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"He Is Still...": Amit Shah On K Annamalai 'Being Removed' For AIADMK Alliance



Refusing to be drawn into the speculation surrounding K Annamalai's removal as the Tamil Nadu president of the BJP, Union Home Minister and senior party leader Amit Shah has said Mr Annamalai still holds the post. During a press conference on Friday announcing that the alliance between the AIADMK and the BJP was being renewed, Mr Shah was asked about reports of Mr Annamalai being removed because Edappadi K Palaniswami did not want the tie-up to proceed until that happened. "This is not true at all. Mr Annamalai is the state president **CONTINUE:P4**

PM Modi lays stone for 44 projects worth Rs 3,880 crore in Varanasi

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Targeting the Opposition, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that those going after power focussed mainly on promoting their own families and not national interest, while his government works on the theme of inclusive development. Addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone of 44 projects worth Rs 3,880 crore in his parliamentary constituency Varanasi, the Prime Minister said, "Our guiding mantra in serving the nation has always been 'Sabka Saath,



Sabka Vikas'. With this spirit, we continue to move forward for the betterment of every citizen." Taking a swipe at the Opposition, Modi stated that, in contrast, those who are power-hungry play political games day and night, driven not by national interest but by a single-minded focus on family-based support and family-centric development. "Those who play games day and night only to grab power...their guiding principle is 'parivar ka saath, parivar ka vikas' (family support, family development)," he said. The Prime Minister, who began his speech by greeting the people in Bhojpur, also paid tribute to Dalit reformer Mahatma Jyotiba Phule on his birth anniversary, recognising his contributions to social equality and women's empowerment. "Today, we are carrying forward their ideas with new energy," Modi said while reiterating his government's focus on all-round development.

CM Revanth Reddy directs fast-tracking of Musi River and Mir Alam Tank bridge projects

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday directed officials to expedite the works under the Musi River rejuvenation project, including the iconic bridge proposed across Mir Alam Tank and the development of Gandhi Sarovar near Bapughat. During a high-level review meeting held at the Command Control Centre, the Chief Minister reviewed the design model of the upcoming bridge across Mir Alam Tank. He



instructed officials to complete the survey and prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) by June and to initiate the tendering process within the same timeline. Revanth Reddy emphasised that the proposed 2.5-km-long bridge

should be constructed with an aesthetic design, prioritising tourist safety and comfort. He advised that the design reflect international standards, similar to Singapore's "Gardens by the Bay", and proposed developing three islands near Mir

Alam Tank with attractions like bird sanctuaries, artificial waterfalls, a convention centre for weddings and events, an adventure park, a theme park, and an amphitheatre. The Chief Minister also directed officials to clean the tank and introduce boating facilities, as well as explore establishing resorts and hotels around the area. He stressed the need to design the project based on water flow patterns during heavy rains and floods to prevent future challenges.

Tahawwur Rana sent to 18-day NIA custody

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A Delhi court on Friday sent Mumbai terror attack case accused Tahawwur Hussain Rana to 18-day NIA custody. Special National Investigation Agency (NIA) judge Chander Jit Singh sent Rana to custody on an application of NIA seeking his 20-day custody. Rana



was brought to the Patiala House Court in a cavalcade, including a jail van, an armoured SWAT ve-

hicle and an ambulance, on late Thursday night. The 64-year-old Pakistani-origin Canadian

businessman, a close associate of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks main conspirator David Coleman Headley alias Daood Gilani, a US citizen, was brought to India after the US Supreme Court on April 4 dismissed his review plea against his extradition. According to sources, the NIA had sought Rana's custody for 20 days to interrogate

him, citing clinching evidence including various emails. The agency told the court that Rana's interrogation was necessary to unearth the larger conspiracy behind the 2008 attacks. It also told the court that it had to look into his role as a planner of the attacks. The NIA said that as part of the criminal **CONTINUE:P5**

Trump admits trade war 'cost' as markets hit

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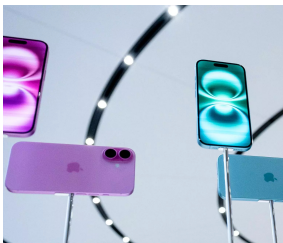
Jitters about US tariffs hammered Asian stocks again early Friday as President Donald Trump acknowledged a "cost" to his surging trade offensive against superpower rival China. The US leader said Thursday that the European Union was "very smart" to back off from imposing retaliatory tariffs because of his tough stance on China even as the bloc's chief warned it could tax US Big Tech. "(The EU) were ready to announce retaliation. And then they heard about what we did with respect

to China... and they said, you know, 'We're going to hold back a little bit,'" Trump said. Trump acknowledged "a transition cost and transition problems," but dismissed global market turmoil. "In the end it's going to be a beautiful thing." On Wall Street, the broad-based S&P 500 finished down 3.5 percent on Thursday after soaring 9.5 percent the day before. The Dow Jones shed 2.5 percent and the Nasdaq 4.3 percent. In early trade in Asia Friday, Japan's Nikkei tumbled over five percent, handing back some of the 9.1-percent gain of **CONTINUE:P4**

Apple airlifts 600 tons of iPhones from India to beat Trump tariffs: Report

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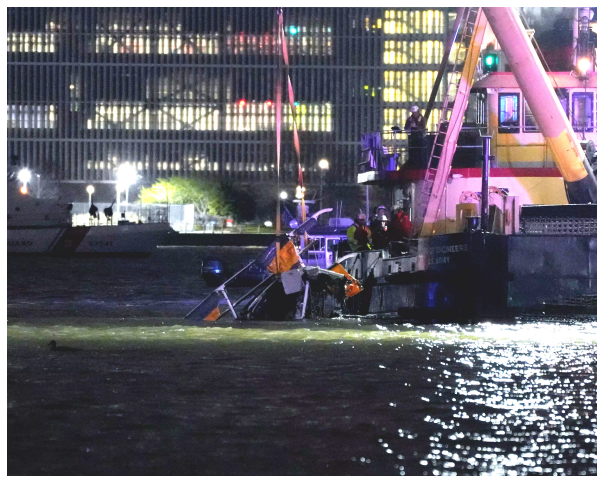
Tech giant Apple chartered cargo flights to ferry 600 tons of iPhones, or as many as 1.5 million, to the United States from India, after it stepped up production there in an effort to beat President Donald Trump's tariffs, sources told Reuters. The details of the push provide an insight into the U.S. smartphone company's private strategy to navigate around the Trump tariffs and build up inventory of its popular iPhones in the United States, one of its biggest markets. Analysts have warned



that U.S. prices of iPhones could surge, given Apple's high reliance on imports from China, the main manufacturing hub of the devices, which is subject to Trump's highest tariff rate of 125%. That figure is far in excess of the tariff of 26% on imports from India, but which is now on hold after Trump called a 90-day pause this week that excludes China.

Apple "wanted to beat the tariff," said one of the sources familiar with the planning. The company lobbied Indian airport authorities to cut to six hours the time needed to clear customs at the Chennai airport in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, down from 30 hours, the source added. The so-called "green corridor" arrangement at the airport in the Indian manufacturing hub emulated a model Apple uses at some airports in China, the source said. About six cargo jets with a capacity of 100 tons each have flown out since March, one of **CONTINUE:P6**

Six dead in helicopter crash in New York



The wreckage of a helicopter is removed from the water after crashing into the Hudson River, in the Newport neighborhood of Jersey City, New Jersey.

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A helicopter broke apart in midair and crashed upside-down into the Hudson River between Manhattan and the New Jersey waterfront Thursday, killing six people in the latest high-profile aviation disaster in the U.S., according to witnesses and a law enforcement official. The New York Fire Department said it received a report of the crash at 3:17 p.m. All six people aboard were killed, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press. The official was not authorized to speak publicly

and did so on condition of anonymity. Witness Bruce Wall said he saw the helicopter "falling apart" in midair, with the tail and propeller coming off. The propeller was still spinning without the aircraft as it fell, he said. Lesly Camacho, a hostess at a restaurant along the river in Hoboken, New Jersey, said she saw the helicopter spinning uncontrollably before it slammed into the water. "There was a bunch of smoke coming out. It was spinning pretty fast, and it landed in the water really hard," she said in a phone interview. **CONTINUE:P4**

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BJP-AIADMK alliance confirmed for 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly Elections

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The All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday announced an alliance for the Tamil Nadu assembly elections 2026 in a joint press conference. Union home minister Amit Shah formally announced while adding that Edappadi K Palaniswami will lead NDA in the elections. "AIADMK and BJP leaders have decided that AIADMK, BJP and all the alliance parties will contest the upcoming Vidhan Sabha elections in Tamil Nadu together as NDA," Shah said. "These elections will be contested under the leadership of PM Modi on a national level and under the leadership of AIADMK leader Edappadi K Pala-



niswami on the state level," he said. On the question of conditions put forth for alliance by AIADMK, Shah refuted the reports asserting "there was no demand" by the party. Shah also said that AIADMK has been part of the NDA since 1998 and PM Modi and former CM and AIADMK chief J Jayalalithaa had worked together in the past. Shah while answering to "what took so long" question said, "It took time because this alliance is now permanent.

3 Telangana Ministers assess crop damage in Siddipet

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Three Telangana Ministers D. Sridhar Babu, Thummala Nageswara Rao and Ponnamp Prabhakar on Friday assured farmers, who suffered losses because of unseasonal rains that lashed several parts of the State in the last few days, that the State government would support them on all fronts. Agriculture Minister Nageswara Rao, Industries Minister Sridhar Babu, and Backward



Classes Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar gave the assurance to farmers while inspecting crops damaged during the recent hailstorm at Ibrahimnagar in Siddipet district.

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Harish Rao to Revanth: BAS Fund Delay Hurting 25,000 Poor Students


Harish Rao Slams Revanth Reddy Govt: 'Neglect of Best Available Schools Scheme is a Curse on 25,000 Poor Students

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Former Minister T. Harish Rao has penned a strongly-worded letter to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, urging immediate action regarding the pending release of funds for the Best Available Schools (BAS) scheme. In his letter, Harish Rao expressed deep concern over the non-payment of dues for the last two academic years, which he says has severely impacted the welfare of thousands of students from Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST). "The negligence of your government in releasing

funds for the 150 BAS institutions has turned into a curse for the students and school managements alike," wrote Harish Rao. Highlighting the distressing conditions, he pointed out that students are facing serious hardships due to a lack of basic amenities such as food and accommodation, while school administrators are sinking into debt in their efforts to keep the schools running. The former Minister recounted the desperate measures taken by school managements, including mortgaging personal gold and borrowing money from banks to meet expenses. "They are unable

to repay their loans or EMIs, and in one tragic case, a school owner in Wanaparthy even died by suicide due to mounting financial pressure," he stated. Rao questioned the silence of the Congress government on such critical issues and condemned what he described as a "careless attitude," accusing the Chief Minister of failing to act despite holding the additional portfolio of the Education Department. Reiterating the significance of the BAS initiative, Rao noted that it was a flagship program launched and expanded under the BRS government after 2014. "This scheme was retained



without any political bias because it directly contributed to providing quality education to poor students," he said. The scheme, which began with just 80 schools, was expanded to 150 institutions and benefited nearly 25,000 students annually—18,000 from SC communities and 7,000 from ST communities. He added that many of the students benefiting from this scheme are the first in their families to attend school, including

children of joginis, bonded laborers, and marginalized workers. "This scheme has been a beacon of social change, offering educational access to those who have historically been denied such opportunities," Harish Rao wrote. Rao detailed the budgetary commitment made by the previous BRS government, which increased the per-student funding from Rs 8,000 to Rs 42,000. "An annual budget of Rs 130 crore was earmarked, and funds were released consistently during our nine-and-a-half-year tenure," he said. He credited the scheme with helping students gain admissions to

top-tier institutions like IITs and IIITs. However, Rao criticized the Congress government for not releasing the remaining Rs 80 crore for the 2023–24 academic year. He clarified that the BRS government had released the first tranche of Rs 50 crore, but due to the Model Code of Conduct during the elections, the second installment could not be processed. "Since coming to power, your government has completely neglected the scheme. Even the 2024–25 academic year's funds have not been released," he added. Rao also mentioned that a formal letter had been sent to Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti

Vikramarka in August 2024, highlighting the dire state of these schools. "Despite repeated appeals from managements and stakeholders, there has been no response from your administration. The schools are now in a state of uncertainty, and the future of 25,000 students hangs in the balance," he wrote. Concluding his letter, Harish Rao demanded that the government immediately release the arrears pending for two years and ensure the continuation of the BAS scheme in its original spirit. "This scheme is not just about education—it is about empowering the most

Niranjan Reddy Warns of Severe Losses to Telangana Due to AP's Projects on Krishna River

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Former Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy has raised alarms over Andhra Pradesh's ongoing irrigation projects on the Krishna River, warning that they could lead to severe water shortages in Telangana. He specifically pointed to the lining works of the



Srisailem Right Main Canal (SRMC), which will increase its capacity from 44,000 to 89,762 cusecs. This would enable AP to divert more water to Rayalaseema through schemes like the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme.Reddy

stated that this will reduce water availability for Telangana's major projects such as Nagarjunasagar, Kalwakurthy, and Palamuru-Rangareddy, especially during droughts. He also warned of disruptions in power generation due to declining water levels in the Srisailem reservoir. He accused the AP government of violating the Andhra Pradesh Reorga-

nisation Act, 2014, by taking up these projects without approvals from the KRMB or Apex Council. He criticized the Telangana Congress government for remaining passive and alleged that the Centre-backed TDP government is exploiting Krishna waters for political gain. He demanded immediate action to safeguard Telangana's interests.

KTR, Harish Rao pay tributes to Mahatma Phule on his birth anniversary

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao paid rich tributes to social reformer Mahatma Jyotiba Phule during his birth anniversary celebrations held at Telangana Bhavan on Friday. He recalled Phule's significant contributions to social justice, education, and women's empowerment. Speaking on the occasion, Rama Rao said the K Chandrashekhara Rao government in Telangana has walked in

the footsteps of Phule by prioritising education for the marginalised. He remembered the spirit of Phule, the BRS government established a large number of Gurukul schools and introduced scholarships for overseas education. Around 7,000 students have received world-class education under this initiative, he said. He also stated that the government honoured Phule by naming BC residential institutions after him and also providing

scholarships to BC students, promoting higher education opportunities for students from backward classes. In a separate statement, former Minister T Harish Rao hailed Phule as a beacon of social reform, particularly in his fight against caste and gender discrimination. "His vision of equality, education and rights protection formed the foundation of the BRS government's nine-and-a-half years in power," he said.

AAP to Contest Telangana Local Body Polls; Invites Common Citizens to Apply via QR Code

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Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will contest the upcoming local body elections across Telangana, announced AAP Telangana State Convenor Dr. Diddi Sudhakar at a press conference held at Deshodharaka Bhavan, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad.As part of its national expansion strategy, AAP has released a QR code poster inviting citizens to apply as candidates. Dr. Sudhakar emphasized that even non-members of the party can apply, provided they are



transparent and accountable individuals committed to public service. "We are giving a platform to the common man to participate in governance. This is the first time AAP will contest all local body seats in Telangana," he said.Dr. Sudhakar added that AAP is committed to bringing quality

education, healthcare, and livelihood to every section of society, including farmers, women, and youth. "The national leadership has decided to contest local elections across India to expand our footprint and promote our model of governance," he stated.Highlighting the

party's growing success in local elections in various states, Dr. Sudhakar said that AAP aims to replicate similar milestones in Telangana. The party will campaign on issues affecting the common people and aims to provide a credible alternative in local governance.Several party leaders including Javed Sharif, Narsing Yamuna Goud, Dr. Lakshya Naidu, Sudharani, Shahbaz, Liaquat Khan, Lata, Mounika, Dharmender Tiwari, Swami, Suresh, Julakanti Nagaraj, and Vijay Mullangi were present at the event.

Drones, GPS Trackers Used to Track Women Lost in Forest

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In a dramatic rescue operation in the Kappanapalli forests of Mamada, four women who got lost while collecting Tendu leaves were safely recovered on Friday morning. The women, identified as Rajula Radha (35), Kambala Lingavva (36), Gatla Meedi Laxmi (40), and Bathula Saroja (40) of

Kappanapalli village from the Naikpod community, had entered the forest at 4 pm on Thursday and lost their way in the evening. Villagers alerted forest officials when the women failed to return by nightfall. A coordinated search operation by local police and forest authorities, which included the use of drones and GPS tracking, was

launched. A special police party led by ASP Rajesh Meena entered the forest at 5 am and located the stranded women around 8.15 am near Bheemanna Hill, approximately 4 km inside the forest. The rescue comes after a nerve-racking night for the women, who had to fend off fears of wild animal attacks and protect themselves using wooden sticks

and stones. One of the rescued women recounted their ordeal, explaining that a poor mobile signal hampered their attempts to call for help. The families of the women expressed immense relief following the rescue. Later, the four women were seen collecting Tendu leaves, which are expected to earn them about Rs 700 each.

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They interacted with farmers to assess the extent of losses incurred. They assured the farmers not to panic, affirming that the government stands firmly in support of them. The Ministers were on the way to Sircilla in erstwhile Karimnagar district when they inspected the damaged crops. Senior officials from the agriculture, horticulture and revenue departments were also present during the inspection. At the field-level, the officers from the agriculture and horticulture are conducting inspections in villages to assess the damage caused to crops and mango trees due to the recent rains. After completion of the assessment, the officers would submit a detailed report to the head office for necessary action.

BJP ramps up BC, SC outreach

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The BJP has planned a series of programmes to celebrate Dr BR Ambedkar's birth anniversary from April 13 to 25 across the state. "BJP workers will hold bike rallies from booth level to district level. They will conduct cleanliness drives near Ambedkar statues, decorate them with colourful lights and organise events involving local Dalit and Bahujan leaders. On April 14, party workers will garland Ambedkar statues and read out the Preamble of the Constitution," said BJP spokesperson Rani Rudrama. Between April 15 and 25, the party will conduct conventions, seminars and workshops involving

intellectuals, poets, artists, social reformers, doctors, engineers and trade union leaders. "These events will highlight how the Congress strayed from Dr Ambedkar's ideals over the past 74 years and what the BJP has done in the last decade to uphold his legacy," explained Rudrama. By combining Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations with a strong push for BC representation, the BJP aims to consolidate support among marginalised communities, which account for nearly 74 per cent of Telangana's population. The move is seen as part of a larger effort to expand the party's electoral footprint in the state. During this campaign, BJP leaders will also share meals with Dalit families as part of their outreach.

Mega Blood Donation Camp Organized by TNGOs Union to Mark Ambedkar and Phule Birth Anniversaries

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In a heartfelt tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Mahatma Jyotirao Phule on the eve of their birth anniversaries, a Mega Blood Donation Camp was organized today by government employees under the aegis of Maram Jagdeshwar and Dr. S.M. Hussaini (Mujeeb), Telangana Non-Gazetted Officers' Central Union, along with Executive Members of Hyderabad District.The event, held at Gruhakalpa Complex, TNGOs



Union, Nampally, witnessed an enthusiastic participation from employees of various government departments. The initiative aimed to uphold Ambedkar's ideals of social justice and service by addressing the region's critical need for blood.

Speaker of the Telangana Legislative Assembly, Gaddam Prasad Kumar, attended as chief guest and emphasized the significance of community welfare. Leaders including Md. Faheemuddin Qureshi, MLC Kodandaram, and Amir

Javed echoed the sentiment.The camp was organized in collaboration with MNJ, OGH, King Koti, IPM, and the Thalassemia & Sickle Cell Society Blood Banks. Medical professionals ensured safe donation procedures. The collected blood will be used to support patients in need, embodying Ambedkar's legacy of compassion and service.Numerous union leaders, district representatives, and retired employees also took part, contributing to the event's success.

What’s wrong in BJP MP Arvind wishing Sridhar Babu to become Telangana Chief Minister: Mahesh Kumar Goud

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Making a surprising statement that would raise many eyebrows in Gandhi Bhavan, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud said there was nothing wrong in BJP MP D Arvind’s comments that Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu was eligible to be the Chief Minister. “If Sridhar Babu and D Arvind were good friends and what’s wrong in one friend wishing his friend to become a Chief Minister,” he asked. Like Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, the Industries Minister played a crucial role in the de-



velopment of the State. It was the Chief Minister and Sridhar Babu, who had secured investments to the State during their foreign trips, Mahesh Kumar Goud stressed at a press conference here on Friday. The TPCC president said the Rs 10,000 crore raised by TGIIC through bonds by mortgaging

400 acres at Kancha Gachibowli were used for crop loan waiver and bonus for paddy. He claimed that the 400 acres at Kancha Gachibowli were government lands and the same were allotted to TGIIC at Rs 75 crore per acre. In turn, TGIIC had raised Rs.10,000 crore through bonds in associ-

ation with ICICI Bank, he admitted. “The Telangana Congress offered Rs 10,000 crore to farmers. Unable to stomach this, BRS working president KT Rama Rao was making an unwanted issue,” Mahesh Kumar Goud said. Countering the BRS working president’s charges on misuse of Rs 175 crore, the TPCC president said it was all white money. It was an official transaction, he explained. Government floated tenders as agency services were required to raise loans. It was a general practice to hire agencies and there was no scam as being claimed by Rama Rao,

he defended. Opposition parties have been claiming that they were forest land and the Central Empowered Committee visited and found bushes in the land. Using fake images and videos created by AI, people were being misled over the lands, he charged. The TPCC president challenged the BRS working president for a debate on the destruction of land and scams during the BRS tenure. “If new IT and corporate companies come up in the 400 acres, five lakhs jobs will be created,” Mahesh Kumar Goud said.

Adi Srinivas Slams BJP's Leadership Confusion and Corporate Donations

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Government Whip Adi Srinivas came down heavily on the Telangana BJP, mocking the party for acting like "parrot astrologers" with their baseless speculations about a change in the state’s Chief Minister.Srinivas questioned the BJP's internal confusion, saying, “You can’t even decide on your state party president, and you’re talking about changing the Chief Minister?” He accused several BJP leaders of creating internal chaos in hopes of grabbing the party president’s post, while ignoring pressing issues within their own ranks.Pointing to BJP



MLA Raja Singh's frequent controversial remarks, he said the party should focus on resolving its internal matters first. Srinivas also took a jibe at BJP MP Dharmapuri Arvind, likening his statements to "Chiruka astrology," aimed only at creating sensation.Refuting Arvind’s claim that CM Revanth Reddy is a “paper tiger,” Srinivas responded sharply, “Every-

one knows what kind of tiger Revanth Reddy is. Even KCR, who suffered a massive defeat, asked Kishan Reddy what Revanth was.”Taking aim at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said, “A Prime Minister who hasn’t held a single press meet in 11 years – is he a tiger or a cat?”On the issue of political funding, Srinivas slammed the BJP, citing the ₹2,243 crore received from over 8,000 corporate donors. “If BJP doesn’t collect money, where did all this come from? Let Arvind answer that,” he demanded.He concluded by saying, “We don’t need governance lessons from BJP. It’s the Congress that is setting the example.”

Avani Sanstha Boosts Income for Self-Employed Women Through Skill Training

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Avani Vachalyam Sanstha has taken a significant step toward empowering self-employed women by offering training programs that enhance their financial independence. In a recent event held in Hyderabad, the organization conducted a workshop on surf making, aiming to create sustainable income opportunities for women. Speaking on the occasion, Avani Vachalyam Sanstha President Raghu Swamy emphasized the importance of economic self-reliance for women. He noted that despite rapid development across sectors, many women remain economically disadvantaged. “By learning skills like surf making, women can begin their own ventures and generate income independently,” he said.Raghu Swamy personally demonstrated the process of making surf and explained how the product, once prepared, would be marketed to ensure income generation for the trainees. He highlighted that such small-scale and cottage industries play a vital role in driving grassroots-level economic empowerment.



“These initiatives not only offer financial stability but also help boost confidence and self-esteem among women,” he added.The event saw enthusiastic participation from several women, including Archana, Chandra, Rani, Jyoti Srinivas, and Amrutha Chakravarthy. The participants appreciated the hands-on training and expressed optimism about starting their own surf-making units.Avani Vachalyam Sanstha aims to continue such programs in the future, focusing on skill development and entrepreneurship among women. The initiative stands as a beacon of hope for many, reinforcing the message that financial independence is achievable through practical skills and determination.

BJP Celebrates Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jayanti, Slams Congress on BC Reservations and Caste Census

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The birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, renowned social reformer and pioneer of social justice, were held at the BJP Telangana state office. Rajya Sabha MP and BJP OBC Morcha National President Dr. K. Laxman attended as the chief guest, paying floral tributes to Phule's portrait. Several party leaders including BJP MLAs Palvai Harish Babu, State Organizational General Secretary Chandrashekhara Tiwari, OBC Morcha State President Anand Goud, and Hyderabad Local Bodies MLC



candidate Gautam Rao also participated. Speaking at the event, Dr. Laxman said the Modi-led central government is working in line with the ideals of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, emphasizing social justice through initiatives like Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas. He highlighted that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership,

fair reservations have been provided to BCs, SCs, STs, and even economically weaker sections among upper castes. “Modi is being hailed as ‘Abhinava Jyotirao Phule’,” he said.Dr. Laxman criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for politicizing the caste census and accused the Revanth Reddy-led Telangana gov-

ernment of misleading BCs under the guise of social justice. He alleged that the recent caste census was aimed at benefiting the Muslim community and reducing BC share in reservations. He further attacked the Congress for attempting to include Muslims in the OBC category, claiming it would dilute the

rights of BCs. He also condemned the Congress government's move to implement 42% BC reservation in local body elections by invoking the 9th Schedule, calling it a tactic to evade responsibility. Dr. Laxman asserted that BJP had pledged to make a BC the Chief Minister of Telangana based on population proportion and accused Congress and BRS of paying lip service to BCs. He urged the state government to implement 42% reservations through Article 243(D) without delay, warning that BJP would take up the BC cause if it fails to act.

Tensions Flare at Jyotirao Phule Statue Unveiling in Filmnagar

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The unveiling ceremony of the statue of social reformer Jyotirao Phule and his wife at Filmnagar in Jubilee Hills turned chaotic on Friday, with political tensions running high throughout the day.Members of Jagruti and the United Phule Front arrived at the Filmnagar Police Station in large numbers, leading to a tense situation. The uproar was triggered by controversial remarks made by BC community leader Jajula Srinivas Goud, allegedly targeting MLC Kalkavuntla



Kavitha. Strongly condemning these remarks, local Congress corporator Veldanda Venkatesh took the stage at the event, demanded an apology from Goud, and lodged a formal complaint at the Filmnagar Police Station. Corporator Venkatesh criticized the silence of senior Congress leaders, including

TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud and former MPs, over such derogatory statements against women. He questioned why they had not acted to stop such behavior. Venkatesh further challenged BC leaders making such comments, suggesting that if they truly support the Congress, they should shed their caste-based affiliations and embrace the party wholeheartedly by donning Congress scarves.The incident has sparked a political debate, with calls for accountability and respect in public discourse.

BRSV leaders Pays Tribute on Phule Jayanti at Telangana Bhavan

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BRSV GHMC Coordinator and advocate Mir Quram Ali today participated in the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jayanti celebrations held at Telangana Bhavan. On the occasion, he paid floral tributes to the portrait of the great social reformer.The event witnessed the participation of several prominent leaders, including former ministers, MLAs, MLCs, BC



Member Kishore, BRSV Vice President Tunga Balu, and other party leaders. The gathering honored the legacy of Phule, who championed social justice,

equality, and education for the underprivileged.The leaders collectively emphasized the importance of following Phule’s ideals in today’s society.

Kukatpally constituency is being destroyed by illegal constructions with MLA involvement: Dr. Satyam Srirangam

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MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao alleged fifty buildings in the Housing Board are illegal constructions and money is being collected from them. He asked the reporters to find the truth. On this, TPCC official spokesperson Dr. Satyam Srirangam said in a statement that he is also making an appeal to the journalists . The MLA talked about the 15th phase, next to the building built in HIG 63, next to where I am building a house in the 15th phase, the current line 33 KV line, 11 KV line will go. Even if one person dies during the construction there, FIR NO 1082 / 2024 will be recorded. Will the MLA be responsible if someone dies in another incident after the completion of this apartment tomorrow? The same builder is building seven buildings in the 15th phase, if there are forty plots there, he is the only one building seven buildings, that is, he is building 11 flats in each plot. Finally, your culmination is that the apartments next to my house in HIG 63, 67 were seized, and the siege was violated and built. It is necessary to find out who collected money and built houses. He said that your followers who are collecting money from illegal building constructions. During your farmhouse rule, this same shadow collected money by naming two hundred reporters and also gave them properties. Whether you planted plants in empty lands,



put boxes, and set up sittings for wines and illegally collected money every month, you are responsible for all this. Today, you and your shadow are the reason why the Housing Board colony is so badly built that vehicle cannot pass on every road. He said that our people's government will protect the Kukatpally Housing Board lands. Now, among these fifty builders who have been seized in apartments, are there any Congress party leaders as builders or contractors, or are there BRS leaders as builders or contractors in the Kukatpally constituency Dr Satyam srirangam questioned. your corporators, division presidents, or their close associates in many illegal structures from Bowenpally to KPHB, from Allapur to Balanagar, or are there any Congress party leaders he asked. The BRS leaders, who are making only one appeal to the Congress party leaders, said, "Let us bring out all the illegal buildings and the number of people who are building them in their benami names and let us tell the authorities.

Jampana Pratap Leads Phule Jayanti Celebrations in Secunderabad

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Mahatma Jyothirao Phule Jayanti was commemorated with reverence and fervor at New Bowenpally Chawrastha on Friday, in a program organized by Yanamala Srinivas. Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap attended the event as chief guest and paid floral tributes to the social reformer's portrait, celebrating his contributions toward caste abolition and women’s empowerment.



In his keynote address, Jampana Pratap hailed Phule as a visionary who dedicated his life to dismantling the barriers of caste discrimination and untouchability.

“Mahatma Phule was a true pioneer of social justice. His tireless efforts to uplift marginalized communities remain a guiding light in our journey toward an inclusive society,” he

stated.Pratap also emphasized Phule’s groundbreaking initiatives in women's education, noting that he, along with his wife Savitribai Phule, opened the first school for girls in India. “He recognized early on that education is the key to liberation, especially for women. His courage in challenging societal norms continues to inspire us,” Pratap added.The event saw the active participation of notable figures including Prabhugupta Sai Baba Yadav, Ashok Kumar, Kondal Yadav, Amir, Arun Yadav, Mukesh Yadav, Om Prakash, and others. Attendees

echoed the relevance of Phule's ideals in modern times and called for sustained efforts to eradicate caste-based inequalities. Jampana Pratap concluded his address with a strong message: “Let us pledge to carry forward Mahatma Jyothirao Phule’s mission by promoting education for every girl child and ensuring justice for all. That is the true tribute to his legacy.”The event ended on a united note, with attendees reaffirming their commitment to Phule’s principles of equality, education, and social reform.

Who Was Agustin Escobar, Siemens Executive Killed In New York Chopper Crash

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Agustin Escobar, a top Spanish executive at technology company Siemens, was among six people killed in a helicopter crash on Thursday. His wife, Merce Camprubi Montal, and their three children - aged 4, 5, and 11 - also died when their chopper crashed into the Hudson River. The Barcelona-based family was reportedly on a sightseeing trip in New York City.

The pilot, who also died in the crash, has not yet been publicly identified. The New York City Fire Department received a call at around 3:15 pm reporting that a Bell 306 helicopter plunged into the river along Manhattan. Hours later, Mayor Eric Adams confirmed all six people on board were dead. Who was Agustin Escobar?

Agustin Escobar was the chief executive of Siemens' Spanish division. He studied Electrical Industrial Engineering at Universidad Pontificia Comillas. In 2002, he completed an MBA from Universidad de Alcalá. In 2005, he also did an Executive MBA in Business Administration from IE Business School, as per his LinkedIn account. Mr Escobar worked at Siemens for more than 27 years. He started working at the company in 1998 as Head of Sales and Project Management for Power Automation Systems in Spain. Over the years, he took on bigger roles and led several business units, winning multiple Siemens Country Awards along the way. He also worked on electric car infrastructure projects across Southwest Europe. In 2010, he moved to New York City to handle inter-

"We Never Negotiate At Gunpoint": Piyush Goyal, S Jaishankar Double Down On US

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India will never negotiate at gunpoint, nor will it hurry into any deal over issues that are in the interest of its people, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said after Donald Trump's move to "pause" the reciprocal tariffs Washington had imposed on New Delhi for a period of 90 days. The move was seen as a limited window for India and the United States to speedily conclude a bilateral trade agreement that is currently being negotiated by both sides. We will always put India first and will ensure that a deal is finalised keeping that sentiment in mind, the minister said, adding that "time constraints" may only be seen a motivating factor. "We never negotiate at gunpoint. Favourable time constraints motivate us for quicker talks, but till the time we are not able to secure the interest of our

country and our people, we do not hurry (into any deal)," Mr Goyal said. Speaking at the Italy-India Business, Science, and Technology Forum, Mr Goyal gave an update about how India's trade talks are progressing with the US, the UK, the European Union, and several other nations globally. "All our trade talks are progressing well, in the spirit of India First, and to ensure our pathway to Viksit Bharat by 2047 in the Amrit Kaal," he said without giving specifics of any deal. He however mentioned that "Trade talks proceed when both sides are sensitive to each other's concerns and requirements." Meanwhile, at another forum - the Carnegie Global Technology Summit - External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar too, spoke about India's trade talks with several nations and blocs, including with the United States.

"He Is Still...": Amit Shah On K Annamalai 'Being Removed' For AIADMK Alliance

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Refusing to be drawn into the speculation surrounding K Annamalai's removal as the Tamil Nadu president of the BJP, Union Home Minister and senior party leader Amit Shah has said Mr Annamalai still holds the post. During a press conference on Friday announcing that the alliance between the AIADMK and the BJP was being renewed, Mr Shah was asked about reports of Mr Annamalai being removed because Edappadi K Palaniswami did not want the tie-up to proceed until that hap-

pened. "This is not true at all. Mr Annamalai is the state president even today," a smiling Mr Shah said, before pointing to the leader, who was seated to his left, and adding, "That is why he is sitting with me". AIADMK Chief Palaniswami, who was sitting to Mr Shah's right, was smiling all along. Pressed on the Annamalai issue again a few minutes later and asked whether he would be given a responsibility at the central level, the minister said, "Leave a few things to our party as well. Don't worry about my party so much, we will run it well." Mr Shah's comments

UN Warns Israeli Strikes Threaten the Survival of Palestinians in Gaza

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The United Nations has raised alarm over the intensifying Israeli military offensive on Gaza, warning that the ongoing airstrikes and blockade could jeopardize the continued existence of Palestinians in the enclave. According to the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), at least three dozen Israeli airstrikes between mid-March and early April resulted in fatalities that were exclusively women and children. Speaking at a press briefing on Friday, OHCHR spokesperson Ravina Shamdasani reported that from March 18 to April 9, the office documented 224 Israeli strikes targeting residential buildings and makeshift shelters housing displaced civilians in Gaza. "In some 36 strikes about which the UN Human Rights Office corroborated in-



formation, the fatalities recorded so far were only women and children," Shamdasani said, expressing deep concern over the nature of the targets and the civilian toll. The UN's findings come amid a renewed Israeli offensive following the collapse of a ceasefire in mid-March. Since then, more than 1,500 Palestinians have been killed, including at least 15 in the last 24 hours, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. Among the victims were 10 members of a

single family, including seven children, who were killed in an Israeli airstrike on a home in Khan Younis, southern Gaza. The conflict has also plunged Gaza into an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, in a statement earlier this week, condemned the ongoing blockade that has prevented aid deliveries into the besieged territory. "More than an entire month has passed without a drop of aid into Gaza. No food. No fuel. No medicine. No

commercial supplies," Guterres said. "As aid has dried up, the floodgates of horror have reopened. Gaza is a killing field – and civilians are in an endless death loop." Humanitarian conditions have deteriorated rapidly across Gaza, with civil defense teams reporting harrowing scenes as they rescue survivors from under the rubble of bombed homes. Al Jazeera correspondent Tareq Abu Azzoum, reporting from Deir el-Balah in central Gaza, described rescuers hear-

ing the cries of children and infants trapped beneath debris. Shamdasani reiterated that Palestinians are being forcibly confined to ever-smaller zones, with continued bombardment, obstruction of humanitarian aid, and increasing pressure from Israeli authorities to tie assistance to the release of captives held in Gaza. "The situation in Gaza is worse than it has ever been before," she told Al Jazeera. "We are concerned that Israel appears to be inflicting on Palestinians in Gaza conditions of life that are increasingly incompatible with their continued existence as a group." Despite international condemnation and calls for restraint, Israeli officials have declared intentions to intensify operations and expand territorial control in southern Gaza. In recent days, the Israeli military issued fresh evacuation orders as part of its ongoing campaign. Meanwhile, the

United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) reported that approximately 400,000 Palestinians have been forcibly displaced since the ceasefire collapse on March 18. The agency warned that Gaza is now facing the most prolonged blockade on humanitarian and commercial goods since the conflict began last year. "They are now also enduring by far the longest blockage of aid and commercial supplies since the start of the war," UNRWA stated in a post on social media platform X, urgently appealing for unrestricted humanitarian access to the enclave. As the crisis deepens, human rights organizations and the UN continue to urge the international community to intervene, stressing that the lives of millions of Palestinians hang in the balance amid what they describe as a growing humanitarian catastrophe.

Ayodhya Hotel Staff Allegedly Films Woman Bathing In Guest House, Arrested

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A 25-year-old hotel employee was arrested on Friday morning in Ayodhya for allegedly filming a woman while she was bathing in a guest house near the Ram temple, police said. Upon examining his mobile phone, the police discovered several objectionable videos of other female guests in similar situations, according to officials. The accused, identified as Saurabh Tiwari, a resident of Bahraich district, was caught by fellow hotel guests at Raja Guest House, located

barely 50 metres from Gate No. 3 of the Ram temple. The incident occurred around 6 am, when a female devotee from Varanasi noticed a shadow and spotted someone filming her from above through the tin shed roof while she was bathing. "She panicked, shouted for help and rushed out of the bathroom," a police official said. Other male guests staying at the hotel heard her cries, rushed to the scene and managed to catch the accused. He was then handed over to the Ram Janmabhoomi police. Upon inspection of the accused's phone, the po-

lice said they were shocked to find "several videos" of women in similar situations. According to the complainant, she had arrived from Varanasi along with four others on Thursday to visit the Ram temple and had taken two rooms at the guest house for the night. Circle Officer (Ayodhya) Ashutosh Tiwari confirmed the arrest. "This is a very serious matter. The accused was taken into custody as soon as the information was received. A case has been registered and a detailed investigation is underway," he said, adding that the hotel premises

are also being closely examined. In a parallel development, the Ayodhya Development Authority (ADA) has sealed the guest house, citing illegal construction. ADA Secretary Satyendra Singh said, "The Raja Guest House was constructed without any approval from the authority and has, therefore, been sealed." The police said they are continuing to investigate whether more such incidents occurred at the same establishment and if the videos were shared or distributed further.

S Jaishankar Flags Concerns Over Growing Weaponisation Of Economic Activities



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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday flagged concerns over growing unpredictability in global political and economic order, especially the weaponisation of economic activities and over-concentration of manufacturing. He said India has been working closely with like-minded partners to build resilient and trusted partnerships which are needed to address the country's economic interests as well as its strategic priorities. The external affairs minister made the remarks at the India-Italy Business, Science and Technology Forum. It was also attended by Italian Deputy Prime Minister Antonio Tajani. "We meet today in a familiar global political and economic order, but one that is transforming, becoming more complex and unpredictable," he said. "Even as we recover from the pandemic, multiple conflicts in Europe, Middle East and Asia, we must recognise that our supply chains are more fragile and our maritime shipping more

disrupted," he said. "Geopolitical competition has sharpened as market shares are leveraged and economic activities weaponised. Indeed, the over-concentration of manufacturing and the reliability of supply chains have today become overriding concerns," he said. The external affairs minister said industry and governments are struggling to keep pace with the impact of rapid digitalisation and technological shifts, accentuated by trade barriers and export controls. "Countries across the world are understandably de-risking by building strong political and economic partnerships, by diversifying their manufacturing and trade partners, and by investing in innovation and research," he said. "We are both witnessing these trends at home," he added. S Jaishankar said India has been working closely with like-minded partners to build such resilient and trusted partnerships in recent years. "For us, Italy ranks high in that list. In many sectors, there is a natural complementarity that we need to exploit," he said.



EDITORIAL


RENTING OUR LIVES THE NEW NORM

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For a long time, ownership was a defining marker of success. You bought your music, your movies, your car, your home. You built a collection, accumulated possessions, and felt a sense of security in knowing that what you paid for was yours. Today, that paradigm has shifted. From entertainment to essential services, we increasingly rent access rather than own outright. The rise of the subscription economy, where everything from software and streaming content to furniture, cars, and even home appliances can be rented for a monthly fee, has fundamentally altered the way we consume. But as we embrace this model, we must ask if we are truly benefiting, or are we surrendering too much control over our lives? The subscription economy is not a new concept, but its expansion into nearly every facet of modern existence is remarkable. Newspapers and magazines were among the earliest subscription-based services, followed by cable

television and software licenses. However, what was once an exception has now become the rule. Netflix and Spotify revolutionised entertainment consumption by replacing individual purchases with unlimited access models. Amazon Prime extended the model to retail and logistics, while SaaS (Software as a Service) turned software ownership into a perpetual rental agreement. Today, we have subscription-based clothing, meal kits, fitness programmes, cloud storage, and even car leases structured as 'all-inclusive' subscriptions. Some companies even offer subscription housing, where tenants pay a single fee covering rent, utilities, and shared amenities. At face value, this shift is appealing. Subscriptions offer flexibility, convenience, and often, cost savings, at least in the short term. Why buy an expensive software package when you can access it for a fraction of the cost each month? Why own a massive DVD or music collection when you

can stream whatever you want on demand? Subscriptions promise a world where access trumps ownership, where consumers are free from the burdens of maintenance, depreciation, and obsolescence. Yet, beneath this convenience lies a deeper question. Are we relinquishing more than we realise? The fundamental shift from ownership to access means we are perpetually tied to a system of recurring payments, with little control over the terms of engagement. Consider the case of digital media, purchasing a CD or a DVD once meant indefinite access to your favourite content. Now, if Netflix removes a film from its library or if Spotify loses licensing rights to an album, the consumer has no recourse. The same logic applies to software designers and photographers who once bought Adobe Photoshop outright, must now subscribe indefinitely, or lose access to their own work. The consumer has moved from being a rightful owner to a perpetual renter, at the mercy of corporate pricing strategies



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IAS Panel to Probe Bhoodan Misdeeds at Nagaram

The Telangana government has informed the High Court that it has constituted a high-level committee comprising three senior IAS officers to investigate serious allegations of irregularities involving Bhoodan lands in Nagaram village, located in the Maheshwaram mandal of Rangareddy district. The committee has been tasked with probing discrepancies surrounding 103.22 acres of land falling under Survey Nos. 181 and 182. The land in question, which is registered under the Bhoodan Yagna Board and listed in the Prohibitory Register, has reportedly been transferred to private individuals in violation of established norms. The three-member committee includes Navin Mittal, Principal Secretary of the Revenue Department; Raghunandan Rao, Secretary of the Agriculture and Cooperation Department; and Shashanka, Commissioner for State Flagship Projects. According to a memo filed before the High Court, the committee has been given three weeks to complete the investigation and submit its findings. During a hearing on the matter, the government's counsel, Katram Muralidhar Reddy, informed the Division Bench—comprising Acting Chief Justice Sujoy Paul and Justice Renuka Yara—that the state has taken cognizance of the issue and is actively working to bring the facts to light. The case relates to an appeal involving the alleged illegal transfer of approximately 50 acres of Bhoodan land to private individuals. Despite the lands being clearly classified as Bhoodan properties under the Prohibitory Register—making them ineligible for private ownership—pattadar passbooks were reportedly issued by the Ranga Reddy district collectorate in 2021. Notably, even earlier attempts for a legal succession transfer were denied, citing the land's status under the Bhoodan Board. Prior to the formation of the committee, Navin Mittal had already initiated a preliminary inquiry into the matter. As part of the process, notices were served to all parties involved, including the alleged buyers of the land.

Tahawwur Rana sent to 18-day NIA custody



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A Delhi court on Friday sent Tahawwur Hussain Rana, a key accused in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, to 18 days' custody of the National Investigation Agency (NIA). The order was passed by Special NIA Judge Chander Jit Singh following the agency's plea seeking 20-day custody for interrogation. Rana, a 64-year-old Canadian businessman of Pakistani origin, was extradited to India from the United States after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected his review petition against extradition on April 4. He is considered a close associate of David Coleman Head-

ley alias Daood Gilani, the Pakistani-American who played a central role in the planning and reconnaissance of the Mumbai attacks. Late Thursday night, Rana was brought to Delhi's Patiala House Court amid heavy security. A convoy comprising a jail van, a SWAT armoured vehicle, and an ambulance transported him to the court premises. As a precaution, Delhi Police cleared the complex of mediapersons and the public ahead of his arrival, citing high-security concerns. According to the NIA, Rana's custodial interrogation is essential to probe the wider conspiracy behind the deadly 26/11 attacks,

which left 166 people dead and hundreds injured. The NIA stated that it possesses crucial evidence, including a series of emails, linking Rana to the planning phase of the terror operation. The agency informed the court that David Headley had detailed the entire operation to Rana before his reconnaissance trips to India. Anticipating possible legal or operational hurdles, Headley had also emailed Rana, listing his belongings and assets. The NIA further submitted that Headley had informed Rana about the participation of Pakistani nationals Ilyas Kashmiri and Abdur Rehman—both known operatives

of terror outfits—who were also part of the conspiracy. Rana is accused of collaborating with Headley and operatives of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Harkat-ul-Jihadi Islami (HUJI), and other Pakistan-based co-conspirators in the execution of the Mumbai attacks. On November 26, 2008, ten LeT terrorists infiltrated Mumbai via the Arabian Sea and launched co-ordinated attacks on the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Oberoi Trident Hotel, and the Jewish centre Nariman House. During Friday's proceedings, Judge Chander Jit Singh asked Rana if he had legal representation. Upon his response that he did not, the judge appointed advocate Piyush Sachdeva through the Delhi Legal Services Authority to defend him. The NIA was represented by senior advocate Dayan Krishnan and Special Public Prosecutor Narendar Mann. Further investigation into Rana's role and his network of contacts is expected to continue during the custodial period.

Man ends life fearing police action after wife's death

Fear of a police case reportedly drove a man to end his life at Hayathnagar in city suburbs on Wednesday. The victim, S Nagesh, (25) a resident of Hayathnagar was married to S Sirisha (20), nearly a couple of years ago. The family lived at Hayathnagar and had an 11 month old baby. On Tuesday morning, Sirisha, due to some family issues hanged herself to the ceiling fan in the house and ended her life. A case was registered by the Hayathnagar police following a complaint made by the father of Sirisha. The police took into custody Nagesh and in the night released him on bail of his relative. On Wednesday morning, Nagesh left his house around 6.30 am and went to a private commercial complex at Hayathnagar and jumped from the building, said the police. He died on the spot. The police registered a case. The police suspect that Nagesh ended his life for fear of police arresting him and sending to jail as the relatives of his wife had levelled allegations and held him responsible for the death of his wife.

Three poachers from Andhra arrested, country-made weapons seized in Kothagudem

Forest officials of Aswaraopet range in the district on Wednesday arrested three poachers from Andhra Pradesh and seized two country-made firearms from their possession. It was said that some people from Kamavaram village in Buttaigudem mandal of Eluru district of AP came to the Aswaraopet forests with firearms to poach wild animals. The locals who spotted them near Kantlam village informed forest officials. Kavadi Gundla section officer, Kantlam beat officer and base camp staff rushed to the village and detained them; brought them to Aswaraopet forest range office for questioning. The accused, Karam Ravi, Kama Mangababu and Vanjam Naveen confessed to the officials that they had come to the Aswaraopet forests to poach wildlife. The accused would be booked under relevant forest acts and would be produced before the court, officials said.

Dhaatri Milk Bank Launched in Telangana

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In a landmark initiative to reduce neonatal mortality and improve infant health outcomes, Pegasystems Inc. (NASDAQ: PEGA), in collaboration with the Sushena Health Foundation, inaugurated the Dhaatri Comprehensive Lactation Management Centre (CLMC) and Mothers’ Milk Bank at the Government General Hospital, Mahabubnagar.

The facility, launched under Pegasystems’ Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) pro-



gram and driven by its internal volunteer group “Prayas,” aims to provide life-saving donor milk to vulnerable newborns. Pegasystems serves as the knowledge and implementation partner, while the Sushena Health Foundation leads public healthcare outreach efforts across India.

The milk bank is part of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare’s Mothers’ Absolute Affection (MAA) initiative and aligns with Poshan Abhiyan under the

Ministry of Women and Child Development. The facility offers a complete suite of services including milk expression support, safe storage, pasteurization, and dispensing of donor human milk.

The project addresses critical issues identified by the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), including neonatal deaths caused by prematurity, low birth weight, and infections. It supports the RMNCAH+N strategy aimed at improving maternal and child health. Deepak Visweswaraiah, SVP & MD of

Pegasystems India, emphasized the need for compassion-driven technology, stating, “No child should be denied nourishment.

This initiative is a step toward giving every newborn an equal start in life.” Dr. Santhosh Kraleti, Founder of Sushena Health Foundation, noted, “This collaboration is a significant stride toward equitable public healthcare and neonatal nutrition in Telangana.” The inauguration was attended by healthcare professionals, policymakers, and community leaders.

‘The Family Man’ Season 3 likely to release in this month

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Fans of The Family Man have a reason to cheer, as the hit Prime Video series is set to return with Season 3. While the official release date has not been announced, reports suggest that the new season will likely arrive after the IPL ends in May 2025.

The shooting for the new season has already been completed, and the show has now entered the stage of post-production. Directed by the popular duo Raj & DK, the series has been one of the most successful Indian web shows since its debut.



This time, actor Jaideep Ahlawat, best known for his role in Paatal Lok, will be joining the cast. He will be seen alongside returning actors Manoj Bajpayee, Priyamani, Sharib Hashmi, Ashlesha Thakur, Vedant Sinha and Dalip Tahil.

According to a report by FilmiBeat, Season 3 will feature a surprising twist that is expected to keep

‘Kingdom’: 50 days to go for theatrical release



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The much-anticipated film Kingdom is officially set to hit theaters on May 30, 2025, and the countdown has officially begun. The makers of the film recently unveiled a striking official poster, announcing that the film will arrive on the big screens in just 50 days, building excitement among fans and moviegoers alike.

Starring Vijay Deverakonda in the lead, Kingdom marks a significant milestone in his career as his 12th film. Joining him in prominent roles are Bhagyashree Borse and Satyadev, with their performances expected to add depth and

drama to the narrative. While the makers have yet to reveal details about the rest of the ensemble cast and technical crew, the early announcements have already created a strong buzz across social media and the Telugu film industry.

The film is being helmed by acclaimed director Gautham Tinnanuri, best known for his emotionally resonant sports drama Jersey. With Kingdom, Tinnanuri is expected to deliver yet another compelling story, this time potentially set in a larger-than-life world that blends action, drama, and human emotion.

Kingdom is being produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sounjanya.

Rajamouli hails Oscars’ new stunt design category, elated as RRR still features in announcement

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One of Indian cinema’s iconic directors S S Rajamouli has wholeheartedly welcomed the Academy’s decision to create a new annual award to recognise achievement in Stunt Design, saying, he was ecstatic at a new Oscars Stunt Design category being introduced for films releasing in 2027.

What added to Rajamouli’s joy was the fact that the Academy chose to use a still from one of his films, ‘RRR’, in its announcement on the introduction of a new category for stunts.

The Academy, which put out a poster made using three stunt stills of films, announced, “Stunts have always been part of the magic of movies. Now, they’re part of the Oscars.

“The Academy has created a new annual award for Achievement in Stunt Design—beginning with the 100th Oscars in 2028, honoring films released in 2027.”

Responding to this tweet of The Academy, Rajamouli wrote, “At last!! After a 100 year wait !!! Ecstatic for the new Oscars stunt design category for the films



releasing in 2027! Huge thanks to David Leitch, Chris O’Hara, and the stunt community for making this historic recognition possible, and to @TheAcademy, CEO Bill Kramer, and President Janet Yang for honouring the power of stunt work.”

He completed the tweet saying, “Thrilled to see #RRRMovie’s action visual shining in the announcement!”

At present, the director is working on a film with Telugu star Mahesh Babu that is being tentatively referred to as #SSMB29.

A considerable portion of the film, which is being made on a lavish budget, was shot at Odisha. The film, apart from Mahesh Babu, features Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran among others. The film, an action adventure with some amount of history and mythology, is expected to be released in 2027.

Pawan Kalyan’s “Hari Hara Veera Mallu” to release on this date

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Powerstar Pawan Kalyan’s much-anticipated period action epic Hari Hara Veera Mallu is all set for a grand worldwide release on May 9, 2025. The film will hit screens in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, and Hindi, making it a true pan-India spectacle.

Currently in its final leg of production, the team is working at full throttle to wrap up dubbing, re-recording, and VFX. Director A. M. Jyothi Krishna is overseeing every stage of post-production to ensure a high-quality output and timely release.

Set against a historic backdrop, Hari Hara Veera Mallu tells the gripping tale of Veera Mallu, a daring outlaw who sets out on a bold mission to steal the Koh-



i-Noor diamond from the Mughals. The film promises a potent blend of intense action, deep emotions, and a compelling narrative of justice.

Pawan Kalyan leads the cast in the titular role, while Bobby Deol takes on the role of a Mughal emperor. The star-studded lineup also includes Nidhi Agerwal, Satyaraj, and Jisshu Sengupta in pivotal roles. The film’s music is composed by Oscar-winner M. M. Keeravani, ensuring a

powerful and soulful score. Manoj Paramahansa handles the cinematography, while renowned production designer Thota Tharani takes charge of art direction, promising grand visuals and authentic period settings.

Produced by A. Dayakar Rao and presented by A. M. Rathnam under the banner of Mega Surya Productions, Hari Hara Veera Mallu is gearing up to be one of the biggest cinematic events of 2025.

Chiranjeevi shares health update on Pawan Kalyan’s son Mark Shankar

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Actor Chiranjeevi has shared a positive health update about his younger brother Pawan Kalyan’s son, Mark Shankar, who was recently injured in a fire accident at his school in Singapore. According to Chiranjeevi, Mark has now been discharged from the hospital and is recovering well at home.

Though the young boy still



needs time to rest and heal fully, Chiranjeevi assured us that his condition is steadily improving.

He expressed confidence that with proper care and blessings from Lord Hanuman, Mark would soon return to normal life.

Chiranjeevi called it a blessing that Mark survived the accident, especially on the eve of Hanuman Jayanthi. He said divine intervention played a role in saving the child from further harm.

He also thanked everyone who had prayed for Mark’s recovery.

“People from across different regions and villages offered their prayers and blessings. On behalf of Pawan Kalyan and our family, I sincerely thank everyone for their support,” he said.

Soon after hearing about the incident, Chiranjeevi and his wife Surekha flew to Singapore on Tuesday, April 8, to be with Pawan Kalyan’s family and closely monitor Mark’s treatment and recovery.

Apple airlifts 600 tons of iPhones from India to beat Trump tariffs: Report

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In a major strategic move to counter soaring U.S. tariffs on Chinese imports, tech giant Apple has chartered multiple cargo flights to transport over 600 tons of iPhones — or roughly 1.5 million units — from India to the United States, sources told Reuters. The decision comes amid heightened U.S.-China trade tensions, with President Donald Trump imposing a steep 125% tariff on Chinese-manufactured goods, including iPhones.

In contrast, imports from India currently face a lower 26% tariff, which has been temporarily

paused under a 90-day exemption that excludes China. A source familiar with Apple’s operations said, “Apple wanted to beat the tariff,” emphasizing the company’s urgency in building up inventory ahead of the tariff hike. This effort marks a significant shift in Apple’s manufacturing and logistics strategy as it ramps up production outside of China and bolsters its Indian supply chain.

According to reports, Apple successfully lobbied Indian airport authorities to implement a fast-track “green corridor” customs clearance process at Chennai International Airport. The clearance time was reduced from 30

hours to just six, mirroring similar systems used in Chinese airports to streamline the export of Apple products.

Since March, six chartered cargo planes, each with a capacity of 100 tons, have flown from Chennai to major U.S. cities including Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, and San Francisco. At an average packaged weight of 350 grams per iPhone (including the device and charging cable), this amounts to an estimated 1.5 million iPhones being shipped.

Apple has not publicly commented on the shipment strategy. Neither the company nor India’s Ministry of Civil Aviation responded to



Reuters’ requests for comment. All sources spoke on condition of anonymity due to the confidential nature of the logistics strategy and trade discussions.

Analysts have warned that U.S. iPhone prices could see a sharp spike if the company con-

tinued to rely heavily on Chinese production. According to projections by Rosenblatt Securities, a top-end iPhone 16 Pro Max priced at \$1,599 in the U.S. would cost over \$2,300 under the 125% Chinese import tariff. To meet the increased de-

mand, Apple scaled up operations in India by adding more workers and temporarily extending production at the Foxconn facility in Chennai to include Sundays — a traditional weekly holiday in the country. Two additional sources con-

firmed that Sunday operations are now underway at the plant, which produced 20 million iPhones last year, including the latest iPhone 15 and 16 models.

Apple’s expanding footprint in India is part of its broader plan to diversify manufacturing away from China. The company’s key suppliers in India — Foxconn and Tata — currently operate three factories, with two more under construction.

Over the past eight months, Apple has worked closely with Indian authorities to establish the expedited customs clearance infrastructure, with strong support from the government of Prime Minister Narendra

Modi. Commercial trade data indicates a significant surge in shipments from India. In January 2025, Foxconn exports from India to the U.S. soared to \$770 million, followed by \$643 million in February — a sharp jump compared to the \$110 million to \$331 million range recorded over the preceding four months.

As Apple accelerates its India push, analysts say the country is emerging as a vital node in the company’s global supply chain, especially as geopolitical uncertainties continue to threaten trade relations between the U.S. and China.

Foxconn declined to comment on the developments.

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No concern with Maxwell's form, says Punjab Kings batter Nehal Wadhera



Punjab Kings key batter Nehal Wadhera said there were no concerns about the indifferent form of the star all-rounder Glen Maxwell. In the pre-match briefing on the eve of the IPL league match against Sunrisers Hyderabad here on Friday, Wadhera said the way he batted he was looking very good and hopefully would see some good innings come from him soon. On the team's mood, Wadhera said that the camaraderie between the boys and the coaches was very, very good. "I think it's a very healthy relationship which is being built in this team. So I think everyone is supporting each other which is very much necessary in a tournament like IPL," he said. "And, even if someone has a bad day still there is everyone backing him on that day. I think these are the basic things which actually help a team build stronger and help you win more games in tournaments like IPL," Wadhera said. Reflecting on the poor run of SRH, Wadhera said their job was to do well with bat and ball. "We just want to bat and bowl the best way we can. SRH, as we all know, is a very dangerous side and we are not taking the game lightly," he said. "Yes, we are really looking forward to beating them here at home ground. I don't think toss matters much on this pitch," Wadhera signed off.

Motivation comes from within, says Sunrisers head coach Daniel Vettori

Sunrisers Hyderabad head coach Daniel Vettori says normally the motivation in tough situations comes from within and it's around one's own individual performances. Speaking to media on the eve of the IPL league match against Punjab Kings here on Friday, Vettori said that if one looked at the entire squad, they're all exceptional players in their own right. "So, they all take pride in their individual performances. And, think that's what you all see," he said. "The challenge for us is getting one or two guys to really stand up and deliver, and then the rest of the team being able to complement that," Vettori said. "I think you have to give other teams credit. I think right from after the auction it looked like there were ten exceptionally good teams in the IPL. The distribution of talent was probably more spread evenly than it has been in the past," he said. "I think when you know the reputation of the surface and our batsmen, then the burden is on the opposition bowling to really turn up and understand what they need to do," Vettori said. "I think you guys identified it around how teams are executing plans against us and being very specific, and they've done a great job in that," he said to a query. "Unfortunately we've sort of seen a few of those ebbs at the moment within the group, but I still back that talent, I still back that skill level of all those guys to come good," Vettori said.



HPRC President R. Chaitania Kumar presents the Best Sports Photographer Award to Mohd Waheed Uddin during the World Arena Polo Championship 2025. Also present on the occasion were HPRC Secretary (Admin) Reaz Ahmed and HPRC Vice President Sai Vijender Singh.

Chennai suffers a humiliating eight-wicket defeat to KKR at home

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Chennai Super Kings (CSK) faced a crushing eight-wicket defeat at the hands of Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) on Friday, marking a historic low for the five-time Indian Premier League (IPL) champions.

In what was their third consecutive loss at the iconic Chepauk Stadium — a first in their illustrious IPL history — CSK's woes continued to mount with this being their fifth defeat in a row this season. With regular skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad ruled out for the remainder of the tournament due to injury, the legendary MS Dhoni stepped in to lead the side. However, the emotional homecoming for Dhoni turned into a forgettable outing, as he managed just



one run off four deliveries before falling LBW to Sunil Narine in the 16th over. Invited to bat first, CSK's batting unit collapsed under pressure, managing a dismal 103 for nine — their lowest-ever total at the Chepauk and the third-lowest in franchise history. It was also the lowest team total recorded in this edition of the IPL so far. The team struggled from the outset, managing just nine boundaries in the en-

tire innings. Sunil Narine led the KKR bowling attack with a stellar 3/13, while Harshit Rana and Varun Chakaravarthychipped in with two wickets apiece. CSK's innings was propped up only by Shivam Dube's unbeaten 31 off 29 balls and a fortunate 29-run knock from Vijay Shankar. The hosts lost two wickets in the powerplay, scoring just 31 — the second-lowest powerplay total by any team this sea-

son. Vijay Shankar, who was dropped on a sitter by Narine during the fifth over, added some brief resistance before being dismissed in the 10th over. Following his departure, the middle and lower order crumbled. Rahul Tripathi (22), Ravichandran Ashwin (1), Ravindra Jadeja (0), and Deepak Hooda (0) fell in quick succession, leaving CSK reeling at 72 for 7. Dhoni's entry in the 15th over briefly

lifted the spirits of the Chepauk crowd, but his quick dismissal further dampened hopes. A DRS appeal for bat-pad contact failed to overturn the LBW decision against Narine, and the writing was on the wall. CSK limped past the 100-run mark in the final overs, thanks largely to Dube's resistance. In reply, KKR made light work of the modest target. Chasing 104, they romped home in just 10.1 overs, led by an ex-

plosive 44 off 18 balls from Sunil Narine, who smashed two fours and five sixes. Narine began the chase in style with a six off Khaleel Ahmed, while Quinton de Kock (23) and captain Ajinkya Rahane (20*) provided stable support. Rinku Singh (15* off 12) sealed the win with a six off Jadeja in the 11th over. The win was a complete team effort for Kolkata, who dominated in all departments. For CSK, this loss has raised serious concerns about their campaign as the side looks to regroup amidst a string of disappointing performances and injuries. The Chepauk fortress, once considered impenetrable, stood breached again — and perhaps for the first time, the famed yellow brigade was left stunned in silence.

Virat Kohli Becomes First Player in IPL History to Smash 1,000 Boundaries

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In a monumental moment for Indian Premier League (IPL) cricket, Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) star batter Virat Kohli has added another illustrious milestone to his name. During the IPL 2025 match between RCB and Delhi Capitals, held at the iconic M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Thursday, Kohli became the first player in the history of the tournament to hit a staggering 1,000 boundaries — a feat unmatched by any other player across all seasons of the league. This historic achievement comes as a result of Kohli's phenomenal consistency and brilliance with the bat over 18 consecutive IPL seasons.

His 1,000 boundary tally is a combination of 721 fours and 279 sixes, showcasing his incredible versatility in shot selection — from classical cover drives to towering hits over the fence. With this, he not only cements his place as the batter with the most number of

fours in IPL history but also ranks third in the list of most sixes, just behind two of the game's most destructive hitters: Chris Gayle, who has 357 sixes to his name, and Rohit Sharma, who has hit 282 maximums. Kohli's milestone came amidst a challenging game for RCB.

In the match against Delhi Capitals, he managed to score 22 runs, which included 2 sixes and 1 four. Despite a promising start by the RCB top order, the team was restricted to a total of 163 runs in their 20 overs, owing to disciplined bowling by the Delhi side in the latter half of the innings. Delhi Capitals, led by an exceptional batting display from KL Rahul, chased down the target with ease.

Rahul played a commanding innings, scoring an unbeaten 93 runs, guiding his team to victory in just 17.5 overs. His knock proved to be the match-winning performance and left the RCB camp with much to reflect on as they faced their second loss

of the season. Following this match, Royal Challengers Bengaluru now sit at the third position on the points table, having won three out of their five matches so far in the 2025 IPL season. The team has shown flashes of brilliance but is still seeking consistency, especially from the middle order and the bowling unit in death overs. Kohli, despite the modest score in the latest game, continues to be the pillar of the team's batting lineup and the focal point of the franchise's campaign. As RCB prepares to take on the Rajasthan Royals in their next match scheduled for Sunday, the spotlight will remain on Kohli, who not only leads the batting charts for boundaries but also continues to inspire millions with his commitment, work ethic, and hunger for records. With the tournament still in its early stages, fans and cricket analysts alike are eager to see how many more records the legendary batter will break as he continues his incredible journey in the



IPL. The milestone of 1,000 boundaries is more than just a number — it is a testament to Kohli's endur-

ing dominance, adaptability, and his unmatched contribution to the league that has helped shape the IPL

into one of the most thrilling cricket spectacles in the world.

Massive statewide flash protests erupt against Waqf Amendment Act

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In a major escalation against the Waqf Amendment Act, thousands of Muslims staged flash protests outside mosques across Telangana following Friday prayers, responding to a call by the Muslim Joint Action Committee (JAC) of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, led by Tahreek Muslim Shabban. JAC Convener and Tahreek Muslim Shabban President Mohammed Mushtaq Malik stated that protests were reported from all major districts, including Warangal, Karimnagar, Mahabubnagar, Jagtial, Armoor, Nizamabad, Nalgonda, and Khammam, as well as from various towns and villages. Demonstrators carried placards demanding an immediate rollback of the Waqf Amendment Act, which they claim threatens constitutional rights and the religious autonomy of Muslims. In Hyderabad, protests



took place at several prominent locations including Mecca Masjid, Royal Mosque (Public Gardens), Jamia Masjid Darul Shifa, Reti Ki Masjid (Yakutpura), Masjid-e-Salahuddin (Moghulpura), Bahadurpura, Mehdiapatnam, Asif Nagar, and Vijayanagar Colony, with similar demonstrations witnessed across Secunderabad. Addressing the media, Mushtaq Malik warned that the community's anger is growing and will culminate in a massive public gathering—"Telangana March to Rollback Waqf Amendment Act-2025"—scheduled for April 26 at Dharna Chowk, Hyderabad, beginning at 2:00 PM. He described the amendment as a direct threat to

the religious, cultural, and institutional existence of the Muslim community, cautioning that inaction could lead to the loss of Waqf properties including mosques, dargahs, Eidgahs, graveyards, and madrasas. Malik called upon secular and democratic forces to join the movement, stressing that the issue transcends religious lines and is a fight for constitutional protection of minority rights. He asserted that the upcoming rally would surpass the scale of the anti-CAA and NRC protests of 2019. Several political figures including TPCC's Syed Nizamuddin, MBT's Amjedullah Khan Khaleel, former Minorities Finance Corporation Chairman Akbar Hussain, BRS leaders, and members of civil society have extended support. Weekly symbolic protests, featuring black ribbons and flags, will continue every Friday in the lead-up to the April 26 march.

GHMC collects record Rs 2,000 crore in property tax; targets Rs 3,000 crore for current fiscal

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Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner E. V. Elamarthi on Thursday announced that the civic body collected over Rs 2,000 crore in property tax during the last financial year - a record achievement for the city. Speaking at a felicitation ceremony held at Banjara Bhavan in Banjara Hills, the Commissioner praised the efforts of the Revenue Department, including tax

inspectors and bill collectors. He also expressed gratitude to property owners for their timely tax payments. Elamarthi assured that every rupee collected through property tax will be spent carefully on developmental works across the city. He said GHMC's revenue would be exclusively used to improve civic infrastructure and

services. To further streamline tax-related services, the Commissioner announced that all property tax issues will be resolved through an online system within six months. He also highlighted the ongoing GIS survey, which has so far covered nine lakh properties, and is expected to significantly boost property tax collections. For the current financial year, GHMC has set a target of Rs 3,000 crore in property tax revenue.

KTR Alleges ₹10,000 Cr Land Scam Involving CM, BJP MP; ICICI Denies Loan

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In a major political twist, BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao on Friday accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of orchestrating a Rs 10,000 crore financial fraud involving 400 acres of disputed land in Kancha Gachibowli, Hyderabad. He alleged that the Telangana government, in collusion with a BJP MP, facilitated a fraudulent loan from ICICI Bank by falsely claiming the land belonged to the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC). KTR claimed the state government used a broker firm, Trust Investment Advisor Pvt. Ltd., which was paid Rs 169 crore commission, to secure the loan. Another entity, Beacon Trusteeship, was allegedly used as a front. He also questioned the drastic drop in land valuation—from Rs 30,000 crore in June 2024 to Rs



BRS Working President and MLA K T Rama Rao interacts with the media in Hyderabad, Telangana. However, ICICI Bank denied the allegations, stating, "We have not provided any mortgage loan to TSIIC, and no land has been mortgaged. We only acted as an account bank for bond proceeds and interest servicing." KTR insisted that the deal's irregularities warrant immediate investigation and accountability from both the state and central governments. 16,640 crore in the open market—calling it a deliberate attempt to benefit CM Revanth Reddy's associates. He demanded an inquiry by the RBI, Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO), and other central agencies, warning of a BJP-Congress nexus behind the deal. KTR also accused the government of violating the FRBM norms and diverting the funds meant for welfare schemes.

CM Revanth inspects Necklace Road site for Jyotirao Phule Statue installation



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy inspected a site for installation of Mahatma Jyothirao Phule's statue at Necklace Road -IMAX here on Friday.

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy inspected a site for installation of Mahatma Jyothirao Phule's statue at Necklace Road -IMAX here on Friday. The Chief Minister was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, MLAs and others. After the inspection, the Chief Minister instructed the officials to conduct a survey at the site and submit a detailed report along with a plan. The officials were asked to prepare the plans in a way to ensure that no traffic and other issues arise. Earlier, he CM paid tributes Mahatma Jyotiba Phule's statue at Amberpet on the occasion of the social reformist's birth anniversary.

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CM Revanth directs metro rail extension to Future City; DPR for new 40-km corridor proposed

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to extend Hyderabad Metro Rail services up to the proposed Future City, including a 40-km new corridor from the airport to Young India Skill Development University. During a high-level review meeting at the Command Control Centre, the Chief Minister assessed the expansion of metro rail services to the city's outskirts. He was informed that ap-



provals from the Central government for Phase-II of the Hyderabad Metro Rail project were still pending. Officials are currently in consultation with the Centre in Delhi. Revanth Reddy instructed officials to prepare proposals for extending metro connectivity up to Mir Khanpet, considering the future infrastructure demands of the 30,000-acre Future City being developed on the city's outskirts. The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) and the Future City Development Authority will jointly oversee this

metro expansion. The Chief Minister also reviewed the progress of Phase-II of the Hyderabad Metro Rail project, which proposes 76.4 km of additional routes at an estimated cost of Rs 24,269 crore. The DPR for this expansion has already been submitted to the Centre. The project is planned as a joint venture between the Central and State governments. Revanth Reddy instructed officials to begin works immediately after receiving necessary approvals from the Centre.

We Will Fight Until Phule's Statue is Installed in Assembly Premises: Kavitha

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BRS MLC and Telangana Jagruti President Kalvakuntla Kavitha welcomed the government's decision to install a statue of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, calling it a victory for the united efforts of Telangana Jagruti, United Phule Front, and BC associations. Marking Phule's birth anniversary, she paid tributes at Karwan Chowrastra and reiterated their demand to install his statue in the Assembly premises. Kavitha emphasized that the struggle would continue until the statue is installed. Drawing



parallels to their earlier fight for Dr. BR Ambedkar's statue, she said Telangana Jagruti remains committed to fighting for social justice. She also warned that the recently passed bill for 42% BC reservation is only a step forward, not the final victory. Kavitha urged the state government to lead an all-party delegation to Delhi to push for Presidential assent, without which the reservation cannot be implemented. She also called for the immediate release of detailed caste census data, alleging irregularities in

data collection. Later, she met CPM State Secretary John Wesley, who extended full support for the cause, emphasizing the importance of fighting caste inequalities. He also demanded that both state and central governments disclose caste census details and push for a nationwide caste census. Telangana Jagruti leaders Naveen Acharya, Gattu Ramchander, Bolla Siva Shankar, and others participated in the program, pledging to continue the fight for BC empowerment and the rightful place of Mahatma Phule in the Assembly as a symbol of social justice.

Cyberabad Police recover 1,060 mobile phones worth Rs 3.18 lakh in 45 days

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The Cyberabad Police have recovered a total of 1,060 mobile phones worth Rs 3.18 crore, which were either stolen or lost in the last 45 days. The phones were recovered by the law and order police and other wings

using the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal. The recovered phones were handed over to their owners at an event held at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate on Thursday. DCP (Crimes) LC Naik highlighted how important were mobile phones



in today's time and they can be misused if fallen into the hands of thieves. "Despite many people being educated, few are aware of how to prevent stolen mobiles from being misused. Installing CCTV cameras in your colonies and community areas is highly beneficial for ensuring safety and

security," Naik said. He urged the citizens to report lost mobile phones either at their nearest police station or directly through the CEIR portal, which is accessible online across all States and Union Territories. "Using the CEIR portal helps prevent the misuse of stolen phones and facili-

tates their swift recovery," the DCP added. While 245 phones were recovered from Madhapur zone, 225 were recovered from Balanagar, 200 from Medchal, 205 from Rajendranagar and 185 from Shamshabad zone. The mobile phone owners expressed their

happiness and thanked the police for their prompt and efficient action. One of them sharing her experience said, "I lost my mobile phone when I went to Kukatpally market for shopping. I thought I would never get it back. I reported the loss at the nearest police station.