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Brief Insights

Centre offers Rs 28,740 cr for Hyderabad Metro Phase II

Union minister for consumer affairs Pralhad Joshi announced that the Centre was ready to release Rs 28,740 crore for the second phase of the Hyderabad Metro Rail, provided the Telangana government completed its takeover deal with L&T for Phase I and submitted a detailed project report (DPR) for the new section. Addressing journalists at the BJP office in Nampally, Joshi said Telangana would receive Rs 33,180 crore through 41 per cent tax devolution, as recommended by the 15th Finance Commission. Urban local bodies would get an

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Raut Calls PM Security Fears 'Rubbish'

Calling the BJP-led dispensation at the Centre a "cowardly government", senior Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Friday rubbished Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla's claims over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security. "It is laughable to say that MPs entering the Well of the House has resulted in a threat to the prime minister," he said. Claiming that there was absolutely no possibility of an attack on Prime Minister Modi, Raut sarcastically said, "What kind of revolution has the Prime Minister brought about that people would attack him? He is living a very ordinary life and is merely enjoying the pleasures of power," Raut said, apparently targeting the PM's foreign tours.

His remarks came after Birla recently said he had 'concrete information' that many Congress members might move towards PM Modi's seat and carry out 'some unexpected act' as a result of which he had requested him not to

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Gig Workers' Bandh May Hit App-Based Transport



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his interaction with the students ahead of the boards on Friday, said that exams are like festivals and should be celebrated. Sharing mantras with school students on how to de-stress before exams, Modi said education should not feel like a burden and urged students to focus not only on marks but also on improving life. During the ninth edition of "Pariksha Pe Charcha", Modi asserted that comfort zones don't shape life; the way of living does. "Listen to everyone's advice, but change your lifestyle pattern only when you want to," he told students.

"Education should not feel like a burden. It needs our total involvement. A fragmented education does not guarantee success. Rather than concen-

trating on grades, individuals should concentrate on their achievements in life. Regardless of the opinions of parents, teachers, or peers, it is crucial to have faith in oneself, follow your own path, and consider all the advice that comes your way," the Prime Minister said.

"Our goal should be such that it is within reach but not easily attainable. Tame the mind, then connect the mind and then keep the subjects you

need to study. Then you will always find the student successful," he told the group of students who had come from various parts of the country at his residence at Lok Kalyan Marg in the national capital. Cautioning against the obsession with marks, Modi asked whether anyone remembers the name of a student who scored the highest marks last year in boards. When the students replied "no", he underscored that even if such achievements are

praised briefly, they are soon forgotten, showing how little importance marks hold.

A student from Gujarat asked that while parents worry for them and teachers support them, the issue arises when teachers suggest one study pattern, parents insist on another and students follow a different trend, leaving them confused about which pattern is correct. The Prime Minister remarked that this continues throughout life, noting that people advise him differently. "I have become Prime Minister. Still, people tell me to work in different ways. But everyone has their own pattern. Some people study better in the morning, some at night. Whatever suits you, believe in that. But also take advice, and if that benefits you, then only add it to your life structure," he said.

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RBI Pauses Rate Cuts, Retains Interest Rate At 5.25%



NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

As widely expected, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) rate-setting panel kept the benchmark repo rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent and maintained a neutral stance at its bi-monthly monetary policy meeting on Friday. The repo rate is the rate at which the central bank lends short-term money to commercial banks. For home loan borrowers, the status quo means no immediate change in Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs), especially for loans linked to external benchmarks such as the repo rate. Banks are unlikely to revise home loan interest rates in the near term unless the central bank changes its policy stance or liquidity conditions.

Speaking to reporters at

the post-monetary policy press conference, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said that key policy rates will remain at low levels for a long period and may go down even further. He noted that policy transmission on the deposit side has been slower and that interest rates on fixed deposits will decline. Since February last year, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI has reduced the repo rate by 125 basis points.

In a statement, Kishan Reddy accused the Congress of turning into a "Muslim League Congress" through vote-bank appeasement and recalled Prime Minister Narendra

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services, in consultation with recognised driver unions. They also sought a strict ban on the use of private (non-commercial) vehicles for app-based commercial rides.

Shaik Salauddin, president of the Telangana Gig and Platform Workers' Union and its national general secretary, said the failure of governments to notify minimum base fares had allowed platforms to unilaterally reduce driver earnings while increasing commissions. "The failure of both the Central and state governments to notify minimum base fares has allowed platforms to unilaterally cut driver earnings while raising commissions.

ISLAMABAD Wakeup telangana

At least 31 people were killed and more than 170 injured after a suicide bomber opened fire and detonated an explosive device at the gates of a Shi'ite mosque (Khadija Tul Kubra Imam Bargah) in Islamabad on Friday, in the deadliest attack in Pakistan's capital in over a decade, officials said.

The attacker was stopped by security guards at the entrance of the mosque compound on the outskirts of the city, after which he detonated the bomb among worshippers.

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Many victims were found lying inside the mosque and in the surrounding gardens, with emergency responders rushing the injured to hospitals.

Islamabad Deputy Commissioner Irfan Memon confirmed the casualty figures, while Pakistan's defence minister Khawaja Asif said the bomber "blew himself up in the

Shia Massacre in Islamabad 31 Martyred, 170 Injured

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Revanth Reddy Embraces 'Revanthuddin' Tag, Targets BJP

CM Revanth Reddy Turns BJP Label Into Political Advantage

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including Cabinet and corporation posts.

Targeting the BJP, he said Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy had become an "adopted son" of BRS chief K. Chandrashekhar Rao, and challenged the BJP to first secure Smart City status for Nizamabad before seeking votes in local body elections.

Revanth Reddy said the Congress would retain power for the next eight years and promised development works, including bringing an airport to Nizamabad. He also accused the BJP of inaction on corruption allegations in the Kaleshwaram project, stating that despite the CBI probe, no arrests had been made. He was speaking after laying foundation stones for several developmental works in the district, in the presence of Ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy,

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday turned the BJP's attempt to brand him as a "pro-Muslim" leader into a political advantage, asserting that he represents all communities and will lead them together on the path of development. Speaking at a public meeting near Bardipur in Nizamabad district, he said he would feel "honoured" if BJP leaders called him "Revanthuddin", drawing thunderous applause from the crowd. Addressing the gathering, Revanth Reddy said he had been identified with different communities because of his inclusive decisions and welfare initiatives. "When I announced the BC census, I was called 'Revanth Goud'. After SC categorisation, I became 'Revanth

Madiga'. For inducting Vakidi Srihari into the Cabinet, I was called 'Revanth Mudiraj', and for nominating Anil Kumar Yadav to the Rajya Sabha, 'Revanth Yadav'. When I announced the Golden Temple, Sikhs called me 'Sardar Revanth Singh', he said. "Even if they call me Revanthuddin, I have no objection," he added.

The Chief Minister said the Congress government had ensured representation and empowerment of minorities, SCs and BCs, citing four per cent reservation for Muslims and appointments of minority leaders to key positions,

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Kishan Reddy Slams CM Over 4 PC Muslim Quota Pledge



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Union minister G. Kishan Reddy on Friday sharply criticised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for advocating permanent 4 per cent religion-based reservations for Muslims, and alleged that here was a move to bring in 14 per cent quota for the community, 4 per cent through the religious quota and another 10 per cent "smuggled" into Backward Classes (BC) through a manipulated caste survey.

In a statement, Kishan Reddy accused the Congress of

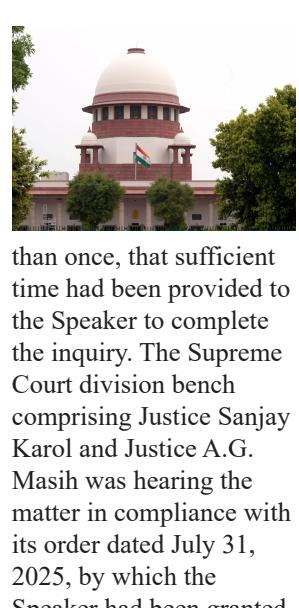
Modi's recent remark on the matter. Kishan Reddy said the quota for Muslims, introduced by Congress in undivided Andhra Pradesh, was twice struck down by the High Court as unconstitutional before being allowed to persist under a stay order. Kishan Reddy alleged that the Chief Minister's "two-pronged strategy" aimed at 14 per cent total Muslim reservations. He accused Congress of inflating Telangana's BC population from 46 per cent to 56 per cent by

adding 10 per cent Muslims, thereby reducing the genuine BC quota from 34 per cent to 32 per cent, while allocating 42 per cent for BCs and Muslims in local bodies. "A court stay averted disaster," he noted. Citing the 2020 GHMC elections, Reddy said non-BCs, mainly from MIM, captured 31 of 50 BC-rereserved seats (62 per cent), depriving genuine BCs of their quota. Charging that Congress was pursuing a national-level agenda of minority appeasement at the cost of social justice, Reddy warned: "Telangana people are watching and will decisively respond at the polls, showing Revanth Reddy and Congress the door."

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SC Gives Telangana Speaker 3 Weeks Time

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The Supreme Court on Friday directed the Telangana Assembly Speaker to positively decide within three weeks, the pending petitions relating to the alleged defection of BRS MLAs to the Congress, failing which contempt proceedings would be initiated. During the hearing, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for the Speaker, submitted that decisions had been taken in eight cases and two petitions remained pending.

The court made it clear that no further adjournments would be granted and emphasised, more

than once, that sufficient time had been provided to the Speaker to complete the inquiry. The Supreme Court division bench comprising Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice A.G. Masih was hearing the matter in compliance with its order dated July 31, 2025, by which the Speaker had been granted three months to decide the disqualification petitions. Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for the Speaker,

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last row of worshippers."

He alleged foreign involvement in the attack without presenting evidence.

Conflict monitoring group ACLED said the attack bore the hallmarks of Islamic State, noting that Shi'ite minorities in Pakistan have frequently been targeted by extremist groups, including Islamic State and Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan.

Bombings are rare in the heavily guarded capital, which was already on high alert due to the visit of Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

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BRS legislator attacked, KTR terms it as assault on democracy

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Former minister and Medchal legislator Ch Malla Reddy was attacked by Congress workers in Lalgadi Malakpet locality in Medchal district when he went there to canvass for the party candidate on Friday. Congress workers led by DCC president Vajresh Yadav were alleged to have launched the attack, in which a close follower of Malla Reddy, Delhi Paramesh, sustained head injuries.

The attack on the BRS legislator drew sharp condemnation from



party working president KT Rama Rao, who termed the attacks on opposition leaders as a direct assault on democracy during municipal elections. Rama Rao spoke to Ch Malla Reddy and Malakpet MLA Marri Rajasekhar Reddy over the phone, gathered details of the Medchal incident and assured them of the party's full support. He directed Medchal district president and MLC Shambipur Raju, along with BRS whip and MLA KP Vivekananda, to immediately visit the injured leader and extend solidarity.

Malla Reddy and his followers were reportedly attacked at Lal-

gadi Malakpet village under the Aliyabad municipal limits during the municipal election campaign. According to BRS leaders, the senior MLA was holding a meeting with the BRS candidates when District Congress Committee (DCC) president Vajresh Yadav arrived at the venue in a campaign vehicle playing Congress party election songs at high volume. When BRS leaders requested Vajresh Yadav to reduce the volume, an argument broke out, which soon escalated into an altercation, with leaders from both parties pushing each other.

Vajresh Yadav allegedly attacked Malla Reddy, during which Delhi Paramesh, a follower of the former minister, sustained head injuries. In a separate incident, KTR also condemned an alleged attack on BRS corporator Dedeepya in Jubilee Hills by MLA Naveen Yadav and his followers. He spoke to Dedeepya over the phone, asked her to remain strong and assured her of party support. Former minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav and other senior BRS city leaders are expected to visit the corporator to express solidarity.

Focus High School Students Adopt One-Horned Rhinoceros

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Students of Focus High School, Noorkhan Bazar, along with Principal and staff, visited Nehru Zoological Park and donated Rs. 30,000 from their pocket money to adopt a One-Horned Rhinoceros for three months. The cheque was handed to Smt. J. Vasantha, IFS, Curator, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad.



Expressing gratitude, Ms. Vasantha thanked the students for their support to wildlife conservation and breeding programs. She noted that the park houses five rhinos: Suraj, Saraswathi, Sai Vijay, Nanda,

and Prema. She appealed to citizens to support animal adoption schemes or contribute through CSR programs, stressing that even small donations help in the care, protection, and breeding of endangered species. The school's gesture highlights the role of young citizens in wildlife preservation and spreading awareness about conservation efforts.

Kausar Mohiuddin Hits Streets for Municipal Election Push

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AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin, along with Nanded and Zaheerabad district AIMIM President and Hyderabad corporator, recently conducted extensive door-to-door campaigning for municipal elections in Zaheerabad, Telangana. The leaders actively engaged with local residents, highlighting the party's vision for development and community welfare.

During the campaign, MLA Kau-

Why Vote for a Shoe Thief?"

Bandi Sanjay Launches Scathing Attack on CM Revanth

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Karimnagar witnessed high political drama on Monday as Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and BJP leader Bandi Sanjay Kumar launched a blistering attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Congress, and the BRS during the municipal election campaign.

Addressing a series of street-corner meetings in Durshed, Gopalpur, Sapthagiri Colony, and Usmani Associates areas, Bandi Sanjay questioned the credibility of the Chief Minister and appealed to voters to reject Congress and BRS candidates.

Referring to Revanth Reddy's own remarks, Bandi Sanjay said, "The Chief Minister himself admitted that he is not trusted even by market

lenders and that people in Delhi see him like a 'shoe thief'. If that is the case, why should people vote for such a person in municipal elections?" He questioned how a leader who cannot command basic trust could bring funds or ensure development. The Union Minister alleged that during 10 years of BRS rule, leaders were involved only in land grabbing, corruption, and loot, asking voters why they should trust them again. "If they return to power by mistake, won't they divert central funds and stall development?"

Revanth Reddy turned Singareni into a scam hub: Harish rao

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Former Minister and BRS Legislature Party Deputy Leader Harish Rao strongly accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of turning Singareni into a hub of scams, warning that if the present situation continues, the coal company will be completely ruined within the next five to ten years. Addressing an election campaign meeting at Kyatapalli in Mandamarri Municipality of Chennur constituency, he said that "the people of Telangana themselves will divert Revanth Reddy from the Chief Minister's chair."

Harish Rao alleged that massive corruption involving thousands of crores has taken place in Singareni through OB contracts, diesel procurement, gelatin sticks, Naini coal, and solar power projects. He claimed that under the so-called "site



visit system," tenders were manipulated, contracts were awarded to close associates, and commissions were distributed. He specifically alleged that relatives of the Chief Minister secured contracts worth thousands of crores. Questioning the government's intentions, he demanded a sitting judge inquiry or a CBI investigation, asking why such probes were being avoided if there was no wrongdoing.

He further accused the Congress government of stopping dependent jobs and medical board processes in Singareni, leading to injustice for workers and their families. He questioned the silence of Labour Minister Vivek, asking whether he had any share in the alleged scams and why he was not speaking out against the irregularities. Comparing the present

government with the previous BRS regime, Harish Rao said that during KCR's tenure, welfare schemes like Rythu Bandhu, pensions, women's welfare programmes, and labour benefits were implemented effectively. He alleged that under the present government, farmer support payments are delayed, promises to women remain unfulfilled, and workers' bonuses have become "bogus."

Calling for electoral support, Harish Rao urged voters to support the BRS car symbol and CPI's sickle-and-hammer symbol in the Kyatapalli elections. He concluded by asserting that Telangana is a land of struggle and courage, not fear, and declared that after two years, KCR's government will return to power, and all pending development and welfare works would be completed.

Tributes Paid to K. S. Tandri Krishna Goud

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Jagadishwar Goud, TPCC State General Secretary and Congress In-Charge of Serilingampally Constituency, along with constituency leaders, participated in the Dashadik Karma program honoring K. S. Tandri Krishna Goud, father of Tandri Ramchander Goud and Tandri Mahipal Goud, who are vice presidents of the Congress party for Miyapur Division in Serilingampally. The event saw leaders paying floral tributes to Krishna Goud's portrait, commemorating his legacy. Prominent attendees included Yamnanchi Uday Kiran, Mannepli Sambasiva Rao, Dornala Ravikumar Goud, Kudumuntla Rambabu, Suresh, Sathyaraj, Kamineni Vasu, Satti Reddy, Krishna Goud, Urili Venkat Rao, Mohan Mudiraj, and Ellanki Srinivas Goud. Journalists Mallani Ashok and Bandi Ramakrishna Goud, along with other notable figures from the region, also offered flowers and paid respects, making the event a grand and heartfelt tribute.

BRS, Congress Betrayed BCs: Kavitha

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Telangana Jagruthi President Kalvakuntla Kavitha strongly criticized both the BRS and Congress parties, accusing them of betraying Backward Classes (BCs) and disrespecting the people's mandate. She questioned the BRS decision to give a municipal election ticket to Buttangari Madhav Reddy, who had filed a petition opposing 42 percent BC reservations.

Kavitha said that by awarding him a ticket, the BRS has "officially declared" its opposition to BC reservations. She alleged that Madhav Reddy, who was once part of Jagruthi, acted under the influence of senior BRS leaders and that the party must explain why it supported someone who tried



to block BC rights, despite BCs forming 56 percent of Telangana's population. She also accused the Congress of mocking democracy by appointing Arikupudi Gandhi—elected as a BRS MLA—as Congress in-charge for Nizamabad, despite the Speaker recognizing him as a BRS legislator. Similar appointments, she said, have created confusion among the public. Kavitha pointed out that Congress failed to honor

CBIT Launches SUDHEE 2026 Technical Fest Poster

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Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Gandipet, has officially released the poster for SUDHEE 2026 – INSIGHTX, a National Level Students' Technical Fest organized by the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AI&DS). The poster was formally unveiled by Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu, Principal, CBIT, at the college campus. The two-day fest is scheduled to be held on 17th and 18th February 2026 and is themed "Indigenous Minds."

SUDHEE 2026 aims to

offer a dynamic platform for students from across the country to showcase their technical knowledge, innovative thinking, and problem-solving skills. The fest will feature a diverse range of technical and fun-filled events, including Poster Presentation, Paper Presentation, Project Expo, Tech Matrix, Reverse Engineering, Code Escape Room, Treasure Hunt, Chromatic Chaos, and engaging activities such as Squid Zone, Water Splash, Cup Rush, among others. The event is being coordinated by Mr. Naveen Raja S.M. and Mr. M. Krishna Kishore, faculty members of the AI&DS department, with student coordinators Ms. K. Sai Sindhu and Mr. V. Sanjeev Manvith. On the occasion, Dr. K. Radhika, Chairperson of SUDHEE 2026 and HoD of AI&DS, encouraged students to participate actively. The CBIT management extended their best wishes to the organizing team for the successful conduct of the fest.

Sagebrook International Launches Hyderabad Campus with Whitgift

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Sagebrook International School inaugurated its state-of-the-art campus in West Hyderabad today, marking the start of a long-term academic partnership with the UK's Whitgift School. Senior Whitgift leaders, including Headmaster Toby Seth, Director of International Education John Chisholm, and Sagebrook Head Zoë Hauser, attended the ceremony.



Sagebrook's campus blends sustainability, child-centric design, and innovation. Modular learning zones, biophilic layouts, low-VOC materials, and neurodiverse-friendly spaces create a

safe, adaptable environment. The Beginnings Programme welcomes children from 12 months, complemented by a parent cafe and co-working space, fostering com-

munity and engagement. Drawing from IB PYP, Montessori, and Reggio Emilia, Sagebrook emphasizes inquiry, creativity, and real-world learning. "Children are thinkers and explorers," said Zoë Hauser. On February 7, Sagebrook hosts "When Why Finds Joy," a citywide family event with storytelling, art, and hands-on activities introducing its playful, purpose-driven approach to learning. Speaking on the occa-

Rechapalli Farmers Seek Immediate Agriculture Cluster to Ease Hardships



Farmers of Rechapalli village in Sarangapur Mandal of Jagtial district are facing severe difficulties due to the lack of basic agricultural infrastructure, alleged the village Sarpanch, Basa Mahesh. He informed that a representation was submitted to the District Agriculture Officer, requesting the immediate establishment of an Agriculture Cluster in the united Rechapalli village. Despite Rechapalli comprising four Gram Panchayats with a population of over 10,000 and more than 5,000 acres of cultivable land, the village still lacks minimum agricultural facilities, the Sarpanch said. Farmers are struggling due to the non-availability of seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides on time, absence of proper technical guidance, and shortage of agricultural machinery. As a result, farmers are forced to incur heavy expenses and fall into debt, he added. Basa Mahesh stated that if an Agriculture Cluster is established in Rechapalli, farmers would get all agricultural inputs, training facilities, farm machinery, and marketing support at a single center, which would significantly enhance farm productivity and income. Urging the authorities to consider the genuine needs of farmers, the Sarpanch appealed to the Jagtial District Agriculture Department to declare Rechapalli as an Agriculture Cluster and initiate immediate steps to provide much-needed relief to the farming community.

Focus on Congress Failures, Avoid Abusive Politics: KTR

Poll debate must be on Congress governance, not Revanth Reddy's abusive politics: KTR

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao has urged party workers and voters to focus municipal election discussions on governance and people's grievances, rather than getting drawn into Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's abusive rhetoric, which he called a deliberate diversionary tactic.

Rama Rao emphasized that the elections should center on basic civic issues, including roads, drainage, drinking water, sanitation, and the delivery of welfare schemes at the ward level. "The real discussion should be about the six guarantees, not one of which has been fully implemented," he said, urging party workers to hold the Congress government accountable for unfulfilled promises over

the past two years. He accused the Chief Minister of using personal attacks on BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao to distract from governance failures. Rama Rao said such attacks amounted to an assault on the Telangana statehood movement itself, noting that KCR had led a 14-year struggle for statehood and later guided Telangana's development for a decade as its first Chief Minister. "Attempts to malign KCR are aimed at masking the

present government's poor performance and corruption," he remarked. Rama Rao called on party activists to raise pressing public concerns during door-to-door campaigns. He highlighted farmers waiting in long queues for fertilizers and delays in Rythu Bharosa assistance forcing them to borrow from private lenders. He also cited students struggling due to non-payment of fee reimbursement, children falling ill in residential schools, pensioners facing delays in retirement benefits, and employees awaiting decisions on Dearness Allowance (DA) and Pay Revision Commission (PRC) recommendations. The BRS leader further accused the Congress government of irregularities in Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) tenders and power sector

contracts, as well as compromising Telangana's interests in inter-state river water sharing.

Rama Rao urged voters to compare the development achieved during BRS's ten years of rule with the perceived poor governance of the Congress regime over the last two years. "The people's verdict alone is the real honour for KCR," he said, calling on citizens to use the municipal elections to reject empty rhetoric, demand accountability, and focus on local civic issues rather than diversionary tactics. By highlighting unfulfilled promises and governance failures, Rama Rao positioned the BRS campaign as a platform for scrutinizing the Congress government while reinforcing the legacy of KCR's leadership and Telangana's development.

Tiger captured after six-day rescue operation near Rajahmundry

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capturing the big cat in Kurmapuram village in Rayavaram mandal of East Godavari.

The officials fired a tranquiliser to capture the big cat near a lake. Earlier, a forest team had spotted the tiger in the backyard of a deserted house near the village and launched an operation. District Forest Officer B. Prabhakara Rao said that due to the commotion by the surrounding people, the big cat got

frightened, ran into the nearby fields and entered a cattle shed.

Though there were two buffaloes in the cattle shed, the tiger did not harm them. The forest officials reportedly fired three tranquiliser shots, and one of them hit the tiger. It then ran towards a nearby lake, where it was finally captured.

The officials were making arrangements to shift the tiger to Visakhapatnam Zoo. The officials had re-

quested people in one kilometer radius to remain indoors. Since the tiger's nature is very sensitive, people were requested not to create any obstacles to its movements. Following this, the team executed the operation successfully. Police provided full cooperation to the Forest Department for this operation. Officials stated that the tiger had only attacked cattle and there have been no attacks on humans.

Srinivas Goud Campaigns in Mahbubnagar, Raises Development and Governance Issues



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Former Minister Srinivas Goud conducted election campaigning in the TD Gutta, Chinnadapally, Kidwai Pet, and Monappa Gutta divisions of the Mahbubnagar district headquarters. During the campaign, he inspected the slaughterhouse that was completed but not inaugurated during the previous government's

tenure.

Addressing the gathering, Srinivas Goud stated that there were plans to develop the Tank Bund in Mahbubnagar on a scale better than Hyderabad, but the work was halted midway. He said he was emotionally disturbed after seeing the condition of the project. He questioned the decision to propose a hospital away from the town instead of near the bus

stand, which he said would be more accessible to the poor.

He also referred to pending projects such as the Haj House, market complex, Tank Bund, Kalyana Mandapam, and minority residential schools, stating that concerns raised by opposition leaders should be addressed constructively rather than with personal criticism. Goud questioned the political journey of the sitting MLA, referring to changes between BRS, BJP, and Congress parties.

Srinivas Goud also spoke about allegations related to the delay in clearing contractors' bills and demanded transparency in the process.

Igniting Young Minds in Race Car Engineering



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Praheti Racing SAE CBIT, MED, CBIT organized a one-day workshop on "Engineering and Fundamentals of Race Cars" on 6 February 2026, in association with the AICTE IDEA Lab. Students from PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Golconda actively participated in interactive demonstrations. Dr. C. V. Narasim-

hulu, Principal, appreciated the initiative, emphasizing CBIT's commitment to practical learning and social responsibility.

The workshop was convened by Prof. G. Laxmaiah and Dr. U. K. Choudhury, and coordinated by faculty members. Participants explored AICTE IDEA Lab facilities and gained hands-on exposure to race car engineering concepts.

Indiramma House Basements Must Be Completed by February 28: District Collector



District Collector Koya Sri Harsha

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District Collector Koya Sri Harsha directed officials to complete basements of all Indiramma houses by February 28, cautioning that houses without basement construction would be cancelled. Reviewing Indiramma and Double Bedroom housing schemes at the Integrated District Collectorate, he instructed R&B, Panchayat Raj, Electricity and other departments to complete pending works and conduct joint inspections, submitting reports to the PD Housing office by February 13. He said Indiramma house construction must be registered under MGNREGS, under which 90 days of funds are being provided, and that pending payments for toilets sanctioned under the Swachh Bharat Mission should be cleared. In view of the government's decision to sanction another phase of Indiramma houses from April, he directed officials to complete houses at various stages by March. He also asked officials to regularly update construction progress online, ensure timely bill payments to beneficiaries and facilitate SHG loans in cases of fund shortages.

Hyderabad on Cusp of Infra Transformation, Says Bhatti

Over 45 projects underway as city emerges as a major investment destination

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ments across IT, hospital-ity, tourism and allied sectors.

The property show featured more than 300 projects of Credai-Hyderabad members, approved by the Telangana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TGRERA). The intention was to ensure that visitors engaged only with verified and compliant developments. Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao said stamp and registration revenues had grown five to six times since 2014. He said annual revenue from the stamps and registration department, which was around Rs 3,000 crore earlier, had risen to nearly Rs 15,000 crore, despite a brief slowdown during the Covid period.

Credai-Hyderabad president N. Jaideep Reddy said Hyderabad's real es- tate sector continued to stand out nationally for its structural strength, long- term stability and resil- ience, while president-elect B. Jagan- nath Rao said the city had evolved into a multi-di- mensional global city, moving beyond its identity as a technology hub to become a destination for innovation, lifestyle and long-term capital invest- ment.

Couple Arrested in Temple Theft Case; Gold, Silver Ornaments and Cash Recovered: DSP Raghu Chander

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husband and wife involved in a temple theft case and recovered gold and silver ornaments along with cash, said DSP Raghu Chander. Addressing a press conference at Jagtial Town Police Station on Thursday, the DSP said that the theft took place in Kodanda Ramalayam located at Dharur Camp under Jagtial Town Police Station limits on the night of February 3, 2026. The accused allegedly broke open the temple lock and stole gold and silver ornaments belonging to the deity along with cash from the hundi.

Based on a complaint lodged by temple priest Samudrala Jagannohan Chary, a case was registered under Crime No. 64/2026 under Sections 331(4) and 305(a) of the BNS Act. Special teams were formed under the supervision of SI M. Supriya to trace the accused.

During investigation, police apprehended the suspects while patrolling

near the Registration Office on Karimnagar Road on February 6. On inter- rogation in the presence of panch witnesses, the accused confessed to the crime. Police recovered

cash amounting to Rs. 4,357 along with gold and silver ornaments from their possession. The arrested accused were identified as Vadloori Nagaraju of Tatipelli village, Jagtial Rural Mandal, and his wife Vadloori Rajitha alias Pathri Sharada (28), pre- sently residing near the Registration Office, Dharur Camp, Jagtial.

DSP Raghu Chander stated that the district police are committed to safeguarding public property and warned of strict action against those involved in such crimes. He appealed to the public to report suspicious activi- ties immediately to the nearest police station or by dialling 100.

Commissioner Prafull Desai Reviews Poll Material Distribution and Counting Arrangements

KARIMNAGAR

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Commissioner Prafull Desai has directed officials to complete all arrangements related to polling material distribution and the vote counting process without any delay. As part of the preparations for the 2nd General Elections of the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation, the Commissioner visited SRR Degree College on Friday along with officials from the Engineering and Town Planning departments. During the visit, he inspected and reviewed the arrangements being made for the counting of votes and the distribution



of polling materials. He instructed the officials to expedite the remaining works and ensure that all facilities are fully ready for smooth polling and counting. Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Prafull Desai emphasized that there should be no inconvenience during the distribution of polling materials or during the counting process. The Commissioner further instructed that the counting centre should be equipped with adequate lighting, drinking water facilities, and all other essential amenities. For polling ma-

terial distribution, he suggested setting up sufficient counters and tables and ensuring proper arrangements for smooth distribution. He also stressed the need to arrange buses for the transportation of polling staff to their respective polling stations. Senior officials including SE Raj Kumar, Assistant Commissioner Dileep Kumar, Executive Engineers Sanjeev and Shivanandam, Deputy Executive Engineers Arun Kumar, Devender Reddy and Venkateshwarlu, DCP Basheeruddin, ACPs Venu and Sridhar, and other officials were present during the inspection.

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Trump Faces Backlash After Sharing Offensive Video of Obamas

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President Donald Trump used his social media account to share a video about election conspiracy theories that includes a racist depiction of former President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle Obama, as primates in a jungle. The Republican president's Thursday night post immediately drew bipartisan backlash for its treatment of the nation's first Black president and first lady, who are Democrats. It was part of a flurry of social media activity that amplified Trump's false claims that the 2020 election was stolen from him, despite courts around the country



and a Trump attorney general from his first term finding no evidence of fraud that could have affected the outcome. White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt rejected criticism of the post that depicted the Obamas, who are Democrats. An Obama spokeswoman said the former president had no response. Nearly all of the 62-second clip, which was among dozens of Truth Social posts from Trump overnight, appears to be from a conservative video alleging deliberate tampering with voting machines in battleground states as the 2020 presidential votes were tallied. At the 60-second mark is a quick scene of two primates, with the Obamas'

as the King of the Jungle and Democrats as characters from the Lion King," Leavitt said by text, referring to Disney's 1994 feature film. "Please stop the fake outrage and report on something today that actually matters to the American public." Trump did not comment on the video in his post, which comes in the first week of Black History Month and days after a presidential proclamation that cited "the contributions of black Americans to our national greatness and their enduring commitment to the American principles of liberty, justice, and equality." Republican Sen. Tim Scott, who is Black, was among those who criticized

Trump's post. "Praying it was fake because it's the most racist thing I've seen out of this White House. The President should remove it," Scott, who chairs Senate Republicans' midterm campaign arm, said on social media. NAACP President Derrick Johnson said in a statement, "Donald Trump's video is blatantly racist, disgusting, and utterly despicable." Johnson asserted that Trump is trying anything to distract from economic conditions and attention on the Jeffrey Epstein case files. "You know who isn't in the Epstein files? Barack Obama," Johnson said. "You know who actually improved the economy as president? Barack Obama."

Raut Calls PM Security Fears 'Rubbish'

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Calling the BJP-led dispensation at the Centre "a cowardly government", senior Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Friday rubbished Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla's claims over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security. "It is laughable to say that MPs entering the Well of the House has resulted in a threat to the prime minister," he said. Claiming that there was absolutely no possibility of an attack on Prime Minister Modi, Raut sarcastically said, "What kind of revolution has the Prime Minister brought about that people would attack him? He is living a very ordinary life and is merely enjoying the pleasures of power."

Raut said, apparently targeting the PM's foreign

person, it is the Prime Minister of India. His security system is even more stringent and advanced than that of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu or US President Donald Trump. It is a matter of research why, despite such impenetrable security, he (the PM) feels insecure." "We are in Parliament before Modi and are aware of its rules. The Congress made the biggest sacrifices in the freedom struggle and gave birth to Parliament. If anyone says there is danger to Modi in Parliament, then it is rubbish," the Rajya Sabha MP said. The Congress Party lost former prime ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi in terror attacks. Despite being aware of the danger, they went among people and were attacked, he added.

NIA Widens Crackdown in J&K as Probe Into "White-Collar" Terror Network Deepens

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) intensified its operations in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, conducting fresh searches at the Government Medical College (GMC) in Anantnag as part of its ongoing investigation into a sophisticated "white-collar" terror module uncovered in November last year. Officials confirmed that an NIA team arrived at the medical college early in the day and carried out extensive searches linked to the recovery of a rifle from the locker of a doctor during earlier raids. Dr. Adeel Ahmad Rather, whose locker had yielded the weapon, is among the nine persons arrested in connection with the module, which was found to be involved in the procurement of explosives later seized in Faridabad

in the National Capital Region. Simultaneously, security forces continued search operations in the Koil Karewa area of Pulwama following intelligence inputs about the presence of militants. Although the area was thoroughly combed, officials reported no arrests or recoveries, noting that the operation remains active. Sources said that the NIA team visited GMC Anantnag to collect documents related to the Red Fort blast case and that the investigators spent several hours at the institution, interacting with the administration and securing specific records required to corroborate evidence gathered so far. While officials refrained from sharing further details due to the sensitivity of the case, the visit is believed to be part of a broader effort to verify links, movements, and support networks associ-

ated with the November 10 blast near Gate No. 3 of the historic monument. The NIA has significantly expanded its investigative footprint across J&K and other states since the attack, conducting multiple raids and making a series of arrests. On December 1, the agency searched nearly a dozen locations across Pulwama, Shopian, and Kulgam, targeting individuals suspected of facilitating or financing the terror module. Among the premises searched were those linked to Moulvi Irfan Ahmad Wagay, an imam from Srinagar's Nadiq village, who is believed to be the ideological architect of the network. Initially arrested by J&K Police on October 18, Wagay was later taken into NIA custody after the agency assumed control of the Red Fort blast investigation. Investigators also searched properties associated with Dr. Rather in Pulwama, following his arrest from Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, as well as the residences of Dr. Muzamil Shakeel Ganai—also known as Muzamil Mushtaq—and Amir Rashid. Several over-ground workers (OGWs) were also under scrutiny.

Shelar Proposes Bandra Helipad For Coastal Road Emergencies

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In the wake of the 36-hour traffic paralysis on the Pune-Mumbai Expressway, Maharashtra Minister advocate Ashish Shelar has demanded a helipad at Bandra Reclamation to address potential emergency response gaps on the city's major maritime corridors. In a representation submitted to Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday, Shelar emphasized the need for an aerial emergency framework to serve the Bandra-Worli Sea Link, the Versova-Bandra Sea Link, and the Coastal Road. The proposal follows a recent gas tanker accident on the Pune-Mumbai Expressway that resulted in a 36-hour

traffic standstill, which the Minister cited as evidence of existing vulnerabilities in disaster management. "The unique geography of the Coastal Road—which utilises both over-sea stretches and underground tunnels—presents significant logistical hurdles for traditional emergency services. The Minister noted that in the event of fires, natural disasters, or major accidents, the rapid movement of security forces and the evacuation of casualties could be severely restricted by ground traffic," Mr. Shelar said.

According to the representation, the integration of aerial facilities is a necessary component of a long-term preparedness plan for the financial capital. Mr. Shelar said that the infrastructure would enhance coordination between the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), the Mumbai Fire Brigade, police departments, and other emergency agencies. Mr. Shelar has urged the chief minister to issue immediate directives to the relevant state agencies to begin the planning and construction process for the site.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Fadnavis dismisses row over Sunetra Pawar's swearing-in

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Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday dismissed the controversy surrounding the swearing-in of Sunetra Pawar as "completely unnecessary and meaningless." His remarks came after Shiv Sena leader Ramdas Kadam, from the Eknath Shinde-led faction, accused Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) State president Sunil Tatkare of indulging in "dirty politics" following the demise of Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.

Mr. Kadam alleged that Ms. Pawar's swearing-in was hastened to politically counter NCP (Sharad Pawar faction) chief Sharad Pawar. Responding to queries, Mr. Fadnavis rejected the allegations, stating that attempts were being made to politicise an issue without substance amid ongoing political sparring in the State. Ajit Pawar died in a plane crash in Baramati in



what they described as undue haste by the NCP leadership, particularly targeting Mr. Tatkare and Mr. Patel.

Mr. Kadam, a former Maharashtra Cabinet Minister, termed Mr. Tatkare "untrustworthy." "Mr. Tatkare is finishing off those who supported him. After Ajit Pawar's demise, he indulged in dirty politics to checkmate Sharad Pawar. This is shameful for Maharashtra," Mr. Kadam said. He further alleged that Ms. Pawar was sworn in even before the funeral rites were complete.

"This is not Maharashtra's culture. The people of Maharashtra will never forgive Sunil Tatkare for this," he added. Addressing the controversy, Mr. Fadnavis said it was being created unnecessarily. "Everyone is trying to use this for their own political gain. This is grossly wrong. Maharashtra lost its Deputy Chief Minister, Ajit Dada Pawar, and yet politics is being played over his demise.

Rahul Shows.....

Bombings are rare in the heavily guarded capital, which was already on high alert due to the visit of Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. Roads were blocked and security forces were deployed across the city. The attack comes amid a week of escalating violence in Pakistan, including militant assaults in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, where security forces reported killing dozens of militants in counter-operations. Pakistan's government has condemned the attack and announced assistance for the victims and their families, as investigations continue.

Revanth Reddy.....

Targeting the BJP, he said Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy had become an "adopted son" of BRS chief K. Chandrashekhar Rao, and challenged the BJP to first secure Smart City status for Nizamabad before seeking votes in local body elections. Revanth Reddy said the Congress would retain power for the next eight years and promised development works, including bringing an airport to Nizamabad. He also accused the BJP of inaction on

corruption allegations in the Kaleshwaram project, stating that despite the CBI probe, no arrests had been made. He was speaking after laying foundation stones for several developmental works in the district, in the presence of Ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Tummala Nageshwar Rao, advisers, and local MLAs.

Focus On Life, Not....

"Just as siblings at home have different eating patterns—some starting with vegetables, some with dal, some mixing everything together—everyone has their own way. Enjoyment comes from following one's own pattern. Some prefer studying at night, others early in the morning, and each has their own rhythm," he said, adding that students must trust their own pattern, listen carefully to suggestions and add improvements only through personal experience, not merely because someone says so. "When I began Pariksha Pe Charcha, there was one pattern. Over time I improved it, even conducting sessions in different states, changing the format while retaining the core," Modi said. Urging students not to waste time dwelling on the past but to think of living what lies ahead, he said, "I don't look

back at what has passed, I always look at what is to come. There are times when teachers only teach what is important and can help you score good marks, but a good teacher focuses on all-around development and teaches everything. Life is not just about exams. Education is just a medium of our development."

Responding to a question about pursuing a future in gaming despite societal pressure to focus only on studies, the Prime Minister said that gaming is not just a hobby, it is a skill. It involves speed as well, so it is good for development. "Gaming is a skill requiring speed and alertness, which contributes to self-development. Focus on building expertise in high-quality games and build studies," Modi said.

RBI Pauses Rate.....

Speaking to reporters at the post-monetary policy press conference, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said that key policy rates will remain at low levels for a long period and may go down even further. He noted that policy transmission on the deposit side has been slower and that interest rates on fixed deposits will decline. Since February last year, the Monetary Policy Committee

(MPC) of the RBI has reduced the repo rate by 125 basis points.

<https://www.deccanchronicle.com/business/rbi-keeps-repo-rate-unchanged-at-525-maintains-neutral-stance-amid-global-policy-divergence-1935335>

Responding to a question from FC, Malhotra said that the impact of recent trade deals signed by India, along with other factors, could add up to 20 basis points to the country's GDP growth. The forecast for FY26 inflation was raised by 10 basis points (bps) to 2.1 per cent from 2 per cent earlier, while the GDP estimate was also revised higher to 7.40 per cent for FY26 from 7.30 per cent earlier. Given that the new series for both GDP and CPI will be released later this month, the MPC refrained from giving full-year projections for FY27. Malhotra said the central bank would continue to supply currency notes to meet the country's demand. The total value of currency notes in circulation stood at ₹36.87 lakh crore at the end of March 2025, compared to ₹34.78 lakh crore a year earlier. In volume terms, the number of banknotes increased to 15,500 crore pieces from 14,600 crore. During 2024-25,

CRIME

Clear fish seed dues in 4 weeks or finance Secy must appear: Telangana HC to govt

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The Telangana High Court on Friday expressed strong displeasure over delays by the state government in clearing payments to suppliers of fish seeds and fixed a four-week deadline for releasing the dues. Justice T. Madhavi Devi, while hearing contempt petitions filed by the suppliers, observed that several cases had come to the notice of the court where payments remained pending long after tokens were issued.

"After filing the contempt petitions, you have issued tokens and are now asking for more time for the

budget release.... It may take more years," the court observed. Government counsel sought eight weeks, stating that bill tokenisation would take four weeks and payments another four weeks. The judge rejected the request, noting that the seeds were supplied nearly three years ago and that repeated opportunities had been granted.

The court directed authorities to complete payments within four weeks and submit a compliance report by March 6, warning that failure would require the principal secretary, finance, to appear in the court and explain. Opposing the plea,

Is iBomma Ravi's Passport Seized? HC Directs Police to Clarify

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The Telangana High Court directed the public prosecutor to obtain instructions from the investigating officer, presently in Delhi, with regard to the passport of Immadi Ravi alias iBomma Ravi, accused of large-scale movie piracy, and posted the matter for hearing on February 9. Senior counsel Muzaffar Ali Khan, appearing for Ravi, sought bail contending that investigation had been completed and police custody already effected. Opposing the plea,

public prosecutor Palle Nageshwar Rao submitted that the alleged piracy had caused losses running into thousands of crores and claimed the accused possessed sophisticated overseas infrastructure and an Irish passport.

He submitted that if he granted bail, Ravi may leave the country. Ravi's counsel submitted that the police had seized the passport were misleading the court. Upon this, the court directed the public prosecutor to inform the court whether or not Ravi's passport had been taken possession of.

Teacher To Undergo Fresh Disability Test

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A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court directed a fresh medical examination of a postgraduate teacher appointed under the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) quota, after noting serious inconsistencies in the disability certificates produced in her case. The panel comprising Justice P. Sam Koshy and Justice Narsing Rao Nandikonda was dealing with a writ appeal filed by the Telangana Residential Educational

Institutions Recruitment Board (TREIRB), challenging an order of a single judge who set aside the cancellation of the petitioner's appointment. The dispute concerns the appointment of V. Srijan, selected as a post-graduate teacher (Biological Science) under the PWD (hearing impairment) category pursuant to a recruitment notification issued by TREIRB. It was pointed out that while she was initially issued a disability certificate in 2015 assessing her hearing impairment at 54 per cent, a

medical examination conducted during the recruitment process in May 2024 assessed her disability at 29 per cent, which fell below the 40 per cent threshold prescribed under the notification. On this basis, her appointment was cancelled on August 21, 2024. The writ petitioner contended that she was validly selected under the PWD quota based on a disability certificate and that the subsequent reduction in the percentage of disability was arbitrary and unjustified. She argued that hearing impairment

was a permanent condition and that minor variations in assessment should not defeat her statutory entitlement. Opposing the plea, TREIRB contended that the recruitment notification mandated a minimum 40 per cent disability at the stage of verification and appointment. It was argued that the medical assessment conducted during recruitment in May 2024, which reflected only 29 per cent disability, was decisive and binding and that selection under the PWD category was conditional.

Plea claims GHMC inaction

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Justice Lakshmi Narayan Alishetty of the Telangana High Court took on file a plea alleging inaction on the part of GHMC in preventing alleged illegal and unauthorised constructions by Meridian School at Madhapur, Serilingampally mandal. The judge was dealing with a writ petition filed by Umesh Lunker and another. According to the petition, the petitioners were owners of land in Survey No. 14/1, Madhapur, where Meridian School was allegedly carrying out construction

activities without obtaining a sanctioned building plan from the competent authorities. It was contended that the petitioners submitted a detailed representation requesting the authorities to restrain the school management from proceeding with further construction. Despite the lapse of several years, no action was taken. The petitioner contended that the unauthorised constructions had continued unchecked due to administrative apathy. Counsel appearing for the respondents contended that the school had not deviated from the permissions granted.

Brother Held For Murder of Advocate Over Land

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A day after advocate Gotike Swapna was murdered in her agricultural land at Kethireddypally in Moinabad, police on Thursday arrested four persons including her brother G. Raju and his associates Errolla Sandeep, Vadde Veeresh and Kavali Shiva Lingam. The murder was said to be the fall-out over a property dispute. Swapna was murdered when she went to the farmland to get the land surveyed with the intention of selling a portion of it for her marriage expenses. Police said she had recently married a man she was in a relationship with through an Arya Samaj ceremony. To raise funds for a traditional marriage, she planned

to sell one acre out of the four acres of land said to be registered in her name. Chevella DCP Yogesh Gautam said she was accompanied by her mother Venkatamma, another advocate and a surveyor to the land in Survey No. 339. "Raju knocked down Swapna with his car. When she fell down, his associates attacked her," he alleged. Police said Swapna's father had married Mallamma, who had no children. He later married her younger sister Venkatamma, with whom he had four children: two sons and two daughters including Swapna and Raju. The eldest daughter was married in 2001, while one of the brothers later died in a road accident.

SC Gives Telangana Speaker 3 Weeks Time

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The Supreme Court on Friday directed the Telangana Assembly Speaker to positively decide within three weeks, the pending petitions relating to the alleged defection of BRS MLAs to the Congress, failing which contempt proceedings would be initiated. During the hearing, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for the Speaker, submitted that decisions had been taken in eight cases and two petitions remained pending.

The court made it clear that no further adjournments would be granted and emphasised, more than once, that sufficient time had been provided to the Speaker to complete the inquiry. The Supreme Court division

was on the verge of taking a decision in the remaining cases. This request was strongly opposed by advocate P. Mohit Rao, representing the petitioners, who argued that repeated adjournments had been sought earlier and that the delay was deliberate. He pointed out that Na-gender, elected as a BRS MLA, had contested the Secunderabad Lok Sabha election as a Congress candidate and continued to claim BRS membership even after losing the election. He submitted that Srihari had secured a Congress ticket for his daughter, who won as an MP, and had openly campaigned for the Congress while technically remaining a BRS MLA. The bench observed that while one decision had now been taken, the Speaker had sought time

on multiple occasions earlier. Justice Sanjay Karol noted that although the Speaker had previously requested three weeks, the court had granted only two weeks to assess progress. Considering that some development had taken place, the court granted limited additional time but categorically warned that failure to take a positive decision would compel the court to initiate contempt proceedings. The court observed: "We expect the Speaker to positively take a decision, failing which we shall proceed to issue contempt." After pronouncing the order, Justice Sanjay Karol told the petitioner orally: "We request you not make reeks out of it. This is what is happening. Don't do it. What is happening is, it's a new industry."

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

Imam Ali

EDITORIAL

RBI NEUTRAL AMID UNCERTAINTY

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The Reserve Bank of India-led Monetary Policy Committee's decision to leave policy rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent came along the expected lines as it is prudent to retain fire-power for the crisis day. The Central bank expects GDP growth for 2025-26 to be at 7.4 per cent, driven by private consumption, fixed investment and the service sector. The revival of the manufacturing sector's growth is visible even as construction and services remain resilient.

The RBI forecasts retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index at 2.1 per cent for financial year 2025-26, which is below its inflation mandate of four per cent (with plus or minus two percentage points). Though the Central



bank predicts a slight uptick in the inflation figure at around four per cent in the next fiscal, it will remain comfortable for the country. Though the economy is expected to benefit from the India-EU Free Trade Agreement and proposed India-US trade deal, the Central bank remains cautious about the growth outlook as it has kept its monetary stance neutral, primarily because of global uncertainty.

While macroeconomic actions remain muted in the monetary statement, the central bank has taken steps to increase production and

employment in the country by doubling collateral-free MSME loans from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh. This move will help micro enterprises. The RBI's proposal to allow banks to lend to real estate infrastructure trusts (REITs) is expected to give a fillip to commercial real estate and, as a result, lead to employment generation. Relaxation in norms for branch expansion for select NBFCs too will create jobs. The biggest highlight of the monetary policy is the RBI's proposal to compensate customers, who lost their money in digital frauds, up to Rs 25,000. While it may give some relief to the victims of cyber frauds, it should not absolve RBI of its responsibility to make payment systems as far as possible fraud-proof.



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GCLI launches Phase 2 of 'Here Now' campaign for life-stage financial

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General Central Life Insurance (GCLI) has launched Phase 2 of its national brand campaign 'Here Now', expanding its focus to long-term financial planning across two key life stages — children's future aspirations and retirement security. The campaign positions life insurance not just as protection, but as a powerful enabler of dreams, ambitions and long-term financial independence.

Building on the brand's refreshed identity after Central Bank of India

became a joint-venture partner in 2025, the campaign reinforces GCLI's role as a Lifetime Partner, supporting customers at every stage of life — from securing children's education and goals to planning a confident and fulfilling retirement.

The campaign narrative highlights how present-day financial planning empowers individuals to "Bada Socho for your bindass dreams", encouraging people to dream fearlessly and plan boldly. Campaign films depict relatable life moments such as children imagining ambitious futures and couples rediscovering freedom and purpose in retirement, reinforcing the belief that the future is built in the present. For children's future planning, key solutions include the Generali Central Long Term Income Plan, Generali Central Money Back Super Plan provide structured financial security.

Commenting on the launch, Mr. Alok Rungta, MD & CEO, Generali Central Life Insurance, said that the January–March period is critical for financial decision-making in India, especially for life insurance, as families reassess priorities. He emphasised that the ini-

tiative aims to help customers view life insurance as a tool to achieve real-life goals — from children's aspirations to confident retirement planning — backed by Generali's global expertise and Central Bank of India's trusted legacy.

The campaign is being rolled out across television, digital, Out-of-Home (OOH), transit media, pop radio and regional platforms, with a strong presence in 50+ cities, targeting both urban and semi-urban markets to deepen awareness and accessibility of life insurance solutions.

Monetary Policy Committee May Hold Rates on Friday

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With domestic growth holding up and the external environment turning supportive, aided by the US-India trade deal, economists expect the central bank's rate-setting panel to keep its benchmark repurchase rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent on Friday and turn towards liquidity management and monetary transmission. While the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI has cut interest rates by 125 basis points since February last year, including a quarter point in December and proactively injected Rs 6.6 lakh crore in the current fiscal as part of open market operations (OMO), bond yields are refusing to budge down. According to an Emkay report, only 9 per cent of the rate cut transmission is visible in bond yields in this cycle, with the 10-year benchmark yield

down merely 11 basis points in the cycle compared to 88 per cent in the 2019 cycle of eight months and an average of 83 per cent for the past four easing cycles. Says Sujan Hajra, chief economist and executive director, Anand Rathi Group, "With GDP growth expected to moderate modestly, but potential growth being supported by sustained public-sector capex and the boost from two major trade agreements, the monetary policy calculus remains finely balanced. A calibrated uptick in retail inflation further limits the case for near-term easing. In this context, the MPC is likely to stay in wait-and-watch mode, keeping the repo rate on hold, as the RBI's

room for additional cuts remains constrained." Instead, policy focus is expected to shift toward liquidity management and yield-curve stability, particularly in light of the Union government's Rs 17.2 trillion gross borrowing programme. Active management of system liquidity and bond-market spreads will be far more critical than adjustments to the policy rate. Accordingly, no material change in the policy stance or the RBI's macroeconomic projections is expected at this meeting," added Hajra. According to Bloomberg, banks have sought permission to free up some of the cash they have to park with the RBI for short-term financial stress requirements. Meetings between the RBI and several banks took place over the past two weeks, they said. India's economy is set to expand at over 7 per cent for a second straight year beginning April and the rupee,

Import of Platinum Articles Restricted

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Curbing the illicit import of gold in the garb of platinum, the government has restricted the import of platinum articles, which were free earlier, has now been restricted by the Commerce Ministry. According to industry insiders, gold was being imported



into the country duty-free by classifying it as platinum. As per the rules, any article with 2.75 per

cent of platinum content is termed as platinum and platinum imports are duty-free.

Some of the importers have been using this loophole and importing articles with 97.25 per cent of gold content and 2.75 per cent of platinum, duty-free. In FY25, platinum imports had doubled to \$9.75 million. Platinum imports have surged in this fiscal as well. Hence, the government has re-

stricted the import of platinum articles. Once, the import of an article is put in a restricted category, importers need to obtain a license, authorization, or permit from the government before importing. Importing without a licence is illegal and attracts severe penalties. Further, it is also subject to rigorous checks on arrival. The authorities can seize the article as well.

Apple Plans To Launch Store in Hyderabad, Begins Hiring

HYDERABAD

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Apple is set to strengthen its retail presence in India with plans to open a new physical store in Hyderabad in early 2027, according to industry reports. The tech giant has already begun preparations by listing multiple job openings for the Hyderabad location on its official careers portal, including roles such as Senior Manager, Genius, and Store Leader — a move that typically signals store launches nearly a year in advance. The Hyderabad

store will mark Apple's continued expansion strategy in India's rapidly growing premium smartphone market. In addition, Apple is also expected to open another retail outlet in Mumbai later this year, further deepening its footprint in key metropolitan markets.

This expansion follows

Apple's recent retail milestones in the country. The company inaugurated its Noida store in December 2025, adding to its growing network of physical retail outlets.

Earlier, Apple launched its online store in India in



2020, followed by its first flagship physical stores in Mumbai and Delhi in 2023. Since then, Apple has steadily expanded with additional stores in Bengaluru, Pune, and Noida, reflecting its long-term commitment to the Indian market. Apple's retail growth aligns with its rising dominance in

India's smartphone value segment. The company recently achieved its highest-ever value market share of 28% in India, according to Counterpoint Research.

This growth has been driven by a strong "premiumisation" trend, where Indian consumers increasingly prefer high-end smartphones. In 2024, Apple held a 23% value share, but its performance surged in 2025 due to the success of the iPhone 16 series, supported by aggressive financing options, trade-in programs, and festival-season promotions.

Aditya Birla Index: AI Fears, Scams, Mental Health Worry Vijayawada

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also struggle with work-life balance and spending quality time with family. Uncertainty is lowest in SEC A (59) and highest in SEC C (66). People with two insurance policies feel the most secure (Index 49), while anxiety is higher among those with three policies. Gen X is the most worried age group, while men and women show similar levels of concern.

The study is based on a survey of 3,583 people and 21 interviews across India.

It shows that even in a relatively stable city like Vijayawada, technology changes, financial pressure, social problems, and mental health issues are shaping people's fears. This highlights the need for better planning, protection, and support to build long-term confidence and security. Many people

India To Help Global Rice Production Touch Record High: FAO

NEW DELHI

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The global production of rice for 2025-26 is expected to touch record high levels with India accounting for much of the revision in the forecast, finds the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation. Meanwhile, global food commodity prices declined in January for the fifth consecutive month. Global rice production in 2025-26 is now forecast at 561.6 million tonnes, up 2 per cent year-on-year and an all-time high. FAO has increased its global production forecast for rice for 2025-26 by 2.9 million tonnes since December.

"India accounts for much

of this revision, consistent with higher official assessments of the 2024-25 harvest in the country, and with the strong pace of Rabi crop plantings registered during the ongoing season," FAO said. FAO also anticipates world rice utilization to reach a record high of 554.9 million tonnes in 2025/26, up 2.7 per cent year-over-year and 2.1 million tonnes more than predicted in December.

World rice stocks at the close of 2025-26 marketing years are now anticipated to rise 3.8 per cent

above their opening level to a fresh peak of 217.7 million tonnes. Stockpiles would stand 9,00,000 tonnes above December expectations, mainly mirroring an upgrade to reserve expectations for India. According to FAO, the world food commodity prices declined in January for the fifth consecutive month, led by lower international quotations for dairy, sugar and meat products.

The dairy price index fell

Maruti Suzuki to Set Up 4 Automated DL Test Tracks in AP

NEW DELHI

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Maruti Suzuki India Limited has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Transport Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, to establish and maintain four Automated Driving Test Tracks (ADTTs) under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The ADTTs will be set up at Regional Transport Office (RTO) locations in Eluru, Ongole, Vizianagram, and Anakapalli, aiming to modernize and standardize the driving license testing process across the state. These technology-enabled tracks will serve applicants for Light Motor Vehicles (LMV) and Two-Wheelers (TW), while the Ongole facility will also cater to Heavy Motor Vehicle (HMV) applicants. Under the agreement, Maruti Suzuki will automate and maintain the test tracks for a period of three years from the date of



Maruti Suzuki signs MoA with the Transport Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh to automate four driving license test tracks in the State. The MoA was signed by Shri Manish Kumar Sinha, IPS, Transport Commissioner of Andhra Pradesh (right) and Shri Taran Agarwal, Senior Vice President, CSR Maruti Suzuki (left) at the Secretariat in Vizagapatam in Andhra Pradesh. The signing was also graced by Shri MT Krishna Babu, IAS, Special Chief Secretary – Transport, Roads and Buildings Department of Andhra Pradesh (center).

commissioning. The ADTTs will be equipped with high-definition cameras, RFID sensors, real-time analytics, and an integrated IT system, enabling a transparent, objective, and fully automated testing process with zero human intervention. The system will ensure strict compliance with Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR), with test results generated automatically. Maruti Suzuki Managing Director and CEO Hisashi Takeuchi said the initiative aligns with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's vision for technology-driven governance, adding that the automated system will ensure only skilled drivers are issued licenses, thereby enhancing road safety. Transport Commissioner Manish Kumar Sinha, IPS, said the project would bring uniformity, transparency, and objectivity in license testing. Maruti Suzuki will support system integration with the SARATHI platform, training of personnel, and maintenance, while the Transport Department will provide infrastructure, civil works, power supply, security, and operational support. The initiative is expected to significantly strengthen road safety and improve the efficiency of driving license issuance in Andhra Pradesh.

Precious Metals Lose Lustre After Recovery

NEW DELHI

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cent to Rs 2,39,000 per kg.

The Delhi spot market, gold shed Rs 3600 per 10 gm in the domestic spot market, silver made a bigger correction of Rs 30,000 per kg. Silver ETFs too declined around 12 per cent after the metal prices fell. However, UBS has predicted that gold prices can climb \$6200 this year. In the international gold

prices fell 4.65 per cent of \$234 per ounce to \$4789 and silver declined more by 18.6 per cent to \$73.57 per ounce. In the Multi-Commodity Exchange, the correction was milder. Gold dropped by 3.75 per cent to Rs 1,48,455 per 10 gm and silver fell 7.39 per

markets once hoped. Sentiment was further weighed by Kevin Warsh's nomination as Fed chair, seen as favouring tighter policy. Meanwhile, signs of easing geopolitical tensions between the US and Iran trimmed safe-haven appeal, said Kedia Com-

modities. Further, mixed data from the US showed weaker job growth but stronger services activity. Meanwhile, UBS analysts, in a report, said that gold's rally was far from over, and prices could climb as high as \$6,200 an ounce by mid-2026. There could be some short-term consolidation in prices with consolidation between \$4,500 and 4,800/oz in the coming days due to volatility from margin calls.

Dil Raju's SVC Bags Yash's Toxic AP Telangana Distribution Rights

Toxic: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups has stormed into the record books, rewriting the rules of pan-Indian cinema even before its theatrical release. In a deal poised to send shockwaves across the industry, Sri Venkateswara Creations (SVC), led by Dil Raju, has acquired the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana distribution rights for a staggering ₹120 crore (advance on commission basis), officially marking it as the biggest acquisition ever for a non-Telugu origin film. The landmark deal between the makers of Toxic (KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations) and SVC further cements the film as one of the most anticipated cinematic spectacles, underlining the extraordinary confidence the trade has in the film's scale, appeal, and box-office potential. With three major contenders aggressively vying for the AP-TG rights, SVC ultimately emerged victorious, sealing what is now being hailed as one of the most defining distribution deals in recent Indian cinema.

Rocking Star Yash's Toxic is viewed as a powerful symbol of how



true star power, compelling vision, and cinematic ambition can dissolve linguistic boundaries. From the ground up, the film has generated unprecedented buzz, visible in the massive on-ground excitement, the organic fan frenzy across countries, and the consistent interest from multiple territories beyond AP and Telangana. The love Yash commands on the streets, across cities and regions, reflects a rare phenomenon where India feels united by a star and the cinema he represents. In the Telugu states especially, Rocking Star Yash is embraced as one of their own, with audiences eagerly waiting for his next since KGF Chapter 2—a sentiment that is

now clearly reflected in the strong early numbers and pre-release traction. Dil Raju of Sri Venkateswara Creations, said, "Yash stands as a formidable titan of Indian cinema, and post KGF 2, his market has only grown stronger across the world. The audience's anticipation for his next after KGF 2 has been building for a while now. With a four-year wait, the buzz and expectations around this film are massive. We at SVC are stoked to present this prestigious project and hope to continue collaborating with Yash on many more films." The partnership with Sri Venkateswara Creations further reinforces the film's positioning. Led by Dil Raju, the banner is

widely regarded as one of the most prestigious and trusted forces in Indian cinema, with a legacy built on National Award-winning films and multiple blockbuster successes. SVC's association reflects strong confidence in Toxic's content, scale, and long-term theatrical potential—especially in the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana market, a region known for its deep-rooted love for cinema and its stature as one of the industry's most influential and vibrant territories. For audiences and fans, this alliance sets expectations soaring—from massive theatrical reach and high-visibility promotions to a big-screen experience crafted to be larger than life. Written

by Yash and Geetu Mohandas and directed by Geetu Mohandas, Toxic: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups has been simultaneously shot in Kannada and English, with dubbed versions planned in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and several other languages, underscoring the film's global ambition. The film boasts a formidable technical lineup, with National Award-winning cinematographer Rajeev Ravi behind the lens, music composed by Ravi Basrur, editing by Ujwal Kulkarni, and production design by TP Abid.

The action sequences are mounted on a grand scale, choreographed by Hollywood action director JJ Perry (John Wick), alongside National Award-winning action directors Anbariav and Kecha Khamphakdee. Produced by Venkat K. Narayana and Yash under the banners of KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations, Toxic is slated for a worldwide theatrical release on 19 March 2026, strategically coinciding with Eid, Ugadi, and Gudi Padwa—solidifying its status as a major cinematic event.

Pushpa 2 Among Top 10 Highest Earning Indian Films At Japan Box Office

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

Icon star Allu Arjun's Pushpa 2: The Rule was released in Japan as Pushpa Kunrin on January 16 and collected over ₹6 crore. The lead stars of the film, Arjun and Rashmika Mandanna, went to Japan and participated in the promotional events. Yet the film had a slow start but later it managed to become one of the top 10 highest-grossing Indian films in the country.

Within just two weeks of its release, the film has achieved this landmark. According to trade website Sacnilk, Pushpa 2 collected ₹6.06 crore in just 14 days of its release, and sprinted Aamir Khan's Dhoom 3 (₹6.03 crore) to take over the 10th spot. The film registered a good box office collection in Tokyo and Osaka, due to word of mouth publicity. Now, let us see which Indian films are among the 10 highest-grossing in



Japan. The top spot is held by RRR, which registered a collection of a whopping ₹139.79 crore, being the first and only film to cross the 2 billion Yen mark.

Muthu occupied the second position in list grossing ₹23.39 crore, followed by Bahubali 2: The Conclusion (₹17.61 crore), 3 Idiots (₹9.81 crore), English Vinglish (₹9.24 crore), The Lunchbox (₹8.66 crore), Sahoo (₹7.56 crore) and Magadheera (₹7.51 crore). Pushpa 2 will have to cross Rajinikanth's Enthiran to take the ninth spot. The movie collected ₹1,871 crore worldwide.

Malviya Slams 'Mardaani 3' Fake News Campaign

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BJP IT Cell chief Amit Malviya on Friday accused the makers of the film Mardaani 3 of running a misleading promotional campaign disguised as a news report, claiming that hundreds of women and children were missing in Delhi, thereby spreading false information and public panic.



Malviya, the National In-charge of the BJP's Information & Technology Wing, alleged that an online report stating that "800+ people, especially women and children, are missing in Delhi" was not genuine journalism but a paid advertorial created to promote the Yash Raj Films production Mardaani 3. He said the report coincided with the film's release and was deliberately designed to appear like credible news content.

Re-sharing a video on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Malviya claimed that the so-called report was part of a calculated publicity strategy. He alleged that several influencers and media platforms circulated the content without verifying its authenticity, thereby amplifying misinformation among the public.

Calling it "nothing but a paid campaign," Malviya said the deliberate use of fear-based messaging to promote a commercial film was unethical and dangerous. He further stated that such practices undermine responsible journalism and public

trust in media. According to Malviya, the circulation of the unverified claim caused unnecessary alarm among citizens, especially parents and women, and distorted the real issue of crime reporting and public safety. He added that spreading unverified data under the guise of news amounts to manipulation of public sentiment.

He also claimed that the Delhi Police would take strict action against those responsible for spreading the false information and misleading content. Malviya emphasized the need for accountability from filmmakers, media platforms, and digital influencers involved in promoting unverified claims. The controversy has sparked debate over ethical film promotion, paid media campaigns, and the misuse of social issues for commercial publicity, raising serious concerns about misinformation, digital responsibility, and the credibility of online news platforms.

Bhumika Chawla Breaks Down While Speaking About 'Euphoria'

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

Bhumika Chawla, who rose to stardom with blockbuster films such as Kushi (with Pawan Kalyan), Okkadu (with Mahesh Babu), and Simhadri (with Jr NTR), is currently playing a pivotal part in her upcoming film Euphoria and left the audience deeply moved when she broke down while addressing the media at a promotional event.

After a brief break from cinema, Bhumika made a successful comeback with Nani's MCA and has since been carefully selecting roles with emotional depth. Euphoria marks a significant reunion with director Gunasekhar, who earlier helmed Okkadu, one of the biggest hits of her career.



The teaser suggests that Bhu- mika portrays a powerful and emotionally intense character. Based on real-life incidents, the film reportedly explores complex human emotions, with Bhumika's role forming

one of the emotional pillars of the narrative. Speaking at the event, the actress shared how deeply the role impacted her personal life. "There were many nights when I couldn't sleep properly. Sometimes I would wake up at one o'clock, sometimes at two. My mind was constantly occupied with the character," she said. As she continued, Bhumika became overwhelmed and broke down on stage. Though she briefly stepped away from the microphone and tried to regain composure, she was unable to hold back her tears and grew emotional once again.

Jiostar Unveils Record Talent Line-Up for ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

As Team India prepares to repeat and defeat history at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 in India and Sri Lanka, JioStar announced the biggest ever experts panel for an ICC event today, headlined by former ICC Men's T20 World Cup winners, Suresh Raina will join the panel along with former India Head Coach, Anil Kumble, former India Assistant Coach Abhishek Nayar, and former India Batting Coach Sanjay Bangar. In addition, viewers will also be able to enjoy insights, dressing room stories, anecdotes, and live commentary from ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2014 Champions Kumar Sangakkara and Angelo Matthews, ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2016 Champions Carlos Brathwaite and Samuel Badree, current South Africa



Test and ODI captain Temba Bavuma, and a host of former ICC World Cup champions such as Eoin Morgan, Matthew Hayden, Ravi Shastri, and Sunil Gavaskar. Fans can enjoy comprehensive coverage of the marquee biennial tournament as iconic names such as Harsha Bhogle, Nasser Hussain, Ian Bishop, Ian Smith, Michael Atherton, Shaun Pollock, Dale Steyn, and Simon Doull also join the ICCTV cast. Besides incisive coverage of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, fans will also be treated to several innovations throughout the tournament on JioHotstar, such

as MaxView in English and Hindi on mobile, while Indian Sign Language will be available for all India games and the knockouts. Viewers will also have the option to watch the games through five Multi-cams on JioHotstar - Hero Cam, Stump Cam, Batter Cam, Field View, and Multi View that get them up close to the action. "As Team India mounts its greatest effort to defeat history - the fact that no team has ever defended the T20 World Cup Title - our endeavour is to put together a spectacle that would match the occasion," said Siddharth Sharma, Head

India Win Under-19 World Cup 2026 Title

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

India U-19 produced a commanding all-round performance to defeat England U-19 by 100 runs in the final of the ICC Under-19 World Cup 2026 at the Harare Sports Club on Sunday. Riding on a breathtaking century by Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, India posted a massive 411 for 9 and then bowled England out for 311 in 40.2 overs. After winning the toss and opting to bat, India U-19 laid a strong foundation despite an early wicket. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi played a sensational knock of 175 off just 80 balls, smashing 15 fours and 15 sixes at a strike rate of 218.75, completely dismantling the England bowling attack. Captain Ayush Mhatre contributed a steady 53, while Abhigyan Kundu (40) and Kanishk Chouhan (37 not out) added valuable runs in the middle and death overs to take India past the 400-run mark. In reply, Eng-



land U-19 began positively, with Ben Dawkins (66) and Ben Mayes (45) keeping the chase alive. Caleb Falconer fought a lone battle with a brilliant 115 off 67 balls, but regular wickets at the other end halted England's momentum. India's bowlers maintained pressure, with RS Ambrish picking up

three wickets, while Kanishk Chouhan and Deepesh Devendran claimed two wickets each. England were eventually bowled out for 311, falling short by 100 runs, as India U-19 sealed a comprehensive victory to lift the ICC Under-19 World Cup 2026 title in emphatic fashion.

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 title in emphatic fashion. India U-19 began positively, with Ben Dawkins (66) and Ben Mayes (45) keeping the chase alive. Caleb Falconer fought a lone battle with a brilliant 115 off 67 balls, but regular wickets at the other end halted England's momentum. India's bowlers maintained pressure, with RS Ambrish picking up

Sports Content, JioStar. "JioStar's broadcast of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 is designed to captivate core fans as well as thrill casual viewers, with former ICC World Cup winners in commentary, along with a host of interactive features and bespoke camera angles on JioHotstar. As Team India attempts to become the first ever nation to lift the trophy thrice, JioStar will continue to give viewers the ultimate broadcast experience." India begin their ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 campaign against USA in Mumbai on February 7, followed by matches against Namibia on February 12, Pakistan on February 15, and the Netherlands on February 18. The tournament runs from February 7 to March 8, with all matches live on JioHotstar and Star Sports Network.

Hyderabad task force arrests woman with 11.4 kg ganja in SR Nagar

The Commissioner's Task Force, West Zone Team, Hyderabad, in coordination with SR Nagar police, arrested a woman for possessing a large quantity of dry ganja on Thursday, February 5. The total value of the seized contraband is estimated at Rs 5.7 lakh. The accused has been identified as Rinita Raita, wife of Ananta Raita, aged 30 years. She is a farmer by occupation and a resident of Kesariguda village in Antaraba Post of Gajapati district, Odisha. Police described her as a sub-peddler.

Officials seized 11.4 kilograms of dry ganja along with one mobile phone from her possession. According to police, the accused revealed that her family was facing severe financial difficulties. Her husband works as a farmer and earns daily wages. She had also been working as a daily labourer at construction sites. Police said the woman came to know that her cousin, Mani Lalabhera, a resident of Patangapadar village in Odisha, was involved in supplying ganja to other states, including Hyderabad and Rangareddy districts.

Act against illegal Bangladesh immigrants in Hyderabad: BGUC to Commissioner

A delegation of the Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Committee (BGUC) on Friday, February 6, met Hyderabad Commissioner of Police VC Sajjanar and sought stringent action against what it described as "illegal Bangladesh immigrants" in the city, with a special focus on the Balapur area. The delegation met the Commissioner at Kotwal House, Purani Haveli, on Friday afternoon and submitted a representation demanding a major operation across Hyderabad to "identify and detain all infiltrators."

In the memorandum, BGUC general secretary Dr Ravinuthala Shashidar urged the police to register first information reports (FIR) against those allegedly involved in facilitating illegal identity documents and to work in coordination with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for the immediate deportation of identified illegal immigrants under the provisions of the Foreigners Act. The committee also called for the removal of what it termed illegal settlements around sensitive defence installations, arguing that such areas must be cleared to ensure secure buffer zones.

The latest representation comes amid continuing controversy over the "Dharma Raksha Sabha," a public meeting held at Balapur on January 24, which was organised by groups associated with the BGUC. The event was conducted after the Telangana High Court directed the police to grant permission for the "Dharma Raksha Sabha" (save religion congregation) at Ganesh Chowk in Hyderabad's Balapur on January 24.

Telangana to Pilot Common Civic Billing System

The state government is preparing to launch a common billing system to simplify civic payments and improve revenue collection across urban local bodies. The new platform will consolidate multiple municipal charges — including property tax, water charges, drainage fees and electricity bills — into a single digital portal. The initiative will be rolled out on a pilot basis within the GHMC limits. Officials believe the move will address long-standing issues such as billing errors, delayed collections and revenue leakages, while improving compliance and strengthening municipal finances.

GHMC commissioner R.V. Karan has instructed zonal and deputy commissioners to begin preparations. At a recent review meeting, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy directed the municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD) department to examine and implement the proposal for a unified bill covering property tax, electricity, water and drainage charges. In the first phase, officials will map mobile numbers linked to Property Tax Identification Numbers (PTINs) with those registered with the Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) to improve billing accuracy and enable digital communication with consumers. GHMC field staff will conduct a joint door-to-door survey with TGSPDCL meter readers, with bill collectors accompanying them to verify and update mobile numbers using handheld devices.

Officials said the integration of databases would reduce duplication, improve transparency and ensure timely delivery of bills. Citizens will benefit from a single payment cycle instead of managing multiple bills from different departments. If successful, the pilot project will be expanded across Telangana. The government views the initiative as a major step towards digital governance, transparent civic administration and smarter management of urban finances, while easing compliance for property owners and businesses.

Hyderabad to Become Global Film Capital: Bhatti

Hyderabad to Become Global Film Hub, Gaddar Awards on Grand Scale

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Friday said the Gaddar Film Awards function, scheduled to be held on Ugadi, would be organised on a grand scale with support from the state government, and would be aimed at drawing global film industry attention to Hyderabad. He was speaking after inaugurating the film screening programme of the awards. Paying tributes to revolutionary poet Gaddar, Bhatti described him as a towering figure



who used art as a means of social transformation and dedicated his life to the people. He said the Congress government instituted the awards in Gaddar's name to honour

his ideals, and noted that this year marks the second edition. Bhatti said Hyderabad should expand beyond being a centre for Telugu cinema and develop into a

hub for films across Indian languages. He said the state government was working to position Hyderabad as a global film industry capital, citing favourable climate, skilled workforce and strong law and order. He said cinema played a role in conveying social messages and generating economic activity, and referred to the Telugu film industry's global recognition, including achievements at the Oscars. Under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, he said the government was committed to strengthening Hyderabad's position as a world-class film hub.

Uttam: Congress govt changed the life of the poor

HYDERABAD

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Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy announced that water will be provided to an additional two lakh acres in the Nizamabad Rural Assembly constituency. He was speaking at an event where Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy laid the foundation stones for several development works in the constituency on Friday. The minister said that after the Congress came to power, welfare and development activities had gained momentum, and he urged the



people of Nizamabad to recognise this progress. He noted that in the final phase of BRS rule, during the kharif season, the then

government spent Rs 923 crore to procure 4.2 lakh metric tonnes of paddy, whereas in the current kharif season, the Congress government spent Rs 2,000 crore, including and minimum support price and bonus for fine varieties, to procure 7 lakh metric tonnes of paddy. He said that the fine rice distribution programme initiated by the Congress government was historic. He noted that 16 lakh beneficiaries in the undivided Nizamabad district are being supplied with free, high-quality fine rice, after adding 1.2 lakh beneficiaries.

This was against coarse rice distributed to 12.8 lakh beneficiaries by the then BRS government. In Nizamabad Municipal Corporation limits, the BRS government supplied coarse rice to 2.5 lakh beneficiaries whereas the Congress government added 65,000 beneficiaries and was distributing fine rice to 3.15 lakh people, he explained. Uttam Kumar Reddy remarked that during the ten years of BRS rule, not a single new white ration card was issued, whereas the Congress after it came to power, had sanctioned new white ration cards.

GHMC Set for Trifurcation: Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Malkajgiri Corporations To Be Formed

HYDERABAD

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The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), India's largest municipal body, will be divided into three independent municipal corporations after the tenure of its elected representatives ends on February 10, according to sources. The proposed new civic bodies will be named Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Malkajgiri corporations.



The Cyberabad Corporation will consist of the western zones of Kukatpally, Quthubullapur and Serilingampally, while the Malkajgiri Corporation will include the eastern zones of Malkajgiri, Uppal and LB Nagar. Sources also indicated that the Cyberabad Cor-

poration may alternatively be named the Serilingampally Corporation. Following the end of the GHMC Council's tenure, Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan (Metropolitan Area and Urban Development – HMDA limits) is expected to take charge of city administration as Special Commissioner. In terms of administrative leadership, GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karan (2012-batch

IAS) and Additional Commissioner G. Srijana (2013-batch IAS) are under consideration to head either the Hyderabad or Cyberabad corporations. Meanwhile, T. Vinay Krishna Reddy, a 2013-batch IAS officer, is set to serve as the Commissioner of the Malkajgiri Corporation. Proposed head offices have also been identified. The HMDA building at Tarnaka is likely to function as the headquarters of

the Malkajgiri Corporation, while the National Academy of Construction (NAC) office in Madhapur may serve as the Cyberabad Corporation's head office. The existing GHMC headquarters at Lower Tank Bund will continue as the head office of the Hyderabad Corporation. The restructuring marks a major administrative transformation in Hyderabad's urban governance system.

CyberFest 2026 Inaugurated at CBIT Hyderabad



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CyberFest 2026, a national-level cybersecurity conclave organized by the Digital Defence Club, was inaugurated at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, with participation from over 500 students from colleges across the country. The event focuses on creating cybersecurity awareness, enhancing technical skills, and providing hands-on exposure through a Hackathon, Capture The Flag (CTF) competition, and technical workshops. Dr. M. Venugopala Chari, Head of the IT Department, highlighted cybersecurity as a rapidly growing field driven by Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies, encouraging students to develop future-ready skills. CBIT Principal C. V. Narasimhulu expressed pride in the large turnout and participation from multiple states, reaffirming CBIT's commitment to innovation and technical excellence. The Chief Guest, Dr. Sriram Bittu, CEO of DSCI, delivered an insightful keynote on real-world hacking scenarios, career paths in cybersecurity, and the role of AI in shaping cyber defense. Guest of Honour Mr. G. Vimal Kumar, CTO of Cyber Privilege, emphasized practical learning and ethical responsibility. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks, appreciating the efforts of the Digital Defence Club.

Centre offers Rs 28,740 cr for Hyderabad Metro Phase II

Centre ready to fund Phase-II Metro if Telangana clears L&T takeover, submits DPR

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Union minister for consumer affairs Pralhad Joshi announced that the Centre was ready to release Rs 28,740 crore for the second phase of the Hyderabad Metro Rail, provided the Telangana government completed its takeover deal with L&T for Phase I and submitted a detailed project report (DPR) for the new section. Addressing journalists at the BJP office in Nampally, Joshi said Telangana would receive Rs 33,180 crore through 41 per cent tax devolution, as recommended by the 15th Finance Commission. Urban local bodies would get an additional Rs 11,448 crore. He noted that Telangana had received Rs 12.5 lakh crore from the Centre over the past 12 years and highlighted the record Rs 5,337 crore allocation for railway infrastructure projects in the FY 2026-27 Budget, compared to Rs 886 crore for undivided Andhra Pradesh during the UPA era. To compete with major economies as India rose to third place globally, Joshi said the Centre had hiked capital expenditure to Rs



12 lakh crore, up from Rs 2 lakh crore in the UPA era, to boost infrastructure. He added that the Centre had identified 24 critical minerals vital for semiconductors, artificial intelligence, renewable energy, and green hydrogen. Describing the Union Budget as being crafted for the next generation, with investments in semiconductors, logistics, biopharma, medical tourism, and infrastructure, Joshi emphasised bal-

SIT to Name More Accused in Phone Tapping Case

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The Special Investigation Team (SIT), which questioned BRS president and former chief minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and his family members in connection with the phone-tapping case, is likely to name some more accused in its FIR and file a charge-sheet before the court. A team of SIT officials reportedly cross-checked the details recorded during the questioning of Chandrasekhar Rao, former ministers K.T. Rama Rao, T. Harish Rao and J. Santosh



Kumar with the statements of accused police officers G. Praneeth Rao, P. Radha Kishan Rao, N. Bhujanga Rao and M. Tirupatanna.

The SIT would also focus the reasons the BRS leadership continued with prime accused T. Prabhakar Rao as SIB chief even after his retirement.

HYDRAA demolishes illegal structures from Sumar Kunta in Medchal

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Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Friday, February 6, carried out operations in several areas, removing encroachments from FTL limits and protecting government land and religious structures. In the Gandimaisamma mandal of Medchal-Malkajgiri district, HYDRAA removed illegal structures from Sumar Kunta in Dulpally village, which is spread over 42 acres.

According to HYDRAA, the ridge of the pond was filled with soil and several scrap shops, dhabas, container manufacturing shops and welding shops were set up inside the FTL. HYDRAA objected to these establishments, saying they would cause problems during the monsoon. They said that only agriculture could be carried out inside the FTL area when there is no water, but constructing these structures was completely illegal.

Additionally, HYDRAA also prevented encroachment of about 3.5 acres of land in survey number 128/1 of Yousufguda, Khairatabad, that had earlier been taken over by the government from private landowners under the Urban Land Ceiling (ULC) Act.

A case has also been registered at Borabanda police station against Sharif Khan, who attempted to illegally occupy 3,600 square yards of this land by using fake documents, falsely claiming that the ULC land had been cleared by the government, HYDRAA said. It also removed illegal sand and brick businesses, demolished temporary sheds, and fenced around 3.2 acres of land to prevent further encroachment.

HYDRAA also put up boards in Ramakrishna Nagar Colony located in Nagaram village of Keesara mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri district, indicating that 1365 yards of land there belonged to a Shiva temple.

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