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Brief Insights

IndusInd Bank's Damage Control After Rs 2,100 Crore Accounting Lapse



IndusInd Bank on Tuesday addressed the fallout of a Rs 2,100 crore discrepancy in accounting, saying it has enough reserves and capital to cover for it, but the management's assurance failed to arrest the free fall of shares which tanked over 27 per cent on the bourses.

IndusInd Bank CEO and Managing Director Sumant Kathpalia said that the accounting lapse was noted around September-October last year and the bank gave a preliminary update to the RBI about this last week.

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Display of Menu, Food Rates in Trains Mandatory: Railway Minister



Display of menu and rate list of food items being served to passengers in trains is mandatory, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told Lok Sabha on Wednesday. "Menu of all food items along with rates are available on IRCTC's website for information of passengers. Printed menu cards with all details are made available with waiters and presented to passengers on demand," he said in a written reply.

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Congress to Gherao Odisha Assembly on March 27 over Women's Safety,

The Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) has announced plans to gherao the State Assembly on March 27 in protest against the alleged rise in atrocities against women and the suspension of senior leader Tara Prasad Bahinipati for his alleged "unruly" behavior. The decision was taken during a meeting at the Congress Bhawan, chaired by state party chief Bhakta Charan Das. This marks an escalation in the Congress's aggressive posture under Das's leadership, both inside and outside the Odisha Legislative Assembly.

The party has seized on the issue of women's safety to corner the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). On Monday and Tuesday, Congress MLAs created a commotion in the Assembly, demanding a response from Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi.

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Future City, Metro, Musi to Drive TG's Growth: Governor

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Slogan War Erupts Between Cong & BRS in TG Assembly

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frastructure initiative aims to integrate sustainable industrial growth with modern residential planning. The project is strategically located between the Srisaillam and Nagarjunasagar highways and will be overseen by the Future City Development Authority (FCDA).

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CM Revanth says salaries may be 'affected' if employees don't cooperate

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While admitting delays in salary payments to ASHA and Anganwadi workers, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday issued a veiled threat as well, stating that non-cooperation from government employees could worsen the financial crunch, leading to even salary disbursements being 'affected'.

At the same time, while addressing newly recruited junior and polytechnic lecturers at Ravindra Bharati, Revanth Reddy continued to blame former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao for Telangana's fiscal distress.



"With a monthly revenue of Rs.18,500 crore against required Rs.22,000 crore to fulfill all our commitments, we are deferring payments of salaries to ASHA and Anganwadi workers, and welfare schemes like Shaadi Mubarak and Kalyana Lakshmi. Basically, we are following a rotation system from one section to another to defer payments," he said, also surprising the audience by stating that he was ready to hand over financial management to gov-

ernment employees. "Let them decide how to distribute funds," he said.

There were other contradictions as well in the Chief Minister's speech. While stressing the need to uplift government schools and reduce drop-out rates, he also endorsed the Young India Skill University, run entirely by private industrialists. "We brought in Mahindra, Apollo Hospitals, and Reddy Labs as board members - they will train students, while the government acts as only a facilitator," he said. Revanth Reddy stated that the government was investing Rs 80,000 to RS 1 lakh per student in public schools, insisting that teachers

Mumbai faces severe flood risks due to global 'climate whiplash'

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The weather in some of the world's most densely populated cities is becoming increasingly erratic, swinging from droughts to floods and back again as rising temperatures disrupt the global water cycle. A study commissioned by the charity WaterAid, released on Wednesday, highlights this phenomenon, with Indian cities such as Lucknow and Mumbai among those facing these unpredictable weather patterns.

The study, which ana-



lyzed 42 years of weather data from over 100 of the world's most populous cities, found that South and Southeast Asia are experiencing the strongest wetting trends, while Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa are becoming drier. Researchers identified "climate whiplash" - a rapid succession of prolonged floods and droughts - as a signifi-

cant challenge. China's Hangzhou and Indonesia's Jakarta topped the list of cities affected by this phenomenon.

Michael Singer of the Water Research Institute at Cardiff University, one of the study's authors, noted that climate change will create "winners and losers." He emphasized that the impacts are already being felt, with some cities facing the dual threat of increased flood and drought risks. Dallas, Shanghai, and Baghdad are among the cities experiencing this dual threat.

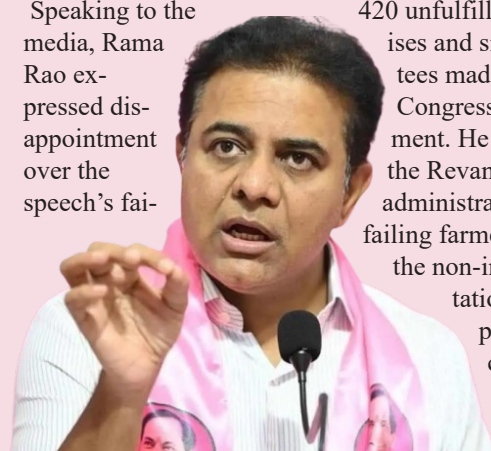
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All Hostages Freed, 28 Soldiers Killed In Pak Train Siege



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All train passengers taken hostage by gunmen in a deadly siege in Pakistan have been freed, an army official said, adding 28 soldiers killed in the operation.

More than 450 passengers were on board when a renel group captured the train in a remote frontier district of Balochistan province on Tuesday afternoon.

The assault was immediately claimed by the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), which released a video of an explosion on the track, followed by dozens of gunmen emerging from hiding places in the mountains and storming onto the carriages.

The BLA has staged a series of recent attacks against security forces and ethnic groups from outside the province who they accuse of benefiting from the region's wealth.

Donald Trump Buys Tesla, Elon Musk Helps Him Pick

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US President Donald Trump bought a shiny red Tesla with the company's CEO Elon Musk by his side, who helped the Republican leader pick the car on the White House driveway on Tuesday. The

car was bought in a show of support for Musk's electric vehicle company, which is facing a blowback because of the Tesla CEO's work to advance the President's political agenda.

"Wow, that's beautiful," Trump said as he eased his way

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Jio to bring SpaceX's Starlink high-Speed internet to its customers

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Day after Bharti Airtel's announcement of partnership with Elon Musk's-owned SpaceX, its close rival - billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Jio platform - announced a deal with SpaceX to provide Starlink's high-speed Internet services to its customers in India, including in rural belts in the country. It is,



however, learnt that the surprise move of the aerospace company led by Musk will not only bring Starlink's broadband internet services to India, but also expect Musk's venture should be granted spectrum rights.

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BRS Demands 20-Day Assembly Session, says Harish rao: P8

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non-implementation of the promised crop loan waiver. He alleged that the government’s inaction had led to 480 farmer suicides and challenged Congress leaders to prove a 100 percent loan waiver in any village, stating that there had been no response. He further accused the Governor of misleading the public by falsely claiming that the waiver had been completed and that farmers were satisfied. The BRS leader also accused the Congress government of neglecting irrigation projects, alleging that political vendetta against former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao had led to the destruction of agriculture in the Godavari River basin. He pointed out that the Medigadda Barrage had remained unrepaired for



15 months, leaving lakhs of acres barren, yet the Governor’s address failed to acknowledge the crisis or propose corrective measures. Criticizing corruption in the state, Rama Rao referred to a recent incident where contractors staged a protest outside Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka’s

chamber, alleging they were forced to pay a 20 percent commission for bill approvals. He accused the Congress government of lacking vision and running an anarchic administration that denied students overseas scholarships and failed to provide adequate meals in Gurukul schools, which he claimed had led to the

deaths of 83 students. Drawing a comparison between economic policies, he stated that while the Chandrashekhara Rao government had taken a debt of Rs 4.17 lakh crore over a decade to fund irrigation projects, infrastructure, and welfare schemes, the Congress administration had already borrowed Rs 1.62 lakh crore in just 15 months without launching any new initiative. He also questioned the Congress government’s claims of attracting Rs 1.79 lakh crore in investments at the World Economic Forum (WEF) summit in Davos, alleging that not even a single rupee of the Rs 40,000 crore promised last year had materialized. He accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of driving away key invest-

ments like Kaynes, Corning, and Premier Energy to other states due to inefficiency. Rama Rao ridiculed the Congress government’s focus on installing statues near the Telangana Secretariat instead of addressing governance issues. He warned that once BRS returned to power, the statues would be removed and sent back to Gandhi Bhavan. He also accused Congress of betraying the Backward Classes by releasing a misleading caste census report and silencing its own MLAs for questioning its authenticity. Asserting that the people of Telangana would not be deceived, he declared that they would deliver a fitting response to the Congress government’s failures.

Gadkari assures to resolve pending issues related to RRR project

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Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari has assured that pending issues related to the Regional Ring Road (RRR) project in Telangana will be resolved within two months, enabling the commencement of work. This assurance was conveyed by state minister for Roads and Buildings (R&B), Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, following his meeting with Gadkari in Delhi. The RRR project, which includes the northern and southern sections, is crucial for enhancing connectivity and reducing traffic



congestion around Hyderabad. northern section of the RRR project had its tenders floated last December with a budget of Rs 7,100 crores, divided into five packages. However, the project faces delays due to pending forest clearances and financial agreements. Minister Komatireddy emphasized the need for expedited forest clearances and financial agreements to move forward with the project.

Indian Railways in Crisis: Unsafe, Unaffordable, and Neglecte: Anil Kumar

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Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav strongly criticized the government over the deteriorating state of Indian Railways, stating that the nation’s lifeline is grappling with severe operational and financial challenges. Speaking in the Upper House, he raised concerns over safety lapses, privatization, and stalled modernization



efforts. Yadav highlighted the alarming rise in train accidents, attributing them to negligence and lack of proper safety measures. He accused the government of ag-

gressively pushing privatization, leading to skyrocketing fares that have made railway travel increasingly unaffordable for common citizens. Expressing disappointment over in-

frastructure development, he pointed out that the much-publicized bullet train project remains sluggish, while basic railway services continue to suffer. Overcrowded compartments, unhygienic stations, and poor sanitation in trains have further added to passengers’ woes. The MP also questioned the government’s claims of rapid electrification, stating that the on-

ground reality contradicts official reports. He warned that declining freight transport and rising revenue losses pose a serious threat to the financial health of Indian Railways. Calling for immediate reforms, Yadav urged the government to move beyond announcements and take concrete steps to restore efficiency, affordability, and safety in the railway network.

SLBC tunnel collapse: Search for trapped workers enters 19th day

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The search for seven people trapped inside the partially collapsed SLBC tunnel here continued for the 19th consecutive day on Wednesday, March 12, with intensified efforts. Rescue teams, including personnel from NDRF, state-run miner Singareni Collieries, rat miners and other agencies, entered the tunnel along with equipment on Wednesday morning in a renewed effort to reach those trapped, official

sources said. A team from a Hyderabad-based robotics company, along with a robot equipped with an AI-based camera, had entered the tunnel on Tuesday morning. Additionally, 110 rescue personnel were deployed. To minimise risks to rescuers, the Telangana government has decided to expand the use of robots, as water and slush inside the tunnel pose significant challenges. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who visited the tunnel on

March 2, had suggested that officials use robots inside the tunnel if necessary to ensure the safety of rescue personnel. As part of efforts to locate the missing individuals, rescue personnel once again deployed Human Remains Detection Dogs (HRDD) at the accident site, an official release said. State Special Chief Secretary (Disaster Management) Arvind Kumar, who has been overseeing the search operation, held a meeting on Tuesday with officials from various agencies involved in the rescue efforts.

Osman bin Mohammed Alhajri Demands Action Against Waqf Bill

Urgent Call to Oppose Waqf Bill: Osman bin Mohammed Alhajri Appeals to Telangana CM

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Osman bin Mohammed Alhajri, Contested MLA Karwan & Incharge Karwan, has issued an urgent appeal to Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, urging him to introduce and pass a resolution opposing the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, during the upcoming Budget Session. The Bill, introduced by the NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, proposes amendments to the Waqf Act of 1995, which have been met with strong opposition from the Muslim community and organizations such as the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB). The Bill, approved by the

Union Cabinet on February 27, 2025, is expected to be presented in Parliament during the second half of the Budget Session starting March 10, 2025. The proposed amendments have raised serious concerns, as they are seen to threaten Waqf properties, including places of worship and religious sites. The inclusion of two non-Muslim members in the State Waqf Board and the Central Waqf Council of India is viewed as a violation of Sharia law and an infringement on the constitutional rights of religious minorities. Osman bin Mohammed Alhajri emphasized that the Bill, if enacted, would violate Articles 25, 26, and 14 of the Constitution,

which guarantee religious freedom and equality. He warned that it could lead to social unrest and undermine the fundamental rights of the Muslim community. The Congress Party has consistently opposed the Bill, and Legislative Assemblies in West Bengal and Kerala have already passed resolutions against it. Alhajri called on the Telangana Assembly to follow suit and pass a resolution rejecting the proposed amend-

ments. This action would reaffirm the Congress Party’s commitment to upholding the constitutional rights of all citizens and reassure the Muslim community of the government’s dedication to protecting their religious freedoms and safeguarding Waqf properties. He urged the Chief Minister to act decisively and address this urgent matter at the earliest opportunity.



Osman bin Mohammed Alhajri

Balkampet Renuka Yellamma temple gets Rs 4.21 cr PRASHAD scheme boost



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The Ministry of Tourism has given the green light for a development project at the Goddess Renuka Yellamma Devasthanam in Balkampet, Hyderabad, under the PRASHAD scheme. This initiative involves constructing a three-storey annadana building equipped with modern amenities, capable of accommodating over 200 people at once. The project is set to be completed at a cost of Rs 4.21 crore. Union Minister of Culture and Tourism,

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, announced the approval on social media, highlighting the significance of the temple dedicated to Goddess Yellamma, revered as the “mother of the universe” and also known as Jagadamba. The temple is a major attraction, especially on Sundays and Tuesdays, and is famous for the annual Bonalu Jathara festival in Hyderabad. Telangana BJP president and Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G Kishan Reddy, expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Minister Shekhawat for approving the project.

Bhanuka Narmada Mallikarjun Appointed as Nominated Member of Cantonment Board

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In a significant milestone for gender representation and local governance, BJP senior leader Bhanuka Narmada Mallikarjun has been appointed as a nominated member of the Cantonment Board. This achievement underscores the growing role of women in leadership positions within the political landscape. On Wednesday, the Can-



tonment Board office was filled with excitement as members of the Narmadaku Tedepa Malkajigiri Parliamentary Adahak Committee gathered to witness the oath-taking ceremony. The event was led by Senior Constituency Leader Janagama

Narsingrao, who expressed pride in the appointment, highlighting the progressive changes in local governance. Leaders including Madhusudan Rao, Ashok Yadav, SK Babu, DR Srinivas, Ravinder, Nagaraju Goud, Pratap, and An-

uradha Shekhar Anand joined in congratulating Narmada. They presented her with flowers, symbolizing their support and admiration for her new role. The appointment of Bhanuka Narmada Mallikarjun as the Vice President of the Cantonment Board and Chairperson of the Board’s Finance Committee has been met with enthusiasm and approval. Local leaders emphasized that having a woman in such pivotal roles is not only a matter of pride but

also a catalyst for inspiring other women to pursue leadership positions within the community. “This is a joyous occasion not just for Narmada but for all women who aspire to make a mark in politics and governance,” stated a TDP leader during the celebration. The sentiment was echoed by others, who acknowledged the importance of representation and the positive impact it can have on decision-making processes.

“20% commission government” tag haunts Congress in Telangana

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As Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka prepares to present his second full-fledged budget, political tensions within the Telangana Congress are reaching a boiling point. The State finances, particularly the controversial handling of bills, have put the government, especially the Finance Department, under intense scrutiny. It was just at this juncture when over 200 contractors, who implemented civil works costing between Rs.1 crore to Rs.10 crore, staged a protest in front of the chamber of Bhatti Vikra-

marka four days ago. They made a hue and cry in the Secretariat corridors demanding clearance of their bills pending for over a year. The allegations that a 20 percent commission was being insisted for clearing the pending bills, have caused considerable embarrassment for the Delhi leadership of the Congress party. The party high command is taking the situation very seriously as it is worried about the Revanth Reddy regime being branded as a “20% commission government”. It has already called for feedback from its dedicated channels. This incident is likely to be treated with utmost serious-

ness as it had drawn the ire of Rahul Gandhi, who is said to be deeply upset over the episode. The bills of big contractors were being handled with priority, while those with outstanding of up to Rs.10 crore were given no importance. Though some Ministers viewed the incident as a mere security lapse, the contractors had accused not only Bhatti but also the finance secretary of selective payments. The slogan of “20% commission government” gained traction not only in Telangana but also in Delhi, with opposition parties mounting attacks.

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pires to establish it as India's first net-zero city. The government has proposed a Bill to provide legislative backing for 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) and plans to introduce a Bill for the sub-categorization of Scheduled Castes (SCs), based on comprehensive surveys and commission recommendations. February 4th has been

declared as Telangana Social Justice Day, symbolizing the state's commitment to fairness, inclusivity, and equal opportunities. Telangana has emerged as a leading destination for industrial and service sector growth, attracting global investments. The recent Telangana Rising delegation at the World Economic Forum in Davos secured investments worth ₹1,78,950 crore, creating 49,500 jobs across key sectors. The government remains committed to supporting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through finan-

cial assistance, technological upgrades, and market linkages. A new MSME policy aims to enhance competitiveness and expand market access. Telangana continues to solidify its position as a leader in IT and electronics innovation, developing dedicated IT parks beyond Hyderabad to attract global players. Telangana's commitment to fostering innovation, strengthening infrastructure, and empowering citizens, positioning the state at the forefront of a transformative era driven by inclusive growth and sustainable development.

Confusion over Telangana emblem sparks online row

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A fresh controversy erupted on social media over an alleged change to the Telangana State emblem in a press statement, purportedly issued by Education Secretary Yogitha Rana. While one featuring the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial in place of the Kakatiya Kala Thoranam and Charminar was circulated on social media on Tuesday, another document with the existing emblem was circulated online on Wednesday dismissing the previous one as fake. The press release, linked to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's event where he handed appointment letters to junior and polytechnic lecturers, was reportedly issued on Tuesday and was widely shared on social media. However, it triggered outrage among netizens, with many questioning whether the Congress government had unilaterally altered the emblem despite postponing such a move earlier due to public backlash.



Amid the uproar, another press release featuring the existing emblem circulated online, dismissing the previous one as fake. Ruling party-affiliated social media handles amplified the latter version, claiming it to be the official release. However, netizens pointed out that several media organisations, including Congress-leaning organisations, had shared the first document as the official statement from the Education Department and questioned whether the government would initiate action against them for circulating the alleged fake ones. Ironically, Education Department sources denied issuing either of the press releases, adding to the confusion.

Avani Vatsalyam Foundation Celebrates Women's Day with Grandeur

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The Avani Vatsalyam Foundation celebrated International Women's Day with great enthusiasm and festivity. The event honored several distinguished individuals for their outstanding contributions in various fields. Among the awardees were Muthu Geetanjali, Founder of Mukteshwari Charitable Trust; Bhavani Prasad, Founder of Harshini Organization; Dr. Sajida Khan; Lakshmi Anand; Sangeetha; and Ramprakash Goyal. Following the awards ceremony, Avani Foundation members Archana and Raghu Sharma from Hy-



derabad emphasized the importance of education and financial independence for women to achieve social security and political influence. They highlighted that women should serve as role models and noted the Foundation's efforts in providing various self-employment schemes to

BJP Leader Bhanuka Narmada Mallikarjuna Felicitated on Cantonment Board Appointment

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BJP senior leader Bhanuka Narmada Mallikarjuna has been appointed as the nominated member of the Cantonment Board by the Cantonment Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders. Narmada took the oath as a nominated member at the Cantonment Board office on Wednesday. The occasion was marked by the presence of TDP Malkajgiri Parliament Aadhak Committee members, led by constituency senior



leader Janagama Narsingarao. Other prominent leaders, including Madhusudhan Rao, Ashok Yadav, SK Babu, DR Srinivas, Ravinder, Nagaraju Goud, Pratap, and Anuradha Sekhar Anand, greeted Narmada and presented her with a bouquet of

flowers, wishing her well in her new role. The leaders expressed their joy at the appointment of a woman as the Vice-President of the Cantonment Board, a nominated member, and the Chairman of the Board's Finance Committee.

Telangana government forms Future City Development Authority

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The State government has constituted the Future City Development Authority (FCDA) to oversee the development of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's pet project Future City Area. The newly formed authority will cover 56 revenue villages across 765.28 sq.km in Rangareddy district, with a focus on integrated urban planning and economic growth. Simultaneously, the government has excluded 36 revenue villages from the Hyderabad Metropolitan Region (HMR) and expanded its jurisdiction to 1,355 villages across 11 districts, covering 10,472.72 sq.km. Thus, the HMR's jurisdiction will be upto the Regional Ring Road (RRR), covering a buffer area of upto 2



km outside the RRR which will be later designated as the RRR Growth Corridor. The move aligns with the State government's plan to develop economic and industrial clusters in the Future City Area coming up near Mucherla. The Future City project will be developed into 12 zones, with comprehensive master planning, multi-modal connectivity, modern urban amenities, other

Kota Neelima hits back at KTR over remark on Congress rule in Telangana

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Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) general secretary Kota Neelima has hit back at Bharat Rashtia Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao for his remark 'show me one person who is happy with the Congress government in Telangana'. "We can show you one person who is unhappy and that is you," she said in a strong counter to the statement made by Rama Rao in reaction to Governor Jishnu Dev Varma's address to the joint session of the State Legislature on Wednesday, on the first day of the Budget session. Neelima, who is also a member of the AICC, said that every time the Congress government brought a development scheme for women, KTR was unhappy as he was not pro-women. "Every time this govern-



ment brought a scheme for farmers and youth, you were unhappy, Mr Rama Rao, because you are not pro-farmers, you are not pro-youth. Every time the Congress government tried to rescue Telangana from dark ages in which the BRS had plunged it, you were unhappy. Yes, if there is one person who is unhappy with the success of the Congress government in Telangana, that is you," she said. Earlier, Rama Rao during his interaction with media after the governor's address termed it a Congress propaganda. He also slammed Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's governance record. KTR, as Rama Rao is popularly known, called the governor's speech "Congress workers' press meet".

TPCC Dr Srirangam attended the birthday celebrations of Krishna Rajput

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Congress party Balaji nagar division president Krishna Rajput's birthday celebrations were grandly organized by his friends at Vijaya Durga Center in Balajinagar, in the Kukat Pally constituency. Constituency incharge Bandi Ramesh, TPCC spokesperson Dr Satyam Srirangam attended and cut the cake, felicitated him with a shawl and wished him well. Later, Jayanti Hospital Chairman Dr Sharath



Chandra The medical camp organized with the courtesy of Sharath Chandra was attended by the chief guests and the official representative of TPCC Dr Satyam Srirangam

Inauguration of BC Welfare Association President's Office

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The inauguration ceremony of the office of prominent lawyer and BC Welfare Association President, Advocate Ramesh Yadav, was held with great enthusiasm. The event was graced by several esteemed leaders and community members. The ceremony began with the worship of divine deities' photos in the office, followed by a toast to all attendees. The office was inaugurated by BSP Contest MLA Ongoru Srinivas Yadav, who congratulated Ramesh Yadav and wished him a long, happy life dedicated to serving the poor and elderly as a lawyer. He expressed his hope that the office would be remembered by everyone and encouraged Ramesh Yadav to work hard and earn a good name. BC Aikya Vedika President Beri Ramachandra Yadav participated in the inauguration and expressed his happiness. He wished Ramesh Yadav success in serving the public for four terms as the President of BC Seril-



ingampalli and praised his dedication to serving the community as an advocate. BC Federation President RK Sayanna Mudiraj urged Ramesh Yadav to become a prominent lawyer and to serve all communities, including BCs, SCs, STs, and other minorities, with a sense of service. He emphasized the importance of standing by the welfare of the poor and weaker sections of society and resolving legal issues and problems. Other dignitaries who attended the event included BC Aikya Vedika General Secretary B Krishna, Serilingampalli Welfare Association Vice Presidents Narsing Mudiraj

and Tirupati, Madhava Yadav, BJP Women's President Padma Narasimha Chari, and various women members. They all spoke about the development of the office and Ramesh Yadav's service to the community. The ceremony concluded with Advocate Ramesh Yadav being felicitated with shawls and garlands. Sweets were served, and the office was decorated with flowers, making it a grand and memorable event. The inauguration was attended by numerous activists, lawyers, and well-wishers, including Venkat Yadav, Mohammed Bhai Rizwan Khan, and fans of Saab Peraiah.

Niranjan Reddy Slams CM Revanth for Remarks on KCR

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is facing increasing public dissatisfaction due to the non-implementation of key promises made before coming to power. Allegations are surfacing that he is aligning with the BJP to sustain his unexpected political rise. At the grassroots level, frustration is mounting as promised schemes and initiatives remain unful-



filled. The Congress high command, which played a pivotal role in Revanth's elevation, is reportedly distancing itself from him due to his controversial leadership style. This has been reflected in his recent speeches, where he

has resorted to indirect and evasive rhetoric during protests. Political opponents argue that Revanth Reddy believes attacking senior leaders will elevate his own stature. However, critics claim he has lost

credibility among the public, significantly weakening the Congress party's standing in Telangana. Many believe that Congress and its leadership need to exercise caution in their statements and focus on governance rather than verbal attacks. Former Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy has strongly condemned CM Revanth Reddy's remarks about former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). In a statement, Niranjan Reddy criticized Revanth Reddy's ap-

proach, stating that the people of Telangana have lost trust in him and his party. With growing discontent, political analysts suggest that Congress is struggling to maintain its grip on the state. Many citizens are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to express their dissatisfaction in the next elections. Observers warn that unless the Congress government shifts its focus towards fulfilling its commitments, its political future in Telangana remains uncertain.

Congress to Gherao Odisha Assembly on March 27 over Women’s Safety, Leader’s Suspension

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The Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) has announced plans to gherao the State Assembly on March 27 in protest against the alleged rise in atrocities against women and the suspension of senior leader Tara Prasad Bahinipati for his alleged “unruly” behavior. The decision was taken during a meeting at the Congress Bhawan, chaired by state party chief Bhakta Charan Das. This marks an escalation in the Congress’s aggressive posture under Das’s leadership, both inside and outside the Odisha Legislative Assembly. The party has seized on the issue of women’s safety to corner the ruling

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). On Monday and Tuesday, Congress MLAs created a commotion in the Assembly, demanding a response from Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi. Bahinipati, a five-time MLA from Jeypore, was seen climbing onto the Speaker’s podium and damaging the microphone. In response, Speaker Surama Padhy suspended him for seven days on Tuesday, citing disorderly conduct. The Congress, which lost power to the BJD-BJP alliance in 2000, has struggled to regain political relevance in the state. Internal divisions, neglect from the central leadership, and the absence of a clear political agenda have weakened the party’s position.

Woman Carried on Bonnet of Car in Sonepat to Save Son from Beating



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In a shocking incident in Sonepat, a woman was carried for several meters on the bonnet of a moving car while trying to protect her son from being assaulted. The incident, which took place on Sunday in the Sector 15 area of the city, has sparked outrage after a video of the ordeal surfaced on social media. According to the police, the confrontation stemmed from an earlier dispute between a group of youths over a comment made on social media. The disagreement, which had initially taken place a few days prior, escalated on Sunday, leading to a violent encounter. In an attempt to shield her son from the aggression of the youths, the woman intervened, only to be swept onto the hood of their car as they attempted to flee the scene. A video circulating online shows the woman clinging desperately to the windshield wipers as the vehicle moves forward. The alarming footage has raised concerns about public safety and law enforcement in the area. Speaking to the media, local Station House Officer Savit Kumar confirmed that the police have taken cognizance of the matter and registered a case. "We have registered a case, and investigations are ongoing," Kumar said. Authorities further stated that the woman managed to jump off the bonnet when the vehicle eventually slowed down. Fortunately, she did not sustain any serious injuries. The police are now working to identify and apprehend those involved in the incident.

Donald Trump Buys Tesla, Elon Musk Helps Him Pick

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US President Donald Trump bought a shiny red Tesla with the company's CEO Elon Musk by his side, who helped the Republican leader pick the car on the White House driveway on Tuesday. The car was bought in a show of support for Musk's electric vehicle company, which is facing a blowback because of the Tesla CEO's work to advance the President's political agenda. "Wow, that's beautiful," Trump said as he eased his way into the driver's seat of a Model X. Musk, who got in on the passenger seat, joked about "giving the Secret

Service a heart attack" as they talked about how to start a vehicle that can reach 95 kilometres per hour in a few seconds. However, Trump did not test drive the car since he is not permitted to drive, but said that he will leave it at the White House so his staff can drive it. According to the US President, he bought the car - worth around \$80,000 - at the full price, without any discount. "Musk would give me a discount, but if I do a discount, they're gonna say, Oh, I got benefits," he said. The US President cited two key reasons for buying Tesla - one, it's a great product, and another, "Elon Musk has

PM Modi announces India's new vision for Global South

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India and Mauritius on Wednesday elevated their ties to 'enhanced strategic partnership' and inked eight pacts to boost ties in several sectors, including maritime security, and promote trade in local currencies, even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled an ambitious vision for growth and security of the Global South. On the second and final day of his two-day trip to Mauritius, Modi graced the national day

celebrations of the island nation as the chief guest and announced a raft of development projects for the strategically-located country. Following talks with his Mauritian counterpart Navinchandra Ramgoolam, Modi announced India's new vision for Global South and named it "MAHA-SAGAR" or "Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions", a policy approach that came against the backdrop of China's relentless attempts to expand its in-

fluence in the Indian Ocean. "We are committed to extend full cooperation in the security of Mauritius' Exclusive Economic Zone," the prime minister said. In the meeting, Modi reiterated India's continued support and assistance to Mauritius in augmenting its defence and security needs given the shared objectives of the two nations in the region. The PM said a free, open, secure, and safe Indian Ocean is the common priority of India and Mauritius and



that he and Ramgoolam agreed that defence cooperation and maritime security are an important part of the strategic partnership between the two countries.

Jio to bring SpaceX's Starlink high-Speed internet to its customers

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Day after Bharti Airtel’s announcement of partnership with Elon Musk’s-owned SpaceX, its close rival — billionaire Mukesh Ambani’s Jio platforms on Wednesday also signed a deal with SpaceX to provide Starlink’s high-speed Internet services to its customers in India, including in rural belts in the country. It is,

however, learnt that the surprise move of the aerospace company led by Musk will not only bring Starlink’s broadband internet services to India, but also expect Musk’s venture should be granted spectrum rights. The deal is subject to SpaceX gaining approval from Indian authorities to sell Starlink in the country. SpaceX has applied for a security clearance with the Indian govern-

ment, but it is understood that its application is undergoing review at the home ministry. With back-to-back signing of the pacts with two major telecom operators in India, it is, however, believed that security issues related to Starlink license will be resolved very soon. Starlink can help Bharti and Jio provide connectivity to previously underserved areas, especially areas currently with limited to no coverage. As Musk is considered to be the close aide of US President Donald Trump, the deals by both Airtel and Jio come weeks after Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Musk in Washington to discuss issues, including space, mobility, technology and innovation. Over the past few months, Jio and SpaceX had been on the opposite side of the debate on how spectrum for satellite communication should be assigned to companies – with Jio calling for an auction, but SpaceX insisting on the administrative route. The government has decided to go with administrative allocation. However, the statement issued by Reliance-owned Jio Platforms (JPL) said that through this agreement, the parties will leverage Jio’s position as the aworld’s largest mobile operator in terms of data traffic and Starlink's position as the world’s leading low earth orbit satellite constellation operator to deliver reliable broadband services across the country, including the most rural and remote regions of India. Starlink is the world's largest low-earth-orbit (LEO) constellation operated by SpaceX. “Jio will make Starlink solutions available through.

Display of Menu, Food Rates in Trains Mandatory: Railway Minister

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Display of menu and rate list of food items being served to passengers in trains is mandatory, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told Lok Sabha on Wednesday. "Menu of all food items along with rates are available on IRCTC's website for information of passengers. Printed menu cards with all details are made available with waiters and presented to passengers on demand," he said in a



written reply. "The rate list is also displayed in pantry cars. Further, to make the passengers aware of menu and tariff of catering services over Indian Railways, SMS to passengers with link to menu and tariff has been started," he added. Responding to the question regarding menu card, rate list of food items and measures taken to improve hygiene, cleanliness and quality of food in trains, Vaishnaw said among important steps taken are supply of meals from designated base kitchens, commissioning of modern base kitchens at identified locations and installation of CCTV cameras in base kitchens for better monitoring of food preparation. According to Vaishnaw, shortlisting and use of popular and branded raw materials,

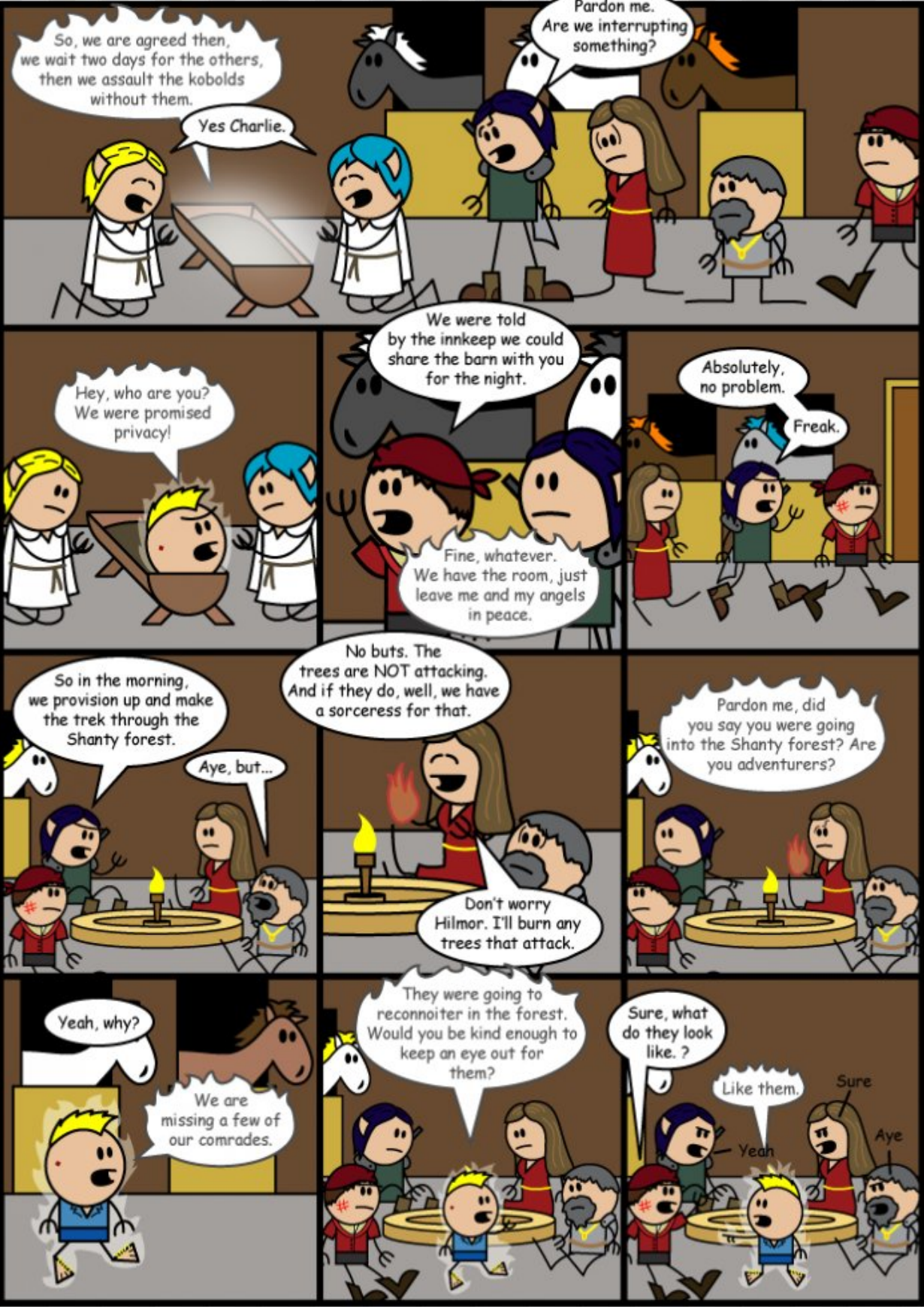
Mumbai faces severe flood risks due to global "climate whiplash

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The weather in some of the world's most densely populated cities is becoming increasingly erratic, swinging from droughts to floods and back again as rising temperatures disrupt the global water cycle. A study commissioned by the charity WaterAid, released on Wednesday, highlights this phenomenon, with Indian cities such as Lucknow and Mumbai among those facing these unpredictable weather patterns. The study, which analyzed 42 years of weather data from over 100 of the world's most populous cities, found that South and Southeast Asia are experiencing the strongest wetting trends, while Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa are becoming drier. Researchers identified "climate whiplash" — a rapid succession of prolonged floods and droughts — as a significant challenge. China's Hangzhou and Indonesia's Jakarta topped the list of cities affected by this phenomenon. Michael Singer of the Water Research Institute at Cardiff University, one of the study's authors, noted that climate change will create "winners and losers." He emphasized that the impacts are already being felt, with some cities facing the dual threat of in-

creased flood and drought risks. Dallas, Shanghai, and Baghdad are among the cities experiencing this dual threat. The study also revealed that about 15% of the cities surveyed are dealing with the worst of both worlds, with extreme flood and drought risks rising simultaneously. Hangzhou, for instance, experienced over 60 days of extreme high temperatures last year and was also hit by severe floods that displaced tens of thousands of people. A fifth of the cities have seen a reversal in climate extremes. Colombo and Mumbai have become far wetter, while Cairo and Hong Kong are steadily drier. This shift poses significant challenges for urban infrastructure, which was often designed to address specific climate conditions that are now changing. Singer warned that cities will need to invest in adapting their infrastructure to cope with these new climate realities. A few cities, such as Tokyo, London, and Guangzhou, have experienced favorable changes, with significantly fewer wet and dry months over the past two decades compared to earlier periods. However, the overall trend highlights the urgent need for cities to prepare for a future marked by climate unpredictability.





EDITORIAL

TRUMP'S RECIPROCAL TARIFFS AND CHALLENGES

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The announcement by US President Donald Trump to impose reciprocal tariffs on imports from India and China has sent ripples across the global economic landscape. This move, set to take effect from April 2, 2025, is not just a trade policy adjustment but a significant geopolitical statement that could have far-reaching implications for India's economic strategies, the US economy and the future of globalisation.

As Hyderabad, a burgeoning hub of technology and manufacturing, watches closely, it is imperative to analyse the implications of this decision on India's economic well-being, its flagship initiatives like Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India, and the broader contours of international

trade.


The Economics Reciprocal tariffs, by definition, aim to level the playing field by ensuring that the tariffs imposed by one country on another are mirrored in return. While this might seem like a fair approach on the surface, the agreed-upon theories in international economics suggest a more nuanced reality. The principle of comparative advantage, a cornerstone of international trade theory, posits that countries should specialise in producing goods where they have a lower opportunity cost and trade for others. This specialisation leads to increased efficiency, lower prices, and higher overall welfare.

However, Trump's reciprocal tariffs disrupt this equilibrium. By imposing tariffs that mirror those of trading partners, the US risks igniting a trade war,

where escalating tariffs could lead to reduced trade volumes, higher prices for consumers and inefficiencies in production. For India, which has been striving to integrate more deeply into the global economy, this move could be particularly detrimental. Implications for India's Economy

India's economic relationship with the US is multifaceted, encompassing trade in goods and services, investment flows and technology transfer. The US is one of India's largest trading partners, and any disruption in this relationship could have significant repercussions.

- Trade deficit and export competitiveness: India has consistently run a trade deficit with the US, meaning it imports more from the US than it exports.



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The Editor



HC stays GO on DCMS appointments

Justice Kaja Sarath of the Telangana High Court has directed the state government to continue or appoint the erstwhile board of directors/managing committees of the District Co-operative Marketing Societies (DCMSs) in the respective erstwhile combined districts, except Khammam, as the person-in-charge committees of the societies. The court also issued interim orders suspending GO 75 of the agriculture and cooperation department, dated February 14, through which the principal secretary of the department had appointed the additional collector (revenue) of each district as the person-in-charge committee for the respective DCMSs for six months or until further government orders.

Justice Sarath further suspended the subsequent orders issued by the commissioner of cooperation and registrar of societies, which had implemented these appointments. The order came in response to eight petitions filed by outgoing DCMS committees from eight erstwhile districts, challenging the government order and its consequential directives. Their tenure had ended on February 28, while they sought to continue as the person-in-charge committees.

Senior counsel R. Hemendranath Reddy, representing the petitioners, argued that the department had acted with bias by granting an extension to the outgoing committees of primary agriculture cooperative societies (PACSS), district Cooperative Central Banks (DCCBs) and the Telangana State Cooperative Apex Bank (TGCAB), whose tenure also ended on February 28, while arbitrarily denying the same benefit to the elected board of directors of the DCMSs. He further pointed out that DCMS membership comprises PACSS, making the government's decision discriminatory. Considering these arguments, the court issued interim suspension orders on the government's order.

Two journalists arrested for alleged abusive remarks against CM Revanth

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The Cyber Crime Police have arrested two journalists for allegedly making objectionable remarks against Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on social media.

Additional Commissioner of Police (Cyber Crime) Vishwa Prasad informed the media that a video containing abusive language

against the CM was circulated on social media platform 'X' through the handle "Nupokodi".

Following a complaint by Congress social media secretary Kailash, the police registered a case and began an investigation. The probe revealed that a reporter from 'Pulse TV' had conducted an interview with an unidentified individual who used derogatory

language against the Chief Minister. The Pulse TV management allegedly encouraged the interviewee to make offensive remarks, which were then deliberately broadcast. The video was later circulated on 'Nupokodi' social media handle.

Based on their findings, the police arrested Pulse TV CEO and journalist Revathi along with Pulse TV

reporter Bandi Sandhya for their involvement in the case. A raid was conducted at the Pulse TV office, where officials seized two laptops, two hard disks, seven CPUs, a logo, and a router as evidence.

Additional CP Vishwa Prasad also revealed that Revathi had previous cases registered against her at Banjara Hills and LB Nagar police stations.

Cyber Fraudster Posing as AC Service Staff Dupes Senior Citizen of Rs 1.90 Lakh

A cyber fraudster posing as a Godrej air-conditioner customer care employee duped a 67-year-old retired employee of Rs 1.90 lakh. According to the city cybercrime unit (CCCU) officials, the victim was searching for Godrej AC customer care number online to get his air-conditioner repaired. The fraudster reached out to the victim stating he would send a confirmation number asking him to fill his details in the link that he had sent to the victim, an official said.

The victim clicked on the link and later the fraudster asked the victim to pay Rs 10 to confirm his account, he said. The victim became suspicious and disconnected the call but on Wednesday he checked his Central Bank account and found that '1. 90 lakh had been debited from his account.

Techie falls prey to online trading scam, loses Rs 32 lakh

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A techie, 35, from LB Nagar reported a financial loss after becoming the target of an online trading scam. The firm, reportedly with its office at Bengaluru, turned out to be fake and he lost Rs 32 lakh. The scam unfolded when the victim came across an advertisement for a trading platform on a digital messaging site. Upon clicking on the link, it led him to another digital messaging group named A1 Blue Chip Stock Invest-

ment and Investment Advice, which proffered expert guidance on stock market investments. The victim, after joining the group, was contacted by an individual who asked him to download an app called Fidelity Pro through which he can make transactions. Initially, the victim invested small amounts starting with Rs 10,000 and Rs 15,000 and he was shown profits of Rs 1.5

lakh. He believed in the transactions that were shown on the screen prompting him to deposit larger sums. The withdrawal was successful and he received another Rs 3.5 lakh.

After multiple deposits, the victim was convinced to invest in an IPO for a company called Sahaj Solar Shares and was told to make an investment of Rs 20 lakh. He took personal loans from private banks and invested the sum. While everything appeared smooth, the communication from the digital messaging

group abruptly stopped and his account on the platform did not work. The victim grew suspicious and decided to visit the Fidelity Pro office in Bengaluru. But upon his arrival, he discovered that the company never existed. He also learnt that the app was removed from the Google Play Store. He then realised he was duped. He filed a complaint with Rachakonda cybercrime wing claiming he lost over Rs 32 lakh. An FIR was registered and investigations are underway to track the accused.

Father-Son Duo Booked for Threatening Senior Citizen at gunpoint

A father and son have been booked under the Indian Arms Act for allegedly threatening a senior citizen at gunpoint, forcing him to vacate his property in Noor Khan Bazaar. According to Mirchowk SHO, the accused, Mir Iqbal Ali, 74, and his son, Mir Iftaqr Ali, 34, intercepted the victim, Syed Imtiyaz, 74, outside his house on Tuesday night and demanded that he either sell them the property or vacate it.

"I stepped out of my house when Iftaqr and his father, Iqbal, pointed a gun at me and started abusing me, demanding that I vacate my property near Madina Complex. When I refused, Iqbal struck me three times with the gun on my face, shoulders and hands and threatened to kill me. If anything happens to me, both father and son will be responsible," Imtiyaz told . Based on his complaint, police registered a case of criminal intimidation,

Mufasa The Lion King OTT Release Date, Platform



The highly anticipated Mufasa: The Lion King will soon be available for streaming on popular OTT platforms if you missed it in theaters this holiday season. The animated movie brings together a talented and diverse group of actors as voice cast. Aaron Pierre and Kelvin Harrison Jr. lead the cast who lend voice to the lead characters of the movie. Along with them, the other actors lending their voice to main actors are Tiffany Boone, Kagiso Lediga, and Preston Nyman. Among the stars are Seth Rogen, Mads Mikkelsen, Billy Eichner, Donald Glover, and Beyoncé Knowles-Carter. Adding to this star studded ensemble, Blue Ivy Carter makes a special appearance in the movie.

Seerat Kapoor Shares Holi Hair Care Tips On Protecting her Voluminous Curls, Spotless Clear Skin Lifestyle

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As the vibrant festival of Holi approaches, actress Seerat Kapoor, known for her stunning curly locks and captivating screen presence in Tollywood, shares her excitement for the festival while offering essential hair and skin care tips to keep both healthy and protected during the celebrations. For Seerat Kapoor, Holi is not just a festival of colors but a celebration of joy and togetherness with delicious traditional treats. Expressing her love for the festival, she shares "Holi has always been memorable — I love the spirit of this festival. It's high on energy, music, the moments of laughter and of course, indulging in balanced proportions of festive delicacies like coconut and mawa-stuffed gujiya, thandai and jalebis set the mood right. While the colors make Holi special, I always en-



sure to use only eco-friendly and herbal colors. Chemical-based colors can harm both the skin and hair, so it's important to play safe and enjoy every moment responsibly." Seerat Kapoor encourages her fans to celebrate responsibly, choosing natural colors and prioritizing safety while having fun. "Holi is all about spreading love and happiness. Just remember to be mindful of your skin and hair, play safe and make beautiful memories!" she adds. This Holi, take inspiration from Seerat Kapoor's effortless beauty and conscious approach—protect your hair and skin, embrace the festive spirit and enjoy the colors of joy! Tips: Pre-Holi Hair Care: Oiling is key – Apply a generous amount of coconut or almond oil to your hair. This creates a protective barrier, preventing colors from seeping into the hair strands and making it dry. Tie it up – A braid or a bun helps minimize exposure to colors and prevents excessive tangling. Cover it up – If playing with dry colors, a stylish scarf or bandana can be a chic way to protect your

hair. Post-Holi Hair Care: Rinse before shampooing – Shake off excess color and rinse hair with plain water before applying shampoo. This prevents color from settling deeper into the scalp. Use a mild shampoo – Opt for a sulfate-free, hydrating shampoo to cleanse hair gently without stripping moisture. Deep condition – Apply a homemade curd and honey hair mask or an aloe vera and coconut oil pack to restore lost hydration and add shine. Hydrate and nourish – Drink plenty of water and herbal liquids to detox and keep hair and skin healthy from within. Don't forget to moisturize your skin before stepping out for Holi! Keep your skin protected by applying a good moisturizer, sun screen and choose organic colors over harsh chemicals to maintain your natural glow.

Khushi Kapoor's Mesmerizing Moves in Tirkit Dhoom Set the Dance Floor Ablaze



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Khushi Kapoor is on a roll! The rising star, who has been basking in the success of her latest OTT release Nadaaniyan, is now stealing the spotlight once again with the high-energy track Tirkit Dhoom. Known for her natural screen presence, Khushi has now impressed fans with her stunning dance moves, proving she is more than just an actress—she's an all-rounder. In Tirkit Dhoom, Khushi commands attention with her graceful yet energetic performance, lighting up the dance floor with fluidity and elegance. Sharing the screen with her co-star Ibrahim Ali Khan, she brings charm and vibrancy to the peppy track. Fans

are loving how effortlessly she blends expressive emotions with impeccable dance skills, making the song an instant hit. The festive banger is brought to life by a powerhouse musical team—sung by Vishal Dadlani, Amitabh Bhattacharya, Jigar Saraiya, and Shradha Mishra, with lyrics penned by Amitabh Bhattacharya and a foot-tapping composition by Sachin-Jigar. The infectious beats and lively choreography complement Khushi and Ibrahim's chemistry, making Tirkit Dhoom a true visual treat. Meanwhile, Nadaaniyan has been receiving overwhelming praise since its OTT release. Directed by Shauna Gautam, the lighthearted rom-com features Khushi Kapoor in a breezy

yet memorable role. Audiences and critics alike have lauded her ability to transition seamlessly between emotionally charged scenes and the youthful excitement of romance. Despite hailing from a film family, Khushi is carving her own identity by making thoughtful choices and exploring diverse roles. Her latest performance in Tirkit Dhoom further solidifies her place in the industry as a promising new star. From heartfelt acting to captivating dance performances, Khushi Kapoor continues to impress with her versatility. As she steps into the limelight with confidence and authenticity, fans eagerly await what's next in her journey.

Odisha Emerges as a New Hotspot for Tollywood Filmmakers

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Mahesh Babu and SS Rajamouli have begun filming their much-anticipated project in the breathtaking landscapes of Odisha's Eastern Ghats. As the shoot progresses briskly, Odisha's Deputy Chief Minister, Parvati Parida, has congratulated the film's team. Expressing gratitude for their contribution to Odisha's tourism sector, Parida acknowledged the impact of major Telugu films choosing the state as a filming destination. "After Pushpa 2 in Malkangiri, now renowned director SS Rajamouli's upcoming film SSMB29,



featuring South superstars Mahesh Babu and Prithviraj Sukumaran, along with internationally acclaimed actress Priyanka Chopra, is being shot in Koraput. This highlights Odisha's stunning cinematic landscapes, positioning it as a prime location for film shoots. We warmly welcome filmmakers from all industries and assure them of full support and world-class infrastructure," she

tweeted. Her statement also confirmed Priyanka Chopra's involvement in the film, further fueling excitement around the project. With Odisha's lush greenery and diverse terrain providing an ideal backdrop for large-scale productions, the Telugu film industry is now tapping into the state's potential—much to the delight of local authorities and cinephiles alike.

Sonam Bajwa joins Harshvardhan Rane's 'Deewaniyat' love story



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Punjabi cinema star Sonam Bajwa has joined the cast of the musical love story "Deewaniyat" alongside Harshvardhan Rane of "Sanam Teri Kasam" fame. Bajwa, known for popular Punjabi film franchises such as "Sardaar Ji", "Carry on Jatta", and "Nikka Zaildar", shared the news of her casting in the movie on Instagram. "So thrilled to bring the fire of love to #Deewaniyat! An intense saga of pas-

sion & heartbreak, starring alongside the amazing @harshvardhanrane!" she wrote on Wednesday. "Deewaniyat" is directed by Milap Milan Zaveri, known for Hindi films such as "Marjaavaan" and "Satyameva Jayate". Zaveri has co-written the movie with Mustaq Sheikh. The upcoming film is produced by Amul V Mohan and Anshul Mohan under Vikir Motion Pictures. This year, Bajwa will be seen in two more Hindi titles: "Housefull 5" and "Baaghi 4".

Here's how Salman Khan is following his passion for bikes and motorsports

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Bollywood superstar Salman Khan is following his childhood passion for bikes and motorsports, as he has been crowned as the brand ambassador of the Indian Supercross Racing League. Salman, whose passion for motorcycles has been prominently featured throughout his film career, is set to bring authentic



enthusiasm and star power to the rapidly growing motorsport in India. Talking about the collaboration, Salman Khan said in a statement, "I am very excited to be a part of something I am truly

passionate about motorcycles and motorsports. What Indian Supercross Racing League is building is truly revolutionary with a long-term vision". He further mentioned, "The league has immense entertainment value and captures the spirit of igniting passion, showcasing skill, and creating heroes who will inspire the next generation. Together, we're set to make Supercross a household name in

India and elevate our riders to the global stage. From classic sequences in 'Maine Pyar Kiya' to high-octane chases in the 'Dabangg' franchise and 'Tiger' series, Salman's on-screen relationship with motorcycles has inspired generations of fans. Meanwhile, on the work front, the superstar is gearing up for his upcoming movie 'Sikandar'. The film marks Salman's return to the big screen after

more than a year. The superstar was last seen in 'Tiger 3'. The Bollywood superstar will be seen opposite Rashmika Mandanna, who is currently basking in the success of 'Pushpa 2: The Rule', and 'Chhaava'. The film is directed by AR Murugadoss, who is known for 'Ghajini'. 'Sikandar' marks the reunion of Salman Khan and Sajid Nadiadwala after their 2014 blockbuster.

A Travel Guide for Women: Celebrating a Safe Holi in Dubai

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Dubai, a city home to nearly 200 nationalities, is renowned for its safety, ranking among the world's most secure destinations with a safety index of 83.7, according to Numbeo's mid-2024 Safety Index by City. This makes it an ideal location for solo female travelers, offering a sense of security as they explore the city day or night. With the upcoming

long Holi weekend, Dubai presents itself as the perfect getaway for women seeking to celebrate the festival of colors in a safe and vibrant environment with family or friends. From seamless arrivals with dedicated, pink-roofed taxis for women and families to women-and-children-only cabins on the Dubai Metro, the city ensures a safe and enjoyable experience. Combined with cultural attractions

and world-class hospitality, here's how women can make the most of their Holi celebrations in Dubai: **Jumeirah Emirates Towers:** Situated in the heart of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), this iconic hotel offers deluxe rooms tailored for female guests. These rooms provide an exclusive experience with service from dedicated female staff. Guests can enjoy stunning city views, an in-room



cosmetics and skincare chiller, bathrobes, slippers, and luxurious ladies' bathroom amenities.

Access to the hotel's top-tier wellness facilities ensures a truly relaxing stay. **Dubai Ladies Club:**

Located on the Jumeirah Beach shoreline, this club features the Moroccan-inspired Al Asalla Spa, a fully-equipped fitness center, swimming pools, and private beach access. Activities include water sports, workouts, art exhibitions, fashion shows, and culinary events. Daily entrance passes provide access to the private ladies-only beach and swimming pool, or the gym. **Bait Al Banat**

Women's Museum: Near Deira's Gold Souk, this museum offers insights into the history of Emirati women and their role in the UAE's development. Translating to 'The Girls' House' in Arabic, the museum's exhibits highlight the lives of individual women, including artists, activists, and scholars, through images, interviews, personal items, letters, and diaries. **Palazzo Versace**

Dubai: Mondays are designated as Ladies' Day at The Spa, where women can enjoy a 50% discount on select treatments, along with a complimentary drink from the beverage selection. Dubai's commitment to safety and its rich cultural offerings make it an ideal destination for women looking to celebrate Holi in a secure and vibrant environment.

CITY CLICKS

Hyderabad FC settles for draw in last ISL league encounter against Kerala Blasters FC



Former champions, Hyderabad FC, settled for a one-all draw against Kerala Blasters FC in the final league match of the Indian Super League (ISL) championship at the GMC Balayogi Stadium here on Wednesday.

The result also meant that Kerala Blasters wrapped up the campaign with 29 points to finish eighth while HFC finished at the penultimate place with 18 points. It was the Kerala outfit which was on the offensive straight away with Korou Singh and Mohammed Aimen interlinking to test the rival defence.

Korou's cross was shot by Aimen but thwarted for a corner, from which the latter supplied a teasing delivery for Dušan Lagator, which was headed in from close range into the bottom right corner in the seventh minute to secure the advantage for the visitors. Aimen and Adrian Luna joined hands around the 20th minute mark, with the latter serving a pass from well around 35 yards out. Aimen backed his instincts to go for a long-range effort and did well to land the shot on target, but Arshdeep Singh held his composure to save the shot in time.

The 22-year-old returned the favour in the 44th minute, turning provider for Luna well inside the 18-yard-box, which the seasoned attacker made an effort at from his left foot, managing to deliver the ball on target. The shot lacked enough power to rattle the net though, and the attack that Hyderabad FC built as a result of this move grabbed them the equaliser.

HCA to spend Rs. 5 cr for Uppal Stadium renovation



Hyderabad Cricket Association president A Jagan Mohan Rao, along with representatives from the BCCI and the Sunrisers Hyderabad franchise, conducted an inspection of the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Uppal on Wednesday. This inspection was part of the preparations for the upcoming IPL season, as the stadium is set to host the home games of the former champions, Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Jagan Mohan Rao emphasized that the renovation works at Uppal Stadium are progressing swiftly, with a budget of Rs 5 crores. He instructed the staff to expedite the work, given that the first IPL match is scheduled to take place in just ten days. The extensive renovations include a complete repainting of the stadium, the construction of new restrooms in the North Stands, and the replacement of air conditioners and tiles in the cricketers' dressing rooms and corporate boxes.

"SRH is also supporting the stadium renovation works under the CSR scheme," Jagan Mohan Rao mentioned, highlighting the collaborative effort in enhancing the stadium's facilities.

The inspection team comprised Vaibhav and Yuvraj from the BCCI, along with Saravanan and Rohit from the Sunrisers Hyderabad team management. Their presence underscored the importance of ensuring that the stadium is fully prepared to meet the standards required for hosting high-profile IPL matches. The collaborative efforts between the Hyderabad Cricket Association, BCCI, and the Sunrisers Hyderabad franchise aim to provide a top-notch experience for both players and spectators, ensuring that the venue is ready to host exciting and memorable cricket matches.

Ex-cricketer Abid Ali no more



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Syed Abid Ali, a renowned all-rounder from Hyderabad and a significant figure in Indian cricket during the 1960s and 1970s, passed away on Wednesday in Tracy, California, USA, at the age of 83. Known for his versatility as a lower-order batsman and medium-pace bowler, Abid Ali was

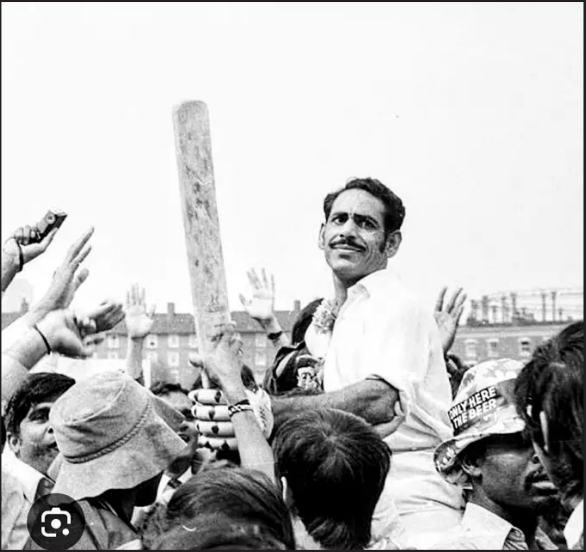
one of India's most successful all-rounders before the era of Kapil Dev. He holds the unique distinction of both opening the batting and bowling for India in seven Test matches, including five against New Zealand in 1968-69 and two against the West Indies in 1971. Abid Ali's cricketing journey began in Hyderabad, where he

initially played as a wicket-keeper for St George's Grammar School and All Saints High School before making his way into the Hyderabad Ranji Trophy team. He made his First Class debut in the 1959-60 season and went on to play 212 matches, scoring 8,732 runs at an average of 29.30, including 13 centuries, with a career-best score of 173 not

out against Kerala in 1968-69. Additionally, he took 397 wickets at an average of 28.55, with 14 five-wicket hauls. His Test career started impressively with a six-wicket haul on debut against Australia in Brisbane in 1967, which were then the best figures for an Indian debutant. Over his career, he played 29 Tests between 1967 and 1974, taking 47 wickets at an average of 42.12 and scoring 1,018 runs at an average of 20.36, including six half-centuries. Abid Ali was also a brilliant close-in fielder, taking 32 catches. In the One-Day format, Abid Ali played five matches between 1974 and 1975, taking seven wickets at

an average of 26.71 and scoring 93 runs at an average of 31.00, with a highest score of 70 against New Zealand in the 1975 World Cup, which was his final international match. After retiring in 1979, Abid Ali moved to the USA, where he coached various club sides. He also served as the coach for the United Arab Emirates Under-15, 17, 19,

and senior teams from 2002 to 2005, as well as the coach for the Hyderabad junior teams and the Andhra Ranji team in the 2000-01 season. Abid Ali's legacy includes an intriguing episode where he had the unusual experience of reading his own obituary after former India cricketer Farokh Engineer mistakenly announced his death on air in the mid-2010s.



India's absence in WTC final to cost Lord's £4 million in revenue

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India's failure to qualify for the World Test Championship final is expected to cost Lord's nearly £4 million pounds in revenue when it hosts the five-day match in June. After finishing as runners-up in the last two editions, India missed out on a spot in the summit clash, with Australia and South Africa now set to battle for the ultimate glory in Test cricket. "Lord's is set to generate nearly £4million less in revenue for the upcoming ICC World Test Championship final after India's failure to qualify," a report in The Times said. "...the absence of India has significantly curtailed the financial windfall expected by Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC),



underscoring the financial influence of Indian cricket across the global game." Having spent most of the past year in the top two of the ICC World Test Championship standings, Rohit Sharma and his team slipped to third place after losing a home series 0-3 to New Zealand, followed by a 1-3 defeat to Australia in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series, thus missing out on the final. MCC had originally set premium ticket prices for the World Test Championship final, anticipating that India's participation would lead to a surge in ticket sales. However, once it became clear that India

would not make it to the final, the MCC revised their strategy and reduced ticket prices. "The decision to be flexible with prices for the World Test Championship final was taken this year, with tickets now being sold at between £40 and £90 about £50 cheaper than they had originally been priced, accounting for the loss in revenue," the report said. The MCC had faced criticism last year during England's Test series against Sri Lanka, when only 9,000 spectators attended the fourth day of the match, prompting them to reconsider their pricing strategy for this event.

ICC ODI rankings: Rohit climbs to third, Gill retains top spot

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India captain Rohit Sharma jumped two places to third in the latest ICC ODI batter rankings following his stellar performance in the Champions Trophy final, while teammate Shubman Gill held on to the top spot. Rohit smashed 76 from just 83 deliveries, helping India secure a four-wicket victory over New Zealand in the summit clash. Star India batter Virat Kohli, who amassed 218 runs in the eight-team ICC tournament, slipped one place to fifth, while Shreyas Iyer remained steady at eighth, keeping four Indians in the top-10. New Zealand trio of Daryl Mitchell (up one place to sixth), Rachin Ravindra (up 14 spots to 14th) and Glenn Phillips (up six rungs to 24th) also made significant gains. New Zealand captain and leftarm spinner Mitchell Santner was a big improver on the updated list



for ODI bowlers. Santner, who claimed nine wickets including two in the final, climbed six spots to second behind Sri Lankan offspinner Maheesh Theekshana. Indian duo -- Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja -- rose three places each to be inside the top-10 following their exploits at the Champions Trophy. Leftarm wrist spinner Kuldeep (up three spots to third) is a big improver on the back of his seven wickets for the tournament. Leftarm spinner Jadeja moved up

three places to 10th following his five wickets for India during their unbeaten run at the Champions Trophy. Afghanistan star Azmatullah Omarzai maintains his lead at the top of the rankings for ODI all-rounders, though he does have some fresh competition from a trio of New Zealand players. Santner rose one place to fourth overall, Michael Bracewell gained seven spots to move to seventh, while Rachin Ravindra climbed eight rungs to improve to eighth.

Gambhir to travel with India A to England!

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After the historic triumph in the Champions Trophy, team India head coach Gautam Gambhir had reportedly charted out his future course of action in line with the team's WTC, ODI and T20 World Cup cycles. With the senior national team out of action for the next three months, Gambhir had decided to travel with India A to England before the start of five-match test series with the senior side. If the reports are true then

Gambhir would become the first head coach in history to do so. Incidentally, there is no designated coach for the reserve team. People who know Gambhir, describe him as someone "boringly consistent", someone who has not even changed his eating pattern in the last 20 years. An experiment is out of question. He loves wearing his denims for casual gatherings and it has not changed for years. But when it comes to cricket, his brain is always ticking and seeking solutions to



various strategic problems. It has been eight months since Gambhir took charge of the national team after Rahul Dravid ended his stint with the T20 World Cup triumph in July.

The man from Delhi's Old Rajinder Nagar has witnessed some heart-breaking and baffling defeats as well as success. He has seen both ends of the spectrum with high of Champions Trophy and low of six Test losses. The CT win has come like a breath of fresh air and 'Guru Gambhir' will get a chance to analyse the big picture as Indian cricket is expected to undergo a sea-change in the next two crucial years. It won't be wrong to say that Gambhir has completed his probation

period and will get into a phase where he would have three distinct challenges, starting with the Test tour of England. That will be, as usual, right after the T20 spectacle known as IPL with no time for preparation. His second big challenge will be the 2026 T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka where Suryakumar Yadav's men will be defending their title. And last but certainly not the least is 2027 ODI World Cup in South Africa, which will be a heluva challenge. If one

segregates Gambhir's coaching across formats, he has already built a fabulous core for the T20 team with Surya at the helm. Even as Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja walked into the sunset in shortest format, their absence was hardly felt as the new brand of cricket that India has been playing in T20 is earning them fans globally. He has unearthed a gem in Abhishek Sharma. When Varun Chakravarthy and Jasprit Bumrah would bowl during a global meet.

Qurram Ali Demands 15% Budget, Edu Minister, Dues Clearance

Allocate 15% Budget to Education, Appoint Minister, Clear Dues, Support Students'

Families: Mir Qurram Ali's Strong Appeal to Govt

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Mir Qurram Ali, the GHMC Coordinator of the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS), has made a series of strong demands to the government to address the growing concerns within the education sector. The leader highlighted critical issues ranging from funding to student welfare, urging immediate action to bolster the education system in the state.

In a press statement today, Qurram Ali outlined five key demands that he believes are essential for the betterment of students and the overall educational landscape: Mir Qurram Ali called on the government to allocate a minimum of 15% of the annual budget to the education sector. He emphasized that adequate funding is vital for improving infrastructure, teacher training, and the overall quality of education. "The future of our youth depends on the strength of our education system. It is crucial that we invest in our children's future by prioritizing education funding," he asserted.

Ali demanded the appointment of a dedicated Education Minister with-



out delay. He argued that the absence of a leader solely responsible for overseeing education policies and reforms has led to significant gaps in the sector. "A dedicated minister will bring the necessary focus and urgency to the issues that have been ignored for far too long," he said.

One of the most emotional appeals made by Ali was for an ex-gratia of ₹50 lakhs for the families of students who tragically lost their lives in Gurukula schools. "It is heart-breaking that students, who are the future of our state, have lost their lives under tragic circumstances. Their families deserve financial support and recognition for their loss," Ali stressed.

Ali also demanded that the government immediately clear the pending fee reimbursements and scholarships owed to stu-

dents. "Thousands of students are waiting for their fee reimbursements and scholarships. These delays are not just an inconvenience—they are causing unnecessary distress among the students and their families," he said.

As part of the Youth Development scheme, Ali suggested that the government provide ₹5 lakh Education Barosa Cards to students, ensuring better access to educational resources. The Education Barosa Cards would allow students to avail themselves of financial aid for tuition fees, books, and other educational materials, enabling them to pursue higher studies without financial barriers.

Ali's demands have garnered support from key leaders within the BRS Party. Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao (KTR), the party's working president,

and Dr. Errolla Srinivas, a senior leader, echoed Ali's concerns and underlined the importance of focusing on education as a fundamental pillar for the state's progress. They both emphasized that a robust education system is central to achieving Telangana's long-term goals of development and prosperity.

"We stand with Advocate Mir Qurram Ali in his demands for better funding, leadership, and welfare measures for students. The government must act now to prevent any further delays in addressing these urgent issues," said KTR in a statement.

The BRSV GHMC Coordinator concluded by calling for immediate action from the government to address the pressing needs of the education sector. He expressed confidence that the government would heed the demands and prioritize the education of the youth, which he described as the backbone of the state's future.

As the demands gain traction, the government's response to this call for urgent reforms in education will be closely monitored by both the public and political observers alike.

KCR and MLA Mahipal Reddy's Meeting Fuels Political Speculation

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On the first day of the Telangana Assembly's budget session, former Chief Minister and BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) attended the proceedings after a long absence. A notable incident took place when Congress MLA G

Mahipal Reddy, who had previously defected from BRS, visited KCR in his chamber.

Mahipal Reddy's unexpected arrival surprised BRS legislators. However, sources revealed that he met KCR to personally invite him to his nephew's wedding. He handed over the invitation and re-

quested KCR's presence at the event along with his family.

Mahipal Reddy had won the Patancheru Assembly seat in Sangareddy district on a BRS ticket in the last elections.

However, after Congress came to power in Telangana, he joined the ruling party. Recently, with the

Supreme Court hearing petitions on disqualifying MLAs who switched parties, speculation has been growing that Reddy is considering a return to BRS.

Following today's meeting, political circles are abuzz with rumours that Mahipal Reddy may soon rejoin BRS.

BRS Demands 20-Day Assembly Session: Harish

CM Revanth Reddy is Bulldozing the Speaker, Ignoring Opposition Voices, say Harish Rao

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Former Minister and BRS leader Harish Rao addressed the media after the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting, outlining the party's key demands for the upcoming assembly session. BRS emphasized the need for the assembly to run for at least 20 days and strongly objected to the alleged leakage of question papers before assembly discussions. The party also accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of pressuring the Speaker to deny the opposition a chance to speak. They urged that speaking time in the assembly be allotted based on numerical strength, a request that was accepted. BRS raised concerns over issues affecting farmers, irrigation, and drinking water supply, demanding discussions on key projects such as

Sumkishala, Peddavagu,



tem pump house, and the SLBC accident. They also insisted that ministers come well-prepared for assembly debates and requested the Speaker's intervention in ensuring development funds for assembly constituencies. Alleviating the state government's failure in water management, BRS claimed that Andhra Pradesh was diverting Telangana's river water while the state government remained inactive. The party further demanded a debate

on the alleged 20% commission system in bill payments and the government's failure to implement its six pre-election guarantees. Raising concerns about the rising number of bars, wine shops, and belt shops, BRS called for discussions on the issue. They also sought clarity on the free Layout Regularization Scheme (LRS) guarantee. Additionally, they accused the government of deliberately neglecting the collapsed pillar of the Kaleshwaram project and demanded its immediate renovation. The party insisted on addressing unemployment concerns and the need for a proper job calendar. Lastly, BRS urged the government to clear pending bills for former sarpanches and small contractors without further delay. With these pressing concerns highlighted, the party awaits the government's response in the upcoming assembly session.

Harish Rao criticises Governor's speech,

calls it a repeat of last year's address

BRS MLA T Harish Rao criticised the Governor's budget speech, stating that it was identical to the one presented last year. He remarked that while the Governor had changed, the content of the speech remained the same.

Reacting to the address, Harish Rao alleged that the Congress government made the Governor present claims that were neither implemented nor delivered to the people. He accused the government of using the speech to cover up its failures over the past one and a half years.

He pointed out that the Governor's address spanned 32 pages and began with quotes from Mahatma Gandhi, but the entire speech was nothing more than a bundle of lies. According to him, the speech failed to reflect the reality of governance in Telangana.

Liquor outlets to remain closed in the view of Holi festival on March 14 in Hyderabad

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Rachakonda Police Commissioner G Sudheer Babu on Wednesday has issued an order on the closure of liquor outlets for the Holi festival from 6am to 6pm on March 14.

The Commissioner said wine shops, toddy shops and bars attached to restaurants, excluding those attached to star hotels and clubs (excluding bars in star hotels and registered clubs) in the Rachakonda Police Commissionerate, would be closed on the day of the festival

Cops warn against causing annoyance In view of Holi



festival, Cyberabad Police Commissioner Avinash Mohanty on Wednesday had issued an order warning citizens against throwing colour or water on unknown persons, places, vehicles or smearing people with colours on roads, causing annoyance.

The order also prohibits groups from moving aimlessly on their vehicles on roads, causing inconvenience to others.

The order will be in effect from 6am on March 14 to 6am on March 15.

Telangana CM Distributes Job Letters to 1,532 Lecturers

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy handed over appointment letters to 1,292 Junior Lecturers and 240 Polytechnic Lecturers at a formal event in Hyderabad on Wednesday. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister extended his congratulations to the newly recruited lecturers and highlighted the significance of their role in shaping the future of Telangana's education sector. The CM emphasised that these jobs are not merely employment opportunities but an emotional achievement for the youth who played a key role in the Telangana state movement. He criticised the previous BRS government for its failure to address unemployment,



stating that job aspirants lost 12 years due to their negligence. The current government, he said, has taken proactive steps and successfully filled 55,163 jobs within the first year of its tenure, providing a permanent solution to the unemployment crisis.

Stressing the importance of education, the Chief Minister remarked that the future of the country and its economy is shaped in classrooms. He urged the newly appointed lecturers

to work with dedication to improve educational standards, which had declined in recent years. He also assured that the government had resolved long-pending issues related to teacher transfers and promotions while implementing necessary reforms in the education sector.

Revanth Reddy also expressed concern over the declining student enrolment in government schools compared to private institutions.

KCR attends Telangana Assembly after one year

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BRS president and Leader of Opposition K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) attended the Telangana Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, marking his first appearance in the House after a gap of one year. Since losing power in November 2023, the former Chief Minister has been largely absent from Assembly proceedings, having attended only twice before - once for taking the oath as an MLA and once during last year's budget session.

In the 2024 budget session, KCR was present only on the presentation of budget and skipped the rest of the session. He was also absent from the monsoon and winter sessions



as well as two special sessions convened by the Congress government. However, his participation in the 2025 budget session has boosted the morale of BRS legislators, who warmly welcomed him to the House.

On his arrival, BRS leaders, including K T Rama Rao, T Harish Rao, G Kamalakar, V Prashanth Reddy, P Kaushik Reddy, K Venkatesh, Krishna Rao, and M Gopal, greeted KCR with

bouquets and accompanied him to his chamber. After spending some time there, KCR entered the House and attended the Governor's one-hour-long address before returning to his chamber. Following a brief stay, he left for his residence at Nandi Nagar.

KCR's reappearance in the Assembly has sparked enthusiasm among BRS members, who see it as a sign of renewed leadership within the party.

Slogan War Erupts Between Cong & BRS in TG Assembly

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The first day of the Budget session of the Telangana Legislature witnessed a competitive sloganeering between ruling Congress and opposition BRS members in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday. The session began with Governor Jishnu Dev Varma addressing the joint session of the Telangana Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, but was soon disrupted by opposition BRS members

raising slogans against the Congress government.

Marking his return to the Assembly after seven months, BRS chief and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao was present as his party members vocally opposed the Governor's address. Whenever the Governor highlighted Congress-led government's achievements, welfare schemes, and development programmes BRS members countered with chants of "bogus and fake." Accusing the Congress government of corruption, they

repeatedly shouted "20% commission" slogans, alleging that commissions were being taken to clear bills.

Congress MLAs did not hold back, responding with their own slogans and desk-thumping in defence of their government's initiatives. The clash intensified when the Governor mentioned Congress government's achievements of waiving crop loans worth '20,616 crore, providing a '500 per quintal bonus for paddy, offering gas cylinders at Rs 500, launching the Ma-

halakshmi free bus scheme for women, filling over 55,000 government jobs within a year, securing huge investments at the Davos WEF summit, plans for developing Future City, and protecting Telangana's water interests in the Krishna river dispute. Among the BRS members leading the protest from the back benches were K.T. Rama Rao, Kalvakuntla Kavitha, and Padi Kaushik Reddy, who repeatedly chanted "bogus and fake." However, BRS chief Chandrashekar Rao and senior leader T. Har-

ish Rao, seated in the front row, remained silent throughout the session. Chandrashekar Rao entered the House at 10.55 am, five minutes before the session commenced at 11 am. He remained seated through the Governor's speech and left soon after its conclusion. A few ministers and Congress MLAs greeted him with folded hands from their seats, to which he responded similarly. Minister Tummala Nageshwar Rao, however, approached him personally for a handshake.

BJP leader Maheshwar Reddy slams Governor's speech, calls it a 'Bundle of Lies'

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BJP floor leader A Maheshwar Reddy criticised the Governor's budget speech, stating that while he expected a visionary document, it turned out to be a bundle of lies. Reacting to the speech, he accused the Congress government of making the Governor present false claims that did not reflect the ground reality. Maheshwar Reddy pointed out that the speech failed to mention Congress's six poll guarantees, which played a crucial role in the party's victory. He alleged that the



government misled the public by showcasing projects and schemes that were never implemented. He specifically targeted the claim that 100% of farmers' loans had been waived, calling it a blatant lie.

Highlighting the Mahalakshmi scheme, he reminded that Congress had promised Rs 2,500 monthly financial assistance to women and free scooters for girl students, yet these

promises were absent from the Governor's address. He also criticised the government for failing to present any concrete plans to tackle unemployment, stating that the speech only contained false assurances to mislead the youth. Maheshwar Reddy also expressed his strong objection to the reduction of Assembly sittings. He questioned how public issues and discussions on departmental bills could be completed in just five days, accusing the Congress government of trying to rush through proceedings without proper debate.