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Brief Insights

2026 Assembly Polls Charged up Due to TVK Entry: Vijay tells Cadres



Actor-politician Vijay on Monday claimed that the political atmosphere in Tamil Nadu is charged up due to TVK's entry and urged his party cadres to strive for a victory in the upcoming Assembly election to Tamil Nadu and gain political recognition. He said with the overwhelming support of the people, the Tamilaga Vetti Kazhagam members should fight the electoral battle with determination and unity to "achieve the democratic goal of seizing the reins of governance."

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TTD Ghee Case: SIT Says Adulteration Took Place During Both YSRC And TD Terms

The CBI-led Special Investigation Team's findings on ghee procurement at the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams have intensified the political slugfest between the Telugu Desam-led alliance and the YSR Congress, with both sides citing the chargesheet to bolster their positions. According to the chargesheet filed before the ACB court in Nellore, adulterated ghee entered the TTD supply chain as early as February 2019, when the Telugu Desam government was in power. The earliest such supply was routed through Harsh Fresh Dairy, a proxy firm linked to Bhole Baba Dairy, SIT said. Investigators found that the firm secured contracts by submitting forged inspection reports and fabricating a compliance trail through collusion with officials in the TTD procurement wing and external dairy experts.

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CEC insulted and humiliated us during meeting: Mamata Banerjee

Mamata Banerjee, along with TMC MPs and families affected by the SIR process, flag SIR flaws as living voters marked dead at ECI

NEW DELHI
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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday had a face-off with Delhi Police outside Banga Bhavan in the national capital, amid an ongoing tussle between the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the Election Commission over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Voicing strong protest, Banerjee said she had come to Delhi "for justice" and warned that such actions by authorities



"cannot continue." The chief minister questioned the heavy police deployment outside Banga Bhavan and asked personnel to move away, clarifying that she had no intention of staging a protest. "We are here after an official appointment," she said, taking strong exception to what she termed "atrocities" by the Delhi Police.

Drawing a comparison, Banerjee said Union Home Minister Amit Shah is accorded full respect during his visits to West Bengal. "When the home minister comes to Bengal, we give him the red carpet. But when we come to Delhi, you give us the black carpet," she remarked, alleging harassment of people from Bengal and urging authorities to exercise restraint. Banerjee is scheduled to meet Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar later in the day,

along with a 15-member TMC delegation led by party national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee. The delegation is expected to raise concerns over what the party has described as the "biased, arbitrary, discriminatory, and politically motivated" conduct of the SIR exercise in West Bengal. In a post on X, the TMC said the delegation would place its demands before the CEC and seek urgent corrective action, alleging that repeated representations to the Election Commission.

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Probe Notices Not Insult to Telangana: CM Revanth

CM says accountability applies regardless of power or position

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday asserted that in a democracy, no individual—irrespective of position or stature—is above the law, and anyone involved in wrongdoing must face investigation. He rejected claims that notices issued by probing agencies amounted to an insult to "Telangana pride," calling such arguments misleading. Speaking at the Ravi Narayana Reddy National Award presentation ceremony, where he honoured former Supreme Court judge Justice B. Sudarshan Reddy, the Chief Minister said several former Chief Ministers across the country had faced inquiries and court proceedings, underscoring



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that democratic accountability applies to all. Revanth Reddy criticised attempts to portray routine investigative notices as harassment and drew a distinction between leaders who sacrificed for Telangana and those who amassed wealth and power. He said electoral verdicts must be accepted with dignity, noting the BRS's successive defeats since 2023, and added

that blaming the people for political setbacks was undemocratic. Recalling Ravi Narayana Reddy's legacy, the Chief Minister described him as a symbol of selfless public service, highlighting his role in land donation for the poor, leadership in the armed peasant struggle, and voluntary withdrawal from politics despite electoral success. He also accused the BJP-led Centre of undermining constitutional values and the sanctity of the vote.

Gold, silver extend losses as margin hike weighs on prices

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Gold and silver extended their decline on Monday, as hike in margin requirements are set to take effect on Chicago Merchantile Exchange (CME) in the US. MCX gold February futures fell 1.77 per cent to Rs 1,45,132 per 10 grams on an intra-day basis. Meanwhile MCX silver March futures dipped 6.88 per cent to Rs 2,47,386 per kg. Analysts said the free fall of gold and silver from their record highs started after the US President Donald Trump selected Kevin Warsh as the next US Fed Chairman. Investors reacted negatively because Warsh is considered more aggressive on interest-rate policy than earlier chairs, they added. The decline was



further supported by a stronger U.S. dollar, higher Treasury yields, and upbeat US inflation data (PPI and core PPI). As import duty was kept unchanged in the Union Budget the domestic premium in bullion suffered, said Rahul Kalantri, VP Commodities, Mehta Equities Ltd. In international markets silver could find support near \$68, while gold may hold around \$4,510 this week, analysts forecasted. Spot gold recovered considerably after dropping 4 per cent in early morning session on Monday, during the Asian trading hours.

Seven Months After Fatal Crash, Air India Dreamliner Faces Same Critical Fuel Switch Glitch

NEW DELHI
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In a repeat of the AI 171 crash scenario, the fuel switch of an Air India Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner automatically moved from "RUN" to "CUT OFF" while it was at Heathrow Airport in London. The pilot immediately flagged the possible defect with the fuel control switch and the matter has been reported to the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The plane has been grounded and a probe has been ordered by the DGCA. The aircraft operated the flight AI 132 from London to Bengaluru, and it landed at Bengaluru on Monday morning. As per



initial reports, the problem was reported after landing at Heathrow as the crew noticed unusual behaviour of the left engine fuel control switch on Boeing 787-8. During the engine start the fuel switch failed to remain locked in the "RUN" position on two attempts and on its own moved towards "CUT OFF." This malfunction has the potential to shut down the engines, something that happened in the ill-fated AI 171 that crashed in June last year

at Ahmedabad. "We are aware that one of our pilots has reported a possible defect on the fuel control switch of a Boeing 787-8 aircraft. After receiving this initial information, we have grounded the said aircraft and are involving the Original Equipment Manufacturer to get the pilot's concerns checked on a priority basis. The matter has been communicated to the aviation regulator, DGCA. Air India had checked the fuel control switches on all Boeing 787 aircraft in its fleet after a directive from the DGCA, and had found no issues. At Air India, the safety of our passengers and crew remains top priority," Air India said in a statement.

China criticises Grammy Award to Dalai Lama, warns against 'anti-China' use

BEIJING
Wakeup telangana

China on Monday deplored the Grammy Award given to the Dalai Lama, saying it "firmly opposes" the Tibetan spiritual leader using the recognition to carry out "anti-China activities". The Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, won his first Grammy on Sunday in the category of best audio book, narration, and storytelling recording for his spoken-word album, Meditations: The Reflections of His Holiness the Dalai



Lama, at the 68th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. Asked for his reaction to the award, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian reiterated China's allegation that the 90-year-old spiritual leader is carrying out separatist activity in the name of religion.

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Inida, US agree on trade deal: trump

US Cuts Tariff on India from 50% to 18%



cultural products, coal and other goods. US President Donald Trump announced the agreement on Monday via his social media platform Truth Social after speaking with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Trump said Modi agreed to stop buying Russian oil and instead increase purchases from the US and potentially Venezuela, calling the move supportive of efforts to end the Ukraine war. Prime Minister Modi later confirmed the reduced tariff benefit for Indian exports in a post on

X, thanking Trump and describing the deal as a boost to cooperation between the world's two largest democracies. India's bilateral goods trade with the US stood at about \$132 billion in FY25. However, India has not officially clarified Trump's claims regarding Russian oil imports or full market access for US dairy and GM products, issues that had earlier delayed negotiations. The deal follows a period of strained trade ties, during which India faced the highest US tariff slab of 50 per cent. It comes amid renewed diplomatic engagement, including External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's ongoing visit to the US, signalling a reset in India-US economic relations.

Telangana among 35 Locations Raided by CBI in Operation CyStrike

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Telangana was among the 35 locations, including New Delhi, Karnataka and Maharashtra, where the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) carried out searches targeting transnational cyber crime networks being operated from India and the participating countries. During the search operation, the CBI arrested key operative Pfokehrii Peter and his associate Suraj Srivastava and dismantled transnational financial cyber crime networks focused on stealing money from the victims in the United States, United Kingdom, Kuwait, Ireland, Singapore and India. Electronic devices, including laptops, mobile phones and computer hard disks containing incriminating digital evidence relating to the

crime, were recovered and seized from the possession of the accused, according to a CBI statement. The CBI also recovered '60 lakh from one of the accused persons during search proceedings. The CBI busted another transnational cyber-enabled financial crime network being operated by the accused persons from New Delhi, Ghaziabad and Karnataka under the domain name https://eservicemoi-Kw.com under the guise of providing Kuwaiti e-Visas and offering appointments for working in leading Kuwait companies to Indian nationals for the exchange of money. The operation CyStrike, led by CBI, aimed at taking action on the organised technology-enabled crime networks in close coordination with Interpol and foreign law enforcement agencies.

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Revanth Reddy Sets Deadline, Demands One Candidate per Ward

Party leadership moves to curb internal rivalry and streamline municipal election strategy statewide

HYDERABAD
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With the deadline for submission of B-forms expiring at 3 pm on Tuesday, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday convened a crucial meeting of the Congress Election Committee to finalise candidates for the February 11 municipal elections. Emphasising strict party discipline, he instructed leaders to ensure the withdrawal of rebel nominations to prevent vote-splitting and help the party achieve its target of winning over 80 per cent of the wards.



The urgency of the meeting stemmed from the large number of aspirants within the party. More than 9,600 Congress candidates have filed nominations for 2,996 wards across Telangana, averaging over three aspirants per ward. Party leadership expressed concern that internal competition could

adversely impact electoral prospects. Revanth Reddy directed ministers, MLAs and local leaders to personally intervene and ensure that only one authorised Congress candidate remains in the fray in each ward. The Chief Minister instructed leaders to begin issuing B-forms from Monday evening and complete the process by 10 am on Tuesday to avoid last-minute confusion. He warned that failure to enforce discipline could result in a repeat of the recent Gram Panchayat election setbacks, where multiple

Congress-backed candidates contested without official party symbols. This internal division led to losses in nearly 500 gram panchayats, benefiting rival parties such as the BRS and BJP. The meeting, conducted via Zoom, was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Cabinet ministers, TPCC president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud and AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan. Senior leaders reiterated that the municipal elections, being fought on party symbols, were far more critical for the Congress

organisation. To placate disgruntled aspirants, Revanth Reddy assured that rebel candidates who voluntarily withdraw would be considered for future recognition and government-nominated positions. He also announced an intensive election campaign from February 4 to 9, during which he will address public meetings across key districts. The campaign will focus on highlighting the achievements of the Congress government, addressing local civic issues and energising party cadre ahead of the municipal polls.

Apollo & Leicester Host Education Summit on AI Careers

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The Apollo University, in collaboration with the University of Leicester, UK, hosted the one-day Apollo–Leicester Education Summit 2026 at The Park, Hyderabad, focusing on “Global Careers in the Age of AI”. The summit targeted senior secondary students, parents, and educators navigating higher education and career choices for 2030 and beyond. The event brought together over 20 distinguished speakers from India and the UK, including industry leaders from Bosch, Google, Sun Life Global, HAL, Thrymr Software, 101 GenAI, KIMS Hospitals, and academic experts. Sessions



explored emerging career trends, AI-driven industry transformations, cross-disciplinary skills, global mobility, and bridging the gap between education and employment. Focus areas included engineering, technology, healthcare, business, and computer science. Prof. Henrietta O’Connor, Provost, University of Leicester, highlighted integrating employability into curricula through 100 hours of work-related learning in undergraduate degrees. Prof. Vinod Bhat, Vice-Chancellor, Apollo

University, emphasized creating students who are locally rooted but globally competent. The summit offered actionable insights for students and parents, emphasizing adaptability, resilience, and future-ready skills. It successfully created a collaborative platform connecting academia, industry, and families, reinforcing a shared commitment to preparing students for global career opportunities in the AI era.

Sridhar Raju Joins Forward Black, 63rd Candidate

Sridhar Raju Joins Forward Black Party, Named Karimnagar Corporator Candidate

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Telangana BC leader Kesi Peddi Sridhar Raju formally joined the All India Forward Black Party on Monday at Karimnagar district headquarters. Telangana State Convener Ambati Joji Reddy welcomed him by draping the party scarf. Sridhar Raju, senior BC association leader and Telangana State General Secretary of the National BC Welfare Association, has dedicated 36 years to the welfare of BC communities. He has now been declared as the Forward



Black Party’s corporator candidate for the 63rd Division of Karimnagar Municipal Corporation. Joji Reddy said that Sridhar Raju’s induction reflects the party’s commitment to the ideals of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and assured him of a significant role in the organization.

He added that the Forward Black Party is focused on addressing public issues and expanding its presence in upcoming municipal elections across Telangana. District General Secretary Bandari Shekhar noted that Sridhar Raju’s joining would strengthen the party in Karimnagar. Sridhar Raju pledged to work tirelessly for the party’s growth and electoral success. The event was attended by AISB Vice President Athikam Rajashekar Goud, Choppadandi MLA candidate Muthyala Vijay Kumar, and other leaders.

KCR Not Above Law, Says Congress BC Cell Leader

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

District Congress BC Cell Chairman Puli Anjaneyulu Goud stated that everyone is equal before the law and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao is no exception. Speaking at the DCC office in Karimnagar, he said questioning KCR by SIT officials



does not amount to questioning Telangana. He alleged that TRS leaders were creating drama and resorting to protests unable to ac-

cept the welfare initiatives of the Congress government. Anjaneyulu Goud said corruption in the Kaleshwaram project had shocked the people of Telangana. He asserted that the Constitution drafted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar mandates equality before law for all. He accused the TRS of misleading the public

by politicising the SIT probe into the phone-tapping case. He pointed out that SIT had earlier questioned KTR, Harish Rao and Santosh Kumar, and questioning KCR was part of the same process. He maintained that if innocent, KCR should cooperate with the investigation instead of blaming the government.

CBIT to Host National Leadership Summit on Higher Education Governance

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Gandipet, will host a One-Day National Leadership Summit on 28th February 2026, focusing on “Academic and Administrative Leadership in Higher Education Institutions: Pathways to Good Governance, Accountability, Responsibility and Role Clarity.” The summit aims to provide a national platform



for academic and administrative leaders to discuss contemporary challenges in higher education governance. Key topics will include NEP 2020, regulatory frameworks of UGC, AICTE, NAAC, and NBA, as well as best practices in institutional

leadership. Emphasis will be on promoting role clarity, accountability, ethical decision-making, and collaborative governance, aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4, 16, and 17. Participants will include Principals, Directors,

Deans, Heads of Departments, Registrars, Administrative Officers, and senior faculty members from across India. Eminent academicians, policy experts, and institutional leaders will serve as resource persons and share insights on leadership and governance. The summit is convened by Prof. N. L. N. Reddy, with coordination by Dr. Prathima Tirumalareddy and Dr. GNR Prasad. Attendance is free, and details are available at www.cbit.ac.in

Govt nursing college principal suspended over dereliction of duty in Asifabad

The principal of the Government Nursing College here was placed under suspension on Monday for dereliction of duty and remaining absent without prior permission. Collector K Haritha issued orders to this effect. According to the order, the principal, G Vinoda, was suspended for negligence in administering the college and for skipping legitimate duties since January 29. She also left the headquarters without permission and failed to conduct classes even after the commencement of the academic year in December. The Collector initiated action based on a report submitted by officials. The inquiry revealed that the principal allegedly forced nursing students to clean her house, attend to her personal work, feed her pets and take care of them. She also caused inconvenience to students by installing CCTV cameras in the hostel.

Telangana Congress MOUs are fake; companies don’t even exist!: Kavitha

Many Congress MOUs in Telangana are fake; the companies don’t even exist online, alleged Jagruti president

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The Telangana Jagruti Office in Banjara Hills has raised serious concerns about the state government’s claims of attracting investments. Many companies reportedly signing MOUs worth thousands of crores lack websites, suggesting these deals may be fake. The youth of Telangana are being urged to expose this under the hashtag #CongressFakeMOUs. Critics question the Chief Minister’s priorities, highlighting rising fire accidents, crimes, and gun-related incidents in Hyderabad while KTR promotes voting for KCR regardless of the candidate’s merit. This approach reflects authoritarian tendencies, according to Jagruti, and the public should vote based on candidate capability, not caste, religion, party label, or money. The All India Forward Bloc Party, in partnership with Jagruti, is fielding candidates in municipal elections and emphasizes selecting those who genuinely serve the people. The organization condemns BJP’s handling of



the Union Budget, claiming Telangana has been ignored despite the Finance Minister being a local representative. Critical sectors like education, health, urban development, Metro Phase-2, regional infrastructure, IIM, Navodaya, and Kendriya Vidyalayas have received little to no funding. Promises made during the state’s bifurcation, including steel and coach factories, remain unfulfilled. Repeated trips by CM Revanth Reddy to Delhi, meeting PM Modi 30 times, allegedly yielded negligible results, violating the spirit of federalism. Meanwhile, Hyderabad continues to suffer from frequent fires, with tragedies at Ruby Hotel, Deccan Mall, Swapna Lok Complex, and Nampally claiming multiple lives. The government is criticized for lack of monitoring and

delayed responses to emergencies, such as the attack on excise constable Soumya. The report also highlights rising violence and lawlessness: 69 murders, 176 attempted murders, and multiple gun attacks in the past year alone. Despite being the Home Minister, the CM has failed to address these security issues, focusing instead on global forums and investment summits, including trips to Harvard and the World Economic Forum. Alleged investment claims are questioned. Companies like Trump Media Technology and ADIGC Singapore Gateway reportedly committed huge sums without credible evidence of operations in India. Concerns remain about transparency, accountability, and the actual benefits reaching Telangana.

₹95 Lakh Sanctioned for New Bowenpally Development Works

HYDERABAD
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New Bowenpally in Secunderabad is set to receive a major infrastructure boost after Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh sanctioned ₹95 lakh for development works across several colonies. The announcement was made by former Cantonment Board Vice Chairman Jampana Pratap during his visit to Jayanagar and Akash Nagar, where he interacted with residents and reviewed long-pending



civic issues. The funds, to be included in the current financial year’s budget, will support essential projects such as installation of new drinking water pipelines in Jayanagar, borewell pipeline connections for households in Pawan Vihar, con-

struction of a community hall in Akash Nagar, and a dedicated gym building at Jai Ram Gymnasium. Additional plans include a community hall for Sancharapuri. Pratap thanked MLA Sri Ganesh for addressing colony-specific needs and said the projects aim to improve basic amenities, promote community engagement, and enhance quality of life. Residents welcomed the initiative and expressed confidence in the timely execution of the proposed works..

Consumer Awareness Bharat Yatra Celebrated at BIS Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
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The Consumer Confederation of India (CCI) organized the Consumer Awareness Bharat Yatra, running from Delhi to Delhi between December 24 and March 15, culminating on World Consumer Rights Day. The Yatra, inaugurated by Minister for Consumer Affairs Pralhad Joshi, along with BL Verma,



Minister of State, and senior officials including Nidhi Khare IAS, Bharat

Khera, and Anupam Mishra, aims to promote consumer rights aware-

ness nationwide. On January 30–31, the Yatra reached Hyderabad, where a special awareness program was hosted at the BIS Hyderabad Branch. The event, led by Dr Haripriya Reddy, National GC member CCI, welcomed National Chairman Dr Ananth Sharma, National President Priti Pandya, and National Working President M. Selvaraj. The program featured a classical dance by Miss

Akshara, a special song by Santhom Roy, and the inaugural video by the Minister along with messages from DG Sanjay Garg. Dr Ananth Sharma presented the 9 visionary objectives of Bharat Yatra. Guests were honored with mementos, and the event concluded with a gala lunch. CCI national and state leaders actively participated, making it a grand celebration of consumer awareness.

Grand Welcome
Planned for BJP
National President
Mr Nitin Nabin
First Visit to Tgana



The National President of the Bharatiya Janata Party Nitin Nabin will arrive in Telangana for the first time on 04 February 2026 at 11:00 AM at Shamshabad International Airport. From there, he will proceed to Mahabubnagar to campaign for the Municipal Elections.

In this regard, a preparatory meeting was held today at Karunya Bharathi Ashram, Kumarwadi, Chandrayangutta, where it was decided that a large number of BJP workers and leaders from the Chandrayangutta Assembly Constituency will go to Shamshabad Airport to extend a grand and enthusiastic welcome.

The meeting was attended by Edla Pandarinnath, General Secretary, Bhagyanagar District; Shri Koudi Mahender, Chandrayangutta BJP Contesting MLA; along with district office bearers, senior leaders, division presidents, contested corporators, BJP general secretaries, and party leaders. All leaders reaffirmed their commitment to making Nitin Nabin maiden Telangana visit a resounding success

KTR hits out at Centre, State over funds

KTR Demands Debate on Telangana Rights, Investments

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao has called for a discussion in the Assembly on Telangana's budget allocations and investments promised at the World Economic Forum in Davos, blaming the Congress government and the BJP-led Centre for neglecting the State.

Speaking informally with media on Monday, Rama Rao accused the Congress of failing to deliver tangible benefits since taking office and instead indulging in diversionary politics targeting opposition leaders. He criticized the prolonged questioning of BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao, calling it a media spectacle rather than a fact-finding exercise. He said the heavy police deployment during the inquiry aimed to divert public attention from pressing issues.

"The Congress is seeking political mileage, not truth. The phone-tapping case is baseless and re-



peatedly cleared by courts," he said. Rama Rao objected to Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar calling the case 'illegal,' stressing that legality must be determined by courts, not officials, and investigations should remain within constitutional limits to maintain public trust.

He described attempts to harass Chandrashekhar Rao as an affront to Telangana's self-respect and vowed that the BRS would resist intimidation. Highlighting the public's support, Rama Rao thanked party workers for

large-scale protests in over 12,000 villages, including effigy burnings in around 7,000, comparing it to the Telangana Statehood movement.

Rama Rao cited three major failures of the State government: mismanagement of the Samakka-Sarakka Jatara at Medaram, worsening law and order, and neglect of natural resources including land, water, and coal. He warned of long-term harm from projects like Banakachera and Nallamala Sagar and demanded an independent probe into the Singareni coal tender

controversy. He also criticized political interference in administrative actions, citing transfers of officials addressing land encroachments.

On national matters, Rama Rao accused the Union Budget of ignoring Hyderabad's strengths in life sciences and pharmaceuticals while reducing allocations for rural employment and subsidies. He questioned CM A Revanth Reddy's frequent Delhi visits and asked for clarity on pending projects such as the mega powerloom cluster and rail corridors, urging a white paper detailing actual investments.

Responding to Union Minister G Kishan Reddy and TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud, he dismissed their criticism as baseless and challenged them to prove their contributions to Telangana's development. Rama Rao concluded that people would judge the government at the ballot box and pledged strong BRS campaigns on local governance issues in the upcoming municipal elections.

Bhatti, Ponguleti
factions compete for
Wyra municipal
chairperson post

The factions of Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy are competing for the Wyra municipal chairperson post as well as party tickets to contest in the forthcoming municipal polls, exposing the intensifying cold war between them.

While there are 20 divisions here, 190 people filed nominations and after scrutiny, 155 candidates remained in the fray. Of these, 70 are from Congress and they are divided into Bhatti Vikramarka and Srinivas Reddy factions. It remains to be seen until the day of nomination withdrawal who among the two ministers will gain the upper hand.

With regard to the municipal chairperson post, reports suggest that Bhatti Vikramarka's follower, former DCC president Puvalla Durgaprasad's wife Indumathi, is competing for the post. She filed nominations from Wards 11 and 15. The couple, who had gone to Australia to visit their son, rushed back to Wyra to contest in the election. Another candidate competing for the chairperson post is Minister Srinivas Reddy's follower Borra Rajasekhar's wife Umadevi. She filed her nomination papers from the third municipal ward. Though there is time to decide on the chairperson candidate, party leaders want to arrive at a consensus before the elections.

Peddapalli District to Host Special Veterinary Camps from February 1-7

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The District Collector of Peddapalli, Koy Harsh, has announced that special veterinary camps will be held in 54 villages across the district from February 1 to 7. The camps, organized under the National Service Scheme, aim to provide livestock owners with easy access to essential veterinary care.

The collector urged all livestock owners to make full use of the opportunity, noting that the camps will open daily at 6:00 AM. Services provided at the camps include treatment for sick animals, diagnosis of reproductive diseases, hoof examinations,



care for non-growing animals, surgical procedures, preventive vaccinations, and awareness programs on animal nutrition, care, and fodder management.

Dedicated veterinary teams will visit the villages directly to ensure smooth operations. Collector Koy Sri Harsh encouraged livestock owners to take advantage of the camps over the seven-day period.

Union Budget Reaffirms Strong Commitment to Farmers, Boosts Telangana

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BJP Kisan Morcha State Vice President Sri Singireddy Krishna Reddy stated that the Union Budget presented by Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has instilled strong confidence among farmers and reinforces the Centre's commitment to agricultural growth, especially in Telangana.

He noted that the agriculture budget has increased nearly eightfold from ₹21,933 crore in 2013-14 to ₹1.62 lakh crore, reflecting sustained focus on farmer welfare. The proposed Textile Crop Mission and Quality Testing Centres will



boost global demand for Telangana cotton, while oil palm farmers will benefit from subsidies under the National Mission on Oilseeds. Allocations for Agri-Export Zones will help chilli and turmeric farmers export directly. Additional funding for IIMR, Hyderabad, will strengthen the Millet ('Shree Anna') Revolution, and digital registration of 60 lakh farmers will ensure seamless credit access.

CarPro Studio Opens Premium Car Accessories Store Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

CarPro Studio, a high-end car accessories and service destination, officially opened its doors today in Nalgandla, Telapur, Hyderabad. The grand launch introduced a one-stop shop for automotive enthusiasts, offering specialized car accessories, decor items, and premium services.

Located in a prime urban hotspot, CarPro Studio caters to car owners seeking modifications, advanced lighting solutions, and lifestyle-oriented car decor. The store features a dedicated car accessory section alongside world-



class services, including graffiti painting, PPF polishing for enhanced protection and gloss, customized seat covers, and advanced audio installations.

Speaking at the launch, owners Rohit Dhoot and Gaurav Heda highlighted the store's focus on the growing electric vehicle segment, providing specialized upgrades for dashboards, interiors, and other merchandise requirements at affordable

prices. To celebrate the opening, the store is offering a range of inaugural discounts. With car ownership and personalization on the rise, CarPro Studio aims to meet the high demand for premium customization. The outlet promises a seamless blend of style, functionality, and innovative services, making it a must-visit destination for Hyderabad's car enthusiasts.

Strict Action Against Private Hospitals Violating Rules: Additional Collector



JAGTIAL
Wakeup telangana

Additional Collector B. Raja Goud warned that strict action will be taken against private hospitals violating provisions of the Clinical Establishments Act, 2010.

He was speaking at the District Registration Authority and Clinical Establishments Act district-level meeting held in his chamber on Monday. Raja Goud said registration under the Act is mandatory for all private hospitals.

He stressed that only registered doctors and paramedical staff should render services in hospitals. Hospitals must update details whenever doctors or staff leave or newly join, he said. District Medical Officer Dr. Sujatha stated that programme officers have been assigned hospitals division-wise for regular inspections. She warned that any violation of norms would attract stringent action. DSP Venkataramana, Act Supervisor Qutubuddin, Health Educator Tarala Shankar and others were present.

Bodhan College Hosts Urdu Creative Writing Workshop

BODHAN
Wakeup telangana

Bodhan Government Degree College held a one-day workshop on Urdu creative writing today. Dr. Gul Ra, Assistant Professor of Urdu at Telangana University, Ditchpalli, attended as the chief guest and awarded prizes to students who excelled in the Urdu essay competitions.

Dr. Ra emphasized the importance of developing proficiency in the Urdu language among students. The event was also attended by Naheed Begum



(Assistant Professor, HOD, Nizamabad), Giri Raj (Degree College), Professor Abdul Rahiman Davoodi (Armour Degree College), Bodhan Degree College Principal Dr. Suresh, Dr. Babu Rao, Urdu lecturer MD Muddassir

rodi, and Vice Principal PV Satyanarayana, along with other faculty members and students. The workshop aimed to encourage creative thinking and enhance students' command of the Urdu language.

Manakondur Granite Scam Hits Delhi ₹200-Crore Allegations, Forged Signatures, Shadow MLA

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

The Manakondur granite scandal has reached the national stage, with a victim, Mr. Agarwal, reportedly submitting evidence of alleged irregularities to AICC General Secretary KC Venugopal. The Congress High Command is said to be taking the matter seriously, raising questions over whether there will be a strict crackdown or if the case will get lost in bureaucratic delays. Allegations include a ₹200-crore granite heist in Hanmajipalle and the forgery of Cabinet Minister Vivek Venkataswamy's signature, reportedly inside the MLA's camp office. Even the sacred Mailaram Mallikarjuna Swamy hill is claimed to have been targeted by the granite



mafia, sparking outrage among locals.

Manakondur's political drama deepens with whispers of a "Shadow MLA" allegedly wielding real power behind the scenes. Former MLA Rasamayi Balakishan directly implicated an individual named Murali, who reportedly exerts influence over sitting MLA Kavvampalli Satyanarayana. Rasamayi warned:

"Dear MLA, it is the shadow of the person beside you that cost you your Ministerial berth."

The scandal has intensified scrutiny on the sitting MLA, who now faces pressure from opposition parties and concerns over SUDA Chairman Narender Reddy's growing influence. Constituents question whether the MLA can emerge from the shadow and restore accountability.

Manakondur has long been rumored to have dual centers of power—the elected representative and the hidden influencer. The current scandal combines political intrigue, criminal allegations, and exploitation of sacred lands, making it one of the constituency's most explosive controversies in recent years.

Union Budget Signals Continuity of Modi's Developmental Vision: Garlapati Jitendra

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former MP candidate from the Nalgonda Parliamentary Constituency, Garlapati Jitendra Kumar, on Tuesday said that the Union Budget presented this year strongly reinforces policy continuity and the long-term developmental vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Describing the Budget as more than a fiscal exercise, Kumar stated that it reflects the government's unwavering commitment to building a "Viksit Bharat" founded on economic resilience, strategic investments, and inclusive growth. At a time of global economic uncertainty, he noted that the emphasis on fiscal discipline and macroeco-



omic stability sends a clear message of confidence and mature governance. "The Budget avoids short-term populism and instead focuses on productive capital expenditure and employment generation. This approach empowers citizens and ensures sustainable growth in the long run," Garlapati Jitendra Kumar said. Welcoming the robust allocations for infrastructure, defence, and railways, he said these sectors are criti-

cal to India's long-term competitiveness, industrial expansion, and national security. Such investments, he added, act as strong economic multipliers while strengthening the country's strategic foundations. Highlighting the inclusive nature of the Budget, Kumar pointed to targeted support for agriculture, pharmaceuticals, and women-centric welfare initiatives, ensuring that development remains socially responsive. He also underlined the renewed push to position India as a Global Bio-Pharma Manufacturing Hub, with Hyderabad emerging as a key centre, in line with the government's objective of boosting domestic manufacturing and reducing external dependencies. The enhanced allocation for the Viksit Bharat Rural

Livelihood Mission (VB-GRAM-G), Kumar said, would play a vital role in strengthening rural livelihoods while sustaining urban growth. He further lauded the Budget's focus on India's demographic dividend, with investments in skills, innovation, and entrepreneurship aimed at transforming youth potential into productive national capital. The enhanced allocation for the Viksit Bharat Rural

Rahul, Rajnath Clash in LS Over Gen Naravane's Unpublished Memoir

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Pandemonium erupted in the Lok Sabha on Monday after Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi attempted to raise the sensitive issue of Sino-Indian border tensions, citing an unpublished memoir titled Four Stars of Destiny by former Army Chief Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane (Retd), who led the Indian Army during the Galwan Valley clash and the peak of the border tensions in 2020. The government resisted the move, with defence minister Rajnath Singh, home minister Amit Shah and parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju springing to their feet and

questioning the “authenticity” of a book which has not yet been published. The treasury benches accused Gandhi of attempting to “mislead” the House and questioned the source of his information. Speaker Om Birla cited rules and disallowed the issue from being raised, while making it clear that Gandhi cannot quote from an unpublished text nor from any magazine that has published purported excerpts of it. He repeatedly stated that no book or newspaper clipping can be quoted on a matter not related to the proceedings of the House, while Gandhi insisted that the document was authenticated and he could quote



from it. Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, who was next in line to speak, intervened and argued that Gandhi should be allowed to speak as China remained a critical national security concern. Gandhi persisted and asked what the ruling benches were “so afraid

of” that they were preventing him from raising the issue. The House was adjourned twice after 2 pm, with breaks of an hour each as the Leader of the Opposition refused to pay heed, following which it was adjourned for the day shortly after 4 pm. As he stood up to speak on the motion of thanks to the President’s address, Gandhi repeatedly raised the issue of the purported advance of Chinese battle tanks towards the “Kailash range” in August 2020 in eastern Ladakh, when Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla sought to rebuke him for “insulting the Chair” by not accepting his ruling. The Leader of the Opposition also

mentioned the purported advance of Chinese tanks along a ridge in Doklam. The defence minister questioned Gandhi by saying: “He (Gandhi) says the Chinese tanks were on a ridge. How does he claim to know that?” The defence minister further said: “He should tell us if the said book has been published or not. It has not been published. He cannot claim to quote from it... I can say with confidence, the book has not been published.” He added that if Gen. Naravane’s memoir was not being allowed to be published, as alleged in some quarters, then why did not the former Army Chief go to court against it.

Raj Thackeray Denies Supporting BJP In BMC

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Amidst the reports that the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) may extend support to the BJP in the mayoral elections of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), Raj Thackeray has made it clear that his party will not support the saffron outfit in the richest civic body in the country. Thackeray held a meeting with MNS office-bearers at the MIG Club in Bandra on Monday. When asked if they would be forming an alliance with the BJP in the BMC, Raj Thackeray replied in the negative. When asked again, Thackeray categorically said, “I’m telling you, I will not go with the BJP.” His remarks came on the backdrop of Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena leader Rahul Shewale expressing the possibility that MNS may support the Mahayuti coalition in the BMC. Shewale said that they have no objection if Raj Thackeray supports the Mahayuti. “If the MNS is supporting the Mahayuti in



Mumbai, then it is welcome,” he stated. Senior MNS leader Sandeep Deshpande also said, “We have not had any such discussions with the BJP. There is no question of giving any such support.” In the 227-member BMC House, the BJP has emerged as the single largest party with 89 seats, while its ally Shiv Sena Shinde faction won 29 seats. The Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena secured 65 seats, while the MNS won six seats. While the BJP does not have a majority on its own, its coalition with the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena has a simple majority in the BMC, which will help them to win the mayoral election.

NC–Congress Tensions Surface During Pre-Budget Strategy Meet

JAMMU
Wakeup telangana

In a clear indication of strain within the ruling alliance in Jammu and Kashmir, the Congress party on Monday openly conveyed its dissatisfaction with what it described as the National Conference (NC)'s failure to uphold coalition discipline. While reiterating its public commitment to the alliance, the Congress underlined that it would continue to raise governance-related concerns independently, including its criticism of what it terms the Centre's “step-motherly treatment” toward J&K in recent Union Budget allocations and, more importantly, the statehood restoration demand. The rift became visible during a joint strategy meeting called to coordinate the alliance’s ap-



proach for the budget session that began here earlier during the day. Convened at Chief Minister Omar Abdullah’s Jammu residence on Monday evening, the meeting quickly devolved into a contentious exchange between the partners. In a move widely interpreted as a signal of its unease, the Congress deputised only its chief whip, Nizamuddin Bhat, to attend, while five other MLAs—including PCC president Tariq Hamid Karra and senior leader Ghulam Ahmad Mir—opted to stay away. According to sources, Bhat informed the NC leadership—among them

its president Farooq Abdullah, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, NC MLAs and allied independents—that Congress was uncomfortable with the existing post-poll working arrangement. He is believed to have criticised the NC for not demonstrating adequate seriousness regarding the restoration of statehood. He also flagged the lack of coordination between the partners during the Rajya Sabha elections and in shaping the government’s strategy on issues concerning the Centre. These remarks reportedly provoked a sharp reaction from NC leaders, who defended their approach on the grounds that maintaining constructive Centre–State relations was essential for the administration’s functioning. The Chief Minister is understood to have conveyed to Bhat that

political disagreements could not override the practical requirements of governance, adding that the NC had conceded the lone Rajya Sabha seat to Congress in 2015 as a gesture of goodwill. Senior Abdullah, sources said, reminded Congress that the NC had offered the party all Assembly seats in Jammu region during the 2024 elections, although Congress failed to win any. Relations between the two parties have been strained since last year, when the NC declined to provide Congress with what it considered a “safe” Rajya Sabha seat. Congress, unwilling to contest the seat it viewed as unwinnable, had refused the offer. The latest confrontation has reinforced the perception that the alliance, though intact, is under mounting pressure ahead of crucial legislative business.

‘First Decide Who Merges into Whom’: Tatkare Rebuts Sharad Pawar Camp

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

State NCP president Sunil Tatkare on Monday asserted that the Ajit Pawar-led party had collectively decided to join the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and would continue to remain part of the BJP-led alliance. Dismissing claims by the Sharad Pawar faction that Ajit Pawar had finalised a date for the merger of the two NCP factions, Mr. Tatkare said the NCP (SP) should first clarify “which party is merging into which”. Mr. Tatkare accompanied Sunetra Pawar, who was sworn in as Deputy Chief Minister on Saturday, during her visit to Karad, where she paid homage at the memorial of former Deputy Prime



Minister Yashwantrao Chavan and the statue of Venutai Chavan. Speaking after the visit, Mr. Tatkare said Sunetra Pawar had accepted the responsibility in the larger interest of Maharashtra. “Under Ajit Dada’s leadership, the NCP has worked in line with the ideology of Yashwantrao Chavan over the past two-and-a-half years. Sunetra Pawar will carry forward this legacy and contrib-

ute significantly to the state’s future development,” he said. Responding to allegations that Sharad Pawar and Supriya Sule were not invited to Sunetra Pawar’s swearing-in ceremony, Mr. Tatkare clarified that the NCP legislative party had unanimously submitted the letter recommending her appointment to the Chief Minister, following which the ceremony was conducted. On

claims of a possible reunion between the two NCP factions, Mr. Tatkare said he would comment only after there was clarity on “which party is merging into which”. “We are part of the government at both the Centre and the State through the NDA with the BJP, working in the interest of the public. It is our responsibility to continue fulfilling this role,” he said. Last week, NCP founder Sharad Pawar had claimed that Ajit Pawar was keen on reuniting the two factions and that an announcement was expected on February 12. He also said Ajit Pawar had agreed to discuss other issues only after the official announcement of the reunion.

Opposition Raises Doubts Over Ajit Pawar Plane Crash

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut and Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar on Monday described the plane crash that killed Ajit Pawar as “suspicious” and demanded an impartial investigation into the incident. Mr. Raut said Pawar’s death reminded him of Justice B.H. Loya case and alleged that the Nationalist Congress Party led by Pawar had lost its independent political existence and was functioning under the control of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Ajit Pawar died in a plane crash in Baramati on January 28. Referring to the circumstances leading up to the crash, Mr. Raut claimed the incident occurred within 10 days of Pawar alleging that he possessed evidence of corruption involving Bhartiya Janata Party leaders. Pawar had made the remarks while campaigning for the



Pune Municipal Corporation elections, where his party contested in alliance with the NCP (SP) against the BJP. He had later clarified that his allegations were limited to corruption by local BJP leaders. Mr. Raut further claimed that Pawar had intended to break his party’s alliance with the BJP and reunite with his uncle, NCP founder Sharad Pawar, after realising that the BJP was “anti-Maharashtra”. “Ajit Pawar’s return to his home fold would have been a defeat for the BJP and a decision capable of altering the course of national politics. He repeatedly stated that he had files relating to BJP scams and would

expose them. He said this on January 15, and within 10 days he died in a plane crash. This is mysterious. It reminds me of the Justice Loya case. I am not accusing anyone, but these doubts are being raised in the public mind,” Mr. Raut said. He also alleged that Pawar’s party was no longer in a position to take independent political decisions. “Ajit Dada’s party has become completely subversive to Amit Shah,” he said. Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar echoed the demand for an impartial probe, stating that allegations of foul play were being widely discussed. “Nearly 80 per cent of people are expressing suspicion. Social media is full of claims of foul play. There are reports that the pilot whose name initially surfaced is actually alive. Why was the pilot changed at the last minute? Such questions are being raised.

2026 Assembly.....

Vijay launched the TVK on February 2, 2024. In a post on 'X', Vijay said, "The joyful third year of TVK begins today. Having completed two years naturally and beyond the norm, our political journey continues." He claimed the TVK was an "immeasurable deep sea" which ignored distractions and never lost its balance in its political journey. The party was the "victorious battle cry of power politics for the common people," Vijay claimed. The 2026 Assembly election, he said, carried a new environment that had never seen before. "Everyone says that the only reason for this is our political beginning. Therefore, in this situation, let us make the field our own, and with clear and skillful strategy, move towards political recognition through electoral victory," the actor said. "With the overwhelming support of all the people, let us fight with determination and unity, and firmly achieve the democratic goal of seizing the throne," Vijay further said.

JUP Allies With.....

The firm “neither procured milk nor produced genuine dairy fat, but supplied adulterated material

blended with palm oil, palm kernel oil and chemical additives such as mono-glycerides and acetic acid esters,” in gross violation of stringent procurement norms. The investigation also referred to Premier Agri Foods pvt ltd, noting that it had been supplying ghee to TTD since 2013 and continued across changes in governments and procurement guidelines. In fact, the adulterated ghee supplies to TTD for laddu-making persisted both before and after the revision of procurement norms in February 2020 when the YSRC was in office. While alliance leaders argued that changes to the procurement norms during the YSRC tenure enabled dubious suppliers to enter the system, YSRC leaders cited the chargesheet to assert that the problem existed much before the 2020 revisions; meaning, also during the previous TD rule. Former TTD chairman Bhumana Karunakar Reddy and other YSRC leaders said the findings dismissed the claims that the revised norms alone caused the lapses. The chargesheet alleged that Bhole Baba Dairy continued operations through proxy firms, including Vyshnavi Dairy, AR Dairy and Malganga, securing

contracts in 2023 through false reports and internal collusion. It also cited instances of rejection of four AR Dairy ghee tankers by the National Dairy Development Board in mid-2024 and that these were allegedly rerouted for laddu preparation. The SIT attributed the persistence of such suppliers to shortcomings or corruption within the TTD procurement wing, regardless of policy changes or change of administrations.

China criticises.....

The Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, won his first Grammy on Sunday in the category of best audio book, narration, and storytelling recording for his spoken-word album, Meditations: The Reflections of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, at the 68th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. Asked for his reaction to the Dalai Lama winning the award, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian reiterated China’s allegation that the 90-year-old spiritual leader is carrying out separatist activity in the name of religion. The Dalai Lama is not purely a religious person, Lin told a media briefing here. “He is a political exile committed to anti-Chinese

separatist activity under the disguise of religion,” he said. Beijing firmly opposes relevant sides using the award as a tool to carry out anti-China activities, he said. The Dalai Lama, who has lived in exile in Dharamsala since he left Tibet in 1959, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989 for his consistent, nonviolent struggle to liberate Tibet. At the Grammys, he edged out other nominees, including Kathy Garver for Elvis Rocky & Me: The Carol Connors Story, Trevor Noah for Into The Uncut Grass, Ketanji Brown Jackson for Lovely One: A Memoir, and Fab Morvan for You Know It’s True: The Real Story of Milli Vanilli. Reacting to the prestigious international recognition, the Dalai Lama expressed gratitude and humility, saying he did not view the award as a personal achievement. “I receive this recognition with gratitude and humility. I don’t see it as something personal, but as a recognition of our shared universal responsibility,” the Dalai Lama said. “I firmly believe that peace, compassion, care for our environment, and an understanding of the oneness of humanity are essential for the collective well-being of all eight billion human.

FROM FRONT PAGE

CRIME

Two Ganja Peddlers Arrested; 200 Grams Seized

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Turkapalli Police on Monday arrested two ganja peddlers and seized 200 grams of ganja from their possession during vehicle check up at sub-station on the outskirts of Turkapalli. The arrested were identified as Chamala Akhil Reddy, a native of The-ryala village of Motakon-dur mandal, and Majoju Prashanth, a resident of Anantharam of Gundala mandal in Yadadri-Bhon-gir district. According to the police, on credible in-formation, two persons

were transporting ganja in a car. The Turkapalli sub-inspector, along with his staff, checked a car with No. AP29N5878 at the substation on the outskirts of Turkapalli village and found about 200 grams of ganja. The arrested per-sons purchased ganja from a person in Bibinagar and transported it to Siddipet. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri Dis-trict SP Akshansh Yadav said that consuming, sell-ing, or cultivating cannabis is a crime under the law. Anyone who knows infor-mation about cannabis should immediately," he said.

Supreme Court Rejects Telangana's Appeal in Nalla Balu Case

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court has dis-missed the Telangana gov-ernment's appeal challenging the Telangana High Court order that quashed multiple FIRs reg-istered against social media activist Shashidhar Goud, popularly known as Nalla Balu, for his political posts on social media. The case arose from Goud's arrest for retweeting content from the BRS' official handle and for posts critical of the Congress and Chief Minis-ter A. Revanth Reddy. In September last year, the High Court had termed the police action illegal and quashed the FIRs, holding

that the impugned tweets were covered by Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution and did not attract offences under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita or the Information Technology Act. While quashing the FIRs, Justice N. Tukaramji of the Telangana High Court laid down operational guide-lines, directing police to avoid mechanical registra-tion of FIRs in speech-re-lated cases, verify de facto complainants' locus standi, conduct preliminary in-quiries, seek legal opinion in sensitive matters, and follow safeguards on arrest. Frivolous or politically mo-tivated complaints were di-rected to be closed under Section 176(1) of the BNS.

105 Children Rescued in Khammam Under Operation Smile-XII

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Commissioner of Police Sunil Dutt announced that 105 children were rescued during Operation Smile-XII, a month-long special drive conducted across the district to eradicate child labour and trace missing children. The operation was carried out from Janu-ary 1 to 31, 2026, during which 29 FIRs were reg-istered, the Commissioner said. The drive was super-vised by Nodal Officer Additional DCP (Admin) Ramanujam, ACP Samba Raju, and AHTU Inspector



Srinivas. The operation was con-ducted with the coordi-nation of Police, Women Development and Child Welfare, Labour, Educa-tion, Health Departments, Child Protection Unit, and NGOs. Areas with a high incidence of child labour and children in distress were identified as black

spots, from where children were rescued. Special focus was laid on railway stations, bus sta-tions, traffic junctions, me-chanic shops, brick kilns, tea stalls, and other com-mercial establishments. The use of the Child Track portal and Darpan facial recognition technology yielded positive results, helping police trace sev-eral missing children. Many children were iden-tified using the Darpan ap-plication and safely reunited with their parents. Details of children belong-ing to other States were also collected, and they

were sent back to their families. The Commis-sioner stated that police are maintaining strict sur-veillance on those in-volved in illegal child trafficking. Special five-member teams, comprising one Sub-Inspector, two Assistant Sub-Inspectors, and two Constables (in-cluding a woman officer), conducted inspections in each division. The CP later presented certificates of appreciation to officers and staff who played a key role in the successful im-plementation of Operation Smile-XII.

HC Asks Cops to Consider Plea for Peace Rally by Lashkar District Sadhana Samithi

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The Telangana High Court has directed the police de-partment to consider an application seeking per-mission to organise a peace rally proposed by the Lashkar District Sad-hana Samithi on February 7, in support of the forma-tion of the Secunderabad Municipal Corporation. Earlier, the organisers had sought police permission for a peace rally from Sec-underabad Railway Sta-tion to the Mahatma Gandhi statue on MG Road on January 17, but the police denied permis-

sion at the last minute. Following this, Gurram Pawan Kumar Goud, pres-ident of the Lashkar Dis-trict Sadhana Samithi, submitted a fresh applica-tion on January 21 to the City Police Commissioner and the Malkajigiri Deputy Commissioner of Police, seeking permission to hold a rally from Secunderabad Rail-way Station to the Paradise Gandhi statue. As there was no response from the police authorities, the peti-tioner approached the High Court, which has now di-rected the police to con-sider the request in accordance with law.

Mason Dies After Tiff With Cousin Over Garbage Dumping

HYDERABAD
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A 35-year-old mason died after a quarrel with his cousin over garbage dumping at Singareni Huts in Saidabad on Sunday night. Police said the vic-tim, Nenawat Raghu, en-tered into an argument with his cousin Nenawat Ramesh after the latter dumped waste in front of his hut. During the heated exchange, Ramesh alleg-edly pushed Raghu to the ground, causing internal head injuries. Raghu fell unconscious and was rushed by his wife, Nena-

wat Geeta, to a private hospital, where doctors de-clared him dead.Family members initially took the body for last rites to their native place in Devara-konda, but police later shifted it to Osmania Gen-eral Hospital for postmor-tem at 3.30 pm on Monday. Raghu is survived by his 10-year-old son Nenawat Abhiram and seven-year-old daughter Nenawat Aditi. Saidabad police have registered a case of culpable homicide under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and are investigating.

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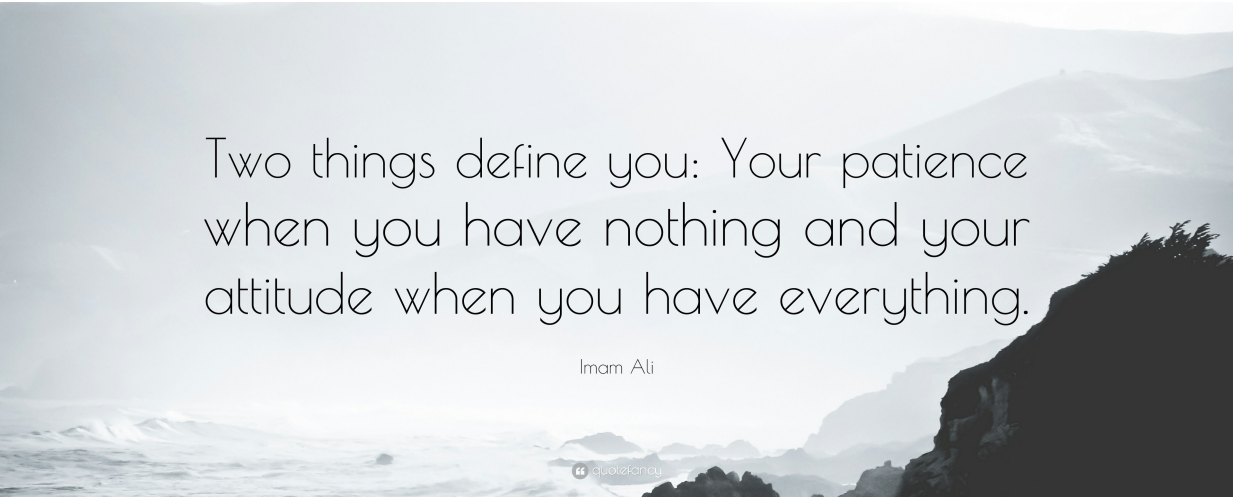
The Telangana High Court has upheld the dis-qualification of M/s Tharu and Sons from a South Central Railway (SCR) tender after finding that the firm suppressed mate-rial facts relating to the prior termination of a con-tract and a consequent de-barment. A Division Bench comprising Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya and Justice Gadi Praveen Kumar dismissed a writ appeal challenging an ear-lier order of a single judge, who had also re-jected the bidder's plea. The case arose from an e-tender issued by the South Central Railway in May 2025 for a turnkey con-tract to provide mech-anised laundry services. Although M/s Tharu and Sons emerged as the L-1



(lowest) bidder, its eligi-bility was questioned by M/s Leotech Process, the L-2 bidder. Leotech contended that Tharu and Sons failed to disclose that its earlier contract with Northern Railway had been ter-minated under the General Conditions of Contract, followed by a two-year debarment.The Division Bench noted that the tender conditions clearly required bidders to make full and truthful disclosure

of any prior contract ter-minations and debar-ments. It was an admitted position that the appellant did not disclose these facts while submitting its bid. The Court rejected the appellant's argument that an interim stay granted by the Delhi High Court in related proceedings ex-cused such non-disclo-sure, holding that an interim order does not di-lute or suspend the obliga-tion to disclose material

information in a tender process.Agreeing with the findings of the single judge, the Bench observed that suppression of mate-rial facts goes to the root of fairness and transpar-ency in public tenders. Such non-disclosure, it held, constitutes a serious defect and renders the bidder ineligible under the tender conditions. While reiterating that courts generally exercise restraint in matters relat-ing to government tenders, the Bench clari-fied that judicial interven-tion is warranted where the decision-making process is vitiated by sup-pression or misrepresentation of ma-terial facts. On this ground, the writ appeal was dismissed, and the disqualification of M/s Tharu and Sons was af-firmed.



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

Imam Ali

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 resolu-tion, institutions have weak-ened, and strategic patience has worn thin. For India, this moment marks the end of a relatively be-nign external environment and the beginning of a far more demanding phase of statecraft. The early years of the cur-rent decade offered India strong geopolitical tailwinds. Most Western capitals, par-ticularly Washington and Brussels, viewed India as a natural strategic partner in balancing a rising China. That alignment provided diplomatic space, technol-ogy access and political support. By 2025, however, those winds had shifted decisively. India now faces persistent headwinds -- economic, strategic and dip-lomatic -- that demand a sober reassessment of its global posture. Fatigue and uncertainty in a fractured

world: The international sys-tem today is afflicted by what can only be described as conflict fatigue. The pro-longed Russia-Ukraine war has exhausted Western at-tention, strained European economies, and distorted global energy and food mar-kets. Simultaneously, sus-tained instability in West Asia -- exacerbated since 2023 -- has hollowed out diplomatic bandwidth and injected volatility into critical maritime corridors. In this environment, uncer-tainty has become the de-fining condition. Great powers remain active, but not decisive. Alliances exist, but lack coherence. Rules endure in theory, yet are se-lectively 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 strate-gic 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 in-volving states, proxies and non-state actors. Tempor-arily on halt, these conflicts

are no longer geographi-cally contained; the uncer-tainty ripples through insurance markets, shipping lanes and supply chains. The consequences are tan-gible in our case. Disrup-tions along the Red Sea and Persian Gulf have raised freight and insurance costs for India's trade. The uncertainty over connectiv-ity projects, including seg-ments linked to the International North-South Transport Corridor, has complicated export am-bitions. These pressures underline a larger truth -- India's eco-nomic trajectory is increas-ingly vulnerable to geopolitical instability far beyond its immediate neigh-bourhood. Perhaps the most closely watched shift of the past eighteen months has been the cooling of India's rela-tions with the United States. The partnership remains significant, but its tone has changed. Washington's re-newed emphasis on trans-actional approach -- visible in tighter trade policies, se-lective technology controls, sharper immigration norms - has introduced friction into what was once portrayed as a near-automatic conver-gence.



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Dubai, Ready For A Surprise

Anushka Sharma–Virat Kohli Star in New Winter Campaign Film

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The Dubai Corporation for Tourism and Commerce Marketing (Visit Dubai), under the Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism (DET), has launched the latest film in its global destination campaign ‘Dubai, Ready For A Surprise’, featuring Indian power couple Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli. The new film highlights Dubai as a versatile, year-round destination, with a special focus on its vibrant winter experiences. Building on the suc-



cess of the previous campaign, the film showcases Anushka surprising Virat with thoughtfully curated experiences across the city, reinforcing Dubai’s promise of offering something new for both first-time and repeat visitors. The campaign underlines the city’s convenience,

diversity and depth, positioning Dubai as an effortless holiday choice for Indian travellers. Shot during Dubai’s peak winter season, the film captures striking cityscapes, expansive outdoor locations and contrasting experiences—from tranquil desert retreats to sunlit

beaches and urban luxury—demonstrating how visitors can enjoy multiple holidays within a single stay. The narrative closes with a hint about Dubai’s summer charm, reinforcing its appeal across all seasons. The journey begins at Al Maha, a Luxury Collection Desert Resort & Spa, within the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve, where the couple experience the serenity of desert life, open-sky dining and wildlife encounters. The film then transitions to modern Dubai at One&Only One Za’abeel, highlighting

luxury living, fashion and entertainment, before moving through the heritage lanes of Al Seef, showcasing Old Dubai’s culture and traditions. A nostalgic moment featuring Delhi-style chole bhature reflects Dubai’s strong cultural connection with Indian travellers. The film concludes at the infinity pool of Tapasake, symbolising Dubai’s ability to surprise at every turn. The campaign reinforces Dubai’s growing significance in the Indian market and its ability to offer fresh, immersive experiences with every visit.

FPIs withdraw Rs 36,000 crore in January amid global worries

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Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) remained in a selling mode in January, withdrawing nearly Rs 36,000 crore (about USD 3.97 billion) as global uncertainties persisted. Meanwhile, a higher securities transaction tax (STT) proposed in the Union Budget may weigh on overseas investor participation in the near future. The recent flight of foreign capital followed the worst outflow of Rs 1.66 lakh crore (USD 18.9 billion) recorded in 2025, triggered by volatile currency movements, global trade tensions and concerns over potential US tariffs and stretched market valuations. Going



ahead, the sharp increase in STT on futures and options is likely to act as a marginal negative for FPI flows in the near term, particularly for high-frequency and derivative-focused global funds, said Aakash Shah, Technical Research Analyst at Choice Equity Broking. “While the STT hike may help boost tax collections, it risks dampening trading volumes and could slow tactical FPI participation. To meaningfully revive sustained FPI inflows, investors will be looking

more closely at macro stability, the rupee movement, and consistency in tax policy rather than just growth optics,” he added. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her Budget speech for 2026-27, announced a proposal to raise the STT on futures to 0.05 per cent from the present 0.02 per cent and STT on options premium and exercise of options to 0.15 per cent from the present rate of 0.1 per cent and 0.125 per cent, respectively. According to data from NSDL, FPIs pulled out Rs 35,962 crore from Indian equities in January. This continued selling pressure by FPIs reflects a combination of global and domestic drivers impacting foreign investor sentiment.

Will Consider Price Hike Due To Commodity Cost Escalation: Maruti Suzuki

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Car market leader Maruti Suzuki India will consider increasing prices of its vehicles due to rising commodity costs, amid strong demand in the market post GST rate reductions, company Senior Executive Officer, Marketing & Sales, Partho Banerjee said on Monday. The company currently has 1.75 lakh pending orders due to production constraints, and in January alone, it received 2.78 lakh bookings, he told reporters in a virtual conference. "On the commodity front, prices are going up. (In) precious metals, the increase is phenomenal, but we are keeping a very close watch due to the geopolitical scenario also... but yes, in times to come, we are going to review the price increase," Banerjee said. He was responding to a query on



possible price hikes in the near future due to the rise in commodity prices, which has escalated input costs. "Our endeavor being a market leader, has always been to minimise the cost increase to our customers. Our supply chain team, production team, and all are working to see how much we can absorb the cost increase due to commodities," he added. Nevertheless, Banerjee said, "After a certain extent, if we are unable to somehow accommodate the cost increase, we need to pass it on to our customers." While he did not share a timeline for the possible price hike, Banerjee said the company has initiated a "price protection scheme in Janu-

ary" for those who booked their vehicles as it could not supply. "We were seeing first-time customers, who are coming to the four-wheeler segment, and we need to give them the opportunity to upgrade. Hence, we have given a price protection scheme (for those who have booked their vehicles)... There will be no price increase (for those customers)," Banerjee said. Last year in September, after GST 2.0 kicked in, the company had cut prices of entry-level model S Presso by up to Rs 1,29,600; Alto K10 by up to Rs 1,07,600; Celerio by Rs 94,100 and Wagon-R by up to Rs 79,600, among others.

How Reels Affect Learning

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The rise of reels and short-form content is reshaping attention spans, study patterns, and classroom engagement. In today’s digital age, students are learning in a world very different from that of previous generations. Between school assignments and extracurricular activities, many young people spend hours each day scrolling through short videos on platforms like Instagram Reels, YouTube Shorts, and similar apps. These clips, often just seconds long, deliver entertainment, trends, and information at lightning speed. While they may seem harmless, educators and parents are increasingly asking: How do these short videos affect students’ ability to learn? The answer is complex. Reels are not entirely negative, but their growing presence in students’ daily lives is changing how they focus, process information, and engage with education. Teachers across schools and colleges are noticing a shift in how students behave in classrooms. Many report that

students are more restless and less willing to engage in long explanations. Some struggle to listen without checking their phones, even for short periods. Earlier, distractions in class might have been limited to whispering with friends or daydreaming. Now, a device in a pocket offers constant digital stimulation. Even when students are not actively watching reels, the urge to check notifications can occupy their thoughts, reducing their ability to fully engage in lessons. This change does not mean students are less intelligent or less capable. Instead, it reflects how their brains are adapting to a fast-moving digital environment. However, traditional education still depends heavily on sustained attention, creating a growing mismatch between learning styles and learning environments. Interestingly, reels have a mixed effect on creativity. On one hand, short videos encourage students to create content editing clips, adding music, storytelling in short formats, and learning digital skills. Many students become more confident in ex-

pressing themselves visually and creatively. On the other hand, constant consumption leaves less time for boredom and boredom is often where creativity begins. When students fill every free moment with scrolling, they have fewer opportunities to daydream, reflect, or think deeply, which are important parts of the creative process. True creativity often requires quiet time, patience, and sustained effort qualities that fast-paced digital habits can quietly reduce. Short videos also influence how students communicate. Online content often relies on slang, abbreviations, and quick reactions. While this builds a sense of digital belonging, it may affect formal communication skills. Teachers report that some students struggle with structured writing, formal vocabulary, and detailed explanations. When most daily communication happens through short captions and comments, writing long essays or detailed answers can feel unfamiliar. This does not mean reels directly “damage” language skills, but excessive reliance on ultra-short communica-

tion may limit practice in more formal and academic forms of expression. Another area affected by short-form video culture is reading. Long-form reading whether textbooks, novels, or detailed articles builds vocabulary, imagination, and analytical thinking. It trains the brain to follow complex ideas and arguments. Students who spend large amounts of time on short videos may find reading more tiring or less enjoyable. They may prefer summaries, bullet points, or quick explanations rather than full chapters. Over time, this can weaken comprehension skills and reduce the ability to engage with in-depth material, which is essential for higher education and competitive exams. Short videos are designed for quick consumption. Bright visuals, fast editing, music, and constant variety make them highly engaging. Unlike textbooks, lectures, or long-form videos, reels demand very little sustained attention. A swipe instantly replaces one clip with another, creating a continuous stream of stimulation. Over time,

this habit can influence how students respond to slower-paced learning environments. Reading a chapter, solving math problems, or listening to a 40-minute lesson may begin to feel unusually difficult. Teachers are observing that students often struggle to stay focused for extended periods, frequently reaching for their phones even during study time. One of the biggest concerns linked to short-form content is its potential effect on attention span. Learning often requires deep concentration — the ability to sit with a problem, analyze information, and think critically. Reels, however, train the brain to expect constant novelty and rapid rewards. When students become used to high-speed content, traditional learning methods may feel less stimulating. As a result, they may lose focus more easily, switch between tasks frequently, and find it harder to complete assignments without distractions. This constant shifting of attention reduces the brain’s ability to retain information effectively.

Indian Lifestyle Festival Boosts Millet Movement in Hyderabad



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The two-day Indian Lifestyle Festival, organized by MBF – Millets, The Best Food, concluded successfully at Cyber Gardens,HITEC City, Hyderabad, drawing strong public participation and reinforcing the millet-based lifestyle movement. The festival highlighted millets as a sustainable, practical solution for everyday nutrition and lifestyle wellness. The event attracted health-conscious citizens, food lovers, women entrepreneurs, chefs, and industry stakeholders. More than 35 millet-based dishes, ranging from traditional items like idli and dosa to modern foods such as noodles, pasta, and macaroni, received wide-

spread appreciation, particularly from urban and youth audiences. Founded by Mr. Srinivas Sarakadam, MBF promotes the idea of “one millet lunch every day out of three lunches.” As part of its national expansion, MBF has initiated 100 millet manufacturing units across India, with 15 already operational. Hyderabad was announced as the pilot city for the “Millet Mothers” program, empowering 100 trained women to supply millet lunches to institutions and corporates. The festival was attended by Dr. Dinesh Kumar Chauhan of ICRISAT, who assured support. MBF also announced citywide millet lunch services starting 12 February 2026, reaffirming its commitment to healthier lifestyles.

Car Makers Kick Off New Year with Robust Demand for SUVs

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Car makers in India started the CY2026 on a strong footing, with January dispatches from factory gates to dealers estimated at around 4.5 lakh units, marking the highest-ever January performance and the second-highest monthly tally on record. This growth last month was led by sustained demand for SUV models in the world’s third largest automobile market with six SUVs featuring among the top 10 bestselling models. The car market clocked around 4.5 lakh to 4.55 lakh units in January 2026, as against nearly 4.04 lakh units in the year-ago month, logging 12.62 per cent on-year growth, per industry data. While Maruti Suzuki posted its highest-ever domestic PV wholesales for any January last month,



Tata and Hyundai achieved their highest-ever monthly domestic sales in Jan.2026. Market leader Maruti Suzuki, clocked 0.54 per cent on-year growth at 1.74 lakh units in Jan.2026, marginally up from 1.73 lakh units in the same month last year. “The passenger vehicle market seems to be pretty good. The tailwinds are very much there, pushing up demand,” said Partho Banerjee, Senior Executive Officer for Marketing and Sales at Maruti Suzuki. Sales at Tata Motors jumped 46 per cent on

year, including EVs at 70,222 units in last month from 48,076 units in the year-ago period. The major volume drivers for Tata were the Nexon SUV (23,365 units) and the Punch SUV (19,257 units). Sales at Mahindra, the SUV specialist, climbed 25.37 per cent on year at 63,510 units in Jan.2026, up from 50,659 units sold in January 2025. The major volume driver were the Scorpio SUV at 15,542 units and the Bolero SUV at 11,841 units.

Govt Considering Raising FDI in Nationalised Banks To 49%

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The government is considering raising the foreign direct investment (FDI) limit in public sector banks (PSBs) from the current 20 per cent to 49 per cent, as part of efforts to strengthen the banking sector and attract more foreign capital. Financial Services Secretary M. Nagaraju stated that a review of foreign holdings in PSBs is underway, with inter-ministerial consultations ongoing before a final decision is made. At present, the Union government’s stake in 12 PSBs has remained steady since 2020, though its percentage shareholding has decreased in some banks due to fresh capital issuance. While private sector banks currently allow up to 74 per cent FDI,



public banks have a 20 per cent cap. In private banks, investments up to 49 per cent are permitted automatically, with any additional foreign investment up to 74 per cent requiring government approval. Moreover, a single foreign institution can hold a maximum of 15 per cent in any Indian bank unless the Reserve Bank of India grants an exemption. Nagaraju highlighted that India needs 3–4 large banks capable of handling major lending and financial risks, noting that currently only State Bank of India (SBI) and HDFC Bank rank among the top 100 global

lenders. Most Indian banks lack the capacity to manage large loans independently, and bigger banks could provide more substantial credit, support major projects, and absorb higher risks. On the strategic sale of IDBI Bank, Nagaraju said financial bids are likely to be invited either this month or the next. Raising the FDI limit in PSBs is expected to attract more foreign investors, bolster the capital base of Indian banks, and contribute to the emergence of additional large-scale banks capable of supporting the country’s growing financial needs. This potential policy change signals a shift toward strengthening India’s banking sector by leveraging foreign investment while aiming to create robust banks capable of competing on the global stage.

Historic Grammy Win for ‘Golden’ Sparks Celebrations in South Korea

South Koreans celebrated on Monday as “Golden,” from the Netflix animated film “KPop Demon Hunters,” claimed K-pop’s first Grammy Award, a milestone that critics say highlights the genre’s global appeal and signals broader acceptance in the American mainstream. The win for best song for visual media capped a highly visible night for K-pop at the Grammys — an institution where the genre has long been undercelebrated despite its massive international following.

Rosé of the juggernaut girl group Blackpink joined Grammy favorite Bruno Mars on stage to belt out their mega-hit “APT.,” which was a song of the year nominee. The girl group Katseye, launched by a partnership between South Korea’s HYBE and U.S. label Geffen Records, earned two nominations, including best new artist, for their song “Gabriela.” The awards captured a moment in which K-pop is surging as a youth-driven global phenomenon and increasingly attracting interest from the U.S. film and music industries.

U.S. legacy studios, struggling to reach younger audiences, have taken note of K-pop’s viral strength on social media and short-form platforms — a mo-



mentum that has driven collaborations such as Rosé and Bruno Mars and projects like Katseye and “KPop Demon Hunters,” according to music critic Lim Hee-yun. The Grammy win for “Golden,” which also contended for song of the year, could help further strengthen K-pop’s American foothold and boost the genre’s prospects at future awards, he said.

There is debate over whether “Golden,” an English-language pop song from a Sony Pictures Animation film, qualifies as K-pop. Still, the Grammy award sparked joy in South Korea, where the film inspired Demon Hunters-themed ramen and other products and boosted tourism to Seoul’s old fortress walls and other cultural sites featured in the film. “It feels unreal,” said Kim Na-young, a 50-year-old who said she saw the

movie at least five times. “Sony made it, Netflix released it, but the film was definitely about Korea.”

‘Outstanding vocal performance’ “KPop Demon Hunters,” released by Netflix last June, follows the three members of the fictional Korean girl group HUNTR/X as they use their music and martial arts skills to keep demons out of the human world. The film went on to become Netflix’s most popular release of all time, with songs like “Golden” and “Soda Pop” climbing global music charts and its characters becoming popular Halloween costume choices in the United States. The singers behind HUNTR/X — Ejae, Audrey Nuna and Rei Ami — gained huge followings. After winning their award at the Grammys’ Premiere Ceremony, the songwriters of “Golden” delivered their acceptance speech

in both English and Korean, highlighting its bilingual appeal. Some South Koreans saw the Grammy win as the latest significant moment marking the rise of South Korean pop culture, following the 2020 Oscar triumph of Bong Joon Ho’s “Parasite.” “When Parasite won, it felt like South Korean culture had entered the global mainstream. The Grammy win takes that recognition even further,” said Park Jeong-eon, 48, recalling trips abroad in the 2000s when she felt that South Korea was little known. Seo Ga-yeon, who studies K-pop at a university, said she could emotionally relate with the personal story of Ejae, who struggled as a young K-pop trainee in South Korea before establishing herself as an artist in the United States. “I think it was above all her outstanding vocal performance — overflowing with emotion, as if she was singing about her own life, almost like a cry — that made ‘Golden’ a success,” she said. South Korea’s governing Democratic Party said the Grammy win was a historically significant moment in which K-pop “finally overcame the long-standing Grammy barrier.” Boosted awareness of K-pop The Recording Academy had long overlooked.

Shashwat Signs ‘The India House’ As Composer

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The success of Dhurandhar appears to have inspired Tollywood filmmakers to collaborate with actors and technicians across industries. After young actress Sara Arjun made her Telugu debut with Euphoria and noted casting director Mukesh Chhabra was roped in for the upcoming Telugu film The India House, acclaimed composer Shashwat Sachdev



has become the third big name from Dhurandhar to enter Tollywood. Producer Abhishek Agarwal has confirmed that Sachdev has been signed on as music composer for The India House. The

India House directed by Ram Vamsi Krishna is set in 1905 London, and stars Nikhil Siddhartha, Saice Manjrekar and Anupam Kher. The narrative blends a passionate love story with the political unrest surrounding the historic India House, which served as a hub for Indian revolutionaries in Britain. “There is huge scope for mellifluous songs and enchanting background score in the Telugu-Hindi bilingual, and Sachdev is an apt choice,” he added.

Trump Threatens Legal Action Against Grammy Host Over Epstein Comment

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Donald Trump threatened legal action on Monday against the host of the 68th Grammy Awards over the comedian’s comment on the US president and convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. After congratulating Billie Eilish for winning the Grammy for Song of the Year for her track “Wildflower,” host Trevor Noah brought up Trump and Epstein. “Wow. That’s a Grammy that



every artist wants -- almost as much as Trump wants Greenland,” he quipped, referring to the president’s threats to seize the autonomous Arctic territory. Noah then added:



“Which makes sense because, since Epstein’s gone, he needs a new island to hang out with Bill Clinton.” Noah, who announced that this will be his final year hosting the Grammys after six turns

as emcee, has been light on political commentary in previous years. His comments drew the ire of the president, who took to his Truth Social platform first saying that the “Grammy Awards are the WORST and virtually unwatchable,” before criticizing Noah. “I can’t speak for Bill, but I have never been to Epstein Island, nor anywhere close, and until tonight’s false and defamatory, statement, have never been accused of being there, not even

by the Fake News Media,” Trump asserted. The Republican then branded South African Noah a “total loser” who needs to “get his facts straight.” “I’ll be sending my lawyers to sue this poor, pathetic, talentless, dope of an M.C. ... Get ready Noah, I’m going to have some fun with you!” Trump added. Trump, who moved in the same social circles as Epstein in Florida and New York, has fought for months to prevent the release of a vast trove of documents



Sunny Deol’s role in Ramayan Part 2 has been significantly elevated, with the filmmakers giving his character, Lord Hanuman, a prominent position in the screenplay. Previously the fourth most important character after Rama, Sita, and Laxman, Hanuman is now reportedly placed between Rama and Sita, reflecting the actor’s growing popularity. The enhancement comes with high-calibre action sequences, specially added to showcase Sunny’s strengths, which were not part of the original script. Producers, led by Namit Malhotra, are treating Sunny’s involvement as a major casting coup, capitalizing on the actor’s renewed box office appeal following the successful sequels of Gadar and Border. Sources indicate that the team is considering a potential stand-alone film centered on Sunny Deol’s Hanuman, highlighting the character’s importance and the actor’s rising

stardom. The move underlines a strategic shift in the film’s narrative focus, ensuring Hanuman’s character gains more screen presence and impact. With audiences already responding positively to Sunny’s performances, the filmmakers are confident that his expanded role will enhance the overall appeal and excitement of the sequel.

PCB Will Follow Pakistan Govt Decision on India Boycott: Report

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The Pakistan Cricket Board was on Monday tight-lipped about its government’s decision to boycott the T20 World Cup game against India but a well-placed source conceded that it has no choice but to follow instructions coming from the top. Amid the drama, the national team left for Colombo to play its other games in the showpiece starting February 7. The side is expected to reach the Sri Lankan capital later this evening. A top source in the PCB said the Board will follow government instructions in case another game against the arch-foes gets lined up during the knockout stage of the



tournament. “The board has also been notified by the government that the national team will not play against India on 15th February and forfeit points in the World Cup. As for the scenario where Pakistan might be required to play against India in the knockout stages, the board will follow any decision taken by

the government at that time as well,” the source explained. Pakistan are scheduled to open their campaign against the Netherlands on February 7, followed by matches against USA on February 10 and Namibia on February 18 in case the boycott decision for the game against India is not taken back. Pakistan’s stunning decision to not play the February 15 match is being seen as an act of support for Bangladesh, who were shown the door after refusing to play in India citing security concerns. A source close to the PCB told PTI that the Board would convey its government’s decision to the International Cricket Council on Monday.

No India-Pak Match in T20 World Cup May Result in Rs 2200 Cr Losses

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An India-Pakistan fixture in an ICC event generates revenue to the tune of a staggering “USD 250 million (over Rs 2200 crore)”, as per some estimates and the absence of the cash-cow fixture from the upcoming T20 World Cup is certain to cause heavy losses to all stakeholders. Such is the pull of the contest between the arch-rivals, who only play in multi team competitions due to the tense relations between the two countries, that the ICC places them in the same pool in every world event. On Sunday, the Pakistan government announced its team’s boycott of the marquee clash in Colombo on February 15. If Pakistan remain adamant, they would risk losing millions in reve-



nues and a no-show would cause significant financial damage to the ICC coffers and India media rights holder JioStar which is already trying to renegotiate a USD 3 billion deal with the world body. The host broadcaster could incur advertisement revenue losses in the range of Rs 200 crore to Rs 250 crore for a marquee game whose 10 second commercial slot can cost up

to Rs 40 lakh. While a walkover would hand full points to India, the ICC retains the authority to impose financial penalties on the PCB. A former ICC and PCB communications head, Sami-ul-Hasan Burney, summed up the magnitude of the money riding on just one game. “As regards the sanctions or the losses, as I said, the one match is costing USD 250 million (every-

thing accounted for not just broadcaster’s loss). Pakistan’s annual revenue is USD 35.5 million, so there is a big, big difference,” he told PTI. The Sydney Morning Herald quoted industry sources with knowledge of confidential negotiations on the costs involved in the game with a billion plus audience. Each game between India and Pakistan has an estimated value of around USD 250 million, it stated. The tone and tenor of ICC’s statement following the Pakistan government announcement also underlined the undisputed value of the contest. “This position of selective participation is difficult to reconcile with the fundamental premise of a global sporting event where all qualified teams are expected to compete on equal terms per the event schedule,” the ICC said.

Aedla Pandarinath Lauds Subhash Chandra Bose Cricket Team at Jersey Launch Event

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Aedla Pandarinath, General Secretary of BJP Bhagya Nagar Zilla, expressed immense happiness in meeting the players of the Subhash Chandra Bose Cricket Team this morning at the Battle Boundaries (Bonguluru) Cricket Ground, following an invitation from the team management. On this occasion, the official team jerseys of the Subhash Chandra Bose Cricket Team were ceremoniously



launched with the generous support of Neha Constructions. Addressing the gathering, Aedla Pandarinath appreciated Neha Constructions for encouraging sports and youth talent through their

valuable cooperation. During the event, Aedla Pandarinath felicitated the players and distributed gifts to motivate them, emphasizing the importance of sports in building discipline, teamwork, and

leadership among the youth. He encouraged the players to continue striving for excellence and bring recognition to their team and region. The program was further graced by the presence of Mr. Pidakala Devender, who participated actively in the event and extended his support to the players. The event concluded on a positive and enthusiastic note, reinforcing the commitment to promoting sports culture and youth development in the region.

DGP launches inspections within ORR limits after Nampally fire

In the wake of the recent fatal fire accident in Nampally, the Director General of Fire Vikram Singh Mann directed fire department officials within the Outer Ring Road (ORR) limits to launch intensive inspections in vulnerable premises. According to the Director General of Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency and Civil Defence Department, the inspections aim to identify serious fire and life safety violations that put occupants at risk. These include the misuse of cellars for storage or accommodation, blocked staircases and ramps, and storage of materials beyond permitted limits. The managements were instructed to ensure strict compliance with fire safety norms and codes, including the proper functioning of fire safety systems, extinguishers and sprinklers installed in the establishments. These inspections began on January 28. A total of 70 establishments were inspected, including three institutional buildings, two hospitals, three mixed-occupancy premises, 26 commercial establishments, 27 mercantile units, three assembly halls, two business premises, one residential building, one industrial unit, one multiplex and one mall. Fire safety precautions were also communicated to owners, tenants and employees during the inspections.

Ramayana Kalpavrksham Concludes in Hyderabad



The three-day Ramayana Kalpavrksham festival concluded in Hyderabad in February 2026 with a series of thought-provoking discourses and a vibrant cultural finale, drawing strong engagement from spiritual seekers, scholars, and cultural enthusiasts. The final day opened with Ramamrita Pravachanam by Brahmasri Chaganti Koteswara Rao on Hanumat Darshanam, offering deep insights into Hanuman's devotion, strength, and spiritual symbolism, setting a reflective tone for the day. Author and historian T. S. Krishnan spoke on reclaiming history and civilisational identity, emphasizing the importance of historical awareness through South Indian temple studies, inscriptions, and literature. His perspectives were shaped by his work with the Prime Ministers' Museum and Library and the Archaeological Survey of India.

CURE Foundation & Apollo Cancer Centres Mark World Cancer Day



CURE Foundation, in collaboration with Apollo Cancer Centres, hosted 'Light the Night' at Boulder Hills Golf & Country Club, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, marking 23 years of hope and service. The event celebrated courage, compassion, and collective commitment in the fight against cancer, featuring a special ramp walk "for a cause" with inspiring couples and dignitaries walking alongside cancer survivors. Founder Dr P. Vijay Anand Reddy reflected on 23 years of supporting over 1,500 childhood cancer survivors, emphasizing the foundation's focus on rehabilitation, research, education, and ensuring no child is denied treatment due to financial constraints. Actor and cancer survivor Manisha Koirala lauded the resilience and courage of the children, highlighting the importance of hope and faith. The evening also included a glamorous ramp walk featuring golfers and models, cultural performances by Tina and Ayana Dance Group, and the prize distribution for the 9th Aparna Cancer Crusaders Golf Championship. The event reaffirmed CURE Foundation's mission to spread hope, care, and support to children and families battling cancer.

Harish Rao lashes out at Revanth Reddy over hate speech against KCR

Harish Rao criticized CM Revanth Reddy for alleged hate speech, political rhetoric, hypocrisy, misuse of power, and vindictive politics.

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BRS�P deputy leader T Harish Rao lambasted Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over his hypocrisy and for indulging in hate speech even as he shared the stage with Justice B Sudarshan Reddy, who spoke against hate speech during the Ravi Narayana Reddy National Award presentation ceremony on Monday. In a statement, Harish Rao said that within minutes after the former judge spoke against hate speech, the Chief Minister had exposed his true nature through his own remarks against



Chandrashekhar Rao and the BRS. "Revanth Reddy turned the event into a live demonstration of the very conduct being cautioned against. His rhetoric is enough to showcase what hate speech means," he said. Taking a dig at the Chief Minister's recent visit to the US, Harish Rao said the stint at Harvard had failed to bring any change

in the former's conduct or language. He accused Revanth Reddy of continuing petty and vulgar political discourse, marked by personal animosity towards the BRS chief. He asserted that as Mahatma Gandhi, who led the independence movement, was the Father of the Nation, Chandrashekhar Rao, who led the Statehood movement, was the Father of Telangana for people who were associated with the movement. "When people were fighting for the statehood, Revanth Reddy was working for the Andhra rulers. It would be foolish to assume that he, who

aimed his guns at the Statehood agitators, understands the importance of the Telangana Statehood movement or KCR," he added. The BRS leader questioned the Chief Minister's moral authority to speak on democratic values, pointing to misuse of power through arrests and cases against opposition leaders and critics. He stated that Revanth Reddy's politics reflected vindictiveness rather than governance, and asserted that no amount of foreign exposure would alter the Chief Minister's hateful politics.

Cyberabad Commissioner Inspects New Skywalk, Underpass Project

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Cyberabad Police Commissioner M Ramesh on Monday inspected the proposed 500-meter skywalk connecting Raidurgam Metro Station, IKEA flyover, IOCL junction, and T-Hub. The initiative aims to cut traffic congestion in IT corridors by nearly 30% while improving pedestrian safety. In addition, a 400-meter underpass linking T-Hub and Mindspace C-Gate is planned to enhance last-



mile connectivity for commuters. Extensions to nearby office clusters are also under consideration to further streamline movement. The project proposals will be submitted to the State government via the Industrial Area Local Authority (IALA) and Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC). Officials plan to hold a meeting with industry representatives and relevant civic and government departments soon to finalize the project. The skywalk and underpass are expected to be implemented under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model under the aegis of the SCSC, marking a significant step toward easing traffic woes in the city's IT hub.

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Hyderabad Police Hunt Koti Cash Bag Robbers

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Hyderabad police are on the lookout for two robbers who shot and injured a businessman in Koti after he resisted their attempt to snatch his cash bag containing Rs 6 lakh. One of the suspects has been identified as a repeat offender involved in previous robbery cases in the State. Investigators traced the robbers' mobile phone activity using data from



the nearest cell tower and reviewed closed-circuit camera footage, revealing that the two travelled separately in auto rickshaws before disappearing on Saturday night. Initially, the police believed

the suspects had taken a train from Kachiguda railway station, but it was later found that they moved around the city throughout the day. They reportedly traveled from Kachiguda towards Pahadishareef in the south, returned to Charminar, and continued moving around the city. Authorities have reached out to police in neighbouring States for assistance in identifying and tracking the suspects.

Update OTR data by Feb 25 to apply for recruitments: TGPSC

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Ahead of issuing new recruitment notifications, the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) on Monday, February 2, announced mandatory updation and validation of One Time Registration (OTR) data for all registered candidates. The decision comes in the wake of recent Scheduled Castes categorisation, changes in candidates' educational qualifications, and multi-

ple requests for correction of personal and category details. The OTR updation process began on January 19 and was scheduled to end on February 9. However, the deadline has been extended till February 25. The Commission released a statement informing it has completed the selection process for all pending recruitment notifications and is now preparing to release fresh notifications shortly. "Updating the OTR will expedite the recruitment

process, early declaration of results, and timely issuance of appointment orders by avoiding delays caused by data discrepancies and incomplete documentation," the statement read. According to the press release, around 31.56 lakh candidates are registered in the OTR system. "All future recruitment notifications, applications, results, and final selections will be processed strictly based on the data available in the system," the TGPSC stated.

Panduranga Reddy Slams Congress over Fake MoUs

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Telangana Jagruti's Ranga Reddy district president, Kappati Panduranga Reddy, has accused the Congress government of signing fake MoUs with non-existent companies, misleading Telangana citizens, particularly the youth, about massive investment inflows. Speaking to the media, Reddy alleged that the government's announced investments are limited to paper promises and publicity stunts. He claimed that MoUs with companies that either do not exist or are "fake" are being touted as major investment deals, creating false hope among unemployed youth. He cited a past example during an American visit, where the government announced a ₹1,000 crore deal with Swatch Bio, only to find that the company had been incorpo-



Kappati Panduranga Reddy alleged that the government's announced investments are limited to paper promises and publicity stunts. He claimed that MoUs with companies that either do not exist or are "fake" are being touted as major investment deals, creating false hope among unemployed youth. He cited a past example during an American visit, where the government announced a ₹1,000 crore deal with Swatch Bio, only to find that the company had been incorpo-

BJP Releases Charge Sheet Alleging Failures of Congress Rule

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BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao, joined by Maharashtra minister and state election in-charge Ashish Shelar, released a chargesheet titled 'Fake Assurances — Cheating Promises' ahead of municipal polls. The dossier indicts the Congress government for two years of failures, including shelving its Six Guarantees and over 420 pledges, fueling corruption and shortchanging employees, pensioners, farmers, students and local bodies. At the launch, attended by co-in-charge Ashok Parnami, Malkajgiri MP Etela Rajender and other seniors, Rao lambasted Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's regime. He listed unkept vows:



no dearness allowance hikes, PRC implementation, or health cards for government staff, a stalled old pension scheme, halted Rythu Bandhu aid and non-release of farm loan waivers, fee reimbursement arrears accumulating to thousands of crores, straining students and institutions; and broken commitments such as 2 lakh jobs, ₹4,000 unemployment

stipends, ₹2,500 monthly aid for women and gold for brides. Rao decried healthcare breakdowns on unpaid Rajiv Aarogyasri bills, undelivered super-specialty hospitals and municipalities crippled by fund shortages with heaps of garbage, pot-hole-riddled roads and dismal sanitation despite ₹2,500 crore in tax collections. Development now hinges on central

schemes like Amrut and Swachh Bharat, he noted. Alleging coal scams, tender irregularities and no progress over BRS-era phone-tapping cases and Kaleshwaram scam, Rao claimed nearly 150 temples were desecrated by communal elements post-Congress takeover, with some encroachments linked to ruling party leaders. "Congress is cheating like BRS did," he charged. Rallying with "Save Telangana — Vote for BJP," he predicted the party's ascent. Earlier, Rao flagged off LED-screen-fitted campaign vehicles to highlight central schemes' benefits. BJP MP Rekha Sharma, ex-Rajya Sabha member G.V.L. Narasimha Rao and others attended.

MLA Kausar Mohiuddin Campaigns for Sangareddy Polls

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Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin has begun door-to-door campaigning across Sangareddy town ahead of the Telangana Municipal Elections 2026, urging residents to support AIMIM candidates. He also addressed a mass public meeting at Madina X Road, appealing to the people of Sangareddy to turn out in large numbers on 11 February to ensure the victory of AIMIM nominees. The campaign emphasizes direct voter engagement, with MLA Mohiuddin personally interacting with



local residents to understand their concerns and promote the party's election agenda. AIMIM leaders say these efforts aim to strengthen grassroots connections and mobilize voter support ahead of the crucial municipal polls, highlighting the party's commitment to addressing local civic issues and community development.

Cyberabad Police goes paperless with launch of e-Office system



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The Cyberabad Police Commissionerate, on Monday, February 2, launched its e-Office system, marking a shift towards paperless governance and improved administrative efficiency. Cyberabad Police Commissioner M

Ramesh inaugurated the office. Speaking on the occasion, the senior officer said the system is n "anytime, anywhere" access. "The platform aims to streamline official file processing, enable real-time tracking of files, enhance accountability, and ensure secure access to records," he said.

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