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## Brief Insights

**'Maharashtra at risk of becoming Bengal if society doesn't unite': Mini**

Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Maharashtra's Minister of Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, on Saturday, came down heavily on those involved in encroachment and allowing illegal Rohingya and Bangladeshi immigrants.

Minister Lodha said, "Our policy is clear -- we do not want forced or illegal guests. Rohingya and Bangladeshi illegal immigrants will not benefit from schemes meant for Indian citizens. Ignoring illegal immigration can allow terrorists like Ajmal Kasab to resurface, and incidents like bomb blasts in Mumbai could happen again. There can be no compromise on Mumbai's security."

"Illegal immigration is the biggest threat to the city's

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**Indian Railways to run 89 special trains in next 3 days amid flight chaos, winter demand**

To help support smooth travel amid flight disruptions and ensure adequate connectivity amid rising demand in the winter season, the Union government on Saturday announced to run 89 special train services (more than 100 trips) across multiple zones, in the next three days.

The Central Railway will operate 14 special train services to cater to increased passenger demand.

"These include Train number 01413/01414 Pune-Bengaluru-Pune on December 6 and 7; 01409/01410 Pune-Hazrat Nizamuddin-Pune on December 7 and 9; 01019/01020 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus(LTT)-Madgaon-LTT on December 7 and 8; 01077/01078 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus(CSMT)-Hazrat Nizamuddin-CSMT on December 6 and 7; 01015/01016 LTT-Lucknow-LTT on December 6 and 7;

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**India and US underscore growing convergence on counterterrorism, emerging challenges**

India and the United States reviewed a wide range of traditional and emerging threats and challenges such as terrorist recruitment, abuse of technology for terrorist purposes, and financing of terrorism during the 21st Meeting of the India-USA Joint Working Group (JWG) on Counter Terrorism (CT) and the 7th Designations Dialogue held in New Delhi earlier this week, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated on Saturday.

The meetings, that took place on December 3, underscored the importance of bilateral cooperation in countering terrorism, reflecting the spirit and breadth of the India-USA Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership.

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**MLA Humayun Kabir laid the foundation stone for a Babri Masjid-style mosque in Bengal's communally sensitive Murshidabad amid heavy security**

## Biryani feast, Saudi clerics: Suspended TMC MLA lays 'Babri Masjid' stone

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Tension prevailed in Bengal's communally sensitive Murshidabad on Saturday as suspended Trinamool Congress MLA Humayun Kabir laid the foundation stone for a Babri Masjid-style mosque amid tight security. The event was held today to coincide with the anniversary of the Babri



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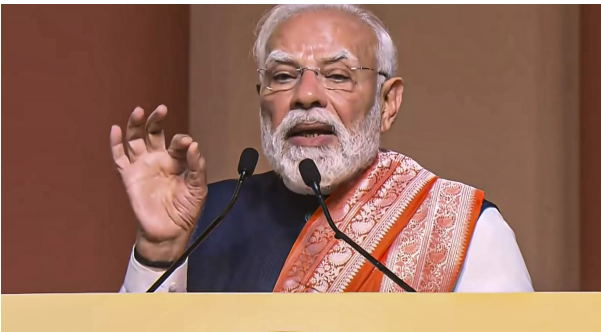


## PM Modi Urges India to Shed 'Slave Mentality' in Next Decade

India's growth reflects people's faith; society was once synonymous with poverty

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday urged people to completely rid the country of the slave mentality in the next 10 years and hit out at "so-called intellectuals" for trying to malign an entire civilisation by terming years of sluggish economic growth as the Hindu rate of growth. Addressing an event in the national capital, Mr Modi said India is brimming with confidence at a time when the world is full of uncertainties and is scripting the story of growth in the era of global slowdown. He asserted that no country can move forward without self-confidence and every sector today is shedding the colonial mindset and aiming for new achievements with pride. "This colonial men-



tality has become a major barrier in achieving the goals of a developed Bharat. That is why today's Bharat is working to free itself from this mindset," Mr Modi said. The Prime Minister said such was the impact of this colonial mentality that even today, when many around the world describe India as a global growth engine, very few speak proudly about this achievement. "Has anyone ever referred to it as the Hindu rate of growth?" he asked and reminded the audience that the term was used at a time when India struggled

even to reach a growth rate of 2 to 3 per cent. "The policy of Macaulay, which sowed the seeds of mental slavery in India, will complete 200 years in 2035. This means there are 10 years left. Therefore, in these very 10 years, we all must come together to free our country from the slave mentality," he said. Asserting that India is a model of high growth and low inflation, he said the country's 8.2 per cent growth in the second quarter of this fiscal shows that it is becoming the growth driver of the global econ-

omy.

Mr Modi said that at a time when the world is full of uncertainties, India is seen in a different league. The changes happening in India are not just about possibilities but are a saga of changing thinking and direction, he said. "We are standing at a juncture where one-fourth of the 21st century has passed. The world has seen many ups and downs: financial crises, global pandemics, technological disruptions, and the world falling apart. We are seeing wars these situations, in one way or another, are challenging the world," Mr Modi said. The world is full of uncertainties, but India is being seen in a different league altogether, Mr Modi said, adding, "India is full of self-confidence. When there is talk of slowdown, India writes the story of

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## CM Revanth Slams KCR's 'Good Days' Again Comment

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday criticised former chief minister and BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao's remark that "good days will come soon" for the party, asserting that good days had already arrived for the people of Telangana after the defeat of the BRS in the 2023 elections. Addressing a public meeting titled 'Praja Palana - Praja Vijayotsavam' at Devarakonda in Nalgonda district, Revanth Reddy said Chandrashekar Rao once enjoyed the luxury of ministers waiting outside his residence for appointments, but today only a handful of sarpanches and ward members attended his gram panchayat election meetings. "KCR says



good days will come soon. In reality, good days returned to the people with free power, free bus travel for women, loan waivers, new ration cards and fine rice distribution," he said. Revanth Reddy alleged that if the BRS was given another opportunity, Chandrashekar Rao would once again inflict hardships on the public. He accused Chandrashekar Rao's family, his son, daughter and son-in-law, of large-scale corruption during the BRS regime and claimed that their greed did not stop even after pushing Telangana

into a debt of ₹8 lakh crore. Revanth Reddy criticised the previous government for not issuing new ration cards or adding new family members to existing cards during its 10-year tenure. He noted that Devarakonda constituency received 14,000 new ration cards, the highest in the state. Fine rice is being supplied to 3.1 crore beneficiaries, he said, describing this as the real "Indiramma Rajyam," where the poor do not go hungry.

He pointed out that BJP-ruled states, including Gujarat, do not provide fine rice to ration card holders. Tracing earlier welfare efforts, the Chief Minister reminded that the Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy-led Congress government sanctioned 25 lakh Indiramma houses after com-

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## CJI Calls for Unified National Judicial Policy, Faster Case Disposal

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Sending a "strong message" that the Supreme Court exists for the common man, Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Saturday said that a predictable timeline and a unified national judicial policy for the early disposal of pending cases would be his top priority. Speaking at a media conclave, the CJI referred to access to justice and said his focus is on reducing the cost of litigation and prescribing a reasonable timeline within which cases are decided. Responding to a question on the independence of the judiciary, Justice Kant referred to the constitutional philosophy of separation of powers, saying the Constitution has clearly defined the roles of the judiciary, legislature and executive, while ensuring



that there is no overlap.

The CJI said, "My first priority will be a predictable timeline and a unified national judicial policy-based early decision of the pending cases. I am not talking about eliminating all arrears. That will never happen, and it should not happen, because litigation is an ongoing process. People have trust and faith in the judicial system. Cases will continue to be filed, but the old cases staring us in the face need to be tackled, and for that we must explore mediation as one of the powerful game-changers."

Stressing that some reforms will be introduced in the coming days, including prioritisation of certain litigations, the CJI said, "I want to send a very clear and strong message that the Supreme Court is also meant for the common man, and any ordinary litigant will have sufficient space and time in the Supreme Court. For that, I am prioritising certain matters for listing." Justice Kant added that he cannot achieve this alone and that the judges of the apex court have extended their full cooperation. Pointing out that the judicial system will face new challenges, the CJI cited the rise of digital arrests and cybercrimes. "New challenges will continue to emerge. We need to update our judiciary and train judicial officers to deal with these issues," he said.

**ED Files Chargesheet Against Reliance Power in Fake Bank Guarantee Case Cur-**

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) is tracking high-ranking officials, who are working for a long time at one place or department without a transfer for years. They are under the ACB scanner for operating businesses in violation of the state government's rules. After arresting some high-profile errant officers for amassing illegal assets, sources said that the ACB had obtained leads on some officials' corrupt activities. According to ACB officials, "The anti-graft body during its raids recovered ₹2 crore cash and several illegal assets from TGSPDCL assistant divisional engineer Ambedkar Erugu. During the investigation, the ACB found that Ambedkar is a director of chemical company Amtaar Chemicals Private Limited at Yadadri district.

"In another incident, the ACB arrested the Ranga Reddy district surveys and land records assistant director K. Srinivasulu for amassing illegal assets. During the probe, it was found that Srinivasulu was running a rice mill in Narayanpet. Similarly, the agency also conducted raids on the residences of C. Muralidhar Rao, former engineer-in-chief of the irrigation and CAD department.

lakh.

Kabir, who was suspended from the TMC earlier this week over the controversial project, had announced the ceremony earlier this month, inviting fierce criticism from the opposition BJP. The matter also reached the Calcutta High Court, which refused to intervene in the construction of the mosque, even as it

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want assured that strict action would be taken not only against the club's management but also against officials who allowed operations despite safety violations.

Goa Police Chief Alok Kumar confirmed that the tragedy was triggered by a cooking gas cylinder explosion. BJP MLA Michael Lobo added that all 23 bodies have been shifted to the Goa Medical College, Bambolim for identification and post-mortem. Firefighters and police teams worked through the night, con-

ducting rescue operations, controlling flames, and searching the premises for survivors.

Authorities have ordered a comprehensive inquiry to determine accountability, especially as the incident occurred during Goa's peak tourist season, raising concerns about overcrowded party venues and inspection lapses. The state government has also directed all nightlife establishments to undergo immediate fire safety checks to prevent similar tragedies.

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Telangana Launches 'Film in Telangana' Showcase at Global Summit

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Under the visionary leadership of Sri A. Revanth Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, the State is set to spotlight one of its most significant cultural and economic initiatives at the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025, the landmark 'Film in Telangana' Showcase & Industry Panel. Designed to position Telangana at the forefront of India's creative economy, the showcase brings together some of the nation's most influential voices for 'One Country, Many Cinemas', Telangana's landmark Media & Entertainment Panel, reflecting the State's mission to reimagine the future of Indian filmmaking. As the State advances the bold 'Film in Telangana'

initiative, Telangana is rapidly positioning itself as India's most filmmaker-friendly, future-ready creative hub, powered by progressive policies, world-class infrastructure, streamlined systems, and a long-term cultural vision aligned with Telangana Rising 2047. This initiative marks a decisive step in strengthening Telangana's reputation as a centre for innovation, investment, and creative excellence. A. Revanth Reddy, Chief Minister of Telangana, affirmed, saying, "Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025 is our call to the world to partner with a State that is bold, future-ready and driven by innovation and inclusive growth. We invite global investors and creators to discover the opportunities, ambition and creative confidence that

define the new Telangana. With the 'Film in Telangana' Showcase & Industry Panel, we bring together India's leading cinematic voices under the vision of 'One Country, Many Cinemas.' Telangana is committed to giving filmmakers the strongest foundation in India, world-class infrastructure, transparent policies and an ecosystem that empowers talent. Cinema is a force for jobs, culture and global reach, and Telangana is ready to become its next major hub for creativity and investment." At the heart of this showcase is a high-level Media & Entertainment Industry Panel titled 'One Country, Many Cinemas: Reimagining India's Film Ecosystem with Telangana as the New National Hub.' Featuring an extraordinary line-up of voices from ac-



ross India's major film industries, including Arjun Kapoor, Genelia Deshmukh, Riteish Deshmukh, Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury, Parthiv Gohil, Asif Ali, Priyadarshan, Venkat K. Narayana and Sukumar, alongside eminent creators, producers, directors, OTT leaders and industry decision-makers, this landmark session sits at the centre of a global summit that attracts investors, policymakers, inno-

vators and world leaders. Together, they will spotlight Telangana's creative ambition and its readiness to build an integrated, world-class entertainment ecosystem. This dynamic dialogue, to be held on 9th December at the Telangana Rising Global Summit Arena, intends to spark collaboration, unlock new opportunities and set the tone for Telangana's emergence as a premier

filmmaking destination. The conversation will illuminate India's multi-industry cinematic landscape and examine how different regions approach filming locations, budgets, overseas shoots and cultural nuances. It will further explore how Telangana's new 'Film in Telangana' initiative is uniquely designed to address these needs through a single-window film clearance system, predict-

able incentives and rebates, state-supported location access and logistics, and the development of a global-standard Film Facilitation/Commission model. The session will also highlight Telangana's cutting-edge creative infrastructure, including the proposed Film City, entertainment zones, AI/VFX hubs and advanced post-production ecosystems, supported by a strong focus on ease of doing business, talent development and future-ready filmmaking policies. Together, these elements underline the State's ambition to become India's number one filmmaking ecosystem, attracting productions from all major regional industries while strengthening its creative economy. Aligned with the panel's core objectives, the dis-

cussion aims to highlight India's multi-industry cinematic landscape, explore how each industry makes decisions on filming locations, budgets, overseas shoots and cultural nuances, and examine how Telangana's new initiative can address the needs of filmmakers across the country, further stimulating conversation on the future of Indian cinema and the creative economy. Arriving at a transformational moment, the Summit is expected to catalyse significant announcements, MoUs and public-private collaborations. With entertainment districts, innovation clusters and film-friendly reforms in motion, Telangana is laying a powerful foundation for a filmmaking ecosystem of global scale, opportunity and impact.

Centre Built Telangana, Not BRS—Congress: Kishan reddy

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Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, during his district tour in Bhubaneswar, asserted that the Central Government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spent ₹12 lakh crore on projects and welfare schemes in Telangana over the last 11 years, emphasizing that village development, farmer assistance, and national infrastructure growth have been driven entirely by the Centre. At the forefront of his remarks, he questioned why rural voters continued supporting Congress and BRS despite what he described as their "complete failure" in governance, accusing them of bankrupting a surplus state and celebrating "hollow victories." Kishan Reddy said village development across Telangana—roads, street



lights, and sanitation workers' salaries—is happening only due to 15th Finance Commission grants and Central Employment Guarantee Scheme funds, as state governments allegedly "neglect rural needs" and divert allocated funds. The Modi government, he noted, continues to provide 5 kg free rice to 83 crore people, subsidies on increasing fertilizer prices, and direct financial assistance to farmers. He contrasted Telangana's pre-2014 annual grain procurement cost of ₹3,000 crore with the current ₹26,000 crore spent under the Centre, along with ₹60,000 crore for cotton procurement. He

credited Modi's leadership for eliminating nationwide power cuts and ensuring uninterrupted electricity for industrial, commercial, and domestic needs. Criticising both BRS and Congress, Kishan Reddy said they "failed women, farmers, BCs, and Dalits," pointing out unfulfilled promises such as the six guarantees, the BC sub-plan funds, Dalit Bandhu commitments, and education assurance cards. He accused both parties of corruption, selling government lands, and depriving self-help groups of the financial support that the Centre alone is providing. He highlighted major railway investments, including ₹35,000 crore sanctioned for Telangana, redevelopment of 42 railway stations, progress on the Kazipet Railway Manufacturing Unit (65% complete), and ₹1,100 crore spent on the MMTS Phase-II.

Kavitha Hails Gummadi Narsayya Biopic, Urges Wider Support

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Kalvakuntla Kavitha praised the efforts to make a film on the life of Gummadi Narsayya, describing him as a role model for serving the people with honesty and human values. She said the film, which has transcended Telangana to reach audiences across India, is a matter of pride for all Telangana children. The film, directed by Paramesh's younger brother, a native of Kamareddy, has gained recognition for portraying the life of a great Telangana personality. Kavitha appreciated the support of the Telangana and Karnataka governments in providing subsidies but pointed out that Tamil Nadu, Malayalam, and Hindi cinema sectors have not extended similar concessions, highlighting lingering biases against South Indian and Telugu



films. She urged industry stalwarts, especially Dil Raju, to promote the film in other languages. Kavitha also congratulated Shiv Rajkumar for agreeing to play the lead role, noting that his participation has given the project a significant boost. She expressed hope that the film would inspire many young people to enter politics and follow the path of dedicated public service exemplified by Gummadi Narsayya. Reflecting on Telangana's activist history, she mentioned the 1969 and 2001 movements in Palvancha, Khammam, whose participants often lacked politi-

cal support, opportunities, economic independence, and recognition. She reaffirmed the commitment of Janam Bata to continue fighting for these activists and marginalized communities. Marking Ambedkar's death anniversary, Kavitha emphasized the need for a socially inclusive Telangana where marginalized communities, families of martyrs, and women far from power are given priority in politics. She said the vision of a social Telangana could only be achieved by actively including these groups in governance and decision-making.

Public problems must be addressed without delay: Kausar Mohiuddin



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AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin held a public grievance interaction at Hakimpet, addressing a wide range of civic concerns raised by local residents. The session focused on urgent issues including road repairs, drainage problems, drinking water supply, civic amenities, welfare matters, and pending community development works. During the meet, the MLA listened to each rep-

resentation and directed officials from the concerned departments to take immediate action. He assured residents that their grievances would be resolved at the earliest, emphasizing prompt co-ordination between departments to speed up pending works. Community elders, AIMIM workers, and area leaders participated in the interaction, while residents expressed gratitude for the MLA's consistent engagement and hands-on approach in resolving public issues.

Leaders Pay Tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on His 68th Death Anniversary in Kanchanbagh



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On the 68th death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, leaders and dignitaries paid tribute at his statue in the BDL Kanchanbagh Division today. Narendra Yadav, President of Bhagnagar District, garlanded the statue and offered floral tributes. Speaking at the event, Aedla Pandarinath, District Chief Secretary of Bhagnagar, lauded Dr. Ambedkar's greatness, saying, "Dr. Ambedkar's vision for social justice, equality, and empowerment continues to inspire generations across the nation."

The ceremony also saw participation from Devender, BC Morcha leaders, S. Ravi, President of Kanchanbagh Division, Sai Prasad, President of Uppuguda, Laxman Yadav of Barkas Division, Raju Jadhav, Vice Chairman of BPMS, E. Pradeep, General Secretary, Sai Krishna, President of BJYM, Akash Marnar, General Secretary of ST Morcha, Naresh Yadav, General Secretary of BJYM, and Sandeep Singh. The gathering commemorated Dr Ambedkar's enduring legacy, highlighting his contributions to the Indian Constitution and the upliftment of marginalized communities.

Irrigation Projects to be Done Before Polls: Uttam

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Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday said that irrigation projects, including the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) and lift irrigation schemes, would be completed before the next Assembly elections. Speaking at the Praja Palana-Praja Vijayotsavam programme held at Devarakonda in Nalgonda district, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the government was committed to completing the SLBC tunnel works as early as possible. The government had sanctioned ₹1,800 crore for the Dindi lift irrigation scheme and finalised the location to draw water from the Krishna river. It had also sanctioned ₹440 crore for lining the high-level canal of the Nagarjunasagar Project. The Ambabavani, Kambala-



pally, Pothilla, AKMR, Peddagutta and Ramulori lift irrigation schemes taken up in the district will be completed before the next elections. Around 37,000 acres of new ayacut will be created in the Devarakonda Assembly constituency once these schemes are completed. Roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said former chief minister and BRS president K. Chandrasekhar Rao did not fulfil his promise of completing the SLBC tunnel works. He said the Congress govern-

ment would complete the work and extend irrigation facilities to farmers, including those in the Devarakonda constituency. He also urged the Chief Minister to focus more on the development of Devarakonda, describing it as a backward constituency with a significant tribal population. Legislative Council chairman Gutha Sukender Reddy, Nagarjunasagar MLA Kunduru Jayaveer Reddy, Miryalaguda MLA B. Laxma Reddy and Thungathurthy MLA Mandula Samuel also attended the pro-

Etela Rajender Leads Rally, Urges Bhimpalli to Elect Shankaraiah as Sarpanch

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MP Etela Rajender actively participated in the Sarpanch election campaign at Bhimpalli Gram Panchayat in Kamalapur Mandal, urging voters to support Sarpanch candidate Shankaraiah, who is contesting with the cricket symbol at serial number three. Addressing a public meeting after a rally, Rajender appealed to villagers to ensure Shankaraiah's victory, promising that it would enable him to return and work for the development of Bhimpalli. Rajender highlighted his past public service, recalling how the people of Malkajgiri elected him with a four-lakh majority, recognizing his work as Finance Minister and Health Minister during the COVID-19 crisis. He said he has been working continuously for two years to repay the trust placed in him. Emphasizing that Shankaraiah is committed to serving villagers and is always available for their needs, Rajender stated that Gram Panchayat staff salaries and key development funds come from the Central government. He questioned the absence of local leadership in Bhimpalli over the past two years, saying no leader had visited or supported the village during this period. Rajender criticized those who seek votes without providing basic



assistance. He remarked that even in times of distress—be it health emergencies, weddings, or financial crises—villagers received no help. Sharing a recent incident involving a local resident, Sammaiah, he said only timely medical support saved his life. "Whether you live here or not, I worry about you," he told the crowd. He also questioned why no eye camps, hospital services, or medical aid were provided to the villagers in the last two years. "If someone claims they will help you in trouble, their actions should prove it. Words can cross fortresses, but legs cannot cross fences," he said, urging voters to judge leaders by their work. Rajender concluded by appealing for wholehearted support to Shankaraiah, stating, "If thorns prick your feet, he will remove them with his teeth. I will always stand with him."



Revanth Reddy to visit Osmania University seeking student input on development plans

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will visit Osmania University on December 10 to inspect the academic blocks, hostels and other facilities available for students on the university campus. During a review meeting held here on Friday, the Chief Minister directed officials to seek the opinions of students and teaching staff on the development works, which will be launched on the campus soon. The development models should be placed in front of them, drop boxes and a special website should be set up to collect their opinions. A final decision on the development plans should be taken by the end of December, giving priority to students' opinions, he said. Revanth Reddy suggested several changes in the construction of hostel buildings, roads, academic blocks and auditorium. He stressed that accommodation for an additional 10 percent of the students per 100 students should be provided during the construction of the hostels and academic buildings. Historical and heritage buildings within the university premises should be preserved and the government is ready to provide necessary funds, he said.

# KTR Slams Centre’s Labour Policies, Warns of Statewide Action at BRS Trade Unions Round Table

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BRS Working President KT Rama Rao launched a strong attack on the Central Government’s new labour codes during a round table meeting of trade unions held at Telangana Bhavan, warning that their enforcement would create nationwide disruptions similar to the chaos witnessed during IndiGo Airlines’ recent crisis. He said the five-day inconvenience faced by passengers, with nearly a thousand flights cancelled, was a direct consequence of allowing national

infrastructure—ports, airports, and key institutions—to fall into the hands of a few monopolies that exploit labour. KTR stated that this round table meeting witnessed more meaningful discussion than what is often seen in Parliament or the Assembly. On the death anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, he reminded that Telangana was achieved because of the Constitution authored by Ambedkar, yet the Centre is now trying to impose laws copied from Western countries without understanding India’s



complex social fabric. He emphasized that 92 percent of Indians possess white ration cards, proving that foreign-model policies cannot simply be transplanted here. Any

law that ignores social realities must be reversed, he said, adding that both BJP and Congress are jointly supporting these anti-labour reforms only because BRS lacks represen-

tation in the Lok Sabha. KTR warned the Congress government in Telangana that it would be hypocritical to implement labour codes in the state when Sonia

Gandhi herself opposed similar bills in Delhi. He declared that BRS and its labour wing BRTU are ready to collaborate with any union to resist the codes, stressing that there are no

elections now and no political conditions. KTR announced plans to meet the Union Labour Minister and members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee in Delhi and said that the party would freeze Assembly and Council proceedings if necessary to stop the implementation of labour codes. Speaking about former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao’s commitment to welfare, he highlighted that KCR ordered Bathukamma sarees worth ₹3,500 crore over ten years to support Sircilla

weavers and had personally helped weavers’ families even before coming to power. He criticized those who speak without knowing facts, reminding that KCR always acted from a human perspective. KTR also compared India’s growth trajectory with China’s, noting that China progressed because it consistently updated policies in tune with people’s needs. Concluding his remarks, he announced that the next round table meeting would be held in Warangal.

## Harish Rao Slams Revanth : “Anti-Farmer Rule, Neglecting Governance”

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Former Minister Harish Rao paid tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar on his death anniversary, calling him the architect of the Indian Constitution and a guiding force behind the formation of Telangana through Article 3. He highlighted Ambedkar’s lifelong struggle for the upliftment of the oppressed and said the

true tribute lies in realizing his ideals. Rao praised Chief Minister KCR’s initiatives to honor Ambedkar, including naming the State Secretariat after him and erecting a 125-foot statue. Turning to governance, Rao sharply criticized Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for his handling of agriculture, irrigation, and state projects. He alleged that Revanth Reddy’s anti-farmer policies have left



farmers, women, and the

elderly standing in long queues for urea and called his rule a “curse” for farmers. Rao cited Dharmarao Peta village in Khanapur mandal as an example of urea shortages despite government promises. Rao accused Revanth Reddy of failing to manage key irrigation projects, including the SLBC tunnel, claiming negligence had cost lives and halted water supply to farmland. He also alleged

illegal diversion of Krishna water to Andhra Pradesh and accused the government of preparing DPRs for unauthorized projects. Highlighting public welfare, Rao refuted Revanth Reddy’s claims about ration distribution, stating that 6,47,479 ration cards were issued during the BRS regime and rice allocation was increased from four to six kg per family member. He criticized the Chief Minister’s

focus on “Global Summits” and high-profile projects while governance and public issues were neglected. Rao warned that the state will not develop through rhetoric and spectacle alone. He urged Revanth Reddy to focus on administration, governance, and public welfare, reduce arrogance, and prioritize solving real problems rather than playing politics or pursuing personal gains.

## Bowenpally Marks 69th Ambedkar Death Anniversary; Leaders Pay Tribute to Social Justice Icon

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The 69th death anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution and a tireless champion of social equality, was solemnly observed on Saturday at Bapuji Nagar Chowrasta under the banner of the Maharashtrawadi Rajya Paksha (MRPS). The event witnessed significant participation from political and social leaders dedicated to advancing Ambedkar’s vision of empowerment for marginalized communities. Former Cantonment



Board Vice President Jampana Pratap presided over the occasion as the chief guest. In a ceremonial tribute, he garlanded Dr. Ambedkar’s statue and recalled the leader’s lifelong commitment to the upliftment of weaker sections of society. Speaking to the gathering, Pratap emphasized that the educational, employment, and political opportunities available to backward classes today

are rooted in the constitutional safeguards established by Ambedkar. The commemoration brought together prominent MRPS leaders including Ajit Kalyan and Srikanth Rama Rao, alongside Congress party representatives such as Karan Singh, Krishna, Kumar, Raju, Mukesh Yadav, and Sai Baba Yadav, reflecting a cross-party acknowledgment of Ambedkar’s enduring im-

pact. Leaders reiterated the importance of carrying forward his principles of equality, justice, and social reform. The event highlighted Ambedkar’s continuing influence on India’s democratic and progressive framework, reminding attendees of their collective responsibility to uphold his vision for an inclusive society. The tribute served not only as a remembrance of his monumental contributions but also as an inspiration for present and future generations to work towards a society free from discrimination and inequality.

## Grand Tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on His Death Anniversary in Chandanagar

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Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s death anniversary was solemnly observed on Saturday at the Chandanagar Municipal Circle Office, where floral tributes were offered to his statue. The event commemorated Ambedkar’s tireless efforts for social equality, citizens’ rights, and religious harmony. Ayaz Ahmed Khan, Vice President of the Ranga Reddy District Congress Minority Cell, urged everyone, especially the youth, to work towards realizing Ambedkar’s ideals. He emphasized that the younger generation should follow the path shown by the architect of the Indian Constitution. The program was attended by Jahangir, Division President of the Charelingampalli Congress Party, Putthala Shanta, President of the Congress Women’s



Block, senior party leader R. Sudhakar, and Bandi Ramakrishna Goud, General Secretary of the Telangana State BC Associations United Forum, among others. The event highlighted the importance of fostering social harmony, equality, and awareness of citizens’ rights, in line with Ambedkar’s vision for a just society.

Eight-year-old girl attacked by stray dogs in Pahadishareef



An eight-year-old girl was attacked by a pack of stray dogs while playing near her house at Wadi e Saleheen, Shaheenagar, near Pahadishareef on Friday. The girl’s house is located near Rehmania Masjid. On hearing some noise, she came out and noticed the pack of dogs. When she tried to chase them away, the canines rushed towards her and bit her. On hearing her screams, a few women came out and shooed the dogs away. The injured girl was shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment. Locals complained about a rise in the number of dog attack cases in Wadi e Saleheen. “People are not sending their children out of their houses for fear of dog attacks. The local municipal corporation is not doing much to catch these dogs. The GHMC visit once in a while,” said Mohd Junaid, a local shopkeeper. “We demand the Jalpally municipality commissioner visit us and listen to our problems. They cannot sit quietly and allow our children to suffer,” argued Syeda Kauser, a housewife.

## HAL Honors Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on 69th Death Anniversary

**HYDERABAD**  
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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) marked the 69th death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar with a grand event at the South Gate of HAL’s Balanagar Division. The ceremony, organized under the auspices of the HAL SC/ST Welfare Association, was held at the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, drawing a large gathering of employees and association members. The chief guest, HAL Officiating General Manager Manish Tiwari, paid floral tributes to the statue and highlighted Ambedkar’s enduring contributions to society. He urged the youth to take Ambedkar as a role model and dedicate themselves to serving marginalized and underprivileged communities. Emphasizing that Ambedkar belonged to everyone, not just a few, he praised the architect of the Indian Constitution for granting equal rights to all citizens and noted that his knowledge and vision earned global recognition. The event saw the participation of several senior HAL officials, including DGMs H.R. Suryakumar Routh and HR Chief Manager Prahlad, along with Ramu. Leaders from var-



ious unions and associations also attended, including Union Presidents, Conveners, Honorary Presidents, Working Presidents, SC/ST Association Presidents, General Secretaries, and BMS leaders. Notable participants included K. Venkatadri, Vijay Prasad, Srinivas Babu, Karkanagaraju, Ramesh Babu, Choodaman, Timmayya, Kishan Nayak, Vengalarao, Sridhar, Srinunayak, Umashankar, Bharati, Pallavi, Jayshree, Vidyasagar, Manjula, Bhaskar Rao, Krantikumar, Srinivas, Chalam, Jogarao, Nageshwar Rao, Lakshman, Uppalaya, Vijay, Suresh, Anjaneyulu, Mahender, Nagarjuna, Praveen, Venkatapati, Ajay, and Mallesh, alongside numerous women members.

## Bomb Threats to Smuggle Gold at RGIA Suspected

**HYDERABAD**  
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After the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Shamshabad received the sixth bomb threat of the week on Saturday, again targeting two international airlines, Shamshabad police are now examining whether the email may have been sent to aid gold smuggling, though no evidence has emerged so far. On Friday and Saturday, the airport received four additional bomb threat emails, putting authorities on high alert. On Friday morning, an Emirates flight arriving from Dubai received a threat email,



which was declared a hoax after standard checks. Later that evening, Hyderabad airport’s customer support received another email claiming that a bomb had been planted on Air India Flight 2879 from Delhi to Hyderabad. The aircraft landed safely in Shamshabad around 8.45 pm. On Saturday, a threat email targeted British Airways flight BA 277 from Heathrow to Hyderabad. The flight landed at 5.25 am and

the threat was declared a hoax after thorough inspection. Another email, linked to Kuwait-Hyderabad flight KU 373, was also received; the flight returned to its departure airport. A senior Shamshabad police officer said that a smuggling-related angle “will also be verified” as part of the investigation into the threat emails. “Nothing is being ruled out at this stage, and if there is any indication of gold or contraband being involved, the case will move to Customs or the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI),” the officer said. Shamshabad DCP B. Rajesh said most recent

hoax threats were sent via email, and past cases often stemmed from personal disputes, attention-seeking behaviour or frustration. “We have detected cases where a person held a grudge, or someone sent a hoax to get an airline’s attention,” he said. Many cases remain unresolved because offenders used encrypted platforms. “A few are routed through ProtonMail or TOR-based platforms, and offenders also use VPNs. This is a bottleneck because there is no government access to logs. We are coordinating with external agencies and hope for a breakthrough soon,” he added.



# Nepal grapples with mounting corruption claims linked to Chinese contractors and suppliers

NEW DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

Nepal has been witnessing a series of corruption allegations in recent years, particularly in projects involving Chinese contractors or suppliers. The latest controversy concerns the billing system that Nepal Telecom (NT), a company in which the Nepali government holds a majority stake, is preparing to procure. On March 18 this year, Nepal Telecom invited bids to purchase a new billing system estimated to cost around NPR 5 billion. Of the two Chinese companies that participated, only Huawei was deemed technically qualified. This led to allegations that the specifications had been prepared in a way that only Huawei could meet.



Huawei is also handling the core network of Nepal Telecom. Whale Cloud — another Chinese firm — had competed against Huawei for the contract but was disqualified during the technical evaluation. Although Huawei’s financial proposal was scheduled to be opened on September 24, 2025, the process was postponed indefinitely after Jagadish Kharel assumed office as Minister of Communications and Information Technology on September 22, citing special circumstances. On October 30, the Ministry formed a study committee to investigate the allegations, headed by former government secretary Maniram Gelal, after questions arose over why Huawei was the only bidder to clear the technical evaluation. On November 20, the committee submitted its report to Minis-

ter Kharel. Online Khabar, a popular Nepali news website, reported the same day — citing sources — that the bidding documents had been prepared in a way that favoured a specific model of a specific company, referring to Huawei. “While studying the tender documents and other files regarding Nepal Telecom’s billing system, it is clear that the specifications were prepared to suit the equipment of a specific model from a specific company. This has been clearly stated in the report,” the website quoted an unnamed Nepal Telecom official as saying. However, Minister Kharel, while receiving the report, stated that he would not interfere with or obstruct the procurement

process, appearing to give the green light to proceed with opening Huawei’s long-postponed financial bid. Earlier, in June this year, the Commission for the Investigation of Abuse of Authority (CIAA), the anti-graft body, prosecuted 18 people, including then-Nepal Telecom Managing Director Sangita Pahadi, former Managing Director Sunil Paudel, and 16 others, over alleged irregularities in procuring the company’s billing system and annual maintenance contract. The officials were accused of causing a huge loss to the public utility by awarding a contract to Asia Info Linkage Technologies (China) Inc., which had allegedly quoted abnormally high prices for its Veris Billing.

## ED attaches Anil Ambani group-linked assets worth Rs 10,117 crore to date

NEW DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday said it has provisionally attached properties and assets belonging to Anil Ambani-led Reliance Group entities worth Rs 10,117 crore to date. In the latest action, the financial regulator attached over 18 properties, fixed deposits, bank balance and shareholding in unquoted investments of Reliance Anil Ambani Group "worth Rs 1,120 crore in Reliance Home Finance Limited/Reliance Commercial Finance Limited/Yes Bank Fraud Case". The attached properties comprise seven properties of Reliance Infrastructure Limited, two



properties of Reliance Power Limited, and nine properties of Reliance Value Service Private Limited. Also, fixed deposits in the name of Reliance Value Service Private Limited, Reliance Venture Asset Management Private Limited, Phi Management Solutions Private Limited, Adhar Property Consultancy Pvt Ltd, Gamesa Investment Management Private Limited, and further investments made in "unquoted investment by Reliance Venture Asset Management Private Limited and Phi Manage-

ment Solutions Private Limited". In a statement, Reliance Infrastructure Limited said of the total value cited, "Rs 8,078 crore pertains to assets of Reliance Communications Limited, a company that ceased to be a part of the Reliance Group since 2019—that is, for more than six years". "Reliance Communications has been undergoing the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) and is currently managed entirely by the Resolution Professional, under the supervision of the Hon’ble NCLT and its Committee of Creditors (CoC), led by the State Bank of India (SBI), along with a consortium of banks and lenders," the company said in its statement.

# India and US underscore growing convergence on counterterrorism, emerging challenges

NEW DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

India and the United States reviewed a wide range of traditional and emerging threats and challenges such as terrorist recruitment, abuse of technology for terrorist purposes, and financing of terrorism during the 21st Meeting of the India-USA Joint Working Group (JWG) on Counter Terrorism (CT) and the 7th Designations Dialogue held in New Delhi earlier this week, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated on Saturday. The meetings, that took place on December 3, underscored the importance of bilateral cooperation in countering terrorism, reflecting the spirit and breadth of the India-USA Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership. "Both sides unequivocally condemned terrorism in

all its forms and manifestations, including cross border terrorism. They expressed concern over the increasing use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), drones, and AI for terrorist purposes. They strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir on 22 April 2025, and the recent heinous terror incident near the Red Fort, New Delhi on 10 November 2025, and stressed that those responsible for terrorism should be held accountable," read the Joint Statement issued after the meetings. Participants from India and the United States discussed strengthening law enforcement and judicial cooperation, including through information sharing and cooperation on mutual legal assistance requests.Both sides also discussed ways to

strengthen cooperation against challenges, including through training, cybersecurity, exchange of best practices, and information sharing through continued bilateral and multilateral efforts. According to the MEA, both sides emphasised that confronting terrorism requires concerted action in a sustained and comprehensive manner. Against this backdrop, the two sides renewed their commitment to strengthening multilateral cooperation in the field of countering terrorism including in the UN, Quad and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). "The two sides called for additional designations of ISIS and al-Qa’ida affiliates, and Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and their proxy groups, supporters, sponsors, financiers and backers, under

the UN 1267 sanctions regime, ensuring their members face a global asset freeze, travel ban, and arms embargo. Underscoring the growing convergence between India and the United States on counterterrorism, the Indian side thanked the US Department of State for designating The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of LeT, as both a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) and a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT)," the Joint Statement added India and the US also decided to hold the next meeting of the Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism and Designations Dialogue in the United States on a mutually convenient date. Vinod Bahade, the Joint Secretary at the Counter Terrorism division in the Ministry of External Affairs of India.

## Indian Railways to run 89 special trains in next 3 days amid flight chaos, winter demand

NEW DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

To help support smooth travel amid flight disruptions and ensure adequate connectivity amid rising demand in the winter season, the Union government on Saturday announced to run 89 special train services (more than 100 trips) across multiple zones, in the next three days. The Central Railway will operate 14 special train services to cater to increased passenger demand. "These include Train number 01413/01414 Pune-Bengaluru-Pune on December 6 and 7; 01409/01410 Pune-Hazrat Nizamuddin-Pune on December 7 and 9; 01019/01020 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus(LTT)-Madgaon-LTT on December 7 and 8; 01077/01078 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus(CSMT)-Hazrat Nizamuddin-CSMT on December 6 and 7;

01015/01016 LTT-Lucknow-LTT on December 6 and 7; 01012/01011 Nagpur-CSMT-Nagpur on December 6 and 7; 05587/05588 Gorakhpur-LTT-Gorakhpur on December 7 and 9; and 08245/08246 Bilaspur-LTT-Bilaspur on December 10 and 12," the Indian Railways said in a statement. The South Eastern Railway has planned special trains to handle the surge in demand following recent flight cancellations. "These include Train number 08073/08074 Santragachi-Yelahanka-Santragachi, with 08073 leaving Santragachi on December 7, and 08074 returning from Yelahanka on December 9. Train number 02870/02869 Howrah-CSMT-Howrah Special will run with 02870 departing Howrah on December 6, and 02869 departing CSMT on December 8. Train number 07148/07149 Cherlapalli-Shalimar-

Cherlapalli will operate with 07148 departing Cherlapalli on December 6, and 07149 departing Shalimar on December 8," according to a Railways statement. The South Central Railway is operating three special trains on December 6 -- Train number 07148 from Cherlapalli to Shalimar, Train number 07146 from Secunderabad to Chennai Egmore, and Train number 07150 from Hyderabad to Mumbai LTT departed on Saturday. The Eastern Railway will operate special train services between Howrah, Sealdah and major destinations. Train number 03009/03010 Howrah-New Delhi-Howrah Special will run with 03009 departing Howrah on December 6, and 03010 departing New Delhi on December 8. Train number 03127/03128 Sealdah-LTT-Sealdah Special will operate with 03127 leaving Sealdah on

December 6, and 03128 departing LTT on December 9. The Western Railway will operate seven special trains to meet the increased travel demand. These include Train number 09001/09002 Mumbai Central-Bhiwani Superfast Special (bi-weekly), operating every Tuesday and Friday from Mumbai Central between December 9 and 30 and every Wednesday and Saturday from Bhiwani between December 10 and 31, totalling 14 trips. In response to increased passenger demand, Indian Railways will operate additional services from Gorakhpur. To facilitate winter travel from Bihar, East Central Railway will operate special trains from Patna and Darbhanga to Anand Vihar Terminal. The North Western Railway will operate two Special Fare Special trains on a one-trip basis to clear the extra rush of passengers.

## 'Maharashtra at risk of becoming Bengal if society doesn't unite': Minister Mangal Pratap Lodha

MUMBAI  
Wakeup telangana

Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Maharashtra's Minister of Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, on Saturday, came down heavily on those involved in encroachment and allowing illegal Rohingya and Bangladeshi immigrants. Minister Lodha said, "Our policy is clear -- we do not want forced or illegal guests. Rohingya and Bangladeshi illegal immigrants will not benefit from schemes meant for Indian citizens. Ignoring illegal immigration can allow terrorists like Ajmal Kasab to resurface, and incidents like bomb blasts in Mumbai could happen again. There can be no compromise on Mumbai's security." "Illegal immigration is the biggest threat to the city's safety. If Maharashtra is to be prevented from turning into another Bengal, all sections of society must now unite, and this is the need of the hour," he added. He also said, "There is no



place in Maharashtra for Bangladeshi or Rohingya illegal immigrants, and no leniency will be given for encroachment on government land. Recovering public land is our legal responsibility. Anyone trying to pressure or threaten me over these actions will not succeed; I will continue to come forward to serve the people, regardless of threats." He emphasised, "Every official in the state administration should have the freedom to fulfil their political responsibilities. My duty is to manage government land transparently, remove encroachments, and use these lands for the benefit of society. This issue is neither political nor religious; it is purely about enforcing the law and maintaining order in Mumbai. My objective is to

make all government lands in Mumbai, not just in Malvani, free from encroachment." He was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the K.E.M. Citizen Health Training Centre in Malad-Malvani on Saturday. On the occasion of Mahaparinirvan Diwas, Minister Lodha suggested naming the hospital after Bharat Ratna B.R. Ambedkar as a mark of tribute. The hospital, which had been stalled for several years, was rapidly completed during the current MahaYuti government's tenure. The Union government will now provide medical services on a larger scale, with the capacity to treat nearly 400 patients simultaneously. Equipped with state-of-the-art machinery and essential facilities.

## Good Days Ahead....

The world is full of uncertainties, but India is being seen in a different league altogether, Mr Modi said, adding, “India is full of self-confidence. When there is talk of slowdown, India writes the story of growth. When there is a trust deficit in the world, India is becoming a pillar of trust. When the world is moving towards fragmentation, India is becoming a bridge builder.” Pointing out that the Q2 GDP figures are more than 8 per cent, the Prime Minister said it is the symbol of our pace. “This is not just a number but is a strong macroeconomic signal. It is a message that India is becoming the growth driver of the global economy,” Mr Modi said. Global growth is around 3 per cent, while G-7 economies are growing at an average of about 1.5 per cent, he pointed out. “At such a time, India is a model of high growth and low inflation,” Mr Modi said. There was a time when people, especially economists in our country, used to express concern over high inflation, but the same people now talk of inflation being low, he said in his address. "India's achievements are not ordinary. It is not about numbers but about

fundamental change brought about in the last decade, Mr Modi asserted. Earlier in the day, speaking at the same conclave, external affairs minister S. Jaishankar said that the India-Russia partnership has been among the “steadiest big relationships” in the last 70-80 years. He said that the visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin was about "reimagining" the ties with a focus on economic engagement. The foreign minister dismissed notions that the Russian president could complicate India's negotiations with the US on a bilateral trade agreement. He said no country in the world should have a veto on how India conducts its foreign policy.

## 3,155 Indian.....

Tracing earlier welfare efforts, the Chief Minister reminded that the Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy-led Congress government sanctioned 25 lakh Indiramma houses after coming to power in 2005. The BRS government scrapped the scheme for 10 years, depriving lakhs of poor families of housing benefits, he said. The present government has sanctioned four lakh Indiramma houses in one year with a budget of ₹22,000 crore, in addition to 25,000

houses for tribal and ITDA areas. Revanth Reddy said the BRS lost the Lok Sabha, MLC and Jubilee Hills byelection, adding that Chandrashekar Rao’s “song” was enough to bury the party politically. Listing the welfare measures implemented in the past two years, he said crop loans up to ₹2 lakh were waived, benefiting lakhs of farmers. He accused the BRS of failing to implement its own loan waiver and adding only interest burdens to farmers. He announced that the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) works would be completed before the next Assembly elections. He alleged that when eight workers died in an accident in the SLBC tunnel, Chandrashekar Rao and his son-in-law T. Harish Rao “danced with joy.” He said the Congress government would complete the SLBC project “even if Chandrashekar Rao and Harish Rao jump into Nagarjunasagar or Srisailem by tying themselves to a cliff.” He added that the Dindi Lift Irrigation Scheme would provide irrigation to Devarakonda farmers. Assuring that the Congress would remain in power for the next 10 years, he asked people to remain confident about the state’s development path. Responding to the concerns of De-

varakonda MLA Balu Naik about poor road conditions, the Chief Minister promised BT roads from all thanandas to mandal headquarters and a four-lane road from Devarakonda to Hyderabad. He said Telangana now ranks first in paddy production, law and order and education. **Biryani feast, Saudi...** The matter also reached the Calcutta High Court, which refused to intervene in the construction of the mosque, even as it directed the Mamata Banerjee-led government to take all steps to prevent a law and order situation. Kabir, who previously had stints with the Congress and the BJP, claimed that conspiracies were being hatched to disrupt the event, even as he asserted that the police as well as the district administration were extending full cooperation. The ruling Trinamool Congress has distanced itself from the event and has instead decided to observe 'Samhati Diwas' (Unity Day) to spread the message of communal harmony.However, the TMC could not distance itself from a barrage of criticism from the BJP, which accused Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of using the MLA to polarise.

FROM FRONT PAGE



CRIME

HC quashes GO on 2017 PG med fees

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Justice Nagesh Bheemapaka of the Telangana High Court quashed a government order revising postgraduate medical and dental fees for the 2017-18 academic year and directed the Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee (AFRC) to invite fresh proposals from colleges and refix the fees within three months. The judge was dealing with a writ petition filed by the Telangana Private Medical and Dental Colleges Management Association challenging the state's practice of fixing differential fee structures for postgraduate courses and seeking a uni-

form fee structure for all categories except NRI seats. The association argued that the state's division of seats into competent authority quota and management quota, each with separate fee structures, was unconstitutional and contrary to Supreme Court precedents. It contended that the government frequently issued fee-fixation GOs at the last minute, leaving no meaningful opportunity to challenge them. As an example, the petitioner cited the government order dated May 2, 2016, issued after counseling had already begun, contending that such delays compromised procedural fairness.

HC sets aside deletion of five voter

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Justice Nagesh Bheemapaka of the Telangana High Court dismissed a writ plea challenging the alleged takeover of land at Gorrekunta, Warangal district, for the construction of a 33/11 kV electricity sub-station. The judge was hearing a writ plea filed by Bandela Mallikarjun and 39 others. The petitioners contended that they were granted 100-square yard house-site pattas in 1994 and that officials recently entered the land, cleared it with machinery and laid a foundation stone without issuing notice. They alleged that construction of the sub-station required land

acquisition and compensation and that absence of notice was in violation of their constitutional rights. Opposing the writ plea, the state and electricity authorities contended that the land was classified as government poramboke land since 1990-91 and remained vacant without any structures. It was submitted that the divisional engineer, TSNPDCL, sought one acre for the sub-station and the district collector allotted the land and handed over advance possession. The authorities asserted that no acquisition was required as the land was government property and the petitioners' claim of pattas remained unsupported by any record.

HC sets aside deletion of five voter names

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Justice T. Madhavi Devi of Telangana High Court set aside the deletion of five women voters from the electoral rolls of Madanapuram, Chintapalli mandal, Nalgonda district. The judge was hearing writ petitions filed by former sarpanch Uduthala Akhila and four others challenging the action of the tahsildar-cum-election officer in

deleting their names on the ground that they were married and allegedly residing at their matrimonial homes. The petitioners would contend that they continue to reside in Madanapuram and that their voter identity cards and other records reflect the same. It was contended that Akhila served as sarpanch from 2019 to 2024 and executed development works in the village, demonstrating continued residence. The

State Election Commission, opposing the pleas, argued that the names were removed after an enquiry based on a complaint, and that the petitioners were found not to be "ordinarily resident". It was also argued that an appellate remedy under the Representation of People Act was available. The judge observed that marriage did not automatically sever a woman's residence or connection with her native village and held

that deletion of names solely on the basis of marital status was arbitrary, particularly when the petitioners had not enrolled elsewhere. Considering the urgency in view of the upcoming local body elections and noting that the statutory remedy would not be efficacious in the present circumstances, the judge allowed the writ petitions and directed restoration of the petitioners' names to the rolls.

Plea Questions Poll Quota

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Justice T. Madhavi Devi of the Telangana High Court on Tuesday referred to a division bench, a batch of writ petitions challenging the reservation roster notified for the gram panchayat elections. The petitions were filed by residents of villages where the sarpanch and ward members seats in panchayats had been reserved for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes or Backward Classes communities despite the admitted absence, or extremely negligible presence, of such communities. The petitioners said that the state government had reserved

the posts by taking the population of the ST and SC communities as per 2011 Census and BC reservations on the basis of SEEEPC-2024 data. In the process, the seats had been reserved in villages where there was either no population of concerned community, of they were present in negligible numbers. They feared that such seats would remain vacant. The writ petitioners sought reconsideration of the reservations in these villages and the holding of elections on the basis of current population. The state, represented by special government pleader Rahul Reddy, submitted that for reservations.

HC sets aside Tribunal order on RTC staffer

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Justice Namavarapu Rajeshwar Rao of the Telangana High Court set aside an award passed by the Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court, Warangal in a long-pending service dispute concerning disciplinary action against an APSRTC cleaner. The judge was hearing a writ plea filed by the depot manager, APSRTC, Narasampet challenging the tribunal's 2007 award modifying the punishment imposed on the em-

ployee. It was contended that the tribunal intervened despite proven misconduct and despite the employee raising the dispute after an unexplained delay of over 16 years. The record showed that the charges related to the employee leaving night-shift duty without permission in 1988 and failing to sweep several vehicles. A domestic enquiry was conducted and punishment of deferment of one annual increment for two years was imposed in August 1988.

PILs Challenge Land Transformation Policy

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

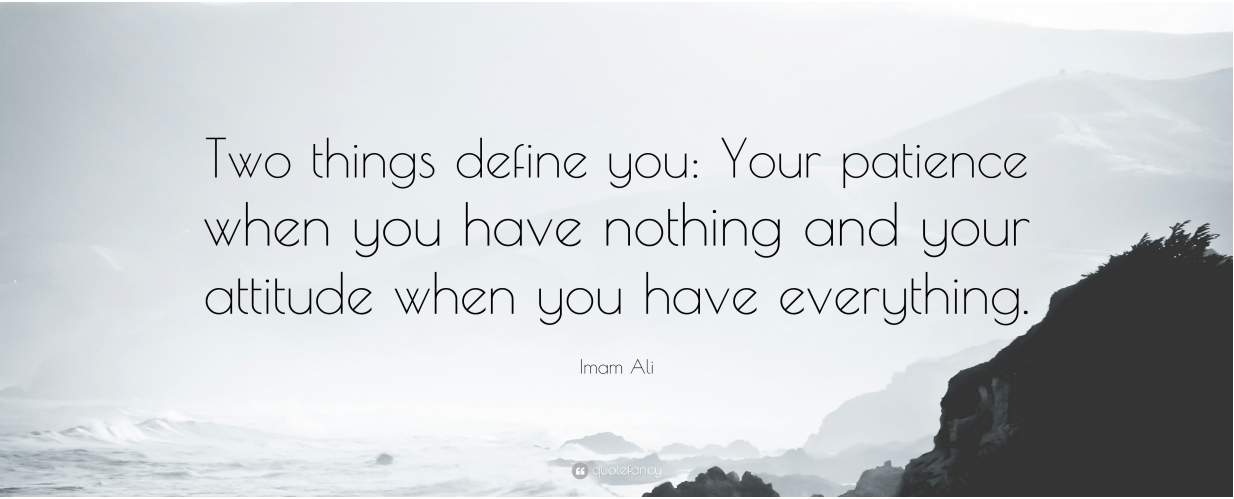
A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court took on file two PILs challenging the Hyderabad Industrial Land Transformation Policy (HILTP), which permits conversion of nearly 9,300 acres of industrial land into multi-use zones in and around Hyderabad. The panel comprising Justice P. Sam Koshy and Justice Suddala Chalapati Rao was hearing PILs filed by Prof. K. Purushotham Reddy and Dr K.A. Paul, both assailing government order dated November 22. The petitioners questioned the policy as arbitrary and contrary to the Constitution, alleging that it allowed residential, commercial, institutional and IT development inside heavily polluting in-



dustrial parks such as Jeedimetla, Patancheru and Pashamylaram without any environmental or health impact assessment. It was contended that the 2013 GO envisaged shifting polluting industries outside the Outer Ring Road and barred multiple land use until such shifting, whereas the new policy enabled "co-existence" of industries with apartments, schools and hospitals. Senior counsel Vivek Reddy appearing for the

professor sought quashing of the GO, suspension of its operation, and directions to the Union environment ministry and health ministry to conduct environmental impact and health hazard assessments before any large-scale residential or commercial development is permitted in the notified industrial parks. The petitioner also assailed the six-month "sunset clause", the lack of clear criteria for approving conversion appli-

cations, and the use of 30-50 per cent of SRO value as a one-time fee, terming it an under-valuation that benefits polluting units and encourages speculative real estate. In the connected PIL, Dr Paul challenged the same policy and sought its withdrawal. Appearing for the state, the Advocate General submitted that the GO was in line with the 2013 GO and that the broader objective remained to move polluting industries out of the area. He argued that apprehensions about future environmental and health impacts cannot be a ground to strike down a policy decision, and that land-use and industrial policies fell within the executive's domain. The panel directed the state to file its response to the PILs and posted the matter to December 29.



EDITORIAL

AS INDIA, RUSSIA DEEPEN TIES; US & EUROPE WATCH

KARNATAKA  
Wakeup telangana

With India's strategic trajectory swinging to a post-Trump 2.0 realignment, the visit of the Russian President Vladimir Putin assumed a larger-than-life dimension. Thanks to US tariffs and sanctions, it is a very old, time-tested friendship with Russia that India leans on now as its calculus of national interest points it squarely in this direction. What should normally have been a routine annual summit and bilateral between two friends had to become a big show of optics in quick hugs and another episode of limousine diplomacy — in an interesting choice of a "made in India" car — as the US was bound to have been watching Mr Putin in

India with added interest. The warm and genuine welcome may even have seduced the guest to speak extensively of peace in Ukraine after Mr Trump's peace overtures had been rebuffed in a stern reply from the Russian President asking Ukraine to withdraw from the Donbas failing which it would seize it by force, no matter how long it takes. India's position may have been nearer to neutral on the Ukraine war, which may not have pleased the US and the West but Prime Minister Narendra Modi's declaration that India was on the side of peace may have set the tone for Mr Putin to speak about the war in New Delhi. A tri-services guard of honour at the Rashtrapati Bhavan and a visit to the memorial of the apostle of

peace were formal events that stressed the importance of the state visit, but the host country's focus was more on pursuing its national interests that trump everything else, particularly in the face of shifting geopolitics. The ballooning trade deficit in the region of \$60 billion-plus, owing to large purchases of Russian oil but which tapered off to near nil this month after US sanctions, the need to modernise India's forces with more Russian assistance by way of supply as well as technology transfer and finding avenues for Indian workforce in view of abnormal restrictions the Trump regime has been imposing were addressed in the bilateral meeting culminating in valuable memoranda of agreements.



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# Thrilling Biker Stunts Take Center Stage at Hyderabad Supercross Event

CM Revanth Reddy And Salman Khan at the Indian Supercross Racing League Hosted in Hyderabad



**HYDERABAD**  
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The Indian Supercross Racing League (ISRL) Season 2 delivered a high-octane spectacle as Round 2 unfolded at the GMC Balayogi Athletic Stadium, Gachibowli, with megastar Salman Khan energizing the crowd as ISRL Brand Ambassador. The event was flagged off by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who praised the league’s contribution to youth development, sports innovation, and Hyderabad’s emergence as a global sporting hub. Over 18,000 fans filled the stadium, creating an electrifying atmosphere as riders from across the globe competed in intense, adrenaline-fueled races. Team Gujarat Trailblazers emerged as the overall winners of Round 2. Anthony Bourdon of BB Racing (France) dominated the 450cc International Class on a Honda CRF 450 R, while Calvin Fonville (France) took the 250cc International Class aboard a Yamaha YZ 250. In the 250cc India-Asia Mix category,

Nakami Makarim from Bigrock Motorsports (Indonesia) clinched the win riding a Kawasaki KX 250. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy highlighted the role of such events in promoting youth engagement, job creation, tourism, and world-class sporting standards, emphasizing the importance of discipline and resilience fostered through motorsports. Salman Khan expressed excitement at witnessing Indian and international riders compete together, noting ISRL’s role in providing opportunities for young talent while ensuring world-class safety and professional standards. Veer Patel, Managing Director and Co-Founder of ISRL, called the event a landmark moment for Indian motorsport, noting the passionate support from fans as a reflection of the sport’s growing popularity. Patel also acknowledged the Telangana government’s backing in developing a world-class motorsport ecosystem that nurtures talent and opens global

pathways. The Hyderabad round showcased a truly international roster, with over 36 athletes from 21 countries including Australia, France, USA, Germany, Thailand, and South Africa racing alongside India’s top riders such as Rugved Barguje and Ikshan Shanbhag. The Reise Moto Fan Park enhanced the experience with live music, racing simulators, F&B zones, interactive brand experiences, rider meet-and-greets, and team merchandise, creating a festival-like atmosphere beyond the track. ISRL now heads to Kozhikode, Kerala, for the Grand Finale on December 21, promising the most intense championship showdown of the season. The league, promoted by Team Supercross India, led by former national champions Veer Patel and Eeshan Lokhande, continues to blend global competition standards with India’s finest talent, establishing the country as a growing hub for competitive Supercross.



## Hyderabad to Host Largest Curated Art Show HYD.ART 2025 from December 19–21

**HYDERABAD**  
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Hyderabad is set to host HYD.ART 2025, the city’s largest curated art and cultural showcase, from December 19–21 at EON Hyderabad, Nanakramguda. The three-day extravaganza brings together over 200 artists and galleries from across India, offering an immersive experience of Indian art, spanning historic masterpieces, contemporary works, emerging talent, and traditional folk expressions. A centerpiece of the event is the Masters of India gallery, featuring rare and significant works by modern Indian legends M.F. Husain and S.H. Raza. The showcase also highlights 30 leading contemporary artists from Hyderabad alongside 30 emerging artists from across the country, creating a platform where diverse voices in Indian art converge.



A special tribute, “Keerthanam – A Tribute to Telugu Legends”, celebrates the contributions of revered yesteryear Telugu artists, while a three-generation Mithila art exhibition traces the lineage, evolution, and contemporary expressions of this celebrated art form. Curated by Annapurna Madipadiga in collaboration with Hasan and presented by the Nava-naami Group, HYD.ART 2025 combines exhibitions with an array of panel discussions, presentations, and workshops.

Highlights include Rao Bahadur M.V. Dhurandhar: The Artist and His Art by art historian Sandeep Dahisarkar, Acquiring a Master: Insights from Gallery, Market & History, Rooted Movements: Narratives, Craft & Design Practices, and Daivatvam: Three Generations of Mithila Art. Attendees can also participate in live demonstrations and workshops, including Mithila painting, gouache cityscapes, fabric and mixed media, and woodcut printmaking.

Venkat Naveen Gadde, Founder & MD of Nava-naami Projects Pvt. Ltd., said, “Supporting HYD.ART 2025 reflects our commitment to fostering Hyderabad’s cultural legacy, where architecture, business, and art come together to inspire new worlds of creative expression.” HYD.ART 2025 promises a rich, multi-dimensional celebration, positioning Hyderabad as a hub for both heritage and contemporary art.

## PM-FME scheme helps youth launch spice brand, generate local jobs

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and ‘Vocal for Local’ is changing the lives of millions across the country. By taking advantage of government schemes, young Indians are not only securing a better future for themselves but also creating employment opportunities for others. Saurabh Kumar from Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, is one such inspiring example. Saurabh once prepared for government examinations and even cleared several of them. However, he carried a deeper aspiration, to build something of his own and provide others with the opportunity for a better life.



With this goal in mind, Saurabh decided to utilize the PM-FME (Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises) scheme, which offers financial and technical support to small food processing units. Guided by the Industry

Department, he applied for the scheme and was approved. Soon after, he set up a spice processing plant at Indrapuri Chowk in Hazaribagh and launched his own spice brand, “Apna Zaayka.” Speaking to IANS, Saurabh explains that his decision to enter the spice business had a

clear purpose. He had often read and observed the prevalence of adulterated spices in the market. He wanted to provide pure, hygienic, and locally produced spices to the people of his region. Today, “Apna Zaayka” has earned a strong reputation in Hazaribagh. The establishment of the plant not only increased Saurabh’s own income but also created employment for nearly a dozen people. The PM-FME scheme’s One District One Product (ODOP) component is giving local entrepreneurs a new direction, and young people like Saurabh are strengthening this initiative on the ground.



Madhuri Dixit stuns in her Sonepuri silk saree, carries 'quiet grace on every fold'

Bollywood superstar Madhuri Dixit has always been called synonymous with charm and effortless grace for more than three decades. The actress recently took to her social media account in sharing a carousel post with an umpteen number of pictures of herself in her traditional best. The actress captioned it as, "A gentle glow of tradition flows through this mustard and black Sonepuri silk, carrying quiet grace in every fold. Soft ikat bandha patterns, subtle kangala motifs, and delicate woven butis give it a timeless, understated elegance," with heart emoticons.

In the pictures, the 'Hum Aapke Hain Koun...!' actress radiates elegance in a stunning mustard and black 'Sonepuri' silk saree. Madhuri is further seen pairing the saree with a sleeveless black blouse that enhances her graceful look.

For her accessories, Madhuri is seen wearing a striking gold necklace with a bold pendant, matching



earrings, and multiple gold rings and bangles. With her hair neatly styled in a classic bun and her soft-glam makeup with Kohl-lined eyes and a small black bindi, the actress exudes grace and timeless

charm. On the professional front, the actress, after entertaining her audiences with her choices of movies and projects, is all set to appear in her next OTT show, titled 'Mrs. Deshpande'.

The first glimpse of the show that was unveiled recently saw in an intense and thrilling avatar. Produced by Applause Entertainment in association with Kukunoor Movies and directed by Nagesh Kukunoor, 'Mrs. Deshpande' introduces audiences to a Madhuri Dixit that fans have never witnessed before.

Her raw, stripped-back, and powerfully real avatar in 'Mrs. Deshpande' is sure to intrigue audiences. Madhuri Dixit Nene recently was on a US tour where her fans got to see their idol share some unknown facts about her personal and professional life and also watch her dance to some of her iconic Bollywood dance numbers.

For the uninitiated, the actress debuted with the movie 'Abodh' in 1984 and rose to fame with her movies like 'Anjaam', 'Hum Aapke Hain Koun...!', 'Dil', 'Tejaab', 'Beta', among others. She was last seen in the OTT movie 'Majaa Ma', which was released in 2022.

Diljit Dosanjh gorges on this classic Punjabi delicacy as mercury drops across north India

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh, who recently lost out the International Emmy Award for Best Actor, is sharing details of his hearty meal as the winter season picks up momentum. On Saturday, the actor-singer took to his Instagram, and shared a fun video in which he can be seen giving a tour of a property that he has presumably booked for a holiday in Punjab.

In the video, Diljit can be seen giving a running commentary as he gives the tour of the property, A Punjabi haveli. In the video, the actor-singer was also seen enjoying a generous portion of the classic Punjabi delicacy, Sarso'n da saag and



makke di roti. He also had kheer for the dessert. He wrote in the caption, "Our Punjab". Elsewhere in the video, he also made a sarcastic remark about an Indian aircraft carrier which has misplaced the baggages of flyers after the recent string of fiasco at the airports across India. Showing the series of baggage being taken to his room in the property, Diljit said that it feels like the said

airlines has sent all the misplaced baggage to the property. Meanwhile, on the work front, the actor-singer is gearing up for his upcoming film 'Border 2'. Recently, the makers of the film had unveiled his intense first look from the film.

The first look poster shows Diljit as an air force officer in 'Border 2'. Sitting in his aircraft, he is seen in the middle of a war-like situation, with enemies attacking him from all sides.

With bloodied hands and face, Diljit has an intense expression on his face. Sharing Diljit's fierce look from his next, the makers penned, "Iss Desh ke Aasmaan Mein Guru ke Baaz Pehra dete hain #Border2 in cinemas 23rd January, 2026. (sic)".

Julia Roberts and Sean Penn Bond speak up on their bond, cancel culture'

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

Hollywood stars Julia Roberts and Sean Penn are delivering power-packed performances as complicated, volatile characters amid volatile political environments.

In Luca Guadagnino's 'After the Hunt', Julia Roberts plays Alma Imhoff, a Yale professor of philosophy who is forced to confront her own flaws and biases when a student accuses her colleague of assault, reports 'Variety'. And in Paul Thomas Anderson's 'One Battle After Another', Sean Penn's Col. Steven J. Lockjaw plunges the lives of a father and daughter into chaos as he undertakes a mission of revenge against political dissidents.

As per 'Variety', the actors, who are longtime friends and neighbors, spoke about their work and careers before heading to dinner. When Julia asked, "How many years do you think we've known each other? I think I know the answer", her co-actor said, "I'm thinking back to New York, the Mayflower Hotel during the shooting of 'The Pope of Greenwich Village'".

During the conversation, the actress spoke about Luca Guadagnino, Andrew Garfield and Ayo Edebiri, who are her co-stars in 'After the Hunt'. She said, "Luca and Andrew (Garfield), Ayo (Edebiri) and Chloe (Sevigny) came to our



house and sat for days and days at our kitchen table, and we had all these conversations. Really bright people do not jockey for their position. They share their ideas and their feelings and then they listen intently. It's the listening that I feel we've gotten the farthest from in culture, because conversations get so intense so quickly, and you're just waiting for that break so that you can say, "OK, but this is why I'm right. This is why what I believe is better". It was so nice to have the time and to be with truly bright people, and hearing what everybody had to say. We didn't necessarily tell all our characters' secrets. But it was just a great playground of thought".

Deepika Cheers Ranveer as Dhurandhar Hits Theatres Today

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

Bollywood superstar Deepika Padukone seems to be excited and thrilled as star husband Ranveer Singh gears up for his big release, Dhurandhar, today on the 5th of December. Deepika shared a carousel post featuring herself looking all things sassy and classy. The actress in the pictures is seen sporting a chic and fitted black button-down jacket paired with high-waisted wide-leg dark denim.



Her husband, Ranveer Singh who couldn't handle his wife's hotness, took to the comments section of Deepika's social media post, and wrote, "Jaan Hi Lele," with a knife emoticon. Deepika's cascading wavy hair and subtle

makeup in the pictures elevate the look with effortless glamour. Completing the outfit are pointed black heels that add height and sharpness to her silhouette.

Talking about Ranveer Singh, with Dhurandhar the actor returns to the big screen after a hiatus of two long years. Earlier this evening, Deepika had taken to her social media account to root for her husband for Dhurandhar. As per the caption, it looks like she caught one of the first day's shows of "Dhurandhar".

Deepika wrote, "Dhurandhar has been watched and is worth every minute of those 3.34 hours! So do yourselves a favour and get to a cinema hall NOW! So incredibly proud of you, Ranveer Singh! Congratulations to the entire cast and crew! @adityadharfilms | @officialjiostudios (sic)".

Earlier today, actress Yami Gautam also penned an emotional note for her director husband Aditya Dhar and the entire 'Dhurandhar' team. For the uninitiated, Dhurandhar has been directed by Aditya

Dhar. Yami had uploaded a photo with her husband and penned, "And it's DHURANDHAR DAY today!!!! Some of the hardest working & most gem-like people that I know & am proud to call them my family!!! You have given all your heart, devotion, dedication, intent, passion, sweat, blood, and tears (which you never show) to this film, Aditya!!! (sic) "Too many emotions running today, many hearts beating together!!! You guys are Dhurandhars.

Vinesh Phogat flays WFI for not allowing Nirmala Boora to take part in national trials

KOLKATA Wakeup telangana

Olympian wrestler and Haryana MLA Vinesh Phogat has taken the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) to task for treating seasoned grappler Nirmala Boora "extremely unfairly" during the recent national trials. She claimed that Nirmala was not allowed to participate in the trials, and no reason was given for denying her the opportunity.

Vinesh, who has been at loggerheads with the national federation ever since leading a protest against former WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh for allegedly sexually harassing young wrestlers. Though Brij Bhushan has been given a clean chit by a court, Vinesh and other protesters claim that no proper inquiry was conducted by the BJP government, as he belongs to their party.



On Saturday, Vinesh, who represents Julana constituency in the Haryana Assembly, took to social media to put out a statement in support of Nirmala Boora.

"Nirmala Boora is a highly respected and accomplished athlete from Haryana. She is a Bhim Awardee, Commonwealth Games silver medalist, Asian Championship silver medalist, and a 20-time medallist in Senior Nationals, including 14-15 gold medals at the Senior National level.

Currently, she is serving as an Inspector in the Haryana Police. She is one of the most senior wrestlers active in India today, and her continued participation at this age is an inspiration to us all," said Vinesh in her statement.

She said denying Nirmala a chance to participate in the national trials was unfair. "However, recently, she was treated extremely unfairly during the National trials held in Haryana... Nirmala Boora was not allowed to participate in the trials; no

reason was given, and no official information was provided. The federation is being run by goons and thugs who are arbitrarily deciding which players to include or exclude without any transparency.

"Unfortunately, the Haryana and Central Sports Ministries are not taking any concrete action on this serious issue, even though players work hard throughout the year and hope for a fair opportunity," said Vinesh, who had reached the final of the 53kg weight category in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games before being disqualified being above the stipulated weight during the weigh-in on the morning of the final.

The 31-year-old Vinesh, a two-time World Championships bronze medalist, former Asian champion, Asian Games gold medalist, and a three-time Commonwealth Games.

'Stay in your domain': Gambhir slams 'IPL team owner' after ODI series win

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Team India head coach Gautam Gambhir, under scrutiny following the recent Test series defeat to South Africa, delivered a fiery rebuttal to critics after India clinched the ODI series 2-1 with a dominant nine-wicket victory over the Proteas in the third and final match of the series in Visakhapatnam on Saturday.

His strongest remarks were seemingly directed at Delhi Capitals co-owner Parth Jindal, who had publicly advocated for a split-coaching structure in Indian cricket.

Addressing the media after the series win, Gambhir, who highlighted the absence of skipper Shubman Gill, sidelined with a neck injury, as a key factor in India's Test series loss, asserted that individuals outside the cricketing ecosystem should refrain from commenting on matters beyond their expertise.

He said: "I am surprised that no one was talking about this (Gill's unavailability to bat) and all the dis-



cussions were around the pitch and many other things. There were people who had nothing to do with cricket also giving their opinions. An IPL team owner also wrote about a split coaching staff who had nothing to do with the game. People should stay in their domain. If I do not enter anybody's domain, they

also have no right to enter my domain."

Confirming Gill's availability for the upcoming T20Is, Gambhir added: "Shubman is ready to go—that's why he's been selected. He's fit, hungry to work, and improve. And look, there are quality players on this side. As I've said many times, they are world-class players."

The controversy was sparked by Jindal's social media criticism of India's Test performances. He had written: "Not even close, what a complete thrashing at home! Don't remember seeing our Test side being so weak at home! This is what happens when red-ball specialists are not picked... Time for India to move to a specialist red-ball coach for Test cricket @BCCI."

India now turns their attention to the five-match T20I series against South Africa, beginning December 9 in Cuttack, followed by games on December 11 (New Chandigarh), December 14 (Dharamsala), December 17 (Lucknow), and December 19 (Ahmedabad).



### Assam Umrah pilgrims stranded in Hyderabad after IndiGo cancels flight

Twenty-eight Umrah pilgrims from Assam have been left stranded in Hyderabad after their IndiGo connecting flight to Guwahati was cancelled on Friday, December 5, adding to the widespread operational turmoil currently affecting the airline across India.

The passengers, most of them elderly, arrived from Jeddah on IndiGo flight 6E 68 and were scheduled to travel onward the same day. Upon reaching Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), they were informed that their connecting service had been withdrawn. The group waited at the terminal for nearly five hours before being shifted to Hotel SM Deccan Park in Shamshabad, where accommodation was provided for only one night. With no support offered beyond their initial stay, the pilgrims were left to arrange their own food and lodging until the airline issued fresh tickets for Monday, December 8, extending their wait in the city by another 48 hours. Several travellers have reported fatigue and health concerns due to the prolonged uncertainty. In a post on X, Majlis Bachao Tahreek (MBT) spokesperson Amjed Ullah Khan called attention to the situation, urging IndiGo, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and local authorities to intervene. He said that elderly pilgrims returning from Umrah should not be left without food.

### SCRPS Committee Honors Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on Mahaparinirvas Diwas



The SCRPS Committee solemnly commemorated Mahaparinirvas Diwas by paying homage to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Sadana Mandir, X Road, Bolarum. The event honored the legacy of the principal architect of India’s Constitution and a tireless champion of social justice and equality.

Committee members highlighted Dr. Ambedkar’s lifelong dedication to fighting caste discrimination and promoting the upliftment of marginalized communities. Speeches focused on his vision of an inclusive society rooted in liberty, equality, and fraternity, as well as his indelible role in shaping India’s democratic framework.

Attendees participated in prayer sessions and recited passages from Dr. Ambedkar’s writings, reflecting on his continuing relevance in the struggle for human rights and social fairness. The SCRPS Committee reaffirmed its commitment to carrying forward his ideals through ongoing community welfare and social empowerment initiatives. The tribute concluded with a pledge to uphold Dr. Ambedkar’s principles, fostering harmony and progress within Bolarum and beyond.

### Ganja worth Rs 3 lakh Secunderabad railway station, two arrested

The Government Railway Police, along with the EAGLE team of Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau, apprehended two persons for allegedly smuggling ganja at Secunderabad station. The police seized 6.86 grams of ganja worth Rs 3,43,150. The accused are Muna Prusty alias Muna Kumar, 20 years, a resident of Odisha and Tikash Kumar Barik alias Babu, 23 years, a resident of Odisha and staying in Gujarat.

Three others, Ashish, a resident of Odisha, Jayesh and Shubham, both residents of Mumbai, Maharashtra, are absconding. According to SN Javeed, DSP GRP Secunderabad, the accused Muna and Tikash went to Berhampur in Odisha and purchased the ganja for Rs. 5000 a kilogram.

They boarded the Konark Express and heading to Mumbai when the GRP Secunderabad and EAGLE team caught them at platform number 10.

# Congress To Showcase Two-Year Governance Transformation

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As the Congress government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy completes two years in office on Sunday, it released a progress report on Saturday covering key sectors like education, health, roads and buildings, infrastructure development and aviation connectivity. The government, which assumed office on December 7, 2023 after defeating the BRS which was in power for a decade, highlighted reforms, institutional expansion, recruitment drives and large-scale capital works undertaken over the past 24 months.



The education sector saw the most extensive overhaul. In school education, the government filled 10,006 teacher posts through DSC-2024 and carried out one of the largest transfer and promotion exercises, benefiting over 55,000 teachers. Free electricity was extended to all government schools at an annual cost of ₹140 crore. Under the Amma Adarsha Pathashala initiative, more than 58,600 repair and sanitation

works worth ₹642 crore were completed, and an additional ₹146 crore was allocated for maintenance. To strengthen girls’ education, 120 KGBVs were upgraded to the Intermediate level, and 93 KGBVs were designated as Young India Integrated Institutes of Excellence, offering engineering, medicine and law coaching. Pre-primary education gained a major boost

with 1,000 new Early Childhood Education centres. AI and Digital Literacy were introduced for Classes 1 to 9, while digital upgrades included 19,800 teacher tablets, 17,875 interactive panels and 3,565 computer labs. Facial Recognition Attendance was rolled out in all government schools, covering 19 lakh students and 1.2 lakh teachers. For 2025-26, the department plans foreign exposure visits for teachers, 1,132 ICT labs, 4,072 interactive panels, internet connectivity in all schools, holistic report cards and strengthened vocational education in 1,037 schools. In Intermediate Education, 1,286 junior lecturers, 40 librarians and 68 junior assis-

tants were recruited, along with promotions for 77 lecturers. With a budget of ₹954 crore over two academic years, the government built new colleges, funded textbooks and repairs, and installed fire safety systems. Dropout monitoring through the UDISE-PEN system improved retention, while the T-STEM and EkStep initiatives received national recognition. In technical education, four new polytechnics were established in underserved regions, and GP Kosgi was upgraded to an engineering college. Massive infrastructure works worth hundreds of crores were sanctioned for polytechnics in Kesamudram, Warangal, Suryapet and Masab Tank. Curriculum

reforms included the C-24 rollout, open book exams, mandatory industrial training and Aadhaar-based attendance. Recruitment of 240 lecturers and 24 librarians was completed, and 29 polytechnics secured NBA accreditation. Future plans include strengthening placement cells, launching industry partnerships, expanding skill labs and completing key building works by March 2026. At the university level, the government established Veeranari Chakali Ilamma Women’s University and the Manmohan Singh University of Earth Sciences. New law and engineering colleges were sanctioned at Palamuru, Satavahana and Telangana universities.

### HMDA concludes its land auction, fetches Rs 3,862.8 crore

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

With the land auction of Golden Mile site, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) concluded its latest phase of land auctions, held on Friday. “The 1.98-acre Golden Mile site was secured by COEUS Education Management Pvt. Ltd. at Rs 77.75 crore an acre. With this outcome, HMDA’s

cumulative revenue from auction initiatives reached Rs 3,862.8 crore, underscoring strong market appetite for well-located development opportunities across the metropolitan region, according to an official statement. HMDA’s auction programme was ably supported by transaction advisors Cushman & Wakefield and the MSTC e-auction platform, ensuring a transparent.

### “Democrats Work for Ambedkar’s Vision in Telangana”: Kavitha

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Kalvakuntla Kavitha emphasised that all democrats in Telangana are working tirelessly every day to realize Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s vision. She highlighted that the state’s creation, guided by Article 3, reflects Ambedkar’s principles and the collective effort of democrats across Telangana. Kavitha recalled the role of Jagruti in championing



Ambedkar’s statue in the Assembly during the

united state era. Thanks to their determination, the statue was successfully installed, symbolizing the enduring respect for Ambedkar’s ideals. She further stated that Jagruti advocates for equal opportunities for everyone across all fields. With Ambedkar’s inspiration as a guiding force, the push for a socially inclusive Telangana will continue, reinforcing justice, equality, and empowerment across the state.

### Harish Rao Slams Revanth for Ignoring Home Guards’ Welfare

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Former Minister T. Harish Rao accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of betraying the Home Guards by failing to implement the promises made before the elections and by neglecting their welfare.



Harish Rao pointed out that in the last two years, over 60 Home Guards have died, yet except for road accident cases, no ex-gratia was released, leaving families in financial distress. He said delayed salaries have pushed many into hardship, making it difficult to pay school fees, rent, and medical bills. Except in Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Rachakonda, uniform allowances pending for four years have not been cleared.

Harish Rao contrasted this with the BRS government’s track record, recalling how salaries were

increased from ₹9,000 to ₹27,600, traffic Home Guards were granted a 30% risk allowance, maternity leave was introduced, accidental death insurance of ₹5 lakh was provided, and program allowance was doubled to ₹10,000. Over ₹600 crore was spent annually on their welfare, ensuring dignity for their families. He alleged that the Congress government insulted Home Guards by adding only ₹79 to the existing daily salary and by forming a faction against them instead of supporting them. Recalling unfulfilled promises made to the family of Home Guard Ravinder, Harish Rao said even compassionate appointments remained a dream.

### BRS Leaders Pay Tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on His Death Anniversary



HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao, along with senior party leaders, paid rich tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Telangana Bhavan on his death anniversary, reaffirming their commitment to uphold his ideals. Leaders recalled Ambedkar’s pivotal role in shaping the Indian

Constitution and highlighted the significance of Article 3, which he introduced—an article that later paved the way for the realization of Telangana statehood. They emphasized that during its nine-and-a-half-year governance, the BRS followed Ambedkar’s vision by implementing welfare and empowerment measures aimed at uplifting marginalized communities.

The party also noted symbolic tributes made under former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao’s leadership, including the installation of a 125-foot statue of Ambedkar in Hyderabad and naming the Telangana State Secretariat after him. Marking the solemn occasion, leaders appealed to the public to intensify efforts toward building the just, equitable society that Babasaheb envisioned.

### BJP Pays Tributes to Ambedkar, Slams Congress for Violating Constitution

HYDERABAD  
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On the occasion of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar’s death anniversary, BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchandra Rao led tributes at the party’s state office by laying a wreath before Ambedkar’s portrait. Senior BJP leaders including State Organizational General Secretary Chandrashekhara Tiwari, General Secretaries Dr. Gautam Rao and Vemula Ashok, SC Morcha State President Kanti Kiran,

and senior leader Chinta Sambamurthy also participated. Rao asserted that while Babasaheb Ambedkar upheld equality, justice and fundamental rights, it was the Congress party that repeatedly violated the very Constitution he authored, despite ruling the nation for decades. He accused Congress of attempting constitutional amendments to suit its political agenda, imposing the Emergency, and suppressing fundamental rights. He further criti-



cized Congress for granting the Bharat Ratna to Nehru and Indira Gandhi earlier, while failing to honor Ambedkar during their long rule. Ambedkar eventually received the award posthumously in 1990 with BJP’s support.

Highlighting the Modi government’s efforts, Rao credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for establishing Ambedkar’s memorials as Panchatheertha, developing significant sites such as Nagpur, Mumbai,

and Ambedkar’s London residence—now converted into a library. These initiatives, he said, reflect the BJP government’s respect for Ambedkar’s ideology. Turning to state issues, the BJP leader accused the Telangana Congress government of betraying people with the Kamareddy Declaration. He expressed grief over the suicide of BC youth Ishwar Chari, who allegedly felt injustice was done to BC communities. Rao urged youth to fight

against government frauds and injustices but not resort to taking their own lives, emphasizing that “change comes from struggle, not death.” Calling Ambedkar a guiding force for every poor and marginalized community, Rao urged citizens to follow his principles. Concluding his tribute, he reaffirmed that the BJP government’s mission, dharma, and direction remain rooted in Ambedkar’s constitutional path.

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