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## Brief Insights

### Meta releases new AI model Llama 4 Technology

Meta on Saturday released the latest version of its large language model (LLM) Llama, called the Llama 4 Scout and Llama 4 Maverick. Meta said Llama is a multimodal AI system. Multimodal systems are capable of processing and integrating various types of data including text, video, images and audio, and can convert content across these formats. Meta said in a statement that the Llama 4 Scout and Llama 4 Maverick are its "most advanced models yet" and "the best in their class for multimodality."

Meta added that Llama 4 Scout will be open source software. It also said it was previewing Llama 4 Behemoth, which it called "one of the smartest LLMs in the world and our most powerful yet to serve as a teacher for our new models."

### Intense Protest Against Waqf Amendment Bill Across Manipur

Protests were held today in different Muslims pockets of Manipur against the passage of the Waqf Amendment Bill in parliament. More than 5,000 people participated in a rally held at the national highway no 102 in Lilong area of Thoubal district.

Paramilitary and additional forces were taken to the spot where security forces are already present to maintain law and order. The rally was allowed to proceed through Aliya Madrasah area to Lilong Haoreibi tightly guarded by security forces.

Lilong is the area that has the highest population of Muslims in the entire state. Symbolic protests were held in different Muslim pockets after noon prayer, where people shouted slogans and held festoons. **CONTINUE:P2**

## CM Revanth Reddy Revives Tradition

Participates in Sri Sitarama Kalyanam at Bhadrachalam



Hyderabad WUT | Apr. 7

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accompanied by his wife, took part in the celestial wedding of Lord Rama and Goddess Sita at the famed Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy temple in Bhadrachalam on the occasion of Rama Navami on Sunday. In a symbolic gesture on behalf of the Telangana government, the Chief Minister offered pattu vastralu (silk clothes) and

mutyala talamburalu (pearl-laced sacred rice) to the deities. His participation marks the revival of a tradition where the Chief Minister personally attends the Rama Navami celebrations—a practice observed by former CM K. Chandrasekhar Rao during the initial two years of his tenure before it was delegated to the Endowments Minister. The event drew thousands of devotees who gathered to witness the

grand annual celebration of Sitarama Kalyanam. Over 2,000 police personnel were deployed to ensure smooth and secure proceedings. Priests conducted the sacred rituals associated with the celestial wedding with traditional fervor. Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) chairman B.R. Naidu also participated in the event and presented silk clothes to the presiding deities on behalf of TTD.

## North India sizzles as 21 cities record temperatures over 42°C

New delhi WUT | Apr. 7

Twenty-one cities across five states in India registered temperature of 42 degrees Celsius and above today. National capital Delhi will have to grapple with the heat wave for the next three days. Besides Delhi, it will sear cities across Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Guja-

rat and even in Odisha.

The spike in the first week of April involved major deviations at every city, ranging from above three degrees to 6.9 degrees.

The met office indicated the decrease in wind speed has a role to play, especially in Delhi.

"The predominant surface wind speed will likely be 8-10 kmph during the morning. The

wind speed will gradually decrease thereafter becoming 4-6 kmph from the southeast direction during the afternoon.

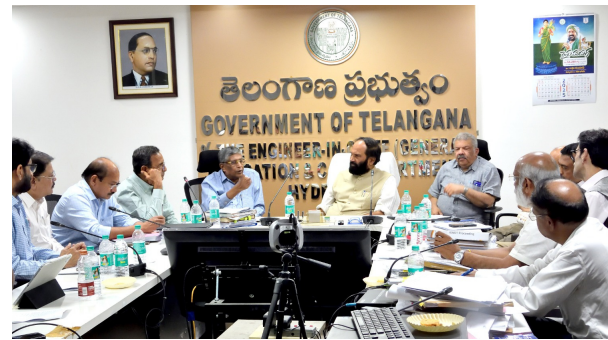
It will increase becoming less than 8 kmph from the southeast direction during evening and night," read a communication from the met office. The heat in Rajasthan's Barmer has set new records. The maxi-

mum temperature on Sunday was 45.6 degrees Celsius - the highest ever in the first week of April. The departure is 6.8 degrees above normal. The met department said heat wave conditions are likely at isolated to few pockets over Gujarat during 6-10 April with severe heat wave conditions at isolated pockets over Saurashtra and Kutch.

## Uttam assures full support to legal team in Krishna Water dispute

Hyderabad WUT | Apr. 7

In a significant move to strengthen Telangana's legal position in the Krishna water-sharing dispute, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy held an extensive review meeting with the legal and irrigation teams on Sunday. The Minister assured that the Telangana government would provide all possible support to the legal team representing the State and asserted that he would personally attend the pro-



ceedings of the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II (KWDT-II) whenever matters related to Krishna and Godavari rivers come up for hearing.

The meeting, held at Jala Soudha in Hyderabad, was attended by senior

advocates, irrigation officials, and legal consultants, including the Advisor to the Telangana Government for the Irrigation Department, Adityanath Das. Senior counsel CS Vaidyanathan, who is leading Telan-

gana's legal team, and other lawyers briefed the Minister on the arguments presented before the tribunal during the detailed sessions held on April 5 and 6. The discussions covered Telangana's core claims, the current legal status, and preparations for the upcoming hearings scheduled on April 15, 16, and 17. Uttam Kumar Reddy was briefed in detail about Telangana's stance on Krishna water allocation, and the data being used to substantiate the State's claim. **CONTINUE:P2**

## Beed mosque blast: UAPA invoked against two arrested men

Mumbai WUT | Apr. 7

Police have invoked the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) section for "terrorist act" against two men arrested in the case of blast at a mosque in Maharashtra's Beed district, officials said. Gelatin sticks went off at the mosque in Ardha Masla village in Georai tehsil on March 30, on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr, allegedly after an altercation between two groups during a procession, leading to the arrest of the two men.

While no one was injured in the blast, the internal portion of the structure was damaged. Police arrested local residents Vijay Rama Gavhane (22) and

Shriram Ashok Sagde (24) within hours of the blast. The Beed police initially registered a case under various BNS sections, including 298 (injuring or defiling place of worship with intent to insult the religion of any class), 299 (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings, covering insults) and 196 (promoting enmity between). During the investigation, the police have now invoked BNS section 113 (terrorist act) and UAPA sections 15, 16 and 18 that deal with the 'terrorist act, punishment for terrorist act and conspiracy', an official said. Securing bail is difficult under the UAPA. The arrested persons are in police custody, the official added.

## Fine Rice Scheme Beneficiary Family Treats CM Revanth to Ramanavami Lunch

New delhi WUT | Apr. 6

The ambitious fine rice distribution scheme through fair price shops in Telangana already set a benchmark in providing food security to the poorer sections in the country. The Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy embarked on a program of 'lunch with beneficiary families' in Sarapaka village of Burgampadu mandal in Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Sunday. After attending Srirama Navami rituals at the famous Sita Ramachandraswamy temple in Bhadrachalam, the Chief Minister drove to the house of Buram Srinivas, one of the beneficiaries of the fine rice distribution scheme in the village. Revanth Reddy feasted on



lunch with the family. During lunch, he inquired with the family about their living conditions. When he asked about rice quality, the homemaker Tulasamma said their family was not interested in buying coarse rice which was being supplied earlier. Now, her family is delighted at purchasing quality fine rice from PDS shops and relishing the meal every day. Tulasamma thanked Revanth

Reddy for distributing fine rice to the poor families at an affordable price every month. The Chief Minister also inquired with the family members about the benefits of free power supply up to 200 units and a cooking gas cylinder at only Rs 500. Tulasamma expressed happiness that the free bus travel is very useful for the working women community.

## Max Verstappen wins the Japanese Grand Prix for his first victory of the Formula 1 season



New delhi WUT | Apr. 7

Max Verstappen of Red Bull won Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix and broke a mini-slump of only two wins in his previous 16 races. It was his 64th career

win. It was the Dutchman's fourth straight victory on the Suzuka circuit in central Japan and breaks the momentum of the McLarens of Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri, who won the seasons first two races in Melbourne. **CONTINUE:P7**

## US tariffs likely to impact Indian seafood shipments adversely: Exporters

New Delhi WUT | Apr. 7

Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) president G Pawan Kumar on Sunday said the reciprocal tariffs announced by US President Donald Trump will have a severe adverse impact on Indian seafood exports to the US market, whose value stands at USD 2.5 billion in 2023-24. Out of the total seafood exports to the US, shrimps accounted for the lion's



share of 92 per cent and India is the largest supplier of shrimps to the US, Kumar said. "This tariff will hurt all stakeholders in the value chain and cause all round distress," Kumar told PTI. The county will falter in export performance when

compared to the South American nation Ecuador, which is levied only a 10 per cent tariff, it is believed. Vietnam with a reciprocal tariff rate of 46 per cent and Indonesia with 32 per cent will concede a massive advantage to the South American country, he said. According to Vizag-based Kumar, Ecuador is likely to replace India as the largest shrimp supplier to the US market. "It will be difficult for Indian seafood **CONTINUE:P4**

## Allegations of inhuman treatment meted out to staff in Kochi firm under the scanner



Video clips depicting the inhuman treatment of employees at a private firm in Perumbavoor, located in the Ernakulam district, caused an uproar across Kerala on Saturday. The footage showed young workers being led around like dogs with belts around their necks. Allegations had surfaced that a marketing firm, which sells household items door to door, punished employees who fail to meet their targets in this manner. A former employee claimed that the harassment shown in the video was just the tip of the iceberg. **CONTINUE:P4**

## PM Modi Inaugurates Pamban Sea Bridge, Enhancing Rameswaram Connectivity

Rameswaram WUT | Apr. 7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated the Pamban sea bridge, providing rail link between Rameswaram island and the mainland and flagged off the new Rameswaram-Tambaram (Chennai) train service here. The PM also flagged off a Coast Guard ship which passed under the bridge. The bridge is all set to improve connectivity to this spiritual destination flocked by devotees throughout the year from across the country. Built at a cost of over Rs 550 crore, this is India's first vertical sea-lift



bridge. Spanning 2.08 kilometers, the bridge comprises 99 spans and a 72.5-meter-long vertical lift span that can be raised up to 17 meters, allowing the smooth passage of large ships while ensuring seamless train operations.

The bridge features stainless steel reinforcement, high-grade paint, and fully welded joints, enhancing durability while reducing maintenance requirements. Its foundation is supported by 333 piles and 101 piers/pile caps, designed for dual rail tracks and future

expansion. The use of polysiloxane paint protects it from corrosion, ensuring longevity in the harsh marine environment. This bridge is a remarkable blend of tradition and technology. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, TN Governor R N Ravi, state Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu, among others were present. On his arrival from Sri Lanka, Modi was accorded a warm welcome by Ravi, Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu, Union Minister of state, L Murugan, BJP Tamil Nadu unit chief K Annamalai, senior BJP leaders including H Raja and Vanathi Srinivasan.



## BJP Foundation Day Celebrated in Ward No. 4, Secunderabad Cantonment

**Hyderabad**  
**Dp srinivas rao**  
WUT | Apr . 7

On the occasion of BJP Foundation Day, the party flag was hoisted in Ward No. 4 of Secunderabad Cantonment by Ward President Dr. Sachin Khanke. Extending personal greetings on the Foundation Day, Dr. Khanke paid tribute to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee by recalling his inspiring poem:  
"Kya haar mein, kya jeet mein,  
(In defeat or in victory)  
Kinchit nahin bhayabheet main,



(I remain unafraid and undeterred )  
Kartavya path par jo bhi mila,  
(Whatever comes my way on the path of duty)  
Yeh bhi sahi, woh bhi sahi,  
(Be it this or that, I accept it all)  
Vardaan nahin maangoonga  
(I will not ask for any boon)

Ho kuchh par haar nahin maanoonga.  
(No matter what happens — I will never accept defeat).  
He emphasized the dedication and hard work of BJP karyakartas at the grassroots level and expressed confidence that the party is on track to form the next government in Telangana.

## Hyderabad-based NGRI develops India's first earthquake strain map

**Hyderabad**  
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The seismologists of Hyderabad-based National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) have developed India's first strain map to assess earthquake vulnerability in the Himalayan and Indo-Gangetic regions. Director, NGRI, Prakash Kumar, while interacting with Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology on Sunday, said that the strain map to assess earthquake vulnerability is a critical step towards disaster preparedness. Strain map, essentially utilises the geodetic data culled from instruments like GPS to measure the movements and deformations of the surface. Such measurements capture

the strain that accumulates in the Earth's crust due to tectonic forces.

The NGRI strain map could be useful to pinpoint regions in Himalayas that are prone to earthquakes in the future. The strain maps can also be applied to assess the risks that a particular regions faces, in addition to relying on historical earthquake data. Such tools, essentially, enable the local State governments towards disaster preparedness.

"We are also conducting deep seismic profiling under a national programme aimed at decoding the crustal structure of central India, which holds implications for both tectonic studies and mineral exploration. Our work on geothermal energy, particularly in Ladakh and Chhattisgarh, has opened new frontiers for clean and re-

newable energy," NGRI Director said.

The three Directors of Hyderabad-based CSIR laboratories including NGRI, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT) presented their institute's achievements, during a review the Union Minister for Science and Technology.

Speaking on the occasion, Director, IICT, Dr D Srinivasa Reddy said that the chemical research institute's researchers developed safer and more effective agrochemicals, and its work in catalysis has led to novel catalysts for hydrogenation, oxidation, and polymerization processes used widely in industrial applications.

"IICT has developed compostable plastics in associa-

tion with GreenWorksBio. We have also developed Hydrazine Hydrate in collaboration with Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL)," he said. Director, CCMB, Dr Vinay Nandicoori highlighted the recent success it has achieved through sickle cell anemia diagnostics. "One of CCMB's most impactful initiatives has been its work on sickle cell anemia, under which it developed a highly sensitive, low-cost diagnostic kit as part of the National Sickle Cell Elimination Mission," he said.

On the occasion, Dr Jitendra Singh appreciated the vital role played by the three CSIR laboratories in driving scientific innovation, supporting national missions, and contributing to India's goal of becoming a self-reliant

## Grand Celebrations Mark Sri Ramanavami Across New Bowenpally; Jampana Pratap Participates in Special Pujas

**Hyderabad**  
**Dp srinivas rao**  
WUT | Apr . 7

The festival of Sri Ramanavami, marking the celestial wedding of Lord Rama and Sita, was celebrated with great devotion across several localities in New Bowenpally on Sunday. The celebrations were held at Kansari Bazaar, Third Ward Kattakindabasti, Ambedkar Nagar, Sixth Ward Anjainyanagar, Seethampuram



Colony, Rajdhani Society, Nandamuri Nagar, New City Kalani, and Jayanagar Chinna Thokatta temples. Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap actively participated in the festi-

ties. He performed special pujas along with his family members at various temples, receiving blessings from the priests and devotees. On the occasion, temple committee members presented him with theertha prasad and

felicitated him with shawls in recognition of his participation and support. Speaking at the event, Jampana Pratap emphasized the spiritual significance of Sri Ramanavami. "This day, which commemorates the divine wedding of Lord Rama and Sita, is one of the most sacred festivals for Hindus. Performing the Sitaram Kalyanam bestows the divine grace of Lord Rama upon the devotees," he said. The cele-

brations witnessed participation from several temple committee members and devotees, including Nagaraju, Naveen, Sai Baba Yadav, Ramu, Mukesh Yadav, Jagannath, Srinivas Reddy, Shankaraiah, Vijay, Swaroopa, Santosh, Chinna Ramesh, Gopal, Ashok, Sai, Potharaju, and others.

Devotional fervor, chanting of bhajans, and the grandeur of the Sitaram Kalyanam marked the occasion across the region.

## BJP's Golconda district president & jambagh corporator participated Sriram Shobha Yatra

**Hyderabad**  
**Prashanth reddy**  
WUT | Apr . 7

BJP's state unit senior leader and jambagh division corporator Mr Rakesh Jaiswal And Sri Umamahendra Golconda Zilla President on the auspicious occasion of Ramanavami festival visited various temples across the city and participated in shobha yatra( huge procession)of Shri Ram ji, Shailendhar Yadav , Raghu Kamble , Suresh Toldi, Sandeep Attended The Programme several party



cadre also they chanted Jai Sri Ram. Rakesh Jaiswal and Uma Mahender stated in their Media statement across the state people should healthy and prosperous. PM Modi ji made 500 years long cherished dream fulfilled.

## Dr. Sravan Dasoju Demands Accountability and Justice for HCU Deforestation

**Hyderabad**  
WUT | Apr. 6

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 Bhupendra 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.

## Glendale Academy Celebrates Annual Leadership Day with IT Minister Shri Duddilla Sridhar Babu

**Hyderabad**  
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Glendale Academy hosted its Annual Leadership Day on April 5th, celebrating leadership and service with students, educators, and community members. The event featured Shri Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology, Electronics & Communications; Industries & Commerce; and Legislative Affairs, Telangana, as the Chief Guest.

The celebration highlighted Glendale Academy's innovative education approach as



Telangana's first Lighthouse School. Activities included a Student-Led Conference guided by Dr. Kannan, a renowned life coach, and a Blood Donation Drive organized by alumni doctors in collaboration with Shadhan Institute of Medical Sciences.

A Sports and Talent Hunt with students from partner government schools pro-

moted teamwork and inclusion. Interactive stalls and exhibits showcased innovative projects, reflecting Glendale's holistic learning philosophy. The day concluded with a Felicitation Ceremony recognizing inspiring leaders. IT Minister Shri Duddilla Sridhar Babu praised Glendale Academy's efforts, noting, "This is the first school I have vis-

ited with LIGHTHOUSE accreditation. I am inspired by the school and its students who believe that every child is a leader. Glendale's embrace of AI in education and the innovation of its student community is impressive."

The Annual Leadership Day strengthened the bond between the school and its community, fostering meaningful collaborations and partnerships. Glendale Academy remains committed to nurturing well-rounded individuals equipped to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

## GVR attended entire KP (121) division Sita Rama celestial wedding



**Hyderabad**  
WUT | Apr. 7

On the occasion of celestial wedding of Sri Rama Navami, Kukatpally Constituency Congress Party Senior Leader Shri Gottumukkala Venkateswara Rao (GVR) participated in the Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Kalyana Mahotsava program organized in the temples of Sangeeta Nagar, Hanuman Nagar, Pragathi Nagar, Asbestos Colony, Papireddy Nagar, and Paparayudu Nagar in the Kukatpally Division (121) of the Kukatpally and Sherilingam Pally constituencies and extended

Sri Rama Navami greetings to all the people of the state. He said in his Media statement on April 6 all people should be prosperous and wealthy all ways lord Sri-Rama blessings with all people. In the state also governance going like Rama rajyam under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy. Distributing fine quality rice as well as Medical reimbursement in the Kukatpally constituency for the poor people. He said Bandi Ramesh those who are Kukatpally constituency in-charge cooperating alot he added in his Media statement.

## Grandly celebrated congress Medchal district president birthday



**Hyderabad**  
**Prashanth reddy**  
WUT | Apr . 7

The birthday celebrations of Medchal District Congress Party President Singireddy Harivardhan Reddy were held grandly at his residence on Sunday. Activists and fans gathered in large scale to wish him. Kukatpally Congress Party In-charge Sri Bandi Ramesh attended as the chief guest and wished Harivardhan Reddy a

happy birthday. He wished him to fulfill to more higher positions in politics. Ramesh expressed his hope that he would move forward in public service and acquired a great name and prestige. Gottumukkala Venkateswara Rao, Suraj Tiwari, Kukkala Ramesh, Kukkala Raju, Shiva Chaudhary Govindu, Aslam, Ramana, Madduri Ramu, and others were participated in this program a large scale.

## Divine Wedding of Sita-Rama Celebrated with Devotion and Grandeur



**Hyderabad**  
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The celestial wedding of Lord Sitarama was conducted with grandeur and devotion at the Sri Dhyanjaneya Bhavani Shankara Temple in Ravindra Nayak Nagar Colony. The sacred ceremony was performed amidst the chanting of Vedic hymns by eminent

Brahmins, with the temple premises beautifully decorated with colorful flowers and arches. The idols of Lord Rama and Goddess Sita were ceremoniously installed on the wedding stage, and the temple was consecrated as part of the auspicious event. Temple trustees Shankar Nayak and Ganesh Nayak offered pearls, silk



garments, and amulets to the deities as a mark of reverence. A large number of women devotees gathered to witness the divine wedding and offered rice to the deities as a traditional gesture of devotion. As part of the celebrations, an Annadana Prasadam program was organized, where food was distributed to all devotees in attendance. Banjara

Welfare Committee President A. Krishna Nayak, along with S. Rajesh Nayak, A. Bamini Bai, S. Swarupa, S. Krishna Nayak, Srinu Nayak, Jangammet Sector SI Nagaraju, Asha Worker Lakshmi, and others participated in the event, contributing to the success of the grand celebration.



## Congress govt ignores construction of IT Towers at Kandlakoya, Malakpet

Hyderabad  
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It could be apathy or an attempt to wipe out imprints of the previous government, but the construction of the proposed IT Towers at Malakpet and Kandlakoya has been put on the back burner by the Congress government.

The previous BRS government, under its Growth in Dispersion (GRID) policy, had envisaged diversification of the establishment of IT companies to different areas in the city and beyond. Accordingly, two IT towers, one at Malakpet and Kandlakoya, were conceived and foundations were also laid, but ever since the Congress government came to power, the works have been stalled.



The foundation for the Kandlakoya IT tower was laid by former IT Minister KT Rama Rao in February 2022. The Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC) had floated tenders and a company had secured the bids. The plan was to develop the tower on over eight acres at Survey no 125 at Kandlakoya village, Medchal Malkajgiri district. As per terms, within 30 months

from the appointed date at least 13,80,000 sq ft of saleable area, including IT/ITeS office space and non-IT space was to be developed. In the non-IT space, retail, hospitality, and residential spaces besides parking areas were to be developed. The estimated project cost for achieving the Minimum Development Obligation was Rs 500 crore. However, the work was getting delayed for reasons

better known to the authorities. Kompally IT Entrepreneurs Association (KITEA) has been raising the issue with IT Minister D Sridhar Babu and other officials, but things continue to get delayed at the ground level.

"We are very upset with the way the Kandlakoya IT Park is being handled by the government. Apart from providing jobs to over 30,000 youth, the park would generate indirect employment to one lakh people," KITEA president Oruganti Venkateswarlu said.

The IT Park was being developed in a strategic location with connectivity to tier II and III cities. Once operational, it would emerge as the HITEC City of North Hyderabad and

spur further growth in the region, he said. It was not just the Kandlakoya IT tower, work on the Malakpet IT tower too is being neglected.

The foundation for the tower was laid by Rama Rao and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi on October 2, 2023. In fact, the Hyderabad MP and other MLAs had raised the issue over the delay in taking up the works at Malakpet. Though the government had assured to expedite the work, nothing concrete happened at the ground level.

Interestingly, Sridhar Babu had in January announced two IT new parks similar to HITEC City in the suburban areas. But the ones for which foundations were laid are being ignored.

Hyderabad  
WUT | Apr . 7

Families living in the B3 bungalows area of Secunderabad Cantonment have urged the government to rethink the land acquisition plans tied to the JBS-Shamirpet elevated corridor project. While they supported the infrastructure upgrade, residents said the plan, as it stood, now threatened their homes and livelihoods. The corridor, part of the larger JBS-Shamirpet-Medchal route, includes proposals to widen the adjacent service roads to 200 feet. This would impact around 73 acres, including private land and defence areas, and could displace nearly 1,000 families, in-

cluding 40-50 households living in the B3 bungalows.

"We've lived here for three generations. This is more than land; it's our life," said Vishal Ranjan, an affected resident. Most families come from lower-middle-class backgrounds and said they could not afford to buy or build homes elsewhere. The HMDA had initially proposed a 200-foot-wide service road and later revised it to 150 feet after public opposition. Residents insist that was still too wide. Their key demands: limit the expansion to 100 feet and provide alternative land, not just financial compensation. "Cash can't rebuild a

life," said Satish Gupta, president of the joint action committee (JAC) that is heading the agitation. "If land is taken, land should be given. Equal value, equal respect."

In recent weeks, residents met Hyderabad additional collector Mukunda Reddy and submitted a formal representation. They've also proposed relocating to vacant defence land in Bolaram, close to the corridor route. Though the government held gram sabhas in Bowenpally and Trimulgherry, attendance dropped after residents felt their concerns were ignored. "We'll cooperate if they meet our two core demands," said Srihari, a B3 resident.

## Sitarama Kalyana Celebrations Held Grandly at Sitarambagh



Hyderabad  
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The Sri Sitarama Kalyana Mahotsavam was celebrated with great spiritual fervor and grandeur under the auspices of the Sri Dattatreya Navagraha Temple Society at Sitarambagh. The sacred event attracted thousands of devotees from the local area, who gathered to witness the divine wedding ceremony of Lord Rama and Goddess Sita. The celebrations commenced with special pujas and rituals led by Sri



Sri Sri Mahamandaleshwar Mahanti Dr. Siddeshwara Nandagiri Maharaj. Temple Committee Chairman Badrinath Singh and Treasurer Thakur Gopal Singh took the lead in organizing the event on a large scale.

A grand Annadanam program was also conducted as part of the festivities, serving thousands of devotees. The temple premises echoed with devotional chants and celebrations throughout the day, marking a memorable spiritual gathering for the community.

## Telangana's paddy farmers struggle as prices dip amid brisk harvest operations Telangana tourism

Hyderabad  
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The price of Rabi paddy in Telangana has taken a sharp downturn, leaving farmers distressed during the peak harvest season. In districts such as Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Kamareddy, market yard arrivals have started picking up. However, the farmers, who had pinned their hopes on getting better prices than the Minimum Support Price (MSP) rates as they did during the Kharif season, are now facing disappointment. Selling paddy at government procurement centres (PPCs) has also proven to be not so hassle-free.

The fine varieties of Rabi paddy, which fetched Rs 2,470 to Rs 2,480 per quintal just three weeks ago, are now offered only Rs 1,800, registering a worrisome decline. This slump is a shock for farmers, who had invested heavily in this season's crop. With no takers in the open market for the last few days and private buyers inactive on Sundays, many farmers are anxious about the market situation resuming on Monday.

The Civil Supplies Corporation had planned to open 8,200 PPCs during the Rabi marketing season. So far, only around 800 centres have become operational in districts where the harvest is midway. These centres

have strict requirements, including moisture levels of up to 17 per cent. Farmers worry that drying paddy in the open even for half a day in the harsh sun during summer reduces its weight by 10 per cent, leading to financial losses. While private buyers accommodate moisture issues, farmers must compromise on the price. Local millers, facing space constraints and carrying inventory from past seasons, are reluctant to purchase fresh stocks. Meanwhile, increased Rabi production in neighbouring States and export challenges, including international competition and policy shifts,

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Former Minister T Harish Rao said that the Congress State government in the State kept all the works under Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) pending despite their repeated appeals from people and BRS Party. Speaking to farmers after releasing water into a canal at Chowdaram in Chinnakodur mandal on Sunday, Harish Rao said that the government did not acquire single acre of land for digging new canals and sub-canals under different reservoirs of KLIP. Though the Godavari water was reaching the reservoirs built by the BRS government, Rao said that it is not reaching the tail end agriculture fields due to lack of canals. He said that he even



spoke to Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday in this regard and also raised the issue in the assembly through cut motion, but to no avail. The former minister said that the farmers were spending from their pocket to dig canals and acquire small extent of the lands to take the water to their villages and lakes for the larger benefit as the

government totally turned ignorant to the issues.

He said that K Chandrabhekhar Rao-led government built reservoirs, pump houses, sub-stations, main canals and distributory canals, but the government was not showing any interest to supply the water to fields by digging small link canals. Rao said that he has urged Uttam Kumar Reddy

to release at least Rs 15 to Rs 20 crore for canal works under Ranganayaka Sagar, but he received no positive response from him so far. The former minister demanded the government to take up repairing work on Medigadda barrage to pump the water regularly into reservoirs for the benefit of farming fraternity.

Terming KLIP as a gift for north Telangana, Rao said that it could provide irrigation water to 52,000 acres in Siddipet constituency. He said that projects such as Peddavagu, Suniksala, Vattam and SLBC tunnels collapsed during Congress rule. The former asked the Congress government to stay away from false propaganda for political gain and pump in water and supply them to fields

## Gated communities continue celebrations for 2 more days

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At some gated communities, the Sri Rama Navami will not conclude on Sunday. Brigade Citadel in Motinagar will hold a five-day celebration while it will be for two days at Aparna Towers in Kondapur. "We are celebrating Sri Rama Navami for two days. Tomorrow (Monday), chanting of Vishnu Sahasranamam will be done in addition to pujas and holding cultural events," said Dr Sai Ravi Shankar, president of Fed-



eration of Gated Communities, Cyberabad. While the celestial wedding was the main event in the societies, cultural programmes took centre-stage later. Women at Aparna Sarovar in Nalla-

gandla performed Kolattam. "We prepared food for each and everyone in the society," said A. Narshimhan from Gold View Apartments at Nanakramguda.

## AI and Kancha Gachibowli: BRS MLA Jagadish Reddy ridicules Revanth Reddy's remarks

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Former Minister and senior BRS MLA G Jagadish Reddy came down heavily on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, ridiculing his recent remarks suggesting that the Kancha Gachibowli issue was artificially created on social media using AI-generated videos and images. Responding to statements made during a high-level review meeting chaired by the Chief Minister, Jagadish Reddy termed the comments "laughable" and "completely disconnected from ground reality."

"Are the cries of peacocks, the deaths of deer, the bulldozers clearing forest land, and the police lathi charges all AI-generated?" he asked. He accused the Congress government of deliberately misleading the public and making a mockery of Telangana's people and environment. Taking a dig at the government's proposal to build an AI university in the proposed Future City, the BRS leader questioned whether such announcements were mere distractions from the on-

going ecological damage. "Was AI born in Kancha Gachibowli? Were the stray dogs that killed deer also AI-generated?" he asked sarcastically, challenging the credibility of the government's claims. Jagadish Reddy also criticized the Congress leadership for mishandling student protests and accused the government of ignoring even the Supreme Court's suo motu cognisance of the issue. He warned that the state's image was at stake and asserted that any attempt to justify forest clearance under the guise of development or to relocate the University of Hyderabad would face legal and political backlash.

"Revanth Reddy's approach is like prescribing medicines without diagnosing the disease," Jagadish remarked, urging the Chief Minister to reconsider his decisions in light of the ongoing legal scrutiny. He further suggested that if the government was truly committed to IT development, it should consider allocating 400-acre land parcels near the proposed Fourth City instead of disturbing ecologically sensitive areas.

## Best wishes to across the country on the foundation day of BJP, the path of nationalism: Perika

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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.



## Allegations of inhuman treatment meted out to staff in Kochi firm under the scanner

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Video clips depicting the inhumane treatment of employees at a private firm in Perumbavoor, located in the Ernakulam district, caused an uproar across Kerala on Saturday. The footage showed young workers being led around like dogs with belts around their necks. Allegations had surfaced that a marketing firm, which sells household items door to door, punished employees who fail to meet their targets in this manner. A former employee claimed that the harassment shown in the video was just the tip of the iceberg.

However, within hours, the allegations of severe labor harassment against the marketing firm took a surprising turn. Following a preliminary inquiry, the Labor Department determined that the claims of labor harassment were unfounded. They concluded that a conflict between two individuals at the

workplace was being misrepresented as labor harassment. The investigation revealed that the youths featured in the video had previously told the labor department and police that there was no labor harassment. One of the young men in the footage stated that the video was recorded by a former manager, who had a disagreement with the firm's general manager. The manager who was thrown out of the company, allegedly created the video to damage the firm's reputation and to retaliate against his bosses. The same youth accused the manager of demotivating staff and encouraging some workers to leave the firm. As the labor department officials prepare to submit their report to Labor Minister V. Sivan-kutty on Sunday, the Youth Congress and certain trade union members have urged the authorities to investigate whether the youths retracted their allegations under pressure.

## Intense Protest Against Waqf Amendment Bill Across Manipur

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Protests were held today in different Muslims pockets of Manipur against the passage of the Waqf Amendment Bill in parliament. More than 5,000 people participated in a rally held at the national highway no 102 in Lilong area of Thoubal district. Paramilitary and additional forces were taken to the spot where security forces are already present to maintain law and order.

The rally was allowed to proceed through Aliya Madrasah area to Lilong Haoreibi tightly guarded by security forces.

Lilong is the area that has the highest population of Muslims in the entire state. Symbolic protests were held in different Muslim pockets after noon prayer, where people shouted slogans

and held feasts. Security forces have been deployed since morning at different Muslim areas, which the community members declared is an effort to demoralise them and keep them from expressing any form of democratic protest.

Minor scuffles between security forces and protesters were reported from some pockets. At Thoubal's Irong Chesa, scuffles took place between security forces and protesters in the morning as security forces try to prevent a rally from advancing further. No untoward incidents have been reported so far.

Social worker and community leader Sakir Ahmed, while participating in the rally, said the Waqf Amendment Bill is against the ethos of Indian Constitution as it is completely.

# Meta releases new AI model Llama 4

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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 an 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 Jus-

tice & 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 Account 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" Sahkari 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

## Lord SriRama life is an ideal, practical and followable to all human's: TPCC Dr Srirangam

**Hyderabad**  
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Former union ministers Sarve Satyanarayana, Sanath Nagar constituency in-charge Kota Neelima, TPCC official spokesperson Dr Satyam Srirangam, who attended the celestial wedding of Sri Sita Rama in various temples in the Kukatpally constituency as chief guests and performed special pujas, visited the celestial wedding of Sita Rama and received the Tirtha Prasadam. Later, Anna Prasadam distribution program was organized in the temple. Speaking at this juncture, Satyam Srirangam said that the life of Sri Rama, as a reflection of the Indian family system, as a



ruler of patriarchy, a ruler of truth, a monogamous person, and an ideal ruler, his life style inspires us. He said that the story of Sri Rama tells us how to lead an ideal life while facing the many ups and downs of the life and experiencing the sweet joys and bitter sorrows of life. He hoped that this will be an inspira-

tion and role model for the youth, and that Sri Rama Navami will be a great day in the lives of all sections of the people. He said that the ultimate meaning of the Sri Rama Navami festival is to bring health, happiness and prosperity to all people. AMC Chairman Pushpa Reddy, Med chal District Women's President

Raja Nolla Lakshmi, State Women's General Secretary Rafia Begum, A Block President P. Nagireddy, former corporator Narendra Acharya, contested corporator Srinivas Reddy, A Block Women President Ramadevi, Balaji Nagar Division President Krishna Rajput, Allapur Division Working President Narasimha Yadav, AMC Arun Goud, Pawan, Srikanth Patel, Shivakumar Goud, Prasanna Kumar, Shankar Nayak, Gajanan Shekhar, Mahender, Bharat, Ramu Goud, Praveen, Ravi, Sandhya, Kausalya, Renuka, Reshma, Kalpana, Congress Party film leaders, temple committee members and colony residents were Participated in large scale.

## US tariffs likely to impact Indian seafood shipments adversely: Exporters

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Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) president G Pawan Kumar on Sunday said the reciprocal tariffs announced by US President Donald Trump will have a severe adverse impact on Indian seafood exports to the US market, whose value stands at USD 2.5 billion in 2023-24. Out of the total seafood exports to the US, shrimps accounted for the lion's share of 92 per cent and India is the largest supplier of shrimps to the US, Kumar said.

"This tariff will hurt all stakeholders in the value chain and cause all round distress," Kumar told PTI. The county will falter in export performance when compared to the South American nation Ecuador, which is levied only a 10 per cent tariff, it is believed. Vietnam with a reciprocal tariff rate of 46 per cent and Indonesia with 32 per cent will concede a massive advantage to the South American country, he said. According to Vizag-based Kumar, Ecuador is likely to replace India as the largest shrimp supplier to the US market. "It will be difficult for Indian seafood exporters to absorb this margin of 16 per cent and compete with produce from Ecuador. The prevailing margins in this sector are 4-5 per cent only," he said. The higher tariffs come into effect from April 9 as 2,000 containers of seafood are currently in transit to the

US market, he said. Kumar underscored that the tariff impact that will have to be borne by exporters in India is estimated to be around Rs 600 crores while an equal number of containers in cold storage are waiting for shipment. As export orders are on delivery at doorstep basis, the impact of tariff will have to be borne by exporters for goods in transit, said Kumar, adding that this will pose a huge additional burden on shippers.

Further, the requirement of giving a bond and meeting other conditions of the US government will eat into the working capital of the exporters, causing financial distress and cash flow disruptions. Besides the reciprocal tariffs, Kumar said, there exists a 5.77 per cent countervailing duty and 1.38 per cent anti-dumping duty levied by the US Department of Commerce on all shrimp imports. "All these have resulted in tightening of margins for exporters in recent times. This levy has come just before the start of the first season of the culture of shrimps," said Kumar. The uncertainty over the impact of tariffs on margins will lead to a lesser number of orders placed with farmers and consequently, the requirements from hatcheries will also remain subdued, he said. The SEAI president requested the Centre to intervene urgently with measures to support the sector until the tariffs are reduced to previous

# Best wishes to across the country on the foundation day of BJP, the path of nationalism: Perika Suresh

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OBC Morcha BJP's National Media Member Perika Suresh extended overwhelming wishes on the foundation day of BJP on April 6 and on the birthday of BJP's fire brigade leader and source of the inspiration for youth Sanjay Vinayak Joshi and said that this is an important day not only for India but in the history of the world. BJP is rising the largest party in the world today. In terms of the ideology and guidance of Rash-

triya Swayamsevak Sangh, BJP has established itself as the biggest political party in world today, growing from two seats in the parliament after 4 decades, while continuously moving on nationalism and constitutional values. Behind this, there has been the immensely contribution and sacrifice of foresighted leaders like Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. The people of India have always supported the policies, working style and decisions taken to the national interest by BJP. Due

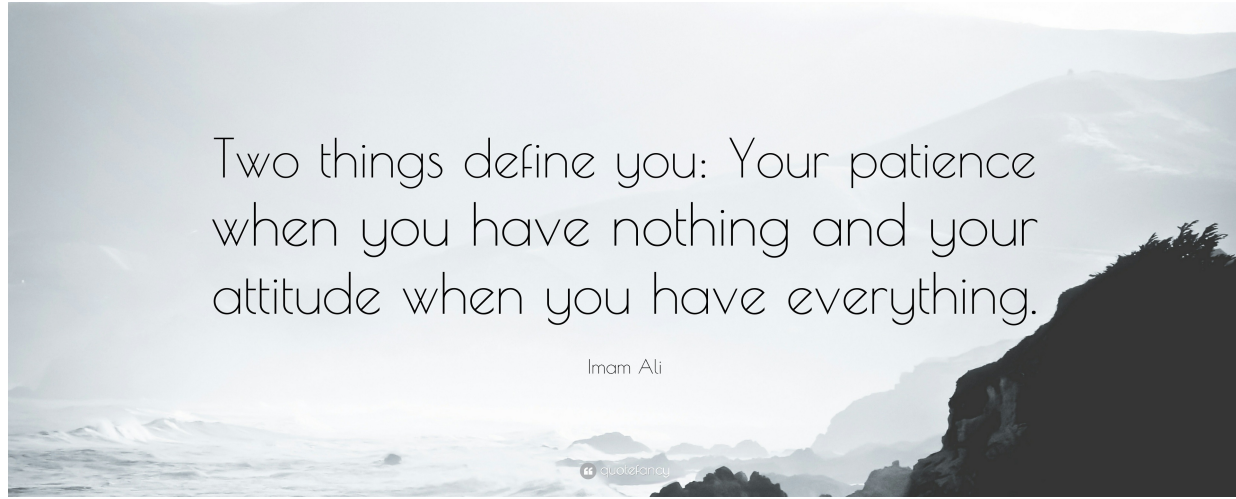


to which today it has established itself on the world stage as the largest political party in the world. Mr. Su-

resh said that during the tenure of India's successful Prime Minister Narendra Modi, many such important decisions were taken which will prove to be a milestone in the times to come. BJP has never kept the pleasure of power at the center of its politics, rather it has continuously worked for national interest, country's security and country's progress. India has become one of those countries of the world which have established themselves as strong nations economically, socially, educationally and

militarily. He said that BJP's popularity has increased continuously from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and day by day it is becoming the most popular party of the people of India. Without caring about obstacles by opposition, the Modi government at the center is continuously working for the national interest and the people are standing with them. The whole country is celebrating BJP's foundation day and is taking a pledge to play its important role in making it stronger.





## 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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## Train Rape Accused Sent to 45-Day Judicial Custody

The Itwari Government Railway Police (GRP) have filed a prisoner transit warrant for the custody of 20-year-old Santosh Kumar who allegedly raped a Class 8 student in the Razaul Special Express train toilet on April 3. Passengers had caught hold of Kumar immediately after the incident and tied him up. He was arrested when the train reached the city. Kumar, was produced before the court on Saturday and remanded for 45 days in judicial custody. Police said Kumar, a native of Bihar, had boarded the train at Darbhanga, in Bihar and sat on the berth in front of the victim's family. Police said the victim apparently sensed trouble and informed her father who shifted her to the upper berth. The victim woke up at about 2 am and went to the toilet. Kumar followed her inside, locked the door and attacked her. He also filmed the assault, a railway police officer disclosed. The victim's parents were asleep at that time. Police said Kumar had worked as a ward boy at a private hospital in Begumpet two years back. Secunderabad GRP cops transferred the Zero FIR that they had booked against Kumar under the Pcoso Act and the IT Act, handed over accused's confession statement, victim's medical examination reports and technical evidence to the Itwari GRP for further investigations. "We have checked with the State Crime Record Bureau and did not find any criminal cases against Kumar in Telangana," a police official said. "We have requested Bihar police to cross-check the accused's criminal background and intimidate the Itwari GRP," the railway police officer said. Meanwhile National Commission for Women (NCW) chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar has written to the DGP and DG /SP GRP-RPF, demanding that non bailable cases be booked against the accused, and sought an action-taken report.

## High Court restrains cops arresting man brandishing 'sword'

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Justice K. Surender of the Telangana High Court issued interim orders restraining the police from arresting a businessman who was booked for allegedly creating panic through a social media reel that featured him holding a sword, or talwar. The case pertains to a criminal petition filed by Shaik Saleem, who challenged the FIR registered against him by the local police. The complaint was lodged by a police con-

stable, who alleged that the Instagram reel in question contained a dubbed movie dialogue and visuals of the petitioner holding a sword in a manner that appeared intimidating. The constable further claimed that the reel had the potential to incite fear among the public and disturb law and order. Taking cognizance of the complaint, the police booked Shaik Saleem under relevant sections of the Arms Act and other applicable laws. However, the counsel representing the peti-

tioner argued that the case was entirely baseless and the FIR amounted to an overreach. It was submitted before the court that the sword depicted in the video was merely a toy prop and that the reel was intended solely for entertainment purposes. The counsel further contended that in the present digital age, platforms like Instagram have evolved into spaces for creative expression and professional opportunity, particularly among youth. Criminalising such content, he argued,

would have a chilling effect on artistic freedom and innovation. After hearing both sides, Justice Surender observed that the matter required further examination and granted temporary protection from arrest to the petitioner for a period of three weeks. The judge also directed the police not to take any coercive action during this period and allowed the petitioner to submit his explanation regarding the intent and nature of the controversial reel.

## 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), Admin-

istrative 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. Families drain their savings, sell jewellery

## 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.



# Samsung Launches 'Customized Cooling' for Bespoke AI Air Conditioners

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Samsung has introduced 'Customized Cooling', a SmartThings-powered solution for its 2025 Bespoke AI WindFree range of air conditioners. This innovative feature synchronizes Samsung Smart Air Conditioners with WWST-certified fans and switches, delivering uninterrupted comfort while optimizing energy efficiency. The struggle of sleepless summer nights is finally over. Samsung, India's leading consumer electronics

brand, is redefining home cooling with its latest innovation - 'Customized Cooling'. This first-of-its-kind feature synchronizes Samsung Smart Air Conditioners with WWST (Works with SmartThings) certified fans and switches, delivering uninterrupted comfort while optimizing energy efficiency. India's electricity demand is growing at 6-7% annually, driven in part by increased use of air conditioners during the summer months (IEA Report). Despite this, many households still rely on both air



conditioners and fans for comfort. Samsung's consumer experience study reveals that most Indian homes have at least three fans, highlighting the significant role these devices play in daily life. Moreover, 50% of Indian consumers use both simul-

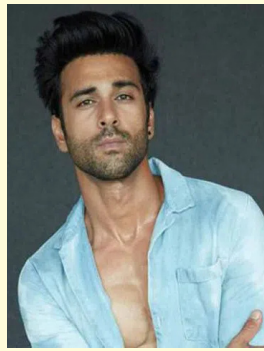
taneously, frequently adjusting settings throughout the night by turning the AC off when it becomes too cold or back on when the room warms up. This constant adjustment not only disrupts sleep but also leads to higher energy consumption and discomfort. Recognizing this challenge, Samsung has introduced 'Customized Cooling', a SmartThings-powered solution in the 2025 Bespoke AI range of Air conditioners that automatically maintains a consistently comfortable tempera-

ture throughout the night - and even during the day - without the need for manual adjustments. This seamless integration synchronizes Samsung Smart ACs with SmartThings-certified fans and switches, ensuring enhanced comfort along with reduced electricity bills. Ghufuran Alam, Vice President, Digital Appliances, Samsung India, said, "At Samsung, we believe true comfort goes beyond cooling - it's about intelligent, personalized experiences that adapt to the user's needs.

## Pulkit Samrat kick-starts the dubbing for the 'Suswagatam Khushamadeed'

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Actor Pulkit Samrat has kick-started the dubbing for his upcoming romantic comedy, 'Suswagatam Khushamadeed'. The 'Fukrey' actor took to his Instagram stories and shared a picture from the dubbing studio with the caption, "#SuswagatamKhushamadeed #dubbingtime", along with a mike and headphone emoji. The film directed by Dhiraj Kumar blends romance, drama, and social messaging, and promises to showcase Pulkit in a fresh avatar. His chemistry with deb-



utant Isabelle Kaif has already created a massive buzz among cinephiles. Produced by Sharwan Kumar Agarwal, Anil Agarwal, Dhiraj, Deepak Dhar, Azaan Ali, Suneel Rao and co-produced by Javed Deoriawale, 'Suswagatam Khushamadeed' brings an ensemble cast of talented actors

like Sahil Vaid, Priyanka Singh, Late Rituraj Singh, Meghna Malik, Late Arun Bali, Neela Mulherkar, Manu Rishi Chaddha, Prashant Singh, Rajkumar Kanoujia, Mehul Surana, Shruti Ulfat, and Sajjad Delafrooz. The music of the film will be released under the prestigious banner of Zee Music Company. Katrina Kaif's sister, Isabelle added, "Being part of this film has been a wonderful experience. Working with Pulkit and director Dhiraj has been great. We had a lovely time shooting, and I hope the audience enjoys the film!"

## Amitabh Bachchan, Dharmendra remember Manoj Kumar

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Hindi cinema icons Amitabh Bachchan and Dharmendra posted never-seen-before pictures with veteran actor Manoj Kumar, who died on Friday at the age of 87. Kumar, known for films such as "Hariyali Aur Rasta", "Woh Kaun Thi?", "Shaheed", "Gumnaam", "Upkar", and "Purab Pashchim", breathed his last in a Mumbai hospital following age-related issues. While Bachchan went to the Pawan Hans crematorium for Kumar's funeral on Saturday, Dharmendra arrived at the

late actor's residence to offer their condolences. Bachchan, who worked with Kumar in his 1974 directorial "Roti Kapada Aur Makaan", shared a black-and-white picture with him and his colleague sharing a hug on his personal blog on Sunday. "In remembrance... and prayer in grief," Bachchan, 82, wrote alongside the photograph. Later, Dharmendra shared a picture with Kumar with whom he worked on films such as "Shaadi" and "Maidan-E-Jung". "Manoj, mere yaar tere saath beeta har pal bahut yaad ayega (Manoj, my friend, I'll remember every moment spent with

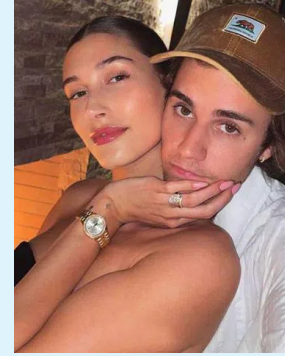
## Justin Bieber, wife Hailey show up together on outing putting speculations to rest

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Singer-songwriter Justin Bieber and his wife Hailey were seen putting on a united front after weeks of speculation surrounding their relationship.

The couple chose casual outfits, as they opted for baggy trousers and puffer coats. They stepped out for a sweet treat with their friend Lori Harvey, reports 'Mirror.co.uk.'

Justin and Hailey appeared to be in good spirits, both smiling, following the public backlash they'd both received. Last month, Hailey received a wave of criticism after a TikTok video, depicting how Hailey and Justin met, went viral on the social media app. The video accused Hailey of 'stalking' Justin for several years before they started dating in 2016. As per 'Mirror.co.uk,' the video includes numerous clips and screen grabs alle-



ging that Hailey strategically inserted herself into Justin's life whilst he was, at the time, dating Selena Gomez. As a result, the model was brutally scrutinised by fans. This comes after Justin was met with growing concern among his fans after paparazzi snaps showed him looking downcast and 'hollow-eyed.' Justin further fuelled speculation when he posted a video on Instagram showing himself smoking while listening to music. In the video, Justin frequently smiled at the camera, showing off his teeth and playfully blowing smoke as he made eye contact with the lens. He even leant

in close to the camera, giving a cheeky smile, and then blew a puff of smoke towards it after taking a drag from a roll up cigarette. Some fans feared that the star's actions may reflect deeper personal struggles, especially considering his past challenges with mental health. As the video was posted as an Instagram Story, where fans couldn't comment, they took to his most recent post to share their opinions instead. One user commented: "Why is nobody talking about what he posted in his story??" Whilst another added: "Yh, that was cringe." A third penned: "No fr I'm not like shocked he's smoking but why did he post it? (sic)". More recently, it was revealed that Justin's alarming behaviour had been causing Hailey considerable distress, and she has allegedly reached out to loved ones to ask for prayers for Justin.

## Priyanka Chopra not a part of Allu Arjun and Atlee's next

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For the past few days, there have been multiple news reports about Priyanka Chopra being roped in as the leading lady in Allu Arjun and Atlee's next. However, IANS has learnt that these speculations are false.

A source close to the project confirmed to IANS, "Atlee's directorial starring Allu Arjun is a huge scale film, and the anticipation is immense. Since the project became public knowledge, many names have been rumored to be attached to it. Priyanka Chopra Jonas was among those mentioned, but she has never been part of this film. Any reports suggesting otherwise are purely speculative."

It would be exciting to see who ends up being paired opposite Allu Arjun in this highly-anticipated drama. If the reports are to be believed, this yet-to-be-titled film will have Allu Arjun playing a dual role, contrary to the earlier buzz of the movie having two heroes.



AA's team has confirmed that the project will only have Allu Arjun in the lead role. Being in the initial stages, further details regarding the cast, crew, and plot of the untitled flick have been kept under wraps for now. Allu Arjun was last seen in 'Pushpa-2' which went to become massive success and broke many box office reports. Meanwhile, Priyanka is currently busy filming for SS Rajamouli's 'SSMB29'. She was recently shooting the movie in Odisha. The diva will be seen sharing the screen opposite Mahesh Babu for the first time

in her next. Touted to be a global adventure set across exotic locations, the project is believed to star Mahesh Babu in a role inspired by Lord Hanuman. According to the reports, the ambitious project will be made on a massive budget of Rs 900-Rs 1,000 crores. This much-talked-about drama is likely to be made in two parts. For those who do not know, 'SSMB29' will mark Priyanka's return to Telugu cinema after a long gap of 23 years. Her last Tollywood release was P Ravi Shankar's 2002 romantic entertainer 'Apuropam'.

## Kapil Sharma celebrates Ram Navami with new poster of his upcoming film

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Actor-comedian Kapil Sharma has shared a new poster of his upcoming movie 'Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2'. On Sunday, the television superstar took to his Instagram, and shared a joint post with the makers. The poster features Kapil and his bride in the film straight from the mandap. The two can be seen joining their hands for prayer. The actress' face is concealed in a veil, Kapil looks up to God, and seems to be praying to the almighty to bail him out of a situation. While Kapil's face looks tense in the poster, the face lines of



the actress point towards a pleasant emotion. Kapil wrote in the caption, "Happy Shri Ram Navami to all of you" Prior to this, Kapil was last seen in a cameo appearance in

'Crew' last year. The heist film also starred Kareena Kapoor Khan, Tabu and Kriti Sanon. Director Duo Abbas-Mustan, who directed 'Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon' in 2015, has passed on the baton to writer Anukul Goswami for this one. Anukul shared the writing credits in the first movie and collaborated with Kapil on 'The Kapil Sharma Show'. Abbas-Mustan has been credited as the producers, along with Ratan Jain and Ganesh Jain. Last year in December, Kapil had responded to the allegations of insulting producer-director Atlee on his streaming sketch comedy show 'The Great Indian Kapil Show'. The episode of the show, which featured Atlee, Bollywood

star Varun Dhawan and actress Wamiqa Gabbi, caused a furore over Kapil allegedly mocking Atlee for his looks. Sharing a clip from the episode, one user on X wrote, "Kapil Sharma subtly insults Atlee's looks? Atlee responds like a boss: Don't judge by appearance, judge by the heart". Kapil responded to the same saying that he never spoke about the look during the episode. He wrote, "Dear sir, can you pls explain me where n when I talked about looks in this video? pls don't spread hate on social media, thank you. (guys watch n decide by yourself, don't follow anybody's tweet like a sheep)."

## Harshvardhan Rane explains how leaving home at tender age sharpens survival skills

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Bollywood seldom gets the perfect combination of drop dead good looks and superb acting in its male actors. The industry got it right with Harshvardhan Rane, who is currently zipping around the town in his new custom-made muscular bobber bike. The actor has built his life from scratch and learnt skills on the go after he left his home in Gwalior in pursuit of something meaningful, and something different. He worked at a call center to polish his Eng-

lish, and worked as a delivery partner as well for a courier company among many other things. So, when you see him catching the pulse of his character every time in each film, and delivering a taut performance, it's because he has been through some life altering experiences, and learnt from the book of life, which offers something new with each paragraph, and has curveballs as book-marks. Harshvardhan recently spoke with IANS, and shared how leaving home early is the best



thing that could've happened to him, straight from a neutral setting to first gear transmission to scale the rough terrain of life. The actor told IANS, "I'm studying psychology honors, I'm in my second year. It is one of

the very important aspects that when you take an individual out of the family set-up and place them in the real world, the whole environment changes. You may be a Raja Beta or Bekar Beta in your home but when you step into the world,

you get a reality check. The person, who leaves his house, gets feedback from the world, and then they mould their life around those feedbacks and the experience". Harshvardhan then revved up his thoughts, and shared that the rules of the home don't apply in the real world. He then went full-throttle, with pistons in the combustion chamber of his thoughts going metal. He further mentioned, "Since I ran away from home, I had to become my own parent. I had to write some rules and regulations every day to

teach myself that I will follow this path. I will always keep this thing in my mind. Today, those things are with me, those thoughts are always with me". He continued, "I believe that every person, who leaves the protected environment of their homes, and has to spend nights and days tirelessly to make ends meet, to calculate the ratios of income to expense, that's very beautiful. For example, they become sharper in their approach to life, they learn how to save money, they learn how to say no or yes, or to

articulate better". The actor pressed the clutch in and downshifted for engine braking as the track of conversation neared its end. He listed the downsides to the idea of leaving home early. He said, "And there are many shortcomings in me. I'm not able to party a lot, I am not able to be social a lot. So, these are some downsides. It's not that all good things happen to you. You become a little introverted too. You stay in yourself a little more. Which is not a very good thing. So, I would say that I want to strike a balance.

It's not that I am saying that I will stay like this. I definitely want to try". "Having said that, I have been very lucky in my journey as I met very nice people. I would say I met angels. Many people fed me. I still chill with them. Many people took care of me. Someone gave me clothes. I can never forget those people. I have a list of 18-20 people. So, I respect them and love them", he added as he brought the conversation to a halt, promising another thrilling ride for the next time.



## CITY CLICKS

India shines at World Boxing Cup in Brazil with 6 medals, Hitesh scripts history with gold



The Indian contingent came up with an impressive performance in their first-ever outing in the World Boxing Cup in Brazil winning six medals, including a gold and silver on Saturday.<

Hitesh became the first Indian boxer to clinch a gold medal in the World Boxing Cup. His opponent, Odel Kamara of England was injured and couldn't take to the ring in the 70kg finale. Abhinash Jamwal, the other Indian boxer to reach the final in the 65kg category, gave his best against local favourite Yuri Reis but could not do enough to get a favourable verdict and bagged a silver medal.

Four Indian players bagged bronze medals, including Jadumani Singh Mandengbam (50kg), Manish Rathore (55kg), Sachin (60kg) and Vishal (90kg).

Hitesh after becoming the first Indian boxer to clinch a gold medal in the World Boxing Cup credited the 10-day preparation camp in Brazil ahead of the tournament as something that helped him and the team a lot.

"The camp helped me learn a few tactical nuances that helped me a lot in the competition. This tournament has provided us fantastic exposure at the highest level and I am happy that I could grab the gold medal," said Hitesh.

India had fielded a 10-member contingent for the World Boxing Cup, their first major international outing since the Paris Olympics, and bagging six medals, this will not only boost the confidence of the squad as they start preparing for the 2028 Olympic cycle ahead of Los Angeles Games.

Swiggy faces tax demands worth over Rs 165 crore, says no major financial impact



Online food and grocery delivery platform Swiggy is facing fresh tax troubles after receiving two assessment orders related to the financial year 2021-22.

The total tax demand stands at over Rs 165 crore. In a regulatory filing on Saturday, Swiggy said it received an order from the Office of the Profession Tax Officer in Pune, demanding Rs 7.59 crore.<

The order alleges that the company failed to properly deduct profession tax from employees' salaries, which is required under the Maharashtra State Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings & Employments Act, 1975.

Swiggy, however, maintained that it has strong grounds to challenge the order and is planning to file a review or appeal. "The Company believes that it has strong arguments against the Order and is taking necessary steps to protect its interest through review/appeal," Swiggy stated in its filing.

The company also clarified that the issue will not have a significant impact on its finances or operations. This development comes just days after Swiggy was served another assessment order by the Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Central Circle 1(1), Bangalore. This order demands an additional tax of over Rs 158 crore, also for the April 2021 to March 2022 period. The larger tax demand is linked to issues such as cancellation charges paid to merchants, which the authorities have disallowed under Section 37 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. It also includes interest income from income tax refunds, which the authorities claim was not properly declared. "The Company has received an assessment order for the period April 2021 to March 2022 where an addition of Rs 158,25,80,987 (one hundred and fifty-eight crores, twenty-five lakhs, eighty thousand nine hundred and eighty seven, only) has been made," Swiggy said in a regulatory filing.

## Hyderabad's Siraj sizzles with a four-wicket haul, curtails SRH to 153 against GT

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In a thrilling IPL league match at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium on Sunday, Mohammed Siraj's exceptional bowling performance played a pivotal role in restricting the home team to a modest total of 153 runs. Siraj's spell of 4-0-17-4 was instrumental in keeping the explosive batting lineup of the Sunrisers Hyderabad in check, ensuring that the anticipated fireworks never truly materialized.

The match began with the Sunrisers Hyderabad being put into bat. Siraj wasted no time in making an impact, striking early by dismissing Travis Head for just 8 runs. Head attempted to flick a full-length delivery from Siraj but unfortunately sent it straight to mid-wicket, where it was safely caught. This dismissal came on the



very last ball of the first over, setting the tone for the rest of the innings.

Following Head's departure, Ishan Kishan, another left-handed batsman, entered the crease with high expectations. Kishan showed glimpses of his potential by hitting three boundaries off Ishant Sharma's second over, including a powerful shot over extra-cover. However, the Gujarat Titans were desperate for another

breakthrough, and captain Shubman Gill turned to Siraj once again. Siraj did not disappoint, as he forced Abhishek Sharma to hit a full-length ball on leg-stump straight to mid-on, resulting in his dismissal for 18 runs off 16 balls. This wicket was a significant milestone for Siraj, marking his 100th wicket in the IPL.

At the end of the power-play, the Sunrisers had scored 45

runs for the loss of two wickets, which was not the explosive start they had hoped for. The pressure continued to mount on the Sunrisers as pacer Prasidh Krishna joined the attack and dismissed Ishan Kishan for 17 runs. Kishan mistimed a pull shot off a short ball, sending it straight to the fielder in the deep. This wicket left the Sunrisers reeling at 50 for three in 7.2 overs.

The Titans' bowlers

maintained their stranglehold on the Sunrisers' batting line-up, as there were no boundaries hit between the 4th and 10th overs. This remarkable spell of bowling was a testament to the Titans' ability to keep the batsmen under constant pressure. The first six of the innings finally came after 76 balls, courtesy of Heinrich Klaasen, who hit a towering shot over long-on off the bowling of leggie Rashid Khan.

However, Klaasen's stay at the crease was short-lived, as left-arm spinner Sai Kishore dismissed him for 27 runs. Klaasen attempted to pull a delivery but missed the line, resulting in his dismissal. Kishore struck again in his next over, dismissing Nitish Kumar Reddy for 31 runs. Reddy, who had struggled to find his rhythm, swung at a delivery and sent it

straight to the fielder in the deep.

Despite the fall of wickets, the Sunrisers' captain, Pat Cummins, provided some late fireworks with a flurry of boundaries in the final over bowled by Ishant Sharma. Sharma had a disappointing outing, conceding 53 runs in his four overs without taking a wicket.

In summary, the Sunrisers Hyderabad managed to post a total of 152 runs for the loss of 8 wickets in their 20 overs. Mohammed Siraj was the standout performer with the ball, taking 4 wickets for just 17 runs. He was ably supported by Prasidh Krishna and Sai Kishore, who took 2 wickets each. The Gujarat Titans will now look to chase down the target of 153 runs and secure a victory in this crucial IPL encounter.

## Virat Kohli speaks about his bond with Rohit Sharma

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In a heartfelt reflection, talismanic batter Virat Kohli spoke about his deep-rooted bond with his long-time teammate and India skipper Rohit Sharma. Kohli emphasized the trust and mutual reliance that have defined their partnership over the years, highlighting how they have consistently supported each other in winning matches for the team.

Kohli and Rohit, who have shared the field countless times, will once again face off as opponents when Royal Challengers Bengaluru takes on five-time champions Mumbai Indians in a pivotal IPL 2025 match at the iconic Wankhede Stadium on Monday.

delved into the natural evolution of their relationship, attributing it to the extensive time they have spent playing together and the shared insights they have gained about the game. He noted that their careers have grown in tandem, with both players learning from each other and addressing various queries and questions that arose during their journey. "I think it's a very natural thing to take place when



you play with someone for so long and you share so much of your insight of the game. Initially, you're learning from each other; you're kind of growing in your careers at probably the same time, and you share all kinds of queries and questions," Kohli said in a video posted on RCB's X account on Sunday.

collaboration extended beyond individual performances, as both Kohli and Rohit played pivotal roles in the leadership of

the Indian cricket team. Kohli highlighted the numerous ideas they discussed and how they often found themselves on the same page regarding the strategic demands of a particular situation or game.

"So there's a lot of back and forth that happens and also the fact that we worked very closely in terms of the leadership for the team. So there were always ideas discussed and more or less we would end up being on the

same page in terms of what the gut feel of that particular situation or that particular game demands," Kohli added.

Over the years, Kohli and Rohit have been instrumental in securing numerous victories for India. Their partnership was particularly notable during the triumphs in the 2013 and 2025 Champions Trophy, as well as their joint retirement from T20I cricket following the 2024 Men's T20 World Cup win.

"There's a trust factor that builds in terms of you can rely on each other to do the job for the team. We have enjoyed our time playing together for so long for India. We were able to make our careers that long because when we were young, as I said, it was not certain that we were going to end up playing for 15 years for India," Kohli remarked. Kohli concluded his thoughts with a sense of gratitude and happiness for the memories and moments they have shared. He acknowledged the longevity and consistency of their journey, expressing his appreciation for the enduring bond they have forged.

"The journey was so long and consistently (going on). So, very, very grateful and very happy for all the memories, all the moments that we've shared and continue to do so," Kohli said.

As the cricket world eagerly awaits the upcoming clash between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Mumbai Indians, the narrative of Kohli and Rohit's enduring friendship and professional respect adds an emotional layer to the high-stakes encounter.



# Sri Ram Navami Celebrated with Grand Procession in Hyderabad

Thousands join colourful procession through city streets, Folk artists and giant idols captivate crowds

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Hyderabad witnessed a vibrant and colourful procession on Sunday to mark the occasion of Sri Ram Navami. The Sri Ram Navami Shobha Yatra commenced from the Seetarambagh temple at Asifnagar and wound its way through several prominent areas of the city, including Mangalhat, Puranapul, Jummerat Bazaar, Begum Bazaar Chatri, Siddiamber Bazaar, Gowliguda, and Sultan Bazaar, before concluding with a gathering at Hanuman Vyamshala.

The procession saw the participation of numerous tributary processions, notably one led by BJP legislator T. Raja Singh, which merged with the main event along the route. The entire path was adorned with saffron flags and bunting, with large banners and hoardings featuring local organizers and political leaders.

Folk artists from various parts of the country captivated the crowd with their performances throughout the procession route. Thousands of en-

thusiastic youngsters, donning saffron caps and turbans and carrying large flags, braved the intense heat to participate. Women and children lined the route to catch a glimpse of the towering idols of deities and freedom fighters, which were a highlight of the procession.

Local youth associations set up camps to provide free drinking water and soft drinks to participants. Food camps were also organized at several locations, offering meals to the public from afternoon until late evening.

Security arrangements were robust, with senior police officials monitoring the procession both from the field and the ICCB Building at Banjara Hills. Hyderabad Commissioner of Police, C. V. Anand, oversaw the event from the Siddiamber Bazaar junction, accompanied by other city police officials. Additional police personnel were deployed from various units to ensure security, with police pickets stationed in all communally sensitive areas to prevent any untoward incidents.



Hundreds of devotees participated in the vibrant Ram Navami Shobha Yatra held in Hyderabad on Sunday. Organized by the Bhayanagar Sri Ram Navami Utsav Samithi, the grand procession commenced in the afternoon from the historic Seetarambagh temple in Mangalhat and concluded at Hanuman Vyamshala in Koti.

A massive gathering of devotees took part in the grand procession of Lord Ram held in Amberpet on Sunday as part of the Sri Ram Navami celebrations. The event was organized by Dr. N. Gautham Rao, convener of the Amberpet Sri Ram Navami Utsav Samiti and BJP's Hyderabad Local Bodies MLC candidate. BJP State President and Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated the procession. The vibrant atmosphere, filled with devotional spirit and energetic dances by the youth, turned Amberpet into a hub of festive fervor.

## BJP MLA Raja Singh defies sound restrictions by Hyderabad police

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Sticking to his words and defying police orders against using DJ systems, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Goshamahala MLA Raja Singh on Sunday, April 6, used high-volume sound systems during the annual Sri Ram Navami Shobha Yatra in Hyderabad. His words during the rally also, as usual, egged on hate speech, with him saying "Tel lagaya Dabur ka, naam mitaya Babur ka, (we used Dabur oil, erased the



name of Babur)" reference to the demolition of the Babri Masjid. "Ek Dhakka lagat tha. Tel la-

gaya Dabur ka, naam mitaya Babur Ka. Ek dhakka laga tha na, toh abhi dusra dhakka lagane ke liye tayyar hona hai. Toh agar yahan dhakke lagenge toh wahan kya dhakka lagenga. (One push was given. We applied oil from Dabur, and erased the name of Babur. One push was given, right? Now we must be ready to give a second push. So if there are pushes here, what kind of push will happen there?)" said Raja Singh during the Ram Navami procession that started from near Begum

Bazar on Sunday in the Old City of Hyderabad. The previous day, Raja Singh personally inspected the DJ system at Dhoolpet and made suggestions regarding lighting arrangements. According to his followers, it is one of the latest sound systems capable of generating high-decibel sounds. The BJP MLA had already declared that the Ram Navami procession "would not be disrupted" by any orders or notifications from the authorities.

## IPL betting racket busted in Dhoolpet, 3 held

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In a significant bust, three individuals were arrested in Dhoolpet for their alleged involvement in a cricket betting racket operating during the ongoing IPL 2025 season. The police seized net cash amounting to Rs 1,04,400, six mobile phones, and a Samsung TV, with the

total value of the seized property estimated at approximately Rs 3 lakh. The accused have been identified as Vicky Singh, a 38-year-old businessman and the main bookie; V Rakesh, a 39-year-old pipe supplier acting as a sub-bookie; and B Sandeep, a 26-year-old mandi labourer and punter. According to the police, the accused were accepting live bets on IPL

matches using line numbers provided by a main bookie named Shailender from Chennai. The betting operation was being run from Nala Machilipura in Dhoolpet. Acting on a tip-off, the task force raided the premises and apprehended the accused. The seized material and the accused have been handed over to the Mangalhat police. A case has been registered,

and further investigation is ongoing to uncover the full extent of the betting racket and identify any additional accomplices. This operation highlights the ongoing efforts by law enforcement to curb illegal betting activities, especially during high-profile sporting events like the IPL. The police have urged the public to report any suspicious activities.

## Telangana BJP chief Kishan accuses Congress, BRS of kowtowing to MIM

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Union Minister and BJP state president G Kishan Reddy accused both the ruling Congress and Opposition BRS of kowtowing to the AIMIM. "They have handed over Hyderabad to the Majlis and want the MIM to win the MLC elections," Kishan alleged, adding that it was initially assumed that all parties would contest the election but it is now clear that Congress and BRS were backing the AIMIM.



Kishan stated that the MIM tends to align with the ruling party in the state to exploit Hyderabad. He appealed to all voters opposing MIM to support BJP in the MLC elections under the local bodies' quota in Hyderabad. Expressing confidence that the saffron party would win the election, Kishan stated that in a democracy, anyone can contest, and the BJP was participating regardless of its numbers. He urged voters from both BRS and Congress to vote against AIMIM. Kishan also stated that the party's organisational structure in Telangana would be complete following the appointment of a new BJP state president.

On the occasion of Babu Jagjivan Ram's birth anniversary, Kishan and his party leaders paid floral tributes at the BJP state office. Addressing the gathering, he recalled Jagjivan Ram's contributions to the nation, in-

cluding walking out of Congress during the Emergency, forming a new party, and later merging it with the Janata Party led by Jayaprakash Narayan. Jagjivan Ram served as Union minister and deputy prime minister. Kishan alleged that in the 1980s, when the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led Janata Party and BJP proposed Babu Jagjivan Ram as the Prime Ministerial candidate, the Congress blocked the move. He said Congress could not tolerate a powerful leader from a marginalised community in the top post. "Otherwise, Babu Jagjivan Ram would have become India's first Dalit prime minister," he opined.

## K T Rama Rao takes dig at Congress govt bid to defend bulldozing Kancha Gachibowli



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In a scathing attack, BRS working president KT Rama Rao lambasted the Congress government for its alleged attempts to mitigate the fallout from the controversial Kancha Gachibowli land issue. Rama Rao accused the Congress of employing hundreds of social media

handles to defend its actions and justify the bulldozing of the land, which has sparked widespread outrage and criticism. Rama Rao's remarks come in the wake of a series of social media posts and videos by influencers, allegedly hired by the Congress, aimed at portraying the government's actions in a favorable light. The BRS

leader questioned the source of funding for this campaign, expressing hope that the expenses were not being borne by the Telangana exchequer but rather by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi himself. The Kancha Gachibowli land issue has drawn national attention, with the Congress government facing severe backlash for

clearing 400 acres of greenery. Environmentalists, students from the University of Hyderabad, and other concerned citizens have shared videos and images highlighting the destruction of flora and fauna in the area. In response, the Congress reportedly engaged social media influencers and YouTubers to spread misinformation and counter

the narrative presented by the protesters. The campaign was temporarily halted following the Supreme Court's intervention but resumed on Saturday. The renewed effort aims to garner support for the Congress government's plans to develop Hyderabad city and use the revenue from land auctions for infrastructure development.

The ongoing controversy underscores the deepening political divide and the contentious nature of land use and environmental conservation in the region. As the debate continues, all eyes are on the government's next moves and the potential legal and political repercussions of the Kancha Gachibowli land issue.