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In a nutshell

### Sonia, Rahul get notices

**NEW DELHI:** A court here on Friday issued notices to Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi in the alleged National Herald money laundering case. The Rouse Avenue Courts asked the Gandhis and others accused to show cause as to why cognisance should not be taken on the charge sheet filed by the ED under the PMLA. Last week, Special Judge (PC Act) Vishal Gogne temporarily declined to issue notice on ED's prosecution complaint and asked the agency to place the requisite documents on record. **IANIS**

### Drugs worth Rs 547 cr seized

**NEW DELHI:** Drugs worth Rs 547 crore were seized by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and 15 people arrested in this connection, the Union home ministry said on Friday. "Bharat is axing down drug cartels with ruthless aggression. The Amritsar Zonal Unit of the NCB axed a drug diversion cartel through a four-month operation across four States, seizing drugs worth Rs 547 crore and arresting 15," Union Home Minister Amit Shah's office wrote on X. It said this action is a giant stride towards building a drug-free India under the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. **PTI**

### NIA raids 17 locations in Punjab

**NEW DELHI:** In a major development, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted extensive searches across Punjab in connection with a terror conspiracy involving Babbar Khalsa International operatives. The raids targeted premises linked to gangster Harpreet Singh alias Happy Passion, a close associate of Pakistan-based Khalistani terrorist Harwinder Singh alias Rinda. A total of 17 locations were searched across Gurdaspur, Batala, Ferozepur, Fazilka, Tarn Taran, Amritsar, and Faridkot. The operation led to recovery of incriminating materials. **IANIS**



The Indo-Tibetan Border Police personnel scaling Mt Makalu (8,485 m), the world's fifth highest peak, marking the first-ever ascent by any Central Armed Police Force. — Photo: IANS



# India for freeze on Pak funds

NEW DELHI

India will be asking global multilateral agencies, including the IMF, to have a relook at funds and loans provided to Pakistan, as New Delhi seeks to corner the neighbouring State diplomatically following the dastardly terror attack in Pahalgam last month which killed 26 tourists.

"We will be asking all multilateral agencies to review the loans and support to Pakistan," a government source said.

The IMF Executive Board is scheduled to meet Pakistan officials on May 9 for first review of the extended funding facility, and request for an arrangement under the resilience and sustainability facility.

The IMF Board will evaluate fresh \$1.3 billion arrangement for Pakistan under its climate resilience loan programme. It will also assess an ongoing \$7 billion bailout package.

As of December 31, 2024, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed 764 public sector loans, grants, and technical assistance totalling \$43.4 billion to Pakistan. ADB's current sovereign portfolio in Pakistan includes 53 loans and three grants worth \$9.13 billion.

ADB committed a \$320-million loan for the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Rural Roads Development Project to upgrade around 900 km of flood-susceptible rural roads in the province.

In January 2025, the World Bank approved \$20 billion lending package for Pakistan for the cash-strapped country to overcome its challenges. **PTI**

### Pak to keep Wagah border open for its citizens to return

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan on Friday announced that it would continue to allow the use of the Wagah border crossing for its citizens stranded in India, following New Delhi's decision to revoke visas in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror incident.

The Attari-Wagah border, located near Amritsar in India and Lahore in Pakistan, was shut on Thursday after being kept open till April 30. As many as 70 Pakistani nationals were reportedly stranded at the border on Thursday, as the deadline for leaving India expired a day earlier. Responding to media queries, the spokesperson for Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) acknowledged reports of Pakistani nationals, including children, stranded at the Attari border on the Indian side. **PTI**

### Bilawal says Pak suffered as it has a past with extremists

**LONDON/ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan has a past with extremist groups and suffered because of this, Pakistan Peoples Party chief Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari said while answering a question on Islamabad backing terror outfits. Bhutto-Zardari was asked in an interview whether he agreed with Defence Minister Khwaja Asif's controversial remark last week. Questioned if Pakistan has been supporting, training and funding terrorists, the Minister had then said his country did the West's "dirty work" for decades. Answering the question if he agreed with Asif's claim, Bhutto-Zardari said, "I don't think that it's a secret that Pakistan has a past as far as extremist groups are concerned. And as a result of this, we have suffered. Pakistan has suffered. We've gone through waves of extremism." **PTI**

## Hope Pakistan cooperates with India against terrorists: Vance

**NEW YORK:** Vice President JD Vance has said the US hopes that India will respond to the Pahalgam terrorist attack in a way that does not lead to a "broader regional conflict" and expects Pakistan to "cooperate" with New Delhi to "hunt down" militants sometimes operating from their soil.

Vance made these remarks on Thursday in an interview with *Fox News*.

"Our hope here is that India responds to this terrorist attack in a way that doesn't lead to a broader regional conflict," he said.

After being asked, "You worried about India and Pakistan?" "Well, sure, I'm worried about any time you see a hotspot breaking out, especially between two nuclear powers," Vance said.

"We've obviously been in close contact with our friends in

India and Pakistan. Our hope here is that India responds to this terrorist attack in a way that does not lead to a broader regional conflict," he said.

"And we hope, frankly, that Pakistan, to the extent that they're responsible, cooperates with India to make sure that the terrorists sometimes operating in their territory are hunted down and dealt with," he added. **PTI**

## Amaravati will transform AP into developed State: PM

AMARAVATI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated and laid the foundation for projects worth Rs 58,000 crore here that included re-launching the construction of the greenfield capital city of Amaravati, which he said was not a mere city but a dream come true.

Further, Amaravati is not just a town but a Shakti to transform Andhra Pradesh into a developed State, he said and assured full cooperation for the development of the southern State, helmed by TDP-led NDA.

The N Chandrababu Naidu-led Telugu Desam Party (TDP) is a key ally of the ruling BJP at the Centre. The establishment of Amaravati as a capital city is touted to be Naidu's dream project, following the bifurcation of the State in 2014 when Hyderabad, capital of



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, AP CM Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan in Amaravati on Friday. — Photo: IANS

the then united AP, became the capital for the newly carved Telangana.

Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation for 94 projects, including capital city institutions, national highways, railway upgrades and defence-related installations. Envisioning Amara-

vati as a city where the dreams of AP's youth will come true, the Prime Minister highlighted that in the coming years, it will emerge as a leading city in Information Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Green Energy, Clean Industry, Education and Healthcare. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Indiramma housing plagued by hurdles

STATE BUREAU

Hyderabad

The Congress government's flagship Indiramma housing scheme is facing widespread criticism over serious lapses in implementation. From flawed beneficiary selection to changes in eligibility norms and delays in fund disbursement, the programme is plagued by mounting complaints.

Initially, the government promised 3,500 houses in each of the 119 Assembly constituencies. However, under Phase I, the scheme was restricted to just one village per mandal.

During the Praja Palana application drive, nearly 80 lakh applications were received — 23.25 lakh from urban areas and 57.25 lakh from rural regions.

Shockingly, over 53 per cent of applicants were declared ineligible. Of the 80

### PEOPLE STAGE RASTA ROKO

**KARIMNAGAR :** Residents of Korkal of Veenavanka mandal on Friday staged a rasta roko in protest against the irregularities in the allocation of Indiramma houses. Vehicular traffic on the Karimnagar-Jammikunta road came to standstill for about an hour as the agitators refused to withdraw their protest. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

lakh applications, 36 lakh were approved, while 41.15 lakh were rejected on grounds including Below Poverty Line (BPL) norms and other eligibility criteria. This has sparked discontent among several sections. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

# Congress errs on India map again

## Shares incorrect map in video promoting TG govt's efforts in conducting caste survey

STATE BUREAU

HYDERABAD

The Telangana Congress has once again courted controversy by sharing an incorrect map of India—barely a week after a similar error during the Bharat Summit.

The latest incident occurred on the party's official X account, where a 2.07-minute promotional video on the caste census showcased an inaccurate depiction of the country's map.

The video was intended to highlight the Revanth Reddy-led State government's efforts in conducting a caste-based survey and portray Telangana as a model for other States.

This is not the first time the party has come under fire for such a lapse. Earlier, Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy had shared a video on his X account featuring a similar incorrect map — omitting



The incorrect map used by the Telangana Congress in the video.

Pakistan-occupied J&K and Ladakh — during the Bharat Summit. The video had sparked outrage, prompting the organisers to remove posters and the MLA to delete the video. Despite the backlash and legal implications, the Telangana Congress appears to have repeated the mistake — this

time via its official communication channel. According to Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1990, "Whoever publishes a map of India that is not in conformity with maps published by the Survey of India shall be punishable with imprisonment for up to six months, or with a fine, or with both."

## Rains to bring respite from heat

CITY BUREAU

Hyderabad

People in Hyderabad and the districts can expect a respite from intense heat-wave-like conditions for the next five days.

The Hyderabad MET department on Friday, in its forecast, has indicated widespread thundershowers along with gusty winds

in 29 districts of Telangana State till Wednesday, May 7.

The weather department issued an orange alert of severe thundershowers accompanied by gusty winds of 40 to 50 kmph on Saturday for several districts such as Jayashankar Bhupalapally, Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal,

Hanamkonda and Jangaon. On the same day, a yellow alert for moderate thundershowers has been issued to districts including Siddipet, Yadadri Bhongir, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Medchal Malkajigiri, Medak, Kamareddy, Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet and Jogulamba Gadwal, according to the department. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

LAST 2 DAYS

Heritage Weaves

# BIG PATOLA SAREE SALE EXHIBITION

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MAY 2025

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