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Kejriwal Says BJP Targets Slum Voters



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As the high-octane electioneering for the February 5 Delhi Assembly polls came to a close on Monday, AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal said his party had distributed spy cameras and body cameras among people living in the slum areas to capture "wrongdoings" and "electoral malpractices" by the BJP and its "goons". He claimed that the BJP will use its goons and the Delhi police extensively to win the elections and will try to intimidate voters, especially those in slum areas.

Claiming in a video message that the AAP was heading for a historic victory and the BJP

was facing its worst defeat in its existence and that was why it was resorting to "unfair tactics", Mr Kejriwal said: "We have distributed spy cameras and body cameras among people living in slum areas to capture the misdeeds of the BJP's goons. We have also formed multiple Quick Response Teams (QRTs) which will reach such locations within 15 minutes to prevent unconstitutional activities and ensure the perpetrators are arrested."

The former Delhi chief minister alleged BJP workers would attempt to bribe slum-dwellers by offering '3,000-5,000 and marking their fingers with black ink to prevent them from vot-

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AAP fails students poor in studies: PM Modi Criticizes AAP Education Policy

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday accused the Delhi government of compromising students' futures to protect its image. He claimed that students in Class IX who perform poorly are being denied the chance to sit for the Class X board exams—a practice aimed at inflating the government's education success statistics. Addressing a group of students, Modi said, "I have heard that in Delhi, students who perform poorly in Class IX are not promoted to Class X. They allow only those who are certain to pass, fearing poor results will tarnish the government's image." The remarks were



shared via a video clip posted on social media by BJP leaders.

BJP leaders echoed Modi's criticism, accusing Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) of prioritizing propaganda over genuine progress in education. "Instead of improving learning outcomes, they deny students the opportunity to take exams. This undermines the future of children for the sake of optics," a senior BJP leader said.

The high-stakes campaigning for the Delhi Assembly elections

concluded at 5 PM on Monday, initiating the mandatory silence period ahead of voting on February 5. The BJP conducted 22 roadshows and rallies across the city, intensifying its efforts to unseat the AAP. Meanwhile, the AAP expressed confidence in securing a third consecutive term, banking on its governance model, which includes free welfare schemes. The Congress, once a dominant force in Delhi politics, is striving to regain relevance after failing to win a single.

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Rahul lauds caste census of Telangana govt

Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Monday brought up the caste census conducted by the Telangana government, and noted the importance of carrying out a similar exercise nationwide, while speaking in the Lok Sabha. "Almost 90 per cent of the population in Telangana is either Dalit, Adivasi, backward or minority and I am convinced that is the story across the country. The OBC population of the country is not one less than 50 per cent..." he said during the debate on the President's address.

"If we look at the largest corporates in this country, none of them are owned by OBCs, Dalits or tribals... Central to any new development paradigm is the architecture of a new paradigm and that architecture of the new paradigm can only be built once the caste census is placed on the table..." He said that there were OBC, Dalit and Adivasi MPs in the BJP. "Remember, OBCs have 50 per cent of the population and you have absolutely no power. I know you're sitting there and you cannot open your mouth. That is the truth of the country," he added.



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GCCs driving TG IT exports



IT exports from Telangana for the financial year 2024-25 could cross Rs 3 lakh crore, assuming they grew at 12 per cent as it did the previous year. If the growth pace is higher, the value of exports could increase further. IT minister D. Sridhar Babu in January had announced that IT exports had crossed about \$30 billion. IT/ITeS sector exports from the state surged by about 12 per cent in 2023-24 to touch Rs 2.68-lakh crore mark. The state's growth was more than the national average and a similar trend is likely this year too.

"The growth in IT exports from Telangana will be more than the national average this fiscal," said C. Kavitha, director, of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) Hyderabad. STPI is a wing under the Union Ministry of electronics and Informa-

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Telangana Govt to Discuss Caste Survey Report in House Today-

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Indians to become wealthiest community in world by 2047: Naidu

Vijayawada WUT | Feb . 4

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has said that Indians are going to become the wealthiest community in the world by 2047 and they are becoming the most acceptable community. "Some nations are even depending upon such Indians for their economic growth," Naidu said while addressing the media in New Delhi on Monday. Naidu was in Delhi to address the Telugu voters and seek their support to the BJP-NDA candidates in the upcoming assembly election there. He spoke of how the



people were talking about Artificial Intelligence and how the Indians were using it in a big way now; and the way they used Information Technology in 1995.

"By using AI, India is going to play a crucial role in the global economy," he said and added that the people in Davos -- where the World Economic Forum an-

nual meeting was held recently -- were also talking about AI and they also raised concern about global warming and noted that India was strong enough to handle it. Referring to the Union Budget, Naidu said it would lead India to attain the Viksit Bharat goal by 2047. He recalled how the four growth engines like agriculture, MSMEs, investments and exports were acting as a game changer in Indian economy and claimed that India would become a global hub for food security.

He said Indians were doing extremely well in several fields at global level; and

given the demographic dividend, Indians would become entrepreneurs and MSMEs and serve as a game changer. Maintaining that agriculture would play a key role in the nation's economic development, he said India had achieved self-sufficiency in agriculture production, in view of the huge production of pulses, vegetables, fruits etc., and claimed that India has become a global hub for farm production.

Naidu claimed that development of IT some 30 years ago powered the Indians to become the wealthiest persons in

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Modi failed to implement 'Make in India', says Rahul

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Rahul Gandhi launched a scathing attack on the Narendra Modi government in the Lok Sabha on Monday, accusing it of failing to deliver on its "Make in India" initiative. Gandhi claimed that this failure is the reason for China's alleged encroachment on Indian territory.

Gandhi said, "Our Chief of Army Staff has confirmed that the Chinese are inside our territory. The reason China is sitting inside this country is because 'Make in India' has failed." He further warned that if a war with China occurs, India would be forced to rely on Chi-



nese-made products like electric motors and batteries.

He criticized the government for the declining share of manufacturing in GDP, from 15.3% in 2014 to 12.6% now — the lowest in 60 years. "The Prime Minister tried, but he failed," Gandhi said.

Gandhi also alleged that External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar was sent multiple times to secure an invitation for Modi to Donald Trump's inauguration, stating that India's foreign policy lacks

strategic direction. Jaishankar refuted the claims, calling them baseless and damaging to the nation's image.

Raising concerns about the addition of 70 lakh voters between the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in Maharashtra, Gandhi demanded the Election Commission release detailed data for transparency. He also emphasized the need for a caste census, stating that OBCs constitute over 50% of the population but hold negligible power in key corporate and political roles. He accused the BJP of sidelining Dalits, Adivasis, and OBCs despite their representation within the party.

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Crypto swindlers loot Rs.600 crores from investors

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A massive cryptocurrency investment scam left investors from Karimnagar, Jagtial, Metpalli, and Korutla an estimated Rs 600 crore poorer. The fraud came to light only after a group of victims approached the Director General of Police (DGP) office on Saturday and lodged formal complaints. Acting on these complaints, the Crime Investigation Department (CID)



launched an investigation and nabbed key suspect Ramesh Goud before he could flee the country. The CID is urging other victims to report their losses as it probes the full extent of the scam.

Ramesh Goud, a resident of

Lingala Ghanpur in Jangaon district, allegedly created a bogus cryptocurrency platform called 'GBR Crypto.' Promising hefty returns, he lured investors by advertising high-end travel packages to destinations like Singapore, Dubai, and Goa through WhatsApp groups. Before his arrest, Goud reportedly amassed approximately Rs 95 crore. Among the victims are high-ranking government officials who invested large sums. When they demanded payouts, agents cut off communication,

leaving investors desperate. In Karimnagar city's Ganj area alone, victims lost over Rs 50 crore; many remain reluctant to report the fraud due to embarrassment.

One victim, Mahesh, told Decan Chronicle that he initially saw encouraging returns, which prompted him to invest more and recommend the scheme to others. However, after putting in Rs 20,000, he received no further returns. Though Mahesh became suspicious and stopped investing,

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Telangana BJP shifts focus on naming the next state party chief

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with Congress culture of appointing presidents and working presidents. Though the district presidents have to elect the state president, the BJP generally elects the state president from a list of two or three shortlisted names. Karandlaje will play a key role on this front and interact with the national leadership if consensus is missing. Union minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar appeared as the top choice, as he has a RSS background and enjoys strong support among masses. Moreover, he is not happy with the 'police job' as his position at the Centre is not helping him to engage in state politics, said a confidant. One factor dissuading him from making the move right

away is that the term of the BJP state president is two years, while there are three months to go for the Assembly elections. The list of frontrunners include Etala Rajendar, N. Ramchander Rao, D.K. Aruna, M. Raghunandan Rao, D. Arvind, Manohar Reddy, K. Venkataramana Reddy and Muralidhar Rao. As the party had hinted at a chief minister from the Backward Classes during the Assembly election campaign, it is likely to have a candidate from the community for either as state president or organisational general secretary post. It has appointed Alleti Maheshwar Reddy as the Assembly floor leader.

Rahul lauds caste census of Telangana govt

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During the Lok Sabha debate on the President's address on Monday, Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi emphasized the significance of conducting a nationwide caste census, drawing attention to the ongoing exercise in Telangana. He highlighted that nearly 90% of Telangana's population comprises Dalits, Adivasis, backward classes, and minorities, suggesting that a similar demographic structure likely



exists across India. Gandhi pointed out that OBCs (Other Backward Classes) form a significant portion of the population, estimating that they constitute no less than 50% of the country. He also raised concerns

over the absence of OBC, Dalit, and tribal ownership in the country's largest corporates, stressing the need for a paradigm shift that could only be achieved by including caste data in national development planning.

Addressing the issue of representation, Gandhi remarked on the lack of political power among OBCs despite their large numbers. He acknowledged the presence of OBC, Dalit, and Adivasi MPs in the BJP but pointed out that they are often unable to voice their concerns within the party. Gandhi also discussed the potential role of technology, specifically artificial intelligence (AI), in utilizing data from the caste census to foster social change. He envisioned

AI playing a transformative role in empowering marginalized communities by enhancing their participation in governance and wealth distribution. Additionally, Gandhi proposed a dual-track approach for India's future, focusing on revolutionizing the participation of Dalits, OBCs, and Adivasis in national governance while simultaneously challenging global competitors like China in areas such as electric motors, batteries, solar panels, and wind energy.

BJP's intellectual cell convenor Prof. Yudhveer felicitated Mahankali-Jilla prez Bharath

Hyderabad Prashanth reddy WUT | Feb . 4

BJP's senior leader and intellectual convenor Professor Yudhveer Katta on Monday February 3 met with Telangana State Bharatiya Janata Party Secunderabad Mahankali District President Bharath Goud was felicitated with a shawl by him. In this felicitation he assured to newly appointed president will extend full support behalf of intellectual forum, he said in his Media statement BJP's party only will take care all sections of people that is why in the country three consecutive terms BJP ruling under vibrant



leadership Narendra Modi ji. He exuded confidence in the Telangana also people will crown to the BJP party in this programme Secunderabad Assembly Convenor K Nageshwar Reddy, Mahankali District SC Morcha Vice President Naresh Madiga, Senior Leader Vinay, Yuva Morcha Leaders Sagar, and other key leaders and activists were participated in the programme and extended their warm greetings.

Dr. Rini Anweshi Awarded Doctorate for Pioneering Research on Media and Sustainable Development

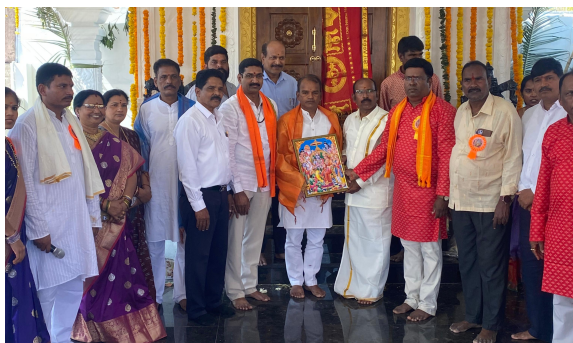
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Dr. Rini Anweshi has been conferred a doctorate by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication for her innovative research titled "Role of Media in Promoting Sustainable Development Goals for the Development of Telangana State: An Exploratory Study." Under the guidance of the distinguished Professor K. Narender, her thesis was recognized as the best by the examiners. The research emphasizes the pivotal role of media in raising awareness and fostering action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Telangana. Dr. Rini's study provides critical insights on how media can effectively contribute to sustainable development and support policy ex-



ecution, paving the way for a more inclusive and progressive future for the state. Her work stands as a valuable resource for policymakers, media professionals, and researchers committed to advancing sustainable development.

Lord Rama is the epitome of all the virtues says A.S.Reddy



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BJP's executive Member of State Working Committee and Contested MLA Candidate of from the Medchal Constituency Anugu Sudarshan Reddy participated in the special pooja programme for the consecra-

tion of a new idol of Swami at Sitaramanjaya Temple in Sri Sai Nagar on Monday February 3, under Boduppal Municipal Corporation and received Tirtha Prasad of lord Swami. Ghatkesar Municipality President Kommidi Mahipal Reddy, Leaders Padma Reddy, Anand and others were participated in this programme.

This is the comfortable 'Dream Budget' which sops blessed by PM to all OBC communities: Prof:Yudhveer katta

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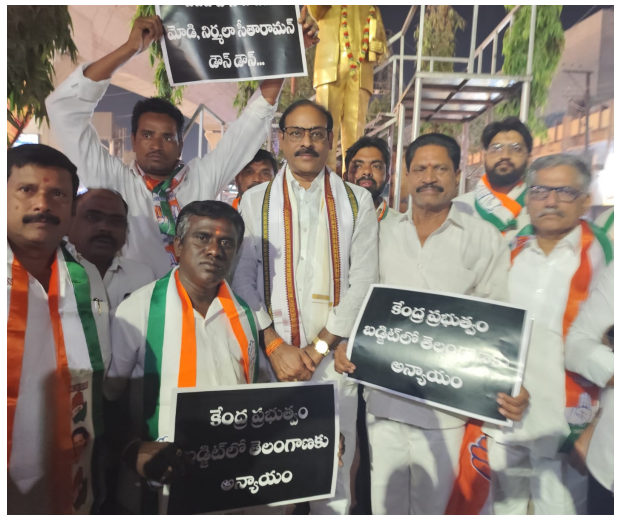
:BJP's Intellectual wing Chief Professor Yudhveer katta termed 2025 year budget by FM Ms Nirmala sitaraman in the lok-sabha A budget designed to meet the goals of Vikasit Bharat. With the PM shri Narendra Modi ji vision. Increasing the personal income tax slab to 12 lakhs is a big decision and master stroke of Pm Vison. For economic backbone of MSMEs and small scale industries are given a helping hand in the budget it's historical create five trillion dollars of the Indian economy. This is a budget that re-



spects the spirit of cooperative federation while giving importance to the interests of the state. Increasing funds for all welfare schemes is commendable professor Yudhveer Said He expressed his Thanks to the Prime Minister Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Professor said in his detailed Media notes The budget is acceptable to all sections of the people. For education, medicine, agri-

culture, industrial sectors.. Priority has been given in this budget to the upliftment of the poor and middle class. With the changes in Incometax slabs. Beneficial to employees. The total budget seems to have provided full meals. Medical seats have been increased so that they are accessible to all. To increase the purchasing power of the people. The budget is meant to increase employment oppor-

tunities for the youth. Agriculture has been given high priority in the budget. In the round table conference professor Yudhveer katta spoken as a keynote speaker. He says that Narendra Modi ji government has given top priority to the OBC community in all sectors in the forthcoming days BC community will get further more sops in the independence India no prime minister has taken this much heroic decision he said in the concluding keynote in the OBC meeting conference at the somaji guda pressclub. This meeting was held under OBC forum in this meeting irrespective of political parties all sections of OBC politicians and intellectual were participated.



Union govt is showing step-mother love towards where the rival parties are in the power

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To protest against the injustice done to the state of Telangana in the union budget announced by the central government, on Monday, February 3 Kukatpally Congress party in-charge Bandi Ramesh went to a huge rally along with the activists and the local leaders. On this occasion, Ramesh said that the central government is showing step-mother love towards the states where the rival parties are in the power. It is not the incorrigible policy to collect a large amount of tax from the states and return only 42 percent of the funds to the opposition party states. He commented that no use of 8

member of parliament members and 2 union ministers and also asked why 2 union ministers not asking additional funds to their own States with their High command. He slammed that that failed to bring the funds to the state, with what face they will roam around the Telangana he criticized. Senior Congress leaders of Kukatpally constituency, marketing committee members, temple committee members, block presidents, block women president, division presidents, women congress, nsui leaders, minority leaders, sc cell leaders, BC cell leaders and activists participated in this programme.

Telangana govt to debate caste survey report in House today

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and employment based on their population. For this, the state government needs to amend the Reservations Act for which it requires the Centre's approval. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will table the census reports and SC sub-categorisation report in the Assembly soon after the session begins at 11 am, and initiate the debate. After taking feedback from all the political parties in the House, the CM will give his reply, sources said. Revanth Reddy is also expected to introduce resolutions ap-

proving caste census report, the dedicated commission report and SC categorisation report besides passing a resolution urging Centre to allow the state government to enhance reservations for BCs, SCs and STs in proportion to their ratio of population. The Congress government ordered a comprehensive door-to-door caste census during November-December 2024 to determine the socio, economic and political status of all castes. The Telangana BC Commission conducted the survey with the assis-

tance of the planning department. The caste census report was submitted to the state government on Sunday. The government has constituted a Dedicated BC Commission led by retired Telangana High Court judge Justice Shameem Akhtar in October 2024 to determine the political representation of BCs in local bodies and make recommendations to enhance BC reservations based on their population. The commission submitted its report on Monday to Cabinet sub-committee hair and

minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy. The state government will table this report in the House on Tuesday. On August 1, 2024, a seven-judge Bench of the Supreme Court in a landmark verdict had ruled that states can sub-classify SC casts for the purpose of extending reservations in education and employment within the 15 per cent quota allotted for the comunit to provide better support for the most disadvantaged groups. Revanth Reddy had announced in the Assembly on the same day that Telangana.

Grand Celebration of Sri Devi Muthyalamma Temple Anniversary in Bapujinagar on Vasantapanchami

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The Sri Devi Muthyalamma Temple in Bapujinagar witnessed grand celebrations on the auspicious occasion of Vasantapanchami, which also coincided with the temple's anniversary. The event attracted a large gathering of devotees and dignitaries, creating a vibrant atmosphere of spiritual devotion and community service.

The program began with a special Abhishekam and Ganesh Puja performed with great fervor, dedicated to Goddess Muthyalamma. The temple echoed with prayers and chants as devotees gathered to seek divine blessings on this sacred day.

Cantonment MLA Sriganesh and Jampana Pratap, the former vice president of the temple board, were present at the event, with Jampana Pratap being the chief guest. After the puja, he inaugurated the food donation



program, which set the stage for the day's charitable activities.

The food donation initiative was a key highlight, with active participation from community leaders, dignitaries, and temple committee members.

BJP leaders T. Yen. Murari, VR Hospital MD Nandakishore, and others such as Durgayya, Srikanth, Nursing Rao, Lakshman, Malleth, Komaraiah, Prem Mudiraj, Karan Singh, Mukesh Yadav, and Ajith Kalyan, took part in distributing food to devotees and underprivileged indi-

viduals, embodying the spirit of giving and service.

The event underscored the temple's role as a center of both spiritual devotion and social welfare.

It fostered community unity and showcased the commitment to charity and social responsibility. Devotees expressed their gratitude to the temple committee and organizers for ensuring a memorable day filled with devotion, service, and festivity.

A Milestone in Spiritual and Social Welfare



This year's celebrations were a significant reminder of the temple's legacy and its unwavering dedication to community welfare. The success of the event was credited to the collective efforts of the temple committee, local leaders, and volunteers, who ensured everything ran smoothly.

Sri Devi Muthyalamma Temple continues to inspire the community, serving as a beacon of faith, tradition, and charity.

Free HPV Vaccination Drive by Apollo Cancer Centres

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In a significant public health initiative, Apollo Cancer Centres launched a free vaccination drive on Monday to protect orphaned girls from cervical cancer. Around 120 girls from orphanages received the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, a crucial step in preventing cervical cancer, the second-most common cancer among women in India.

This initiative gains importance following the Centre's announcement of free HPV vaccines and the recent Budget's emphasis on cancer care. The free vaccinations will be available at Apollo Cancer Centres, Jubilee Hills, from 9 am to 6 pm. Eligible beneficiar-



Chief Guest Ms. Meenakshi Choudary, Cine Actress; & Dr. Vijay Anand Reddy, Director, Apollo Cancer Centres; along with Pramanjali Children's Home students at the Free cervical cancer vaccination program, initiated by Apollo Cancer Hospitals, on the eve of the World Cancer Day, observed on February 4; today at Apollo Cancer Hospitals, Jubilee Hills.

ies must collect coupons and attend their scheduled appointments for the two-dose vaccine.

Dr Vijay Anand Reddy, Director of Apollo Cancer Centres, highlighted that cervical cancer previously accounted for 50-60% of cancer cases but has now declined to 22% due to awareness and medical advancements. He stressed that prevention through vaccina-

tion is vital, as HPV is a leading cause of cervical cancer.

The vaccine is recommended for girls aged 9 to 26, ideally before their first sexual activity. It also helps prevent other HPV-related diseases, including genital warts and certain cancers in men. Actress Meenakshi Choudhary inaugurated the initiative, which will continue throughout February.

BJP Leaders Fulfill Promises, Says Board Nominated Member Janyavula Ramakrishna

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Cantonment Board Member Janyavula Ramakrishna assured that BJP leaders will always keep their promises. Speaking during his visit to the slum behind the Pochamma Temple in Ward 2, Indiramma Nagar, Secunderabad Cantonment on Monday, he emphasized that the work started today, including the Bhoomi Pooja for the construction of underground drainage in the area, was being carried out with the funds from both the Central



Government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Board.

Ramakrishna, moved by the struggles of the locals, had visited the area last week to understand the issues. He acknowledged the hardships faced by the residents due to a

lack of drainage and foul smell from sewage water, and thanked the local BJP leaders for their efforts in bringing attention to this problem.

He urged the people to recognize the efforts of the BJP leaders and support the party in future elections. He also

expressed his gratitude for the warm reception from the locals, who felicitated him and other BJP leaders, including Ward No. 2 BJP President Shraavan Kumar and senior leaders like Madharapu Ashok, Rekha, Shyam, Jai Yadav, Prashant, Jahangir, and several local residents. Locals expressed their happiness over the commencement of the drainage work, with one resident stating that the problem had been a long-standing issue.

They thanked the BJP leaders for addressing their concerns and for taking the initiative to resolve the issue.

Bhavani Nagar Police Safely Recover Missing Family

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In a tense race against time, the Bhavani Nagar Police have solved the case of four missing persons—one woman and three children—Ulfath Naznin, 32, and her three young daughters, Zaima (10), Ayesha (8), and Mariya (4), who had been reported missing on February 2, 2025. Following meticulous investigations, the police found them safe.

According to a complaint lodged by Ulfath Naznin's mother, Rahmat Begum, her daughter had been living with her husband and three children in Talab-



katta, Hyderabad. The complaint revealed that an argument had erupted between Ulfath Naznin and her husband on February 2, 2025. The situation escalated when Naznin, in a distressed call to her mother, hinted at leaving home due to ongoing conflicts with her husband, Mufeed Ibrahim.

During their investigation, led by SHO M. Ba-

laswamy and his special team under SI K. Shiva Kumar, police revealed a chilling possibility that Naznin might have been heading to the Dindi project with suicidal intentions.

In response, a multi-station alert was issued, and coordination was established with local forces and family contacts. The breakthrough came within

an hour when the family was spotted at the Amangal bus stand by a vigilant relative, Naseer.

The police swiftly moved in, ensuring the safe return of Naznin and her children to the Bhavani Nagar Station, where they were provided with urgent psychological support. The family was then reunited with their loved ones, averting what could have been a tragic outcome.

This case highlights the critical role of law enforcement's rapid response and community vigilance in resolving crisis situations. The South Zone Police have reinforced their call for anyone in distress to seek immediate assistance.

GCCs driving Telangana IT exports

GCCs are a key driver of Telangana's IT export growth, contributing 36-38% of the state's IT exports, with employment in these centres growing rapidly.

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IT exports from Telangana are projected to surpass Rs 3 lakh crore in the financial year 2024-25, assuming a growth rate of 12 per cent, which mirrors the previous year's performance. If the growth rate exceeds this figure, the value of exports could be even higher. In January, IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu had revealed that IT exports from Telangana had already crossed the \$30 billion mark. The state saw a 12 per cent increase in IT/ITeS sector exports in the year 2023-24, reaching a total of Rs 2.68 lakh crore. This growth rate was significantly higher than the national average, and a similar growth trend is expected to continue this year as well.

C. Kavitha, Director of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) Hyderabad, emphasized that Telangana's IT export growth is expected to surpass the national average this fiscal year. The data for IT exports in 2024-25 will be compiled by June 2025, as companies have several months after the fiscal year ends to submit their export details. During the fiscal year 2023-24, the industry generated more than 40,500 new jobs, bringing the total workforce in the state's IT sector to around 9.5 to 10 lakh.

Telangana's IT exports were valued at approximately Rs 2.41 lakh crore in 2022-23, marking a substantial 31 per cent growth compared to the Rs 1.83 lakh crore in exports from the previous fiscal year. As of 2023-24, Telangana accounts for over 16 per cent of the country's total IT exports.



A key driver of this growth in exports is the increasing presence and performance of global capability centres (GCCs). These centres contribute around 36-38 per cent

of the state's IT exports, and employment within them is also expanding rapidly.

Kavitha pointed out that the state has witnessed a better-than-expected trend this year,

largely due to a favorable general IT environment. GCCs have played a crucial role in boosting the state's IT exports, and Telangana has recognized them as a core

area for development, nurturing them effectively. The state currently houses around 110 GCCs, according to records from STPI.

In line with its vision to expand the IT sector to tier II and III cities, STPI is working to take IT development beyond Hyderabad. The COVID-19 pandemic led to a realization that working closer to home might be a more sustainable option for many professionals, which has spurred interest in these smaller cities. If the trend continues, there will likely be further expansion into more regions. STPI also noted that the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC) has submitted a proposal for an electronics manufacturing cluster in Mucherla, located in the Rangareddy district. This application is currently under

consideration by the Government of India. The proposed cluster will cover 623.4 acres and has an estimated project cost of Rs 947.7 crore. Additionally, the Centre has already approved a similar electronics manufacturing cluster in Divitipally, Mahbubnagar, which will span 377 acres, with a project cost of Rs 569.6 crore and a financial assistance of Rs 258.1 crore.

On February 11, 2025, the Hyderabad Software Enterprises Association, in collaboration with STPI-Hyderabad and the Telangana IT department, will host the 32nd edition of its National Summit and Awards. The event will be held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), with the theme "AI & Beyond: Redefining the Future."

Kejriwal Says BJP Targets Slum Voters



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As the intense and high-energy campaign for the February 5 Delhi Assembly elections came to a close on Monday, AAP (Aam Aadmi Party) supremo Arvind Kejriwal accused the BJP of planning to use its workers and the Delhi police to intimidate voters, particularly in slum areas, with the aim of influencing the elections. In a final push to rally support, Kejriwal claimed that his party had taken proactive measures to prevent such electoral malpractices. He said that AAP had distributed spy cameras and body cameras to people living in slums, so they could capture any wrongdoings or illegal activities carried out by BJP workers. Furthermore, Kejriwal announced the formation of multiple Quick Response Teams (QRTs), which were ready to intervene within 15 minutes if any unconstitutional or unlawful activities occurred, ensuring that the offenders would be arrested promptly. Kejriwal further alleged that BJP workers would attempt to bribe people in the slums by offering them between ₹3,000 and ₹5,000. He warned that these bribes would come with the added condition of marking voters' fingers with black ink, which would prevent them from voting again. Kejriwal urged voters to accept the money but avoid having their fingers inked, as he believed this was part of a scheme to manipulate the election. He also warned that if the BJP came to power, it would take destructive steps, including demolishing slums, and cautioned

voters that selling their votes would be akin to signing their own "death warrant." During his final address before the polls, Kejriwal, while participating in a roadshow, appealed directly to women, urging them to support the AAP in large numbers. He expressed his confidence in the party's impending historic victory, predicting that the AAP would secure 55 seats in the Assembly. However, he also said that if women voters actively participated and encouraged the men in their families to vote for AAP, the party could even reach 60 seats, which he considered a realistic goal. Kejriwal's campaign emphasized the importance of female voters, calling this election "for women," and encouraged them to vote and inspire their families to do the same. Later, in a post on social media, Kejriwal reiterated his belief that the AAP would win 55 seats and, with increased support from women, might secure over 60 seats. He also confidently predicted that AAP would win significant margins in key constituencies like New Delhi, Jangpura, and Kalkaji, dismissing the BJP's claims as absurd. Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann joined the final-day campaign by holding multiple roadshows, emphasizing the choice between the AAP's focus on education, development, and women's upliftment, versus the BJP's alleged misconduct and "mis-governance." He urged voters to choose the path of progress and honesty. In contrast, the BJP stepped up its campaign efforts with a massive series.

Gaza authorities plead for tents, accuse Israel of obstructing aid

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Local authorities in the Gaza Strip have urgently called on donors and humanitarian organizations to prioritize sending tents and temporary shelters to provide refuge for the thousands of Palestinian families whose homes have been destroyed in the ongoing conflict with Israel. The Gaza Government Media Office issued a statement highlighting the dire situation faced by displaced people, many of whom are now sleeping outdoors in the cold winter temperatures. The office emphasized that securing shelter has become an immediate and critical humanitarian need, with no delay being permissible due to the severity of the crisis. In response, the Gaza government appealed to the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation, a group that has been coordinating aid to Palestinians, to ensure that tents are included in up-

coming shipments of humanitarian supplies. Alongside food and medical aid, tents and temporary shelters have been deemed crucial for the survival of the displaced population. The appeal comes as Gaza continues to face a humanitarian disaster after months of intense bombing by Israel, which has left entire neighborhoods, particularly in Gaza City and northern towns such as Jabalia and Beit Hanoun, leveled to the ground. After the recent truce between Israel and Hamas, which saw a temporary ceasefire agreed upon last month, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians began returning to their homes in northern Gaza. However, many were devastated to find that their homes had been reduced to rubble, forcing them to seek shelter in the open air or in makeshift structures. The Gaza Government Media Office further accused Israel of violating the terms of the



ceasefire agreement, which was supposed to allow the entry of aid to help displaced Palestinians. The deal stipulated that 60,000 trailers and 200,000 tents be sent into Gaza to provide shelter for those made homeless by Israeli bombardment. Additionally, it was agreed that equipment to clear rubble would be allowed to enter the territory to help rebuild. However, the Gaza office claims that Israel has placed significant obstacles in the way of fulfilling this commitment, delaying aid and exacerbating the already dire humanitarian conditions. A senior official with the World Food Programme (WFP), An-

toine Renard, also weighed in on the situation, confirming that while there has been a surge in aid to Gaza, there are still several Israeli restrictions in place, particularly on items considered "dual-use," meaning they could potentially serve both civilian and military purposes. Among the restricted items are medical supplies and tents, which have been singled out as essential for the survival of displaced individuals. Renard's comments highlighted the ongoing challenges in ensuring that aid reaches the most vulnerable populations. On the political front, U.S. President Donald Trump has been advocating for the complete

displacement of Gaza's population, an idea that has been widely criticized by Arab nations and human rights groups as an attempt at ethnic cleansing. Trump's proposal comes in the wake of widespread destruction in Gaza, but it has faced strong resistance from various quarters, with many arguing that such a move would only escalate the humanitarian crisis and violate international law. Critics, including Arab states, have strongly rejected Trump's plan, calling it an unjust solution that disregards the rights of Palestinians. Meanwhile, Trump, who played a role in brokering the temporary ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, has expressed concerns about the future of the peace process. Speaking to reporters at the White House, he admitted that there were no guarantees that the ceasefire would hold, particularly as the expiration of the truce approaches on March 1.

While the first stage of the agreement involved the release of nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for 33 Israeli captives, the second stage, which would see a full withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza and the release of all captives, has not yet been finalized. In the midst of these developments, voices within Israel itself are raising concerns about the lack of progress on the peace front. Ofer Cassif, a member of the Israeli parliament and a vocal critic of the government's handling of the situation, described the ongoing negotiations as "terrifying." Cassif claimed that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his coalition government were not genuinely interested in achieving a lasting peace or in protecting the lives of both Israelis and Palestinians. The focus, he argued, remained primarily on military objectives rather than humanitar-

PM Modi Criticizes Delhi Government's Education Policy

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday accused the Delhi government of compromising students' futures to protect its image. He claimed that students in Class IX who perform poorly are being denied the chance to sit for the Class X board exams—a practice aimed at inflating the government's education success statistics. Addressing a group of students, Modi said, "I have heard that in Delhi, students who perform poorly in Class IX are not promoted to Class X.

They allow only those who are certain to pass, fearing poor results will tarnish the government's image." The remarks were shared via a video clip posted on social media by BJP leaders. BJP leaders echoed Modi's criticism, accusing Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) of prioritizing propaganda over genuine progress in education. "Instead of improving learning outcomes, they deny students the opportunity to take exams. This undermines the future of children for the sake of optics," a senior BJP leader said. The high-stakes cam-

paing for the Delhi Assembly elections concluded at 5 PM on Monday, initiating the mandatory silence period ahead of voting on February 5. The BJP conducted 22 roadshows and rallies across the city, intensifying its efforts to unseat the AAP. Meanwhile, the AAP expressed confidence in securing a third consecutive term, banking on its governance model, which includes free welfare schemes. The Congress, once a dominant force in Delhi politics, is striving to regain relevance after failing to win a single seat in the last two elections.

Ahead of the elections, security measures have been significantly ramped up in the national capital. Over 150 companies of paramilitary forces and 30,000 police personnel will be deployed, an official confirmed. Last month, Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora chaired an inter-state coordination meeting with senior officers from neighboring states, including Haryana, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh, to discuss election security. Officials emphasized strict vigilance, particularly in cyber surveillance and interstate border monitoring, to ensure smooth polling.

Modi failed to implement 'Make in India', says Rahul



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Rahul Gandhi launched a scathing attack on the Narendra Modi government in the Lok Sabha on Monday, accusing it of failing to deliver on its "Make in India" initiative. Gandhi claimed that this failure is the reason for China's alleged encroachment on Indian territory. Gandhi said, "Our Chief of Army Staff has confirmed that the Chinese are inside our territory. The reason China is sitting inside this country is because 'Make in India' has failed." He further warned that if a war with China occurs, India would be forced to rely on Chinese-made products like electric motors and batteries. He criticized the government for the declining share of manufacturing in GDP, from 15.3% in 2014 to 12.6% now — the lowest in 60 years. "The Prime Minister tried, but he failed," Gandhi said. Gandhi also alleged that External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar was sent multiple times to secure an invitation for Modi to Donald Trump's inauguration, stating that India's foreign policy lacks strategic direction. Jaishankar refuted the claims, calling them baseless and damaging to the nation's image. Raising concerns about the addition of 70 lakh voters between the Lok Sabha and

Assembly elections in Maharashtra, Gandhi demanded the Election Commission release detailed data for transparency. He also emphasized the need for a caste census, stating that OBCs constitute over 50% of the population but hold negligible power in key corporate and political roles. He accused the BJP of sidelining Dalits, Adivasis, and OBCs despite their representation within the party. Questioning the removal of the Chief Justice of India from the panel to select the Chief Election Commissioner, Gandhi said, "This change skews the balance, making the process unfair." Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju objected to Gandhi's claims, asking him to substantiate his allegations. Later, Rijiju met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to discuss Gandhi's remarks. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to respond to the debate on the motion of thanks for the President's address on Tuesday evening. Gandhi also criticized the President's address, calling it repetitive and lacking substance. He argued that the government has not effectively addressed key issues like technological advancements, manufacturing, and social equity. This fiery exchange highlights the growing tensions between the government and the Opposition as the

Indians to Become Wealthiest Community in the World by 2047: Chandrababu Naidu

Viyayawada WUT | Feb . 4

Former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu stated that Indians are on track to become the wealthiest and most globally accepted community by 2047. Addressing the media in New Delhi on Monday, Naidu emphasized that many nations rely on Indians for economic growth. Speaking at an event aimed at garnering support for BJP-NDA candidates in the upcoming assembly elections, Naidu highlighted India's technological advancements.

He compared the current adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to the country's pioneering use of Information Technology in 1995. Naidu asserted that India would play a pivotal role in the global economy through advancements in AI. He referred to discussions at the recent World Economic Forum in Davos, where global warming and AI's potential were key topics. According to Naidu, India is prepared to tackle these challenges. Lauding the Union Budget, Naidu said it paves the way for India to

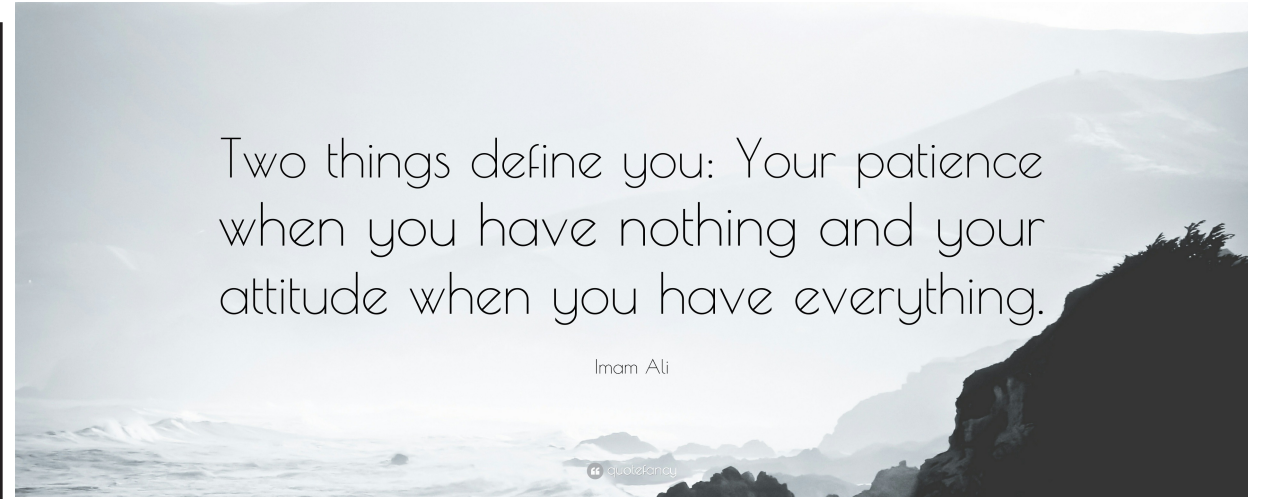
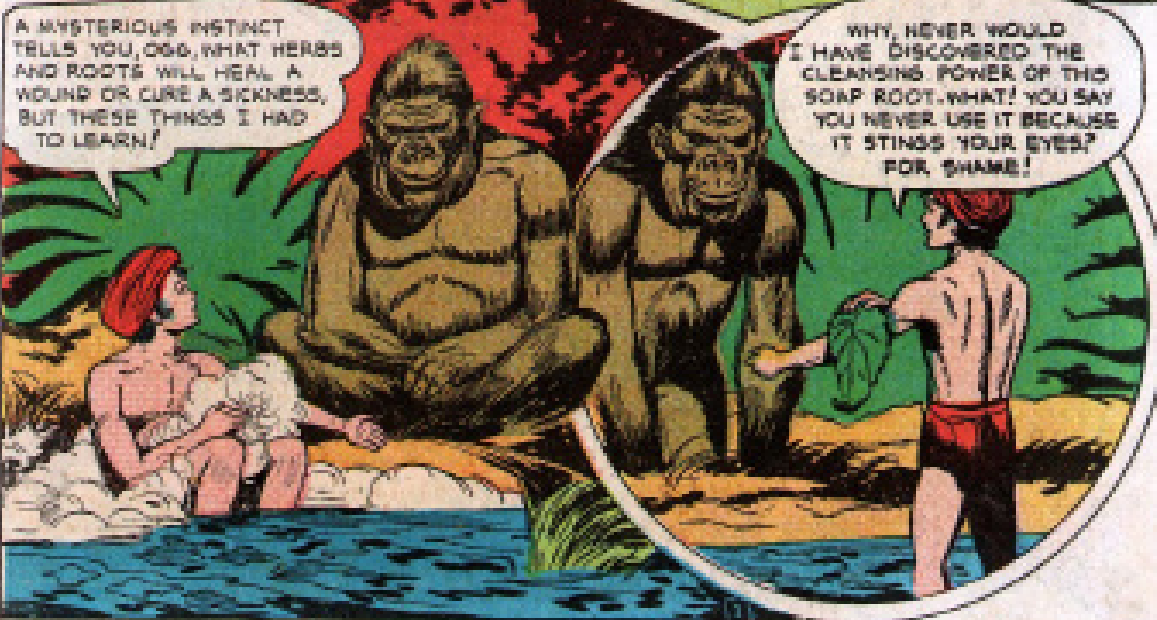


achieve the "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) vision by 2047. He credited four key sectors—agriculture, MSMEs, investments, and exports—as the driving forces of India's economic transfor-

mation. Naidu emphasized India's emergence as a global hub for food security, noting its self-sufficiency in agriculture, including the production of pulses, vegetables, and

fruits. Reflecting on the IT revolution 30 years ago, Naidu claimed it laid the foundation for Indians to become some of the wealthiest individuals globally. He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for steering the economy toward progress over the past 11 years, attracting investments from nations like Japan and China. Turning to Delhi's issues, Naidu criticized the AAP government, citing failures in addressing slum development, drainage, and drinking water facilities. He accused the

Delhi government of neglecting schemes like AMRUT and Jal Jeevan to avoid crediting the Modi government. Naidu contrasted Delhi's current state with Hyderabad's development under his leadership. He highlighted Hyderabad's rise as a city with a high per capita income and a reputation as one of India's most livable cities. Naidu lamented that Delhi, once a sought-after destination for employment and better living, has lost its appeal due to pollution and lack of amenities.



Two things define you: Your patience when you have nothing and your attitude when you have everything.

Imam Ali

EDITORIAL

TRUMP WIELDS TARIFFS LIKE A GEOPOLITICAL WEAPON

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The tariff regime that Donald Trump invoked using his emergency economic powers has the potential to start a trade war which will have consequences for global trade that may be worse than the one that the Covid pandemic wrought five years ago. The US President's sweeping tariffs on Canada and Mexico at 25 per cent and China at 10 per cent will not only roil supply chains for a range of products but also set off inflationary pressures that were not seen even in the aftermath of the global shutdown.

The clamping of tariffs is just beginning with

Trump threatening to impose them on the EU too. The economies that will be taking a direct hit like that of Canada and Mexico walk in fear of slipping into recession. The aftereffects of Trump's unilateral actions that are in breach of trade agreements existing between the countries he has taken aim at thus far are too fearful to contemplate for a world that is just about recovering from runaway inflation and associated problems in the 2020s.

The US economy itself could suffer a downturn if these tariff bullets being fired from the presidential weapon spread out and drag more countries into it, but which actions will be solely

dependent on Trump's views on trade issues with the rest of the world. The trade barriers could render the global economy even worse if Trump places tariffs on energy imports too as costlier oil would mean that the inflationary risks will be higher globally with an immediate effect on the cost-of-living indices.

There may be reason to believe that a transactional president may only be posturing with the initial round of tariffs to gain the upper hand against those who trade with the US because they are dependent on the ability of the biggest economy to buy the world's goods and services.



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Brief Insights

Narsingi police to respond on CM Revanth's drone case at KTR's farmhouse



The Telangana High Court on Monday directed the Narsingi police to submit their stand in the petition filed by A. Revanth Reddy, the incumbent Chief Minister, seeking to quash the criminal case filed against him on charges of illegally using a drone to photograph a farmhouse at Janwada that reportedly belongs to BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao. Justice K. Lakshman was dealing with the quash petition filed by Revanth Reddy in 2020. He directed the police to file their contention by February 20.

Narsingi police had in 2020 registered the crime against Reddy, arrested and produced him before a magistrate who had ordered 14 days judicial custody. In another quash petition filed by Revanth Reddy seeking quashing of criminal proceedings against him for violation of SC, ST Atrocities Act, the High Court dispensed with his appearance before the lower court and further directed him to cooperate in the investigation.

The case relates to a disputed land measuring around six acres and 24 guntas at Gopanpally village in Serilingampally mandal. It was registered against Revanth Reddy and his brother A. Kondal Reddy and it is in trial stage. The case was registered in February, 2016 and a chargesheet was filed in the court in March 2019. The case was registered after a group of people (N. Peddi Raju and others) approached Gachibowli police, stating that the brothers had assaulted, threatened and abused them in the name of caste.

Crypto swindlers loot Rs.600 crores from investors

Investors across four districts lose ₹600 crore in fraudulent crypto scheme; CID arrests key suspect Ramesh Goud and urges more victims to report losses

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A massive cryptocurrency investment scam has surfaced, leaving investors from Karimnagar, Jagtial, Metpalli, and Korutla poorer by an estimated ₹600 crore. The scam came to light after a group of victims filed formal complaints with the Director General of Police (DGP) office on Saturday. Acting on the complaints, the Crime Investigation Department (CID) launched an investigation and arrested the key suspect, Ramesh Goud, before he could flee the country.

The CID has urged other victims to come forward and report their losses to help uncover the full extent of the scam.

Ramesh Goud, a resident of Lingala Ghanpur in Jangaon district, allegedly created a fake cryptocurrency platform called 'GBR Crypto'. By promising hefty returns, he lured investors with high-end travel packages to destinations like Singapore, Dubai, and Goa, advertised via WhatsApp groups. Reports suggest Goud amassed around ₹95 crore before his arrest. The victims include high-ranking govern-



ment officials who invested significant sums but were left helpless when agents severed communication after payout requests. In Karimnagar city's Ganj area alone, losses reportedly exceeded ₹50 crore. Many victims, however, have hesitated to report the fraud, fearing social

embarrassment. Mahesh, one of the victims, shared with Decan Chronicle that he initially received returns, which prompted him to invest more and even recommend the scheme to others. However, after putting in ₹20,000, he stopped receiving payouts. Many of his

friends, who had taken loans to invest, are now facing financial ruin. Agents reportedly held regular Zoom meetings, presenting an international business façade to gain trust. The scam evolved into a multi-level marketing scheme, entrapping numerous participants in a cycle of deception.

Some victims have accused the CID of negligence, claiming delays in arresting Ramesh Goud despite multiple reports of his activities in Hyderabad, Warangal, and Karimnagar. Frustrated with the investigation's pace, some victims conducted their own

"spy operation," compiling evidence and submitting it to higher authorities. CID DSP C. Srinivas, leading the investigation, denied allegations of negligence. He stated that many of those raising concerns were key agents who had recruited hundreds of members and made significant profits. "They are also accused in the scam," he clarified, adding that the CID is gathering evidence and will take action against all involved based on legal advice. The investigation continues as authorities work to trace the scam's full reach and recover

MAN ENDS UP LOSING OVER RS 16 LAKH TO RECRUITMENT CHEATS

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Imagine being promised a job in Switzerland with a highly remunerative pay packet and a good life with the family. Sounds too good to be true but this happened, literally. A person who was offered the lucrative position was to realise too late in the day that he

was being conned after he shelled out nearly Rs 16 lakh towards security deposit, work visa, airline tickets, health insurance and car registration security deposit.

Unable to bear any longer, the victim, a 52-year-old, approached the Cyberabad police. The victim was searching online portals for a job and uploaded his resume. He received a

call for a person introducing himself Mayank Rana, who claimed to represent a company that was a client of a recruitment platform. Rana offered the victim a position as quality wing head at a company in Switzerland. In fact, the scammer set up a fake interview and an HR round.

After assuring him that was qualified for the post, they started de-

manding money towards various charges, including e-visa security amount for his wife and son. In a span of one month, the complainant transferred a whopping Rs 16,51,346 across 50 transactions. When he stopped getting any response from Rana, he realised that he was duped and filed a complaint with the Cyberabad cybercrime police.

SC DISMISSES PETITIONS AGAINST TGpsc

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The Supreme Court dismissed two petitions that challenged the Group-1 recruitment process. This clears the way for the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGpsc) to release the results. Justice Pamidighantam Sri Narasimha and Justice Manoj Misra heard the petitions filed by B. Sruthi and Sushma Nareddy and dismissed them. The Telan-

gana High Court had earlier dismissed all objections raised against the recruitment process. It may be recalled that the commission had initiated the Group-1 recruitments in 2022 to fill 503 positions. The process faced legal challenges, primarily with regard to GO No. 29 that issued in February 2024. The GO changed the selection criteria for the Group-1 mains, which many candidates.

Bill Gates explores making of his internal operating system in new memoir



As he prepares to turn 70 later this year, Microsoft founder Bill Gates' new memoir explores how his childhood quirks, upbringing, friendships and experiences coalesced into shaping his internal operating system.

In "Source Code: My Beginnings," the first installment of a trilogy retracing his journey from an often misunderstood kid to a polarising technology titan to an influential philanthropist, Gates dissects his brain's unusual wiring, delves into the emotional trauma of his best friend dying while they were both in high school, and revisits the birth of Traf-O-Data, a startup that he launched in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with another childhood friend, Paul Allen.

Traf-O-Data, conceived to create software for the groundbreaking Altair computer made Micro Instrumentation and Telemetry Systems, became Microsoft in 1975 — a year it booked \$16,005 in revenue while Gates and Allen were making \$9 per hour.

By 1977, Microsoft had become successful enough to embolden Gates to drop out of Harvard University. In 1979, he had decided to move Microsoft to the Seattle area where he grew up. Although Gates stepped down as Microsoft's CEO 25 years ago, the Windows operating system and other software created under his reign remain the main pillar in a company that now generates \$212 billion in annual revenue, boasts a \$3.1 trillion market value, and accounts for most of Gates' \$100 billion personal fortune.

"Source Code" ends with Gates' drive back to Seattle in 1979, meaning it doesn't touch upon his 1994 marriage to Melinda French, nor their 2021 divorce — one of the topics likely to come up in the sequels that he still intends to write as part of a retrospective trilogy.

"I am being reflective, which is not my normal mode, but it's kind of time," Gates said during an interview about the book with The Associated Press. "As we went back and got teacher's comments or people I worked with at Harvard, it was fascinating. I had confused myself into thinking I got straight A's in ninth grade." That might not sound like much of a revelation, but it was a surprise to the cerebral Gates, who paints himself in the book as a "bratty smartass" prone to dismissively sneering, "That's the stupidest thing I ever heard," about remarks that seemed nonsensical to him. Gate's self-portrait is that of a nerd nicknamed "Trey" by his card-playing grandmother because he was the third male on this father's side of the family to be named Bill.

'Wah Re Kisan': BASF Celebrates India's Farming Heroes

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BASF has launched the 'Wah Re Kisan' campaign as part of its "Biggest Job on Earth" initiative, aiming to celebrate and recognize the contributions of India's farmers. The campaign features five inspiring stories of farmers who are making a significant difference in their communities and transforming India's agricultural landscape.

Hosted by renowned actor Annu Kapoor, this first-of-its-kind infotainment series is available exclusively on BASF's YouTube and Facebook channels.

Before the launch, BASF ran a month-long social media campaign inviting farmers to submit their stories. The five selected farmers were chosen for their innovative practices and dedication to improving agriculture. The stories showcase their extraor-



inary efforts, from developing sustainable farming methods to preserving indigenous crops. The episodes highlight individuals like Mr. Tushar Gaware from Maharashtra, who invented an energy-efficient solar dryer to reduce crop loss, and Mr. Manjanna T.K. from Karnataka, who transformed his farm and village through integrated farming techniques. The series also features Mr. Mahan Chandra Bora

from Assam, who helped preserve India's indigenous rice varieties, and Mr. Sarwan Singh Chandi from Punjab, who used diversified farming to address water scarcity. Mr. Hari-man Sharman from Himachal Pradesh redefined apple farming with an innovative low-chilling variety.

The campaign has already reached over 35 million people on social media, creating awareness about the chal-

lenges farmers face and the creative solutions they implement.

BASF's goal is to inspire more farmers to adopt sustainable practices and build a brighter future for agriculture in India. The episodes, hosted by Annu Kapoor, are available on BASF Agro India's YouTube channel, and the company plans to feature more farmers in the upcoming season of 'Wah Re Kisan' later in 2025.

Ananth Diamonds Expands to Hyderabad with Grand Flagship Showroom



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Ananth Diamonds marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of its Telangana flagship showroom at Road No. 46A, Jubilee Hills. The grand opening was led by Ch. Sailaja Kiron, Managing Director of Margadarsi, in the presence of Rekha Rani, Commissioner of Handlooms & Textiles, Andhra Pradesh, along with Ananth Diamonds' Managing Directors Venkata Bhanu Prakash and Vishnu Priya.

Speaking at the event, Sailaja Kiron lauded the dedication of Bhanu Prakash and Vishnu Priya, who established their first showroom in Vijayawada 13

years ago. She highlighted their commitment to quality and innovation in diamond craftsmanship, stating, "Their hard work and passion have led to remarkable growth in the industry. By handpicking the finest Grade A diamonds and cat-



tering to customer preferences, they have set a high benchmark in jewellery design."

Rekha Rani emphasized the brand's dedication to contemporary bridal jewellery, stating that Ananth Diamonds showcases exquisite creations in gold and diamonds, blending tradition with modern aesthetics.

Expressing his excitement over expanding to Hyderabad, Venkata Bhanu Prakash noted, "With 13 years of experience in Vijayawada, we take immense pride in bringing our expertise to Hyderabad. Our rigorous selection process, responsible sourcing, and craftsmanship ensure that each diamond is meticulously curated and

transformed into a masterpiece."

Ananth Diamonds is renowned for its Temple Jewellery, a heritage-rich craft that bridges history and modern elegance. The brand takes inspiration from the past to create heirloom pieces designed to last for generations. Additionally, the showroom offers Jadau Jewellery, a centuries-old art form requiring intricate craftsmanship by skilled artisans, including Ghaarias, Meenakars, and Sunars.

The flagship showroom aims to provide a luxurious jewellery experience, offering both ready-to-wear and custom designs, allowing customers to create unique statement pieces.



Aamir Khan's caveman video mystery unravelled

The mystery surrounding Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan's viral video of an alleged caveman has been solved. One rumor that has been circulating widely on social media these days is about a man dressed like a caveman roaming the streets of Mumbai. Several netizens speculated him to be superstar Aamir Khan, as the latter is known to pull off such things and gel with the public.

However, a source close to the actor has revealed that the caveman is not Aamir. The source said, "The man roaming the streets of Mumbai in a caveman-like costume is not Aamir Khan. Kindly do not believe any such statements, as all of them are false".

Meanwhile, on the work front, Aamir Khan is currently gearing up for the theatrical release of 'Sitare Zameen Par'. The film, which also stars Genelia Deshmukh, is set to release in theatres on December 25.

the Bollywood superstar was seen in Gujarat for the Republic Day celebrations. The actor was seen near the world's tallest statue, the Statue of Unity in Kevadia as he paid respects to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The Statue of Unity depicts Indian politician and independence activist Sardar Patel, who was the first deputy prime minister and home minister of independent India and an adherent of Mahatma Gandhi. Patel played a significant role in the political integration of India.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was a senior leader of the Indian National Congress, and played a significant role in the Indian independence movement and India's political integration. He was one of Mahatma Gandhi's earliest political lieutenants, and organised peasants from Kheda, Borsad and Bardoli in Gujarat in non-violent civil disobedience against the British Raj, becoming one of the most influential leaders in Gujarat.

Tasva x Tarun Tahiliani Unveils Wedding '25 Collection in South India

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Tasva by Aditya Birla Fashion Retail Ltd., in collaboration with renowned designer Tarun Tahiliani, unveiled its Wedding '25 collection in Bangalore, marking the start of a series of showcases across South India. This exclusive collection brings together traditional premium menswear with a modern edge, blending heritage craftsmanship with contemporary design.

The launch event, which attracted celebrities like Masterchef Harish Closepet, Rida Thara, Shinesh Shetty, and Kar-

thi Mahesh, featured a glamorous fashion show that displayed the versatility and elegance of the collection. The event saw a gathering of high-net-worth individuals, fashion influencers, and enthusiasts who were treated to a display of modern silhouettes paired with intricate craftsmanship.

Tasva's Wedding '25 collection offers a unique fusion of timeless artistry and contemporary aesthetics. Drawing inspiration from the Tree of Life, Lipan Art, Paisleys, and the Art of Light, the collection incorporates a rich blend of floral, fluid, and geometric motifs. Signature Indian embroidery techniques

such as Aari work, Zardozi, and mirror work enhance the pieces with intricate detailing, while the addition of appliqué, pearl embellishments, and 3D detailing elevates the collection with texture and depth.

The collection's color palette is designed to offer versatility for various wedding events. Soft pastel hues like ivory, lilac, salmon, and jade are perfect for daytime functions, while rich jewel tones bring vibrancy to evening occasions.

Traditional menswear is reimagined with modern cuts, featuring asymmetrical sherwanis, sleek dinner jackets, and Indo-Western ensembles, all of which

maintain a fine balance between heritage and contemporary style.

Tarun Tahiliani highlighted the evolving role of today's groom, emphasizing how modern grooms are blending tradition with individual expression. "South India, with its rich cultural heritage and progressive outlook, aligns perfectly with our vision for the collection," said Tahiliani.

The Wedding '25 collection, available at stores across South India, offers grooms a sophisticated and versatile wardrobe, bridging the gap between traditional values and modern style.

Naga Chaitanya, Sobhita seen in Ferrari at Jubilee Hills

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Tollywood heartthrob Naga Chaitanya is well-known for his passion for luxury cars, particularly his prized Ferrari 488 GTB. The actor, often seen taking his extravagant red beauty for a spin on the streets of Hyderabad, was recently spotted once again in it. This time, he was accompanied by his wife, actress Sobhita Dhulipala. A video capturing their



stylish ride has gone viral on Instagram. In the viral clip, the couple can be seen cruising through at

Jubilee Hill in their striking red Ferrari, turning heads as they enjoy their drive.

Man Makes Sara Ali Khan Promote Brand for Free, Video Goes Viral

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Sara Ali Khan, one of the most prominent actresses in the Hindi film industry, is known for endorsing multiple brands and charging a hefty fee for promotions. However, a recent incident involving Sara and a man promoting his brand for free has gone viral on social media, leaving netizens amused.

The video shows Sara exiting a gym when a man standing nearby holds a packet of almonds and attempts to give it to her. Sara, however, simply greets him with a "Namaste" and proceeds toward her car. Undeterred, the man follows her with the almond packet, poses alongside her while holding the packet prominently, and eventually manages to hand it to her as she tries to get into her

car. The man's clever tactic has drawn widespread attention online, with many hailing his ingenuity. Social media users have shared humorous reactions to the video. One user on X called him the "Marketer and Salesman of the Year," while another remarked, "Dimaaq ho toh sab kuch possible hai" (If you have a brain, anything is possible). A third user humor-



ously pointed out, "That one packet is the cheapest remuneration she has received so far."

The incident has sparked a mix of laughter and admiration for the man's determination and creativity in leveraging a celebrity's presence to promote his brand. While the video continues to circulate online, fans are curious about Sara's reaction to this unique brand promotion strategy.

On the work front, Sara was recently seen in the film Sky Force alongside Veer Pahariya, where her performance received appreciation. She also has Metro In Dino in the pipeline, directed by Anurag Basu. The film, which was initially slated for release last year, has been delayed, and a new release date is awaited. The ensemble cast includes Aditya Roy Kapur, Anupam Kher.

CITY CLICKS



BC Welfare and Transport Minister Ponnababbar announced that large-scale beautification and park development initiatives have been undertaken to enhance the urban landscape within GHMC limits. On Monday, the minister, along with Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, Deputy Mayor Mote Sri-latha Shobhan Reddy, and GHMC Commissioner Ilambarthi, inaugurated various development projects at Panjagutta NFC Junction in Hyderabad.



Congress senior leader and Telangana Government Advisor for SC, ST, OBC, and Minorities, Mohammed Ali Shabbir, addressed the media at a press conference held at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad. He stated that the state's caste survey has provided strong evidence to safeguard the 4% Muslim reservation.

Man City signs midfielder Nico Gonzalez as cover for injured Rodri

Manchester City took its spending in the winter transfer window to more than \$200 million on Monday by signing midfielder Nico Gonzalez from Porto to help cover for the absence of injured Rodri. City's fifth signing of the window was arguably its most important, with the Premier League champion's lack of energy and power in center midfield a key factor behind its dreadful run of results since Rodri's season-ending knee injury in September.

The 23-year-old Gonzalez — the son of former Deportivo La Coruna player Fran Gonzalez — came through the Barcelona academy and joined Porto in 2023 for a reported 8.5 million euros (\$8.7 million). Porto is making a huge profit, with City reportedly activating a 60 million euros (\$61.8 million) release clause in his contract to sign Gonzalez. Barcelona will reportedly get a 40% cut of the deal.

City has taken the usual step of spending big in January to rescue a campaign that unraveled at the end of 2024 and was derailed again in a 5-1 loss at Arsenal on Sunday. The first arrivals were young defenders Abdou Diallo from Lens and Vitor Reis from Palmeiras for a combined \$77 million, followed by Egypt forward Omar Marmoush from Eintracht Frankfurt for \$73 million. Christian McAfarlane, an 18-year-old left back, then came from sister club New York City FC and City also registered 18-year-old center back Juma Bah before sending him on loan to Lens.

Why has City spent so much? Injuries have badly hurt City. Rodri was the main absentee while all four center backs — Ruben Dias, Nathan Ake, John Stones and Manuel Akanji — have had spells out of action and weakened the spine of the team.

Champions Trophy 2025: Trophy tour concludes in India

The trophy tour for the ICC Champions Trophy concluded in India with the coveted prize touring cities of Mumbai and Bengaluru ahead of the tournament beginning February 19. The upcoming edition of the eight-team 50-overs tournament will be held in Pakistan and Dubai from February 19 to March 9. "The Trophy Tour has covered all eight participating nations during its global journey and, with the conclusion of India leg, it will now travel to its final stop in Pakistan," the ICC said in a statement on Monday.

The tour in Mumbai included trophy's visits to the Wankhede Stadium, Shivaji Park, the Gateway of India, Carter Road, historic Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, and Bandstand among other locations. It was also displayed during the celebrations to mark the completion of 50 years of the Wankhede Stadium. In Bengaluru, the trophy visited venues including Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Bengaluru Palace, Freedom Park, KR Market, Town Hall, St Mary's Basilica, M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Church Street and Vidyarthi Bhavan.

Trisha Leads India to U19 World Cup Glory with All-Round Brilliance

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Gongadi Trisha delivered a stellar performance with both bat and ball, leading India to a resounding nine-wicket victory over South Africa in the final of the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2025. Trisha's exceptional skills were instrumental in securing India's triumph, bringing immense pride to her family, coach, and the people of her hometown, Bhadrachalam.

Trisha's father, Rami Reddy, took a spontaneous decision to fly to Malaysia to witness his daughter's performance in the World Cup final. His excitement and pride were evident as he watched her heroics on the field. Back home in India, Trisha's coach, P. Subramanyam, affectionately known as Subbu, expressed overwhelming joy at his student's remarkable achievement. He spoke

about his pride in Trisha's journey and her receiving the 'Player of the Tournament' award. "I have never been so proud and excited about my student's achievement. This is something we have been waiting for, for many years," Subbu said in a telephone interview. He continued, "She not only made her name in the World Cup but also made her parents and the whole of Bhadrachalam proud." Subbu had been training Trisha since 2009, when she was just a child. He recalled how her father had always dreamed of her becoming a cricketer who would make India proud. After 2014, Trisha and Subbu moved to Hyderabad to access better opportunities for her cricketing career. Subbu, who had once aspired to be a cricketer himself but couldn't pursue that dream due to unforeseen circumstances, saw in Trisha an opportu-

nity to fulfill his own ambitions through her success.

Subbu's efforts in training Trisha have borne fruit, not just with her World Cup victory, but also with other promising cricketers. He has also coached players like Trisha Poojitha, who was selected by the Gujarat Giants for IPL 2024, Bhagyashree, an under-15 Odisha state player, and Vyshnavi Ratna, the Telangana SGF state captain for 2025.

Trisha's parents, originally from Sathupalli and Bhadrachalam, recalled how, when Trisha was just four years old, he started providing her with professional cricket training. "We always wanted her to be no less than a male cricketer.

We wrote 'Vision 2024' on the ceiling of our house as a reminder to achieve the dream of making it to the Indian team by 2024. And it came true, just as we dreamt," Reddy said.

Rami Reddy's dedication to his

daughter's dreams involved substantial financial sacrifices. Despite his monthly income, he spent around Rs

60,000 — far more

than his earnings — on Trisha's fitness and cricket coaching at two academies in Hyderabad. He even sold family properties to ensure that

Trisha had the best opportunities to achieve her goals. Subbu emphasized the importance of such dedication and support in making dreams come true, stating, "Every child's dream will come true if they have dedication like Trisha and support like that offered by her parents."

Trisha's journey to the top is a testament to the unwavering dedication of her parents and the guidance of her coach, and her success has brought pride not only to her family but to her entire community.



BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN'S VIDYASHRAM HOSTS ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

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Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Vidyashram, located in the NIRD&PR Campus, Rajendranagar, hosted its Annual Sports Day for the academic year 2024-25. The event was a grand success, with students showcasing their athletic prowess and teamwork. The Chief Guest for the event was Mannava Srikanth Prasad, a renowned former Indian cricketer and former Chairman of the BCCI's Senior Selection Committee. Dr. S. Rajeswar Rao, Principal (Retd.) of Bhavan's New Science College, was the Guest of Honour, while Dr. (Smt.) D. Vasundhara, Principal (Retd.) of Dr. B.R. Am-



bedkar Junior College, was the Special Guest. The Annual Sports Day featured a wide range of sports events, including track and field, team sports, and individual competitions. The students displayed remarkable skill and enthu-

siasm, cheered on by their parents, teachers, and peers. In his address, Mannava Srikanth Prasad emphasized the importance of sports in shaping the minds and bodies of young people. He encouraged the students to pursue their passions and strive for excellence in all aspects of life. The event concluded with the distribution of prizes and awards to the winners, followed by a vote of thanks. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Vidyashram is known for its emphasis on holistic education, combining academic excellence with extracurricular activities and sports. The Annual Sports Day is a highlight of the school's calendar, promoting teamwork, discipline, and healthy competition among students.

Grand Birthday Celebration for Nalgonda Anji



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The birthday of Telangana Student Union State President, Nalgonda Anji, was celebrated in a grand style, with an event organized under the leadership of Joint Nalgonda District Development Minister Gunta-kandla Jagadishwar Reddy. Nalgonda Anji, a key figure in the Telangana statehood

movement and a dedicated advocate for students' rights, was honored for his tireless efforts. The celebration saw the participation of prominent leaders including former Tungaturthi MLA Gadari Kishore Kumar, former Nalgonda MLA Kancharla Bhupal Reddy, former Devarakonda MLA Ravinder Nayak, along with student activists, leaders, and BRS party members.

Sharma Storm in Wankhede

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On the eve of the T20I final match at Mumbai, Abhishek Sharma's family had no plans to watch it live, especially since Team India had already clinched the series victory. "But suddenly on Sunday morning, we decided to leave for Mumbai and surprise Abhishek," said his sister Dr. Komal Sharma, a physiotherapist at Sri Guru Ram Das Medical College & Hospital, speaking over the phone from Amritsar.

Abhishek's mother, Manju, and Dr Komal booked tickets and packed their bags. Unfortunately, their original flight to Mumbai was cancelled. Undeterred, they booked another flight and arrived in Mumbai just a few hours before the match. Their timing couldn't have been more perfect. They were able to witness an extraordinary performance by Abhishek. "It was like a storm in Wankhede," said Dr. Komal, who couldn't contain her joy and excitement.

Abhishek shattered records with an astonishing 135 runs, outscoring the entire opposition by 38 runs. His innings included 20 boundaries, featuring seven fours and a remarkable 13 sixes spread across the ground. Abhishek's performance wasn't limited to his batting prowess. In the only over he bowled, he took two crucial wickets. Father's dream fulfilled. Meanwhile, back in Amritsar, Abhishek's father, Raj Kumar Sharma, watched the



match on TV. Raj Kumar had dreamed of representing the nation during his playing days. Despite being a talented left-hander, he faced tough competition and couldn't progress beyond the North Zone U22 level. His pursuit of international cricket took him to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), but he eventually returned to India and became a full-time coach for the Amritsar Game Association, dedicating his time to nurturing his son's career.

The family's joy doubled when they discovered that their seats were right next to Bollywood legends Amitabh Bachchan and his son Abhishek Bachchan. "It was a pleasant surprise," said Dr. Komal. As a physiotherapist, Dr. Komal has played a vital role in Abhishek's career. "Whenever he has a small injury, he first consults me," she shared. Abhishek's family has encouraged him to excel academically while pursuing his cricket dreams. He had an impressive 80% score while studying in Class X at Delhi Public School.

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Governor Jishnu Dev Varma hails role of NCC in shaping young minds



Governor Jishnu Dev Varma on Monday commended the role of the NCC in shaping young minds at an event where he felicitated officers and cadets of the state's contingent that participated in the Republic Day Parade at Delhi. The Governor praised its contribution in instilling discipline, leadership and social responsibility among youth. He added that NCC training camps helped cadets develop essential qualities needed to become responsible citizens. The event was attended by AP and TS NCC deputy director-general Air Commodore V.M. Reddy, principal secretary Smita Sabharwal, education secretary Dr Yogita Rana were present.

Inter practical exams begin under CCTV surveillance



In a first, Telangana Board of Intermediate Education (TGBIE) officials monitored the practical examinations, which began across the state on Monday, on screen from the command control centre. This was facilitated by CCTV cameras that were connected to laboratories in colleges. Although the examination was held in 838 centres, 150 of them lacked appropriate CC cameras. Special officers visited those centres and instructed the managements to install the required cameras within two days.

The board appointed seven observers to monitor the process over screens set up separately for seven earmarked zones in the state. The exams will be held in two sessions every day till February 22, including on holidays. With CCTV surveillance in place, and the students quite nervous about it, the exams were conducted in an organised manner. Apart from internal and external examiners, a skill assistant was present to handle the equipment during the practical exams. Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, controller of examinations Jayaprada Bai said, "Centres without CC cameras have been instructed to have them installed with the recommended configuration. This initiative is to ensure that the exams are conducted properly and not to scare students. We felt satisfied that we could oversee the practical exams from one place."

CM Revanth Reddy Fumes Over BC Census Release Before Cabinet Approval

Internal Rift in Congress Widens as BC Census Report Triggers Controversy

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has reportedly expressed his displeasure over the release of the caste census data to the media before it received formal approval from the state cabinet. The details of the Backward Class (BC) census were made public by Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy on Sunday, February 1, sparking controversy within political circles and among BC associations.

Sources indicate that several BC leaders and associations, including

those from the ruling Congress party, have raised concerns over the report, claiming that it contains inaccuracies. The findings suggest that the population of Backward Classes in Telangana has declined compared to previous records, which has led to significant dissatisfaction among various sections.

Following widespread criticism over the contents of the report, ministers were reportedly compelled to postpone a scheduled press conference on Monday, February 2, which was meant to address SC sub-categorization. The growing op-



position from multiple stakeholders has put the state government in a difficult position as it navigates the fallout from the premature release of the data.

Additionally, political observers note that the latest development has also reignited tensions within the Congress party. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister

Uttam Kumar Reddy have long had a strained political relationship, with Uttam Kumar Reddy, a former state Congress president, often being seen as a contender for the chief ministerial position. The unauthorized release of the caste census has further highlighted the existing friction within the party leadership.

Meanwhile, the caste survey itself has provided significant insights into the social composition of Telangana. The much-anticipated findings indicate that Backward Classes constitute 46.25 percent of the state's population,

accounting for approximately 1,64,09,179 individuals. The Socio-Economic, Educational, Employment, Political, and Caste (SEEEPC) survey, conducted across the state, covered 96.9 percent of households and collected data from 3,54,77,554 individuals.

According to the report, Scheduled Castes (SCs) make up 17.43 percent of the population, totaling 61,84,319 individuals, while Scheduled Tribes (STs) account for 10.45 percent, with a population of 37,05,929. The release of this data has triggered intense discussions within

political and social circles, with various groups questioning its accuracy and implications for policy-making.

As the state government grapples with the controversy surrounding the report, political analysts suggest that the issue could have broader ramifications, particularly for the Congress party's internal dynamics and its positioning ahead of future electoral battles. The coming days are expected to witness further deliberations and potential corrective measures to address the concerns raised by multiple stakeholders.

Panel Submits Report on SC Sub-Division

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The one-man committee on Scheduled Castes (SC) sub-categorisation, headed by retired Telangana High Court judge Justice Shameem Akhtar, submitted its report to the state government on Monday. The report was handed over to Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, chairman of the Cabinet sub-committee on SC sub-categorisation, at the Secretariat. The event was attended by sub-committee members Damodar Rajanarsimha, Ponnamp Prabhakar, and Danasari Anasuya Seethakka.

Unlike the disclosure of the caste census report, the recommendations of the SC sub-categorisation committee have been kept confidential. Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, who also chairs the cabinet sub-committee on the caste census, had revealed the findings of the caste census on Sunday in a media conference at the Secretariat after he received the report.



He had announced to hold a similar press conference at 3 pm on Monday to brief the media on the SC sub-categorisation report. At 1.40 pm, he postponed the press conference without citing any reason.

According to official sources, since the state government has decided to table the SC sub-categorisation report during a special session of the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, the details have been withheld from the media for the time being. The move also comes in the wake of controversy surrounding the caste census data which sparked protests from Backward Classes (BC) unions. They objected to the reported decline in the BC population compared to the 2014 survey conducted during the BRS regime.

Nims oncology to get library on World Cancer Day

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For patients undergoing chemotherapy, hours of pain and uncertainty often pass with little to do but just endure. On World Cancer Day, 13-year-old Akarshana Sathish hopes to change that by inaugurating her 19th library at the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (Nims) oncology ward, to give books and hope to cancer patients undergoing treatment. Akar-



shana's journey started during the lockdown when her parents and their friends distributed food at MNJ Cancer Hospital. A request for colouring books from a child undergoing chemotherapy led Akarshana to gather books from her friends, neighbours, and family. "What started as

one became 18, and now, the 19th library is opening at Nims," she said.

The library at Nims will house over 600 books, with 500 in Telugu and 100 in English. "During chemotherapy, patients barely have anything to do. Books help them pass time, distract from pain and offer a sense of comfort," she explained. The inauguration will be attended by city police commissioner C.V. Anand and NIMS director Dr Bheerappa Nagari.

Mayor Vijayalakshmi Takes Swift Action to Tackle Hyderabad's Persistent Issues

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Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi emphasized the city's ongoing issues and outlined her efforts to address them through targeted action. Speaking to the media, she revealed plans to tackle problems across the city's wards by collaborating with senior officers, local corporators, and relevant departments. Key areas of focus include sanitation, stormwater drainage, and long-term challenges faced by various colonies.

The Mayor stated that 15 wards



have already been visited, and solutions for both immediate and long-term concerns are being developed. She noted that the state government's provision of funds to GHMC is facilitating the resolution of these persistent issues without financial strain.

On Monday, Mayor Vijayalakshmi visited colonies in Hafizpet, where she took action on sanitation and the prevention of dog infestation. Additionally, she directed officials to address these concerns in the RTC colony while also preparing proposals for road widening, stormwater drainage, and park development.

A major focus was placed on the Nalagandla tank, where the Mayor instructed officials to clear accumulated waste. She noted that waste management had become an issue, as the Ramki representatives had not

carried out their CSR responsibilities for the tank's development.

In an inspection of flood prevention works, the Mayor reviewed the efforts to manage sewage water from Navodaya Colony and Central University, ensuring that critical flood prevention measures are being properly executed.

Accompanying the Mayor during her visit were Corporator Pujitha, Zonal Commissioner Upender Reddy, CE Bhaskar Reddy, Zonal SE Shankar Nayak, and DC Mukunda Reddy.

Mohan Babu, Son Manoj Appear Before Court

Following a complaint lodged by Tollywood veteran Mohan Babu with the district collector alleging that his son Manchu Manoj had illegally occupied his properties, the actor and his son appeared before the district court at Kongarakalan on Monday. Manoj was directed to appear before the court in the coming week. The complaint was filed by Mohan Babu under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 through a representative. Additional collector Prathima Singh, acting as the magistrate, heard both parties. Sources revealed that there was a heated argument between the two. The hearing lasted two hours. This is the second time Manoj has been directed to appear before the court.

HYDRAA Flooded With Complaints During Prajavani

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HYDRAA received a 71 grievances on Monday during Prajavani, which went on until 8 pm. Commissioner A.V. Ranganath inspected all the documents. Most of the complaints were about road and park encroachments. Ranganath directed officials to remove illegal constructions, especially those blocking public access. "If colony residents build walls blocking access into the colony, they must be demolished immediately," he said. Educationist Nalla Malla Reddy is in trouble again as 24 landowners from Ghatkesar accused him of illegally seizing their plots in



Survey No.s 716, 717 and 718. "He changed revenue records, occupied our private land since 2010," said Khaja Meeran Moinuddin, a landowners. He added that the AP Gazette had published details of the 23 cases against Malla Reddy. HYDRAA received several complaints about land encroachments. Complainants from Rangareddy district's Abdullahpurmet alleged that their plots in Survey No.s 951 to 954 were encroached by Sammirreddy Bal Reddy, who had built a farmhouse and blocked access.

Ramayana Kalpavrkam 2025 Concludes with Grand Cultural Celebrations

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The three-day cultural festival Ramayana Kalpavrkam 2025 concluded with grandeur in Hyderabad, celebrating the timeless epic through music, dance, storytelling, and scholarly discourse. The annual festival brought together artists, scholars, and audiences from across the country for an immersive experience. The event was inaugurated

by Member of Parliament Tejasvi Surya, who addressed an enthusiastic audience, highlighting the relevance of the Ramayana in contemporary society and the significance of preserving and engaging with India's rich cultural heritage.

Festival creator Dr. Ananda Shankar Jayant described Ramayana Kalpavrkam as an effort to bring Sri Rama Chetana into people's lives, offering a three-day immersion into the epic through per-



Fabric Painting Workshop (Vastra Varnam) by Anusha Namburi, a student of Shankarananda Kalakshetra, attracting over 50 keen participants, at 3-day festival of 'Ramayana Kalpavrkam' hosted by Natyarambha, Shankarananda Kalakshetra, in collaboration with Ministry of Culture, Government of India, and Brhat.

formances of dance, music, and Harikatha, along with insightful talks, workshops on Indic knowledge, exhibitions,

and craft displays.

The concluding day of the festival featured a Sanskrit workshop and a series of thought-provoking discussions. Storyteller Vikram Sridhar explored the ecological dimensions of the Ramayana, from Krauncha to Ashoka Vana, in an engaging presentation. Scholar Amritanshu Pandey spoke on Rajadharma of the Ikshvakus, highlighting governance and leadership lessons from the epic. Bestselling author Ami

Ganatra delivered a compelling talk on Dharma and Dharma Sankata - Lessons from the Ramayana, drawing parallels to modern ethical dilemmas.

In the afternoon, a Vastra Varnam fabric painting workshop by Anusha Namburi, a student of Shankarananda Kalakshetra, attracted over 50 enthusiastic participants.

The festival concluded with two grand performances. JN Manipuri Dance Academy from Imphal presented a mes-

merizing Manipuri Raas, marking a historic first-of-its-kind performance in Hyderabad. The grand finale featured the renowned musical duo Ranjani and Gayatri with their exclusive presentation, RAMA by RaGa, leaving the audience spellbound.

With this edition drawing to a close, Ramayana Kalpavrkam continues its journey of keeping the epic alive through art, culture, and scholarship.