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Brief Insights

Bouquet of Goodies for AP in Central Budget

Andhra Pradesh would benefit majorly from the Union Budget 2026-27, with the Centre extending targeted support for industrial development, tourism, coastal agriculture and infrastructure along the East Coast. Presenting the Budget in Parliament, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that AP would be among the mineral-rich states linked for a set of rare earth corridors, aimed at boosting mining, processing, research and advanced manufacturing. The move is expected to strengthen the state's role in strategic sectors such as clean energy, electronics and electric mobility. The Budget also proposed the development of an integrated East Coast Industrial Corridor under the Purvodaya initiative, a measure expected to accelerate industrial growth, logistics

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Rahul Gandhi Says Budget Ignores India's Real Crises

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said the Union Budget for 2026-27 is "blind to India's real crises", and highlighted how the youth are without jobs, manufacturing is falling and farmers are in distress. "Youth without jobs. Falling manufacturing. Investors pulling out capital. Household savings plummeting. Farmers in distress. Looming global shocks - all ignored," the Congress leader said. "A Budget that refuses course correction, blind to India's real crises," Gandhi said in a post on X. In her speech, Union Finance Minister Sitharaman announced that the target for capex will be raised to Rs 12.2 lakh crore for FY27 from Rs 11.2 lakh crore earmarked for the current fiscal year. She also announced a slew of measures to boost infrastructure in the country, including in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. The budget came in the backdrop of global uncertainties, trade frictions and US tariffs and slowdown in exports.



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FM Sitharaman Unveils Growth-Oriented Budget with Rs 12.2L Cr Capex

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy asks rebels to withdraw, stresses unity

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget 2026-27 with a strong emphasis on sustaining economic growth, boosting infrastructure, and strengthening domestic manufacturing, while maintaining fiscal prudence. The Budget announced a record public capital expenditure of Rs 12.2 lakh crore (4.4% of GDP) for roads, railways, logistics, urban infrastructure, and connectivity, aimed at crowding in private investment and generating employment. The government prioritized strategic sectors including biopharma, semiconductors, electronics components, rare earth minerals, textiles,



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and construction equipment, introducing initiatives to reduce import dependence and enhance self-reliance. Dedicated rare earth and mineral corridors, hi-tech tool rooms, and container and coastal cargo promotion schemes were announced. MSMEs received support via a dedicated growth fund, improved credit ac-

cess, and measures to ease doing business. Social sectors, including healthcare, trauma care, and social security for gig workers, continued to receive attention, along with agriculture and rural development initiatives to improve farmer incomes and rural livelihoods. Tax measures focused on stability and simplification,

such as TCS/TDS rationalization, extension of I-T return timelines, and a one-time foreign asset disclosure window for small taxpayers. Exemptions on import duties for certain medical drugs and components were also provided. The Finance Minister described the Budget as a long-term vision for India 2047, guided by three "kartavyas" – accelerating economic growth, fulfilling citizen aspirations, and ensuring equitable access to resources. By combining fiscal discipline with targeted public investment, the Budget aims to create jobs, strengthen resilience against global uncertainties, and position India as a competitive global economy.

KCR Grilled for 4 Hours by SIT

SIT Questions KCR; Supporters Turn Out in Large Numbers



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BRS president and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao was questioned for over four hours on Sunday by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in the alleged phone-tapping case. The questioning, which began around 3 pm at his Nandi Nagar residence, concluded after about four hours and 45 minutes, with officials recording the entire session through audio and video. Chandrashekar Rao had earlier challenged the SIT's jurisdiction, terming the notice served to him illegal. During the interrogation, he was allowed one companion, former MP J. Santosh Kumar, while senior advocate Ramchander Rao was on standby for legal assistance. BRS leaders KT Rama Rao, T. Harish Rao, and RS Praveen Kumar were present at the residence. The SIT team included Madhapur DCP Reethi-radj, IPS officers Vijay Kumar and Narayan Reddy, along with Additional SPs Arvind Kumar and KS Rao. In-



Stop diversion politics: KTR

BRS working president KT Rama Rao asked the Congress government to stop diversion politics and start focusing on delivering its electoral promises. Calling the questioning of BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in the alleged phone-tapping case an attempt to divert people's attention from the government's failure, he said this was to disrupt the BRS's attention from the ongoing municipal elections. "The two-year Congress rule in Telangana can be summed up in three words – 'diversion, subversion and perversion.' The Congress government is using the SIT probe to mask its failures, divert people's attention from unfulfilled promises and rising public dissatisfaction, ahead of municipal elections," he said. Telangana travel packages

investigators reportedly questioned him based on

statements collected from other witnesses in the case. The day saw a massive display of political support for Chandrashekar Rao. Supporters gathered along highways, at Nandi Nagar, and Telangana Bhavan, cheering and showering flowers, with slogans of "Jai Telangana, Jai KCR" and "CM, CM." His convoy from Erravelli to Hyderabad resembled an election roadshow, forcing police to manage crowds and traffic carefully. Only a few vehicles were allowed to proceed further near Hyderabad to avoid public inconvenience. Despite the SIT's visit, the former Chief Minister demonstrated political resilience, calmly cooperating while questioning overwhelming public and party support throughout the day.

"Missed the Ball": Tharoor Uses Cricket Analogy to Attack Budget

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Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Sunday used a cricketing analogy to express his disappointment with the Union Budget, saying Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman "seems to have missed the ball." In an interview with PTI at the news agency's headquarters, Tharoor said Sitharaman's Budget speech seemed to have "lots of subheadings but very few specifics", and was "completely short" of an overall vision. As a Kerala MP, Tharoor said, he had nothing to be happy about in this Budget. Tharoor asserted that the biggest unanswered question remains jobs, noting that there was little in the Budget speech to indicate how employment would be generated. Asked whether the finance minister has "hit it out of the park" or "missed the ball completely and been stumped", Tharoor said, "I don't know if she's been stumped yet, but she certainly seems to have missed the ball. In one or two places, she may have got edges, but I'm



not quite sure that we've got anything off the meat of the bat so far." Noting that it was a fairly short Budget speech, Tharoor said it seemed to have lots of subheadings but very few specifics. "On the big-picture issues, there was nothing that we could hear for the middle class and the lower middle class. There was nothing there for the states. In fact, fiscal devolution remains unchanged at 41 per cent, and many states have complained that they don't have enough to fulfil their own obligations to their citizens," the former Union minister said, adding that there was "genuine concern" over it. He claimed that there were very few details on key aspects, such as what would be set up and where and

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'Historic' Budget Reflects Aspirations of 140 Crore Indians: PM Modi

"Today's budget is historic. It reflects the aspirations of 140 crore Indians. It strengthens the reform journey and charts a clear roadmap for Viksit Bharat," Modi said.

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Terming the Union Budget 2026-27 as "historic", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said it reflects the aspirations of 140-crore Indians and charts a clear roadmap for 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. The Prime Minister described the Budget presented by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman as "ambitious and futuristic" and said it reflects the empowered spirit of the nation's women. Modi highlighted that Sitharaman, as a woman finance minister, has set a new record by presenting the country's Budget for the ninth consecutive time. He dubbed the Budget a



"highway of immense opportunities, one that fulfils the dreams of the present and strengthens the foundation of India's bright future". "The Budget serves as the basis for India's high flight towards becoming a developed nation by 2047," the Prime Minister said, adding that the reform express on which India is riding will gain new energy and new momentum through this Budget.

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Telangana Leads Race for Central Urban Challenge Fund

Modi Government "Challenges" CM Revanth Reddy Administration To Get Urban Infra Projects

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Telangana is emerging as a frontrunner to secure Central assistance under the newly announced Urban Challenge Fund (UCF), a ₹1 lakh crore annual initiative for the next five years. Success under the UCF could provide a major boost to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's Telangana Rising 2047 vision, with Hyderabad positioned as a global city and a key driver of the state's urban and economic ambitions. The state has already proposed projects worth nearly

₹40,000 crore, covering critical sectors such as sewerage, water supply, and urban rejuvenation. Major initiatives include a ₹17,000-crore overhaul of the sewerage network within the Outer Ring Road, a ₹7,400-crore Godavari drinking water supply project, ₹700-crore Manjeera refurbishment, and a ₹280-crore Osmansagar conduit project. Telangana has secured loan approval from HUDCO for the Godavari project and lined up private partners under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM), satisfying the UCF's two key conditions: bankability and



private-sector execution. Experts highlight that the state's urban plans are complemented by high-speed rail corridors connecting Hyderabad to Vijayawada, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, along with

tax incentives for data centres and global capability centres (GCCs). These initiatives are expected to accelerate Hyderabad's transformation under the Bharat Future City plan, strengthening its position as a hub for innovation, investment, and international business. HMWS&SB managing director K. Ashok Reddy said Telangana's preparedness gives it a competitive edge over other states seeking UCF support. Among other flagship projects, the Musi rejuvenation project, a priority for the Chief Minister, is

also expected to qualify, with the Asian Development Bank funding 50% of the ₹4,500-crore first phase. State officials believe that securing UCF funds will not only modernise Telangana's urban infrastructure but also enhance long-term economic and social development. By upgrading drinking water sources, revitalising rivers, and expanding citywide sewerage networks, the projects aim to improve livability, sustainability, and global competitiveness, ensuring Hyderabad emerges as a model urban centre by 2047.

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Telangana Overlooked in Union Budget: Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka

Bhatti Vikramarka slams Centre for sidelining Telangana in electronics, pharma, and sports

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka expressed strong disappointment over the Union Budget 2026-27, alleging that the central government failed to allocate crucial funds to Telangana and termed the oversight “disgraceful.” Speaking to reporters at Praja Bhavan, he criticised the Centre’s indifference to multiple funding requests made in good faith, saying the state had consistently sought support for critical development projects. Bhatti highlighted that the Congress-led Telangana government had re-

quested an increase in the fiscal deficit limit to 4%, pointing out that while the Centre raised its own limit to 4.3%, no similar opportunity was extended to the states. “This shows a lack of fairness in fiscal policy and central-state cooperation,” he remarked. The Deputy CM drew attention to the electronics sector, which received an allocation of Rs 40,000

crore in the budget, lamenting that Hyderabad — recognised as a vibrant hub for electronics innovation — had been entirely overlooked. He stressed that Telangana’s contributions to the pharmaceutical industry, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, had been critical in ensuring global exports of essential medicines. Despite these achievements, the state did not receive adequate funding to further strengthen its pharmaceutical sector. Bhatti further criticised the recent decision to relocate Hyderabad-centric initiatives in the orange economy to Mumbai, call-

ing it yet another instance of unfair treatment. He also highlighted disparities in the sports sector and emphasised Telangana’s potential in the rapidly growing semiconductor industry. “Repeated requests have been made to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to allocate at least one semiconductor unit to the state, but they have not been heeded,” he said. The Deputy CM observed that people across Telangana were becoming increasingly aware of the inequities embedded in the Union Budget and stated that he would urge the state’s MPs to raise these concerns in Parlia-

ment. He called for a united approach beyond party politics, stressing that the Centre’s failure to provide essential resources hampers Telangana’s economic growth, innovation, and overall development. Bhatti concluded by urging the central government to prioritise Telangana in upcoming budget allocations, highlighting the need for equitable funding across sectors like electronics, pharmaceuticals, sports, and the semiconductor industry to ensure sustainable development and employment generation for the state’s population.

Minorities Neglected in Budget, Says Shabbir Ali

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Senior Congress leader and Telangana Government Advisor (SC, ST, BC & Minorities) Mohammed Ali Shabbir criticised the Union Budget 2026-27, alleging that the BJP-led government continued to neglect minority welfare despite a sharp rise in overall expenditure. Shabbir Ali noted that the Ministry of Minority Affairs was allocated just Rs 3,400 crore, a marginal increase of Rs 50 crore from the previous year, even as the Union Budget grew from Rs 50.65 lakh crore in 2025-26 to Rs 53.5 lakh crore in 2026-27. “Out of this massive expansion, minorities receive a negligible share despite constituting over 15% of the population,” he said. Highlighting state-level commitments, he pointed out that Telangana alone

had allocated Rs 3,591 crore for minority welfare in 2025-26, while Karnataka spent over Rs 4,000 crore. “The Union government is spending less on minorities nationally than individual states, reflecting misplaced priorities,” Shabbir Ali added. The Congress leader further criticised stagnation in scholarships, educational support, skill development, and livelihood programmes for minorities, affecting first-generation learners and youth employment. He compared current allocations with 2013-14, when the UPA government allocated Rs 3,531 crore

for minority welfare out of a Rs 16.65 lakh crore budget, underlining that current allocations represent regression rather than progress. Shabbir Ali also accused the Union government of neglecting Telangana, with key projects like Hyderabad Metro Phase-II, Regional Ring Road, Musi River rejuvenation, and AP Reorganisation Act commitments receiving no budgetary allocations. Vertical tax devolution remains at 41%, below the demanded 50%, with no relaxation in fiscal deficit norms or conversion of loans to grants. He urged the Centre to substantially increase funding for education, skill development, and livelihood programmes for minorities, stressing that genuine inclusion was essential for social justice and sustainable national development.

Jashan-e-Maulood-e-Kaaba, Imam Hussain (A.S.) Seminar Held

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A seminar on Jashan-e-Maulood-e-Kaaba and Imam Hussain (A.S.) was held on Saturday at Urdu Maskan Hall, drawing the participation of prominent religious scholars, political leaders, and social activists. The event was organised by the Kul Hind Cultural Society and witnessed a large gathering of devotees and community members. Speakers highlighted the

spiritual significance of the Kaaba and the timeless message of sacrifice, justice, and humanity embodied by Imam Hussain (A.S.). Renowned scholars and dignitaries who addressed

the gathering included Maulana Syed Nisar Hussain Kazmi, Mir Inayat Ali Baqri, former SETWIN Chairman, M.A. Sattar, Member of the National Urdu Council, Government of India, and Zainul Abed-

een Nahid, senior AIMIM leader. The programme was presided over by Zahid Mirza, President of Kul Hind Cultural Society, while Syed Tajdar Ali Razvi, General Secretary of the society, coordinated the proceedings. Speakers stressed the need to follow the teachings of Imam Hussain (A.S.) in contemporary society to promote peace, unity, and social justice. The seminar concluded with prayers for harmony and communal brotherhood.

Congress Protests Against Huzurabad MLA Koushik Reddy.

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Indian National Congress (INC) members of Jagtial Town protested today against Huzurabad MLA Paadi Koushik Reddy (BRS), alleging he made objectionable remarks against the Muslim community. The demonstration was led by MD. Nehal, Town President of Congress, and took place at Laddu Kaja Chaurasta. During

the protest, participants garlanded the MLA’s photograph with footwear, beat it with slippers, raised slogans such as “Koushik Reddy BRS Party Down Down,” and burnt his effigy. The agitators demanded strict action against the MLA and criticized the BRS leadership for failing to act against him. The protest concluded peacefully, and no untoward incidents were reported at the site.



World Zebra Day Celebrated at Nehru Zoological Park

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Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, celebrated World Zebra Day on January 31 with activities aimed at promoting wildlife education and public awareness about species conservation. A special five-kilogram cake made of boiled rice, vegetables, and fruits was offered to the park’s three zebras, comprising two males and one female. Around 200 students from Telangana Minority Residential Schools, Yakutpura and Musheerabad branches, participated enthusiastically in drawing and painting compe-

titions organized for the occasion. Prizes were awarded to top performers, and all participants received certificates. J. Vasantha, IFS, Curator of the park, highlighted that World Zebra Day is observed

annually on January 31, and thanked students for their participation. She noted that after a 37-year gap, Nehru Zoological Park now houses zebras and remains committed to wildlife education and awareness.

A group of 95 Forest Range and Beat Officers from the Telangana Forest Academy, Dulapally, also joined the celebrations. Senior officials present included Mr. J. Muraidhar (Deputy Curator), Dr. M.A. Hakeem (Deputy Director, Veterinary), Dr. P. Srinivas Reddy (Assistant Director, Veterinary), Ms. Nazia Tabassum (Assistant Curator-I), Mr. B. Lakshman (Assistant Curator-III), Ms. Madhavi Latha (Deputy Range Officer), Dr. Lakshmi Narayan (Biologist), Mr. H.M. Hanifullah (PRO), and Mr. Choudhary Deepak Tarun (Executive Officer).

Telangana inter results likely on April 5 or 6; Supplementary exams from May 6

Results of the intermediate public examinations (IPE) commencing February 25 are expected to be released on April 5 or 6. The Telangana Board of Intermediate Education (TGBIE) has set a target to release the results in the first week of April. To speed up the post-examination process, the Board has decided to start the evaluation of answer scripts from February 26, a day after the first exam. However, officials say that the evaluation process will pick up pace from February 28. This time, with the cooperation of Centre for Good Governance (CGG), an online staff portal has been introduced and details of 41,000 evaluators have been included in this portal, and evaluation duties will be assigned based on this data. A total of 10,47,815 students enrolled in the intermediate first and second-year streams for the academic year 2025-26. Of the total admitted, 9.96 lakh students paid the examination fee. As many as 1,495 centres have been constituted for smooth conduct of the exams, which will conclude on March 18.

Hyderabad To Get 3 High-Speed Rail Corridors

BioPharma and Textile Sectors To Surge

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Union minister G. Kishan Reddy on Friday hailed the 2026-27 Union Budget as a “Reforms Express” strengthening India’s economy and boosting jobs, infrastructure, defence, railways, pharma, agriculture and women’s welfare even as BJP Telangana state president N. Ramchander Rao said the Union Budget had positioned Telangana at the forefront with announcements such as high-speed rail corridors for Hyderabad and strengthening the state’s role as a national growth engine.

In a statement, Rao said the Budget focus on under-developed rural areas would bring smiles to every household, while emphasising self-reliance through support to domestic manufacturing, energy security, reduced import dependence, job creation, agricultural productivity, purchasing power growth, and expanded quality education and health services. With effective policies, India is advancing at around 7 per cent growth with historic poverty reduction, ensuring inclusive progress for all sections, Rao said. He expressed confidence that the Vik-

sit Bharat Budget would propel the nation towards developed status. Kishan Reddy highlighted gains from reforms carried out by the Modi government, including increased FDI, rapid growth of the IT sector, self-sufficiency in critical minerals and, last year, easing of the tax structure raising personal income-tax exemption from ₹3 lakh to ₹12.5 lakh and cutting GST rates. Kishan Reddy said state tax devolution had risen 13.5 per cent from ₹29,280 crore (2025-26) to ₹33,180 crore (2026-27). Three high-speed rail corridors originating from Hyderabad to Pune, Bengaluru and Chennai, would boost ring roads, IT, biopharma and real estate. Speaking to newsmen, Reddy said the BioPharma Shakti scheme would elevate Hyderabad as the pharma and vaccine capital, enhancing bulk drugs, formula-

SLBC: Round-The-Clock Operations With Proper Safety Measures, Uttam Instructs

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Reiterating the government’s commitment to timely completion of critical irrigation infrastructure on the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC), irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Sunday directed round-the-clock operations at the SLBC tunnel, warning that delays or negligence would not be tolerated. Dedicated plan-

ning teams will monitor daily and weekly progress, while tunnel safety supervisors from Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) will be deployed at site, the minister said at a meeting to review the outcome of the aerial electromagnetic (AEM) survey

conducted for a section of the tunnel. The minister also discussed rehabilitation of the Medigadda, Annam and Sundilla barrages under the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS). Uttam Kumar Reddy instructed that the remaining SLBC tunnel works be executed using scientific methodologies based on advanced tunnelling techniques and observational methods, ensuring continu-

ous monitoring and adherence to international best safety practices. To strengthen project management, he announced the creation of an exclusive SLBC division, with orders to appoint a chief engineer (SLBC) to head operations. He directed the engagement of an independent supervision consultant (ISC) to assist the chief engineer in ensuring safety, quality and design compliance throughout construction.

TSKA Students Triumph at National Karate & Kung-Fu Championship

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Hyderabad: TSKA students delivered remarkable performances at the 1st National Open All-Style Karate & Kung-Fu Championship 2026, held at Palki Garden, Hussaini Alam Road. The girls’ U-12 category stood out, clinching the Grand Championship under the guidance of Sensei Mohammed Mus-

tafa and Sensei Shaik Mariyam Shafi, with mentorship from Shihan Zaffar Khan, Founder of TSKA. Around 15 students represented TSKA, competing across various categories including Kumite, Kata, Team Kata, Kick Controlling, and Weapons. Their performances demonstrated not only technical skill and physical agility but also discipline, dedication, and sportsmanship, earn-



ing them several medals and accolades. Organized by Standard Martial Arts & Fitness Club, the championship brought together top talent from across the country, providing a platform for young martial artists to showcase their abilities. TSKA’s participants left a strong impression, highlighting the academy’s commitment to excellence in martial arts training.

KTR, Harish Rao Slam Congress for Using SIT Against KCR

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Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao came down heavily on the Congress government over attempts to undermine BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao. He asserted that the BRS supremo, who stood strongly against all evil forces, would not be rattled by cheap tactics of political opponents.

Taking to X, Rama Rao recalled that Chandrashekar Rao had withstood pressure and hardship during the Telangana Statehood movement. He had never cowered under Delhi's pressure and had remained steadfast throughout the prolonged struggle for a separate State.

"KCR is invincible. Fools cannot understand history, let alone create it," he said, targeting the Congress leadership.

The BRS working president said political rivals shivered at Chandrashekar Rao's name but lacked stature even to take his name. Though they were spewing venom, the



former Chief Minister was indestructible. "KCR is the history of Telangana, and you would not even be a footnote," he asserted. BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao accused the Congress government of using the Special Investigation Team (SIT) as a tool for political revenge against Chandrashekar Rao. The notices issued to the former Chief Minister were not part of a genuine probe but a retaliatory attack driven by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, he said, pointing out that legal procedures and Supreme Court guidelines were ignored as the government focused only on cheap politics.

He questioned whether this was the respect given to a former Chief Minister who led the State for a decade. Calling the Congress government's actions an insult to democracy, he charged that the SIT was not acting independently, but rather functioning under direct instructions from the Chief Minister's Office.

Harish Rao stated that the Congress government was targeting the opposition to divert attention from public discontent, unfulfilled promises and scams. He said police overreach, including arrests of BRS leaders and large-scale deployment of personnel, indicated an attempt to intimidate BRS activists and also revealed the fear of the ruling Congress ahead of local body elections.

Despite the Congress government's actions, he pointed out that as a responsible citizen and Leader of the Opposition, Chandrashekar Rao was cooperating with the investigation. He warned that the BRS would not remain silent if its leaders and cadre were harassed, asserting that only fearful governments target the opposition.

BRS Stages Black-Flag Rally, Burns SIT Notices Against KCR

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BRS leaders, including Asifabad MLA Kova Lakshmi and District Municipal Incharge MLC Dasoju Shrivankumar, organized a massive rally protesting the government's actions against KCR. The protest came in response to the summoning of KCR for questioning under the pretext of phone tapping, which the party described as a vindictive and politically motivated move.

Participants took to the streets waving black flags and voicing their strong



dissent against the ruling Congress government. They criticized the SIT notices sent to KCR, calling them fabricated and an attempt to harass the Telangana leader.

In a dramatic show of protest, copies of the SIT notices were publicly burned on the roads, symbolizing their rejection of the government's tactics.

The rally saw a large turnout, reflecting widespread anger and solidarity among the public and party members. Leaders condemned the approach as an abuse of power and vowed to continue resisting any attempts to target KCR through such means. This demonstration highlighted BRS's firm stand against political vendetta.

BRS Bikes Rally in Huzurabad Backs KCR, Targets Congs Govt



HUZURABAD
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BRS party members on Sunday organised a bike rally in Huzurabad town of Karimnagar district, led by Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy. The rally began at Sirsappali Cross Road, passed through Ayyappa Temple and concluded at the MLA Camp Office.

During the rally, participants raised slogans backing former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and criticised the Congress-led State

Government, alleging political vendetta in the ongoing SIT investigation.

The two-wheeler rally moved in a disciplined convoy across key junctions in the town.

Former SC Corporation Chairman Bandla Srinivas, BRS Town President Koli-paka Srinivas and several senior local leaders and party cadres participated. Traffic was briefly disrupted along the route, but police deployment ensured smooth regulation. No untoward incidents were reported.

BRS Members Protest Against Congress Govt in Malaya



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Members of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) from Malaya Mandal held a protest rally and effigy burning from Block Chowrasta to Angadi Bazaar under the leadership of Mandal President Janagama Srinivas.

The participants, wearing black badges, raised slogans against the Congress Government. Speaking during the pro-

gram, Janagama Srinivas claimed that notices issued to former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao in the phone tapping case were illegal and politically motivated. He alleged that the Congress Government was targeting KCR to divert attention from governance failures.

The protest concluded peacefully with the effigy burning at Angadi Bazaar. No untoward incidents were reported during the demonstration.

Statewide BRS Stir Against SIT Notice to KCR

BRS cadre stage protests across Telangana against SIT examination of KCR

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) staged protests across Telangana on Sunday opposing the summoning of party president and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in the alleged phone-tapping case. Tension was reported at several locations as police stopped rallies, dharnas and effigy-burning attempts.

At Telangana Bhavan, the party headquarters in Hyderabad, BRS workers clashed with police multiple times while trying to burn effigies of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and march towards KCR's Nandinagar residence, where he was questioned by the SIT as a witness. Similar protests were held in district and constituency



BRSV president Gellu Srinivas Yadav, along with party cadre, laid siege to the Ministers' Quarters protesting the SIT questioning of K. Chandrashekar Rao.

headquarters across the State. Sitting and former MLAs, MLCs, MPs, former ministers and senior party leaders led rallies, rasta-rokos, bike rallies and black-flag demonstrations.

BRS leaders alleged that the SIT notice to KCR amounted to political harassment and accused the Congress government of acting with a sense of vendetta.

Police said preventive measures were taken to maintain law and order and to avoid untoward incidents during the protests.



BRSV GHMC coordinator Mir Qurram Ali, along with BRS Party Minority Secretary Lateef Shareef and other senior leader mohamme Yousoof BRS party workers, burned an effigy of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in front of Telangana Bhavan, Hyderabad.



BRS Members Stage Effigy Burning Protest in Dabba Village

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Around 15 members of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) from Jagtial district staged an effigy burning protest in front of the Gram Panchayat at Dabba village, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, led by Puppala Narasaiah, Village President of BRS. Addressing the protesters, Narasaiah criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for failing to deliver development and alleged that the government was indulging in vindictive politics by ordering SIT inquiries against former



Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). He accused the present Congress government of focusing on political drama rather than governance and public welfare. Protesters raised slogans against the State Government and burned the ef-

figy of the Chief Minister to express their dissent. The demonstration reflected BRS's frustration over alleged political vendetta and lack of progress in the region. The programme concluded peacefully without any incidents.

BRS Stages Protests at Korutla



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As part of the statewide protest against the SIT inquiry on former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) cadres (around 80) staged demonstrations at Korutla and Metpalli towns in Jagtial District.

At Korutla, Dr. Sanjay Kumar (MLA, Korutla/BRS) led a bike rally with party activists, raising slogans demanding the immediate

withdrawal of the SIT probe. In Metpalli, BRS activists, under K. Vidhya Sagar Rao (District President/BRS, Jagtial), held a sit-in at the Old Bus Stand Chaurasta on the National Highway, alleging the Congress government pursued the inquiry despite KCR's health, calling it "diversionary politics" by CM Revanth Reddy. Temporary traffic disruption occurred, but police restored normalcy. The protests concluded peacefully with no untoward incidents reported.

BRS Holds Peaceful Protest, Bike Rally in Jagtial Against SIT Inquiry on KCR

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Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) staged a protest and bike rally in Jagtial Town on [date] opposing the SIT investigation into former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR).

The rally, led by K. Vidhya Sagar Rao, District President of BRS Jagtial, began at Town Hall, passed through New Bus Stand Chowrasta and Tahsildar Chowrasta, and concluded back at Town Hall. Addressing the participants, K. Vidhya Sagar Rao criticized the Congress-led State Gov-



ernment, alleging that the SIT inquiry was politically motivated and intended to tarnish KCR's image.

He asserted that BRS cadre would continue to strongly oppose what they described as "vendetta politics" and warned of further protests across the district if such

actions persisted. During the programme, party leaders and activists raised slogans condemning the SIT action and expressing solidarity with KCR. The rally was conducted peacefully, and no untoward incidents were reported, reflecting the disciplined participation of the BRS members.

BRS Holds Dharna, Burns CM Revanth Effigy at Shankarapatnam



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BRS party members from Shankarapatnam Mandal, Karimnagar district, staged a dharna and effigy-burning protest at Ambedkar Chowrasta on the Warangal-Karimnagar Highway on February 1, 2026. The protest was led by Ganta Mahipal, Mandal President of BRS, Karimnagar district. Addressing the

gathering, he alleged that the SIT notices issued to former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao were politically motivated and meant to harass KCR and his family. He accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of misusing investigation agencies to insult KCR, who served as Chief Minister for ten years and played a key role in the Telangana movement.

Chowrangee Presents 'Gayaki, Gat, Ghazal'— A Musical Evening to Remember at Taramati Baradari



A rare and extraordinary confluence of world-class artistry - 'Gayaki, Gat, Ghazal', hosted by Chowrangee, a new-age platform dedicated to arts and culture in the city of Hyderabad, today at Taramati Baradari.

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Chowrangee, Hyderabad's leading cultural platform dedicated to celebrating India's artistic diversity, curated a captivating musical soiree titled 'Gayaki, Gat, Ghazal' at the historic Taramati Baradari. The enchanting evening drew music lovers from across the city and offered an immersive journey through classical, contemporary, and global

musical traditions. The special concert featured an exceptional ensemble of acclaimed musicians who came together to create a rare and harmonious musical dialogue. The performance reflected Chowrangee's core philosophy of cultural exchange, discovery, and artistic unity. The ambience of the heritage venue further enhanced the experience, allowing audiences to connect deeply with the music.

The evening showcased a remarkable confluence of maestros including renowned sitarist Purbayan Chatterjee, versatile vocalist Gayatri Asokan, and accomplished artists Ishaan Ghosh, Shikhar Naad Qureshi, Abshaar Ahmad, and Steve Thomas Kottoor. A major highlight was the mesmerising jugalbandi between sitar and vocals, which held the audience spellbound and created moments of musical transcendence.



Shri. Navin Hittal, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, Energy & Government of Telangana, inaugurating the rare and extraordinary confluence of world-class artistry - 'Gayaki, Gat, Ghazal', hosted by Chowrangee, a new-age platform dedicated to arts and culture in the city of Hyderabad, at Taramati Baradari. Dr. Santanu Paul, President, Chowrangee, look on.

The thoughtfully curated repertoire featured original compositions such as Waterbird, Lullaby, Garaj Garaj, Barsan Lagi, and Pace of Mind, along with timeless ghazals like Ishq Ishq Hai, Harsoo Dikhayi Dete Hain, and Baat Karni Mujhse Mushkil (Mareez-e-Ishq). Each rendition resonated with emotional depth, drawing warm appreciation and repeated applause

from the audience. Dr. Santanu Paul, President of Chowrangee, remarked that the evening evolved into a free-flowing musical conversation where diverse influences blended seamlessly, leaving listeners with a memorable and uplifting experience. He reiterated Chowrangee's commitment to curating meaningful cultural encounters in Hyderabad. An initiative of the Bengal and Beyond Foundation, Chowrangee continues to transcend linguistic and regional boundaries by presenting immersive performances across music, dance, theatre, and visual arts, fostering inclusivity and celebrating the shared human spirit through art.

Lord Venkateswara's Kalyanotsavam Draws Devotees in Bowenpally



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The Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple at New City Colony, Bowenpally, witnessed a surge of devotion on Sunday as the celestial wedding (Kalyanotsavam) of Lord Venkateswara was celebrated with grandeur and traditional splendor. The event formed a major highlight of the ongoing 24th Brahmotsavam celebrations and attracted a large number of devotees along with prominent local personalities. The temple premises were beautifully decorated to resemble Vaikuntha, featuring elaborate floral arrangements and vibrant multicolored electric illuminations. The air resonated with Vedic chants and the fragrance of incense,

creating a deeply spiritual atmosphere for worshippers. Religious observances began early in the morning with Agni Hotras and other homa rituals conducted to invoke divine blessings for peace and prosperity. This was followed by the collective recitation of Lalita Sahasranam, adding to the sanctity of the occasion. The main Kalyanotsavam ritual was performed with strict adherence to Shastras by the chief priests, drawing rapt attention from devotees. Several dignitaries attended the ceremony, including former Cantonment Board Vice Chairman Jampana Pratap and his wife Vidyavati, BJP State Executive Committee member Bhanuka Mallikarjun, and retired Additional SP Anjaiah.

Ramayana Kalpavrksham Day 2 Celebrates Living Traditions and Cultural Wisdom

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Day 2 of Ramayana Kalpavrksham unfolded as a rich confluence of spiritual discourse, intellectual dialogue, and artistic expression, reaffirming the enduring relevance of the Ramayana in contemporary life. The day witnessed strong audience engagement, highlighting the festival's focus on knowledge systems and living traditions rooted in India's civilisational ethos. The morning began with an immersive Ramamrita Pravachanam by Brahmasri Chaganti Koteswara Rao on Sita Ramakalyanam. Drawing deeply from scripture, philosophy, and lived wisdom, the discourse offered profound spiritual insights, allowing audiences to experience the Ramayana not merely as a text, but as a guiding way of life. This was followed



by a thought-provoking conversation on Restoring and Raising a Confident India between Raghava Krishna, Founder and CEO of BRHAT, and festival curator Dr. Ananda Shankar Jayant. The dialogue examined the role of arts and culture in reclaiming India's civilisational narratives and reinforcing cultural confidence in a modern context. Adding an interdisciplinary dimension,

Dr. Mohan Raghavan presented Technorama - Rama Rasa, exploring the experiential essence (anubhoothi) of the Ramayana through the lens of evolving technology. The session bridged ancient rasa theory with modern innovation, offering fresh perspectives on traditional knowledge. Creative intertextures continued with I'm F9: Navarasa through the Ramayana, presented

by Charusmitha Rao and Bharatanatyam dancer Shivarajini Harish, an Indie brand showcase by Coolture Designs. The presentation creatively blended Bharatanatyam, design, and storytelling to depict the nine emotions through Ramayana narratives. The evening featured a rare puppet-style dance drama, The Ramayana, by Rangasri Little Ballet Theatre, Bhopal. Choreographed by Shanti Bardhan, the acclaimed production combined ballet and Rajasthani puppet traditions to narrate key episodes from Rama's exile to the triumph of dharma. The day concluded with a vibrant Manganiyar folk music performance by Bhungar Khan and his group from Barmer, Rajasthan, celebrating a living musical tradition preserved across generations.

Resonance Colleges Host Career Clarity Conclave & Expo-2026 at JNTU Auditorium

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Resonance Colleges, Hyderabad, successfully organized the Career Clarity Conclave & Expo-2026 at the JNTU Auditorium, offering comprehensive career guidance to students and parents on post-Class 12 pathways. The day-long event featured five structured expert-led sessions with interactive student-parent question-and-answer segments, drawing wide participation. The conclave brought together eminent academicians, industry leaders, and career experts from premier institutions to provide practical insights into course selection, competitive exams, admissions, and emerging career opportunities across Engineering, Medicine, Science, Technology, and allied fields. Each session included a keynote address supported by panel discussions, en-



Dr. DK Sha (Extreme left), Dean of Resonance Hyderabad; Mr. Bhagawan Reddy (2nd from left), Zonal Academic Head, Girls Zone, Resonance; & Mr. Madhusudhan (3rd from left), NEET Head, Resonance; inaugurating the Career Clarity Conclave & Expo - 2026, hosted by Resonance - Hyderabad Centre - Experts in JEE (Main + Advanced) & other Engineering/Medical/Commerce/Law entrance examinations; today at JNTU Auditorium, Kukatpally. (L-R) Mr. Chittaranjan Hota, CSIS, HOD, BITS Pilani Hyderabad; Mr. Sushmita Kale, HR Business Manager, Infosys Limited; Mr. B. Purushandra Rao, Managing Director, Resonance Educational Institutions, Telangana & AP; & Mr. Ramulu, Zonal Head, Secunderabad, Resonance; look on.

abling participants to gain multi-dimensional perspectives and real-world clarity. A key highlight of the event was the Mega Reso-FAST Winners' Felicitation. Resonance honoured the winners on stage, presenting them with tablets in the presence of distinguished speakers, reinforcing the institution's commitment to recognizing merit and motivating academic excellence. The five sessions covered

Computer Science and allied courses, Core Engineering disciplines, emerging engineering fields such as AI and Robotics, MBBS and careers beyond medicine, and diverse career options beyond engineering and medical streams. Renowned speakers including Ramesh Loganathan (Dean, IIIT Hyderabad), Dr. Rama Sastry Vedula (GITAM University), Rahul Attuluri (NxtWave), Dr. B. Bala Raju (Yashoda

Hospitals), and Sudhakar Rao (ICFAI) shared valuable guidance, emphasizing aptitude-based choices, skill development, and long-term career planning. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. N. Purnachandra Rao, Managing Director, Resonance Educational Institutions (Telangana & AP), stated that the conclave was designed to bridge the gap between student aspirations and real-world opportunities. He highlighted that with over 65 professional career counsellors present, the Expo provided a unique platform for informed decision-making. Resonance, founded in 2001 in Kota, has trained over one million students nationwide. Since its expansion to Hyderabad in 2018, the institution has consistently delivered strong academic results, emerging as a trusted name in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

MG Vinay Kumar Appointed General Secretary of Cantonment Mala Mahanadu

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In a significant development aimed at strengthening leadership and representation within the Mala community, MG Vinay Kumar has been officially appointed as the General Secretary of Cantonment Mala Mahanadu. The appointment was formally announced on Sunday, February 1, 2026, marking a new phase of organizational growth and renewed commitment to community welfare. The appointment ceremony was conducted under the guidance of Greater Hyderabad Mala Mahanadu President Girija Shankar. Cantonment Mala Mahanadu President KV Suresh Kumar formally presented the appointment letter to MG Vinay Kumar in the presence of senior leaders, party representatives, and community members. The event reflected unity and collective resolve to work toward the progress of the



Mala community. MG Vinay Kumar is a respected resident of Regimental Bazaar and a senior leader of the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS). He has earlier served as a member of the Sri Perumala Venkateswara Swamy Temple Trust Board, earning recognition for his service and leadership experience. His appointment is expected to strengthen grassroots coordination and advocacy within the Cantonment constituency. Addressing the gathering, KV Suresh Kumar stated that the core objective of the organization is to safeguard the rights, welfare, and unity of the

Mala community, drawing inspiration from the vision and principles of the late founder president, PV Rao. He emphasized the need for selfless service and collective responsibility. In his response, MG Vinay Kumar expressed heartfelt gratitude to KV Suresh Kumar, Girija Shankar, BRS leader Rapolu Madhuri, and other senior members for placing their trust in him. He assured that he would work with dedication and collective effort to promote social justice, development, and empowerment of the Mala community.

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The Budget also proposed the development of an integrated East Coast Industrial Corridor under the Purvodaya initiative, a measure expected to accelerate industrial growth, logistics connectivity and employment generation in coastal states, including Andhra Pradesh. The Centre had earmarked ₹3,320.39 crore for the Polavaram irrigation project, a lifeline for the state. An amount of ₹1,128.91 crore was allocated for the development of Amaravati, while ₹432.09 crore was sanctioned for integrated urban development in the capital region. Rural road projects would receive ₹500.99 crore, urban drinking water supply and sewerage management ₹800 crore, and the reconstruction of roads and bridges ₹350 crore. In addition, ₹155.32 crore was allocated to promote natural farming practices, he noted. In a major boost to tourism, Araku Valley in the Eastern Ghats has been identified for the development of ecologically sustainable mountain trails, positioning it as a premium eco-tourism destination. Further, Pulicat Lake, shared by Andhra Pradesh and

Tamil Nadu, would be developed as a bird-watching trail, strengthening nature-based tourism and local livelihoods. The agricultural sector in AP is set to gain from renewed focus on high-value coastal crops such as coconut, cashew and cocoa. A national coconut promotion scheme announced in the Budget would support productivity enhancement in major coconut-growing states, including Andhra Pradesh. The fisheries sector is also expected to benefit from initiatives to strengthen value chains in coastal regions through market linkages, women-led groups and fish farmer producer organisations. Urban development in the state could receive a fillip through the proposed City Economic Regions, under which Tier-II and Tier-III cities would be eligible for reform-linked funding of ₹5,000 crore per region over five years.

'Historic' Budget.....

"The Budget serves as the basis for India's high flight towards becoming a developed nation by 2047," the Prime Minister said, adding that the reform express on which India is riding will gain new energy and new momentum through this Budget. Underlining

that the path-breaking reforms undertaken provide the aspiring, courageous and talented youth of India with an open sky to soar, Modi said that the Budget realises the vision of trust-based governance and a human-centric economic framework. The Prime Minister called the Budget unique, as it focuses on reducing the fiscal deficit and controlling inflation while simultaneously ensuring high capital expenditure and high growth. "This Budget strengthens India's global role anew and highlights that India's 140 crore citizens are not satisfied with being the fastest-growing economy, and the nation is determined to soon become the world's third-largest economy," Modi said, emphasising that this is the collective resolve of millions of Indians. The Prime Minister stated that India's role as a trusted democratic partner and trusted quality supplier is continuously expanding. He underlined that the recent major trade deals India has undertaken are aimed at ensuring maximum benefit for the country's youth and for small and medium enterprises, with significant steps taken in this Budget to advance that direction.

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Noting that it was a fairly short Budget speech, Tharoor said it seemed to have lots of subheadings but very few specifics. "On the big-picture issues, there was nothing that we could hear for the middle class and the lower middle class. There was nothing there for the states. In fact, fiscal devolution remains unchanged at 41 per cent, and many states have complained that they don't have enough to fulfil their own obligations to their citizens," the former Union minister said, adding that there was "genuine concern" over it. He claimed that there were very few details on key aspects, such as what would be set up and where and cited Kerala as an example, saying the state has been waiting nearly 15 years for an All India Institute of Medical Sciences, but no announcement was made. "There was a reference to an All India Institute of Ayurveda being established, but not any indication as to where. Kerala would imagine that, as a major centre of Ayurveda, it should be a logical place, but they haven't promised us that," the Thiruvananthapuram MP said.

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CRIME

2.9 Kg of Ganja Hidden in Loo Seized, Couple Arrested

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Excise cops arrested drug peddlers in Dhoolpet and seized 2.936 kg of ganja on Wednesday. In a joint raid by the STF team-A and Dhoolpet excise personnel, officials seized nearly 3 kg of ganja hidden in a bathroom. Acting on inputs, constable Prakash searched a house belonging to Rohit Singh in Machilipura. Initial search of the house yielded nothing. Members of the raiding team became suspicious, when they noticed a dangling thread

from the PVC drainage pipe inside the bathroom and when the officers pulled the thread, several small packets containing ganja, came out of the pipe. In a similar setup, the ganja was found concealed in the second pipe. About 2.936 kg of ganja was recovered from the accused Rohit and his wife Veena Bai's house, a police officer, said. The STF team arrested Rohit Singh, Rohan Singh, and Veena Bai, while their associates Santosh Singh and his wife Nandi Singh are on the run, a press release issued by the excise department,

Telangana HC Takes Serious View of Delay in Fee, Scholarship Payments

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A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court on Wednesday expressed serious concern over systemic delays in disbursements of scholarship and fee reimbursements by the state government, that have left thousands of students in financial limbo. The panel comprising Chief Justice Aparesk Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin, was dealing with a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by the Association for Socio-Economic Empowerment of the Marginalised (ASEEM) and

another. The PIL was filed challenging the failure of state to release pending funds for students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Backward Classes (BC), Economically Backward (EBC), minorities, and physically challenged communities. It was the case of the petitioner that the non-timely release of scholarships had created a cascading effect, leading private college managements to illegally withhold the original educational certificates of students as leverage for pending dues.

Cyberabad Police Arrest 4 in Rs 1.03 Cr Cyber Frauds

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Cyberabad cybercrime police on Saturday announced the arrest of four men for allegedly cheating two victims of a total of ₹1.03 crore in separate cyber fraud cases. In the first case, three men from Andhra Pradesh — Hanumantha Naidu, Singamsetti Suresh and Peddiraju — were arrested for providing bank accounts to fraudsters who duped a victim of ₹22.08 lakh in an online investment scam. The victim was lured via WhatsApp into



registering on a fake trading website, pc.marketaxese.cc, which mimicked a genuine platform. Fraudsters initially allowed a small withdrawal to build confidence, before inducing repeated transfers under the guise of trading deposits and capital enhancement. When the victim attempted to withdraw larger sums, additional payments were

demanded for taxes and security deposits, while fictitious profits were shown. Of the ₹22.65 lakh transferred, only ₹57,552 was returned. In the second case, Rajesh Hanuman Khakhedia from Maharashtra was arrested for allegedly providing mule accounts to scamsters who cheated a victim of ₹81.30 lakh. The fraudsters posed as officials of Mumbai cybercrime, ED, CBI and RBI, threatening the victim with false money-laundering charges. Fake arrest orders were shown to coerce compliance, and

the victim was told to transfer funds for "RBI/Anti-money laundering verification." Police said another mule account holder linked to this case was arrested in September 2025. Overall, Cyberabad cybercrime police detected 11 cases during the week, six related to trading fraud, four to digital arrest fraud and one to business fraud, leading to 16 arrests. Around 10 of these were linked to trading scams. Police also processed 261 court orders in 30 cases and refunded ₹62.49 lakh to victims.

Food suppliers to SW Educational institutions move HC for bills

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Justice Renuka Yara of the Telangana High Court directed the state to consider the claim of long-pending bills payable to traders supplying social welfare educational institutions. The judge was dealing with a writ plea filed by G. Ashok and four traders from Nagarkurnool district, engaged in supplying vegetables, fruits, milk and other eatables to the institutions. It was the case of the petitioners that despite having supplied provisions during the period from March to September 2019, their bills amounting to

about ₹15.59 lakh were not cleared by the authorities. It was contended that several representations were submitted to the officials seeking release of the pending amounts, however, the respondent authorities failed to take any action or pass orders on the same. Justice Renuka Yara disposed of the writ petition directing respondents to consider the representation submitted by the petitioners addressed to the Telangana Social Welfare Residential School, Lingala, Nagarkurnool district, and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law within a period of four weeks.

Women's Commission summons to lady advocate stayed by HC

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Justice Surepalli Nanda of the Telangana High Court stayed proceedings of State Commission for Women and Child Welfare summoning an advocate over a complaint filed by her mother in a matrimonial matter. The judge was dealing with a writ plea filed by a woman advocate, assailing the proceedings whereby the commission directed the station house officer to produce her before it on 27.01.2026. It was argued that the complaint before

the Women's Commission was lodged by the petitioner's mother solely on the ground that the petitioner had married against her will, and that the commission lacked jurisdiction to summon the petitioner in such circumstances. The summons she said amounted to misuse of statutory powers by the Women's Commission. The judge stayed all further proceedings pursuant to the impugned order until due process of notice is followed and posted the matter for further hearing.

HC Rejected Pakistan Citizen's Allegations Against Indian Home Ministry For Compelling To Obtain LTV

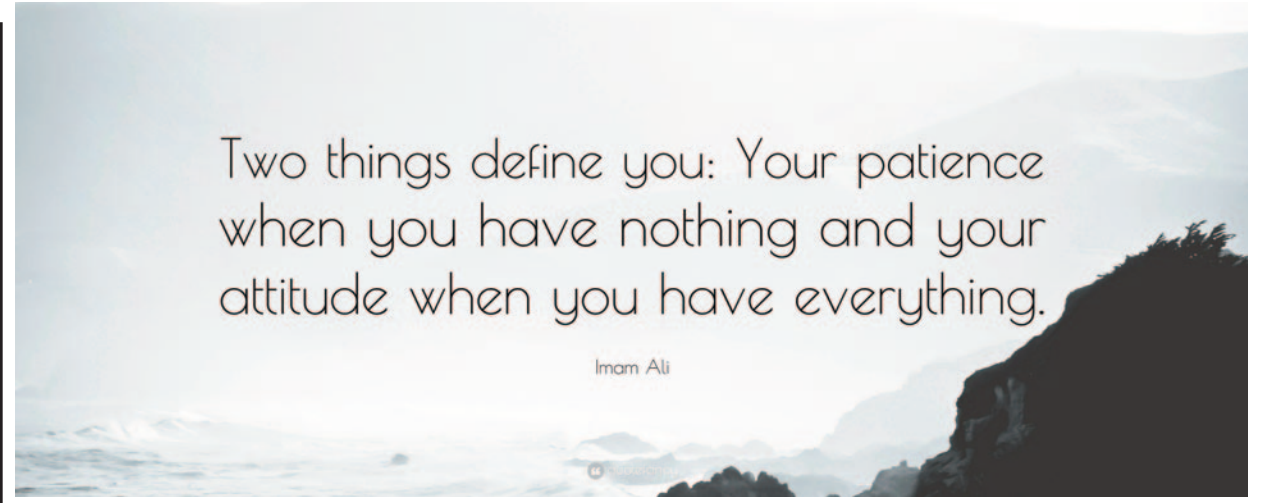
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The Telangana High Court held that documents such as Aadhaar, voter ID and PAN cards and educational certificates cannot, by themselves, confer or establish Indian citizenship under the Citizenship Act, particularly when the nationality of such persons is governed by the passport, visa status and orders under the Foreigners Act, 1946. The court held that a continuous 31-year-long stay in India by a person born abroad, or in Pakistan, did not automatically confer Indian citizenship or not give any exceptions from applying for the long-term visa (LTV), even though the person had arrived in India as an infant with their family. Stating this, Justice Na-

gesh Bheemapaka of the High Court declined to grant relief to 33-year-old Pakistan-born Syed Ali Hussain Razvi, a resident of Yakutpura, Hyderabad. He had alleged harassment by the police by being asked to obtain a LTV, as mandated by the Union home ministry in April 2025, after the Pahalgam attack. The petitioner claimed that officials of the Pakistan branch of the police Special Branch were repeatedly visiting his residence and compelling him to apply for an LTV, threatening that he would otherwise face prosecution. He said he had been living in the city for over 31 years, was married to an Indian citizen, and was leading a settled family life with two children. He relied on Aadhaar card, voter ID, PAN card, driv-

ing licence and educational certificates to support his claim. Opposing the plea, authorities stated that the petitioner was born in Karachi, Pakistan, in 1991 and had arrived in India in 1994 along with his mother on a Pakistani passport and visit visa. They submitted that while his mother had been applying for LTV extensions over the years, the petitioner himself never obtained one. The respondents pointed out discrepancies in the petitioner's identity particulars, including differences in name and year of birth between Pakistani records and documents submitted in India. It was stated that petitioner's mother was born here on 19.08.1969, obtained an Indian passport on 19.06.1989 from the

Regional Passport Office, Hyderabad and married a Pakistani citizen on 09.07.1991 here. After marriage, she went to Pakistan along with her husband in 1991 and resided at Karachi. During her stay in Pakistan, she was allegedly subjected to physical and mental harassment by her husband, who forcibly took away her Indian passport, procured a Pakistani passport for her, and sent her to India for delivery. The petitioner stated that he was born in India on 17.07.1992 and that his mother returned to Pakistan after delivery. When his mother became pregnant for the second time, her husband divorced her and sent her to India in 1994, from she she has been continuously residing in India.



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EDITORIAL

AMID GEOPOLITICAL FATIGUE, A STRATEGIC RESET FOR INDIA

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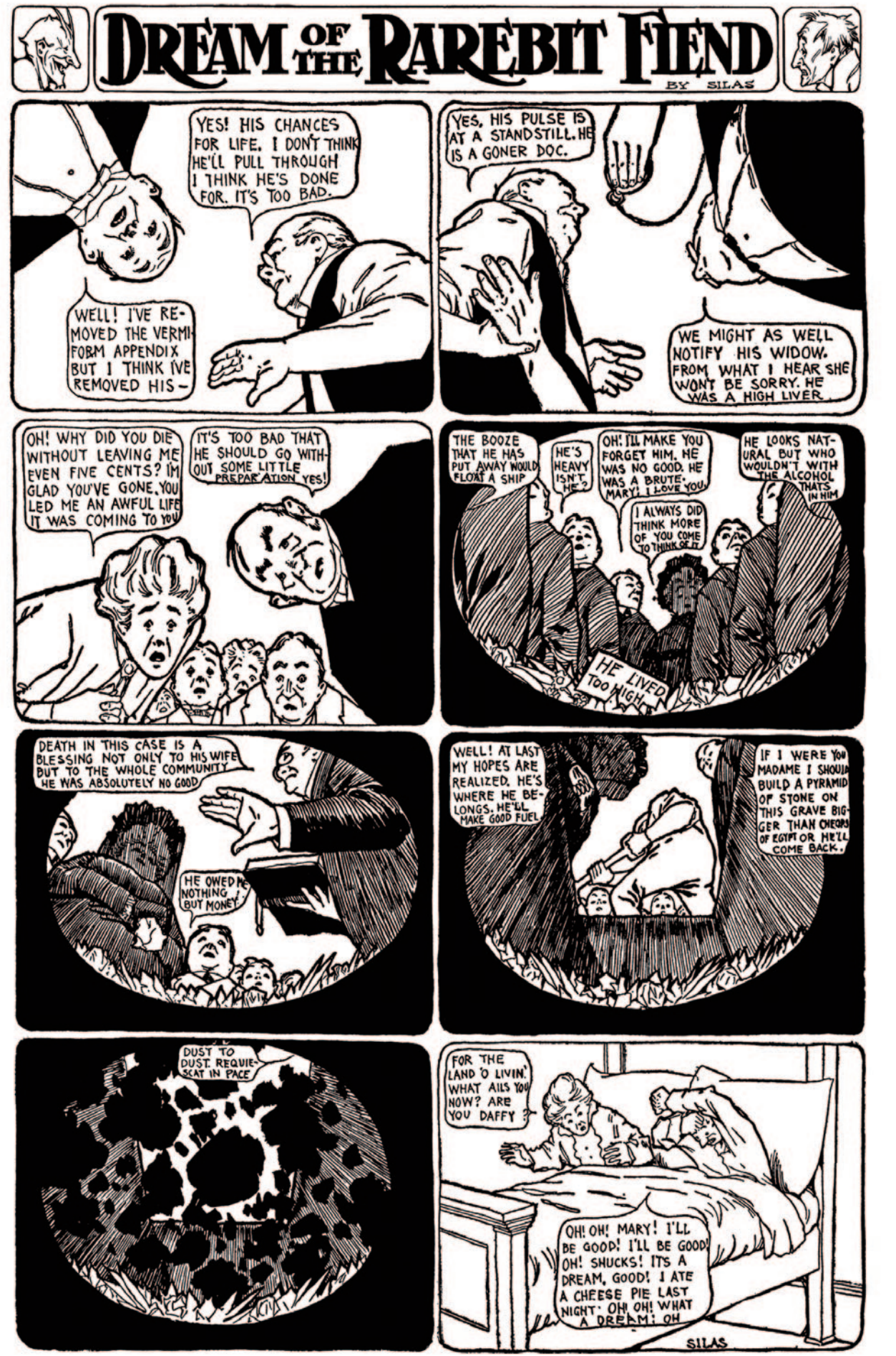
The global landscape which has entered 2026 appears shaped by three corrosive forces — fatigue, uncertainty and recalibration. Since the Covid-19 pandemic years of 2020-21, international politics has functioned in a state of permanent crisis management. Wars have dragged on without resolution, institutions have weakened, and strategic

patience has worn thin. For India, this moment marks the end of a relatively benign external environment and the beginning of a far more demanding phase of statecraft. The early years of the current decade offered India strong geopolitical tailwinds. Most Western capitals, particularly Washington and Brussels, viewed India as a natural strategic partner in balancing a rising China. That alignment provided diplomatic space, technology access and political support. By 2025, however, those winds had shifted decisively. India now faces persistent headwinds — economic, strategic and diplomatic — that demand a sober reassessment of its global posture. Fatigue and uncertainty in a fractured

world: The international system today is afflicted by what can only be described as conflict fatigue. The prolonged Russia-Ukraine war has exhausted Western attention, strained European economies, and distorted global energy and food markets. Simultaneously, sustained instability in West Asia — exacerbated since 2023 — has hollowed out diplomatic bandwidth and injected volatility into critical maritime corridors. In this environment, uncertainty has become the defining condition. Great powers remain active, but not decisive. Alliances exist, but lack coherence. Rules endure in theory, yet are selectively applied in practice. For a country like India — deeply integrated into global trade, energy flows and technology ecosystems — this disorder is no longer just an abstraction. It is a daily economic and strategic reality. The major theatres of global conflict now function as structural disruptions rather than episodic crises. Eastern Europe continues in a bitter stalemate, while West Asia has evolved into a complex shadow war involving states, proxies and non-state actors. Temporarily on halt, these conflicts

are no longer geographically contained; the uncertainty ripples through insurance markets, shipping lanes and supply chains. The consequences are tangible in our case. Disruptions along the Red Sea and Persian Gulf have raised freight and insurance costs for India's trade. The uncertainty over connectivity projects, including segments linked to the International North-South Transport Corridor, has complicated export ambitions. These pressures underline a larger truth — India's economic trajectory is increasingly vulnerable to geopolitical instability far beyond its immediate neighbourhood. Perhaps the most closely watched shift of the past eighteen months has been the cooling of India's relations with the United States. The partnership remains significant, but its tone has changed. Washington's renewed emphasis on transactional approach — visible in tighter trade policies, selective technology controls, sharper immigration norms — has introduced friction into what was once portrayed as a near-automatic convergence.

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Telangana Traders Welcome Budget, Demand Relief for Ground-Level Challenges

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The Telangana State Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Trade (TSFCCT), Secunderabad, welcomed the State Budget's emphasis on economic growth and infrastructure but raised concerns over the neglect of ground-level challenges faced by traders. Addressing a press meet at Hotel Raj Classic Inn, TSFCCT President Ammanabolu Prakash said that while the Budget signals growth intent, it does not sufficiently address operational issues of traders, who are crucial contributors to employ-



ment, GST revenue, and supply-chain efficiency. He flagged GST-related difficulties, including frequent notices, return mismatches, fear of penalties, and delays in input tax credit refunds. Prakash urged the gov-

ernment to implement quarterly GST returns for small traders, faster automated refunds, and trader-friendly GST help desks. He also called for simplified compliance norms for traders with lower turnovers, as cur-

rent requirements mirror those for large corporations.

Beyond GST, traders face multiple local taxes, licenses, renewal fees, and inspections, often leading to harassment. The Federation demanded a single annual license system through a dedicated online platform. Rising business costs—electricity tariffs, transport, logistics, and compliance—are shrinking margins, prompting a call for power tariff subsidies for commercial traders.

Another concern is unfair competition from e-commerce platforms, where deep discounting

and weak enforcement harm small traders. Prakash suggested strict e-commerce regulation and the creation of National and State-level Traders' Advisory Councils for policy consultation. He also highlighted gaps in urban market infrastructure, including parking, warehousing, fire safety, sanitation, and digital facilities. The Federation recommended a dedicated traders' portal and interest subsidies on loans for small traders. "Traders are partners in economic growth, not merely taxpayers. Ease of Doing Business must reach the shop floor," Prakash concluded.

Tax Holiday, Safe Harbour for Data Centres, Safe Harbour Limit Up for IT Services

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Promoting investments in data centres, the Budget has proposed a tax holiday up to 2047 for foreign companies. While safe harbour is offered to data centre providers, the threshold of safe harbour for IT services has been enhanced from Rs 300 crore to Rs 2000 crore. "Recognising the need to enable critical infrastructure and boost investment in data centres, I propose to provide tax holiday till 2047 to any foreign company that provides cloud services to customers globally by using data centre services from India. It will, however, need to provide services to Indian customers through an Indian reseller entity," the



Finance Minister said. "The proposed tax holiday for foreign cloud service providers will significantly accelerate data centre growth by attracting global hyperscalers and deepen long term investment in the segment, positioning India as a preferred hub for digital infrastructure and cloud-based service economy," said Badal Yagnik, CEO & Managing Director at Colliers India. The Budget also proposed to provide a safe harbour of 15 per cent on cost in case of the company providing data centre services from

India is a related entity. Safe harbour rules aim at simplifying compliance and reduce litigation by allowing eligible taxpayers to adopt predefined margins or prices for specified international transactions. Overall investment in the sector, estimated at \$60 billion between 2019 and 2024, is set to hit \$100 billion by 2027, according to consultancy Deloitte. The threshold for availing safe harbour for IT services is being enhanced substantially from Rs 300 crore to Rs 2,000 crore and will be approved by an automated rule-driven process without any need for a tax officer to examine and accept the application. It will continue for 5 years at a stretch.

Amnesty for Small Oversights: FM Announces One-Time Foreign Asset Disclosure Window

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Even as the Union Budget 2026 did not directly tinker with income tax slabs, the finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced multiple measures to ease compliance for taxpayers such as extending the period of filing revised returns, rationalisation of TDS and TCS provisions, besides decriminalising some prosecution and penal provisions. A new Income Tax Act will replace the decades old 1961 law from April 1, 2026. The ITR forms such as ITR-1 and ITR-2 will be redesigned to make filing easier for individuals. While the standard filing deadline for these returns remains July 31, taxpayers can now file revised returns up to March 31, instead of the earlier December 31 deadline.

For non-audit business cases and trusts, the window for filing returns has been extended to August 31, offering greater flexibility in meeting annual tax obligations. The Budget also provided relief to taxpayers in the form of TCS cuts on foreign travel and money sent abroad for education. The government also cut the Tax Collected at Source (TCS) rate under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) from 5 percent to 2 percent for remittances made for education and medical purposes above Rs 10 lakh. The Liberalised Remittance Scheme permits residents of India to remit up to USD 250,000 per financial year outside the country towards approved personal use. These are education, travelling, health services, presents, and investments. Similarly, the TCS has

been rationalized on sale of overseas tour program package to 2 per cent (from current 5% & 20%). Dividend Deduction Ease > Single window filing with depositories for Form 15G or Form 15H for TDS on dividends, interest etc. The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also proposed a one-time six-month foreign asset disclosure scheme aimed at addressing the practical difficulties faced by small taxpayers, including students, young professionals, tech employees, relocated NRIs, and others. The proposed window will allow eligible taxpayers to voluntarily disclose overseas income or assets below a specified threshold, offering relief to those who may have unintentionally failed to report such holdings due to compliance challenges.

Certain Tariffs Eliminated Ahead Of US Trade Deal

NEW DELHI
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Ahead of the Indian-US trade deal, the Budget eliminated duties on several goods that would improve the market access of US exporters. The Budget provided some solace to Indian exporters struggling with US tariffs and suspension of GSP and introduction of CBAM charges by the European Union, by facilitating sales of SEZ units in domestic markets, removing the cap on courier exports, and increasing duty-free import limits for inputs of certain sectors. For the sake of US aerospace firms, the Budget eliminated country-neutral duties on aircraft components and MRO inputs. In nuclear energy, zero customs duty on nu-



clear-generation equipment, absorber rods, and project imports were provided for all registered nuclear plants until 2035. Lower barriers in clean energy, critical minerals, electronics, and health care, duty-free imports of capital goods for lithium-ion cell manufacturing and of sodium antimonate used in solar glass, zero duty on additional drugs, rare-disease medicines, and key medical-device components such as X-ray tubes and flat-panel detectors will ease access for US exporters. Meanwhile, a few Budget

announcements support Indian exporters. "To address the concerns arising about utilization of capacities by manufacturing units in the Special Economic Zones due to global trade disruptions, I propose, as a special one-time measure, to facilitate sales by eligible manufacturing units in SEZs to the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) at concessional rates of duty. The quantity of such sales will be limited to a prescribed proportion of their exports. Necessary regulatory changes will be undertaken to operationalise these measures while ensuring level-playing field for the units working in the DTA," the Finance Minister said. Several units in SEZs have been moving away to Domestic Tariff Area due to the duties. At a

time when exports are reducing, sales in DTA will help SEZ exporters to manage their business. Further, the Budget also has proposed to increase the limit for duty-free imports of specified inputs used for processing sea-food products for export, from the current 1 per cent to 3 per cent of the FOB value of the previous year's export turnover. The time period for export of final product from the existing 6 months to 1 year, for exporters of leather or textile garments, leather or synthetic footwear and other leather products. "This gives exporters more time to ship orders, reduces working-capital stress, and lowers the risk of penalties," said GTRI. Duty-free imports of specified inputs, which is currently available for ex-

ports of leather or synthetic footwear, will be allowed to export shoe uppers as well. The Budget also has removed the Rs 10 lakh per-consignment limit on courier exports, allowing MSMEs, artisans, and e-commerce sellers to ship higher-value goods through courier mode without shifting to slower and more complex air-cargo or containerised procedures, said Anil Bharadwaj, secretary general of FISME. To ease e-commerce, the returns and rejects procedures in courier are being relaxed. To decongest the courier terminals and to improve the overall efficiencies and ease of import and export, the Courier Regulations are being amended to allow for return to origin, the Budget said.

Union Budget Pushes Research in Semiconductors and Rare Earths

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Union Budget has placed research, technology, and innovation at the centre of India's development agenda with regard to semiconductors, rare earths and advanced manufacturing. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the launch of India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0, building on the gains of ISM 1.0. The new phase will focus on producing equipment and materials, designing full-stack Indian IP, and fortifying supply chains. Industry-led research and training centres are planned to develop cutting-edge technology and a skilled workforce, positioning India as a competitive player in the global semiconductor ecosystem. The budget proposes the creation of Rare Earth Corridors in mineral-rich



states, including Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. Following the launch of the Rare Earth Permanent Magnets scheme in November 2025, the corridors will promote mining, processing, research, and manufacturing; tapping into India's strategic mineral reserves to support high-tech industries. In addition, the budget has announced a dedicated initiative for sports goods manufacturing, aimed at making India a hub for affordable, high-quality equipment. The scheme will encourage research and innovation in equipment design and material sciences, boosting exports and supporting domestic industry.

Union Budget Initiatives to Help STs Indirectly: AERC

WASHINGTON
Wakeup telangana

The Union Budget 2026-27, though it stops short of introducing a dedicated scheme for Scheduled Tribes (STs), has outlined several initiatives that may indirectly benefit tribal communities in Andhra Pradesh, particularly through eco-tourism and skill development. Experts believe these measures could open new livelihood avenues if implemented inclusively. Dr. Chetti Praveen Kumar of the Agro-Economic Research Centre (AERC), Andhra University, said the Budget's emphasis on developing eco-friendly tourism infrastructure has significant potential for tribal regions. Among the key proposals are the creation of mountain and nature trails in Araku Valley and

bird-watching trails around Pulicat Lake—both areas with substantial tribal populations. According to him, these initiatives could generate non-farm income, promote local employment, and support cultural preservation. "Tourism and nature-based livelihoods are among the most promising opportunities for tribal areas," Dr. Praveen noted. He pointed out that Araku Valley currently depends largely on coffee cultivation, forest produce, and handicrafts. The addition of eco-tourism, if developed with community participation, could diversify income sources and create sustainable enterprises for tribal households. However, Dr. Praveen cautioned that the success of such projects depends on treating tribal communities as key stakeholders rather than

limiting them to low-wage service roles. "Inclusive planning is crucial. Without genuine participation, the benefits of eco-tourism may bypass the local population," he warned. The Budget also places strong emphasis on skill development, including training programmes for tourist guides and the creation of digital knowledge platforms. Dr. Praveen said these initiatives could empower tribal youth by enhancing employability and entrepreneurial skills, provided adequate outreach and inclusion mechanisms are ensured. In addition, proposals for establishing regional medical hubs could offer indirect benefits to tribal and remote areas if such facilities are strategically located and accessible. Improved healthcare infrastructure would help address long-standing gaps in medica-

Community Pure Water Hosts Annual Fundraiser 2026 at Chowmahalla Palace

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Community Pure Water hosted its Annual Fundraiser 2026 at the historic Chowmahalla Palace, bringing together leaders from philanthropy, business, civil society and government to strengthen access to safe drinking water in rural India. The fundraiser successfully raised support to provide safe drinking water facilities for 25 additional rural schools. The event, title-sponsored by Race2Win Foundation, highlighted safe drinking water as a critical preventive public health intervention and a foundation for sustainable development. Speakers emphasised that without clean water, progress in health, education, livelihoods and gender equity cannot be sustained. Founded by Mr. Ravi Reddy under the Community Development



Foundation, Community Pure Water focuses on eliminating health risks caused by polluted drinking water by building long-term, community-owned infrastructure. The organisation operates 550+ ISO-certified community water purification centres, providing safe and affordable drinking water to over 1.2 million people across rural India. Each centre functions as a 24/7 micro-utility using technology, automation and preventive maintenance, dispensing more than 9 lakh litres of purified water daily with over 97 percent operational uptime, significantly reduc-

ing water-borne diseases. The fundraiser was organised under the leadership of Mrs. Pratiksha Prashant, Board Member and Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee, and featured a charity dinner curated by chefs Avinash Martins, Mythrayee Iyer and Vinesh Johny. The event was graced by Mrs. Pinky Reddy as Chief Guest and Ms. Nandita Das as Special Guest Speaker, along with senior officials, diplomats and leaders from civil society. The evening reinforced the role of safe water in safeguarding public health and strengthening rural communities..

Having Two Daughters And A Son Fills Us With Immense Gratitude: Ram Charan

Ram Charan and Upasana Kovidela have been blessed with twins—a baby boy and a baby girl—at Apollo Hospital last night, sending waves of joy through the Mega and Kamineni families. Sharing the happy news with fans, Charan wrote, "Happy to share that we have been blessed with a baby boy and girl. Having two daughters and a son fills us with immense gratitude. The women in our life have been our greatest strength. I'm very thankful to all our fans, family, and well-wishers who have stood by us through every moment." The arrival of the twins marks a new chapter of happiness for the star couple and has intensi-



fied celebrations across their extended family. Fans and well-wishers are flocking to the hospital, eager to share in the joyous moment. Social media platforms have been flooded with messages of congratulations, reflecting the immense love and admiration for the couple.

Before the delivery, Ram

Charan and Upasana shared a serene family portrait that has now gained symbolic significance. In the photograph, the couple is styled in elegant all-black attire, radiating calm confidence and togetherness. Upasana's flowing gown highlights her radiant glow, while Charan's understated look complements

her elegance. Adding a personal touch, the couple's two black dogs sit loyally on either side, completing the intimate family tableau that exudes warmth, unity, and anticipation.

With the twins' arrival, the Mega family celebrates not just the addition of two new members, but the deeper bond that connects them all. Charan and Upasana's message of gratitude underlines the importance of family, support, and love during life's most special moments. The joyous occasion has captured the hearts of fans nationwide, who continue to send their blessings and celebrate this cherished milestone in the couple's life.

Actor Venkatesh Hosts RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

An unusual yet noteworthy interaction took place in Hyderabad, marking a rare intersection of public life and cinema. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat reportedly met several prominent figures from the Telugu film industry on Saturday. According to sources, the meeting was hosted at the residence of actor Venkatesh Daggubati and concluded earlier in the day. A number of



well-known Tollywood personalities were invited — Actors Nagarjuna, Nani, Teja Sajja, Varun Tej, Rana Daggubati and Ram Pothineni reportedly participated in the inter-

action. Producers Ravishankar Y and Sahu Garapati were also present. The meeting has sparked curiosity about its purpose. However, no official details regarding the discussions have been shared. When contacted, leading producer Suresh Babu, Venkatesh Daggubati's brother, played down the significance of the gathering. "It was a casual meeting with no specific agenda. I can't share more details," he said.

Dhanush To Romance Sreeleela in His Next

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

After sharing screen space with Telugu actress Rashmika Mandanna in Kubera, National Award-winning actor Dhanush is reportedly set to romance another rising Telugu actress, Sreeleela, in his upcoming Tamil film directed by Rajkumar Periyaswamy. Sreeleela, who made her Kollywood debut with Parashakti, has been attracting significant attention and offers from across the Tamil film industry. Industry sources point out that the Tamil cinema scene is currently facing a shortage of leading actresses, making Sreeleela's entry both timely and strategically advantageous. "She is also working on a film with Tamil star Pradeep Ranganathan and is clearly in demand," said a source, highlighting her growing popularity. Director Rajkumar Periyaswamy, known for eliciting an outstanding performance from Sai Pallavi in Amaran, is



said to have crafted a substantial role for Sreeleela in this project. The role promises to be more than just a glamorous presence, offering her a chance to demonstrate her acting skills and break free from the "dancing girl" image that has often defined her early career. Acting alongside a performer of Dhanush's calibre is expected to be both a challenge and an opportunity, giving Sreeleela a platform to showcase her range and depth as an actress. Sreeleela first gained recognition in Tollywood with hits like Dhamaka and Guntur Kaaram, and her performance in Bhagavanth Kesari was widely appreciated by audiences and critics alike. However, films such as

Skanda and Extra Ordinary Man reportedly affected her career momentum, prompting her to explore opportunities in Tamil cinema. With her current trajectory, including high-profile projects and collaborations with accomplished directors, Sreeleela is poised to carve a niche for herself in Kollywood. Industry insiders believe that Sreeleela's combination of talent, timing, and strategic project choices could make her one of the prominent actresses in Tamil cinema in the coming years. With this upcoming film, she not only gets a chance to prove her versatility but also to establish a strong foothold alongside some of the industry's most respected names.

Yuvan Shankar Raja meets Ajith at Dubai Autodrome; fans thrilled!

CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

Ace music director Yuvan Shankar Raja has now met actor Ajith at the Dubai Autodrome, where the latter's racing team is gearing up for the Asian Le Mans Series. A video clip showing Yuvan Shankar Raja arriving at the Dubai Autodrome and then meeting actor Ajith has now gone viral on social media. Yuvan Shankar Raja's meeting comes at a time when actor Ajith's superhit film 'Mankatha', which has now been re-released, is setting the box office on fire. What is interesting is that the film's music and songs, which were one of its biggest strengths, were



scored by Yuvan Shankar Raja! Yuvan Shankar Raja is the latest celebrity from the Tamil film industry to arrive in Dubai to meet Ajith and to cheer

for him. It may be recalled that just a couple of days ago, actor Madhavan had interacted with Ajith at the Dubai Autodrome. It may

be recalled that earlier this month, actress Nayanthara and her director husband, Vignesh Shivan, had arrived at the Dubai Autodrome to cheer for actor Ajith, who took part in the popular Dubai 24H Series event. Prior to Nayanthara and Vignesh Shivan, actor Sibi Sathyaraj had taken to his X timeline to share a video clip that showed Ajith warmly receiving him and his family members at the circuit. Sharing the video clip, Sibi Sathyaraj had said, "It was a real pleasure to meet #Ajithkumar sir at the #24HDubai racing event today. Was truly impressed by all the effort and hard work he has put into pursuing his passion. As always it was

wonderful conversing and spending quality time with you dear sir. Thanks for the opportunity!" Before Sibi, one of India's top music directors Anirudh had called on actor Ajith Kumar on the Marina Race Circuit in Abu Dhabi. Meanwhile, actor Ajith Kumar's efforts on the race track are to be made into a docu-film, which sources say will be released in theatres on May 1 this year on the occasion of his birthday. Sources close to the actor had confirmed that ace Tamil film director AL Vijay is directing this docu-film, which will be around 90 minutes long and will seek to inspire scores of youngsters to pursue their dreams.

Alcaraz Beats Djokovic to Win Australian Open

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Carlos Alcaraz made history by becoming the youngest man ever to complete a career Grand Slam after defeating Novak Djokovic in the Australian Open final. The 22-year-old Spaniard overcame the top-ranked Serbian 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 7-5 to secure his seventh major title, including his first Australian Open, two Wimbledon, and two French and U.S. Open titles. Alcaraz, 22 years and 272 days old, broke Don Budge's long-standing record from 1938, when Budge completed the Grand Slam at 22 years and 363 days. The victory also denied Djokovic a record 25th Grand



Slam singles title and a chance to become the oldest man to win a major in the Open era. The final was a showcase of endurance and skill, with both players coming off grueling five-set semifinal wins. Djokovic dominated early, taking the first set 6-2, but Alcaraz quickly recovered, applying relentless pressure and

retrieving shots that would normally be winners for the 38-year-old champion. His athleticism, stamina, and mental toughness proved decisive over the three-hour contest. Djokovic, who had previously won all 10 of his Australian Open finals, fell short once again in Melbourne, continuing a trend where either Al-

caraz or Jannik Sinner has blocked his bid for a Grand Slam title in nine recent attempts. Despite the setback, Djokovic remains one of the sport's most formidable competitors, showcasing extraordinary skill and fitness even in his late 30s. Alcaraz's triumph not only cements his place among tennis elites but also signals a generational shift in men's tennis. Completing the career Grand Slam at such a young age highlights his remarkable consistency, versatility, and composure across all surfaces. As he continues to chase further milestones, the tennis world watches eagerly as Alcaraz redefines the standards of excellence for the next generation.

Pat Cummins Left Out of Australia's T20 World Cup Squad

MELBOURNE
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Star paceman Pat Cummins has been ruled out of Australia's T20 World Cup campaign in Sri Lanka and India, failing to recover from a long-term back injury ahead of the final squad deadline. Cricket Australia confirmed Saturday that Cummins, who has struggled with the ailment for six months, will be replaced in the 15-man squad by left-arm allrounder Ben Dwarshuis. "With Pat needing more time to recover from his back injury, Ben is a ready replacement who offers a left arm pace option as well as dynamic fielding and late order hitting," Australia selector Tony Dodemaide said. "We believe his ability to swing the ball at good pace along with clever variations will be well suited to the conditions we expect and overall structure of the squad. Matt Short has also been omitted in favor of Matthew Renshaw, who only made his



T20 international debut two days ago against Pakistan. Josh Hazlewood and Tim David have both been retained in the final squad as they continue their comeback trail from hamstring injuries. Steve Smith remained absent from the final roster despite a stellar season in Australia's domestic Big Bash League for the Sydney Sixers had led to calls for the veteran to be included in the final squad. ICC rules permitted squad changes until Jan.

31. Australia opens the tournament on Feb. 11 against Ireland in Colombo then plays Zimbabwe in Colombo on Feb. 13, followed by matches in Kandy against Sri Lanka on Feb. 16 and Oman on Feb. 20. The team will travel to India for at least some of their Super Eights games if they qualify. The Aussies are currently in Pakistan as part of a three-match warmup series where they trial 2-0 with one match to play.

After battling life for 8 days, Tgana excise constable dies

Eight days after being critically injured while trying to stop the illegal transport of drugs,

25-year-old Telangana excise constable G Sowmya succumbed to her injuries at Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) in Hyderabad on Saturday, January 31. She had been on life support since January 23, with doctors noting her dangerously low blood pressure. Hyderabad City Police Commissioner VC Sajnar expressed condolences, saying, "She went to stop illegal transportation, they crushed and killed her mercilessly with the vehicle itself, which shows how wildly the drug mafia has gone out of control. Her death is not merely a tragedy... it is a warning to society. Salute to your courage that did not even count life itself for the protection of society." The accident occurred in Nizamabad when Sowmya attempted to stop a speeding car driven by Syed Sohail and Mohammed Saifuddin. The suspects turned towards Nirmal district to escape but were later apprehended. Authorities recovered a large quantity of ganja from the vehicle. Telangana Excise Minister Juppally Krishna Rao condemned the attack and directed strict action against the perpetrators. He also instructed the Director of Excise and senior officials to immediately review and strengthen safety protocols for enforcement operations, ensuring officers have adequate manpower, protective equipment, and logistical support while on duty.



Crowds Flock 85th Numaish

Massive Crowds Enjoy Shopping, Food, and Fun at 85th Exhibition

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A massive crowd flocked to the 85th All India Industrial Exhibition on Sunday, making it one of the busiest days of the event. Families and friends thronged the venue, turning the exhibition into a vibrant hub of activity and excitement. Visitors were seen exploring numerous stalls offering a wide range of products, from traditional handicrafts and clothing to modern gadgets and industrial innovations.

The exhibition, which draws participants and spectators from across the country, is renowned for its diverse shopping opportunities and festive atmosphere. Many attendees took the opportunity to purchase unique items not commonly available in regular markets. In addition to shopping, the event offered an impressive variety of food stalls, serving local delicacies, international cuisines, and popular street food favorites, ensuring there was something to suit every palate.

Organizers highlighted that the exhibition not only provides entertainment but also promotes small businesses and artisans, helping them reach a



A massive crowd throngs the 85th All India Industrial Exhibition on Sunday as visitors spend time with family and friends, shop at various stalls, and relish a wide variety of food items.—Photo: Mir Zulfeqar ali

wider audience. Special attractions, live performances, and interactive displays added to the festive spirit, keeping visitors engaged throughout the day. Safety and crowd management measures were also in place to ensure a smooth experience for all. Overall, Sunday's turnout at the 85th All India Industrial Exhibition reflected its continuing popularity as a cultural, commercial, and social gathering, appealing to visitors of all ages.



Visitors savour Pista House haleem while enjoying the festive atmosphere at the 85th Numaish in Nampally.

Parents Allege Medical Negligence after Kid's Death

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A two-year-old girl died at the Government Hospital in Kamareddy on Sunday while being administered the third dose of anti-rabies vaccine, triggering protests by her grieving parents and relatives. The child, who had been bitten by stray dogs a few days earlier, reportedly collapsed and died minutes after the vaccine was administered, raising serious concerns over medical negligence. Following the incident, irate family members staged a protest on the hospital premises, demanding strict action against those responsible. Tension prevailed for

some time before senior health officials intervened and assured the family that a thorough inquiry would be conducted and necessary action taken against the erring staff. The protesters later dispersed after receiving assurances from the authorities. According to sources, the girl had suffered injuries after being attacked by a pack of stray dogs near her residence at Ayyappanagar in Kamareddy town. She was taken to the government hospital for treatment and was receiving the scheduled doses of anti-rabies vaccine. Officials said the exact cause of death would be determined after a detailed investigation and medical review.

BJP chief Nabin's Maiden Telangana Visit on Feb. 4

BJP president Nitin Nabin, in his maiden visit to Telangana, will address party activists and contesting candidates of the municipal elections at MVS Degree College Grounds in Mahbubnagar on February 4 afternoon. Speaking on this paper, BJP national vice-president and Mahbubnagar MP D.K. Aruna said Nabin would travel directly to Mahbubnagar by road after landing at Shamshabad International Airport. Contesting candidates from the United Mahbubnagar district, recently elected sarpanches, ward members and booth-level in-charges will attend the public meeting, along with activists and leaders from nearby districts.

State-level leaders and office-bearers are also expected to meet the party's national president on his arrival at the airport. BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao will leave for Mahbubnagar on Monday afternoon to review arrangements for the public meeting. Meanwhile, Ramchander Rao chaired a review meeting with state office-bearers at the party office to finalise election strategies and campaign programmes. The meeting was attended by Maharashtra minister and election in-charge Ashish Shelar, former Rajasthan state president and election co-in-charge Ashok Pamami, and others. The BJP is contesting all 2,996 divisions and wards in 116 municipalities and seven corporations going to polls on February 11.

AIMIM Leaders Meet Municipal Election Candidates in Sangareddy



Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin, along with a Hyderabad party corporator and AIMIM Sangareddy District President, held a group meeting with AIMIM party candidates contesting the Telangana Municipal Elections and active party workers in Sangareddy.

Love Scam Drains Techie's ₹38 Lakh Savings

A 35-year-old software engineer looking for a bride ended up losing ₹38.3 lakh to cryptocurrency fraudsters, according to a complaint lodged with the Malkajgiri police. It began innocuously enough on November 16, 2025, when the victim posted a matrimonial alliance request on a matrimony website. A woman responded and on November 21, they shifted the communication to WhatsApp. Amid talk of a possible marriage, the woman began claiming extensive expertise in cryptocurrency trading and projected her family as seasoned investors who had earned crores through digital assets.

The woman told the victim that the marriage proposal would not be accepted unless he invested in cryptocurrency. He was emotionally pressured and assured of high returns with minimal risk, he invested ₹1 lakh on November 1, via a mobile website resembling a cryptocurrency trading platform. The victim later invested more and the platform showed more purported profits. He continued transferring funds over the following days, investing a total of ₹38.62 lakh, even borrowing cash for the purpose. The platform showed profits exceeding ₹1.08 crore but the victim was allowed to withdraw only ₹31,758. When he wanted to withdraw more money, his account was frozen and he was allegedly asked to pay an additional ₹21.58 lakh. That is when he approached the police.

Security Guard Dies After Fall Into Lift Pit

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 49-year-old security guard, Adubala Srinivas, died after falling into an open lift pit at an under-construction site in Gachibowli on Friday afternoon. According to a complaint lodged by his 26-year-old son A. Satyanarayana, Srinivas had left for duty at around 10.30 am on Friday. When he did not re-

turn home by 9 pm, Satyanarayana went to the site in search of him. He found his father's slippers in the cellar of the building and, on checking further, discovered his body lying inside the pit with bleeding injuries to the head and knees. Srinivas was rushed to a nearby private hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. "For now, it appears

that Srinivas may have fallen accidentally. As construction was halted around lunchtime, the area was not cordoned off," Gachibowli inspector K. Balaraju said. The body was later shifted to the Osmania mortuary for post-mortem examination and handed over to the family. Police have registered a case under Section 194 of the BNSS and further investigation is underway.

TGSRTC Wraps Up Medaram Operations

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC), which handled the bulk of public transport arrangements for the Medaram jatara, concluded its operations on Sunday evening a day after the festival concluded. City services are expected to gradually go back to normal. The RTC had deployed 516 buses from the Hyderabad re-

gion to cater to major traffic-generating points and facilitate smooth movement of pilgrims. In addition, 559 special bus trips were operated from Uppal X Roads between January 25 and February 1. During this period, nearly 20,000 passengers were transported directly from Uppal crossroads to the Medaram Jatara. As part of the operation, 3,450 employees, accounting for about 45 per cent of

the Hyderabad region workforce, actively participated in Medaram duties. Sudha Parimala, regional manager, Hyderabad region, said, "The successful execution of Medaram operations reflects the dedication, coordination and tireless efforts of drivers, conductors and supervisory staff in delivering efficient and reliable public transport services during the Jatara."

AKAORI to File High Court Contempt Plea Over Status Quo Breach

HYDERABAD
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Alleging violation of a Telangana High Court order to maintain status quo over the Abul Kalam Azad Oriental Research Institute (AKAORI), the executive body of the institute has decided to file a contempt petition against minority welfare department officials. The unlocking of the sealed premises of the Niaz Khana and handing it over to Shahi Masjid on January 27 has triggered uproar. The move followed a memo issued on January 23 and the sealing of the age-old institute, located adjacent to Shahi Masjid at Public Gardens, by the district minorities welfare officer the next day. "We shall be filing a contempt of court petition against the minority welfare department officials,

as the order to maintain status quo was violated. They not only undermined the court orders, but also handed over the premises to the mosque management. Moreover, the minority welfare minister, vice-chairman TGMERIS and secretary, minority welfare, entered the premises in violation of court orders," Aziz Ahmed, executive member of the institute, alleged at a press conference on Sunday. On the same day the status quo was ordered, members of the executive committee learnt that the grill lock had been opened and the mosque management had begun using the premises. A video clip featuring minister Azharuddin, Faheem Qureshi and senior officials of the minority welfare department at the location triggered anguish.

Yadagirigutta and Bhadrachalam Likely to Gain from Rs.5,000 Cr Fund for City Economic Regions

Yadagirigutta which has the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Devasthanam, Warangal with the 1,000-Pillar Temple and the Bhadrakali Temple, and Bhadrachalam with the Sree Seetha Ramachandra Swamy Devasthanam are likely to meet the criteria and could secure government help.

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Enhanced infrastructure, a strengthened disaster management system, improved real estate demand and job opportunities are on cards for Tier II and III cities which can become investment-ready, said experts and stakeholders from various sectors against the background of proposals made in the Union Budget 2026-27. The Centre has proposed continued focus on developing infrastructure in cities with over 5 lakh population which have expanded to become growth centres. This proposed large-scale enhancement of public infrastructure will prove beneficial to Warangal, Yadagirigutta, Karimnagar, Khammam, and Mahbubnagar. In addition, the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) of Rs.1 lakh crore to imple-



ment the proposals for 'Cities as Growth Hubs', 'Creative Redevelopment of Cities' and 'Water and Sanitation' and the proposal for a Rs.5,000 crore fund to develop the city economic regions (CER) and temple towns will contribute to the growth of these urban local bodies (ULBs). These elements clubbed together will have a positive impact, said experts including a municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD) official and a planning official from commissioner

and director of municipal administration (CDMA). Yadagirigutta which has the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Devasthanam, Warangal with the 1,000-Pillar Temple and the Bhadrakali Temple, and Bhadrachalam with the Sree Seetha Ramachandra Swamy Devasthanam are likely to meet the criteria and could secure government help. Jayant Kumar, managing director and General Manager at Hilti India, said that Budget reinforced infrastructure-led growth with capital expenditure esti-

ated at Rs.12.2 lakh crore. "Investments in highways, metros, railways, airports, power, seven high-speed rail corridors and new National Waterways will significantly accelerate construction activity and project scale," he said. R. Ravi Kumar, president, Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI), agreed that Tier II and III cities will be developed. He said the proposal for high-speed and semi-high-speed rail connectivity linking Hyderabad with major economic centres such as Bengaluru, Pune and Chennai would be beneficial. "These projects will enhance labour mobility, supply-chain efficiency, regional integration and offer a sustainable alternative to short-haul flights," he said.

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