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"To Be Arrested Tomorrow": Musk After 4 Lakh Social Security Numbers Stolen



An individual will be arrested soon for allegedly stealing and selling the personal information of four lakh people from the Social Security database, Elon Musk has said. "I believe that someone is going to be arrested tomorrow," the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) head was heard saying in a voice note shared on X by DogeDesigner.

"This is someone who actually stole 400,000 Social Security numbers and personal information from the Social Security database," he said. Musk linked the breach to illegal immigration and voter fraud, suggesting that stolen Social Security numbers **CONTINUE:P4**

Kancha Gachibowli Will Create 5 Lakh Jobs: CM

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday said that the development of 400 acres of government land in Kancha Gachibowli would unlock huge investment and employment potential, which would spur the growth of Telangana in general and Hyderabad in particular. He said that once fully operational, the development could bring in over Rs 50,000 crore in investments and create job opportunities for up to five lakh people.

Official sources said the Chief Minister, speaking at a review meeting with

officials, accused the BRS and the BJP of inciting protests among UoH students for their own political gain. He expressed anger that these vested interests were obstructing the state's progress and hindering Telangana's growth trajectory, which he referred to as obstructing "Telangana Rising." On Monday, Revanth Reddy held a review meeting on the Kancha Gachibowli land development. Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and D. Sridhar Babu, Chief Secretary A. Santhi Kumari, and senior officials from the revenue department and CMO were present in the meeting.



The discussions mainly revolved around the controversy surrounding the land, along with protests at the University of Hyderabad (UoH). Addressing concerns over the land's classification, Revanth Reddy clarified that Survey No. 25 of Kancha Gachibowli was never designated as forest land in the revenue

records. He pointed out that both the Google Earth maps from 2010 and 2020 showed the area as barren, rocky terrain with no green cover. The Chief Minister explained that neglect and prolonged litigation between 2006 and 2024 led to the growth of bushes, but stressed that such vegetation was not indicative of a forest ecosystem.

The Chief Minister also defended the state's development plan, asserting that the delays caused by over two-decade litigation since 2003 that ended in May 2024, were the main reason the land had remained underutilised.

India, Chile begin talks for trade pact

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday held talks at Hyderabad House here with Chile's President Gabriel Boric, after which the two leaders announced that negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between the two nations will begin soon. Mr Modi referred to Chile as the "Gateway to Antarctica", while President Boric invited Mr Modi to visit Chile and Antarctica, as the two nations signed four pacts, including a letter of intent for cooperation in Antarctica. Another one was on cooperation in the field of copper exploration as the two nations decided to work together in the sphere of critical min-



erals, including copper and lithium. Chile has the largest reserves of copper in the world and substantial lithium reserves amounting to 30 per cent of global reserves. India is interested in critical minerals for electrical vehicles and new-age batteries, senior MEA officials said later. The two countries also decided to increase defence cooperation, including in defence industrial manufacturing and supply

chains, with Mr Modi saying it indicated the trust between the two nations. He added Chile was an important partner for India in the Latin American region. The other two pacts inked were in the fields of culture and disaster management. The Chilean President also called for Bollywood films to be shot in his country that would strengthen the cultural connect between the two nations. **CONTINUE:P4**

Telangana govt didn't take an inch of UoH's land, assert ministers

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, and IT minister D. Sridhar Babu vehemently defended the government's

decision on the 400-acre land in Survey No 25 at Kancha Gachibowli, and claimed that the government had not taken any land belonging to the University of Hyderabad (UoH). In a joint press conference held at Secretariat on Tuesday,

Bhatti said that the 400 acres, which had been in the possession of a private firm for more than two decades, were reclaimed after a ruling by the Supreme Court. He asserted that the land was always government property and had been

brought back under public ownership. The Deputy Chief Minister condemned the BRS and BJP for spreading misinformation for political gains, specifically targeting UoH students. He said that such political tactics are detrimental to

the state's development. "Under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, our government has reclaimed the land from private hands and restored it for the benefit of the people of Telangana," Bhatti stated. **CONTINUE:P2**

Pakistan Violates Ceasefire at Indian Side

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Pakistan on Tuesday violated the cease-fire agreement by resorting to unprovoked firing at the Indian side at the Krishna Ghati sector in Jammu and Kashmir. The Indian Army responded "appropriately", said officials here. "No loss to property or human life was reported." In February also there was a report of one incident of cease-fire violation in the same sector. India and Pakistan's Directors-General of Military Operations (DGMO) had agreed to observe cease-fire along the Line of Control

(LoC) from February 24 midnight of 2021 in a major de-escalatory move. The cease-fire has mostly held till now at LoC even as there have been reports of some firing incidents in the past.

Meanwhile, top Army commanders on Tuesday began deliberations on national security challenges along the borders with China and Pakistan, besides ways to boost the force's overall combat capability in the backdrop of the evolving regional security situation. Key issues relating to defence and security are being discussed at the four-day conference that will end on

April 4. The conference is an apex-level biannual event that is held in April and October every year. Defence minister Rajnath Singh will deliver the keynote address at the conference. The session will also include a presentation on the Army's focus in the 'Year of Reforms'. Senior leadership of the Army will also be addressed by Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan. The conference will also feature a talk by NITI Aayog CEO on India's journey and the envisaged role of the armed forces to build a 'Saksham and Sahakt Bharat'.

India's Defence Exports Hit Record Rs 23,622 Crore In 2024-25: Rajnath Singh

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India's defence exports have surged to a record high of Rs 23,622 crore (approx. USD 2.76 billion) in 2024-25, registering a 12.04 per cent growth over the previous fiscal, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Tuesday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the achievement as a "proud milestone" in India's progress in the defence manufacturing sector.

"This is indeed a proud milestone in our journey towards self-reliance and global leadership in defence manufacturing!" PM Modi said on X.Singh also



said the country is poised to achieve the target of Rs 50,000 crore in defence exports by 2029. India's defence exports in 2023-24 were Rs 21,083 crore. "India's defence exports have surged to a record high of Rs 23,622 crore in the FY 2024-25," the defence minister said on 'X'. "An impressive growth of

Rs 2,539 crore or 12.04% has been registered in the just-concluded FY over the defence exports figures of FY 2023-24, which were Rs 21,083 crore," he added.

Singh also congratulated all the stakeholders on this "significant achievement". "Under PM Shri @narendramodi's leadership India is marching towards achieving the target of increasing defence exports to Rs 50,000 crore by 2029," Singh said.

The Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) have shown a significant increase of 42.85 per cent in their exports in 2024-25, according to an official readout.

India sets up 200-bed hospital in Mandalay



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As rescue workers work against time to pull out the survivors four days after the shallow 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck Myanmar, killing more than 2,700 people, India has established a 200-bed capacity field hospital comprising 118 personnel and started treating patients in the quake-rav-

aged country under Operation Brahma. The stench of death hung heavy across quake-struck Mandalay, as yet another strong aftershock rattled Myanmar's second-largest city Mandalay on Tuesday. The death toll from the initial quake and a series of aftershocks has climbed to 2,719, according to Myanmar's military chief. **CONTINUE:P4**

KCR reviews brs silver jubilee public meet plan-with a million people in warangal



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BRS president K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) on Tuesday asked party leaders to ensure that the public meeting to mark BRS' silver jubilee, which will be held in the erstwhile Warangal district on April 27, is a grand success.

The BRS has identified over 1,000 acres at Elkathurthy near Warangal where the party hopes to mobilise a million people

for the public meeting. While the main podium will be in about 150 acres, around 1,000 acres will be earmarked for parking. On Tuesday, KCR held a meeting to take stock of the preparations at his Erravelli farmhouse. Among those who participated in the meeting were BRS working president KT Rama Rao and leaders from Warangal district including Banda Prakash, Madhusudhana Chary, MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, MLCs T Ravinder Rao and Pocham-

pally Srinivas Reddy, ex-minister Dayakar Rao and others. The leaders from the district informed KCR that all arrangements were being made to make the public meeting a huge success. KCR directed them to ensure people do not face any inconvenience during the public meeting. The district leaders recalled the key role played by people from Warangal during Telangana movement and how the BRS govt developed the district.

Waqf Bill in LS today, JD(U), TD issue whips for support

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The government has allotted eight hours for discussion of the contentious Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024 in the House on Wednesday. It will be tabled immediately after the Question Hour. The Rajya Sabha is expected to take it up on Thursday and has also allocated eight hours. The Telugu Desam, a key NDA ally, will support the Bill. TD

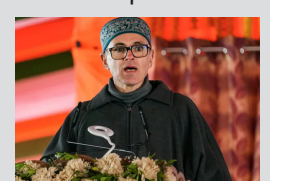
MP and chief whip in the Lok Sabha G.M. Harish Balayogi issued a three-line whip to party MPs to attend Parliament without fail on Wednesday to support the Bill. The Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy-led YSR Congress has affirmed that it would oppose the legislation.

The Congress, the BJP and many other parties issued a whip to all their MPs in the Lok Sabha, mandating their presence in the House to support

the respective party's stand. MPs of the I.N.D.I.A. bloc in both Houses held a meeting to plan out floor strategy to counter the NDA. Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi attended the meeting. "The I.N.D.I.A. bloc has decided to vote against the Waqf Bill," said Revolutionary Socialist Party MP N.L. Premchandran. The Opposition leaders said they would seek division of votes if needed.

"The BJP plays divisive politics, so we know who they are against. We made it clear that we are opposing the amendment bill," said DMK MP in Lok Sabha Kanimozhi. "We will take part in discussions. Just like we will listen to them, we will put forth our truth. We will stand with those who work according to the Constitution. The INDIA bloc had a good discussion. We will debate together," said NCP-SCP

"Not Acceptable, Will Always Oppose It": Omar Abdullah On Waqf Bill



J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Tuesday that the Waqf (Amendment) Bill is not acceptable to him and he will always oppose it. "Waqf Amendment Bill is not acceptable to me, and I will always oppose it," said the Chief Minister while talking to media persons on the sidelines of an official function here after inaugurating the free bus service **CONTINUE:P2**

CM Revanth To Join Dharna for BC Quota in Delhi

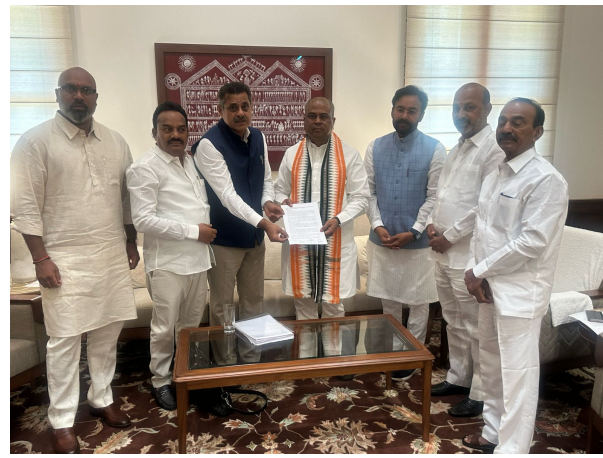
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accompanied by a few ministers, left for Delhi on Tuesday evening to participate in 'maha dharna' organised by Backward Classes (BC) unions at Jantar Mantar on Wednesday. The maha dharna is aimed at pressuring the Centre to approve the 42 per cent BC quota Bill passed by the Legislative Assembly in March. Joining the Chief Minister in Delhi will be Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, along with ministers

Ponnam Prabhakar and Konda Surekha. The state government is seeking the Centre's intervention to include the state's 42 per cent BC reservation Bill in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution. Revanth Reddy is scheduled to meet with senior leaders, including AICC leader Rahul Gandhi, to request his support in exerting pressure on the BJP-led government at the Centre. The Chief Minister will also meet AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, seeking his support for the introduction of a Bill in Parliament during the ongoing

Budget Session to secure Constitutional protection for Telangana's quota move. To shield the quota legislation from judicial scrutiny, the state government is seeking its inclusion in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution. This would mirror provisions made for Tamil Nadu, which is implementing 69 per cent reservations, exceeding the Supreme Court's 50 per cent cap on overall reservations. Telangana's reservations will rise to 67 per cent. The Chief Minister and his delegation will also meet with political leaders in Delhi to garner

BJP Condemns Telangana Government's Attempt to Sell University Land

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has criticized the Telangana government, led by Revanth Reddy, for attempting to sell lands belonging to the University of Hyderabad. The BJP alleges that the government intends to use the proceeds to pay taxes to Delhi, a move that has sparked outrage among the people of Telangana. The controversy centers around approximately 400 acres of land, valued at ₹40,000 crores,



which is home to diverse wildlife and medicinal plants. The BJP argues that selling this land could lead to environmental degradation and ecological imbalance, citing a Supreme Court ruling that prohibits the donation of this land to prevent

such outcomes. BJP representatives met with Union Human Resource Development Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to discuss the issue. Pradhan has committed to writing to the Telangana Chief Minister, urging the state government to

halt the sale of the university lands. The BJP plans to submit a report to the Ministry of Environment and raise the issue in Parliament. The BJP has also condemned the arrest of students who were protesting the land sale. They allege that the students were mistreated and that cases were filed against them. The party has demanded the immediate withdrawal of police and bulldozers from the area. The dispute over the land dates back to 2004 when it was documented for

another company. The allocation was canceled in 2006 following opposition. After a prolonged legal battle, the Supreme Court ruled that the land belongs to the Central University and should not be sold to protect the environment. The BJP has called on the Telangana government to respect the court's decision and refrain from selling the land. They have also criticized Revanth Reddy's administration for allegedly misleading the public and urged them to act with greater integrity.

Telangana Governor Attends Odisha Foundation Day Celebrations

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Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma attended the Odisha Foundation Day celebrations as the Chief Guest at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad, on Tuesday. In his address, the Governor lauded Odisha's rich cultural heritage, vibrant traditions, and natural beauty. He referred to Odisha as the "Temple State of India" due to its renowned temples and



spiritual significance. Highlighting the historical and cultural ties between Odisha and Telangana,

Jishnu Dev Varma spoke about India's four spiritual pillars—Badrinath in the north, Dwarka in the west, Rameswaram

in the south, and Puri Jagannath in the east. He also recalled the influence of the Vijaynagara Empire in Odisha, which facilitated cultural exchanges between the two regions. The shared artistic traditions of Odissi and Kuchipudi dance forms continue to reflect this bond. The Governor praised the Government of India's Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat initiative for fostering national unity and strengthening cultural connections. He emphasized

the need for such programs to promote harmony and integration across the country. The event was attended by M. Dana Kishore, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to the Governor, along with G. Pallavi, Deputy Secretary to the Governor, and other Raj Bhavan officials. Members of the Odisha community in Hyderabad also participated enthusiastically in the celebrations, showcasing their cultural pride and heritage.

The govt has proved in the SC 400 hundred acres land belong to the govt :TPCC Dr Srirangam

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:TPCC Spokesperson Dr Satyam Srirangam, speaking at a media conference organized at Gandhi Bhavan today. It was clarified that HCU had acquired the disputed lands from the erstwhile AP govt and in return, 397 acres had been transferred to the university. He said that the then registrar had signed this. The state government has made it clear that not a single inch of the 400 acres of land proposed for auction in Kancharla Gachibowli is Hyderabad Central University (HCU) land, and that the ownership right to that land belongs to



it. After the Revanth govt won the case in the Supreme Court and issued an order that is Telangana's property. He accused some politicians of misleading students for their self interests of real estate businesses. They cannot stand it when it is allocated for public needs. He said that KTR has no right to talk about lands at all. They created fake documents in the name of Dharani and occupied and sold lakhs of

acres of land. Since the lands have been in dispute for 19 years, trees have grown, and they are misleading people by saying that it is forest land. BRS and BJP are spreading false propaganda. They are provoking students, university student leaders should also take note, you should study in the university, we all entered politics from the student stage to stand up to the govt when we face difficulties and when we do not have facilities, he said. He said that under the leadership of Revanth Reddy, the 10-year economic disaster will be rectified and the party will take a wise step and moving forward he added.

MP DK Aruna Demands Immediate Halt to HCU Land Auction

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In a strong rebuke, MP DK Aruna has called for the immediate cessation of the Hyderabad Central University (HCU) land auction, accusing the Revanth Reddy-led government of acting in self-interest rather than for the benefit of the people of Telangana. Aruna questioned the motives behind the auction, suggesting that the lands are being sold under a veil of secrecy and police protection, contrary to the wishes of HCU students and the broader public. She challenged Revanth Reddy, who had previously opposed land sales, to explain his current stance and the rationale behind



the auction. "Would you sell lands belonging to an educational institution for your own selfish interests?" Aruna asked, highlighting the concerns raised by students and the public about the auction's transparency and intent. She accused the government of lacking the courage to implement promised guarantees and

acting with arrogance, believing they can do whatever they want because they are in power. Aruna also raised suspicions about a secret agreement driving the land auction, asserting that the sale will not benefit the people of Telangana. She warned that the future of the state is at stake and urged the government to respect the

wishes of the people and students who are demanding a halt to the auction. The controversy has sparked widespread criticism, with many questioning the government's priorities and commitment to public welfare. Aruna's ultimatum reflects growing dissatisfaction with the administration's handling of the issue and calls for greater accountability and transparency in governance. As the debate intensifies, all eyes are on the government's response and whether it will heed the calls to stop the HCU land auction and address the concerns of the students and the public.

Shiv Sena Party Condemns Sale of HCU Lands in Telangana

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Telangana State President of the Shiv Sena Party, Sinkaru Shivaji, has vehemently criticized the Revanth Reddy government's decision to sell 400 acres of Hyderabad Central University (HCU) lands. Shivaji expressed grave concerns over the environmental repercussions, noting that the once green and environmentally friendly campus is now seeing displaced animals and birds on the roads due to the land sale. Shivaji questioned the motives behind the sale, suggesting it was driven by a desire for praise rather than the welfare of

the state. He highlighted the absence of relevant authorities and departments in addressing the rapid destruction of nature, emphasizing the urgency of the situation. The Shiv Sena Party has thrown its support behind the legal struggle of HCU students, who are at the forefront of the fight to protect the university lands. The party underscored that a significant number of students at HCU come from various states across India and are actively participating in the struggle to preserve Telangana's lands. Shivaji called upon all citizens of Telangana to join this righteous struggle, emphasizing that every indi-



vidual bears the responsibility to protect HCU lands. He praised the students' efforts, describing them as truly commendable. Shivaji also drew historical parallels, likening the arrest of students to the oppressive rule of the Nizam and questioning the silence of those who

had previously stood against issues like the Nallamala uranium mining. He criticized the Congress party's role in the decision to sell the lands, further highlighting the political dimensions of the issue. The Shiv Sena Party appealed to the public to stand united against the sale of HCU lands, emphasizing the importance of preserving the environment and supporting the students in their fight. The party's stance reflects a broader concern over the environmental and social impacts of the government's decisions, calling for collective action to protect the state's natural heritage.

Telangana govt didn't take an inch of UoH's land, assert ministers

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spreading misinformation for political gains, specifically targeting UoH students. He said that such political tactics are detrimental to the state's

development. "Under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, our government has reclaimed the land from private hands and restored it

for the benefit of the people of Telangana," Bhatti stated. "This land was left vulnerable under the previous BRS government for 10 years and is now being secured for the public." Srinivas Reddy said that the Congress, during the tenure of Indira Gandhi, had established the University of Hyderabad and allocated land to it. "The university never had legal ownership rights

over land in Gachibowli, although it was set up in 1974," he explained. "The Congress government has now taken steps to grant land ownership rights to UoH, fulfilling our commitment to its development." Sudhakar Reddy criticized the former BRS government for neglecting the land's reclamation. "If the previous government had acted earlier, this 400-acre plot would not have remained in private

hands," he said. IT minister Sridhar Babu said false information regarding environmental concerns were being circulated on social media platforms, specifically allegations that development of Kancharla Gachibowli lands would harm natural rock formations and water bodies. "These claims are completely false," Sridhar Babu said. "Our actions are in line with legal procedures and we are

committed to protecting the environment." The ministers called for unity and support from the public and academic community. They urged students, faculty, and environmentalists not to be swayed by misleading narratives. The Congress government, they stressed, is focused solely on the public interest and employment generation through the development of this land.

Hyderabadis Seek Solitude in Travel This Summer

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Hyderabadis are not just escaping the heat this summer; they are booking their travel with clear intent. This year, the focus is on solitude rather than sightseeing, with more people opting for mountain treks, spiritual retreats, and budget-friendly European getaways. Travel expert Lakshmi Bhavna, who works at a private travel agency, notes a significant increase in bookings to the North-East, especially Meghalaya, due to its pleasant weather, natural beauty, and peaceful atmosphere. Alongside Meghalaya, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh remain popular, while

Rajasthan and spiritual destinations like Varanasi are witnessing an unexpected off-season surge. Lakshmi highlights that Auli in Uttarakhand and Shillong in Meghalaya are in demand this year for their favorable climate and picturesque landscapes. Organised trekking is also on the rise, with groups booking fixed departures to trails such as Hampta Pass, Bhriagu Lake, and Chandrakhani. These treks, facilitated by agencies like Indiahikes and Moxtain, provide well-organized experiences that include altitude training, safety measures, and logistical support. Meanwhile, Kedarnath continues to attract both pilgrims and adventure seekers. Interestingly, not all travelers are heading for cool summer spots. Some prefer Rajasthan in the off-season, when the weather is slightly warm



but the desert scenery is breathtaking, and hotel prices are more affordable. Abdul Hussain, a private travel agency owner in Hyderabad, mentions an increase in bookings to Mount Abu, while Varanasi is also drawing interest despite it not being the peak season. Ladakh remains a favorite among those seeking not just physical distance but also mental peace. Architect Ishan

Kakati, who is planning a trip to Ladakh, emphasizes how mountain travel provides a unique experience compared to conventional tourist destinations. He believes that while every place has its own charm, the mountains offer the perfect escape. International travel trends show two distinct patterns: big-budget luxury trips and strategic, budget-friendly choices. While destinations like Switzerland, Paris, and Italy remain top choices for those seeking lavish vacations, niche travelers are showing interest in places like Kazakhstan, Urumqi in China, and Belfast in Northern Ireland. Turkey, Thailand, and Egypt are gaining

popularity due to their relatively easy visa processes, direct flights, and cost-effective travel options. According to Riyaz Ahmed, a booking agent at Exotic Tourism, Cairo and Istanbul are increasingly being paired in travel itineraries. Sohaila Sawhney, an entrepreneur and chocolatier, describes Paris as a magical city where every street and café feels like a piece of art. Italy, with its rich history from the ruins of Pompeii to the Vatican, continues to attract visitors. Food has become a key part of travel planning, with many travelers prioritizing local culinary experiences. From pide in Istanbul to gnocchi in Alba, food plays a

central role in shaping itineraries. Sohaila mentions that she booked her travel arrangements independently, using online apps for specific tours, and is now considering a trip to either Greece or Egypt, drawn by their architecture and historical significance. Family travelers are opting for shorter, more frequent vacations, with peak booking periods falling between late April and mid-May when schools close. Tour operators report a surge in bookings during the first two weeks of May, causing prices to rise by 20 to 30 percent. Those who plan early can secure better rates, making advance bookings a key strategy for summer

Congress Party first time launched fine quality rice distribution in the country: KukatPally Congress

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Kukatpally Congress Party In-charge Shri Bandi Ramesh said that it is the responsibility of every leader of the Congress Party to take any scheme introduced for public welfare to the people. He launched the ambitious fine Rice Public Distribution Programme undertaken by the Telangana State Government in Musapet at Yadava Basti on Tuesday amidst the joy of party workers. Speaking on the occasion, Ramesh said that this fine quality Rice Public Distribution Program is proof that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy can achieve anything if he wants to. The Congress Party was the first to launch the public distribution system in the country. He said that this scheme will benefit lakhs of poor people financially. He said that earlier, beneficiaries used to sell



fat type rice, but now such a situation will not arise through this distribution of fine quality Rice. Similarly, Rajiv Yuva Shakti Scheme has been launched to provide financial support to poor and backward youth. He said that financial assistance of Rs. 50 thousand to four lakhs will be provided through this scheme, of which 75 percent subsidy will be given to the youth, and they want to use this scheme and achieve development. And he anointed the portrait of Chief Minister Shri Revanth Reddy. All the people and all the activists should prosper under the leadership of CM Revanth

Reddy. May the leadership of Bandi Ramesh garu prosper, Congress Zindabad was the slogan they raised. In this program, senior Congress leaders of Kukatpally constituency, Gottimukkala Venkateswara Rao marketing committee members, temple presidents, block women presidents, division women presidents, Youth Congress, NSUI leaders, minority leaders, SC cell leaders, BC cell leaders and activists participated in large numbers and made this program a great grand success.

Harish Rao Slams Revanth Reddy Over Failure to Implement Rythu Bharosa

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Former Minister Harish Rao has strongly criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for failing to fulfill his promise of implementing the Rythu Bharosa scheme, accusing the Congress government of repeatedly deceiving Telangana's farmers. On January 26, Revanth Reddy assured that the scheme's funds would be deposited in farmers' accounts by March 31, a promise he reiterated during the Assembly budget



sessions. However, even after the deadline, no funds have been released. Harish Rao condemned this delay, stating that the Congress government has once again betrayed the farming community.

"This government only makes grand announcements but fails to deliver. First, they promised to release the funds by Dussehra, then by Sankranti, and finally by Ugadi. Each time, they have broken

their word, playing with the lives of farmers," Harish Rao stated. He further accused the Congress government of shattering the trust of farmers, turning the new year into a bitter experience for them. Drawing a comparison, he recalled how under former Chief Minister KCR, 'Rythu Bandhu' funds were released before the harvest season, ensuring financial security for farmers. In contrast, he criticized the Congress government for failing to provide crucial support at the

right time. Additionally, the much-promised farm loan waiver has not been implemented, adding to the distress of farmers. Harish Rao vowed that the BRS party would continue to expose the Congress government's failures and fight relentlessly until all promises made in the election manifesto and Assembly are fulfilled. "The Congress government cannot escape accountability. We will not stop until justice is served for Telangana's farmers," he declared.



K.T. Rama Rao, BRS Working President, visited Mohammed Arshad Ali Khan's residence to express condolences for the passing of his father, Nawab Mohammed Khurshid Ali Khan. Also present were Jagdish Reddy, MLA and former Minister, Rahul Chandershekar Reddy, former MP, along with Azam Ali, Masihullah Khan, Moyeed, Badar, and Yousof.



BJP's senior state unit senior leader Gudur Narayan Reddy got felicitated on March 30 Sunday by Kala Sudha Telugu Association in the Tamil Nadu State of India on eve of Ugadi in th6 Chennai. For razakar movie successful

32.7 kg of ganja seized, 2 peddlers held in Warangal

The Wardhannapet police on Tuesday arrested two people including a woman on charges of transporting ganja and seized 32.750 kg of ganja worth Rs 16,37,500 from their possession near SBI in Wardhannapet bus stand in Warangal district. According to CI K. Srinivas Rao, the accused were identified as Samsang Dalabehera, 33, and Martho Rahe, 40, both from Jyothi Nagar area of Sorada in Ganjam district of Odisha. Police were tipped off that the two entered into an agreement with ganja dealer Sayoni and travelled on a train from Puri to Tirupati on March 28. After reaching Vijayawada on March 29, they switched trains and headed towards Surat. They were en route to Surat and reached Warangal Railway Station on the evening of March 30.

BJP N.V. Subhash Slams Revanth Govt Over HCU Land Sale

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Telangana BJP Chief Spokesperson & Media In-charge N.V. Subhas strongly criticized the Congress government, led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, for its decision to sell 400 acres of prime land near Hyderabad Central University (HCU) in Gachibowli. He questioned whether the government had turned into a real estate business, arguing that selling public land to address the state's financial cri-



sis was an irresponsible move. Subhas expressed concern over the widespread student protests against the land sale, condemning the police for resorting to lathi charges to suppress dissent. He called it a bar-

baric attack on democratic rights and criticized the government for obstructing peaceful demonstrations. Recalling past events, Subhas pointed out that in 2007-08, the then Congress government attempted to transfer

the same land to a real estate developer from Delhi. At the time, Revanth Reddy, then a TDP leader, strongly opposed the move. Now, as Chief Minister, he is taking the opposite stance, raising questions about his shifting priorities. Subhas accused the Congress of abandoning its past commitments and betraying public trust by justifying land sales under the pretext of financial necessity. He reaffirmed the BJP's strong opposition to the auctioning of

public assets and emphasized that a responsible government should focus on governance that safeguards the interests of the people. He warned that if the Revanth Reddy government continues down this path, the public will not forgive such actions. Subhas urged the government to reconsider its decision and focus on alternative solutions to address the state's economic challenges without compromising public land.

First time in the country, the Telangana government has launched a fine rice distribution scheme : Dr. Satyam Srirangam

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The Civil Supplies Department attended the inauguration of the fine rice distribution scheme for white ration card holders by the Telangana government as the chief guest and distributed six kg of rice each to the beneficiaries under the fine rice scheme to women with white ration cards in various ration shops under the leader-

ship of Division President Krishna Rajput and MD Moinuddin in Balajinagar and Allapur divisions of Kukatpally constituency. Speaking on the occasion, Satyam Srirangam reminded that CM Revanth Reddy had a great idea to provide rice so that the poor could eat rice on an equal footing with the rich and started the distribution program on the occasion of Ugadi. He said that the government is distributing rice with

the aim of filling the stomach of every poor family in the state. He said that the Congress government will work hard to implement the promises made despite the state's poor economic situation. Rice is rice that was only eaten by the rich and was inaccessible to the poor. Gone are the days when rice was eaten by the poor only during festivals, today rice is in every household. This is a victory of a pro-poor and



welfare government. He said that CM Revanth Reddy is providing a golden rule in the development and welfare sectors in the state with the ideas of top Congress leaders Sonia and Rahul

Gandhi during the Indira Gandhi regime, and that even though the previous BRS government turned the surplus state into a debt-ridden state and created havoc in the last 10 years, the state gov-

ernment will overcome all this and move forward. He said that if we do good work, we should not be congratulated, and the BJP has started playing politics of picking feathers on the chicken egg. Even on a festival day, a Union Minister belonging to the BJP criticized the Congress government with blatant lies. He is making a big fuss about putting up Modi's photo in the ration shop. It is not unknown that in the

neighboring state where the BJP is a partner, there is only the Chief Minister's photo but there is no Prime Minister Modi, and they should explain why Modi's photo should be put up in Telangana. He criticized that the BJP is trying to divert the attention of the people with such meaningless demands because they think that if the Congress party reaches out to the people through its schemes, the people will

distance themselves from their party. He said that no matter how much criticism anyone makes, the marginalized communities will cooperate on the war footing basis of providing rice to every poor household in Telangana every month, and the people themselves will refute the false propaganda of the opposition parties. In this program, Senior Leaders, Women and Activists participated in a large scale.

"Not Acceptable, Will Always Oppose It": Omar Abdullah On Waqf Bill

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J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Tuesday that the Waqf (Amendment) Bill is not acceptable to him and he will always oppose it.

"Waqf Amendment Bill is not acceptable to me, and I will always oppose it," said the Chief Minister while talking to media

persons on the sidelines of an official function here after inaugurating the free bus service for women.

Earlier, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju informed that the Waqf (Amendment) Bill will be tabled in the Lok Sabha on April 2 (Wednesday), soon after the Question Hour and will be followed by a comprehensive and detailed discussion extending up to eight hours.

Talking to media persons, the Minister for Minority Affairs said: "Some members wanted six hours, others wanted four hours. However, the Opposition demanded 12 hours for the discussion, but a broad consensus was reached for an eight-hour-long discussion on the bill. Depending on the sense of the House, the Speaker could take the decision to extend it as well.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister on Tuesday inau-

gured the free bus services for women in Jammu & Kashmir at Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar. He was accompanied by Minister for Social Welfare and Education, Sakina Itoo, Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA, Zadibal, Tanveer Sadiq and other functionaries.

Omar Abdullah described the free bus service for women as a great initiative of his government, adding that the free services will remain available from Tuesday onwards in all the districts of Jammu & Kashmir.

He said that his government will compensate the State Road Transport Corporation (SRTC) and Smart Bus Transport agencies for providing the free service.

In reply to a question, Omar Abdullah said that the forthcoming visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah is not connected with the Kathua encounter.

He said his government has high hopes from the Union Home Minister's visit.

Amit Shah is arriving on a visit to J&K next week. The Home Minister's visit comes ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on April 19.

India-China Relations Mark 75 Years: Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri Highlights Key Lessons

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As India and China completed 75 years of diplomatic ties, India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri emphasized key lessons for strengthening bilateral relations. Speaking at an event organized by the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi, Mr. Misri underscored the significance of historical ties, the importance of peace along border areas, and the principles of mutual respect, sensitivity, and interest as the foundation for future cooperation. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri served as the chief guest at the event, alongside Chinese Ambassador Xu Feihong. The two dignitaries cut a cake to celebrate the milestone before delivering their remarks on the future of India-China relations. In his address, Mr. Misri highlighted that while formal diplomatic relations between the two nations have existed for 75 years, their cultural and civilizational ties date back millennia. He ac-



knowledged contributions by historical figures such as Bodhidharma, Kumara-jiva, Xuanzang, and Rabindranath Tagore in shaping relations between the two civilizations. "Our two civilizations have played a significant role in shaping human history, and this serves as a valuable lesson for contemporary ties," he remarked. Reflecting on recent challenges, Mr. Misri acknowledged that India-China relations had gone through a difficult phase. However, he emphasized that continued com-

munication between political, military, and diplomatic leaders had led to the resolution of several border-related issues. "This teaches us a crucial lesson—that peace and tranquility along our border areas are fundamental for the smooth development of overall bilateral relations," he stated. He further noted that discussions between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping in Russia had set the groundwork for stability and predictability in future engagements. Mr. Misri highlighted the re-

newed engagement between India and China over the past five months. These included two meetings between the foreign ministers in November 2024 and February 2025, the 23rd round of Special Representative-level talks in Beijing in December 2024, and a high-level defense ministerial meeting in November 2024—the first in nearly five years. Additionally, Mr. Misri himself visited Beijing in January 2025, where he held productive discussions with his Chinese counterpart. These engagements, he stated,

will contribute not only to our nations but to humanity as a whole," he remarked. While acknowledging the challenges ahead, he expressed confidence in the progress made over the past five months, noting that these initial steps should be converted into tangible benefits for the citizens of both nations. "The path forward may be difficult, but we are prepared for it. The promising beginnings we have witnessed at the end of these seven-and-a-half decades must now translate into lasting progress," Mr. Misri concluded. As India and China mark 75 years of diplomatic ties, the focus now shifts toward leveraging historical goodwill, resolving outstanding disputes, and fostering new avenues of cooperation. With high-level engagements resuming and key initiatives underway, the coming years will be crucial in shaping the trajectory of India-China relations.

Gujarat Firecracker Factory Blast Death Count Rises To 21, 6 Injured

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Twenty-one persons lost their lives while six others were injured on Tuesday after an explosion and blaze ripped through a go-down where firecrackers were allegedly stored and manufactured illegally, leading to the structure collapse in Banaskantha district, officials said.

The explosion, which occurred at approximately 9:45 AM, flattened the go-down in an industrial area near Deesa town, around 30 km from the Banaskantha district headquarters. "All the deceased persons were originally from Harda and Dewas districts of Madhya Pradesh," said district collector Mihir Patel.

He said 21 people were killed and six injured. "The identity of 19 persons has been established, while DNA samples are being taken to identify two others," he said.

The blast was so intense that it sent body parts of workers flying 200-300 metres away. The impact brought down the RCC slab of the structure. Even family members of workers staying on the same premises were crushed to death after blocks of slabs fell on them, the collector said.

Minister Rushikesh Patel told reporters that seven fire teams, eight ambulances, a State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) team and four bulldozers were rushed to the site for rescue operations.

"To Be Arrested Tomorrow": Musk After 4 Lakh Social Security Numbers Stolen

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An individual will be arrested soon for allegedly stealing and selling the personal information of four lakh people from the Social Security database, Elon Musk has said.

"I believe that someone is going to be arrested tomorrow," the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) head was heard saying in a voice note shared on X by DogeDesigner.

"This is someone who actually stole 400,000

Social Security numbers and personal information from the Social Security database," he said. Musk linked the breach to illegal immigration and voter fraud, suggesting that stolen Social Security numbers allow non-citizens to vote.

"This is a particular avenue of fraud for illegal immigrants and voter fraud because the main way that identification is established in the United States is via social security. So if you compromise the security system, you can basically get people to

get the fact that they're interested to vote even if they're not citizens," Musk explained.

He also accused Democrats of making it easier for undocumented immigrants to receive benefits, claiming Social Security, Medicare, unemployment benefits, and IRS refunds were being misused. "The Democrats basically [have] taken every part of the government that could possibly be bent towards providing financial incentives for illegal immigrants," Musk alleged. He even claimed that funds

meant for disaster relief had been misused. "That diverted FEMA funds, which are supposed to be for helping Americans in distress from national disasters, [were used] to pay for luxury hotels in New York for illegal sustainer," he said.

There has been no official confirmation of an arrest or any statements from law enforcement agencies regarding Musk's claims. Earlier, Musk told podcaster Joe Rogan that Social Security was "the biggest Ponzi scheme of all time."

"Operation Brahma": India Delivers 625 Metric Tonnes Of Relief To Myanmar



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India has delivered 625 metric tonnes (MT) of Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) material to Myanmar as part of Operation Brahma, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Tuesday.

India launched Operation Brahma to provide necessary support, including Search and Rescue (SAR), humanitarian aid, disaster relief and medical assistance, following the devastating earthquake that struck Myanmar on March 28. Being the First Responder in times of crisis in the Neighbourhood, Operation Brahma is a whole-of-government endeavour by India to respond to widespread destruction in Myanmar. So far, six aircraft and five Indian Naval ships have delivered 625 MT of Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) material, the MEA said in a statement.

India delivered the first tranche of HADR material to Myanmar, including 15 tonnes of supplies such as tents, blankets, essential medicines, and food supplied by NDRF and the

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, using a C-130J aircraft, which landed in Yangon March 29, the MEA said.

The MEA noted that the second tranche, aboard two IAF C-130J aircraft, included 80 NDRF Search and Rescue (SAR) specialists, equipment, and relief material. One aircraft carried 17 tonnes of personal protective equipment, search & communication equipment, and rescue equipment, and the other carried 5 tonnes of HADR materials such as gensets, hygiene kits, food packets, essential medicines, kitchen sets, blankets etc. These aircraft landed in Naypyitaw on March 30.

The third tranche, involving two IAF C-17 aircraft, transported a 118 member Indian Army Field Hospital Team with over 60 tons of supplies, rapidly deployable surgical and medical shelters, water sanitation and hygiene services and most importantly women and child care services. These aircrafts also landed in Naypyitaw on March 30. The 200 bedded field hospital in Mandalay is now operational, treating patients and performing surgeries.

India, Chile begin talks for trade pact

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday held talks at Hyderabad House here with Chile's President Gabriel Boric, after which the two leaders announced that negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between the two nations will begin soon. Mr Modi referred to Chile as the "Gateway to Antarctica", while President Boric invited Mr Modi to visit Chile and Antarctica, as the two nations signed four pacts, including a letter of intent for cooperation in Antarctica. Another one was on co-

operation in the field of copper exploration as the two nations decided to work together in the sphere of critical minerals, including copper and lithium. Chile has the largest reserves of copper in the world and substantial lithium reserves amounting to 30 per cent of global reserves. India is interested in critical minerals for electrical vehicles and new-age batteries, senior MEA officials said later.

The two countries also decided to increase defence cooperation, including in defence industrial manufacturing and supply chains, with Mr Modi saying it indicated the trust

between the two nations. He added Chile was an important partner for India in the Latin American region. The other two pacts inked were in the fields of culture and disaster management. The Chilean President also called for Bollywood films to be shot in his country that would strengthen the cultural connect between the two nations.

Senior MEA officials said India already has a "partial" trade pact with Chile, comprising concessional duties, and "the idea is to expand" this to a comprehensive pact comprising trade, services and investment. Officials said

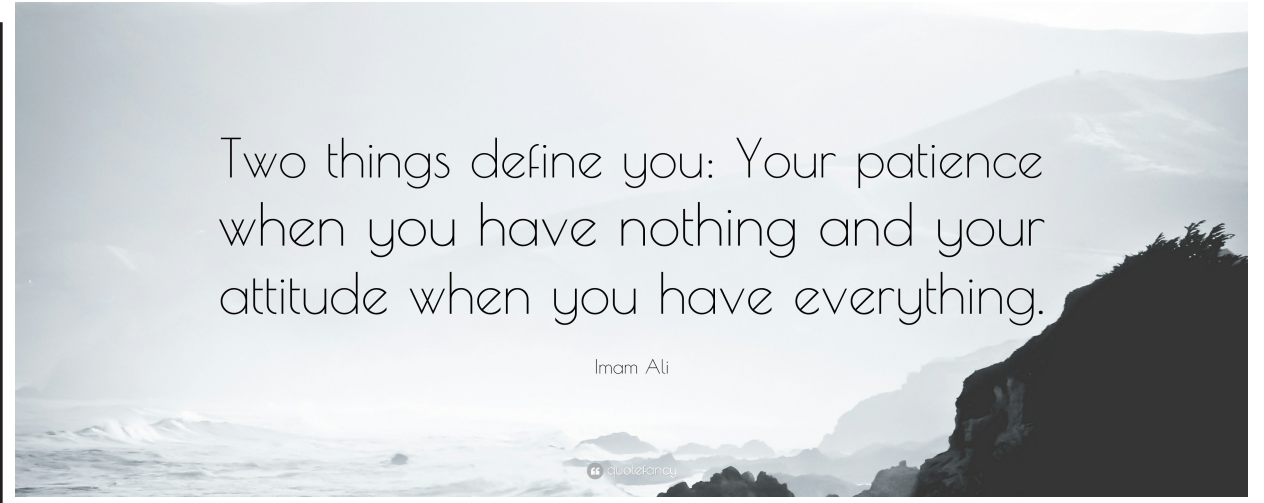
India has already shared a draft agreement for a possible migration and mobility pact with the Chilean side. Officials said both sides want an increase in investment in various sectors. Chile for instance wants increase in investment in its mining sector. Chile also wants to increase its agricultural products to India.

In his remarks before the media, Mr Modi said the visit of the Chilean President would impart a "new momentum and direction" to bilateral ties. He said resilient supply and value chains would be established between the two countries who would also cooperate in the

spheres of agriculture and food security as well as digital public infrastructure. He said India is ready to share its know-how in railways and space as well.

Mr Modi hailed Chile for declaring November 4 as its National Yoga Day and termed it "inspiring", adding that the two countries would also work together in the ayurveda and traditional medicine sectors. Mr Modi declared the two nations would also work together to combat organised crime, drug trafficking and terrorism. The two countries also decided to work together to simplify visa procedures and begin efforts for a student

exchange programme. Both also agreed for the need for reform in the UN Security Council (UNSC). Mr Modi said while the two nations may be separated by the oceans, they have many similarities. He said the Himalayas in the case of India and the Andes mountains in the case of Chile defined life in these countries for centuries. While the waters of Indian Ocean lashed against the shores of India with energy, the Pacific Ocean did similarly for Chile. The Chilean President in his remarks also spoke about how the nations are strengthening ties and referred to co-operation.



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

Imam Ali

EDITORIAL

MICRO-RETIREMENT IS RESHAPING WORK AND WELL-BEING

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Micro-retirement is rising as a defining career pattern among Gen Z, redefining conventional concepts of labour, accomplishment and welfare. Instead of waiting until their 60-somethings to take a prolonged break from the workplace, young professionals are opting to take sporadic sabbaticals during their careers, valuing mental health, self-actualisation, and activity beyond the corporate routine.

This change is not a temporary fad but a reaction to the long-standing frustration with strict work arrangements, burnout and a changing realisation of what constitutes a healthy balance in life (Robinson, 2025). Gen Z has come of age with a world that reminds them

continuously of the value of self-care and work-life balance, but has also inherited a working model that frequently disregards these values.

The pandemic-fueled growth of hustle culture left its share of disillusioned young workers, who no longer wanted to spend decades of continuous work in one line of occupation. Micro-retirement is a solution to this problem — brief, purposeful breaks that enable one to refresh, explore the world, acquire new skills, or take a break from work-related anxiety without relinquishing their jobs forever. Most Gen Z employees view this as an opportunity to sidestep the pitfalls of burnout and maintain long-term productivity, citing that the classic career path of working diligently until

retirement is archaic and impractical (Robinson, 2025).

Micro-retirement is also boosted by a shift in values. In contrast to earlier generations that tended to associate stability with prosperity, today's young professionals consider stability to be the power to master their time and emotional health.

Others are more than happy to sacrifice a few years of fast-track professional progress for the freedom to step back and re-evaluate what is truly important. Employees who have embraced micro-retirement report that such breaks enable them to indulge in personal development, spend quality time with family, or merely be without the pressures of productivity (India Today, 2025).



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PIL in HC over razing of trees on UOH campus

Kalapala Babu Rao, a retired scientist, on Tuesday filed a PIL before the Telangana High Court against the razing of trees in the 400-acre land parcel in Survey No. 25, Kancha Gachibowli. Rao said the action of the government was unlawful and in violation of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. The PIL said the government had gone ahead without constituting an expert committee under the Forest Conservation Rules, 2023 for the preparation of a consolidated record of forest land.

He requested the court to set aside GO Ms No 54 of 26-06-2024 alienating the land to TGIC and to declare the land as a national park under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. The PIL said the land was categorised as the Deccan southern thorny scrub forest ecoregion. These are moist dry deciduous forests and scrub jungles common and play a crucial role in climate regulation, maintaining the groundwater table and providing a habitat for wildlife and vegetation, lakes and rock formations. The forests were characterised by low-canopied scrub with sparse, short, thorny, dense-wooded trees with pockets of tropical dry deciduous forests scattered throughout.

As the canopies were not thick, the floor of such forests provided an opportunity for a variety of grasses to grow, creating a grassland ecosystem unlike an evergreen forest. These canopies, flowers and fruits of the scrub trees and the grasses provide a perfect habitat for bird and wildlife species akin to the KBR and the Mrugavani national park, the PIL said. The razing of such a forest will be an ecological disaster for the city, particularly in the financial capital which is witnessing enormous development in terms of setting up of companies and residential complexes. A division bench of the Telangana High Court headed by acting Chief Justice Sujoy Paul will hear the PIL on Wednesday along with the petition filed by Vata foundation in which the High Court had on March 24 sought an explanation from the government.

Genco told to recruit PwD candidate

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Justice Nagesh Bheemapaka of Telangana High Court directed the Telangana State Power Generation Corporation Limited (TS Genco) to appoint a candidate to the post of assistant engineer (mechanical) under the physically handicapped (orthopedically handicapped) category with all consequential benefits after she was denied appointment based on a government order governing the reservation and interchange of physically handicapped categories in government employment. The judge disposed of a writ plea filed by Dhara-vath Neelima, an engineer-

ing graduate with an orthopedic disability, who challenged the selection process after being denied appointment despite securing higher marks than a candidate who was selected under the physically handicapped category. The grievance arose from a recruitment notification issued by TS Genco in September 2015, which reserved 3 per cent of posts for physically handicapped candidates. The petitioner applied under the PH (OH) category for a post in Zone-1 and secured 41 marks in the merit list. She was not called for certificate verification, while a candidate with 32 marks was selected under the hearing-impaired category.

The petitioner argued that the appointment process was arbitrary and violated established rules, as all previous recruitments for similar posts reserved the PH quota for orthopedic disabilities due to the hazardous nature of the job. The respondent authorities defended its selection process, citing a GO dated May 26, 2011, which governs the reservation and interchange of physically handicapped categories in government employment. According to the roster system, the available PH vacancies in the mechanical engineering branch were assigned to different disability categories. The respondents claimed that the petitioner could only be

considered for the OH category, which had already been filled by a candidate with 61 marks. The judge, after reviewing the records, found that the notification did not explicitly mention the applicability of the GO. Moreover, the judge observed that Genco historically reserved PH vacancies for orthopedic disabilities due to the technical and hazardous nature of the job. The judge also noted that TS Genco adopted all circulars and decisions of its predecessor, AP Genco, under the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014 which previously restricted PH recruitment to orthopaedically challenged candidates.

Seeds corp to pay interest to pensioner

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Justice P. Sree Sudha of Telangana High Court directed the AP Seeds Development Corporation Ltd (APSSDC) to pay interest to a retired employee for delayed disbursement of a terminal benefits. The judge dealt with a writ petition filed by G.S. Prasada Rao, manager (production), who retired in 2004. It was the case of the peti-

tioner that his gratuity and leave encashment dues, amounting to approximately Rs 4.35 lakh, were paid belatedly in 2008. The petitioner sought interest at 9 per cent per annum for the delay, contending that despite the disciplinary proceedings initiated against him being dropped in 2008, his rightful retirement benefits were withheld for several years. The petitioner argued that the delay caused

him financial hardship and was in violation of established service rules. The respondent corporation defended its stance, citing that the delay was due to the pendency of disciplinary proceedings against multiple employees and that the amounts were disbursed after the clearance of all procedural formalities. However, the judge found this explanation unsatisfactory, observing that the petitioner could

not be penalized for administrative lapses beyond his control. The judge ruled in favour of the petitioner and directed the respondent corporation to pay interest at 9 per cent per annum on the delayed amount for the period from 2004 to 2008. The judge further ordered that if the payment was not made by April 21, an additional interest of 7.5 per cent per annum would be levied until full and final

Ex-Boyfriend Leaks Photos, Ruins Marriage Proposal

A 25-year-old software professional has filed a harassment complaint with Medipally police, accusing her ex-boyfriend of tarnishing her reputation, which led to the cancellation of her marriage proposal. The name of the accused is being withheld to protect the identity of the victim. The victim stated in her complaint that she met the accused in 2019, and the two were in a relationship. During their time together, the accused once asked her for an OTP, claiming his phone was malfunctioning. She complied, and he used it to gain access to her phone contacts. Whenever she failed to answer his calls or messages, the accused harassed her by calling her contacts and using offensive language. He also threatened to share their pictures with her family and friends. The harassment escalated when her marriage proposal was finalised. The accused allegedly sent their private and intimate photos to her prospective in-laws, leading to the proposal's cancellation. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation.

New panel for TSHRC: HC gives three weeks to govt

The Telangana High Court yet again extended the deadline for the state government to complete the appointment of chairperson and members of Telangana State Human Rights Commission (TSHRC). A two-judge panel, comprising acting Chief Justice Sujoy Paul and Justice Renuka Yara, was hearing a PIL filed by an advocate Adnan Mahmood, who pressed for immediate appointments. The petitioner argued that the prolonged vacancy could lead to serious human rights violations, particularly during election period, and accused the government of failing to establish a concrete action plan or scheme to fill the crucial posts. Earlier, the Advocate General informed the court that a competent committee would soon take a final decision on the appointments. Taking note of the submission, the panel reluctantly deferred the

Courtyard by Marriott Debuts in Jharkhand with Ranchi Hotel

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Courtyard by Marriott has made its debut in Jharkhand with the opening of Courtyard by Marriott Ranchi. This 111-room hotel, part of Marriott Bonvoy's portfolio, offers a blend of elegance and comfort, catering to both business and leisure travelers. Located near iconic landmarks like the Rock Garden and Kanke Dam, the hotel is just 35 minutes from Birsa Munda Airport and 30 minutes from major railway stations. It features spacious rooms with modern amenities, including high-speed Wi-Fi and



flat-screen TVs, offering views of Kanke Dam or lush gardens. Dining options include Viraasat, an all-day dining venue with local and international cuisines, and the Courtyard Cafe for casual bites and beverages. Skyline, the rooftop bar, offers poolside relaxation and expertly crafted cocktails.

The hotel boasts a 24-hour fitness center, a rooftop pool, and a steam area. It is adjacent to Nucleus Mall, providing easy access to Ranchi's attractions, including waterfalls and religious sites. For events, the hotel offers 9,100 sq. feet of versatile space. Vista Hall can accommodate up to 300 guests, while

the Executive Chamber is ideal for intimate gatherings. The Skyline Venue provides an open-air setting with views of Kanke Dam. "We are excited to mark this significant milestone in our expansion journey in India with the opening of Courtyard by Marriott Ranchi," said Ranju Alex, Regional Vice

President, South Asia, Marriott International. "This launch underscores our commitment to entering promising markets like Ranchi, which offers a unique blend of urban energy and natural beauty." Pramod Singh, Hotel Manager, added, "We are thrilled to introduce the first Courtyard by Marriott hotel in Jharkhand, bringing our signature warmth and hospitality to the heart of this vibrant state. Whether you're exploring the region's rich heritage or simply looking for a place to relax, we look forward to making your stay truly memorable."

Pioneer to Commence In-Car Product Manufacturing in India



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Pioneer Corporation announced today its plans to begin manufacturing in-car products in India starting in 2026. This initiative follows the establishment of an R&D center in the country in 2023 and aims to strengthen Pioneer's presence in India's rapidly growing automotive market.

Under the vision of "Creating the Future of Mobility Experiences," Pioneer is transforming into a solutions company. The firm has been expanding its global footprint by hiring industry veterans and establishing R&D facilities in India and Germany. India is a key market for Pioneer outside of Japan. Local production of in-car products, in partnership with local contractors,

will enable Pioneer to establish a comprehensive value chain in India, encompassing B2B sales, R&D, manufacturing, and post-delivery support. This will enhance Pioneer's ability to serve Indian automakers by accommodating local needs in product design and manufacturing, reducing delivery lead times, and providing prompt after-sale services.

The initial phase of local production will focus on Display Audio products for automakers, with plans to expand to a broader range of in-car products for both factory installation and retail channels. Shiro Yahara, President and CEO of Pioneer Corporation, commented, "We are thrilled to commence the manufacture of in-car products in India. This shift to local production will enable us

to better serve local automakers and position Pioneer as a key player in the fast-growing Indian auto industry, driving our global business growth in the long term." Aniket Kulkarni, Managing Director of Pioneer India Electronics Private Ltd., added, "Starting local production reinforces our commitment to India. By forging closer partnerships with local automotive manufacturers, we aim to provide a wider range of products and services tailored to the evolving needs of Indian automotive customers." This initiative aligns with the Indian government's "Make in India" program, which promotes domestic manufacturing, and supports Pioneer's strategy to deliver enhanced mobility experiences worldwide.

Radhey Group Celebrates Ugadi with Grandeur and Festivities for Raaga Villa Customers



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Radhey Group celebrated the auspicious occasion of Ugadi with a grand event exclusively for Raaga Villa customers. The celebration brought together homeowners and their families in a spirit of joy and togetherness at the Raaga Site in Kollur. Radhey Daggumalla, Managing Director of Radhey Group, expressed his delight in celebrating Ugadi with

the esteemed Raaga Villa community. "Ugadi is a time of new beginnings and optimism," he said. "At Radhey Group, we believe in celebrating our traditions while fostering a sense of unity and growth. We are grateful to our Raaga Villa customers for being part of this special event." The event featured interactive activities and a grand feast with authentic delicacies, creating an atmosphere filled with enthusiasm.

The celebration reinforced the company's commitment to cultural inclusivity and customer engagement. Radhey Group continues to uphold its values of community, culture, and corporate excellence, ensuring that every celebration strengthens its bond with customers and stakeholders. The Ugadi celebration was another testament to the organization's dedication to these principles.

Zomato slashes 600 jobs; hits employees in Hyderabad, Gurugram

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Zomato, the popular online food delivery platform, has reportedly laid off up to 600 customer support employees, just a year after hiring them. The reported layoffs came as the company faces challenges in its core food delivery business and rising losses in its quick commerce subsidiary, Blinkit. According to reports, the company had hired nearly 1,500 employees last year through its Zomato Associate Accelerator Program (ZAAP) to fill customer support

roles. However, in recent weeks, many of these employees have been let go without any prior notice or opportunity to improve their performance, the report added. The employees who were fired received one month's salary as compensation, but the layoffs were reportedly based on issues like poor performance and punctuality. Zomato's decision to reduce its customer support team is part of a broader strategy to cut costs, which includes using artificial intelligence (AI) to automate customer support functions, the report said.

Who is playing young Stephen Nedumpally in 'L3: The Beginning'?

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The excitement for L3: The Beginning, the final part of the Lucifer trilogy, has reached new heights. Ever since L2: Empuraan ended with a glimpse of young Stephen Nedumpally, fans have been eager to know who is playing the role. The scene was designed to keep the mystery alive, leaving the audience guessing. Now,



the wait is over. The makers have officially announced that the younger version of Stephen Nedumpally

will be played by none other than Mohanlal's son, Pranav Mohanlal. Pranav, a familiar face to Telugu audiences

through Hridayam and Varshangalkku Sheesham, stepping into his father's iconic role has only added to the film's massive buzz. Meanwhile, L2: Empuraan continues to dominate the box office, despite ongoing controversies. Released on March 27, 2025, the film has already crossed ₹200 crore in less than a week, setting new records. Directed by Prithviraj

Sukumaran, Empuraan features Mohanlal, Tovino Thomas, Abhimanyu Singh, Manju Warrior, Prithviraj Sukumaran, Indrajith Sukumaran, Sachin Khedekar, Sania Iyappan, Sshivada Nair, and Suraj Venjaramoodu. The film has been praised for its gripping storyline and seamless connection to the previous parts, keeping audiences hooked till the very end.

Echoes of 'Imperial Presidency' — Unilateral America in a multipolar world

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America's unipolar moment was long gone, with analysts singing swansong of its unchallenged power and trumpeting the rise of the rest. That the United States was still the largest economy in the world, with an unparalleled military power was undeniable, but it was also becoming increasingly clear that such an enormous power was being wielded amid a number of rising powers. One country in particular, China, had come threateningly close to becoming a peer competitor in the international sys-

tem, and more starkly in the Indo-Pacific region. So, the geopolitical script that the world had gotten used to was that of major stakeholders of the international system reorienting their national security and foreign policy strategies to navigate the growing US-China power rivalry to protect and promote their own interests. Inside the US, there seemed to be bipartisan support for China as the long-term challenger, and Russia as the shorter-term menace, more particularly in the European security order. So, did the advent of Trump 2.0 completely disrupt this understanding?

Day before Trump 2.0 The US national security, defence and military strategies were quite clear that America's strategic competition with China was perhaps the defining feature of new geopolitics. The US had acknowledged that China was the only country, with both the capability and the intention to challenge US primacy in the international system. President Trump in his first term had started a tariff war with China, and his successor President Joe Biden had largely continued the same. That the United States was entering a new era of great power rivalry with China

across multiple domains was soon becoming a foregone conclusion in the American beltway. Confrontations in geopolitical hotspots like the Taiwan Strait and the South China Sea were becoming sharper, even as global challenges like climate change called for co-operation among major stakeholders of the world economy. The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad), between India, the US, Japan and Australia, which Trump 1.0 helped revive in 2017, was growing more comprehensive drawing the ire of the Chinese establishment. The US under the Biden presidency and its

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies in Europe were largely joined at the hip in steadfastly supporting Ukraine's war efforts against Russia. That Trump's second coming to the White House was a route to disruptions in how Washington would handle domestic politics and foreign engagements was well-known, but what is surprising is the speed at which he has gone about dismantling social contract. Scenarios of the US imposing tariffs on its closest security partners like the UK, Canada and the European Union (EU)

were unimaginable before the advent of Trump's second administration. Now, world leaders, irrespective of allies, adversaries and strategic partners, virtually check Trump's tariff thermometer before taking their morning coffee or tea. The atmosphere in the US Congress, as American senators grilled Trump's national security team over an inadvertent leakage of a Signal chat group discussing real-time war plans of US military strikes on Houthi targets, was a grim reminder of the heightened angst and anger among American lawmakers, particularly in the political opposition.

The excesses of American presidencies in its foreign policy and national security actions have periodically reverberated beyond and within American borders, most particularly in times when American lives are at stake in foreign wars. America's civil society has often risen to protests against long wars in foreign soils, as in the tumultuous years of the Vietnam war, the disastrous war in Iraq or the one in Afghanistan from which the US withdrew hastily after more than two decades. Does US Need an Emperor? That American citizens voted Donald Trump back

to the White House with a decisive mandate winning both the Electoral College and the popular votes is undeniable. That Trump garnered growing support not just from his hardcore 'Make America Great Again' (MAGA) loyalists but also from a wide spectrum of voters, cutting across ethnic, racial, religious and economic lines, is also undeniable. That Trump and his election strategists were able to cater to a wide section of American voters, who felt they were 'not better off' during the four years of Biden and believed that they could do much better under Trump's 'America First' and MAGA calls,

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Aditya Mehta Foundation Wins 25 Medals at 1st National Para Road Cycling Championship 2025



(Topmost row - standing - left to right) Winners and Participants of Paracycling Nationals Pavan, Yashwant, Prashant, Piyush, Chandana, Govind, Santosh, Jyoti, Abid Hussain, Lisa, Tribhuvan, Yashoda, Ananya, Vishva, Itekaar, Arnavardan, Bharathi; (On wheelchair - Middle Row left to right) Yogesh, Pritam, Aashish, Janu; (Sitting on Ground - left to right) Harimangesh, Sameer and Lakshmirreddy with their medals at the 1st National Para Road Cycling Championship 2025, Hyderabad, today.

The Aditya Mehta Foundation (AMF) achieved a historic milestone by securing 25 medals at the 1st National Para Road Cycling Championship 2025 in Hyderabad. The event featured over 90 para-cyclists from 25 states across India, showcasing AMF's commitment to empowering para-athletes and promoting inclusivity in sports. Para-cyclists from Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (JNV Rangareddy), trained under AMF's guidance, contributed 16 medals to this victory, setting new standards with their dedication and resilience. The medal tally included 13 gold, 6 silver, and 6 bronze medals across various categories. These athletes, selected through National Talent Identification Hunts, received specialized training, nutrition, and rehabilitation support. With this victory, AMF athletes are now aiming for the Asian Para Games 2025, Commonwealth Games 2026, and the Paralympics 2028. AMF extends gratitude to Invesco, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (JNV Rangareddy), Alcon, and GMMCO for their support in promoting para-sports and empowering para-athletes.

It is nothing but blackmail, says Sunrisers Hyderabad official



You locking the F3 Box which was given to the 'Away' team (Lucknow Super Giants) owner, Mr Goenka, a few hours before the last IPL match and opening it up after we pleaded with you, is purely blackmail," T B Srinath, general manager of the Sunrisers Hyderabad, said in a letter written to the HCA Apex Council members on Tuesday.

"We fail to understand how such an act cannot be considered as blackmail and coercion, especially just a few hours before the start of the game," Srinath said. "The agreement between us very clearly states that we must give you 10% of the saleable tickets across the stands as complimentary to you. But you are taking 3,900 complimentary tickets in the best areas of the stadium, including several boxes. The majority of seats which you have taken are prime seats in the stands on the South side," he said in the letter in response to the e-mail sent by HCA on March 31.

"Furthermore, the president of HCA, Jagan Mohan Rao, had sent us an email on March 4, 2025, asking us for extra 30 complimentary tickets in SRH's Owners Lounge. You stating that you did not ask for more than 3,900 complimentary tickets is clearly false," the SRH official said.

The top brass of the Sunrisers Hyderabad has questioned the claim of the HCA to reimburse the expenditure incurred for the installation of new seats and the canopy of the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium when it was done during the tenure of the Supreme Court-appointed administrator and funded by the BCCI. It is also pointed out that Jagan Mohan Rao was not the president of HCA at that point of time but he has been claiming in the media that he was the one who installed the new seats and the canopy.

"It is the job of the HCA to maintain and provide a clean stadium before the start of the IPL. But, it is only out of concern for the fans that we stepped in to pay for the upgradation of the stadium through CSR," he said in the letter.

"Even this year, the stadium was handed over to us in a very bad condition and huge sums of money was paid by us for the deep cleaning of the stadium, including the garbage removal prior to the start of the IPL," it was pointed out.

"Your claim that you do not have the information regarding the vendors and the work is ridiculous after you have issued the authorisation letter to the same vendors for doing the work funded by us," the SRH official pointed out.

Prabhsimran pulverises Lucknow bowling, Punjab Kings win by eight wickets

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The pint-sized Prabhsimran Singh packed a mean punch in his enthralling 34-ball 69 as Punjab Kings outclassed Lucknow Super Giants by 8 wickets with a commanding all-round performance in an IPL game here on Monday.

Chasing a target of 172 on a track that offered grip and variable bounce, Punjab were off to a rollicking start, courtesy Prabhsimran, who hammered the LSG bowling attack into submission in the first 10 overs with nine fours and three sixes, to effectively kill the contest.

It was then a cakewalk for his skipper Shreyas Iyer (52 not out off 30 balls) with the chase being completed in 16.2 overs to increase the woes for an out-of-form LSG captain Rishabh Pant, who looked bereft of ideas.

Young Nehal Wadhwa (43 not out off 25 balls), after an initial struggle, also picked up some confidence-boosting easy runs towards the end.

The match was won and lost in the two Powerplays, where the hosts were outplayed. In the batting Power-



play, they were down to 39 for 3 after losing three of their top-order players, leaving the middle-order with a lot of heavy-lifting to do.

It was a collective bowling effort from Punjab, be it pacers Arshdeep Singh (3/43 in 4 overs), Lockie Ferguson (/126 in 3

overs), Marco Jansen (1/28 in 4 overs) or spinners Glenn Maxwell (1/22 in 3 overs) and Yuzvendra Chahal (1/36 in 4 overs).

When Punjab Kings batted, Prabhsimran clobbered the pacers and spinners alike, scoring 45 of the 62 runs that the visitors

picked up in their first six overs.

LSG seem to have the weakest bowling attack in this IPL. With Mayank Yadav unavailable indefinitely and main spinner Ravi Bishnoi having an uncharacteristically poor season, the team's bowling options seem

to be underperforming. The attack, featuring Shardul Thakur, who was unsold initially, and a frequently inconsistent Avesh Khan, has yet to inspire much confidence.

Earlier, on a track that seemed two-paced with variable bounce, Punjab Kings bowlers led by the ever-dependable Arshdeep knocked off the LSG top order within first six overs and contributions from in-form Nicholas Pooran (44 off 30) and Ayush Badoni (41 off 33 balls) wasn't enough to put a challenging score on board. Credit should also be given to skipper Iyer, whose intelligent field placements also ensured that LSG were never in control of the situation.

While some deliveries gripped the surface and the odd ball bounced a bit more than expected, Pooran was the only batter who seemed at ease, comfortably handling both pacers and spinners alike.

But to Iyer's credit, he started with a deep extra cover in the Powerplay just to prevent the southpaw from teeing off with a cover drive.

For LSG skipper Rishabh Pant (2), the highest all-time buy from

an IPL auction, it was his third consecutive failure and the embarrassing manner of his dismissal won't amuse him one bit. It was a rank long-hop from Maxwell, which he tried to slog behind square but could only find Chahal at short fine leg.

This was after Arshdeep got rid of Mitchell Marsh (0) in the very first over with a delivery that bounced a trifle extra with the opener closing his bat face.

Aiden Markram (28 off 18 balls) started off well but Ferguson breached his defence with a quick nip-backer.

Pooran looked in ominous touch as he smashed Chahal for a couple of sixes but the wily out-of-favour leg-spinner had the last laugh.

After being hammered for 15 in his first over, he bowled one slightly wide out of Pooran's hitting arc and he holed out in the deep. The Windies man hit five fours and two sixes.

Badoni hit three sixes and a four but could never force the momentum in LSG's favour and it was Abdul Samad's (27 off 12 balls) cameo that got them past the 170-run mark.

City-Based Paddler S Fidel R Snehit Breaks into Top 100 World Rankings

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In a momentous achievement for the Telugu-speaking States, S Fidel R Snehit, a talented paddler hailing from Hyderabad, has made history by breaking into the top 100 world rankings. This extraordinary feat is the culmination of years of dedication, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to the sport of table tennis. Snehit's journey began in the modest confines of the one-room Global Table Tennis Academy in Naveen-nagar, where he honed his skills under the watchful eyes of his mentors. Snehit's meteoric rise in the rankings was fueled by his outstanding perform-



ance at the WTT Star Contender championship in Chennai last week. His impressive showing at the tournament saw him climb an astonishing 34 places, securing the 89th position in the world rankings. This accomplishment not only underscores his exceptional talent but also highlights the growing prowess of Indian table tennis on the global stage.

During the championship, Snehit demonstrated his prowess by defeating World No. 29 Yukiya Uda of Japan in a thrilling Round of 32 match. He continued his winning streak by overcoming Indian table tennis legend Sharath Kamal in the Round of 16, showcasing his ability to compete with the best in the sport. Although he eventually

bowed out in the quarterfinals, Snehit's performance left an indelible mark on the tournament. Additionally, he teamed up with Sharath Kamal to reach the men's doubles semifinals, further cementing his status as a formidable force in the world of table tennis.

Reflecting on his achievement, Snehit expressed his elation,

"I am thrilled with my latest world ranking. Breaking into the top 100 was my prime goal for the year, and achieving it feels great. Now, I'm fully focused on making it to the top 50." His journey has been marked by numerous international medals, and despite missing out on a Paris Olympics berth due to an injury, Snehit remains determined to scale even greater heights in his career.

Snehit attributes his success to the unwavering support and dedication of his coach Somnath Ghosh and fitness trainer HIRAK BAGCHI. He also extended his heartfelt gratitude to the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) leadership for their encouragement

and support in balancing his dual roles as an auditor and a professional athlete.

Currently, Snehit finds himself ranked behind fellow Indian paddlers Manav Thakkar (47), Harmeet Desai (68), Manush Shah (73), and Sharath Kamal (80) in the world rankings. However, his recent achievements and unyielding determination suggest that he is well on his way to climbing even higher in the global table tennis scene. As he continues to push the boundaries of his abilities, Snehit serves as an inspiration to aspiring athletes across the Telugu-speaking States and beyond, embodying the spirit of perseverance and excellence in sport.

Hyderabad Celebrates Eid-ul-Fitr with Festive Zeal and Unity

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Hyderabad, known for its IT hubs and pearls, joined the nation in celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr, marking the end of Ramzan. The festival began with special prayers at mosques, including the historic Makrah Masjid near Charminar, where thousands gathered in devotion. Leading up to Eid, markets witnessed a surge in activity as residents purchased new clothes, gifts, and festive delicacies. Bustling areas like Laad Bazaar and Sultan Bazaar reflected the community's enthusiasm. On Eid morning, major Eidgahs and mosques saw large congregational prayers, with the biggest gathering at Eidgah Mir Alam, where over a lakh worshippers, including



Muslim devotees offer prayers during Eid at Masab Tank in Hyderabad on Monday.

Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi, participated.

Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma, Chief

Minister A Revanth Reddy, BJP state pres-

ident G Kishan Reddy, and BRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao extended Eid greetings to the Muslim community. Thousands also gathered at Hockey Ground in Masab Tank, Qutb Shahi Eidgah, Madannapet Eidgah, Shahi Masjid, and Eidgah Balamrai. The prayers were led by Khateeb Mecca Masjid, Maulana Hafiz Mufti Rizwan Qureshi, with Ulema delivering sermons on the significance of Eid. Following prayers, people exchanged Eid Mubarak greetings and embraced one another in celebration. Families came together for a traditional breakfast featuring Sheer Khurma, marking the end of their fast. As part of the festival's customs, every Muslim family contributed Fitra, a mandatory charity, en-



sure those in need could partake in the celebrations. Affluent families fulfilled their obligation by paying Zakat, contributing 2.5% of their wealth to support the less fortunate. Children eagerly collected

Eidi from elders, adding joy to the festivities. Senior police officials extended Eid greetings at key prayer sites, reinforcing the festival's spirit of harmony. Various organizations and individuals

distributed food and clothing to support the underprivileged, embodying the spirit of unity and generosity. The city embraced Eid with religious fervor and festive joy, bringing communities together in celebration.

Considering withdrawal of cases against UoH students: Dy CM

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Telangana deputy chief minister Bhatti Vikramarka said that all concerns being raised by the students of University of Hyderabad (UoH) and environmentalists are being addressed. On the ongoing protests against the state government acquiring 400 acres of UoH land, he stated that the government reclaimed

400 acres of Kancha Gachibowli land from "the hands of frauds only to create wealth and jobs for the youth". Addressing media in Hyderabad on Tuesday, April 1, after having discussions with the alumni, students of UoH and environmentalists on the issue of the auction of those 400 acres, Vikramarka said that the Telangana government was not going to disturb the

ecological imbalance, and would take steps to protect the rock formations and lakes inside the UoH campus. He assured that the representation given by the delegation for withdrawing cases against the jailed UoH students was being considered by the Telangana government. Showing the revenue documents on exchange of 400 acres of land between the revenue de-

partment and UoH from January 2004, he explained that steps were taken by the earlier state governments to reclaim 400 acres of the land which were allotted to one Billy Rao of IMG Bharatha by former chief minister of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh (AP) N Chandrababu Naidu. This allotment of land was contested by Naidu's successor and former AP chief minister Dr YS Ra-

jasekhara Reddy in 2006. Telangana Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy questioned how high-rise buildings were constructed in 27 acres of the same land when Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government was in power earlier. He wondered why BRS leaders "didn't remember biodiversity and wildlife when those buildings were being constructed".

NBKA Conducts Belt Grading Test

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Nayak Budokan Karate Academy recently organized a Belt Grading Test at Brilliant Grammar School, where over 100 students enthusiastically participated. The event was graced by the presence of Chief Guest, Thukkuguda Councilor Ravi Nayak. Addressing the gathering, Ravi Nayak praised the students for their dedication and talent. He emphasized the importance of continuous improvement and offered his support for their future endeavors. Brilliant School's Sridhar Reddy was also present, acknowledging the students' hard work and commitment. NAKA President P. Ganesh Nayak distributed belts and certificates to the students, recognizing their achievements.



The program was further enriched by the presence of esteemed Karate Masters K. Ravindhar, E. Shiva Nayak, J. Shiva Nayak, Naresh Nayak, Raju, and Tarun, along with Lady Coaches Shivani and Sneha. The event highlighted the academy's commitment to fostering martial arts skills and discipline among the students, providing them with a platform to showcase their abilities and advance their ranks.

UoH Students Launch Indefinite Strike Against Land Auction

Students demand a halt to forest clearing as Telangana moves to auction 400-acre ecological hotspot

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Students at the University of Hyderabad (UoH) launched an indefinite strike and boycotted classes on Tuesday to protest the state government's auction of 400 acres of university land. They asserted that the land rightfully belongs to the university and that its sale would severely impact the institution's future while also harming the environment and local ecology. In their list of demands, the students called for the immediate removal of police personnel and construction machinery deployed on campus. They also sought a written assurance that the land would be officially registered under the uni-

versity's control. Additionally, they demanded transparency in land-related matters by asking for the release of the minutes from the executive committee meeting where the issue was discussed. Following the class boycott, students organized a protest rally on campus, which included a 'Seva Yatra' as part of their demonstrations. They strongly criticized the police presence in and around the university, alleging that law enforcement was restricting their free movement. Many students reported being stopped on roads leading to the campus, which they claimed was an attempt to suppress their protest. The protestors argue that the auction of

university land sets a dangerous precedent and could lead to further encroachments on educational institutions' properties. They emphasized that the land should remain under the university's jurisdiction to ensure academic and environmental sustainability. As the strike continues, students have vowed to intensify their agitation if their demands are not met. They have called on university authorities, state officials, and the general public to support their cause and prevent what they see as an unjust transfer of institutional land. The protest reflects growing concerns over land allocations affecting educational institutions across the country.

