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Brief Insights

HC Says Renewal Of Passport Is Not Automatic

The Telangana High Court made it clear that passport renewal was not automatic and that the authorities were empowered to revoke a passport on the basis of intelligence inputs that the holder may, or was likely, to engage, outside India, in activities prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of the nation. Justice Nagesh Bheemappa of the High Court held that issuance or renewal of a passport was governed by statutory provisions under the Passports Act, 1967, and could not be claimed as a matter of right when national security concerns were involved.

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Amit Shah Reviews J&K Development Projects, Vows Strong Push For Tourism

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday conducted an extensive review of key development and security initiatives in Jammu and Kashmir, underscoring the Centre's focus on timely execution of projects and improved public service delivery across the Union Territory. Chairing a high-level meeting with senior officials here, Shah assessed progress in critical sectors including road and power infrastructure, industrial growth, digital connectivity, and welfare schemes under the ongoing development push.

Shah reiterated the Central Government's commitment to accelerating economic growth in J&K, identifying tourism as a major pillar of future development. He directed officials to expand tourism infrastructure, promote emerging destinations, and ensure that safety, accessibility, and connectivity remain top priorities. Enhanced road networks, stable governance, and improved digital services,

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None Can Erase KCR's 'Loot History' in Telangana: Revanth

Revanth Reddy cites Praveen Kumar on alleged fake currency case against KCR

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said he would undertake the responsibility of keeping alive the legacy of BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao in the annals of Telangana history, but alleged that the history was about fake passports, counterfeit currency cases and false election promises. "This history will remain in public memory," Revanth Reddy said at a civic polls related meeting in Parigi in Vikarabad district, referring to his predecessor "papala bhairavudu".

The Chief Minister took exception to statements by BRS leaders K.T Rama Rao and T. Harish Rao that he was trying to erase Chandrashekar Rao's his-



tory by issuing notices to him in the phone-tapping case. He questioned whether it was wrong to issue notices for the purposes of investigation. Revanth Reddy noted that former IPS officer R.S. Praveen Kumar, now a BRS leader, had previously stated that a fake currency case had been registered against Chandrashekar Rao, and asked whether such history could be erased. He also alleged that no one could erase Chandrashekar Rao's history of what he

described as "10 years of loot."

The Chief Minister accused Chandrashekar Rao of cheating Dalits by promising to make a Dalit leader the first Chief Minister of Telangana and failing to do so. Revanth Reddy said the Congress government had given opportunities to Dalits as Speaker and ministers, and claimed that this was why Chandrashekar Rao had avoided attending the Assembly sessions. Revanth Reddy accused the BRS chief of deliberately

stalling the Pranahita-Chevella project, sanctioned in undivided Andhra Pradesh, to deny water to Rangareddy district. He said the foundation stone laid near Chevella was evidence of the project's abandonment, and said that providing 3 tmc ft of Godavari water would have irrigated thousands of acres.

The Chief Minister said that Chandrashekar Rao had promised to develop Rayalaseema in Andhra Pradesh as "Ratanalaseema", during a visit to YSRC leader Roja's house in Chittoor, and but had never promised Godavari water to Rangareddy district. He alleged that the district had suffered due to Chandrashe-

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18% US Tariffs On Indian Goods Take Effect

Modi thanks Trump for robust ties between 2 nations

NEW DELHI
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India and the United States of America formally announced the interim trade agreement under which tariffs on New Delhi will be reduced to 18 per cent by the US. Terming the deal as a "historic milestone" in their partnership, the two countries said it demonstrates a common commitment to reciprocal and balanced trade based on mutual interests and concrete outcomes. Lauding the trade pact, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said it will strengthen 'Make in India' by opening up new opportunities in various sectors and will help create jobs. The PM thanked US President Donald Trump for his personal commitment to robust ties between India and the US. The deal sup-



ports India's national security interests as the US will remove tariffs on certain aircraft, aircraft parts and receive a preferential tariff rate quota for automotive parts to eliminate threats to national security. India has also agreed to address long-standing non-tariff barriers to the trade in US food and agricultural products. The joint statement said India intends to purchase \$500 billion of US energy products, aircraft and aircraft parts, precious metals, technology products, and coking coal over the next five years. The deal has no mention of purchase of Russian oil and the Indian

government has made it clear in the past that all its actions will be taken keeping in mind the need of its people, and energy sourcing will be diversified in keeping with objective market conditions and evolving international dynamics.

"The US and India are pleased to announce that they have reached a framework for an Interim Agreement regarding reciprocal and mutually beneficial trade (Interim Agreement). Today's framework reaffirms the countries' commitment to the broader U.S.-India Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) negotiations, launched by President Donald J. Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 13, 2025, which will include additional market access commitments and support

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Modi: Indian Diaspora A Strong Link With Malaysia

NEW DELHI
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said India is seen as a "trusted partner for growth" and it was reflected in the recent trade deals it has agreed with various countries, including the UK, USA and EU. Addressing a community programme in Kuala Lumpur, Modi said that the Indian diaspora continues to serve as a strong bridge between India and Malaysia. Earlier, the Prime Minister landed in Kuala Lumpur for a two-day visit to a grand red-carpet reception, with Malaysian PM Anwar Ibrahim receiving him at the airport, signalling a new momentum in the bilateral ties. Modi and Ibrahim will hold bilateral talks on Sunday. From the airport, the two PMs travelled in the same car to the venue where Modi addressed the Indian community. In his address, Modi said, "Ibrahim came to the airport to welcome me, and he brought me here in his car. Not only his car but also his



seat. These special gestures reflect his love and respect for India and for all of you. I am grateful for your warm words, hospitality and friendship." Malaysian Indians largely comprise Tamils, Malayalees, Telugus and some Punjabis and other North Indians. The Prime Minister complimented the Indians living there for connecting India with Malaysia. "You have connected roti chanai with the Malabar paratha, coconut, spices and of course the tareek. The flavours feel so familiar, whether it is in Kuala Lumpur or Kochi. We understand each other so well. It must be due to the large number of common words between our languages and Malay. I have heard that Indian movies and music are popular in Malaysia," said Modi.

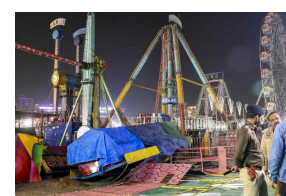
Cop dies rescuing people in Surajkund swing collapse

FARIDABAD
Wakeup telangana

An on-duty police inspector was killed and 11 people were wounded at the Surajkund fairgrounds on Saturday when a giant swing snapped mid-air and collapsed, just an hour after a gate fell down, injuring two persons including a child, officials said.

According to the police, around 6 pm, about 19 people were riding the swing when it tilted and came crashing onto the ground.

Deputy Commissioner Ayush Sinha and MD Tourism Parth Gupta reached the scene immediately after receiving information. Rescue



operations were immediately launched and arrangements were made for the treatment of the injured persons, DC Sinha said.

A senior official said the deceased officer was identified as Inspector Jagdish Prasad of Palwal Police, who was on fair duty and was posted in the police lines, Palwal.

Inspector Prasad, a native of Mathura, was due to retire in March, he added.

The swing was moving up and down at a very fast speed when suddenly, one

of its end broke, leaving it hanging in the air about 2-3 feet above the ground, the police said.

As soon as the accident occurred, shopkeepers and policemen from nearby areas rushed to rescue the victim. Among them was Inspector Prasad, the security in-charge of the swing complex, a senior police officer.

"Several people had been taken off the swing and people nearby supported the fallen portion and helped in rescuing people. Suddenly, the swing broke from the other end as well and fell completely to the ground," the officer said.

Many people got stuck and the inspector was seriously injured, he added.

Salman Khan Attends RSS Centenary Event in Mumbai

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Bollywood star Salman Khan was on Saturday seen deeply engrossed in Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat's speech at an event in Mumbai to mark the organisation's centenary celebrations. Flanked by noted filmmaker Subhash Ghai and well-known lyricist, poet, and writer Praseon Joshi, Salman Khan heard in rapt attention as Bhagwat emphasized that the Sangh works for the country without opposing anyone, focuses on national unity, and acts without seeking power.

Saturday was day one of the two-day lecture series titled '100 Years of Sangh Journey: New Horizons' at



Nehru Centre in Worli area. As Salman Khan arrived at the venue, some in the crowd tried to snap his photos with their smartphones. The two-day event seeks to reflect on the journey of RSS, its role in society, and the ideas and perspectives shaping its future. The event brought together senior RSS leaders and invited speakers for discussions with members of the public, as part of the Sangh's wider centenary outreach.

Hyderabad FSL Blaze Destroys Crucial Digital Evidence

Fire at Red Hills FSL may destroy crucial digital evidence, threatening phone-tapping, cash-for-vote and major Telangana investigations

ISLAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

A massive fire at the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) in the Red Hills area on Saturday is feared to have destroyed crucial digital evidence, potentially derailing several high-profile investigations. The blaze reportedly began in the first-floor computer and storage room, gutting computers, servers, and hard drives containing sensitive case data. Officials said there is no immediate clarity on what data were lost, whether

any information can be retrieved, or if backups exist elsewhere. Hundreds of pieces of digital evidence — including audio, video files, hard disks, and seized digital data — are feared destroyed, particularly those linked to the recent phone-tapping investigation, for which the FSL was responsible for storage and analysis. Among the most sensitive materials stored in the building were the original audio and video recordings in the cash-for-vote case involving Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, pending for several years.



Authorities have not confirmed whether these materials are safe. Also stored at the FSL were mobile phones, SIM cards, and forensic reports

related to the MLAs' horse-trading cases before the last Assembly elections, along with evidence from the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau

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(TGCSB), EAGLE Force, Cybercrime Wing, and Maoist-related investigations, including audio-video recordings and literature.

The facility also houses recruitment and operational data of the Telangana Police Recruitment Board. The FSL plays a critical role in criminal investigations, providing scientific analysis in areas including cyber forensics, ballistics, explosives, handwriting verification, biological and chemical analysis, narcotics, digital evidence examination, and physical evidence such as glass, soil, paint, and tool marks. Authorities are yet to assess the full extent of the damage and its impact on ongoing investigations.

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People of Telangana now repent voting for the Congress, says KTR

NIZAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

Accusing the Congress of deceitful tactics, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Saturday said people who voted for the party were now repenting their decision.

“You still have an opportunity. Vote for the Car symbol in the municipal elections and teach the Congress a lesson for betraying you with the six guarantees,” he said while addressing a roadshow at Bichkunda.

Rama Rao said when people questioned Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy about the prom-



ises made during the Assembly elections, they were being abused.

“He is no longer recognised as Anumula Revanth Reddy but is being called Lagula Thondal Reddy,” he said, recalling that the previous BRS government had extended Rs.10 lakh under the Dalit Bandhu

scheme to beneficiaries in Nizam Sagar mandal. Revanth Reddy, he said, had promised Rs.12 lakh under the scheme but had not given even 12 paise. “Should the people still vote for the Congress again?” he asked.

The municipal elections were a good opportunity

to teach the Congress a lesson. Though the results might not bring major changes, the verdict would send a strong signal to the Congress, particularly to Revanth Reddy, for failing to fulfil the promises, he said. Stating that at the rate of Rs.2,500 as monthly financial assistance, Revanth Reddy owed Rs.1 lakh to each woman so far, Rama Rao urged people not to accept Rs.2,000 or Rs.5,000 offered by Congress leaders.

“In case you accept the money and vote for the Congress, Revanth Reddy will not implement the Rs.2,500

scheme or the one tola gold promise,” he told the women, who had gathered in large numbers.

Rama Rao said that during the BRS government’s tenure, works on the Nagamadugu project were taken up and about 20 per cent had been completed. After the Congress came to power, the works were stalled as the contractor was allegedly asked to pay money to Congress leaders. Under the KCR government, farmers earned profits, but under ‘Thondal Reddy’s’ rule, they were struggling to get even one bag of urea, he said.

Bandi Sanjay Challenges Owaisi on Triple Talaq, Seeks Support for BJP

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, on Tuesday challenged AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi to clarify whether the abolition of Triple Talaq has benefitted Muslim women or not. He demanded a clear stand from Owaisi on whether AIMIM supports or opposes the ban on Triple Talaq, and questioned whether he has the courage to answer Muslim women on this issue. Addressing an election campaign meeting as part of the ongoing municipal polls in Karimnagar, Bandi Sanjay also sought clarity from the Congress and BRS parties on their position regarding the abolition of Triple Talaq. He called upon Muslim women to unite and teach a lesson to parties oppos-



ing the ban, asserting that the BJP is the only party that has abolished Triple Talaq and provided security and dignity to Muslim women. “Has Owaisi ever spoken about the problems of Muslim women? If Congress comes to power by mistake, they will burden people with heavy taxes and even snatch away their gold,” he alleged. He further claimed that electing BJP representatives would ensure a steady flow of funds from the Centre for the development of the city. The Union Minister was campaigning in Butti

Rajaram Colony in Karimnagar city, seeking votes for BJP candidates contesting from Divisions 25, 26, and 27 — Katakam Lokesh, Dr. Pullela Praveen (Pawan), and Tambala Navyasri, wife of Chada Anand. Speaking at a street-corner meeting, he highlighted various development works undertaken with Central government funds under the Smart City project. Bandi Sanjay stated that major roads from Adarshanagar to Court Chowrasta, the Teja School Road, and several internal roads in Subhash Nagar, Sitarampur, and Bank Colony were developed using Smart City funds. He said proper drainage systems were laid to prevent waterlogging during the monsoon season, and most internal roads in Division 26 were built with Central assistance.

Rapid Development Works Begin Near Hafeezpet Jamia Masjid

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Under the leadership of Serilingampally MLA and Telangana Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Chairman Sri Arekapudi Gandhi, developmental works have begun at a rapid pace in Hafeezpet Division. The newly proposed Underground Drainage (UGD) pipeline and CC road works near Hafeezpet Village Jamia Masjid have been formally launched. The program was supervised

under the guidance of Senior Congress Leader Baling Gautam Goud. As part of efforts to permanently resolve long-standing drainage issues in the area, local residents expressed their happiness and gratitude to the MLA for initiating these works.

Participants in the program included Jamia Masjid Committee members — Munna Bhai, MD Ghouse, Nazir, Zameer, S.K. Sadiq, Yunus, and others — along with local Congress leaders and colony residents.



CBIT Hosts National Tech Fest Tecstasy '26

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Department of Information Technology, CBIT, Hyderabad, has officially released the poster for Tecstasy '26, a national-level technical fest conducted under SUDHEE '26. Scheduled for 17th and 18th February 2026, Tecstasy '26 aims to foster innovation, technical excellence, and competitive spirit among students across the country.

The two-day fest will offer a diverse technical platform featuring events such as Technical Paper,



Project, and Poster/Idea Presentations, Cipherville, DSA Master CBIT, Techy Head, Buzz Rush, Sandiest Escape, Cache Me If You Can!, Battle of Prompts, Movie Mash, Bug Bash, Riddle Fiddle, Crack and Splash, and several

others. These activities are designed to evaluate participants’ problem-solving skills, creativity, logical reasoning, and expertise in emerging technologies.

The poster was released in the presence of Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu, Principal, Prof. M. Venugopala Chari, Head of the Department, Faculty Coordinators Dr. V. Prashanthi and Dr. D. Jayaram, along with faculty and student coordinators. The department emphasized its commitment to nurturing future-ready software engineers through Tecstasy '26.

BRS turncoat MLAs named Congress municipal poll coordinators

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In sharp contrast to the Speaker’s claim that there was no evidence of defection by MLAs and the legislators’ claim that they were still with the BRS, the Congress has appointed three turncoat MLAs as the party’s coordinators for the municipal elections.

TPCC working president Mahesh Kumar Goud issued orders to this effect on Thursday. BRS turncoat MLA from Serilingampally Arekapudi Gandhi has been appointed coordinator for Nizamabad Municipal Corporation. Similarly, Rajendranagar MLA T Prakash Goud has been appointed for Shadnagar and Bhadrachalam MLA Tellam Venkat Rao for Yellandu municipalities. This follows Speaker G Prasad Kumar giving a clean chit to eight BRS turncoat MLAs, including



the above three legislators, in the disqualification petitions filed on defection charges. He stated that there was no evidence to prove the defection charges against these MLAs.

Of the 10 defected MLAs, the Speaker gave a clean chit to eight legislators, while the hearing of Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari and Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender is under progress.

As the campaign for the municipal elections gained pace across the State, the appointment of three BRS turncoat MLAs

as coordinators triggered debates in political circles. Local Congress leaders are not convinced with the Telangana Congress leadership’s decision, particularly over the prominence being given to turncoat leaders, and fear that such moves could prove counterproductive.

Former Minister T Jeevan Reddy has been openly raising objections over the prominence being accorded to BRS MLA from Jagtial, Dr Sanjay, who defected to the Congress. Irked over the party’s decision to field followers of his alleged anti-party activities,

elections, the former Minister is now openly campaigning for Congress rebels. Many of them are contesting as independents, and he is canvassing vigorously for their success.

In 2021, when he was TPCC president, Revanth Reddy had appealed to Congress workers to stone to death all 12 party MLAs who had defected to the TRS, he reminded people while campaigning in the Jagtial municipal elections. “Now, let us hit back using vote as our weapon. Revanth Reddy asked to stone to death but I am telling you to hit with votes,” Jeevan Reddy told the people.

Taking serious objection to the former Minister’s stand, the Telangana Congress is reportedly initiating steps to take disciplinary action against him. The party is learnt to have taken a serious view of his alleged anti-party activities.

20 students fall ill after consuming stale dinner

Ain Mancherial

Around 20 students fell ill after consuming stale food at a government-run Scheduled Caste hostel in Bellampalli on Friday night.

Officials said between 15 and 25 students were hospitalised after having dinner at the hostel around 9 pm. The students reportedly fainted after consuming food that contained worms and were immediately shifted to a hospital in the town. Local police and officials visited the students while they were undergoing treatment. The medical condition of two students was stated to be critical. On receiving information, former Bellampalli MLA Durgam Chinniah visited the hospital and urged officials to provide better treatment to the affected students. He also called upon the authorities to ensure that quality food was cooked in hygienic surroundings. Alleging that food contamination incidents in government-run hostels had become a routine affair, he said this exposed the callousness of officials in supervising such facilities. Parents expressed concern over the recurring food contamination menace and urged officials to take precautions to prevent similar incidents in the future.

AI Research Seminar at Mulugu College

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A two-day National Seminar on “Empowering Research Excellence – AI Tools for Academic Writing and Publishing” was successfully held at Government Degree College, Mulugu, concluding on February 7, 2026. The seminar focused on the effective and ethical use of Artificial Intelligence tools in academic research and publishing.

The valedictory session was attended by Mr. Eranna Shettar, Deputy Librarian, NIT Warangal, as Chief Guest, who highlighted the growing role of AI in improving research quality. Dr. M. An-



jaiah, Assistant Professor, Dravidian University, participated as Guest of Honour and explained how AI tools assist in drafting, editing, and publishing scholarly work.

Earlier, Prof. G. Ram Reddy, Dean Academics, Sammakka Saralakka Central Tribal University, addressed the inaugural

session, emphasizing ethical AI usage. Dr. K. Malleshram, Principal, presided over the seminar. The program was convened by Dr. B. Jagadeesh, with active participation from faculty, researchers, librarians, and students, making the seminar a meaningful academic initiative.

District Principal Judge Inaugurates Rural Legal Protection and Support Centres in Warangal District

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

The Rural Legal Protection and Support Centres were inaugurated on Friday by the Principal District Judge, Warangal, Smt. V.B. Nirmala Geethamba, at Rajupeta Primary Upper School, the Gram Panchayat Office at Ameenabad village in Chennaraopet Mandal, and at various Gram Panchayat Offices in Nekkonda Mandal. Addressing the gathering, the Principal District Judge stated that the primary objective of establishing these centres is to provide accessible legal assistance to the poor and marginalized sections of society and to bring the constitutional vision of justice for all to the grassroots level. She emphasized that the Indian Constitution guarantees equal justice to



every citizen, and these legal clinics have been designed to ensure that no one is deprived of legal support due to poverty, lack of awareness, or fear of the legal system. She observed that often the poor, women, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, workers, and members of SC and ST communities remain distant from the justice delivery system. To address this gap, the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) is implementing several people-centric programmes across the country. The essence of these initiatives, she said, lies in bringing courts closer to the people and en-

abling direct interaction between the public and the justice system. Removing fear and misconceptions about law and creating awareness on rights and duties among citizens are the key goals of the Legal Services Authorities. Through these Rural Legal Protection and Support Centres, villagers will receive guidance on free legal aid, family and land disputes, labour issues, domestic violence, women and child rights, Lok Adalats, mediation, and other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. Legal awareness on various government welfare schemes will also be provided at the village level. The centres will help resolve minor disputes at an early stage, preventing them from escalating into major legal conflicts.

Major Civic Development Works Inaugurated in Jambagh Division

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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 café 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-

sion, Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu encouraged students to make the most of the opportunity by actively participating in the fest and showcasing their talents. He expressed confidence that SUDHEE 2026 would emerge as a significant platform for nurturing technical excellence. The management of CBIT extended its best wishes to the organising committee and expressed hope for the successful conduct of the national-level technical fest.

Rechapalli Farmers Seek Immediate Agriculture Cluster to Ease Hardships



A grand badminton tournament has commenced today in Miyapur under the leadership of Lion D.S.R.K. Prasad, Chairman of Prasad's Foundation and senior Congress leader. The event aims to foster youth interest in sports and promote a healthy lifestyle through active participation. The tournament will be inaugurated on Sunday morning by Miyapur Corporator Uppalapati Srikanth at the Friends Badminton Court, Sri Aurobindo Colony, J.P. Nagar, Miyapur, Hyderabad. Following the matches, winners will receive awards from prominent leaders, including Sherlingampalli MLA and PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi, senior Congress leaders Mova Satyanarayana, and Corporator Uppalapati Srikanth. Organizers have encouraged local youth and badminton enthusiasts to participate in large numbers and make the tournament a grand success. Under the guidance of Lion D.S.R.K. Prasad, the event promises an exciting showcase of talent, sportsmanship, and community spirit in Miyapur, fostering both competitive spirit and healthy recreational activity among young participants.

KTR Calls Revanth Reddy BJP Trojan Horse, Urges Rejection of Congress

KTR Calls Revanth Reddy a 'BJP Trojan Horse' in Congress, Urges People to Reject Congress

NIZAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy during a campaign roadshow ahead of the February 11 municipal polls, labeling him a "Trojan Horse" for the BJP within Congress. Addressing crowds in Jukkal, Banswada, and Yellareddy constituencies, Rama Rao urged voters to "peel back the Congress mask" and reveal the saffron agenda he claims Revanth Reddy is hiding.

Rama Rao alleged that Revanth Reddy "was never a true Congressman" and remains aligned with the BJP. He suggested a covert understanding between the Telangana Chief Minister and BJP leadership in Delhi, calling him the "younger brother to the 'Bade Bhai' in Delhi." Criticizing his style of governance, Rama Rao accused Reddy of replacing accountability with threats and abusive behavior, citing instances where he allegedly threatened opposition members with violent acts. "His administration for the past two years has been obsessed with KCR-



bashing. He invokes KCR's name more than devotees chant 'Rama Koti', yet KCR barely acknowledges him. This fuels his constant frustration," Rama Rao said to loud applause.

KTR also criticized former Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy for switching from BRS to Congress, highlighting old videos where Revanth Reddy insulted him and his family. "For a few crumbs from Revanth's table, Pocharam sold his loyalty. If he has any self-respect, he should resign and seek a fresh mandate," Rama Rao said. Drawing parallels with notorious

gangs, KTR accused the Congress of a "loot-and-scoot" strategy now targeting municipal bodies, alleging local MLAs were extorting businesses to fund Congress "cash-for-votes" schemes. He slammed unfulfilled election promises, including pensions and gold, calling it a "government of deception." Rama Rao urged voters to use the municipal elections to punish Congress and protect Telangana's development, emphasizing that only those who received promised benefits should vote for the hand symbol, while others should support BRS.

Major Civic Development Works Inaugurated in Jambagh Division

HYDERABAD
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Jambagh Division witnessed a significant milestone today as Corporator Rakesh Jaiswal inaugurated key developmental works aimed at improving local infrastructure and public amenities. The event was attended by prominent community leaders including Srinivas Yadav, Kajal, Krishna, Talwar Seenu, Raghu, Praveen, Vishal, Santosh



Yadav, Venkat, Rajitha, Shanker, Babloo, Mahesh, Raju, Narsingh,

Saairam Reddy, and Kula Shekhar. Several senior representatives from Kar-

nataka and a large number of local residents also graced the occasion. Addressing the gathering, Rakesh Jaiswal reaffirmed his commitment to the progress and welfare of Jambagh, emphasizing the importance of sustainable development and community participation. The inauguration was met with enthusiasm, reflecting strong public support for ongoing civic improvements in the division.

Marri Shashidhar Reddy Meets Dasaram Basti Victims



Victims of attacks on hut dwellers in the Dasaram Basti land dispute, and those falsely implicated by the police, met BJP National Executive member and former NDMA Vice Chairman Marri Shashidhar Reddy to share their grievances. They highlighted the assaults and the police's illegal registration of cases against uninvolved individuals. Responding, Shashidhar Reddy visited the Ameerpeta MRO office to review the latest land developments and discuss details with the MRO. He then met the CI at SR Nagar Police Station, questioning the legality of filing cases against uninvolved parties. The CI assured corrective action if any wrongdoing occurred. Shashidhar Reddy emphasized that he is fully aware of land grab attempts and will not tolerate illegal activities, pledging to continue fighting for justice until victims receive it. BJP leaders from Secunderabad, including Nemali Anand, Nakki Srinivas, Perumandla Narendra, and others, participated.

State Braces For 18,000 MW Summer Power Demand

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Telangana's electricity demand is rising steadily with the end of winter, and officials expect the summer peak to cross 18,000 MW, surpassing last year's record of 17,162 MW set on March 20. In late January, during the early Rabi season, consumption touched 16,048 MW, up from 15,205 MW in the same period last year. Within GHMC limits under the southern discom (TDSPDCL), demand hit 3,489 MW compared to 3,034 MW last year. Across the discom's jurisdiction, usage rose to 10,389 MW, against 9,589 MW previously.

TGSPDCL chairman and managing director Murrar Faruqi said Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka had directed officials to strengthen infrastructure for uninterrupted supply. "We hold regular reviews with engineers to monitor high-load transformers and feeders. If loads exceed 80 per cent capacity, we augment them immediately," he said. To meet rising needs, the government is upgrading the 33/11 kV distribution network, with over 90 per cent of works completed

in southern discom limits. In the rural zone spanning 10 circles including Mahbubnagar, Nalgonda, and Siddipet, 90 per cent of upgrades are done on 257 feeders (11 kV), 63 feeders (33 kV), 184 power transformers, and 3,064 distribution transformers. Seventy substations have been identified for expansion. Rangareddy zone, covering Cyberabad, Rajendranagar, and Saroornagar, has seen 20-25 per cent annual demand growth, far above the statewide average of 10-12 per cent. Works are in final stages for 147 feeders (11 kV), 56 feeders (33 kV), 71 power transformers, and 965 distribution transformers. In the Medchal zone, covering Hayathnagar, Medchal, and Sangareddy, upgrades are complete on 101 feeders (11 kV), 7 feeders (33 kV), 36 power transformers, and 297 distribution transformers. Overall, the southern discom has bolstered capacity with 495 feeders (11 kV), 60 feeders (33 kV), 336 power transformers, and 4,952 distribution transformers. These upgrades step down high-voltage power for local delivery, ensuring stable supply to consumers even at peak times.

MLA Funds Sanctioned for Three Community Halls in Secunderabad Cantonment



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Construction of three new community halls has begun in Secunderabad Cantonment after MLA funds were sanctioned, former Cantonment Board Vice-Chairman Jampana Pratap announced on Saturday. The projects fulfill a key electoral promise aimed at strengthening community infrastructure across multiple wards. The community halls

will be constructed at Balamrai Eidgah Ambedkar Nagar (Ward 3), Akash Nagar (Ward 1), and Sanchara Puri Colony, benefiting residents across the cantonment area.

As part of the project rollout, Pratap inspected the construction site at Balamrai Eidgah Ambedkar Nagar along with local residents and the appointed contractor. He said the proposed community hall will be a G+1 structure built on 1,000 square yards, designed to

host social, cultural, and public events. "These halls will act as essential spaces for community interaction and development. We are committed to delivering on the promises made to the people," Pratap said during the inspection.

Addressing nearby infrastructure issues, Pratap also directed Cantonment Board officials to demolish dilapidated public toilets near the Balamrai site, citing hygiene and public safety concerns. Local leaders and residents, including Chanti, Ituka Gopi, Santosh, Ilundula Satish, Chinna-raj, and Bikshapathi, participated in the inspection program.

Chennupati Indira Named Chief Advisor of Mala Mahanadu Hyderabad



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Chennupati Indira, senior lawyer and social activist, has been appointed Chief Advisor of the Mala Mahanadu Greater Hyderabad Committee. A delegation led by A.N. Vinay Kumar, K.V. Suresh, and M.G. Vinay Kumar visited her Marredpally residence to formally present the appointment letter and honor her with a traditional shawl. Accepting the role, Smt. Indira vowed to up-

hold the constitutional rights of the Mala community, guided by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's ideals. She outlined her focus on education, healthcare, employment, and political empowerment, promising active legal advocacy against discrimination. Addressing the youth, she urged them to embrace Ambedkar's vision for social progress. Key members, including Sai Prasad, Sanjay, Arun Kumar, Tejpal, and D.P. Srinivasa Rao, joined in congratulating her.

Police Flag March Reinforces Security and Public Confidence Ahead of Karimnagar Municipal Elections

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

In view of the upcoming Karimnagar Municipal Elections, the city police conducted a flag march under the Three Town Police Station limits to instil confidence among the public and to ensure effective maintenance of law and order.

The flag march was carried out in key localities including Hussainipura, Khanpura and Housing Board Colony. An Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) led the march and interacted directly with residents during the programme. Addressing the public and local representatives, the ACP ex-



plained the importance of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and urged strict adherence to all election guidelines. He called upon citizens to cooperate with the police, maintain peace and harmony, and refrain from any unlawful or provocative activities during the election period.

The police presence across sensitive and densely populated areas sent out a strong message of preparedness and vigilance.

The march aimed at preventing untoward incidents, discouraging violations of election norms and reassuring voters of a safe and peaceful polling environment. The flag march was conducted peacefully and successfully achieved its objective of enhancing public awareness and strengthening confidence in the security arrangements put in place by the police ahead of the municipal polls.

Traffic Police's Swift and Humane Action Rescues Trapped Eagle in Begumpet

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

An eagle trapped in banned sharp manja was successfully rescued by Traffic Police officers at the Traffic Training Institute (TTI), Begumpet, following their timely and compassionate intervention.

The bird was found entangled in manja tied to the branches of a tree within the TTI premises. The situation was noticed by Smt. A. Laxmi, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic-1, Malkajiri, and G. Shankar Raju, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Trimulgherry Division, while they were passing through the area. Both officers immediately stopped and rushed to the spot. With the assistance of Traffic Po-

lice staff, the eagle was carefully brought down from the tree. The banned manja, which was tightly wrapped around the bird's legs, was patiently removed, and necessary care was provided on the spot. After the successful rescue, the eagle flew away safely, averting a potentially fatal incident.

The officers emphasized that the use of banned manja poses serious risks to birds, animals, and humans, often resulting in severe injuries and loss of life. They appealed to the public to strictly follow the ban and act responsibly. This incident highlights that the Traffic Police's role extends beyond traffic regulation and road safety to protecting all forms of life, including wildlife.



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Gangula Fires Back at Bandi Sanjay, Says 'BRS Alone Built Karimnagar, BJP Brought Nothing'

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Municipal election campaigning has gathered momentum across Telangana, with all major political parties intensifying their outreach in the undivided Karimnagar district. Amid sharp criticism by Union Minister Bandi Sanjay against the BRS and Congress parties, former minister and Karimnagar MLA Gangula Kamalakar has issued a strong counter, taking on the BJP leader point by point. Addressing the media during the election campaign, Gangula Kamalakar alleged that during the ten-year BRS rule, the Central



government did not extend any meaningful support to Telangana, nor did Union Minister Bandi Sanjay bring any special funds for the state. He asserted that the development of Karimnagar city is possible only under the BRS party and accused the BJP of making false claims for political mileage. Gangula Kamala-

kar participated in the election campaign of BRS candidate Kalakonda Jyothna in the 62nd ward of the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation. Speaking on the occasion, he said it was the BRS government that brought the Smart City project to Karimnagar in 2016 due to sustained pressure from the then TRS leadership. He questioned BJP leaders who now claim credit for the Smart City project, asking why roads were not developed earlier in BJP-represented divisions. Throwing an open challenge to Union Minister Bandi Sanjay, Gangula Kamalakar said he would step aside from politics if

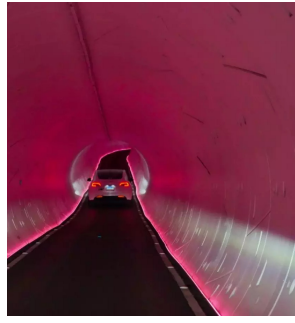
the BJP could show even a single government order worth two rupees brought from the Centre for Karimnagar over the last two-and-a-half years. He maintained that from 2016 to 2019, major city roads were developed under the BRS government and that even before Bandi Sanjay became MP, the state government had already transformed the city with its own funds. The former minister also claimed that the cable bridge in Karimnagar was completed within two-and-a-half years solely with state government funds, crediting the BRS for its timely execution.

Musk's Underground Tunnels In Las Vegas Face Scrutiny Over Safety, Environmental Concerns

WASHINGTON
Wakeup telangana

Elon Musk's "Vegas Loop," a network of underground tunnels to ferry passengers in Teslas, was under fresh scrutiny this week from Nevada lawmakers who raised concern about alleged workplace safety and environmental violations. Lawmakers spent hours grilling state safety officials over alleged violations by the Boring Company, the Musk-owned venture with tunneling projects also planned in Nashville and Dubai. Company officials declined to attend but provided written answers defending the project. "I think they are a company that acts like they are kind of above the law

and want to play by their own set of rules," Democratic Assemblymember Howard Watts, whose district includes the tunnel project, told The Associated Press. First opened in 2021, the Vegas Loop offers free rides around the Las Vegas Convention Center and charges between \$4 and \$12 for rides to some hotels, casinos and the airport. The Teslas can be hailed by website or accessed at stations. The Boring Company is approved to build 68 miles (109.44 kilometers) of tunnels and 104 stations over the next few years in Vegas, a city that lacks fast and robust public transit. Vegas Mayor Shelley Berkley praised the project in January after the city issued a permit for a



new tunnel. "The city is excited to bring an innovative transportation option to downtown Las Vegas and create another way for visitors to experience all that the city has to offer," she said. The Boring Company has been accused of breaking multiple safety and environmental rules. Between 2020 and 2026, 17 complaints were filed with the Nevada State Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Last year

ProPublica reported the company was accused of nearly 800 environmental violations for its Las Vegas project. Of those 17 complaints, one resulted in an inspection with eight proposed citations, including claims that 15 to 20 employees were injured after getting burned with accelerants and that there were no showers available for employees who got sprayed with the accelerants. Several other complaints are still open. The Boring Company has paid nearly \$600,000 in fines, most of which went to the local water reclamation district for discharging untreated wastewater. The company is fighting around \$355,000 in fines with Nevada's OSHA and the Nevada Division of Envi-

ronmental Protection. The company did not return emails seeking comment from The Associated Press. But in a letter to lawmakers, the company emphasized its safety procedures, including daily inspections and workplace safety training. Watts on Tuesday also highlighted a September 2025 incident in which a worker suffered a crushing injury inside a tunnel after being pinned between two 4,000-foot pipes. Firefighters used a crane to extract him from the tunnel opening, Watts said. In a September statement to local news outlets, the company said it was investigating the incident and that the safety and well-being of its employees are top priority.

4 Indian Students Among Several Injured In Stabbing Attack In Russia

MOSCOW
Wakeup telangana



At least six people, including four Indians students, were injured on Saturday in a stabbing attack at a university in Russia's Bashkortostan Republic, media reports and the Indian mission here said. According to preliminary reports, a teenager armed with a knife entered a dormitory of the State Medical University in Ufa in the Bashkortostan Republic. He attacked the students living there and stabbed several of them, the Interior Ministry said. "The attacker resisted arrest, during which two police officers were stabbed. Furthermore, the suspect also inflicted bodily harm on himself," Interior Ministry spokesperson Maj General Irina Volk was quoted as say-

ing by RTVI.com webportal. Calling it an "unfortunate incident", the Indian Embassy here said, "Several persons including four Indian students have been injured." The Embassy said it is in touch with the authorities, and officials from the Consulate in Kazan are en route to Ufa to provide assistance to the injured students. In a release, the Russian Federal Health Ministry said that four people injured in the attack are receiving medical care. One is in serious condition, while three others are in moderate condition, it added. The attacker, identified as a 15-year-old youth, has

also been admitted to a local children's hospital in serious condition, the Baza telegram channel said. Authorities in Ufa, the capital of the Bashkortostan Republic about 1,200 km east of Moscow, have launched a high-level probe into the incident. The Baza channel claimed that the attacker belonged to a banned neo-Nazi outfit. "He belonged to the banned NS/WP neo-Nazi organisation. During the frenzy of attack, he was shouting nationalist slogans about (the) Holocaust," it said and shared the photo of a Swastika drawn on a wall with the blood of the victims. According to eyewitnesses, "there was blood all around." Ren TV said, showing footage of wounded being taken to hospital by ambulance vans.

Islamabad Suicide Bombing Triggers Anti-Pakistan Protests in J&K, Ladakh

JAMMU
Wakeup telangana

Several parts of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh witnessed a surge of anger on Friday evening as thousands of residents—most of them from the Shia Muslim community—poured onto the streets in response to the devastating suicide bombing at a mosque in Islamabad. The attack, carried out during Friday prayers in the Pakistani capital, claimed at least 31 lives and left 169 others injured. News of the tragedy spread swiftly across the region, stirring grief and outrage and setting off a wave of public demonstrations that grew more intense over the following day. By Saturday afternoon, protests had swelled across the Kashmir Valley, several districts of Jammu, and Kargil in Ladakh, a region with a significant Shia population. Residents marched through streets and town

squares, accusing Pakistan of nurturing instability and allowing extremist networks to flourish. The bombing quickly reverberated across the border, prompting political groups, civil society organisations, and student bodies in J&K and Ladakh to denounce what they alleged is Pakistan's continued complicity in terrorism. In Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, and Kargil, protesters organised coordinated marches where angry youth chanted slogans condemning the perpetrators of the heinous attack. Across the Valley, the Shia community turned out in large numbers, holding demonstrations in Baramulla, Srinagar, and Bandipora to express solidarity with the victims and denounce the violence in Islamabad. Reports received here mentioned significant gatherings at Chainabal Pattan in Baramulla, Imambara Zadibal and Harwan in Srinagar, In-

derkote-Sumbal in Bandipora, and Diver Parihasipora. Protesters raised slogans such as "Pakistan Murdabad (down with Pakistan)" and "Hukumat-e-Pakistan Murdabad (down with Pakistan government)," expressing solidarity with the victims while condemning the attack on Shia worshippers. Kashmir's chief Muslim cleric, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, described the bombing as "deeply painful and strongly condemnable." In a social media post, he wrote that bloodshed inside a place of worship was profoundly distressing for the entire Ummah. He extended condolences to the families of the victims and prayed for the swift recovery of the injured, urging unity and patience in the face of such tragedy. His post on 'X' read, "The heinous suicide bombing attack that took place during Friday prayers at an Imambargah in Islamabad, Pakistan,

killing more than thirty worshippers, is deeply painful and strongly condemnable. Bloodshed in such a manner, that too at a place of worship, is profoundly distressing and unsettling, a moment of deep pain and reflection for the Ummah. "My heartfelt sympathies and prayers are with the families of the victims, for the swift recovery of the injured, and for peace, patience, and unity to prevail in such a distressing situation." In Ladakh, youth organisations and community leaders echoed these concerns, warning that Pakistan's internal turmoil poses a broader threat to regional peace. They called on New Delhi to continue strengthening border security and intensifying diplomatic pressure. Despite the scale of the demonstrations, authorities maintained tight security and the protests remained largely peaceful. India formally condemned the bombing.

Fadnavis: BJP's Win In Maha Polls Will Impact Municipal Elections In Telangana

ADILABAD
Wakeup telangana

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Saturday said the BJP's performance in the recent municipal elections in Maharashtra would have a positive impact on the party's prospects in the Telangana municipal polls. Addressing a BJP Vijay Sankalp Sabha at Kagaznagar, he said Maharashtra's electoral outcome would influence the political atmosphere in neighbouring Telangana. He appealed to voters to support BJP candidates in Asifabad and Kagaznagar municipalities and the Mancherial Municipal Corporation. Referring to inter-state cooperation, Fadnavis said the Maharashtra government was willing



to extend support for the Pranahita-Chevella project, even though about two lakh acres were expected to be submerged in Maharashtra. He said his government was prepared to hold discussions with the Telangana government and emphasised maintaining cordial relations with neighbouring states under the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative led by Narendra Modi. Fadnavis said development of municipalities was possible through Central government schemes such as Smart City, AMRUT,

Swachh Bharat and PMAY, and asserted that BJP-led municipalities would benefit when the party was in power at the Centre. He criticised both the BRS and the Congress governments for not paying compensation for lands acquired in Gadchiroli for the Kaleshwaram project. He said the Maharashtra government had paid compensation for submergence of lands and recalled extending assistance in 2015 when the then Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao sought support for the project on the Godavari river.

He alleged that both the BRS and Congress governments had failed to compensate Maharashtra farmers and accused them of mismanaging Telangana's finances, claiming the state had moved from a surplus budget position to heavy debt. He also alleged corruption by both parties. Fadnavis said the national highway connecting Bellampalli in Telangana with Gadchiroli in Maharashtra would be completed soon and claimed that development was progressing rapidly in states governed by the BJP. He alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was pursuing appeasement politics and made allegations regarding diversion of SC and ST reservations.

Sudan: Drone Strike by Paramilitary Kills 24, Including 8 Children



CAIRO
Wakeup telangana

A drone attack by a paramilitary group hit a vehicle carrying displaced families in central Sudan Saturday, killing at least 24 people, including eight children, a doctors' group said. The attack by the Rapid Support Forces occurred close to the city of Rahad in North Kordofan province, said the Sudan Doctors Network, which tracks the country's ongoing war. The vehicle transported displaced people who fled fighting in the Du-

beiker area of North Kordofan, the doctors' group said in a statement. Among the dead children were two infants, the group said. The doctors' group urged the international community and rights organizations to "take immediate action to protect civilians and hold the RSF leadership directly accountable for these violations." There was no immediate comment from the RSF, which has been at war against the Sudanese military for control of the country for about three years. Sudan plunged into chaos in

April 2023 when a power struggle between the military and the RSF exploded into open fighting in the capital, Khartoum, and elsewhere in the country. The devastating war has killed more than 40,000 people, according to U.N. figures, but aid groups say that is an undercount and the true number could be many times higher. It created the world's largest humanitarian crisis with over 14 million people forced to flee their homes. It fueled disease outbreaks and pushed parts of the country into famine.

18% US Tariffs.....

Today's framework reaffirms the countries' commitment to the broader U.S.-India Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) negotiations, launched by President Donald J. Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 13, 2025, which will include additional market access commitments and support more resilient supply chains. The Interim Agreement between the United States and India will represent a historic milestone in our countries' partnership, demonstrating a common commitment to reciprocal and balanced trade based on mutual interests and concrete outcomes," read the joint statement on the pact. PM Modi said India and the US share a commitment to promoting innovation and this framework will further deepen investment and technology partnerships between the two nations. "Great news for India and USA! We have agreed on a framework for an Interim Trade Agreement between our two great nations. I thank President Trump for his personal commitment to robust ties between our countries. This framework reflects the growing depth, trust and dynamism of our

partnership. It strengthens 'Make in India' by opening new opportunities for India's hardworking farmers, entrepreneurs, MSMEs, StartUp innovators, fishermen and more. It will generate large-scale employment for women and youngsters," PM Modi said in a post on X tagging Mr Trump. "This framework will also strengthen resilient and trusted supply chains and contribute to global growth. As India moves forward towards building a Viksit Bharat, we remain committed to building global partnerships that are future-oriented, empower our people and contribute to shared prosperity," added PM.

Revanth: None.....

He alleged that the district had suffered due to Chandrashekar Rao's negligence and said that the Kaleshwaram project, built at a cost of '1 lakh crore, had collapsed within three years. He alleged that Kaleshwaram funds were used by the BRS president's family members to build farmhouses. Revanth Reddy referred to a statement by Sabitha Indra Reddy that she had joined the BRS for the development of Rangareddy district, and questioned why necessary permissions were not obtained for completion of ir-

rigation projects there if that was the case. Assuring completion of land acquisition for the reservoir at Lakshmedevipally, the Chief Minister said plans had been formulated to complete the project. "It is our responsibility to bring Godavari waters and make Tandur, Parigi and Vikarabad fertile," he said, adding that Krishna waters would be diverted to Maktal, Narayanpet and Kodangal constituencies to irrigate 1.5 lakh acres.

The Chief Minister said that Chandrashekar Rao had promised to develop Rayalaseema in Andhra Pradesh as "Ratanalaseema", during a visit to YSRC leader Roja's house in Chittoor, and but had never promised Godavari water to Rangareddy district.

RBI Pauses Rate.....

He directed officials to expand tourism infrastructure, promote emerging destinations, and ensure that safety, accessibility, and connectivity remain top priorities. Enhanced road networks, stable governance, and improved digital services, he said, would enable J&K to realise its potential as a global tourism hub. Addressing concerns following last year's terror attack in Pahal-

gam, which had dealt a blow to the tourism sector, Shah noted that the enthusiasm of domestic travellers to visit the scenic Himalayan region "has not diminished." He called for aggressive promotion of J&K's tourism offerings in other states to fully tap the region's vast potential. The Centre, he assured, would extend all necessary support to develop new tourist circuits and strengthen existing ones. The Pahalgam attack of April 22 last year had claimed 26 lives and temporarily disrupted the tourism industry. Shah's remarks sought to reaffirm the government's resolve to restore confidence and revive the sector. During the development review meeting—attended by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, the Union Home Secretary, and senior officials from both the Centre and the J&K administration—Shah examined progress in expanding 4G services and optical fibre connectivity across the region. The discussions also covered industrial investments, power projects, and measures to strengthen last-mile delivery of welfare schemes. Earlier, the Home Minister distributed compassionate appointment letters to the next of kin.

FROM FRONT PAGE

CRIME

Threat to blow up Vande Bharat rattles Sec'bad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Railway authorities have received a letter claiming to be from "ISIS-Jihadists," threatening to blow up the Vande Bharat Express at Secunderabad if a ransom of ₹2 crore was not paid. The letter, dated February 2 and addressed to the Secunderabad division general manager, warned that failure to meet the demand would result in a blast killing at least 350 passengers. Special

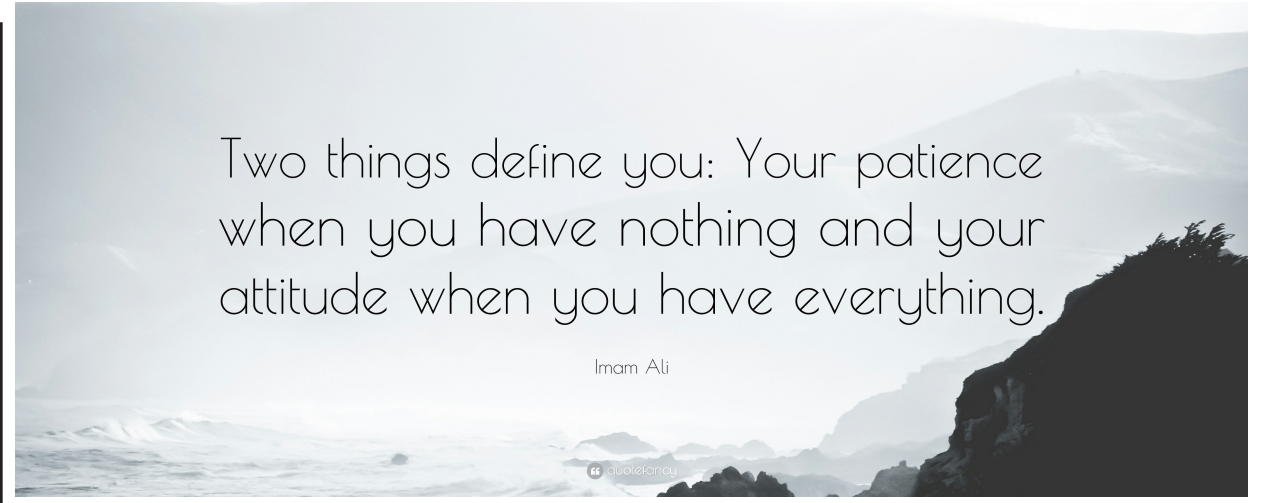
teams were formed to probe the threat. Investigators examined footage from over 450 CCTV cameras and found the letter had been posted from a Rangareddy post box. Bomb detection squads and sniffer dogs were deployed across railway stations. A senior railway police officer said the letter appears to be a hoax, mischievously posted, but added: "We are probing all aspects and will soon get the culprits."

51 Naxalites Surrender In Chhattisgarh

BHOPAL
Wakeup telangana

Union home minister Amit Shah arrived in Chhattisgarh on Saturday on a three-day visit to review the anti-Naxal strategy ahead of the March 31 deadline to end Maoism. Shah is scheduled to hold a high-level meeting of state and Central security officials late on Saturday night to assess counterinsurgency measures in view of the target date. Sources said the meeting would be attended by senior officials from security forces and intelligence agencies. On Sunday, the home minister is expected to

chair another high-level review meeting focusing on the security situation in Naxal-affected areas of Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Maharashtra and Odisha. The meeting will review the progress of anti-Naxal operations and intelligence inputs, sources said. "The meeting may prepare a strategy to end the remaining vestiges of Left Wing Extremism in the country," a senior police officer said. Shah is also scheduled to attend the closing ceremony of the three-day 'Bastar Pandum' festival at Jagdalpur, the headquarters of Bastar, on Monday before concluding his visit.



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

Imam Ali

EDITORIAL

RBI NEUTRAL AMID UNCERTAINTY

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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 firepower 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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Teacher To Undergo Fresh Disability Test

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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. Srijana, selected as a postgraduate 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.

Brother Held For Murder of Advocate Over Land

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A day after advocate Gotike Swapna was murdered in her agricultural land at Kethiredypally 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 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.

Plea claims GHMC inaction

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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.

HC Says Renewal Of Passport Is Not Automatic

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court made it clear that passport renewal was not automatic and that the authorities were empowered to revoke a passport on the basis of intelligence inputs that the holder may, or was likely, to engage, outside India, in activities prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of the nation. Justice Nagesh Bhemapaka of the High Court held that issuance or renewal of a passport was governed by statutory provisions under the Passports Act, 1967, and could not be claimed as a matter of right when national security concerns were involved. Saying so, the judge dismissed a petition filed by Akram Ali Mohammed, who challenged the action of the Regional



Passport Authority (RPA) in revoking his passport in 2019, though it was valid up to July 3, 2028. The petitioner said he was working as a journalist since 2005 and was now running his own Urdu news website. He alleged that the RPA had revoked his passport without prior notice or opportunity of hearing. The RPA justified the revocation on the basis of intelligence inputs received from the state intelligence department. According to the authorities, the petitioner was likely to engage in activities outside India prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of the nation. The city police commissioner filed a

counter-affidavit, referring to the petitioner's alleged involvement in a criminal case, connections with alleged anti-national elements, possession of arms and explosives, and activities said to have caused communal disharmony through media broadcasts. It was also stated that a personal surveillance file had been opened against the petitioner. It was stated that the petitioner had connection with ISI activists Mohammad Saleem Junaid and had concealed a pistol of 30 rounds and 1 kg of potassium chloride mixer at his cycle shop godown. The police submitted to the court that in 2018, an issue was raised between Sunni and Shia sects about a hate speech in Abubakar Masjid situated at Mirchowk, Hyderabad, and petitioner had broadcast his views

in favour of one community through his news channel. It was also stated that in 2019, an issue was raised in the Amberpet police limits with regard to Ek-Khanna Mosque between GHMC and the Muslim community and petitioner had shot a video and made it viral "in order to corrupt the minds of a particular sect of people". After considering the facts and technical lapses on the side of the petitioner in filing the petition against revocation of the passport, the court stated when the activities of a person were under surveillance by the police, the courts should be careful while considering the case, that too when it was seriously alleged that the petitioner's activities would affect the sovereignty and integrity of India.



Tariff relief as India, US finalise framework for interim trade pact

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India and the US on Saturday announced they have reached a framework for an interim trade agreement under which both sides will reduce import duties on a number of goods to boost two-way trade.

While the US will reduce tariffs on Indian goods to 18 per cent from the present 50 per cent, India will eliminate or cut down import duties on all US industrial goods and a wide range of American food and agricultural products, including dried distillers' grains, red sorghum for animal feed, tree nuts, fresh and processed fruit, soybean oil, wine and



spirits. According to a joint statement issued by both sides, India has expressed its intention to purchase USD 500 billion of US energy products, aircraft and aircraft parts, precious metals, technology products and coking coal over the next five years.

"The US and India are pleased to announce that they have reached a framework for an Interim Agreement regarding re-

ciprocal and mutually beneficial trade," the statement said.

Further, through an executive order, US President Donald Trump has removed the 25 per cent tariffs, or additional import duty, that it imposed on India in August last year for purchasing Russian oil, citing that the country has undertaken "significant steps" and New Delhi has committed to stopping directly or in-

directly importing oil from Moscow.

"Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from the warehouse for consumption, on or after 12.01 am eastern standard time on February 7, 2026, products of India imported into the United States shall no longer be subject to the additional ad valorem rate of duty of 25 per cent imposed pursuant to Executive Order 14329," the order said.

On the development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the interim trade pact will strengthen "Make in India" by opening up new opportunities for farmers and entrepreneurs, and create jobs for women and youngsters.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said the interim pact will open a USD 30 trillion market for Indian exporters, especially MSMEs, farmers and fishermen, as the US duties on Indian goods will come down to 18 per cent from 50 per cent earlier. In August last year, the US imposed 25 per cent reciprocal tariffs and an additional 25 per cent levy on India for its purchase of Russian oil, hitting Indian exporters hard as America is their largest export destination.

The reduction in tariffs will help boost exports of India's labour-intensive sectors such as textiles and apparel, leather and footwear.

CM Felicitates Padma Shri Winner Dr Vijay Anand Reddy

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Nara Chandrababu Naidu, felicitated Dr P. Vijay Anand Reddy, Founder of CURE Foundation and Director of Apollo Cancer Centres, Hyderabad, following his conferment of the prestigious Padma Shri Award. The felicitations took place at the Chief Minister's residence today.

Dr Reddy, expressing his gratitude, said, "I feel truly blessed and deeply honoured to be felicitated by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, a visionary leader, on receiving the Padma Shri. This recognition strengthens my resolve to continue serving society with greater commitment, compassion, and purpose." Dr Reddy has been widely recognized for his exemplary contributions to oncology and healthcare, particularly through the CURE Foundation, which has impacted thousands of lives through cancer awareness, treatment, and support initiatives. His



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, felicitating Dr P. Vijay Anand Reddy, Founder of CURE Foundation and Director, Apollo Cancer Centres, Hyderabad, on being conferred the coveted Padma Shri Award, at his residence today.

leadership at Apollo Cancer Centres has been instrumental in advancing cancer care and research in India. Chief Minister Naidu lauded Dr Reddy's dedication to medical service and social welfare, noting that such recognition inspires younger generations to pursue excellence in healthcare and community service. The felicitations mark a celebration of both professional achievement and a lifelong commitment to improving societal well-being.

RBI keeps repo rate unchanged at 5.25 pc, maintains neutral stance

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RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced on Friday that the Monetary Policy Committee has unanimously decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at the current level of 5.25 per cent and stick to the neutral monetary policy stance.

The RBI Governor said that the decision to maintain the status quo in the policy rate had been taken after careful consideration of the macroeconomic conditions and the outlook for the economy ahead. He said that since the last monetary policy meeting in December, global headwinds have intensified, but the trade deals signed by the government augur well for the economy going ahead.

Malhotra further stated that the RBI has decided to stick to a "neutral policy stance".

A neutral stance requires neither stimulation nor curbs on liquidity as it



strikes a fine balance between controlling inflation without hurting growth. The RBI has been sticking to the neutral stance as it was waiting for the earlier monetary policy easing to still play out, and the unfolding of trade-related implications. Malhotra said the inflation level was under control and below the RBI tolerance band. The inflation outlook was benign, and the RBI's projection for CPI inflation has been revised for Q1 and Q2 of the 2026-27 to 4 per cent and 4.2 per cent, respectively. He said the minor increase in the projection was due to the expected increase in the prices of precious metals. However, the underlying inflation is expected to be well within the tolerance level. The RBI Governor also

said that the growth outlook for the Indian economy is favourable and expected to be driven by domestic factors.

The Monetary Policy Committee had reduced the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.25 per cent from 5.5 per cent in the December review to spur growth in the economy. The Monetary Policy Committee, chaired by the RBI Governor, had left the repo rate unchanged in the reviews held in August and October to keep inflation in check.

Before that, the RBI reduced the repo rate by 100 bps from 6.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent in quick succession between February and June, and the transmission to the economy was still working out. A lower policy rate and more liquidity with banks lead to a decline in interest rates on bank loans, which makes borrowing easier for consumers as well as businesses, resulting in more consumption and investments.

Arjun Returns with Seetha Payanam, Starring Daughter Aishwarya

Action King Arjun's Directorial Venture Seetha Payanam Trailer Unveiled, Promises Love, Action, and Drama

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Action King Arjun is back in the director's chair with Seetha Payanam, produced under his banner Shree Raam Films International. The film introduces his daughter, Aishwarya Arjun, in the lead role, supported by an impressive ensemble including Niranjan, Sathyaraj, Prakash Raj, and Kovai Sarala. Arjun makes a memorable cameo, while his nephew, Action Prince Dhruva Sarja, adds extra excitement with a special appearance. The film is set to release on February 14th, and the theatrical trailer has already created a buzz.

Seetha Payanam follows the story of a young chef



raised by an overprotective father. During a long drive, she reluctantly gives a lift to a stranger, on the unusual condition that all his phone calls are on loudspeaker. What begins as a light-hearted journey gradually takes a darker turn, leading to unexpected twists and

revelations. Arjun's expertise is evident in his direction and writing, with a clean narrative and engaging storytelling. Niranjan impresses in his debut as the male lead, while Aishwarya exudes charm and maturity. Sathyaraj delivers a powerful per-

formance as the protective father, and Prakash Raj adds emotional depth, especially in a touching sequence exploring the meaning of marriage. Dhruva Sarja's action-packed cameo further heightens the excitement. G. Balamurugan's cinematography offers vibrant

visuals, complemented by Melody King Anup Rubens' soulful music. Sai Madhav Burra's dialogues are impactful, Ayub Khan's editing is crisp, and Kick Ass Kali's stunts bring thrilling action sequences.

With its Valentine's Day release just a week away, Seetha Payanam promises a mix of romance, drama, and action, setting high expectations among fans and moviegoers alike.

Cast: Niranjan, Aishwarya Arjun, Sathyaraj, Prakash Raj, Kovai Sarala, Arjun, Dhruva Sarja
Crew Highlights: Director/Producer/Story – Arjun | Music – Anup Rubens | Cinematography – G. Balamurugan | Editor – Ayub Khan | Stunts – Kick Ass Kali

Rupee gains 11 paise to 90.23 ahead of RBI MPC decision

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The rupee rose 11 paise to 90.23 against the US dollar in early trade on Friday on positive investor sentiments as traders keenly awaited the RBI's MPC announcement. However, FII outflows, rise in crude oil prices, and a marginally stronger greenback capped sharper gains in the local unit, according to forex traders. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 90.28 against the greenback before rising to 90.23, up 11 paise from its previous close.

On Thursday, the rupee appreciated 13 paise to close at 90.34 against the US dollar. "The Reserve Bank of India will announce its monetary policy today... and the tone of the language will be of

interest to traders for future guidance," Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury and Executive Director, Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP, said.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.04 per cent higher at 97.85.

"The dollar index further rose but was unable to cross 98 levels this (Friday) morning as the labour data was not strong enough," Bhansali said.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 0.33 per cent higher at USD 67.77 per barrel in futures trade.

On the domestic equity market front, Sensex fell 225.15 points to 83,088.78 in early trade, while Nifty was down 89.25 points.

Gold slips, silver tumbles over 3 pc on strong dollar, tech sell-off

NEW DELHI
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Gold prices fell moderately, while silver lost over 3 per cent on Friday due to a stronger dollar and a rout in global technology stocks.

MCX gold February futures fell 0.97 per cent to Rs 1,50,590 per 10 grams around 10.40 am on an intraday basis. Meanwhile, MCX silver March futures plunged 3.71 per cent to Rs 2,34,775 per kg.

On the MCX, silver prices had declined as much as 6 per cent to their day's low of Rs 2,29,187 per kg earlier during the session before a strong rebound.

Commodities denominated in dollars became more expensive for holders of other currencies as the US dollar got poised for its strongest weekly performance since November, hovering close to a two-week



high. Silver's sharp correction has reignited concerns over stretched valuations and heightened volatility, even as analysts maintained that the white metal's longer-term fundamentals remain constructive.

Investment banker JP Morgan warned that silver's rich valuations could trigger disproportionate downside during bouts of market stress, adding that downside may be cushioned in the near term, with prices stabilising for a recovery next year.

Analysts called the sharp drop in precious metals a "technical correction" due to longer-term drivers such as geopolitical uncertainty, central-bank buying, and macro un-

certainty remaining intact. The broader uptrend in COMEX gold remains intact, with the recent decline reflecting profit booking and healthy price digestion rather than trend reversal, they said.

Market watchers advised investors to do staggered allocations rather than lump-sum investments to reduce entry risk.

Strong support is seen in the Rs 1,37,000 to Rs 1,42,000 zone for MCX gold futures, while resistance is anchored around the Rs 1,65,000 to Rs 1,75,000 zone, they said. Regarding COMEX silver, they said that a sustained move beyond \$85-\$92 could lead to an upside momentum up to \$95-\$105, with the medium- to long-term outlook remaining constructive on steady industrial demand and structural supply constraints.

THCAA Demands SIT Probe into Murder of Advocate Swapna Kumari

NEW DELHI
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The Telangana High Court Advocates' Association (THCAA) has demanded the constitution of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) following the brutal, premeditated murder of Advocate Gotike Swapna Kumari (34) of Kethireddypally Village, Moinabad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, who died on 04 February 2026.

Highlighting multiple FIRs, contradictory accounts, and investigative lapses, the THCAA submitted a formal representation to Telangana DGP, urging immediate intervention. The delegation included President A. Jagan, Secretaries Khaja Vizarath Ali and N. Indrasen Reddy, and Executive Members Prakash Yarra and Naresh Kaleru. Records reveal the deceased faced repeated attacks over several months, yet preventive measures were lacking. FIRs filed at different stages—FIR No.



738/2025 (Chevella Police Station, 06-11-2025), FIR No. 17/2026 (Moinabad, 12-01-2026), and FIR No. 73/2026 (Moinabad, 04-02-2026)—initially portrayed incidents as road accidents, later acknowledging criminal conspiracy involving close family members over an ancestral property dispute.

THCAA noted material contradictions across FIRs and inquest reports, with evolving narratives that suggest deliberate suppression and possible shielding of influential accused. The final FIR records the murder as a coordinated attack by persons armed with knives and sticks.

The advocates' body stressed the case reflects not just an individual tragedy but a threat to rule of law, women's safety, and legal independence. They urged the police to consolidate all FIRs, ensure impartial investigation and prosecution of all accused, and hold accountable any officials responsible for prior lapses.

"The conscience of the justice delivery system stands seriously tested," the THCAA statement said, expressing faith in the highest police leadership to secure justice for Advocate Swapna Kumari and uphold public confidence in law enforcement.

Royal Stag BoomBox Returns Bigger with Season 4 Tour

Seagram's Royal Stag BoomBox, the iconic experiential music festival that fuses Bollywood melodies with hip-hop beats, is back with its much-anticipated Season 4, promising the biggest and most ambitious edition yet. Titled "The Original Sound of Generation Large", the festival will tour four major youth hubs—Kolkata, Vizag, Mumbai and Mohali—bringing together fans for a one-of-a-kind live music and cultural experience.

Season 4 will kick off on February 21, 2026 in Kolkata, followed by Vizag on March 7, Mumbai on March 14, and Mohali on March 28.



The multi-city tour is set to redefine India's live music landscape with an extraordinary lineup of celebrated Indian and international artists.

This year's power-packed lineup features rap icon Badshah, chart-

toppers Armaan Malik, Divine, Raftaar, and Dino James, along with soulful voices Neeti Mohan, Nikhita Gandhi, Rashmeet Kaur, and Sreerama Chandra. Legendary rock band Fossils and popular DJ

Sahil Gulati add to the musical diversity, ensuring a dynamic mix of genres and performances. Adding a unique interactive element, gaming sensation Payal Dhare will lead an adrenaline-filled gaming

face-off, making the festival a complete cultural spectacle.

Royal Stag BoomBox is known for delivering immersive, multi-sensory experiences that go beyond music, blending sound, lighting, fashion, food, gaming, and interactive fan zones to reflect the spirit of today's youth culture—The Generation Large. Each city edition will showcase vibrant cultural elements that capture the unique local essence.

Tickets for all four cities are now live and available on Skillbox. Fans can book their passes at: <https://www.skillboxes.com/events/business/royal-stag-boombox>

'Mirzapur' movie to hit theatres on September 4, 2026

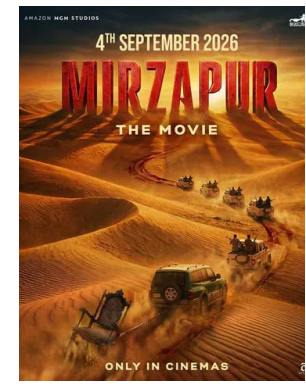
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The makers of the upcoming movie adaptation of "Mirzapur" on Thursday announced that the film is all set to hit the silver screens on September 4.

The official Instagram handle of Excel Entertainment on Thursday morning shared a poster of the upcoming film. Set against a vast golden desert, the poster showed a convoy of rugged SUVs tearing through dunes, leaving behind dust clouds and a dark trail that resembles blood, instantly hinting at violence and power struggles.

At the top, the title "MIRZAPUR" appears in bold, cracked red letters, evoking blood, heat, and raw

aggression, with "THE MOVIE" placed just below it. The release date "4th September 2026" is



clearly highlighted.

The caption read: "Ab dekhiye bhaukaal bade parde par. Watch #MirzapurTheMovie releasing at your nearest theatres on 4th September. Dekhiye #MirzapurTheMovie, 4 September ko aapke nazdeeki cinemagharon

mein." "Mirzapur" follows Akhandanand "Kaleen" Tripathi, a crime boss and businessman who is the proverbial ruler of Mirzapur district in the Purvanchal region of Uttar Pradesh, India.

In the first season, the main cast features Pankaj Tripathi, Ali Fazal, Divyendu Sharma, Vikrant Massey, Shweta Tripathi, Shriya Pilgaonkar, Rasika Dugal, Harshita Gaur and Kulbhushan Kharbanda.

The second season retains the main cast from the first season, excluding Vikrant and Shriya, and features a new cast of Vijay Varma, Isha Talwar, Lilliput, Anjum Sharma, Priyanshu Panyuli, Anangsha Biswas, and Neha Sargam.

Dhurandhar Tops Netflix Global Chart, Ranks No. 1 In Pakistan

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Filmmaker Aditya Dhar's espionage thriller "Dhurandhar" has clinched the No. 1 spot on Netflix's global Top 10 non-English films list, registering strong viewership in India and other markets, including Pakistan, where the film is mostly set. According to Netflix's Tudum weekly chart for January 26-February 1, "Dhurandhar" topped the global chart among non-English films with 7.6 million views. The Ranveer Singh-starrer also ranked No. 1 on Netflix's Top 10 Movies list in Pakistan, a notable showing since Indian films do not get theatrical releases there and the film addresses cross-border terrorism emanating from the country.



"Dhurandhar", which released on December 5, turned out to be a blockbuster by earning over Rs 1,300 crore at the box office. The movie started streaming on Netflix from January 30. Set in Lyari town of Karachi, an area known for its history of gang wars and violent turf battles, "Dhurandhar" revolves around covert intelligence operations against the backdrop of geopolitical and terror events like the Kan-

dahar plane hijack, the 2001 Parliament Attack, and the 26/11 Mumbai attacks.

The film, which also features Akshaye Khanna, Sanjay Dutt, Arjun Rampal, R Madhavan, and Sara Arjun, has further performed well across South Asia, including in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, the chart showed. Despite not being released in Gulf countries due to its alleged anti-Pakistan narrative, "Dhurandhar" is trending in several territories in the region. It ranks No. 1 in the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, and Oman, is placed No. 4 in Kuwait, and at No. 6 in Saudi Arabia, according to the streaming platform's data. In Pakistan, the rest of the Top 10 movies list is also dominated by Indian titles. According to the chart, films

such as Dhanush-Kriti Sanon starrer "Tere Ishk Mein", Yami Gautam's "Haq", Ajay Devgn-led "De De Pyaar De 2", Rani Mukerji's "Mardaani 2" and "Mardaani", and "Jolly LLB 3", starring Akshay Kumar and Arshad Warsi, feature among the most-watched movies in the country. The film's second part, titled "Dhurandhar: The Revenge", is slated for a theatrical release on March 19 in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam. The film will carry forward the story of Singh's spy-turned-gangster character Jaskirat Singh Rangi, also known as Hamza Ali Mazari, charting his transformation into a killing machine while also delving into his backstory before he became a spy.

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The Rajasthan Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission on Friday stayed the issuance of a non-bailable warrant against actor Salman Khan by the district consumer commission in a case of misleading advertisement. The state commission on Friday heard revision petitions filed by a pan-masala company and Khan. Separately, the presiding officer of the District Consumer Commission, Jaipur-II, heard a contempt petition filed by Yogendra Singh. Khan's counsel told the state commission that the District Consumer Commission, Jaipur-II, had issued a bailable warrant without serving summons, and was now proceeding to issue a non-bailable warrant. The counsel said an ap-



petition seeking cancellation of the bailable warrant is also pending before the commission. Taking note of this, the state commission directed the district commission to hear the pending application expeditiously and restrained it from issuing a non-bailable warrant until the bailable warrant is executed. District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Jaipur-II, had issued a bailable warrant against the actor and directed him to appear on February 6. The order was passed while hearing a contempt

petition filed by complainant Yogendra Singh.

In the petition, the complainant alleged that despite an interim restraint imposed by the commission on January 6, 2026, advertisements of Rajshree Pan Masala were still being displayed, amounting to contempt of the commission's order.

The original complaint alleged that Rajshree Pan Masala company and its brand ambassador, Salman Khan, were issuing misleading advertisements under the names "Kesar Yukt Elaichi" and "Kesar Yukt Pan Masala". Taking cognisance of the complaint, the commission had imposed an interim ban on the promotion and advertisement of the product on January 6.

The complainant later filed a contempt petition claiming that, despite the ban, a signboard carrying the same advertisement.

Skipper Surya Salvages Game Against USA

NEW DELHI
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Skipper Suryakumar Yadav's rescue act and disciplined bowling were the highlights as India got out of jail to beat USA in their T20 World Cup opener and lock two points from the topsy-turvy game at the Wankhede Stadium here on Saturday night. After the team drifted into troubled waters, Surya steadied the rocking boat with a solid 84 that came off 49 balls and contained 10 fours and four hits that sailed over the boundary. The knock took India to a decent 161 for 9 and gave the bowlers enough to defend. USA put up a brief fight via a 58-run stand for the fourth wicket between Milind Kumar (34) and Sanjay Krishnamurthi (37) but that was about it. They eventually managed 132 for 8 to hand the hosts a 29-run win.

Fast bowler Mohammed Siraj, who was drafted into the playing XI in place of an ill Jasprit Bumrah, took



3 for 29. He was ably supported by Arshdeep Singh (2/18) and Axar Patel (2/24). Earlier, overconfident India slipped to an embarrassing 77 for 6 in the 13th over when Surya stepped up to repair the damage. He first put on a 41-run stand for the seventh wicket with No. 8 Axar Patel (14), followed by 22 for the eighth with Arshdeep Singh (4) and a further 21 with Varun Chakravarthy (0) to lend the Indian total some respectability.

Sky was innovative in the death overs as he unpacked unorthodox shots, often losing his balance and falling to the ground but achieving the desired results as the ball either raced to the boundary or sailed over it. Surya made the most of a dropped chance when he was on 15 - medium pacer Ranjane could not hold on to a return catch in his follow-through with the Indian score reading 63 for 4 in the 10th over.

ICC in talks with PCB over India-Pakistan match boycott

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The International Cricket Council (ICC) is holding talks with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to resolve Pakistan's boycott of its high-profile T20 World Cup match against India scheduled for February 15 in Colombo, AFP reported on Saturday. The clash, one of the most commercially valuable fixtures in world cricket, has been thrown into uncertainty after Pakistan's government directed the national team not to play the match.

According to sources close to the developments, the PCB approached the ICC following a formal



communication from the global governing body. The ICC is attempting to resolve the issue through dialogue rather than confrontation, seeking a diplomatic solution to avoid a major disruption to the tournament. The India-Pakistan contest is worth millions of dollars in broadcast rights, sponsorships

and advertising revenue, making it one of the most lucrative events in international sport.

Pakistan's refusal to play India stems from growing political tensions surrounding the tournament. As part of a broader protest, Pakistan declined to face co-hosts India in their Group A fixture, plac-

ing the marquee match in serious doubt. If Pakistan officially forfeits the game, the team will lose two crucial points and suffer a major setback to their net run rate, potentially damaging their chances of qualifying for the next stage.

India, however, has confirmed its readiness to play. Captain Suryakumar Yadav stated earlier this week that the Indian team would travel to Colombo for the match as scheduled, indicating India's willingness to proceed with the fixture.

The 20-team T20 World Cup has already been overshadowed by political disputes. Bangladesh were removed from the tournament after refusing to play in

India due to security concerns and were replaced by Scotland, further highlighting the tense atmosphere surrounding the competition.

Pakistan began their campaign on Saturday with a win over the Netherlands in the tournament opener, but the uncertainty over the India clash continues to dominate headlines.

India and Pakistan have not played bilateral cricket for more than a decade and now only face each other in global or regional tournaments, making any encounter between the two arch-rivals both politically sensitive and globally significant.

Secunderabad residents protest over 'illegal' manhole near borewell

Residents of Secunderabad on Friday, February 6, protested against the Secunderabad Cantonment Board for allegedly constructing an "illegal" manhole near a borewell designated for drinking water. The protest was held at Idiramma Nagar, Rasoolpura, under Secunderabad Cantonment Board Ward 2. The protestors claimed that the drainage water is seeping into the groundwater which is affecting 150 families living in the area. They alleged that the residents are facing a "man-made disaster" as children, women, and the elderly are suffering from infections and diseases. According to the protestors, the authorities haven't taken action despite repeated complaints regarding the issue. They demanded the construction of a new drainage line and said, "We demand immediate removal and reconstruction of the drainage line, a scientific safety inspection of the borewell, and strict action against negligent officers and contractors."

Congress Will Clean Sweep Municipal Polls: Uttam



Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday expressed confidence that the Congress would secure a clean sweep in the forthcoming Municipal Corporation and Municipality elections. Addressing election meetings in Korutla and Metpally municipalities of Jagtial district, the Minister criticised the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre, alleging that Telangana had been subjected to injustice. He claimed that the state had received only limited funds from the Centre over the past 12 years and said commitments made at the time of State bifurcation in 2014 remained unfulfilled. Referring to the performance of the state government, Uttam Kumar Reddy said welfare schemes had reached the grassroots. He cited the implementation of the Six Guarantees, including free power up to 200 units, free bus travel for women, issue of new ration cards and the Indiramma Housing scheme, as factors contributing to public support for the Congress.

Hyderabad Hosts NSD's Silver Jubilee Festival

The Hyderabad chapter of the 25th Bharat Rang Mahotsav, the silver jubilee edition of the National School of Drama's (NSD) annual theatre festival, began at Ravindra Bharathi on Friday, bringing four curated productions to the city over four evenings with free entry for audiences. "Bringing the 25th edition of Bharat Rang Mahotsav to Hyderabad is a momentous occasion for the city's vibrant theatre community," said K.L. Kaithwas, Head Coordinator of BRM 2026 Hyderabad. "As we celebrate our Silver Jubilee, we are celebrating the 'Samvad' between cultures. This is a rare opportunity for Hyderabadis to witness world-class theatre right in their backyard." The festival, recognised by NSD as the largest theatre festival in the world, runs from 7 to 10 February at Ravindra Bharathi Auditorium, Lakdikapal, with shows scheduled daily at 6.30 pm. The Hyderabad leg features four hand-picked plays chosen to represent linguistic and narrative variety within Indian theatre. The opening ceremony was attended by Enugu Narsimha Reddy, director, department of language and culture, Government of Telangana, as chief guest, and Dr Alekhya Punjala, chairperson of the Telangana Sangeeta Nataka Academy, as special guest. Theatre personalities Prof. Kotla Hanumantha Rao, Prof. D.S.N. Murthy and Prof. N.J. Bhikshu were guests of honour. Nationally, the silver jubilee edition spans more than 40 locations and includes 277 Indian productions and 12 international plays. Organisers said the decentralised format seeks to make theatre accessible beyond major metros by taking performances directly to regional audiences.

FSL fire may have wiped out crucial 'note-for-vote' evidence: KTR

Suspicious FSL blaze sparks KTR's concern over lost vote-case recordings

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS Working President KT Rama Rao on Saturday raised serious concerns over whether crucial digital evidence related to the 2015 'note-for-vote' case might have been destroyed in the recent fire at the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) in Nampally. Responding on X to a post by BRS spokesperson Manne Krishank, who questioned Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on alleged evidence tampering, Rama Rao said he sus-



pected that voice recordings from the infamous note-for-vote case could have been lost. He added that the incident might also be an attempt to cover up the lack of evidence in politically motivated cases such as phone-tapping.

BRS senior leader and former IPS officer RS Praveen Kumar also expressed serious doubts over the fire, calling for a thorough investigation. "The police department's critical and heavily secured forensic laboratory being gutted in a fire raises serious suspicions," he said on X. Praveen Kumar highlighted that several important and sensitive case records, including evidence from the 2015 note-for-vote case, were stored in the FSL. He questioned their current status and urged the gov-

ernment to initiate a high-level probe into the incident. "The current government will stoop to any level to destroy evidence," Praveen Kumar alleged, emphasizing the need for transparency and accountability. The fire at the Nampally FSL has raised widespread concerns about the safety and integrity of crucial digital and forensic evidence. Both BRS leaders have indicated that the incident could impact ongoing and historical investigations, making a swift and independent inquiry essential.

Kishan Reddy Raises Doubts Over Forensic Lab Fire

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Union minister G. Kishan Reddy on Saturday expressed grave concern over the major fire at the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), which houses sensitive data on cases such as the cash for vote scam involving Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, then a Telugu Desam legislator, and the phone-tapping case of the BRS government. He demanded that the state government confirm the safety of the data, insisting that back-ups of forensic and technical evidence for all high-profile cases must exist. The BRS demanded a comprehensive investigation into the incident, claiming that evidence in crucial cases could have been burnt and suspension of FSL officials. Speaking to reporters at the state BJD office, Kishan Reddy alleged that Revanth Reddy was protecting BRS leaders K. Chandrashekar Rao and K.T. Rama Rao in corruption cases as quid pro quo for shielding him in the cash-for-vote case during the BRS government tenure. "The forensic lab fire hints at mutual cover-up," he alleged. He recalled that files were burnt during a fire in the Secretariat under BRS rule and similar evidence-wiping incidents now under Congress. "One is a thief, the other a robber in corruption. If Revanth is Rahu, KCR and KTR are Ketu, plunging Telangana into darkness. If



Revanth can't act against KCR, he should step down instead of shifting blame," Kishan Reddy demanded. He vowed stringent action against both parties' leaders for corruption after BJP assumes power. The BRS demanded a comprehensive investigation into the fire and, hinting that there could be much that meets the eye, demanded immediate suspension of FSL officials responsible for safety and security of the premises and its contents. Party working president K.T. Rama Rao in a post on his X handle said he was "guessing" the voice recordings of the famous cash for vote case were damaged. He also alleged that the fire could also well be an attempt to "cover up for lack of evidence in cooked up political cases like phone tapping." BRS MLC Dr Sra- van Dasoju said: "no one will believe that a fire occurred in a section of the FSL where vital files of the Vote for Note case were stored. This was most certainly not an accident, but a deliberate plan to wipe out any evidence." He said the BRS demanded an immediate investigation by a judge into the fire, that the government must release a White Paper on the files lost and on the files for which any back-ups were available, and suspend immediately.

People Seeing Reality of Congress Rule: Harish

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Former minister and BRS deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao on Saturday alleged that people had understood the difference between what he termed genuine governance and what he described as false promises during the Congress rule of the past two-and-a-half years. Campaigning for the municipal elections in the undivided Medak district, Harish Rao alleged that no civic development works had taken place under the present government. He claimed that no CC roads or drains had been constructed and said, "Not even one rupee's worth of work was done." He alleged that Chief Minister A. Re-



vanth Reddy had failed to keep his promises, including assurances made under the "Mahalakshmi" programme and pension enhancement. He also alleged misuse of money during the Gajwel Assembly election to defeat K Chandrashekar Rao. Referring to allegations made by a BJP MP in connection with Mission Kakatiya, Harish Rao criticised what he termed character assassina-

tion and said it was inappropriate to make such claims after ₹5,000 crore had been spent on the programme. He alleged that after the Congress came to power, land prices had declined while gold prices had increased. Claiming that development had taken place uniformly under Chandrashekar Rao's leadership, Harish Rao said welfare schemes such as Bathukamma sarees, KCR Kits, Nutrition Kits, sheep distribution and Kanti Velugu had been stopped after the change in government. He criticised both the Congress and the BJP, stating that voting for the BJP symbol would be futile. He alleged that the Chief Minister had spent the last two-and-a-half years ordering SITs, inquiries and cases against the Opposition instead of focusing on governance. Recalling the Covid-19 period, Harish Rao said Chandrashekar Rao had protected the people and that he had personally visited localities on the former Chief Minister's instructions. He claimed that after elections, the Congress and BJP would disappear, while Chandrashekar Rao.

HYDRAA recovers land worth Rs 85 crore in Uppal, to be developed as parks

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In a major land recovery drive, the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) reclaimed 7,000 square yards of land worth Rs 85 crore in various localities of Uppal mandal. In a release on Saturday, February 7, the agency acted after receiving several complaints in the weekly Prajavani. "The

area has been completely fenced and will be developed as public parks. While the land's monetary value is significant, the ecological importance of public parks is invaluable. HYDRAA reiterates that protecting open spaces remains a top priority," read the statement. The agency removed large encroachments in Babanagar Colony, a residential layout developed in 1980 with 183 plots. According to the original



layout plan, 3,000 square yards were designated exclusively for a park. However, the number of plots allegedly increased from 183 to 189 after an

individual purchased Plot No 188 and constructed a house on 266 square yards, leaving the remaining area vacant. The statement further reads that Plot No 188 was purchased by an individual who subsequently became the president of the colony welfare association. "Based on the complaints, the person became the president of the colony welfare association and subsequently encroached upon a nearby road,

created six additional plots of 50 square yards each, and sold them illegally," the statement read. HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath and officials from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the revenue department conducted field inspections and examined official records, confirming that the land, reserved for park purposes, had been encroached. "While parts

of the land had already been occupied, HYDRAA successfully secured the remaining 2,000 square yards by installing fencing and placing boards declaring it as parkland," the statement read. In another operation, the agency recovered 5,000 square yards of land situated in Karthikeya Nagar, Nacharam village, Uppal mandal. This land included three open plots reserved for public use.

10 Students of Govt Medical College Hurt in Road Accident



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:At least 10 students sustained minor injuries when a bus hired by the Government Medical College rammed into a tree near the college premises in Kothagudem of Bhadradi-Kothagudem district on Saturday evening. The incident occurred around 5 pm when the bus, carrying students from the college to the hostel at Palvancha, went out of control about 100 metres from the main gate of the college and hit a tree adjoining a house. About 40 students were travelling in

the bus at the time. According to the police, the driver reported that he fell ill suddenly, leading to the loss of control. Window panes were damaged in the impact, resulting in minor injuries to several students. The injured students were shifted to the Government General Hospital, Kothagudem, for treatment. Police said none of the students was seriously injured. The bus is operated by a private agency hired by the Government Medical College, Kothagudem to ferry students between the college and the hostel, which are about four kilometres apart.

AIMIM Will Be Game Changer In Karimnagar: Owaisi

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AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi on Saturday said his party would emerge as a game changer in the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation elections, while launching a sharp attack on both the BJP and the BRS. Addressing a Jalsa-e-Aam public meeting at the Circus Ground in Mukarampura here, Owaisi said the AIMIM had the strength to alter the political landscape of Karimnagar. He introduced 15 AIMIM candidates for the upcoming municipal polls and expressed confidence that the party would make significant gains. Targeting BJP MP and Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Owaisi



questioned the BJP's stand on national issues. Referring to remarks by US President Donald Trump on trade and tariffs, he asked why the BJP leadership remained silent. "Is Donald Trump India's petroleum minister, or is it Hardeep Singh Puri?" he asked, criticising what he termed the Centre's approach to in-

ternational pressure. He further challenged Sanjay Kumar to use his ministerial position to act against terrorists rather than, as he alleged, targeting innocent Muslims. Turning his attention to local BRS MLA Gangula Kamalakhar, Owaisi alleged a tacit understanding between the BJP and the BRS in Karimnagar. He claimed that Kamalakhar was preparing to join the BJP ahead of the 2028 Assembly elections to avoid scrutiny by central agencies such as the ED and CBI. Owaisi accused the MLA of betraying the AIMIM by persuading former corporators to shift allegiance to the BRS and alleged that 22 houses belonging to poor Muslims were illegally demolished. He claimed that Kamalakhar

had earlier won elections with AIMIM support and was now, according to him, aligning with the BJP while retaining a BRS identity. On the municipal elections, Owaisi promised a door-delivery model of governance if AIMIM candidates are elected. He said the party would address issues such as drinking water scarcity, poor drainage and the lack of health centres in neglected divisions. He also promised the construction of a Haj House, a community hall and specialised health clinics in the city. Owaisi concluded by urging the youth to remain united against what he described as communal politics, which he said posed a threat to the country's democratic fabric.

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