

**In a nutshell**

**2,000 affected by floods in Odisha**

**BHUBANESWAR:** The flood situation in Odisha's Balasore district due to heavy rain remained grim on Wednesday, affecting six blocks, following which authorities evacuated around 2,000 people to safer places. Chief Minister Mohan Majhi on Wednesday conducted aerial inspection of the flood-hit areas of Balasore and held a meeting with officials of district administration. **IANIS**

**Walkie-talkies explode, 9 killed**

**BEIRUT:** Walkie-talkies and solar equipment exploded in Beirut and multiple parts of Lebanon on Wednesday in an apparent second wave of attacks targeting electronic devices a day after hundreds of pagers used by Hezbollah blew up, state media and Hezbollah officials said. At least nine people were killed and over 300 people wounded in the second wave. **AP**

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## ONOE approved; Oppn objects

**Centre accepts Kovind panel recommendations**

PTI  
NEW DELHI

Moving ahead with its 'one nation, one election' plan, the Centre on Wednesday accepted a high-level panel's recommendations for holding simultaneous polls for the Lok Sabha, State Assemblies and local bodies in a phased manner after a countrywide consensus-building exercise.

Home Minister Amit Shah hailed the Cabinet's decision, saying it will be a giant stride towards landmark electoral reforms in the country. Various opposition parties, however, said holding simultaneous polls is not practical. Asserting that several political parties are already on board, the Centre said even those parties that are opposed to it may now feel pressure from within to change their stand

due to the widespread support on the issue from the people of the country.

Announcing the Cabinet's approval to the proposal, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said an implementation group would be formed to take forward the recommendations of the panel headed by former president Ram Nath Kovind and detailed discussions would be held on various fora across the country over the next few months. "We will seek to create a consensus over the next few months... Our government believes in creating a consensus on items which affect democracy and the nation in the long run. This is a subject, a topic that will strengthen our nation..." he said.

Responding to a question on the stand of opposition parties, the Minister said,

"The Opposition might start feeling internal pressure (about 'one nation, one election') as more than 80 per cent of the respondents, who responded during the consultation process, have given their positive support, especially the youth. They are very much in favour of this."

Asked by reporters when the recommendations could be implemented and whether a Bill would be brought in the upcoming winter session of Parliament, Vaishnaw evaded a direct reply but pointed out that Shah has said the government would implement it in its current tenure. After the discussions are completed, implementation would follow in steps and it would be the government's endeavour to build a consensus over the next few months, he said.

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## Now, worms in students' food triggers protest

STATE BUREAU  
Karimnagar

Parents and students staged a protest at the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule BC Welfare Residential School (Girls), Gundlupalli of Ganneruvaram mandal, after worms were found in the food served to the students.

Parents visited the school on Sunday and were shocked to see worms in the meal served to the students. Furious, they tried to enter the school, but the staff closed the gates. Parents and students staged a protest at the entrance, with the local CPI leaders and activists extending their support to them.

The parents found fault with the school authorities for serving worm-infested food to the students, who were already suffering from dengue, malaria and other diseases. Stating that toilets and urinals were also in bad shape, they said staff prevented them from entering the school.

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## KASHMIR VOTES IN PHASE-1 POLLS



A man shows his inked finger after casting his vote in J&K Assembly polls, in Anantnag. — Photo: PTI

## BRS spearheaded TG's growth story

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

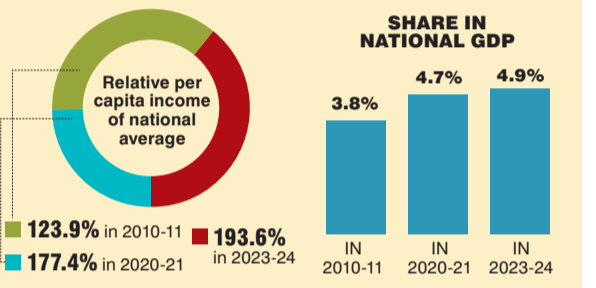
Notwithstanding the political mudslinging and whataboutery, the previous BRS regime is repeatedly proving to have played a key role in advancing Telangana's economic growth.

The State has not only excelled in relative per capita income, but also become a leading contributor to the national GDP during the BRS rule, in stark contrast to its position in erstwhile Andhra Pradesh.

A study of key economic indicators by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, covering 54 years (1960-61 to 2023-24), revealed that Telangana outperformed other States in economic growth and recorded the highest rela-

### Telangana's rapid progress

STATE RANKED FIRST IN RELATIVE PER CAPITA INCOME, 6TH IN SHARE IN NATIONAL GDP



tive per capita income level of 193.6 per cent of the national average. This marks a sharp rise from 123.9 per cent in 2010-11 and 177.4 per cent in 2020-21. Over the last 54 years, erstwhile Andhra Pradesh recorded relative per capita income

with 89.9 per cent of the national average in 1960-61, 92.4 per cent in 1970-71, 75.4 per cent in 1980-81, 79.9 per cent in 1990-91 and 100.9 per cent in 2000-01. Since 2010-11, relative per capita income was recorded separately for TG. (SEE PAGE 2)

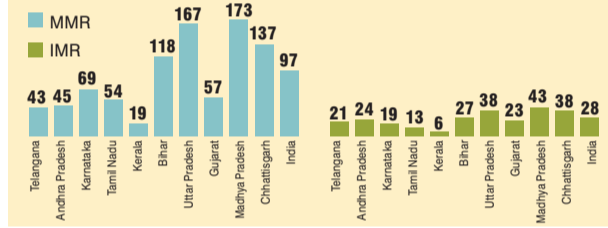
## Gandhi sees spike in maternal, infant mortalities

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

In a shocking development, the Mother and Child Health (MCH) centre at the State-run Gandhi Hospital has faced a significant surge in maternal and infant mortality rates this August. A total of 14 mothers and 44 infants have lost their lives at the facility last month.

The rise in maternal and infant deaths in just a month

### How TG fares on health indicators



**THIS IS A TERTIARY HOSPITAL THAT RECEIVES HIGHLY CRITICAL CASES FROM ALL PARTS OF TELANGANA. AS A RESULT OF THE CRITICAL CONDITION OF THE MOTHER AND INFANT, IT IS QUITE NATURAL FOR THE HOSPITAL TO HAVE A HIGHER MATERNAL MORTALITY THAN OTHERS**  
 — DR CH RAJAKUMARI, Gandhi Hospital Superintendent

has not only raised concerns over the quality of care provided at the facility but has

also threatened to undermine the progress made in improving maternal and

child health in Telangana in the last one decade. While authorities have maintained

that the MCH facility receives highly critical cases of mothers and infants with little time left for caregivers to revive them, such a high number of fatalities, however, has raised concerns over the supervision and quality of care at the premier government super-specialty hospital. Based on the information, between August 5 and 30, 14 mothers died of complications after delivery.

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