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Indian National Stabbed To Death in Canada; Suspect Held

An Indian national was stabbed to death in Canada's Rockland near Ottawa, said the Indian Embassy in Canada on Saturday. According to the Indian Embassy, the local police have taken a suspect into custody. The Embassy confirmed that they are in contact with victim's family and they are providing all possible assistance to them. "We are deeply saddened by the tragic death of an Indian national in Rockland near Ottawa, due to stabbing. Police have stated a suspect has been taken into custody. We are in close contact through a local community association to provide all possible assistance to the bereaved kin," said the Indian Embassy in a post on X. The details about the incident are still awaited.

AI saves life after doctors lose hope



Doctors declared his condition hopeless, but artificial intelligence (AI) gave him a second chance. In a seminar on 'Reducing Cancer Mortality - The Role of Technology', experts shared how a rare blood disorder patient was saved by a treatment model developed by AI. The session was jointly organised by the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI), Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) and Swastava Cancer Care (SCC) on Saturday. Bhavesh Mishra, deputy secretary, ITEC, shared the case of Joseph Coates, diagnosed with POEMS syndrome—a rare and often fatal blood disorder. Doctors had given up hope, offering him two grim

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Manipur group rejects Meitei-Kuki peace talks

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The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), an influential umbrella organisation of social bodies in Manipur's Imphal Valley, rejected the Kuki-Meitei peace talks facilitated by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in New Delhi on Saturday (April 5, 2025). The organisation said it declined to participate in the "so-called" peace initiative as it was "stage-managed" by the MHA through a "misleading narrative" from Union Home Minister Amit Shah that Manipur's crisis was merely an ethnic conflict between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities allegedly triggered by a court directive on Scheduled Tribe status for the Meiteis. "This narrative conveniently ignores the far more dangerous and deep-rooted realities that COCOMI has consistently highlighted since the beginning of this crisis," the organisation's convenor, Laikhuram Jayenta said.



He said the conflict is an ongoing proxy war enabled and perpetuated by the Centre through the patronage of Chin-Kuki extremists nurtured since 2005 under the guise of the Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement. Mr Jayenta said the COCOMI made it clear in previous engagements with MHA officials that the people of Manipur consider the Centre an active party to the conflict, not a neutral mediator. "Without acknowledging this fundamental truth, any so-called peace initiative is a hollow exercise designed solely for political optics," he said, adding that the Centre has repeatedly employed symbolic gestures to create a facade of resolution, with no sincere or substantive

steps to address the root causes of this crisis. "The latest meeting, hastily convened with a handful of individuals from both sides, is yet another tactical manoeuvre to fabricate an illusion of progress, conveniently timed to furnish talking points for the Home Minister's parliamentary address," the COCOMI said. The organisation accused the Centre of not undertaking a single genuine measure to resolve the crisis that began in May 2023. "Instead, it has persistently evaded responsibility, refused to confront the actual drivers of conflict, and continues to embolden separatist elements through false hopes and covert support," it said.

ONOE only after 2034, says Nirmala

Chennai WUT | Apr. 6

Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said the opposition to 'one nation, one election' was premature since the Centre was planning to implement it only in 2030. In Tamil Nadu, already the AIADMK and PMK had extended their support to



the plan, while Chief Minister M.K. Stalin is opposing what his father M. Karunanidhi had supported, she said. Speaking at a seminar on 'one nation, one election' at

the SRM University, Chengalpatt district, she said the President would take a call on the scheme only after the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. "We have planned to implement the proposal only in 2030 and why are you opposing it now," she asked. She said a lot of money was spent each time an election was held and the

country had faced 400 elections since Independence. The finance minister said about Rs. 1 lakh crore was spent for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and conducting simultaneous polls to the Lok Sabha and assemblies would reduce the expenditure by Rs. 12,000 crore, which could be used for people's welfare.

Shah appeals to 'Maoist brothers' to lay down arms

Raipur WUT | Apr. 6

Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday made an appeal to the Maoists to lay down arms and join the mainstream, saying that 'No one feels happy if a Naxal is killed'. Mr. Shah, for the first time, addressed the Naxals as 'brothers', calling them as 'one of us', while assuring them of their security and safety if they shun the path of violence and join the main-



stream. "The era of firing and bomb blasts in Bastar is gone. Bastar has already embraced the path of development. I appeal to the Maoists, those who are armed and those who are not armed, to lay

down weapons and join the mainstream. No one feels happy when a Naxal is killed. You people are one of us", Mr. Shah said while addressing the closing ceremony of 'Bastar Pandum', a 45-day long

tribal culture festival, in Dantewada in south Bastar in Chhattisgarh. Reiterating his resolve to end Maoism by March 2026, Mr. Shah said that the Maoists cannot stop development of Bastar with guns and warned that those who still wielded weapons will be dealt with by the security forces. "Whatever happens, the entire country will be Naxal-Mukt (free) by March 2026", he said.

6.9-magnitude quake hits off Papua New Guinea coast: USGS

Sydney WUT | Apr. 6

A strong 6.9-magnitude earthquake struck Saturday morning off the coast of Papua New Guinea's New Britain Island, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) said. The shallow quake, at a depth of 10 kilometers (six miles), triggered a tsunami warning which was later downgraded by the US Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre. "Based on all available data the tsunami threat from this earthquake has now passed," the centre said, adding that "no tsunami was observed" at the nearest monitoring site. The earthquake struck at 6:04 am local time (2004 GMT) and was centred about 194 kilometres (120 miles) southeast of the nearest major town Kimbe. Marolyn Simbiken, a

receptionist at Kimbe's Liamo Reef Resort, said so far she had not seen any damage. "We did feel the earthquake here," she told AFP. "But there's not big damage. Nothing was damaged here and there was no evacuation." Walindi Plantation Resort worker Barbara Aibilo she felt a "slight shake". Several smaller quakes, with preliminary magnitudes ranging from 4.9 to 5.3, struck afterwards near the same patch of sea, according to the USGS. Earthquakes are common in Papua New Guinea, which sits on top of the seismic "Ring of Fire" -- an arc of intense tectonic activity that stretches through Southeast Asia and across the Pacific basin. Although they seldom cause widespread damage in sparsely populated areas, they can trigger destructive landslides.

Hyderabad police grants conditional permission for shobha yatra

New delhi WUT | Apr. 5

The Hyderabad police here on Saturday granted permission with certain conditions for Sri Rama Navami Shobha Yatra to be taken out by BJP MLA T Raja Singh on April 6 from Aakashpuri Hanuman Temple in Dhoolpet to Hanuman Vyayamshala in Ramkoti. In an order addressed to Raja Singh, Hyderabad Additional Commissioner of Police, Law and Order, Vikram Singh Mann has made it clear that no inconvenience should be caused to the general public and

also no obstructions should be caused for free flow of traffic. There should be no explicit and implicit violation of any law and the organizers must not create traffic problems. They should ensure that the yatra must be kept on the extreme left on the road and the other half of the road should remain free for regular traffic movement. The organizers should not deviate from the permitted route and they should not halt in the middle of the road for delivering speeches. They should not use DJs, sound mixers, high sound gener-

ating equipment, mobile mikes and loud speakers in the procession and also after the public meeting in Hanuman Vyayamshala. Bursting of fire crackers is strictly prohibited along with sprinkling of vermilion, turmeric, 'gula', flowers or other objects on passers-by under any circumstances. The persons in yatra should not carry any sticks, swords, knives, fire arms, inflammable material or any other weapons. Sticks used for carrying flags or decorations should not be more than two feet in length and should be of split

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"No Mosques Will Be Touched": BJP's Ravi Shankar Prasad

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The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, which has been cleared by both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha after heated, marathon debates, will benefit women from the Muslim community and ensure transparency, BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad has said. In an exclusive conversation with NDTV on Friday, the former law minister insisted that no mosque, place of worship or 'kabrastan' (graveyard) is going to be touched. "The issue is very simple and straight. Whether the

tention of the 'Waqif' who created the Waqf for noble purposes is being executed properly by the 'Muttawali', who is the manager, or not. A Waqf is not a religious body at all. It is a legal or a statutory body... The 'Muttawali' is just a superintendent or a manager. He does not have any rights over the property, because once a Waqf has been created, the property

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Trump Tariff Hikes "Hurt The Vulnerable And The Poor": UN

New Delhi WUT | Apr. 6

Increased global trade tariffs will hurt the most vulnerable and poor people, the UN's trade and development agency said Friday, after US President Donald Trump's measures sparked global alarm. The ensuing trade turbulence "hurts the vulnerable and the poor", said UNCTAD Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan in a statement.



"Trade must not become another source of instability. It should serve development and global growth," Grynspan said. Trump unveiled a barrage of import duties against dozens of countries on

Wednesday, prompting China to retaliate in kind and raising the risk that other countries will follow, hurting the world economy. "Global trade rules must evolve to reflect today's challenges, but they must do so with predictability and development at their core, protecting the most vulnerable," Grynspan added. "This is a time for co-operation -- not escalation.

Russian Strike Kills 18 in Ukrainian President's Home City

Kyiv WUT | Apr. 6

Russian ballistic missile strike on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's home city of Kryvyi Rig killed 18 people on Friday, among them nine children, authorities said. The missile struck a residential area near a children's playground and wounded more than two dozen others, according to the head of the city's military administration. Unverified videos on social media appeared to show bodies lying on a street, while

another showed a plume of smoke rising into the evening sky. "18... that is how many people were killed by the Russians when they launched a missile at Kryvyi Rig. Among them were nine children," Dnipropetrovsk regional governor Sergiy Lysak said on Telegram. He said 61 people were injured in the attack, among them 12 children. "This is the kind of pain you wouldn't wish on your worst enemy," Lysak added. Russia's Ministry of Defence said it "delivered a precision strike

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'New Railway Projects Will Improve Connectivity Infrastructure': PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that his government's nod to four multi-tracking railway projects will improve connectivity infrastructure, boost convenience, reduce logistics costs and strengthen supply chains. He was reacting to the Union Cabinet's approval for four projects of the Ministry of Railways involving a total cost of about Rs 18,658 crore, a government press note said. The four projects covering 15 districts in three states of

Maharashtra, Odisha and Chhattisgarh will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about 1,247 km. PM Modi said the Cabinet's nod to Vibrant Villages Programme-II is an "exceptional news" for ensuring a better quality of life in border villages. He said, "With this approval, we are also expanding the scope of the villages covered compared to Vibrant Villages Programme-I." The objective of the programme is to create better living conditions and adequate livelihood opportunities to ensure prosper-

ous and safe borders, control trans-border crimes and assimilate the border population with the nation and inculcate them 'as eyes and ears of the border guarding forces', crucial for internal security. With a total outlay of Rs 6,839 crore, the programme will be implemented in select strategic villages in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal till 2028-29, a statement said.



Harish Rao Inspires at FRRC Awards: Emphasizes Hard Work and Humility

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Former Minister Harish Rao attended the FRRC Global Excellence Award function as the chief guest and delivered an inspiring speech. He congratulated all the awardees, emphasizing that the true value of awards lies in recognizing the hard work and dedication of the recipients. Awards, he noted, serve as motivation for continued enthusiasm and effort. Harish Rao himself received an award and shared his perspective on the significance of recognition beyond monetary rewards. He highlighted that after a certain point in life, respect, recognition, and societal value become more important than fi-



nancial gains. He was particularly pleased to see awardees from diverse backgrounds, many of whom were in the 30 to 40 age group, indicating a promising future. He encouraged the awardees to aim for higher achievements while reminding them to stay grounded and remember their roots. He stressed the importance of not forgetting one's parents and homeland, as true success is sustainable only when built on a strong foundation of values and humility. Reflecting on Telan-

gana's progress, Harish Rao praised the state's development under the leadership of KCR, citing initiatives like Mission Bhagiratha, Mission Kakatiya, and Rythu Bandhu as examples of its role model status in the country. He shared his personal experience of winning as an MLA seven times, attributing his success to his commitment and availability to the people. He concluded by emphasizing that success comes naturally to those who remain dedicated and focused on their responsibilities. His relaxed approach during elections, despite the common perception of leaders being busy, underscores his belief in the power of consistent effort and commitment.

Encourage investments in Telangana, Sridhar Babu urges Latin American and Caribbean nations

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IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu on Saturday urged official delegates from Latin American and Caribbean nations to encourage their local industrialists to invest in Telangana by highlighting the State's conducive environment for setting up industries. Speaking as the chief guest at the second edition of the India-Latin America and Caribbean Countries Business Conclave, organized by the Global India Business Forum (GIBF) at Park Hyatt in Banjara Hills here, the Minister outlined the investment advantages and the various incentives offered by the state government to industrialists.



He observed that the trade policies adopted by former U.S. President Donald Trump, particularly the imposition of tariffs on goods from various countries, have, in some ways, turned out to be beneficial for India. In the current global scenario, many industrialists seeking investment opportunities were

increasingly turning their attention towards India, he noted. The Minister emphasized that Telangana was actively working to capitalize on these developments and attract greater investments. He predicted that Telangana would play a pivotal role in the future of the Indian economy. A special policy has also been introduced to empower MSMEs in Telangana to compete on the global stage. He assured that the State government would extend comprehensive support to all industrialists willing to invest in Telangana. He also disclosed that six international companies, including three are Korean companies, have come forward to invest in the National Invest-

ment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) at Zaheerabad. Furthermore, the government is encouraging the establishment of industries in tier-2 and tier-3 cities across the State. Special focus is also being placed on promoting agro-processing industries to transform farmers into successful entrepreneurs. Sridhar Babu highlighted the many cultural and economic similarities between Telangana and Latin American and Caribbean countries and extended an invitation to collaborate closely with these nations. The event was attended by GIBF representatives including Joshi, Chakravarthy, and Seetharam, among others.

Bandi Sanjay Honors Jagjivan Ram, Criticizes Congress and BRS

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Union Minister Bandi Sanjay paid tribute to Babu Jagjivan Ram, highlighting his contributions to marginalized communities and his potential to lead India after Indira Gandhi. Sanjay criticized the Congress party for its alleged anti-Dalit stance, citing historical instances where the party undermined Dalit leaders like Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. He accused Congress of ignor-



ing Ambedkar for the Bharat Ratna while honoring other leaders. Sanjay praised the Modi government's initiatives, such as providing free ration rice to the poor in Telangana, and criticized Congress for taking

undue credit. He emphasized the government's significant spending on rice procurement and distribution, urging BJP workers to engage with beneficiaries. The minister also condemned Congress' al-

leged inhumane treatment of students, particularly in the case of Rohit, a scholar who opposed the government. He called for the withdrawal of false cases against students. Sanjay accused the BRS of corruption, claiming it looted Rs. 20,000 crores through land sales, with Congress allegedly ready to follow suit. He criticized both parties for jeopardizing future generations' access to resources. With the Hyderabad MLC elections approaching, San-

jay urged voters to support the BJP, labeling the Majlis party as seditious. He highlighted the unity between Congress and BRS in opposing government initiatives, such as the Waqf Board Amendment Bill. Sanjay emphasized the importance of spending Hyderabad's income in backward areas to promote inclusive growth. His speech was a call to action for greater transparency, accountability, and support for marginalized communities.

Rescue operations continue at Telangana's SLBC tunnel

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Rescue efforts at the Srisailem Lift Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel in Nagarkurnool district, Telangana, continued on Saturday with renewed momentum. SLBC Tunnel Special Officer Shiv Shankar, who is overseeing operations at the Inlet-1 location

along with senior officials, provided an update on the situation. He stated that search operations for six individuals trapped inside the tunnel following the recent incident have been intensified. He stressed that central and state rescue teams are working in full coordination, tackling various challenges to ensure uninterrupted

progress. Key tasks such as removal of steel structures, soil excavation, and water pumping are being carried out simultaneously. A conveyor system is being used to remove debris efficiently, ensuring continuity in operations. Ventilation is also being maintained in coordination with excavation work.

Dr. Sravan Dasoju Demands Accountability and Justice for HCU Deforestation

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In a critical intervention, the Supreme Court of India has halted the deforestation activities at the University of Hyderabad (HCU), addressing a grave environmental crisis. The Telangana Government, under Chief Minister Shri Revanth Reddy, had sanctioned the clearing of a biodiverse forest zone in Kancha Gachibowli, leading to significant ecological damage. The court's order comes amidst shocking



reports of uprooted trees, destroyed wildlife habitats, and the tragic deaths of animals, including a baby deer. Environmental activists and concerned citizens have decried the actions, emphasizing the irreversible harm caused to the ecosystem. CM Revanth Reddy's dismissive stance, claiming

the issue as an "AI-generated illusion," has sparked outrage. Activists argue that the deforestation is a stark reality, not a digital fabrication, and represents a betrayal of public trust and environmental responsibility. The HCU campus, a symbol of environmental learning and heritage, is part of the green vision nurtured over generations. The deforestation not only destroys trees but also displaces species and undermines decades of environmental progress. Activists, including Dr.

Sravan Dasoju, have called for accountability and justice. They urge Shri Rahul Gandhi, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, and Shri Bhupender Yadav to intervene, ensuring stringent action against those responsible and preventing further harm. This issue highlights the broader threat to India's green spaces from unchecked urbanization and misgovernance. The Supreme Court's intervention is seen as a vital step in safeguarding the nation's ecological heritage.

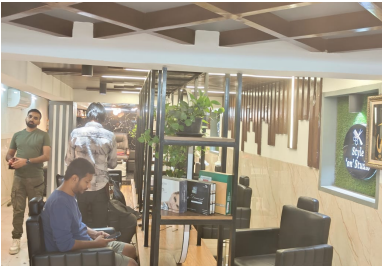
Style on Studio, Madhpur's Premier Hair Salon, Redefines Beauty and Elegance

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Madhpur's Style on Studio has emerged as the go-to destination for those seeking top-notch hair styling and personalized beauty experiences. The salon, known for its vibrant interior and professional staff, is dedicated to crafting each strand with passion and precision. At Style on Studio, hair is seen as an extension of one's personality. Talented stylist Sameer leads the team, ensuring every client leaves feeling gorgeous. "I love connecting with my clients, understanding their needs, and bringing their vision to life," Sameer said. Whether it's a trendy haircut, a stunning color transformation, or special event styling, the salon offers a range of services to meet every need. The salon specializes in various styles, from chic bob cuts to lavish updos, using high-quality pro-



ducts to maintain hair health. "We use only the best: premium hair products that nourish and protect your hair," the salon's narrator emphasized. Clients have praised the salon for its exceptional service and results. "I absolutely love my new look! Thank you, Sameer and the



team at Style on Studio! You guys are the best!" exclaimed a satisfied client. Style on Studio invites everyone to start their hair journey with a consultation. "Come in and let's create a style that's uniquely you," Sameer encouraged. The salon is committed to making hair dreams a reality, offering consultations and appointments to achieve the perfect look. For those ready for a hair transformation, Style on Studio welcomes you to visit their Madhpur location or follow them on social media for the latest styles and exclusive offers. Book your appointment today and step out in style!

Homage Paid to Babu Jagjivan Ram Ji on 118th Birth Anniversary



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A grand homage program marked the 118th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Babu Jagjivan Ram Ji at Balanagar, Medchal district. The event honored his legacy and contributions towards the upliftment of marginalized communities in India. The occasion was graced by Raju Ustad, National President of SCRPS, B. Venkatesh, Member of the SC/ST Vigilance Committee, and local leader Janga Srinivas. They paid floral tributes to Jagjivan Ram Ji's portrait and delivered

powerful speeches emphasizing social justice and equality. Leaders highlighted the need to continue Jagjivan Ram Ji's vision of a society free from caste-based discrimination, urging the youth to draw inspiration from his life. The gathering included social activists, youth leaders, and community elders who collectively pledged to uphold unity, equality, and social justice. The program concluded with a commitment to carry forward Jagjivan Ram Ji's legacy, ensuring equal opportunities and rights for all citizens.

Telangana BC Welfare Association President Jajula Srinivas Goud Vows to Fight for BC Rights

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In a press conference held at Somajiguda Press Club, Jajula Srinivas Goud, President of the Telangana BC Welfare Association, reaffirmed his commitment to addressing the issues faced by Backward Classes (BCs), who make up over half of India's population. Goud highlighted the success of the recent protest rally in Delhi, which demanded a 42 percent reservation for BCs. The rally saw widespread participation from BC communities and leaders nationwide, reflecting a united front in their demand for better representation. Goud emphasized that future initiatives will continue with the same vigor, aiming to secure the rights and opportunities for BCs. Addressing the media, Goud directly appealed to



Prime Minister Narendra Modi to implement the 42 percent reservation for BCs across the country. He warned that failure to meet this demand could lead to a nationwide agitation, underscoring the urgency and importance of the issue. Goud's statements come at a critical time as the BC communities seek greater inclusion and equity in various sectors, including education and employment. The association's ongoing efforts reflect a broader movement advocating for the rights and welfare of marginalized groups in India.

Babu Jagjivan Ram's 18th Birth Anniversary Celebrated in New Bowenpally

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New Bowenpally Nakkalabasti, Sanjeevayya Nagar, celebrated the 18th birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram, a renowned freedom fighter and social reformer, with great enthusiasm. The event, held at the Weaker Section Colony, honored Ram's dedication to the upliftment of marginalized communities.



Jampana Pratap, former Vice President of the Cantonment Board, attended as the chief guest, alongside local leaders and activists. The celebrations included floral

tributes, a cake-cutting ceremony, and the distribution of plates, fruits, and sweets to children, emphasizing inclusivity and service. Pratap highlighted Ram's

lifelong fight against caste discrimination and his advocacy for the underprivileged. Prominent community members actively participated, reinforcing the event's significance. The celebrations not only honored Ram's legacy but also underscored the ongoing struggle for social justice and equality. The community reaffirmed its commitment to Ram's vision of a more equitable society.



# Fake videos, photos triggered UoH controversy, claims Congress govt

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Even as the Supreme Court raised concerns over the destruction of green cover and biodiversity in Kancha Gachibowli, the State government has said that the entire controversy was triggered by “fabricated videos and photos on social media networks” which it said, had spread “fake news” that the government seized the lands of the University of Hyderabad.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy held a review meeting at the Secretariat on the cases pending in the court regarding the Kancha Gachibowli lands. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Seethakka, Ponguleti Srinivas

Reddy, Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari, DGP Jitender, PCCF RM Dobriyal, TGIIC MD Vishnuvardhan Reddy and other officials were present. According to a statement from the CMO, the officials briefed the Chief Minister that though ISB, Gachibowli Stadium, IIIT, private buildings, residential apartments and University of Hyderabad buildings were constructed in survey number 25, no disputes or concerns came to light during the construction of these institutions. There were no such controversies on wildlife conservation and environmental issues at that time, they said, adding that the current controversy led to a national debate as some

people “created fake videos and photos using artificial intelligence and circulated them widely on social media”. The officials told the Chief Minister that the fabricated videos and photos went viral on social media even before the government disclosed the facts on the lands and that it had become a big challenge for them. Top police officials claimed that some vested interests made fake videos and AI photos of crying peacocks and injured deer running after they were hit by bulldozers. “Even some famous persons in various fields presumed the fake videos and photos circulating on the social media to be true and this added fuel to the lies,”

they claimed. The meeting also discussed Union Minister G Kishan Reddy, former Minister G Jagadish Reddy, social media influencer Dhruv Rathee, film celebrities John Abraham, Dia Mirza and Raveena Tandon stating that they sent a wrong message to society after they uploaded fake posts on social media believing them to be true. Journalist Sumit Jha had posted the fake video and deleted it and apologised, they said, adding that some other prominent persons too shared the same fake video without realising “facts”. “The high-level meeting felt that the controversy created by using AI on Kancha Gachibowli lands posed a big challenge to

the democratic system. The CM and officials discussed the threat of a big risk in the future if the fake content is created with AI on sensitive issues, mainly the disputes on Indo-Pak and Indo-China borders,” the CMO statement said, adding that the fake videos and photos created by AI would be a greater risk than the Covid-19 pandemic. The Chief Minister instructed officials to appeal to the court on behalf of the State government to order an inquiry into the creation of fake AI content and also asked police officials to strengthen the Cybercrime Department to prevent such incidents, it added.

# Rajiv Yuva Vikasam: 8 Lakh Youth Rush to Revanth Sarkar’s Job Scheme!

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The Telangana government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, has launched the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme with the aim of empowering unemployed youth across the state by providing them with sustainable livelihood opportunities. Designed to promote self-employment, the scheme has already received an overwhelming response, with over 8 lakh applications submitted. Officials anticipate that the total number of applications may reach 15 lakh by the end of the deadline. The government has set a target to sanction units for 5 lakh beneficiaries this year, specifically from the

SC, ST, BC, Minority, and EBC categories. Selected applicants will receive subsidised loans through banks, with the government offering loan guarantees to ease the process, as stated by CM Revanth Reddy and Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka during a state-level bankers' meeting. A unique aspect of this scheme is its inclusivity—there are no educational qualifications required. Applicants with relevant experience or skills in their chosen fields will be given preference. Those with a ration card do not need to submit an income certificate. Eligibility is determined by annual family income—less than ₹1 lakh in rural areas and less than ₹2 lakh in urban

areas. BC Corporation MD Mallaiah Battu confirmed that the screening process will commence after the application window closes. Selected candidates will undergo a 15-day training program tailored to their preferred units. However, applicants who have taken loans from government corporations within the last five years are ineligible. Those who borrowed earlier than five years ago are permitted to apply. Importantly, this scheme does not affect or relate to agricultural loans taken by farmers. The Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme stands as a major step toward youth empowerment and economic self-sufficiency in Telangana.

# Civil aviation services approved at Adilabad Air Force Airport

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In a significant move to enhance regional connectivity, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu for the approval. Reddy played a key role in facilitating the initiative. He confirmed that, alongside civil aviation operations, an Air Force training institute will also be established at the site. Reddy emphasised that the development would boost connectivity and trade

ident G Kishan Reddy thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu for the approval. Reddy played a key role in facilitating the initiative. He confirmed that, alongside civil aviation operations, an Air Force training institute will also be established at the site. Reddy emphasised that the development would boost connectivity and trade

in the agriculturally rich region under the Centre’s UDAN scheme. He urged the state government to expedite the land acquisition process to facilitate infrastructure development at the airport. The move reflects the Centre’s commitment to strengthening aviation infrastructure in Telangana, where similar developments are also underway for the Warangal Airport.

# Zaheerabad BJP Leaders Defect to BRS in Major Political Shift

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In a significant political shift, several key BJP leaders from the Zaheerabad constituency joined the BRS party today. The event was led by MLA Manik Rao and attended by former minister Harish Rao, who welcomed the new members. Notable figures who switched allegiance include former CDC Chairman Umakant Patel, former Cooperative Society President Baswaraju, and former MPTCs Vijayender Reddy and Santosh Patil. Senior leaders Subhash Rao, Bhumaiah, Lakshmaiah, and around 20 other key leaders also joined BRS. Harish Rao formally welcomed them by covering them with a BRS shawl. DCMS Chairman Shivakumar, BRS leader Nama Ravikumar, and other local leaders participated in the event. Addressing the gathering, Harish Rao criticized the BJP government for neglecting Telangana, particularly in budget allocations, despite the state's contribution of 8 MPs. He highlighted



the sale of the Adilabad Cement Factory for scrap and accused the BJP of disregarding southern states. Rao also condemned the Congress government for failing to support development projects in Telangana, specifically the Basaveshwara Sangameshwara project, and neglecting Sangareddy district's development. He blamed the state government for obstructing progress by not releasing SDF and TFIDC funds. Rao emphasized that completing the Sangameshwara project would significantly benefit the district's irrigation. He promised that BRS would soon take action on the project, asserting that BRS is the only party capable of fighting for the people's interests.

# KCR lauds ‘peaceful battle’ by UoH students to save Kancha Gachibowli forest

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BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao, who sharply criticised the Congress government for its failure on multiple fronts, had words of appreciation for the students of the University of Hyderabad for the peaceful battle they were waging to save the Kancha Gachibowli forest land. Acknowledging the university's reputation as a centre of excellence, attracting students from across the country, Chandrashekhara Rao slammed the State government's approach to UoH-related issues and commended the party members who supported the students. He pointed out that anti-Telangana forces had previously attempted to portray the formation of Telangana as a failed experiment by undermining the BRS government's



efforts. However, these forces were defeated through vigilance and determination. “Those who once tried to fail us are now defaming us,” he said, also criticising the Congress for misleading the public with false promises and failing to deliver effective governance. Speaking at a preparatory meeting at his Erravelli residence with BRS leaders from Khammam, Nalgonda and Mahabubnagar ahead of the party's silver jubilee celebra-

tion meeting on April 27 at Warangal, Rao highlighted the BRS government's achievements in uplifting marginalised communities and supporting traditional occupations. He emphasized his government's efforts to provide resources and opportunities to farmers, ensuring their rights and welfare. “From the era of kings to democratic governments, no one has supported farmers like the BRS government did,” he said, pointing at the Congress government's lack of vision and commitment to public welfare. He stated that every BRS leader, even a village sarpanch, had strived to earn the people's appreciation through their service during the BRS regime. However, the Congress government had failed to deliver even a single initiative that garnered public approval. “Love for farmers and an understanding of agriculture are

essential for prioritising governance and ensuring the welfare of the people,” he said, calling on BRS leaders and functionaries to remain in the midst of the people addressing their issues. Stating that Telangana might be a political game for others, he said that for the BRS, Telangana was a mission. He urged them to continue their peaceful efforts that had been the hallmark of the party functioning all through. “Setting aside political perspectives, no one else shares the sincerity and commitment you have for the welfare of Telangana's people. As people who fought for 15 years for Statehood and worked tirelessly for 10 years for the State's progress, your concern for the people's welfare is unmatched,” he told his party leaders, who shared their concerns about the deteriorating conditions in the State under the Congress government.

# Grand Centenary Celebrations of Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji Held in Padmarao Nagar

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Secunderabad Mahankali Zilla organized a grand seminar at the historic Swaraj Printing Press in Padmarao Nagar to celebrate the centenary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji. The event honored the legacy of one of India's most revered statesmen and visionaries. Distinguished guests included Union Minister Shri Gangapuram Kishan Reddy and Dr. K. Laxman Garu, OBC Morcha National President and Rajya Sabha Member. Their presence underscored the enduring respect for Atal Ji across generations. A special photo exhibition showcased rare photographs, newspaper clippings, and



memorabilia chronicling Vajpayee Ji's political journey and poetic contributions. The exhibition highlighted his significant role in India's political history and nation-building efforts. A felicitation ceremony honored veteran leaders and party workers who had worked closely with Vajpayee Ji, offering emotional reflections on his simplicity, intellect, and leadership.

# BJP Celebrates Babu Jagjivan Ram's Birth Anniversary



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The Telangana BJP State Office organized grand celebrations to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister of India and social reformer, Late Babu Jagjivan Ram. The event began with floral tributes paid to his statue at LB Stadium, followed by celebrations at Barkatpura and the Hyderabad city office. Union Minister and BJP Telangana State President Kishan Reddy garlanded Jagjivan Ram's portrait, paying grand tributes. Babu Jagjivan Ram, known for his lifelong fight for the rights of oppressed classes, particularly Dalits, was hailed as a champion of the poor and weaker sections. His contributions to the agri-

cultural sector, reminiscent of the Green Revolution, continue to inspire the Central Government's dedication to developing this sector. Jagjivan Ram's legacy includes his role as Defense Minister during the war with Pakistan and his opposition to Indira Gandhi's rule during the Emergency. He formed his own political party to fight for equal rights and later merged it with the Janata Party, serving as Deputy Prime Minister under Morarji Desai. The BJP celebrated his birth anniversary nationwide, highlighting his moral leadership and administrative expertise. The celebrations underscored his enduring influence on Indian politics and society, with leaders recalling his inspirational journey and contributions.

# Parents, students protest against Telangana government’s Telugu mandate decision in schools

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Demanding the State government reconsider its decision mandating Telugu as a compulsory subject, parents along with their wards staged a protest at Dharna Chowk here on Saturday. According to the protesters, the mandate sparked widespread concern among students and parents, who felt that it limits their academic freedom and disregards their choice of language preferences. Many parents, particularly those whose children belong to



non-Telugu speaking communities and families who relocate frequently, have voiced

their opposition to the policy, citing the challenges it creates in an already diverse educa-

tional environment. “We strongly believe that every child should have the freedom

to learn a language of their choice, without being forced into learning a specific language that may not be beneficial for their academic and professional future. This policy is an imposition that undermines the diversity of languages spoken in our state and goes against the spirit of inclusivity,” they said. The protesters demanded the Telangana government provide flexibility for students to choose a second language that aligns with their needs, interests, and future aspirations. They wanted the introduction of Telugu, as a mandated third language, in a phased manner.



Video Shows Woman Beating Mother-In-Law In Gwalior, Husband Alleges Meerut-Like Threat

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A video of a woman thrashing her mother-in-law in Madhya Pradesh has gone viral with her husband now fearing for his and his mother's life in light of the grisly Meerut murder. The elderly woman is seen being dragged by her daughter-in-law at their Gwalior home allegedly after she tried to save her son from being thrashed by his in-laws. Vishal Batra, who runs a car spare shop, and his mother Sarla Batra have complained to the police that their in-laws barged into their house and attacked them over what they alleged was a "small issue". Mr Batra later told reporters that his wife has

been insisting on sending his mother to the old-age home - which he refused.

Ms Batra claimed her daughter-in-law called her father on April 1 afternoon after which he reached their house in Adarsh Colony with some goons. CCTV video showed Vishal Batra inside his house when his father-in-law entered the house and abruptly slapped him. He tried to hit back, but some others barged inside and started beating him. His wife, who was on the first floor, came downstairs and dragged away her mother-in-law, who was seen trying to save her son. The video showed her dragging the woman by her hair and landing some punches on her arms.

RLD Leader Resigns Over Party's Support For Waqf Bill, Says "Many More Will"

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RLD's Uttar Pradesh general secretary Shahzeb Rizvi has resigned from the post and the party, citing disagreement with its support for the Waqf bill in Parliament. The Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) is a constituent of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Confirming his resignation to PTI, Mr Rizvi on Friday said he was "angry with (RLD) national president Jayant Chaudhary's decision to support the Waqf bill." He claimed "many more leaders will leave the party in the coming days". Mr Rizvi has not yet decided his future, indicating that he would consult with his supporters before making any decision. He asserted that "more than 2,000" RLD workers would resign with him. Accusing Mr Chaudhary of disregarding the sentiments of Muslim voters, Mr Rizvi said, "If the RLD has 10 MLAs in western Uttar Pradesh today, then Muslims have contributed a lot to this."



Expressing "disappointment" with the decision to support the Bill, he argued that Mr Chaudhary "has strayed from the path shown by Chaudhary Charan Singh". Alleging that Mr Chaudhary "has betrayed Muslims by supporting the Waqf bill", Mr Rizvi said, "Muslims gave a lot of votes to Jayant Chaudhary but he supported the Waqf bill. This is against the sentiments and rights of Muslims." Parliament approved the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, early on Friday after the Rajya Sabha gave its nod to the contentious legislation following an over 13-hour debate. The Bill was passed in the Rajya Sabha with 128 members voting in favour and 95 opposing it. It was passed in the Lok Sabha early on Thursday, with 288 members supporting it and 232 against it.

Parliament Passes 16 Bills During Budget Session

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Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha passed 16 bills during the Budget session of Parliament which concluded on Friday. The session, which commenced on January 31 had a inter-session break, saw the two Houses passing some significant legislations including the Waqf Amendment Bill. Productivity of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha during Budget Session was approximately 118 per cent and 119 per cent respectively, according to an official statement by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. The Budget Session 2025 of Parliament which commenced on Friday, the 31st of January adjourned sine-die on Friday. In between both Houses were adjourned for recess on Thursday, the 13th of February to reassemble on Monday, the 10th of March to enable Department related Standing Committees to examine and report on the Demands for Grants relating to various Ministries/Departments. The Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijju held a press conference on Friday after the end of the Budget Session. The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice & Minister of State

for Parliamentary Affairs, Arjun Ram Meghwal and the Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs, L Murugan were also present on the occasion. Mr Rijju informed that the first part of the Budget Session yielded a total of 9 sittings of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. In the second part of the Session, there were 17 sittings of both Houses. During the entire Budget Session, in total, there were 26 sittings. This being the first Session of the year, the President addressed both Houses of Parliament assembled together in terms of Article 87(1) of the Constitution on January 31. Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in Lok Sabha was moved by Ramvir Singh Bidhuri and seconded by Ravi Shankar Prasad. It engaged the Lok Sabha for 17 Hours 23 minutes against allotted time of 12 Hours. 173 Members participated in the discussion, as per the ministry. In Rajya Sabha the Motion of Thanks was moved by Kiran Choudhary and seconded by Neeraj Shekhar. It engaged the Rajya Sabha for 21 Hours 46 minutes against allotted time of 15 Hours. 73 Members participated in the debate. The Motions of Thanks on President's Address was discussed and adopted after reply

from the Prime Minister by the two Houses during the first part of the Session. The Union Budget for 2025-26 was presented on February 1. General Discussion on the Union Budget was held in both Houses in the first part of the Session. This engaged the Lok Sabha for 16 Hours 13 minutes against the allotted time of 12 Hours, and 169 Members took part in the debate and in the Rajya Sabha for 17 Hours 56 minutes against the allotted time of 15 Hours, and 89 Members participated in the discussion. During the second part of the Budget Session, Demands for Grants of individual Ministries of Railways, Jal Shakti and Agriculture & Farmers Welfare were discussed and voted in Lok Sabha. In the end the demands for grants of the remaining Ministries/ Departments were put to the Vote of the House on March 21. The related Appropriation Bill was also introduced, considered and passed by Lok Sabha on March 21 itself. Appropriation Bills relating to Second and Final Batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 2024-25; Excess Demands for Grants for the year 2021-22 and Supplementary Demands for Grants of Manipur for the year 2024-25 and Demands for Grant on Ac-

count for the year 2025-26 in respect of the State of Manipur were also passed on March 11 in Lok Sabha. The Finance Bill, 2025 was passed by Lok Sabha on March 25. In the Rajya Sabha the working of the Ministries of Education, Railways, Health & Family Welfare and Home Affairs were discussed. The Rajya Sabha returned the Appropriation Bills related to Second and Final Batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 2024-25; Excess Demands for Grants for the year 2021-22 and Supplementary Demands for Grants for Manipur for the year 2024-25 and Demands for Grant on Account for the year 2025-26 in respect of the State of Manipur on March 18. The Appropriation Bill relating to the Demands for Grants for Union for the year 2025-26 and the Finance Bill, 2025 were also returned by Rajya Sabha on March 27. As such the entire Financial Business was completed in the Houses of Parliament before March 31. Statutory Resolution approving the proclamation issued by the President on February 13 under Article 356(1) of the Constitution in relation to the State of Manipur was also adopted in both the Houses in their extended sittings on April

3 and 4th, respectively. After the presentation of the report of the Joint Committee, the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 was passed, which seeks to focus on improving the management of waqf properties, empowerment of stakeholders relevant to management of waqf properties, improving the efficiency in survey, registration and case disposal process, and development of waqf properties. While the core purpose remains to manage waqf properties, the aim is to implement modern and scientific methods for better governance." The Mussalman Wakf Act, 1923 was also repealed. The Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025, seeks to bring more clarity and convergence in the roles of different organizations working in the field of Disaster Management to strengthen the efficient working of the National Disaster Management Authority and the State Disaster Management Authorities, empower the National Disaster Management Authority and the State Disaster Management Authorities to prepare the disaster plan at national level and state level, provide for creation of disaster database at national and state level, make provision for constitution of "Urban Disaster Management Authority" for State Capital and large cities

having Municipal Corporation and make provision for constitution of "State Disaster Response Force" by the State Government has also been passed. The "Tribhuvan" Sahkari University Bill, 2025 relating to establishment of "Tribhuvan" Sahakri University to provide education, training, and capacity building in the cooperative sector and undertake research and development activities in related areas. It will offer degree programs, distance learning and e-learning courses, and develop centres of excellence in cooperative sector was also passed. The Immigration and Foreigners Bill, 2025 has been passed to simplify the laws for requirement of passports or other travel documents in respect of persons entering into and exiting from India and for regulating matters related to foreigners including requirement of visa and registration. The Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025 was also passed to improve governance standards, provide consistency in reporting by banks to the RBI, ensure better protection for depositors and investors, improve audit quality in public sector banks and bring customer convenience in respect of nominations etc.

"No Mosques Will Be Touched": BJP's Ravi Shankar Prasad On Waqf Bill

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The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, which has been cleared by both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha after heated, marathon debates, will benefit women from the Muslim community and ensure transparency, BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad has said. In an exclusive conversation with NDTV on Friday, the former law minister insisted that no mosque, place of worship or 'kabrastan' (graveyard) is going to be touched. "The issue is very simple and straight. Whether the intention of the 'Waqif' who created the Waqf for noble purposes is being

executed properly by the 'Muttawali', who is the manager, or not. A Waqf is not a religious body at all. It is a legal or a statutory body... The 'Muttawali' is just a superintendent or a manager. He does not have any rights over the property, because once a Waqf has been created, the property vests in Allah, peace be on him," Mr Prasad said, adding that the Bill will empower Muslim women and help widows and the marginalised from the community. The senior BJP leader pointed out that areas near the Dak Bungalow locality in Patna - the city he is from - have a lot of Waqf land but five-star

hotels and showrooms have come up there. He also said India has the highest number of Waqf properties in the world and asked how many hospitals, universities and training centres have been built there. "Is the manager using the property the way the person who dedicated it intended or is he stuffing his pockets? That is the question. And a drama is being created over this... Let me tell you, people from my state and the entire country are going to appreciate (this Bill). People were dismayed to learn that so much property is being misused," he said. Mr Prasad asserted that the bill will help bring

transparency by making Waqf boards accountable. "The entire thing is being made accountable, everything will be available online, digitisation will happen, you can see which property is where, who is the Muttawali, what use is the particular property being put to in terms of the intention of the 'Waqif' (the person dedicating the property). So, all these things are very transparent now," he said. To a question on whether the government is fearing some kind of backlash from the Muslim community and the possible impact the passage of the Bill would have on Nitish Kumar, who enjoys support among them, ahead of the Bihar .

Israel expands ground offensive in Gaza City



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Israeli forces have launched a ground offensive in Gaza City, the military said Friday, expanding their operations as rescuers reported at least 30 killed across the Palestinian territory since dawn. Since renewed military operations last month ended a short-lived truce in its war with Hamas, Israel has pushed to seize territory in the Gaza Strip in what it said was a strategy to force militants to free hostages still in captivity. Israel has also escalated attacks on Lebanon, where a US envoy was visiting on Friday, hours after a pre-dawn strike on the port city of Sidon killed a Hamas commander. In Gaza City, the Israeli army said ground troops were operating in the Shujaiya area "in order to expand the security zone" established by the military inside the Palestinian territory. "The situation is very dangerous, and there is death coming at us from every direction," Elena Helles told AFP via text message, saying her family were trapped in her sister's house in Shujaiya. Others fled the area following an Israeli evacuation order on Thursday, AFPTV footage showed. The civil defence agency said Israeli military operations across Gaza killed at least 30 people on Friday. A single strike on Khan Yunis killed at least 25 people, a

medical source at the southern city's Nasser Hospital told AFP. Ahmed al-Aqqad, whose family owned the bombed building, told AFP more bodies may be buried "under the rubble, but we cannot get them out due to the lack of necessary equipment". "We call on the entire world to stand together to stop the bloodshed," said relative Diaa al-Aqqad. Defence Minister Israel Katz said on Wednesday that the military would bolster its presence inside Gaza to fight militants and "destroy... terrorist infrastructure", with unspecified "large areas" to be "incorporated into Israeli security zones". Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the army was dividing Gaza and "seizing territory" to force Hamas to free the remaining Israeli hostages taken captive during the October 2023 attack that sparked the war. Out of 251 people abducted during the Hamas attack on Israel, 58 remain hostage in Gaza including 34 the military says are dead. Hamas's armed wing, the Ezzedine Al-Qassam Brigades, on Friday warned that the offensive was putting hostages' lives at risk. "Half of the living Israeli (captive) are located in areas that the Israeli occupation army has requested to be evacuated in recent days," spokesman Abu Obeida said.

Russian Strike Kills 18 in Ukrainian President's Home City

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A Russian ballistic missile strike on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's home city of Kryvyi Rig killed 18 people on Friday, among them nine children, authorities said. The missile struck a residential area near a children's playground and wounded more than two dozen others, according to the head of the city's military administration. Unverified videos on social media appeared to show bodies lying on a street, while another showed a plume of smoke rising into the evening sky. "18... that is how many people were killed by the



Russians when they launched a missile at Kryvyi Rig. Among them were nine children," Dnipropetrovsk regional governor Sergiy Lysak said on Telegram. He said 61 people were injured in the attack, among them 12 children. "This is the kind of pain you wouldn't wish on your worst enemy," Lysak added. Russia's Ministry of Defence said it "delivered a precision

strike with a high-explosive missile at a restaurant" in the city "where commanders of formations and Western instructors were meeting". In separate drone attack on Kryvyi Rig, Lysak said one additional person was killed and three others injured. US President Donald Trump has been pushing for a speedy end to the more than three-year war since taking of-

fice, but his administration has failed to broker a ceasefire despite talks with both sides. Zelenskyy said the attack showed Russia had no interest in stopping its full-scale invasion, launched in February 2022. "There is only one reason why this continues -- Russia does not want a ceasefire and we see it. The whole world sees it," he said. The Ukrainian leader was born in Kryvyi Rig, an industrial city which had a pre-war population of around 600,000 people. Russian President Vladimir Putin rejected a joint US-Ukrainian proposal for an unconditional and full ceasefire in March, while the Kremlin has made a US-proposed truce

in the Black Sea dependent on the West lifting certain sanctions. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said earlier on Friday that Trump was not "going to fall into the trap of endless negotiations" with Russia over the invasion. "We will know soon enough, in a matter of weeks, not months, whether Russia is serious about peace or not," he said. 'War crime' Kryvyi Rig, in Ukraine's central Dnipropetrovsk region, is about 60 kilometres (37 miles) from the front line, and has regularly been targeted by Russian drones and missiles. Oleksandr Vilkul, the head of the city's military administration, said the missile landed near a

children's playground. Five apartment buildings were damaged, interior minister Igor Klymenko said. He said police had blocked off the area to maintain order. "The police are documenting the consequences of Russia's war crime and accepting statements from the victims," Klymenko added. Social media video from the scene showed a car in flames, while people could be heard shouting. Andriy Kovalenko, a Ukrainian official tasked with countering disinformation, described the missile involved in the attack as an "Iskander". The Iskander is a Russian ballistic missile system that can have a range of up to 500 kilometres.





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

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EDITORIAL

CAN YOU REALLY TRUST TRUMP'S 'MAGIC POTION'?

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Anthony Scaramucci, a Wall Street stalwart, knows Donald Trump up close and personal. What stands out most to him is Trump's "cruel" nature. Yet, as he repeats ad nauseam in his podcasts, Trump has incredibly sharp political instincts. According to Scaramucci, Trump always follows his gut - something instilled in him by his mentor, the ultra-aggressive New York lawyer Roy Cohn. And Scaramucci should know - he briefly served as White House Director of Communications under Trump. Still, as the world grapples with the fallout from Trump's April 2 announcement of sweeping reciprocal tariffs, one has to wonder: are Trump's instincts right this time? Trump has dominated

American politics for the better part of a decade, but these new tariffs fly in the face of economic, business, and political logic. It's hard to see how they serve his political future. Consider the context of Trump's self-declared "Liberation Day". Here's what veteran Republican strategist Karl Rove wrote in The Wall Street Journal on April 3: "The problem for Republicans is that Mr. Trump was elected to stop inflation. A March 28 CBS News poll found that 64% of Americans already think Mr. Trump isn't focused enough on 'lowering prices', while 55% say he's focused too much on raising tariffs." Rove added, "Most Americans believe Mr. Trump's economic policies are either making them 'financially worse off' (42%) or 'about the same' (35%). Fifty two percent feel his

policies are making food and groceries prices go up, only 22% say go down. Fifty-one percent think his policies are making the stock market fall, compared with 23% saying his policies are making it rise. Only 33% believe his 'policies are making the US job market' create jobs, while 48% say they are making it 'lose jobs'...Americans are skittish about tariffs: 56% oppose them, with 72% believing they'll raise prices in the short run compared to 5% who think they'll reduce prices. Over the long term, only 29% say they'll lower prices. They'll certainly remember Mr. Trump saying he 'couldn't care less' if US automakers raised prices because they had to pay more for imported parts." Estimates suggest that under Trump's tariff regime, new car prices



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No differential med college fee: HC

The Telangana High Court restrained several medical colleges from demanding differential fee and halting students from attending classes under the pretext. A panel of acting Chief Justice Sujoy Paul and Justice Renuka Yara, hearing a writ appeal filed by Advaita Shankar and others, challenging the dismissal of their writ plea by a single judge. The students argued that their admission was based on a fixed fee structure, and the sudden demand for additional payment midway through the course was arbitrary and financially burdensome. Senior counsel S. Ravi, appearing for the petitioners, pointed out that the single judge earlier granted an interim order allowing students to pay a partial fee while their writ petition was under consideration. After the writ petition was dismissed, this protection was lifted. Senior counsel emphasised that enforcing the fee hike at this stage would cause severe hardship. The panel directed the respondent institutions to file their response. To protect the interests of the appellants, the panel directed the respondents to permit students to continue their studies without any hindrance and barred them from collecting any additional fees until further hearing. Contempt Notice for Agri Officials Justice T. Madhavi Devi ordered notice to the principal secretary, agriculture and cooperation, and the commissioner of cooperative & registrar of cooperative societies in a contempt case pertaining to implementation of a pay fixation order. The judge was dealing with a contempt case filed by B. Aruna, joint registrar of cooperative societies and managing director of Telangana State Cooperative Union. Earlier, the petitioner had filed a writ plea challenging the rejection of her claim for pay fixation on par with her batch-mates from April 21, 1990. The judge found that the petitioner was granted seniority on par with her batch-mates and was thus entitled to seek pay parity and consequential benefits. The petitioner alleged that despite the categorical directions passed by the judge in the writ plea, the respondent authorities had failed to comply with the order.

HC Sets Aside SBI's E-Auction Notice

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In a significant legal development, Justice T. Vinod Kumar delivered a judgment that critically assessed the actions of the State Bank of India (SBI) in conducting an e-auction of properties belonging to a company. The judge determined that the bank had violated the law as prescribed and declared by the Supreme Court. This judgment carries substantial implications for future cases involving similar circumstances. The crux of the judgment revolves around the powers of company directors during the liq-

uidation process. Justice Kumar clarified that even though the directors' powers are suspended during liquidation, they retain the ability to challenge the actions of secured creditors. This challenge is permissible if the actions of the secured creditors negatively impact the liquidation process or the interests of other creditors. The case in question involved Shra Energy Private Limited, which had filed an application challenging the authority of the SBI to initiate the sale of a property located in Patancheru. The petitioner argued that their offer to pay Rs 30 crore under a

one-time settlement scheme was more favorable compared to the Rs 25 crore bid received during the e-auction. In its defense, the SBI contended that since it was not part of the liquidation process, it had the independent authority to proceed with the sale of the property under the provisions of the Sarfaesi Act (Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act). However, the court disagreed with the bank's stance. Justice Kumar ruled that because the official liquidator had assumed the role of the company, the secured creditor (SBI) was obli-

gated to issue a notice to the borrower, who in this case was the official liquidator. The judge dismissed the bank's argument that the non-issuance of notice was not a fatal flaw in the auction process. Aligning with the official liquidator's perspective, the judge emphasized that the right to submit objections or avail remedies under the Sarfaesi Act had been effectively nullified due to the lack of notice. This judgment underscores the importance of adhering to legal procedures and the rights of all parties involved in liquidation processes.

AI saves life after doctors lose hope

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Doctors declared his condition hopeless, but artificial intelligence (AI) gave him a second chance. In a seminar on 'Reducing Cancer Mortality - The Role of Technology', experts shared how a rare blood disorder patient was saved by a treatment model developed by AI. The session was jointly organised by the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI),

Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) and Swastava Cancer Care (SCC) on Saturday. Bhavesh Mishra, deputy secretary, ITEC, shared the case of Joseph Coates, diagnosed with POEMS syndrome—a rare and often fatal blood disorder. Doctors had given up hope, offering him two grim choices: "Die at home or die in hospital." However, an unconventional treatment combining chemotherapy, immunotherapy

and steroids — formulated not by a doctor but by an AI model — led to a dramatic turnaround. Within a week, Coates began recovering, and in four months, he was ready for a stem cell transplant. "Drug repurposing isn't new, but machine learning has revolutionised the process," Mishra said. "AI is accelerating discovery and offering new hope for patients with rare diseases. But it must be used responsibly." He added that the Telangana government

was promoting ethical AI use through initiatives like AI4PublicGood, in partnership with industry, academia, and government departments. Dr Suresh Kumar Singhal, president of FTCCI, highlighted the gravity of the cancer crisis in India. "Over 15 lakh new cases are recorded annually, with 9 lakh deaths — a mortality rate of 65 per cent, the highest in the world," he said. "Cancer is not just a health crisis but also a financial catastrophe.

Engineering student dies of suspected cardiac arrest during college cricket match

A final-year B.Tech student, identified as 21-year-old Vinay Kumar from Khammam district, tragically passed away on Friday, April 4, while participating in a cricket match at CMR Engineering College in Medchal. The incident, captured on CCTV, is suspected to be the result of a cardiac arrest. The event occurred in the evening as the college hosted a cricket tournament on its campus. Vinay, who was fielding at the time, suddenly collapsed on the field. Fellow students and college staff immediately responded, rushing him to a nearby medical facility. However, upon arrival, doctors pronounced him deceased. Preliminary medical assessments suggest a cardiac arrest as the likely cause of death. Vinay's family, who have been informed of the tragic incident, have not expressed any suspicion regarding the circumstances. Local police have initiated an investigation into the matter.

Man ends life in Hyderabad after incurring debts in cricket betting

In yet another incident, a 26-year-old private employee ended his life near his residence at Suchitra junction near Jeedimetla on Friday midnight after losing money in cricket betting. Rajveer Singh Thakur was staying with his uncle after he lost his parents in an accident three years ago. Apart from using his salary for cricket betting, Thakur used to avail loans from persons known to him and invested it in the betting. As a result, he slipped into severe financial problems. Unable to cope up allegedly with mounting debts, Thakur ended his life near the railway tracks between Suchitra junction and BHEL. Upon receiving information, the police rushed to the spot and the body was handed over to the family members after an autopsy at the Gandhi hospital. The Secunderabad railway police registered a case under the provisions of BNS and took up investigation. In a similar incident, a 29-year-old person committed suicide on the railway tracks between Gundlapochampally and Medchal on March 22. He took the drastic step after sharing the location to his friends. K Someshwara Rao, a resident of Gundlapochampally, lost Rs.3 lakh through betting in the last three years.



# Bill Drayton Honored with Global Treasure Award by Skoll Foundation

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The Skoll Foundation has bestowed the prestigious Global Treasure Award upon Bill Drayton, Founder and CEO of Ashoka Innovators for the Public. This esteemed award recognizes individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to addressing the world's most pressing problems. Bill Drayton is celebrated as a pioneer in the field of social entrepreneurship, having founded Ashoka in 1981. The organization



began by launching its first Fellow in India and has since expanded to identify and support social entrepreneurs in over 90 countries. These innovators are dedicated to solving deep-rooted social issues through systemic

change. The Global Treasure Award, which has previously honored luminaries such as Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin

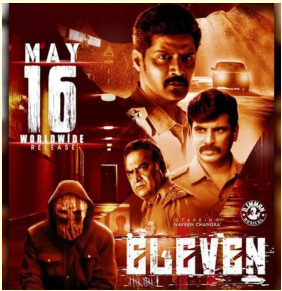
Gyatso, activist Malala Yousafzai, The Elders, musician and activist Bono, and humanitarian Grace Machel, underscores Drayton's profound impact on global social change. In his acceptance speech, Drayton emphasized the importance of giving, stating, "The ultimate human right is the right to give. Giving is what brings health, longevity, and happiness." He further highlighted that the greatest gift is empowering others to enhance their own changemaking abilities. The award was pre-

sented during the Skoll World Forum, an annual event that brings together leaders from various sectors to discuss and advance innovative solutions to global challenges. Dr. Shruti Nair, Leader of Ashoka Innovators for the Public in India, expressed her pride in Drayton's achievement, noting that his vision of an "everyone a change-maker" world has inspired generations. Drayton's dedication to fostering a global community of change-makers continues to drive significant social impact worldwide.

## Tollywood actor Naveen Chandra’s investigative thriller ‘Eleven’ to hit screens on this day

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The makers of director Lokesh Ajls’s upcoming investigative thriller, ‘Eleven’, featuring actor Naveen Chandra in the lead, have now announced that the bilingual film will hit screens worldwide on May 16 this year. Taking to its social media timelines, A R Entertainment, the production house producing the film, wrote, “The countdown begins! #ELEVEN hits the big screens on May 16th! Get ready for an unforgettable ride! #ElevenFromMay16” ‘Eleven’ features popular Telugu actor Naveen Chandra, who has ap-



peared in Tamil films like ‘Sarvam’, ‘Sivappu’, ‘Bramman’, ‘Jigarthanda Double X’, and ‘Game Changer’, in the lead. Actress Reyaa Hari, who previously starred in ‘Sila Nerangalil Sila Manidhargal’, plays the female lead. The film also features notable performances from Abhirami (of ‘Virumandi’ fame), Dileepan (known for ‘Vathikuchi’), and Rithvika (of ‘Madras’

fame). It may be recalled that the makers of the film, in a move that was considered a first-of-its-kind, released a song called ‘Tamugu’ which had both Tamil and Telugu lyrics combined! The peppy number, which was sung by actress Andrea, had music by D Imman and lyrics by Rakendu Mouli. Being made under the banner of AR Entertainment, ‘Eleven’ will be an exciting investigative thriller. Speaking about ‘Tamugu’, director Lokesh Ajls said, “From start to finish, ‘Eleven’ will be an edge-of-the-seat thriller that will keep the audience hooked.

## Fan’s unique gift for Pawan Kalyan becomes talk of the town

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A young fan’s special gift for Pawan Kalyan has caught everyone’s attention and is now going viral. The surprise wasn’t just in the gesture, but in how he made it. Recently, during a government event in Rajahmundry, Minister Kandula Durgesh, Deputy Speaker Raghurama, and MLA Adireddy were seen holding a striking portrait of Pawan Kalyan. Many assumed the Power Star himself

would attend the Amaravati Chitrakala Veedhi program. But even in his absence, one young fan’s tribute became the highlight. That fan is Venkata Haricharan, an intermediate student from Duvva village in Tanuku mandal, West Godavari. A die-hard admirer of Pawan Kalyan, Haricharan created a portrait of his hero using something far more personal than paint—his own blood. He said he had drawn the image after donating blood on the actor’s birthday.

## Dr. Rohit Khanna Re-elected as IAPB Regional Chair for Southeast Asia

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Dr. Rohit Khanna, Network Director for Public Health at the L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), has been re-elected as the Regional Chair for the Southeast Region of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB). This voluntary leadership position, held for a four-year term, is crucial for advocating universal eye health and strengthening regional efforts to prevent avoidable blindness and visual impairment. Founded in 1975, IAPB is a leading global alliance of over 250 organizations committed to eye health, including charities, hospitals, academic institutions, and professional bodies. Dr. Khanna will collaborate with regional stakeholders and the IAPB global office to advance initiatives such as World Sight Day and 2030 In Sight, and contribute to the governance and strategy of IAPB globally. Dr. Khanna's first tenure (2021-2024) saw signifi-



Dr. Rohit Khanna, Network Director for Public Health at the L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI)

cant achievements, including the development of a regional action plan endorsed by Southeast Asian health ministries, the launch of the Integrated People-Centered Eye Care (IPEC) strategy, and the completion of Eye Care Situation Analysis Tool (ECSAT) assessments across the region. In his second term, Dr. Khanna aims to drive the IAPB and WHO agenda for Universal Health Coverage, develop country-specific plans, explore funding opportunities, strengthen human resource development, and expand IAPB membership within the region. Dr. Khanna brings ex-

tensive experience in leading capacity-building initiatives and has contributed to over 200 peer-reviewed publications. His clinical interests include cataract and glaucoma, and he has been instrumental in studying intervention outcomes and geriatric and child eye health. IAPB Southeast Asia includes Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, People’s Republic of Korea, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste. Dr. Khanna's leadership will be pivotal in ensuring affordable, accessible, and inclusive eye care services across these member states.

## Hrithik Roshan confirms directing his upcoming movie ‘Krish 4’

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Bollywood superstar Hrithik Roshan may have delivered consecutive hits for the better part of his career as an actor, but he is a bundle of nerves as he makes his foray into direction. The actor, who is currently on a USA Tour to mark his 25 years as a part of the Indian Entertainment Industry, confirmed directing his upcoming movie ‘Krish 4’. During an event in Atlanta, USA, the actor reacted to an old picture of himself behind the camera, as he said, “This was during a film called ‘Koyla’. That was the first time I did something behind the camera, I directed the making of ‘Koyla’. And now I’m going behind the camera again. Good luck to me”. He further mentioned, “I can’t tell you all how



nervous I am, I’ll need all the encouragement I possibly can get”. Recently, filmmaker Rakesh Roshan announced Hrithik Roshan’s directorial debut with ‘Krish 4’ as he passed the baton of a franchise that he shaped and nurtured in the past 22 years. The announcement piqued excitement from fans and enhanced anticipation for the superhero franchise. Hrithik further shared updates on ‘War 2’, as he called Jr NTR his favourite co-star. Hrithik said, “My favourite co-star is

actually Jr NTR. I just did War 2 with him and he is amazing. He is brilliant, such a fine teammate. I think we have done something good and I cannot wait for you all to watch it, ‘War 2’, 14th August”. He also shared an update on the shoot schedule of ‘War 2’, as he said, “I’m extremely proud of this film. There’s only one song pending; the rest of the film is shot. The song that we will be shooting is with Jr NTR and I’ll go back and finish it. I hope I do well. But this film is going to be bigger and better than part 1, that’s my promise to you. So wish me luck”. Hrithik was recently injured while rehearsing for the War 2 song due to which the filming of the song was postponed. The film is produced by Yash Raj Films and directed by Ayan Mukerji, and marks the sequel to the 2019 blockbuster ‘War’.

## Veteran actor Manoj Kumar cremated with state honours

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Manoj Kumar, celebrated as ‘Bharat Kumar’ for his portrayals of patriotic heroes in films such as “Upkar” and “Kranti”, was cremated with full state honours and a three-gun salute here on Saturday. Amitabh Bachchan, and Salim Khan were among the prominent personalities from the entertainment industry present at the Pawan Hans crematorium in suburban Juhu. The last rites started at about 11:30 and Kumar’s



two sons — Vishal and Kunal — lit the funeral pyre of the actor-filmmaker who died on Friday due to

age-related issues at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani hospital. He was 87. Abhishek Bachchan, Arbaaz

Khan, Subhash Ghai, Anu Malik, Zayed Khan, Prem Chopra and Rajpal Yadav also attended the cremation. A photo of a young Kumar was placed at the entrance of his building premises for everyone to offer their last respects. An ambulance carrying mortal remains of Kumar decorated in tri-colour flowers left the actor’s residence at about 10:30 am for the funeral. His body was wrapped in tricolor flag. Following his death, Dharmendra, Prem Chopra, Madhur Bhandarkar, Farah

Khan with her brother Sajid Khan, among others arrived at Kumar’s residence to offer their condolences. Kumar was known as ‘Bharat Kumar’ among his fans for his roles in a series of patriotic films like “Shaheed”, “Upkar”, “Purab Aur Paschim” and “Roti, Kapda aur Makaan”, among others. Born Harikrishan Goswami into a Punjabi Hindu family in Abbottabad town (Pakistan) in undivided India, Kumar’s family migrated to Delhi in 1947, the year of India’s Independence.

## Bridge Epsilon Villas: A Greek-Inspired Luxury Haven Unveiled in Tukkuguda

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The city celebrated the grand unveiling of Bridge Epsilon Villas, an architectural marvel inspired by Greek aesthetics, at Tukkuguda. The launch event, held on Friday, was graced by renowned film directors Sri. Sukumar and Vamsi Paidipally, who praised the project's unique design and luxurious lifestyle offerings. Located just five minutes from ORR exit 14 on Lemoor Road, Bridge Epsilon Villas

spans 20 acres, featuring meticulously planned 4 and 5 BHK East-facing villas. The project boasts 139,000 sq. ft. of world-class amenities, setting a new standard in Hyderabad's real estate market. Drawing inspiration from Greek architecture, the villas showcase majestic facades, classical columns, and pristine white exteriors with azure accents, reminiscent of Santorini. The elevations are intricately designed to reflect Greek mythology and artistry, offering an exotic and



sophisticated living ex-

perience.

Ujwal Rao, Director of

Bridge Group, shared his vision: "We aimed to bring the unparalleled beauty and elegance of Greece to Hyderabad. Every detail of Bridge Epsilon Villas reflects a blend of Greek magnificence and modern engineering precision." The project emphasizes construction quality and engineering excellence, utilizing premium materials for durability and sustainability. Vikram, Director of the Group, highlighted the meticulous construction process, ensuring robust and environmen-

tally conscious homes. Bridge Epsilon Villas introduces a first-of-its-kind podium parking concept, creating a traffic-free living environment. This innovation not only enhances safety but also provides an uninterrupted, serene ambiance for families to thrive in a peaceful, vehicle-free landscape. The project also features theme-based landscaping and mesmerizing water sculptures, further elevating the charm and serenity of this opulent address. These meticulously designed outdoor

spaces create a tranquil retreat within the heart of the city, offering residents a lifestyle of unparalleled grandeur and leisure. With its blend of architectural finesse, modern comfort, and opulent living, Bridge Epsilon Villas promises an unparalleled lifestyle in Hyderabad. The project's commitment to quality and innovation ensures that residents enjoy a luxurious and sustainable living experience, making it a standout in the city's real estate landscape.



CITY CLICKS

Student Activist Pidugu Uday Kiran Leads Successful Protest, Halting Gachibowli Land Clearing



In a significant turn of events, the Supreme Court has issued an immediate stay order, halting further tree cutting on a 400-acre plot in Gachibowli, Hyderabad. The land, which falls under the jurisdiction of Hyderabad Central University (HCU), was recently auctioned by the Telangana government, leading to the deployment of bulldozers that cleared the area, displacing numerous organisms and small animals.

The movement to protect the trees and safeguard the animals was spearheaded by Pidugu Uday Kiran, a national-level wrestler and PG scholar from HCU's Department of Medical Sciences. Kiran united students across political parties and university unions, standing firm against police force and lathi charges for the past 10 days. His efforts not only motivated students but also brought widespread attention to the issue, reaching from local streets to Delhi.

Kiran's relentless activism also involved rescuing and protecting displaced animals, highlighting the environmental impact of the land clearing. His dedication was recognized by Union Coal and Central Minister G. Kishan Reddy, who honored Kiran with a shawl and praised his efforts. The minister acknowledged that the victory was a result of the collective efforts of students and unions.

The Supreme Court's intervention has brought temporary relief to the area, ensuring the preservation of the remaining trees and habitats. The stay order underscores the importance of environmental conservation and the power of collective action in protecting natural resources for future generations.

Indian Arena Polo Team to Train in Hyderabad Ahead of FIP World Cup Pre-Qualifiers



The Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club (HPRC) will host the Indian National Arena Polo Team for a crucial training camp from 5th to 12th April 2025, ahead of the Zone 'E' Playoffs of the II FIP Arena Polo World Championship in Saudi Arabia, slated for 21st to 26th April 2025. The team, comprising top players like Sawai Padmanabh Singh and Shamsheer Ali, was selected by the Indian Polo Association (IPA) and will utilize HPRC's world-class sand arena to prepare for the competition. Hyderabad's deep-rooted polo tradition and advanced sports facilities make it an excellent training venue.

Mr. Chaitania Kumar, Founder-President of HPRC, emphasized the significance of hosting the national team, noting that it aligns with Hyderabad's goal to host the 2027 FIP Arena Polo World Championship. To bolster this ambition, a proposal has been submitted to the Telangana government to send a delegation to the pre-qualifiers in Saudi Arabia. This delegation aims to support Team India and engage with FIP officials to promote Hyderabad as the ideal host for the 2027 championship. Hyderabad's blend of historical polo heritage and modern sports infrastructure positions it as a strong candidate to host this prestigious international event. The city's commitment to equestrian sports and its strategic vision could bring the 2027 FIP Arena Polo World Championship to Indian soil, further elevating its global sports profile.



# RR beat PBKS by 50 runs in IPL, Yashasvi Jaiswal shines with 45-ball 67 runs

Mullanpur WUT | Apr . 6

Rising star Yashasvi Jaiswal's timely return to form with a sparkling fifty and fiery blows from Jofra Archer spoiled Punjab Kings' homecoming as Rajasthan Royals secured a handsome 50-run win in the IPL here on Saturday.

Once Rajasthan built a tall 205 for four around Jaiswal's stroke-filled 67, it was never going to be easy for Punjab, and they were limited to 155 for 9. Nehal Wadhra played a lone hand with a 41-ball 62 for them.

Archer (3/25), seamer Sandeep Sharma (2/21) and spinner Maheesh Theekshana (2/26) also bowled with precision, while Kumar Kartikeya and Wanindu Hasaranga provided fine support.

In fact, Punjab's chase never got the desired lift-off. Archer set the tone for target-defence with a ripping start, dismissing Priyansh Arya (0) and the in-form Shreyas Iyer (10) in successive overs —



just when the latter looked threatening while slamming two terrific shots off the English pacer. Arya went for a big swing but got it all wrong, exposing his stumps to be castled emphatically. The in-form Iyer, who was yet to be dismissed in the tournament with scores of 97\* and 52\* from two innings, looked in sublime touch.

He crunched a drive over extra cover and followed it up with another gorgeous shot through the offside. But Archer had the last

laugh, hurrying Iyer with sheer pace as the batter's effort to go inside-out resulted in him getting bowled. Sandeep added to the early damage by removing Marcus Stoinis (1), while left-arm spinner Kartikeya, introduced into the attack next, struck another blow by dismissing Prabhsimran Singh (17).

From a precarious 43/4 after the Power Play, Punjab Kings' hopes were revived through a fighting 88-run fifth-wicket partnership between

Wadhra and Glenn Maxwell (30 off 21) that came off just 52 balls.

Having impressed as an Impact Sub with a 25-ball 43 not out on debut against Lucknow Super Giants the other day, Wadhra continued his form with a counter-attacking 33-ball fifty. He took the attack to Hasaranga and Kartikeya during his knock studded with three sixes and four fours, while Maxwell provided solid support as the pair brought the equation down to a

gettable 85 required from the last six overs.

With Wadhra in charge, the chase was heading in the right direction until Theekshana pulled things back, dismissing Maxwell (30 off 21 balls). Wadhra soon followed, falling to Hasaranga and from there the chase fell apart and PBKS suffered their first defeat of the season.

Earlier, the 23-year-old Jaiswal, who had endured a lean patch in the opening three games with scores of 1, 29 and 4, roared back

to form with a fluent 40-ball fifty (3×4, 5×6) just when the spotlight on him was shifting off the field following his surprise move from Ranji heavyweights Mumbai to minnows Goa.

Shutting the noise around him, Jaiswal and skipper Sanju Samson (38 off 26 balls) gave RR their best start of the season with an opening stand of 89 after PBKS skipper Iyer opted to bowl.

Lockie Ferguson (2/37) dismissed both Samson and Jaiswal against the run of play in the middle overs, and Nitish Rana (12) also got out cheaply as RR lost three wickets in the 11-15 overs phase.

The dangerous Shimron Hetmyer (20 off 12 balls) also could not get going after an explosive start.

But Riyan Parag (43 not out off 25 balls) provided the late fireworks with three sixes and as many fours to lift Royals past the 200-mark for the first time at this venue.

# Unstoppable DC break 15-year jinx at Chepauk, beats CSK by 25 runs in IPL

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Delhi Capitals' juggernaut continued unabated in the ongoing IPL as they rode on KL Rahul's exemplary batting and some disciplined bowling to register their third successive win in the ongoing IPL with a 25-run victory over Chennai Super Kings here on Saturday.

This was DC's first win at Chepauk in 15 years, even as CSK's struggles continued this season.

Batting first, DC posted 183 for six after Rahul mixed his trademark elegance with brute force during a 51-ball 77. The stylish Rahul struck six fours and three sixes while anchoring the innings.

Tristan Stubbs chipped in with an unbeaten 12-ball 24 before Matheesha Pathirana (1/31) bowled a brilliant final over to prevent DC from finishing their innings on a high.

However, CSK were stopped at 158 for five in their allotted 20 overs, much to the disappointment of their home crowd that had flocked to the venue to pack the stands.

Vijay Shankar top-scored for CSK with 69 off 54 balls, while MS Dhoni remained not out on 30 in 26 deliveries.

CSK lost three wickets inside the power play, leaving the rest of the batting to play catch-up on a challenging wicket.

With the in-form Mitchell Starc (1/27) steaming in and Mukesh Kumar (1/36) keeping it tight at the



other end, CSK found the going tough and both bowlers enjoyed early success, the Australian left-arm speedster laying a trap for Ruturaj Gaikwad (5) and the Indian pacer sending back Rachin Ravindra (3) after the Kiwi got a leading edge while trying to flick it through midwicket.

Devon Conway (13), one of the crowd favourites who replaced Jamie Overton in this match, too fell cheaply after getting a leading edge while trying to work the ball over midwicket. Young leg-spinner Vipraj Nigam (2/27) was the successful bowler on that occasion, as CSK slipped to 41 for three in the sixth over.

After taking a fine catch to dismiss Shivam Dube, Tristan Stubbs dropped a sitter off Vijay Shankar, when the batter was on 27 and looking to accelerate with the promoted Dhoni at the other end.

Dhoni, whose decision to bat at number 9 against Royal Challengers was not well-received by fans, walked in at the fall of the fifth wicket but he was not able to get those big hits going, as the DC emerged winners.

Earlier, the Capitals suffered a jolt at the start of their innings thanks to an excellent first over from Khaleel Ahmed (2/25), who had big-hitting opener Jake Fraser-McGurk caught after putting him under pressure with four dot balls.

Credit to Khaleel for plotting Fraser-McGurk's dismissal by banging the ball on the good length instead of allowing him to play in the 'V', something the young Australian is good at.

Notwithstanding the early jitter, DC managed to score 51 runs in the power play and that was largely because of the enterprise shown by Abhishek Porel (33 off 20 balls),

who collected 19 runs from left-arm fast-medium bowler Mukesh Choudhary's first over.

Playing this game in place of Rahul Tripathi, Choudhary struggled to get his length right and was bowling either too full of too short, and Porel took full advantage of some wayward bowling.

Khaleel returned to bowl another fine over and Choudhary too did much better in his second over.

KL Rahul broke the shackles with a six over deep square leg off Khaleel before CSK skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad introduced spin in the form of the seasoned Ravichandran Ashwin in the sixth over, hoping for a wicket.

The much-needed breakthrough, however, came in the next over as Porel ended up giving an easy catch to Matheesha Pathirana after driving Ravindra Jadeja uppishly in the left-arm spinner's first over.

It was a soft dismissal, and Porel would be frustrated with it as he was looking good for a big one after having settled down nicely.

Axar Patel began his innings with a six over long-on off Jadeja but, like Porel, the DC skipper too got out after getting his eye in, for a 14-ball 21.

On either side of Axar's dismissal, Rahul struck two sixes off Noor Ahmad and Jadeja respectively, before reaching his 38th IPL fifty off 33 balls.

Rahul found an able ally in Sameer Rizvi (20 off 15 balls) as the duo added 56 runs for the fourth wicket in quick time.



# UoH ‘relocation’ sparks outcry among student community

University already an eco-park, say students; warn of much stronger protest

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The reported proposal of the State government to relocate the University of Hyderabad (UoH) campus, which over the past half-century has painstakingly built itself as an Institute of Eminence, is met with staunch opposition from various quarters.

As per reports in a section of media, the State government is reported to be toying with the idea of shifting the UoH to the proposed Future City and develop the present campus, where angry protests have disrupted the government plan to auction 400 acres of adjoining Kancha Gachibowli land for commercial exploitation, as an eco-park. This purported move has drawn widespread condemnation with the university community stating that if



that happened, they would be gearing up for another round of protest that would be much stronger than last week’s agitation that halted the deforestation of Kancha Gachibowli land. Present and former students of the university condemned the plan, stating that it was vengeance against students’ recent vehement protest against land auction in Kancha Gachibowli. As per the plans cited by a section of media, the Kancha Gachibowli and the UoH campus covering 2,000 acres is to be turned into one of the largest eco-parks. This requires the shifting of the UoH campus, for which the govern-

ment proposed to allocate a mere 100 acre. Speaking to ‘Telangana Today’, UoH Students Union president Umesh Ambedkar accused the government of diverting attention from the main issue. “When students are fighting over the university’s original land of 2,300 acres, how can the government come up with a proposal to shift the campus itself? For the last 50 years, several crore rupees were spent on building the university. Any move to shift the campus will meet with much stronger protest from the university community,” he said. UoH Students Union general secretary Nihad Sulai-

man found the government’s plan to be absurd. “The university is already an eco-park. We will staunchly oppose any move to shift the campus,” he said. For the last several weeks, the university community has been up in arms against the State government’s move to deforest and auction 400 acres of land in Kancha Gachibowli, abutting the UoH campus. After a rap from the Supreme Court, which stopped all works in the land, the government is said to be considering a proposal to shift the entire UoH campus to a new 100 acres site in the city outskirts. UoH former general secretary Suman Damera said the university campus was already an eco-park where humans and animals have been co-existing.

“I wonder what is the need to deforest 100 acres of land and now come up with an eco-park plan? With thousands of crores, the university, which now achieved the institution of eminence, has been built over a period of 50 years. It appears to be a deliberate move to destroy the public education system in Telangana,” said Damera, who is currently working as assistant professor in Mizoram University. UoH Registrar Dr Divesh Nigam said neither there was a proposal sent to the varsity nor discussion on campus shifting was held. “Even if the proposal is sent, we will discuss it in the university’s executive council. We will also take guidance from the Ministry of Education on the matter and make a decision,” he added.



As part of security and precautionary measures during the Ram Navami procession, police covered the Siddiambhar Bazar Mosque with cloth in Hyderabad to ensure communal harmony and maintain peace in the area.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public that the following land is for sale, as per the Agreement of Sale executed on the \_ day of January, 2025, at Hyderabad, Telangana:

Vendors:

1. SMT. PREETHI RANGAROUTH (W/O SRI. RAJANIKANTH RANGAROUTHU), aged 37, residing at Secunderabad, Telangana

2. SMT. POOJA TIWARI (W/O SRI. RAM TIWARI), aged 32, residing at Hyderabad, Telangana

3. SMT. SONIYA VYAS (W/O SRI. SHABARI PRAKASH VYAS), aged 35, residing at Secunderabad, Telangana

4. SRI. RAJANIKANTH RANGAROUTHU (S/O Late SRI. R. PANDURANGAR), aged 44, residing at Secunderabad, Telangana

Authorized Seller: -SRI. KOTHINTI NARENDER KUMAR, aged 57, residing at Hyderabad, Telangana.

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## Kavitha Slams Gandhis for Waqf Bill Inaction



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Kavitha criticized Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi for their inaction on the Waqf Amendment Bill, noting Rahul's silence and Priyanka's absence during the Lok Sabha debate. She accused them of hypocrisy, saying their actions contradict their support for minorities. Kavitha highlighted

potential violations of minority rights and questioned the Gandhis' commitment to constitutional values. She emphasized BRS's consistent advocacy for minority welfare and opposition to the bill, suggesting Congress's approach is insincere. Kavitha urged voters to remember this during elections and challenged Rahul's reliability as a minority advocate.

## BRS chief KCR holds strategy meet for party's silver jubilee celebrations

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Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) chief and former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao held a meeting with party leaders at his residence in Erravelli to review preparations for the upcoming silver jubilee celebrations. The meeting was attended by key leaders from the erstwhile districts of Khammam, Mahbubnagar, and Nalgonda. BRS working



president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and several senior leaders also participated in the session. The discussions focused on formulating a strategy for the celebrations and

strengthening the party's presence across the state. Leaders stressed the importance of unity and collective efforts to ensure the silver jubilee events are a grand success.

## Three-pronged strategy mooted to prevent and control bird flu: Centre

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The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying held a high level meeting in New Delhi to discuss the recent outbreaks of Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) in the country. Currently, six active outbreak zones remain in Telangana, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. The active epicentres in Telangana were Ranga Reddy, Nalagonda and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri. Chaired by Alka Upadhyaya, Secretary DAHD, the meeting brought together scientific experts, poultry industry representatives and policymakers to review the current situation of avian influenza and explore strategies to contain the disease and prevent its spread. A three-pronged strategy to



prevent and control bird flu has been decided by DAHD in consultation with the stakeholders. It encompasses stricter biosecurity measures wherein poultry farms must enhance hygiene practices, control farm access and follow stringent biosecurity protocols to minimize the risk of infection, strengthened surveillance and mandatory registration of poultry farms to enhance disease tracking and control all poultry farms must register with state animal husbandry de-

partments within a month. The government has urged poultry industry stakeholders to ensure 100 per cent compliance with this directive. Speaking at the meeting, Alka Upadhyaya emphasized, "Protecting our poultry sector is critical for food security and rural livelihoods. Strict biosecurity, scientific surveillance, and responsible industry practices are essential in our fight against Bird Flu." Additionally, Secretary DAHD stated the need for

developing a predictive modelling system for early warning and environmental surveillance which would enable proactive disease detection and response, minimizing the risk of outbreaks and protecting the poultry industry. DAHD has permitted the use of the H9N2 (Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza) vaccine, developed by ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal, which is now available commercially. A national study will evaluate the vaccine's effectiveness of LPAI vaccination. The meeting also extensively discussed the possibility of allowing the use of a vaccine against Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in India. Representatives from the poultry industry urged the government to explore vaccination as a strategy to prevent further economic losses in the sector.

## Hyderabad police grants conditional permission for shobha yatra

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The Hyderabad police here on Saturday granted permission with certain conditions for Sri Rama Navami Shobha Yatra to be taken out by BJP MLA T Raja Singh on April 6 from Aakashpuri Hanuman Temple in Dhoolpet to Hanuman Vyayamshala in Ramkoti. In an order addressed to Raja Singh, Hyderabad Additional Commissioner of Police, Law and Order, Vikram Singh Mann has made it clear that no inconvenience should be caused to the general public and also no obstructions should be caused for free flow of traffic.

There should be no explicit and implicit violation of any law and the organizers must not create traffic problems. They should ensure that the yatra must be kept on the extreme left on the road and the other half of the road should remain free for regular traffic movement. The organizers should not deviate from the permitted route and they should not halt in the middle of the road for delivering speeches. They should not use DJs, sound mixers, high sound generating equipment, mobile mikes and loud speakers in the procession and also after the public meeting in Hanuman Vyayamshala. Bursting of fire crackers

is strictly prohibited along with sprinkling of vermilion, turmeric, 'gula', flowers or other objects on passers-by under any circumstances. The persons in yatra should not carry any sticks, swords, knives, fire arms, inflammable material or any other weapons. Sticks used for carrying flags or decorations should not be more than two feet in length and should be of split bamboo. No provocative banners, placards and flexis hurting sentiments of other persons permitted. No provocative speeches, slogans or postures, which can hurt the feelings of any section of the public, shall be raised or dis-

played during yatra and no person under the influence of alcohol or any other narcotic drugs should be allowed in vehicles moving in yatra. Without written permission from the police, the organizers should not use any flying camera, drone or hot air balloon which is a hazard for public safety in a crowded area, he said. Adhering to instructions given by the police officers from time to time and providing young volunteers in sufficient numbers on all four sides of the procession were among the conditions laid down by the police for the successful conduct of the yatra.

## Shabbir Ali, senior Congress leaders to approach Supreme Court against Waqf Bill

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Senior Congress leader and Advisor to the Telangana Government Mohammed Ali Shabbir announced on Saturday that he, along with other national leaders, would approach the Supreme Court of India to challenge the controversial Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, passed by the Parliament earlier this week.

Shabbir Ali participated in a crucial strategy meeting in New Delhi hosted by Indian Muslims for Civil Rights (IMCR). The meeting was also attended by Supreme Court senior advocate and former Union Minister Salman Khurshid, former Rajya Sabha MP Mohammed Adeb, former MP Danish, and TPCC Secretary Mohammed Jaweed Ahmed and others. The gathering deliberated on the legal and political

roadmap in light of the Bill's passage in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. "We have unanimously decided to challenge the Waqf Bill in the Supreme Court. Our petition will be filed on Monday. Although the law will come into effect once it receives the President's assent and is published in the Gazette, we will move the court based on the final version of the Bill as passed by Parliament," said Shabbir



termed the Waqf Amendment Act as a direct assault on the religious and constitutional rights of Muslims and a serious infringement on the autonomy of Waqf institutions.

Shabbir Ali highlighted that the Bill, while reviewed by a Joint Parliamentary Committee, saw all recommendations made by opposition MPs being rejected, thereby making the consultation process ineffective. "This is not how democracy functions. Consultation does not mean bulldozing opposition

voices," he remarked. He expressed serious concern over provisions in the Bill that allow the inclusion of non-Muslim members in Waqf Boards and give state governments excessive control over the management and classification of Waqf properties. He warned that these changes would facilitate state-led encroachment on mosques, dargahs, graveyards, Eidgahs, and other centuries-old Waqf institu-

tions - especially in states like Telangana, where tens of thousands of acres are registered as Waqf land. "The Muslim community is now left with two clear options: fight the Bill legally in the Supreme Court and resist it democratically through peaceful agitations," said Shabbir Ali. He assured that the Congress party would leave no stone unturned to ensure the repeal of the Waqf Amend-

ment Act, which he called a dangerous precedent for all religious and linguistic minorities in India. He said that the Act violated Article 26 of the Constitution, which gives every religious denomination the right to manage its own religious affairs, and that Congress would not allow the BJP-led government to use legislative tools to disempower Muslims.