS, Arvind stated Revanth Reddy had switched multiple political parties in the past, and therefore, his future political position remained uncertain. "It is the Revanth model. I will not say Assam model, West Bengal model, or some other model. Revanth was in BRS. He moved to TDP. He moved to Congress. In between, I have certain information... before moving to Congress, he was considering the BJP.

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