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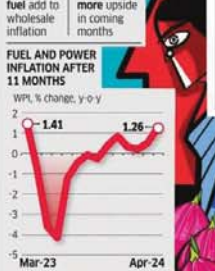
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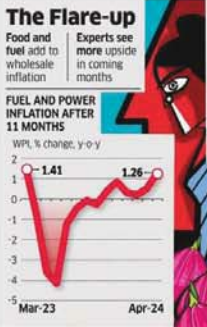
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# 4 Pure Politics

## 'Big Whale' is behind Brother's Ordeal, says HDK

Bengaluru: JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy on Tuesday blamed the handwork of a 'big whale' for the ordeal his brother, senior JDS MLA HD Revanna was going through in the Hassan sex scandal case. In an obvious reference to arch rival, deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar, however, denied the charges and said he would reply to Kumaraswamy's comments on the floor of the assembly. "Let him throw it, and swallow it. I am neither a pro- nor a pro-ctor," he told the media during any role in the distribution of pen drives containing explicit videos. "I am prepared to pay a price if I had played even a small role. But I am president of a political party busy with selection campaigning," Shivakumar, who is also the president of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee, said.

—Our Bureau

## AMID ANNA BHAGYA SHORTFALL

# Congress Sams Centre over Reports of 18mt Rice Wasted

Our Bureau

Bengaluru: The state Congress on Tuesday hit out at the Centre over reports of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) trying to dispose of 18 million tonnes of rice stored in its godowns over warehousing costs. The state government, the party said, had offered to procure rice at ₹34 per kilo for its Anna Bhagya scheme, but the Centre "had with its step motherly attitude towards us, refused to sell rice even when it was in abundant supply."

"Today, 18 million tonnes of rice is going to waste and the Central Government is scrambling for alternatives...they would have rather had the rice go to waste than to feed the hungry and needy in Karnataka," the Congress said on social media platform X.

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Anna Bhagya was one of the first schemes announced by the Siddaramaiah government after the Congress won the May assembly election. The Congress regime had pledged to provide 10 kg of free rice to low-income families under the scheme, including 5 kg of rice supplied by the Centre. It covered an estimated 12.8 million low-income families consisting of about 44.2 million people.

The state was aiming to buy the 22,000 tonnes of rice required for the scheme from the FCI, but the central government asked the corporation to sell the grain on the open market. After trying and failing to procure enough rice at reduced rates from other states, the government finally decided to pay ₹70 per month to each of the state's low-income families instead of 5 kg of free rice as a temporary measure.

# Anger among K'taka BJP Leaders will Explode after LS Poll Results: Siddu

Disgruntled BJP leaders plotting strategies to get scalp of Vijayendra, he says

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Bengaluru: The Karnataka unit of the BJP will see a big explosion of pent-up anger and frustration among its leaders after the results are announced next month, chief minister Siddaramaiah said on Tuesday, predicting a major electoral setback for the saffron party and a consequent blame-game on the state.

"All those BJP leaders, who were denied renomination to contest the Lok Sabha polls, stayed away from active campaigning for the success of official candidates. Their anger will explode after the elections as they were worried about their own political future under the leadership of BY Vijayendra," the chief minister said in a press statement.

ANGUISH OVER FRESH FACES

The BJP opted for fresh faces in about a dozen constituencies, an exercise that led to deep anguish among sections of leaders. Former state president KS Eshwarappa even rebelled and contested as an independent in Shivamogga, the party denying ticket to his son in the neighbouring Haveri.

Siddaramaiah said the disgruntled BJP leaders had been busy plotting strategies to get the scalp of Vijayendra. Sections of leaders were working on plans to put the blame on the father-son duo of BS Yodiyappa-Vijayendra soon after the results were out and intensify efforts to sideline them. These efforts, he added, also have blessings of a section of the RSS.

The chief minister stepped up his attacks on the BJP a day after reports emerged of Maharashtra

chief minister Eknath Shinde's comments of imminent threats to Karnataka's Congress regime. Siddaramaiah urged the BJP leaders to worry about their own party first as it had been beset with several problems, and not the Congress.

He urged people not to attach their hearts to Shinde's words as his own party would be in the doldrums after the result as his own son-in-law, held out for a major electoral loss.

The chief minister denied there were any internal rifts within the Congress, and this was evident from the way they worked united for the success of the official candidates in the two-phase polls.

## Naidu Seeks Steps to Stop Post-poll Violence in Andhra

Amaravati: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) president N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday demanded immediate action against those involved in a series of attacks on the party workers and their properties in the aftermath of the assembly and local Sabha elections in Andhra Pradesh held on Monday.

Voicing concern over the incidents of post-poll violence, the senior politician spoke to the director general of police, Harish Kumar Gupta, blaming the ruling YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) for the series of attacks on TDP workers he urged the police chief to initiate immediate action against those behind the violence. —IANS

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# 4 Economy: Macro, Micro & More

## Pak Onions Flood Global Markets; Not Many Takers for Indian Ones

### India's reentry into international market leads to crash in prices by over 50%

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There is no export demand for Indian onions, which has led to a fall of about 15% in domestic onion prices. Onion exporters don't see demand coming for another 15 days as overseas buyers, who have stocked overpriced Pakistani onions, are panicked.

They want to liquidate their costly onions as India's entry into the world market has led to a crash in the international onion prices by more than 50% within a week.

"Most of the buyers from our traditional markets like Malaysia, Sri Lanka, UK and the UAE had stocked onions from Pakistan. They had not expected the Indian government to lift the export ban till the general elections were over," said an exporter of onions from Nashik, who claims that the export orders, after spiking for a couple of days, have suddenly dried up. India's announcement on May 4 to lift the export ban had taken the international markets by surprise. India has kept a minimum export price (MEP) of \$550 per tonne with export duty of 40%.

Since May 4, about 350 containers are expected to have been shipped as per trade intelligence.

**Too Late to Sell**

Buyers from Malaysia, Sri Lanka, UK, UAE expected export ban to last until end of general elections.

While Indian onion was cheaper than Pakistani onions, they cut their price by 56% 1st week.

**ONION PRICE**

India: \$800/tonne	Pakistan: \$325/tonne
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At consumer level, price difference is ₹40-45/kg.

Domestic price of onions fell from ₹23-24/kg to ₹19-20/kg.

Onion growers from Nashik are hoping to get a good price, but were disappointed due to sluggish export demand.

"We are not able to recover our production cost even when the exports have been opened up. The expenditure on fertilizers and pesticides has increased many folds. The government does not intervene when onion prices touch ₹1-2/kg. However, when the farmers are likely to make some money, the government intervenes to make sure that consumers get cheap onion," said Nivrutti Nysankar, a farmer from Lasgaon in Nashik.

The current export price of Indian onion is around \$800 per tonne including the MEP of \$550/tonne, the export duty of 40% and other charges like packaging and transport as against the price of \$325 per tonne of Pakistan's onion. "The difference of about ₹60-65/kg between Indian onion and Pakistani onion is very big for any consumer. It is difficult to get export orders at this price," said the exporter quoted above.

The sudden policy change of the central government opening up the exports, has not only affected the international prices, but even the domestic prices have reversed during last few days. The price of the best quality onion, which had increased to ₹23-24/kg after India opened exports, has declined to ₹19-20/kg, down by over 20%.

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"Initially Indian onion was cheaper than Pakistan's onion, which got us some export orders. However, now Pakistan has reduced the MEP of its onion from \$750 per tonne to \$325 per tonne last week, down by 56%."

Lifting of ban on onion exports recently by India would lead to a stiff competition for Pakistan in the international market, while an abundant supply of onion locally from Baluchistan necessitates downward revision of MEP so that export of onions from Pakistan continues, said an order of the concerned government department of Pakistan.

Indian exporters say that now Indian onion has become highly expensive than the Pakistani onion.

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# 10 Panache

## How the PSG-Mbappé relationship soured

### The best footballer in the world will leave his club for free, just two years after signing a contract extension. How did things go downhill so fast?

Kylian Mbappé's relationship with Paris Saint-Germain, which started with great fanfare seven years ago, is ending with a whimper. On May 12, he scored a goal but watched his team slump to a 3-1 defeat to Toulouse, in what would be his final match at the club's home ground.

What may have irked fans — Mbappé was jeered by sections of the crowd — was the fact that the 25-year-old didn't even wait for the club's communication team to release the news. He went public with the news that he will be leaving the club with a video posted on X on May 10.

The announcement may have taken PSG by surprise too, since the team had a top contract for the player in the days since, neither on social media nor during the match. Meanwhile, on the pitch, there was a heated confrontation between Mbappé and club president Nasser Al-Khelaifi. The duo was heard screaming at each other in a report in Parisian media said.

How have things turned so ugly, especially in a season when he's scored 44 goals in all competitions?



Kylian Mbappé

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Relations worsened significantly when Enrique — knowing his best player wouldn't be with him for long — showed his authority by either benching Mbappé or taking him off during important games.

Mbappé's near unshakable status at PSG was suddenly in question. When replaced midway through a key match against bitter rivals Marseille on March 31, Mbappé appeared to mutter something negative as he walked off.

Publicly, Enrique kept saying he was rotating his squad to keep his talisman fresh for the bigger games. But once the Champions League clash saw the club being eliminated at the hands of Borussia Dortmund, there was a much more telling line left any more...



Nasser Al-Khelaifi

**54** The number of celebrities, politicians, media personalities and other signature contacts of former US President Donald Trump, according to prosecutors. These include billionaire investors Carl Icahn and Nelson Peltz, former casino mogul Steve Wynn, NFL star Tom Brady, PGA Tour CEO Pete Beavacqua, tennis star Serena Williams, media tycoon Rupert Murdoch and golf champion Jack Nicklaus among others.

(Clockwise from left) Steve Wynn, Carl Icahn, Serena Williams and Tom Brady

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# 10 Sports World Play

## Welcome to Vahala

Golf set for another major PGA-LIV face-off as Koepka looks to defend his title and Scheffler aims to continue winning form

**Anand Data**

still ball. Some steadfast tradition. And a sport in the throes of a disruptive market. The PGA Championship, starting Thursday, is another opportunity for golf to navigate the enduring tension between elite skill and profane skullduggery. It is fitting perhaps that the defending champion Brooks Koepka carries the flag for LIV Golf, which has poured an unimaginable stash, soaking the game in confusion and controversy.

The field is stacked — 16 former champions and 20 major winners, besides 60 of the top 100 in the rankings. Clearly, the stage is set for another round of this bruising bout between the incumbent powers of the traditional circuit of golf and its irreverent, disruptive new circuit.

Rory McIlroy collected his last major (fourth) when the event found its climax in the dark hours of a January 11, 2012, twilight in Louisville, Kentucky. Since that day in 2014, McIlroy has been hunting for new layers to an all-time career.

four of his last five starts — a second Masters title and three other signature events. He arrived at Vahala on Monday, wearing the freshly minted delight of parenthood on his cheek. Scheffler is striking the ball with unerring accuracy. According to Data Golf, he is sailing clear of competition with 121 strokes gained per round over the last 36 months. Naturally, he is the odds-on favourite at 3-1.

There are several other storylines, pregnant with meaning. Jordan Spieth needs the PGA Championship to complete his grand collection of major titles. The full set is a unique achievement, accomplished only by Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Ben Hogan and Gene Sarazen. But Spieth has missed the cut in four of his last five events, with 729 in the Wells Fargo last week his best result.

Woods is in the field this week, and after a miserable outing in Augusta, expectations remain uncharacteristically low for the 15-time major champion.

For Koepka, five of his five major titles have come at this event. Even though he endured disappointment in the 2023 Open and the Masters in April, Singapore win gave him a much-needed lifeline of the defunct event. Koepka's triumph in 2023 was a landmark moment, marking the first time a non-American golfer won the PGA Championship since Tiger Woods' 2001 triumph.

**Manika 1st Indian Woman in Top 25**

Ace women's singles tennis player Manika Batra rose to a career-best singles ranking of 24 following her success in the Saudi Smash, becoming the first Indian woman to break into the top 25 in world rankings. The 28-year-old, who was in 39th spot before the tournament, jumped 15 spots following her run in Jeddah, where she reached the quarterfinals. Manika, the 2018 Commonwealth Games gold medalist in individual and team categories, had shocked multiple-time world champion and Olympic gold medalist China's Wang Man in the second round in the Saudi Smash.

**PGA Championship**  
Vahala Golf Course  
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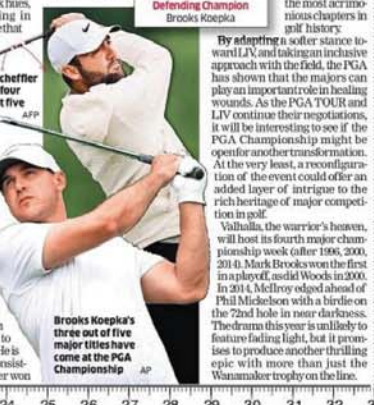
**Scottie Scheffler has won four of his last five starts**

By adopting a softer stance to swing and taking an inclusive approach with the field, the PGA has shown that the majors can play an important role in healing wounds. As the PGA TOUR and LIV continue their negotiations, it will be interesting to see if the PGA Championship might be another transformation.

At the very least, a reconfiguration of the majors could offer an added layer of intrigue to the rich heritage of major competition in golf.

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Brooks Koepka's three out of five major titles have come at the PGA Championship

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# Ethanol plant construction sparks row in Nayagarh

**VILLAGERS ALLEGE THAT THE UNIT WILL AFFECT WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT DRASTICALLY**

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Nayagarh, May 14:** Construction of a new ethanol plant by 'Justriive Industries Private Ltd' which has its headquarters in Hyderabad, has sparked resentment among locals and environmentalists in Nayagarh district. It is coming up in Haridabandha mouza of Badagotha panchayat under Nayagan block. However, locals pointed out that it is being constructed on a plot of 60 acres of land which is close to an elephant corridor. This will certainly affect wildlife and the environment, they added.

The matter came to the fore after members of local outfit, 'Anchalik Vikash Parishad' and



residents of Mahipur and Badagotha areas met Nayagarh District Collector Swadha Dev Singh and submitted a written complaint in this regard Monday. They urged the district collector to intervene and stop the construction of the ethanol plant.

The agitators have also alleged that the management of the company has illegally acquired 26 acres of 'pasture land' for construction of a road adjacent to the plant. They added that

despite repeated protests, road construction has started on the land. The locals also alleged that the plant authorities are going ahead with their plans without the necessary clearances from the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB). They pointed out that their livestock will suffer if the pasture land is converted into a road.

The registration of 60 acres of land in the name of 'Justriive Industries Private Ltd' without

a proper road connection has come as a huge shock to the residents of the area. Usually in such cases, companies have to show that they have acquired industrial land with road connectivity. However, in this case, the rules have not been followed, the members of 'Anchalik Vikash Parishad' pointed out. They added that the status of the land has been changed to 'Gharabari' (homestead) which indicates ample proof of foul play.

The villagers informed that when a common man purchases land without having proper road connection, registration is denied. However, Mohanty however, asserted that the rules have been waived. They added that the 26 acres of land couldn't have been acquired by the plant management without the tacit involvement of the local administration.

One of the owners of the company, Ajay Kumar Mohanty however, asserted that the plant is being constructed after getting all the necessary permissions and clearances from state-owned IPICOL. He also said that permission to construct the road on pasture land has been obtained. Mohanty added that they are holding discussions with villagers who are against road construction, to solve the matter amicably. He pointed out that setting up of the plant will help people as local residents will get jobs and there will be many who will indirectly benefit from the unit.

# Businessman arrested for grabbing forest land

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Rourkela, May 14:** A businessman, identified as Rajesh Agarwal, and two of his accomplices have been arrested for allegedly encroaching on forest land and trying to construct a house on it, officials informed here Tuesday. Even though the three were arrested May 11, the Forest department disclosed the matter Tuesday. Officials said that Agarwal had been warned repeatedly and letters had been sent him to vacate the land and stop construction, but he did not do so.



"We investigated the matter and there is proof beyond doubt that Agarwal was illegally constructing a building on land belonging to the Forest department," informed Gyanendra Lima, a ranger of Panposh division.

Lima said that when Agarwal did not heed to warnings to stop construction, officials visited the site. "When we visited the under-construction house, we found two carpenters inside it making furniture. Agarwal was also present and we arrested all the three," Lima stated.

Officials stated that during interrogation, Agarwal informed that he had purchased the land from a member of the local tribal community for ₹15 lakh. However, during this statement as a 'blatant lie' an official pointed out that Sundargarh is a scheduled district and tribal land cannot be bought. "We are surprised as to how Agarwal managed to construct a portion of the house without anyone having a whiff of it," the official informed.

The three were forwarded to court Tuesday where their bail pleas were rejected.

# Independent candidate held for assaulting BJP nominee



POST NEWS NETWORK

**Berhampur, May 14:** Independent candidate for the Berhampur Assembly seat Shibashankar Das was arrested Tuesday for assaulting BJP's Lok Sabha nominee Pradeep Panigrahy during the first phase of the polls in Odisha. Monday Das was produced in court Tuesday where his bail plea was rejected and he was sent to judicial custody.

Panigrahy and Das allegedly came to blows at Gosaniagaon in Ganjam district when polling was underway at a booth in Utkalmani UP School. Following the scuffle, the BJP nominee suffered injuries on his neck and chest. Initially Panigrahy was admitted to the MKCG Medical College and Hospital here before being transferred to AIIMS in Bhubaneswar where he is currently undergoing treatment.

Das incidentally is a former mayor of Berhampur Municipal Corporation (BEMC). He decided to contest as an independent candidate after failing to get a ticket from the BJP for the Berhampur Assembly constituency. He had alleged earlier Panigrahy played a key role in preventing his nomination. He had contested with the same constituency twice in the past, but on both occasions he was unsuccessful.

Das, 50 was arrested under Sections 307 (attempt to murder), 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means) of the IPC, after a case was registered against him at the Gosaniagaon police station. A case was registered against him after Panigrahy lodged a complaint, SP (Berhampur) Sarthak Sarangi stated.

Das's wife Asha Kumari Das has also lodged Tuesday a counter FIR alleging that her husband was attacked by the BJP supporters, police said.

Supporters of Das staged a protest in front of the police station where he was held, demanding his release. "We tried to convince the agitators. But they did not listen and continued their protest," Sarangi said. He added that the demonstrators left the place after the arrival of additional forces at the police station. An assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of police sustained injuries when the protesters allegedly pelted stones, he said.

# Rebuilt COB#2 ignited at RSP

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Rourkela, May 14:** Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) achieved a significant milestone Monday with the lighting up of the rebuilt Coke Oven Battery#2 (COB#2). This marked the initiation of the heating up process of the battery. SR Suryawanshi, Executive Director (Works) ignited the state-of-the-art COB#2. Also present on the occasion were other senior officers and employees of RSP, CET and MECO.

The 4.5 metres tall COB#2, was first commissioned in 1989 and it had undergone rebuilding and modification for the last time in 1995. With the objective of operational flexibility and meeting demands for coke as well as for precision adherence to environmental standards, the rebuilding of the oven was initiated December 15, 2020.

The battery was dismantled up to the nozzle deck slab along with associated equipment and refractory. Notably, the

battery has 70 ovens equally distributed in two blocks (2A & 2B). It has been rebuilt again in twin blocks and has compound regenerative twin fuel jet firing systems, with partial re-circulation of waste gases. Staged air supply and computerised heating control systems have also been provided in COB#2, officials said.

The rebuilt COB#2 is designed to comply with stipulated emission standards and guidelines laid by the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) to prevent pollution and also to maintain environment quality in the work area, they added. The officials informed that with the lighting up, controlled heating process of the new refractory lining has commenced. It will now take approximately 90 days to obtain the desired temperature of 1,160 degrees Celsius before charging of coal and pushing of coke into COB#2 starts. It is expected to happen by mid-August, officials informed.

# Illegal liquor-making units busted in Keonjhar



Hatadhik

Acting on a tip-off, police busted a number of country-liquor manufacturing units and seized huge quantities of mahua during raids at the Hadagarh Wildlife Sanctuary under Soso police limits in Keonjhar district Tuesday. The police team was led by DSP Prasant Kumar Behera of Anandpur sub-division. The team first raided villages under Soso and Nandipada police limits from where they seized huge quantities of mahua. Later, the team raided Sundarapal, Sangam and Andhari areas within the sanctuary and busted the manufacturing units. Officials said that 8,000 litres of fermented mahua brew were seized during the raids.

Locals are alarmed at the presence of such illegal liquor-manufacturing units within the sanctuary. They said that people involved in the activities might also be associated with poaching. The presence of criminals will only endanger the lives of elephants and other animals in the sanctuary, they opined. However, the miscreants working in these units managed to escape and evaded arrest. Three cases in this regard have been registered at the Soso police station, cops said. They added that raids will be conducted again in the near future to nab people dealing in illegal liquor.

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