



Fans cheer during the IPL 2026 clash between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Royal Challengers Bengaluru at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad on Friday

Photos: Adula Krishna

Four held: IPL ticket black market racket

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THE LB Nagar Special Operations Team (SOT) of the Malkajgiri Commissionerate busted an IPL ticket black-marketing racket operating near the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Uppal.

Ahead of the IPL T20 match between SRH and RCB on Friday, police apprehended four individuals red-handed while allegedly selling complimentary passes at exorbitant prices to desperate cricket fans in the black market.

Acting on a tip-off, the SOT police detained the four persons for selling complimentary passes marked "not for sale" at inflated prices for the SRH vs RCB match scheduled for May 22. Police seized several passes from their possession. The accused, along with the seized passes, were later handed over to Uppal police for further investigation.

According to police, such "not for sale" passes are gen-

IPL TICKET BLACK-MARKETING RACKET BUSTED

LB Nagar SOT cracks down on black market sale of complimentary passes for SRH vs RCB match

WHAT HAPPENED?

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THE BUST

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WHAT WAS SEIZED?

- Complimentary passes marked "Not for Sale"
- Passes were intended for VIPs or sponsors
- Accused and seized passes handed over to Uppal police for further investigation.

POLICE INVESTIGATION

- Investigators suspect the passes were diverted into the black market to cash in on high demand for the SRH vs RCB clash.
- Probe underway to find how the passes reached the accused.
- Police suspect a wider network of black-marketers who may have bought tickets in advance and resold them at inflated rates.
- Efforts on to identify those who facilitated the diversion of tickets from authorised channels.

EARLIER CASE THIS MONTH

- Three persons were arrested for allegedly forging VIP letterheads to obtain complimentary tickets worth ₹22,000.
- They sold the tickets at inflated prices.
- All accused are residents of Andhra Pradesh and were caught red-handed in the stadium parking area by police on security duty.

KEY TAKEAWAY

Police remain vigilant against ticket black-marketing to ensure fair access for genuine cricket fans.

FANS ADVISORY: Buy tickets only from authorised channels. Avoid black market dealings.

SAY NO TO BLACK MARKET SUPPORT FAIR PLAY!

erally reserved for VIPs or sponsors. Investigators suspect that these passes were diverted into the black market to cash in on the massive demand for the high-profile SRH versus RCB clash.

Police are now probing how the complimentary passes reached the accused and suspect that a wider

network of ticket black-marketers may have purchased tickets in advance and later resold them at exorbitant rates. Investigators are also trying to identify individuals who may have facilitated the diversion of tickets from authorised channels.

Earlier this month, three persons were arrested for

allegedly forging VIP letterheads to obtain complimentary tickets worth Rs 22,000 and selling them at inflated prices. All the accused in that case were residents of Andhra Pradesh and were caught red-handed by a police team deployed on security duty in the stadium parking area.

Fans fume as SRH ticket chaos sparks black market allegations

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CRICKET fans were venting their anger at the management of the Sunrisers Hyderabad team for selling tickets physically, thereby giving a chance for them to be sold in black.

There were many cricket fans, who had thronged the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium at Uppal, trying their luck to get tickets at the last minute for the match between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Royal Challengers Bengaluru being held at the stadium. Despite strict vigil by the police, black marketers were seen selling tickets at two to three times the price.

One of the fans, Kishore, who came from Huzurabad in Karimnagar, said that tick-



ets were priced at three times the actual rate. He said that when the ticket sale started, the district app showed they were in a queue and that they were behind 5,000 people.

"We paid the money but it got rejected and the amount was refunded. When we

again logged into the site, the queue had gone beyond 50,000. The SRH management only encouraged black marketing of tickets.

They priced the Rs 750 ticket at Rs 1,500 and the Rs 1,500 ticket at Rs 3,000, making it difficult for the com-

mon man to get a ticket," said Kishore, who had specially come to watch his favourite player, Virat Kohli.

The fans alleged that since more tickets were issued physically, they were seen in the black market. If tickets were sold only through online mode, true cricket fans would have got the opportunity to witness the match. The BCCI should take action against the SRH management for this fiasco, said another fan. While enthusiastic fans were wandering for tickets around the stadium, the LB Nagar SOT police arrested four persons for selling even complimentary passes in black, charging exorbitant rates at Gate No. 1 of the stadium. The police booked ten cases and shifted the black marketers to Uppal police station.

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TG PECET-2026 from May 31 to June 3

HYDERABAD: The Telangana Physical Education Common Entrance Test (TG PECET-2026) will be held from May 31 to June 3 at Satavahana University Sports Grounds, Karimnagar. The examination is being organised by Satavahana University under the aegis of the Telangana Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad.

TG PECET-2026 is conducted for admissions into two-year B Ed and DPED courses offered by universities and affiliated colleges across Telangana for the academic year 2026-27. The test serves as a gateway for aspiring students seeking professional training in physical education and sports sciences. Prof Rajesh Kumar, Convener of TG PECET-2026 and Chairperson of the Board of Studies in Physical Education at Satavahana University, on Friday announced that hall tickets are now available for download.

Akunuri Murali quits as TG Education Commission chief

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TELANGANA Education Commission Chairperson Akunuri Murali formally resigned on Friday. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana, Murali expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve and noted that the Commission had successfully completed its mandate of submitting a comprehensive report on education with recommendations.

Mrurali's resignation comes against the backdrop of the state government's contemplation of big-ticket reforms in the education sector. And the commission is formed to act as a think tank, continuously researching and recommending reforms to the state government to keep education standards ahead of global standards.

Banks urged to power rural growth beyond crop loans

HYDERABAD: Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, and Handlooms Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has urged banks to play a more proactive role in strengthening the rural economy by expanding agricultural credit beyond short-term crop loans. Addressing the 49th State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) quarterly meeting at Pragathi Bhavan on Friday, Rao emphasised support for infrastructure, value-added agriculture, and allied sectors.

Highlighting Telangana's robust banking performance, he noted that deposits reached Rs 9.43 lakh crore and advances Rs 12.33 lakh crore by FY 2025-26, with a credit-deposit ratio of 130.78%, surpassing the national average. Priority sector lending touched Rs 4.09



Tummala Nageswara Rao

lakh crore, while agricultural loans reached Rs 1.87 lakh crore, achieving 102% of the annual target. Crop loans alone accounted for Rs 75,486 crore (84.34% of plan). While praising banks like Canara Bank, Indian Bank, Bank of Baroda, PNB, and TGCAB for exceeding targets, Rao cautioned that reliance on short-term crop loans remains a concern. He urged banks to provide long-term credit for warehouses, cold storage, food processing units, drip irrigation, solar farming, and mechanisation. Rao highlighted Telangana's diversified agriculture—

horticulture, oil palm, dairy, fisheries, and protected cultivation—and stressed post-harvest infrastructure, logistics, and scientific storage.

He encouraged warehouse receipt finance, e-NWR finance, and post-harvest loans to prevent distress sales.

The historic Rs 21,000 crore farm loan waiver has boosted recovery rates and rural credit culture, lowering agricultural NPAs from 5.23% to 4.71%, while term loan NPAs remain at 2.62%, reflecting strong repayment discipline.

Horticulture, though covering 6% of cultivated land, contributes nearly 25% of agricultural GVA, with Telangana importing vegetables worth Rs 4,500 crore annually. Oil palm cultivation now spans 2.91 lakh acres, involving 79,000 farmers.

Court sentences man to 60 days for harassing parents

Hyderabad: The court has sentenced a 44-year-old man to two months of imprisonment for harassing and ill-treating his elderly parents in their house in Narayanguda. According to the police, the respondent, identified as G Srinivas, had been constantly harassing his aged parents. Based on a formal complaint received from the aggrieved parents, Narayanguda Police registered a case against him under Section 70B of the City Police (CP) Act, and Section 115(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

The investigation officer, J Srikanth Reddy, Sub-Inspector of Police conducted a thorough probe, collected strong evidence, and produced the respondent before the Hon'ble V Special Judicial Magistrate Court at Nampally, Hyderabad. Upon perusing the case facts and evidence under STC No. 1780/2026, the Judge, M Bhasker, found the respondent guilty of the offence and sentenced him to undergo two months (60 days) of jail terms along with a fine.

FOUR TG STUDENTS SET OFF TO JAPAN FOR SAKURA SCIENCE PROG

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FOUR bright students from Telangana have been selected to participate in the prestigious SAKURA Science Programme, also known as the Japan Science High School Programme, organised by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).

The programme, scheduled from May 24 to 30 in Japan aims to promote scientific learning, innovation, and cultural exchange among talented school students from across the world.

The initiative, conducted under the guidance of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, provides selected students with the opportunity to visit advanced scientific and technological institutions in Japan. They will interact with eminent scientists and research-



Four students from Telangana G Shivanjali, Ch Akshaya, B Parusha and B Venu depart for Japan to participate in the prestigious SAKURA Science Programme, organised by the Japan Science and Technology Agency

ers, gaining valuable exposure to Japan's innovative educational and scientific ecosystem.

Students from Telangana were selected through a rigorous process that included district-level nominations and a state-level screening test held in January 2026.

The four selected students are G Shivanjali from Telangana Model School & Junior College, Elgandal, Karimnagar; Ch Akshaya from Telangana Residential Junior College, Hasanparthy, Hanumakonda; B Parusha from IIIT Mahbubnagar; and B Venu from Telangana Model

School, Irkode, Siddipet. The students left for Japan on Friday to represent Telangana at the international level.

Their participation is expected to highlight the state's commitment to nurturing young talent and fostering global educational collabora-

tions. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, along with Dr Yogita Rana, Secretary, State Education Department, and A Sri Devasena, Commissioner and Director of School Education (FAC), congratulated the students and extended best wishes for their journey. They expressed confidence that the students would bring laurels to the state through their participation and learning experiences.

G Ramesh, Director of SCERT Telangana, emphasised that the programme would inspire students to pursue innovation and research, while also strengthening cultural ties between India and Japan.

He noted that such opportunities not only enhance scientific knowledge but also broaden perspectives by exposing students to international practices.

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Applications are invited from eligible candidates for selection and appointment of two (2) Full-time Member (Technical) to the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas, Delhi.
2. The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) is a Statutory Body established under the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 (29 of 2021). The Member shall be a full-time incumbent.
The detailed advertisement is available on the website of the Ministry at <https://moef.gov.in> and website of the CAQM at <https://caqm.nic.in>
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Government of India, Ministry of Ayush Applications/nominations are invited from Ayurveda experts for the National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Award 2026. The award has been instituted by the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, to be conferred on Ayurveda experts possessing recognized qualifications as per the provisions of the National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicine Act, 2020, or the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970, and having a profound contribution in the field of Ayurveda. The awardees shall be felicitated with the award on the occasion of 11th Ayurveda Day to be celebrated on 23rd September 2026. The details may be accessed on the National Awards Portal, <http://awards.gov.in>, Ministry of Home Affairs. Accordingly, applications/nominations may be submitted by 30th June 2026.
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