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RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat Urges People To Detect, Report Infiltrators To Police

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday urged people to "detect and report" the "illegal infiltrators" to the police. He also urged people not to give them any employment and to be more "vigilant." Speaking at the Two-Day Lecture Series On '100 Years Of Sangh Journey - New Horizons' in Mumbai, Bhagwat highlighted that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise has already revealed the "foreigners" living in the country. We will not give employment to any foreigner. If someone is from our country, we will give them employment, but not to foreigners. You should be a little more vigilant and aware," he added. Emphasising the inclusivity of the Sangh, he said that anyone can become 'Sarsanghchalak' (RSS chief), including the SC and STs, as the decision is solely dependent on the work that any individual put for the organisation."Kshatriya, Vaishya, Shudra or Brahmin does not qualify for the Sarsanghchalak

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India–Malaysia Seal 16 Pacts to Boost Strategic, Economic Ties

Modi, Anwar Push India–Malaysia Trade Through Local Currency Settlement Mechanism

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India and Malaysia on Sunday agreed on 16 key outcomes, including 11 agreements and five announcements, after bilateral talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim in Kuala Lumpur, aimed at boosting cooperation across strategic, economic and security sectors. Major agreements include cooperation in semiconductors, cross-border digital payments, social security for Indian workers in Malaysia, and promotion of local currency trade using the Indian Rupee and Malaysian Ringgit. Both sides also strengthened collaboration in defence, maritime security, trade



and investment, digital economy, science and technology, energy, agriculture, health, education, tourism and people-to-people ties. A Security Cooperation Agreement between the National Security Councils of both countries was signed, along with a Framework Agreement on the International Big Cats Alliance, which Malaysia formally joined. India and

Malaysia also announced the opening of an Indian consulate in Kota Kinabalu, a Thiruvalluvar Centre at Universiti Malaya, and Thiruvalluvar Scholarships for Malaysian nationals. The two leaders strongly condemned terrorism in all forms, including cross-border terrorism, and reaffirmed commitment to freedom of navigation, peaceful dispute resolution and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. They also called for an early review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement to make it more trade-facilitative. Prime Minister Modi highlighted India as a key investment destination for Malaysian firms, while Anwar Ibrahim welcomed the role of Indian manufacturing and technology companies in Malaysia. Both leaders stressed deeper cooperation in semiconductors, digital economy and advanced manufacturing. Modi described Malaysia as the destination of his first overseas visit of 2026 and underlined strong historical and cultural ties, while Anwar Ibrahim called India and Malaysia "true friends" and praised India's global rise.

Red Carpet for Surrendered Maoists: Amith Shah

NEW DELHI
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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday reiterated the Centre's appeal to Maoists to surrender, promising a "red carpet welcome" for those who lay down arms and declaring that the Maoist menace will be eradicated by March 31. Addressing the 'National Conclave on Chhattisgarh @25, Shifting the Lens', Shah said the government does not want to kill anyone but has a duty to protect citizens from "red terror". "The government does not want to kill anyone, but it has the responsibility to protect the people. Maoists who surrender will be accorded a red carpet welcome," Shah said, urging insurgents to abandon violence and rejoin the mainstream. He cautioned citizens against the Naxal ideology, which, he said, believes in resolving issues through guns rather than dialogue and democracy. Shah rejected the view that Maoism is rooted in lack of



development, asserting instead that Maoist ideology itself is the main cause of backwardness in tribal regions. "Maoism has brought misery to tribals and pushed tribal regions into backwardness. It has stopped all development works in Naxal-affected areas," he said, adding that the movement spreads across 12 states and is not confined to one region. Calling Chhattisgarh a model of transformation, Shah said the state demonstrates how eliminating Maoism leads to development. He cited improvements in 16 development indicators and said Maoists had destroyed schools, primary health centres and community health

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Assam CM's Deleted 'Point-Blank Shot' Video Sparks Outrage

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The Congress on Sunday accused the BJP of promoting hate and violence after a controversial video was briefly posted and later deleted from the ruling party's Assam unit handle on X, demanding strict judicial action over what it termed a "dangerous and targeted" message against minorities. The video allegedly showed Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma aiming a rifle and firing at two individuals, one wearing a skull cap and the other with a beard, accompanied by the caption "point-blank shot". The Congress said the imagery amounted to an endorsement of violence and



could not be brushed aside as social media trolling. Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said the video reflected a deeper ideological issue within the BJP. "An official BJP handle posted a video showing the targeted, 'point-blank' murder of minorities. This is nothing but a call to genocide, a dream this fascist regime has harboured for decades," Venugopal said in a post on X, adding that the content represented "poison spread from the very top" and must have consequences.

Venugopal said he did not expect Narendra Modi to condemn or act on the issue, but called on the judiciary to intervene and ensure there was "no leniency" in dealing with the matter. Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinete said deleting the video was insufficient. "This is who the BJP really is. This venom, hatred and violence is on you, Modi," she said, questioning whether courts and institutions were "sleeping" over the issue. Another Congress spokesperson, Shama Mohammed, alleged that the video contradicted the government's stated commitment to "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" and described it as an attack on the Constitution.

Adequate Safeguards for India in Trade Agreement with US: Goyal

NEW DELHI
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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Sunday said adequate safeguards are in place in the trade agreement with the US to protect the interests of farmers and the domestic industry from any significant increase in imports. The trade deal with the US will "ultimately help our farmers", who are already exporting USD 50-55 billion worth of agricultural and fish products, he said. The minister added that Indian goods will have a competitive advantage in the American market due to the 18 per cent tariff, as competitor nations such as



China face tariffs as high as 35 per cent, while other countries are subject to levies of over 19 per cent. "This is a two-page document (the India-US joint statement)," he told PTI Videos in an interview. Citing the example of the free trade agreement with the European Union, Goyal said he went to the Cabinet with a large set of documents related to the India-EU trade deal. "So, it's a lot of things, which are yet to be brought in.

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KTR Calls FSL Fire a Conspiracy to Destroy Evidence

KTR suspects conspiracy to destroy Cash-for-Vote case evidence in FSL fire, demands judicial probe

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Raising serious doubts over the fire at Telangana State Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) in Nampally, BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao alleged it was a deliberate attempt to destroy crucial evidence in the 11-year-old Cash-for-Vote case, in which Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is accused. He called for immediate central intervention and a judicial probe by a retired judge. Rama Rao questioned how a high-security forens

nsic facility could catch fire, noting the Chief Minister also holds the Home portfolio overseeing the FSL. He pointed out suspicious circumstances: the fire broke out during winter, the lab was reportedly empty despite round-the-clock operations, and it took over three hours to control flames on the first floor. He criticized the government for changing accounts of the incident—from initially reporting minimal damage to the FIR revealing that 10 years of evidence, including computers,



servers, and forensic data from 2015 onwards, was destroyed. Rama Rao said this included data from thousands of criminal cases, threatening prosecutions and public safety. The BRS leader also sug

gested possible collusion between the Telangana Congress government and the BJP-led Centre to protect interests in the Cash-for-Vote case. He accused state police of acting as the Chief Min

Rama Rao said the fire was orchestrated to erase forensic evidence just as the 11-year-old case was nearing its final stage. The incident could not be treated as an accident, he said, questioning how a highly secured forensic facility caught fire. He also pointed out that the Chief Minister holds the Home portfolio, under which the FSL functions.

ister's "private army," selectively targeting opposition leaders while shielding those linked to the ruling party. Rama Rao demanded an independent judicial inquiry, access for an all

party delegation and forensic experts to assess the damage, and public disclosure of all facts by the police. He urged the Union government to launch an impartial investigation to determine whether the fire was accidental or orchestrated. "Telangana's people see this as a conspiracy. Only a transparent judicial probe can uncover the truth," he asserted, emphasizing the need to safeguard the criminal justice system and maintain public trust.

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Harish Rao Slams Congress, Urges Support for BRS in Sadasivapet

SANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana

Former Minister T. Harish Rao on Sunday launched a sharp critique of Congress leader T. Jagga Reddy, claiming he was never accessible to the common people. In contrast, he said Sangareddy MLA and BRS district president Chintha Prabhakar welcomed everyone at his residence. Addressing a municipal election campaign meeting in Sadasivapet municipality, Harish Rao asked the crowd how many of them knew the location of Jagga Reddy’s residence, emphasizing that ordinary citizens could not approach the Congress leader for help. Harish Rao alleged that



the Congress had lost public trust within just two years of its rule. He also accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of trying to lure voters with cash bags. However, he expressed confidence that residents of Sadasivapet would not be swayed by such tactics and would make informed choices in the upcoming municipal

elections. Urging voters to support BRS candidates, he asserted that the party was set to regain power in the state soon. Harish Rao highlighted the achievements and development works undertaken during the BRS’s previous tenure, criticizing the current government, with Revanth Reddy also holding the Municipal Administra-

tion portfolio, for failing to maintain basic civic amenities, including cleanliness in the streets. Focusing on Sadasivapet, he detailed several projects carried out under the BRS government. Drinking water issues were resolved through a Rs. 37-crore water supply project, and the town’s hospital was upgraded to improve medical services. Additionally, a new bus station and a mini tank bund were constructed, alongside numerous other initiatives aimed at enhancing civic infrastructure and public welfare. Harish Rao emphasized that the BRS prioritizes accessibility, development, and public service, contrasting it with

what he described as the Congress government’s inability to meet citizens’ needs. He urged voters to recognize these differences and back BRS candidates in the municipal elections to ensure continued progress for the town. The campaign meeting was attended by MLA Chintha Prabhakar and several other party leaders, reflecting BRS’s strong organizational presence and commitment to the electorate in Sadasivapet. Harish Rao’s speech sought to reinforce the party’s image as people-oriented and development-focused while positioning it as the alternative to the current Congress administration ahead of the polls.

Ramchander Rao Urges Voters To Reject BRS, Congress

NALGONDA
Wakeup telangana

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Telangana State president N. Ramchander Rao on Sunday called on voters to reject both the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and the Congress in the forthcoming municipal elections, alleging prolonged misgovernance in the State. He claimed that Telangana had suffered for a decade under BRS rule and was now witnessing administrative failure under the Congress government. Addressing a public meeting at Clock Tower Centre in Nalgonda after concluding his roadshow, Vijaya Sankalpa Yatra, Ramchander Rao urged citizens to support BJP candidates in the civic polls. He alleged that the present Congress govern-



ment had failed to honour its election promises and had shown inefficiency in implementing welfare schemes. The BJP leader further accused the Congress of encouraging corruption and commission-based practices, asserting that such malpractices had increased under the current regime and had even surpassed those witnessed during the previous BRS government. He alleged that instead of correcting past mistakes, the Congress was repeating them, leading to a loss of public trust.

Ramchander Rao maintained that both the BRS and the Congress had failed to provide transparent and accountable governance, thereby betraying the people of Telangana. He claimed that BJP-ruled states across the country were free from corruption and offered efficient administration. Appealing to voters, he said the municipal elections provided an opportunity to usher in transparent governance and corruption-free urban development by electing BJP representatives. He expressed confidence that the party could deliver better civic administration if given a chance. The meeting was attended by BJP district president Varshith Reddy, former MLA Guvala Balraj, and other senior party leaders.

153rd Gnana Mala Week Celebrated at Lothkunta

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The 153rd Week of Gnana Mala was successfully celebrated on February 8, 2026, at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue, Lothkunta “X” Road, Alwal. The event highlighted the life and legacy of Mata Ramabai Ambedkar and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Chief Guests K. Balakrishna, President, All India Scheduled Castes



Rights Protection Society, and Mr. Y. Balraju, Advocate, High Court of Telangana, addressed the gathering. Shri Balakrishna spoke about Mata Ramabai Ambedkar’s inspiring life, her sacrifices,

and her unwavering support to Dr. Ambedkar despite poverty, social discrimination, and personal hardships. He emphasized her courage, selflessness, and role in supporting Dr. Ambed-

kar’s education and social mission. Mr. Y. Balraju highlighted Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s pivotal contribution to the Indian Constitution and empowerment of marginalized communities. Both speakers urged youth to draw inspiration from their lives. The Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mission, Lothkunta, thanked all participants and organizers for making the event a success.

BJP Leaders Inspect Civic Issues in Little Begumpet Colony

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

At the invitation of residents, BJP National Council Member and former NDMA Vice Chairman Shri Marri Shashidhar Reddy, along with BJP Secunderabad Mahankali District General Secretary Nemali Anand (Nandu), visited Little Begumpet Colony in Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, to inspect local issues. Res-



idents complained that individuals had illegally encroached upon the northern road using forged documents, affecting more than ten apartment complexes. Despite repeated complaints to officials over the past six

months, no action was taken, and the local corporator allegedly failed to respond. After inspecting the area, Shri Shashidhar Reddy immediately took up the matter with senior officials, following which notices were issued to the

encroachers, bringing relief and confidence to residents. Concerns regarding sewage overflow from a nearby slum, lack of road cleaning despite paying GHMC taxes, and problems caused by illegal constructions were also raised. Shri Reddy assured residents that he would write to the Water Works Department for a new drainage line and coordinate with GHMC officials to resolve the issues.

Saffron Surge in Karimnagar: Bandi Sanjay

Alleges ₹100-Crore Congress–AIMIM Deal to Defeat BJP

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Political temperatures soared in Karimnagar ahead of the municipal elections as Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar made sensational allegations against the Congress and AIMIM parties, accusing them of entering into a ₹100-crore deal to defeat the BJP in the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation polls. Addressing a massive ‘Vijaya Sankalpa Rally’ organised by the BJP on Wednesday evening, Bandi Sanjay said a “political kabaddi game” had begun in Karimnagar. He alleged that while the BJP was playing on behalf of “India”, the Congress and AIMIM had joined hands and were playing on behalf of “Pakistan”, drawing sharp political reactions. Bandi Sanjay claimed that surveys had clearly indicated a landslide victory for the BJP with nearly 50 seats in the



municipal elections, triggering panic among Congress and AIMIM leaders. “Fearing defeat, the two parties have struck a secret ₹100-crore deal and are conspiring to buy votes to stop the BJP,” he alleged. He further claimed that leaders of Congress and AIMIM held a clandestine meeting the previous night, calling it “match-fixing” in the elections. The Vijaya Sankalpa Rally, led by Bandi Sanjay, witnessed an unprecedented turnout, transforming Karimnagar into a sea of saffron. The rally began at the Collectorate Revenue Garden and passed through Pra-

tima Multiplex, One Town Police Station, Venkateshwar Temple, Amaraveerula Stambham and culminated at Tower Circle. Thousands of BJP workers and supporters, many wearing saffron headgear, marched while raising slogans of “Jai BJP”, “Jai Modi” and “Jai Jai Bandi Sanjay”. A large participation of women was a notable highlight of the rally. Speaking at Tower Circle, Bandi Sanjay said, “Congress and AIMIM have realised that the BJP is set to capture the Mayor’s post in Karimnagar. That is why they are resorting to conspiracies. AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi’s sudden interest in Karimnagar is a sign of fear.” Confident of victory, he declared that the BJP would win the “final match” on polling day, scheduled for the 11th of the month. Responding sharply to remarks made by AIMIM leaders, Bandi Sanjay said BJP leaders prioritise the

nation and dharma over personal comforts. Drawing references from Indian epics, he remarked that just as Lord Rama confronted Ravana and the Pandavas faced the Kauravas, the BJP would continue its fight against AIMIM. Appealing directly to the people of Karimnagar, Bandi Sanjay said he would act as a “protective shield” for the city. He urged voters to rise above party affiliations and unite against what he termed the “Congress–AIMIM conspiracy”. He appealed to media, social media activists and youth to dedicate the remaining two days of campaigning to ensuring a decisive BJP victory. He also called upon BJP workers to adopt individual localities and mobilise voters in large numbers in favour of the party. “Hand over the Mayor’s chair to the BJP and give us an opportunity to bring development funds and transform Karimnagar,” he said.

Man Tries To Dump Debris Into Gandipet



The HMWS&SB booked a tractor owner for attempting to illegally dump construction debris into the Gandipet reservoir. Officials said patrolling staff intercepted the vehicle near FTL Point No. 425 at Himayatnagar near the drinking water lake on Sunday before the waste could be discharged. During inquiry, driver and owner Kummari Gopal (40) admitted to the attempt. A criminal case was registered at the Moinsabad police station. Water Board authorities warned that contamination of drinking water sources would not be tolerated and strict legal action would follow against violators. They appealed to citizens to remain vigilant and report illegal dumping or pollution attempts to local authorities or the Water Board’s customer care

A Rising Wave of People’s Power: Dr. Srirangam Satyam Ignites Congress Momentum in Isnapur

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A powerful surge of public enthusiasm marked the Congress Party’s municipal election campaign across Isnapur Municipality under the dynamic leadership of Patancheru Constituency In-charge Kata Srinivas Goud. Corner meetings at Pashamylaram, Isnapur, Rudraram, Lakdaram, and Chitkul Corner turned into vibrant gatherings of hope and confidence. State Labour and Mines Minister Dr.



Vivek Venkatswamy declared that Congress is poised to create a historic wave in the municipal elections, highlighting transformative welfare measures such as free bus travel for women, fine quality rice distribution to the poor, interest-free

loans for women, free electricity up to 200 units, and focused development in education and health-care. Adding powerful momentum to the campaign, TPCC Official Spokesperson and Isnapur Municipal Coordinator Dr. Srirangam Satyam passionately reaffirmed the government’s commitment to its Six Guarantees. He urged citizens to bless Congress candidates with a resounding victory, strengthening the vision of inclusive growth and people-first governance.

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KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

With municipal elections entering a decisive phase, campaign spending has emerged as a key issue in the erstwhile Karimnagar and Warangal districts, shifting focus from political ideology to the financial capacity of candidates. Political circles and voters are increasingly debating the cost of defeating rivals, with money management becoming central to election strategy. Senior party leaders are reportedly holding negotiations with dummy candidates to persuade them to withdraw and prevent vote splitting, even as official candidates intensify door-to-door campaigns. Sources said major parties prioritised the financial strength of aspirants while finalising ticket allotments, assessing their ability to sustain

expensive campaigns. Local observers noted that even party workers now expect monetary support to actively engage in electioneering. The scale of expenditure for councillor posts is reported to be high. In the 13 municipalities of Karimnagar and 12 in Warangal, candidates are said to be preparing to spend between Rs 30 lakh and Rs 40 lakh each, far exceeding prescribed limits. Spending in larger municipal corporations is expected to be higher. The Election Commission’s (EC) expenditure caps are widely viewed by candidates as procedural rather than restrictive. To track expenses, the EC has issued a detailed price list for campaign materials. Under this, silk scarves are priced at Rs 50, cotton scarves at Rs 10, VIP scarves at Rs 75 and shawls at Rs 150. Party-symbol T-shirts are

valued at Rs 110 and saris at Rs 150. Bulk SMS charges are fixed at 10 paise per second for BSNL users and 11 paise for other networks. Food expenses are also monitored through fixed rates. A biryani plate is capped at Rs 150, while vegetarian and chicken meals are priced at Rs 120 each and mutton meals at Rs 130. Campaign autorickshaw hire is officially set at Rs 1,500 per day, a rate candidates claim is unrealistic. Cultural campaign activities are similarly regulated, with payments to Dappu artists, Bathukamma groups and other folk performers fixed at Rs 500 per person. As campaigning enters the final phase, the gap between official rates and actual market costs remains a major point of discussion, underscoring the increasing role of money in municipal elections.

Urs-e-Sharif Procession Highlights Unity and Peace in Hasmantpet

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Urs-e-Sharif Mubarak of Hazrat Syed Ghaus Hazam Dastagiri was celebrated with great devotion and harmony in Old Bowenpally, as a grand procession brought together people across communities and political lines, reinforcing the message of peace and unity. Organized under the leadership of minority youth leader Altaf Raja,



the event witnessed a large turnout of devotees along with prominent leaders from different political parties. The procession transformed the locality into a vibrant

center of spiritual observance and communal togetherness. Notable attendees included Malkajgiri MLA Marri Rajasekhara Reddy, Old Bowenpally Division

Corporator Muddam Narasimha Yadav, Kukatpally Constituency Congress Party In-charge Bandi Ramesh, and senior Congress leader Dandugula Yadagiri. Altaf Raja welcomed the dignitaries by honoring them with traditional garlands and shawls. Addressing the gathering, the leaders praised the Urs celebrations for transcending religious and social boundaries. They offered special

prayers, seeking Allah’s blessings for peace, prosperity, and well-being for all citizens. To manage the large crowd, Bowenpally and Alwal police departments arranged tight security, ensuring the procession passed peacefully. The event concluded with enthusiastic participation from Muslim minority leaders and local youth, reflecting strong community spirit and shared harmony.

Vote After Recalling Welfare Benefits of Last Two Years: Komatireddy



Roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Sunday urged people to recall the welfare benefits they had received over the last two years before casting their votes in the upcoming municipal elections and support Congress candidates. He conducted an election campaign in the 34th, 33rd, 32nd, 31st, 24th, 23rd, 44th, 22nd, 45th and 43rd divisions of the Nalgonda Municipal Corporation. Addressing meetings during the campaign, the minister said the State had witnessed a real era of welfare after the Congress came to power. He said the range of welfare schemes implemented by the government had led to an improvement in the living conditions of the poor. Issuance of ration cards, supply of fine rice to ration cardholders and free travel for women in TGSRTC buses were among the major welfare initiatives of the government, he said. Stating that Nalgonda would be developed into Greater Nalgonda, Komatireddy said the government had already sanctioned funds for the completion of underground drainage and CC road works, which had remained pending for over a decade. He also assured that a 24-hour drinking water supply to households would be ensured soon.

Material objects in Note for Vote, phone tapping cases are safe: Telangana FSL

Telangana Forensic Lab confirms all evidence from high-profile cases, including Note for Vote and phone tapping, is safe despite a recent fire at its premises.

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With questions being raised in different circles about the safety of material objects pertaining to several high profile cases including the ‘Note for Vote’ scam allegedly involving Chief Minister, A Revanth Reddy, the Telangana Forensic Science Laboratory on Sunday clarified that the material objects pertaining to the cases are safe. Shikha Goel, Director Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) Telangana on Sunday said that in the ‘Note for Vote’ case, the FSL in the year 2015 received 16 material objects from the ACB. “All the material objects and reports were



returned to the court in 2021 itself. No material was stored in the FSL,” she clarified. In the ‘phone tapping case’, the official said from 2024 to January 2026, a total of 136 material objects were received at the FSL. ”Except seven, the remaining material objects were submitted to the forwarding authority. The remaining

seven items available in the FSL have been retrieved safely and are kept under security and proper guard,” she said. When asked about the quantum of damage due to the fire, the Director FSL said that the process of retrieving data is under process. “We are hopeful of retrieving all the material from the computers. The FSL is capable of

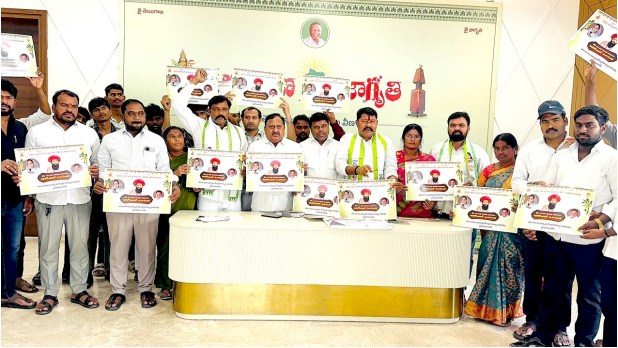
doing it,” she said. The official said that the fire started at 10.08 am, and the office boy Sai noticed the fire and alerted the official concerned. The fire tenders arrived and put off the fire by 1.30 pm. “The computer lab and its related rooms, conference hall and library were damaged due to fire. The remaining facilities in the laboratory are functioning as usual,” said Shikha Goel. A police case is registered at Nampally police station and the police will investigate it from all angles. “The police and fire department will give the exact cause of the fire after investigation,” the official added.

Gandhi Hospital Opens Pre-eclampsia Clinic



Pre-eclampsia, a pregnancy complication, can raise long-term risks of heart and kidney disease, doctors warned as Gandhi General Hospital launched a multidisciplinary clinic at its Mother and Child Health building. The facility brings together obstetrics, cardiology, nephrology and internal medicine specialists for comprehensive care. Doctors listed symptoms such as high blood pressure, severe headache, swelling, foamy urine, blurred vision, stomach pain, sudden weight gain and shortness of breath. They cautioned that untreated cases could lead to miscarriage, low birth weight and lasting health problems. Dr Shobha, head of the gynaecology department, said: “High blood pressure and protein in urine are key warning signs. Early detection during the antenatal stage is crucial.” She added that severe cases may cause cardiac and renal failure or HELLP syndrome, sometimes requiring termination of pregnancy to save the mother.

Roop Singh Unveils Poster for Sant Sevalal Jayanti Celebrations on March 15



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Telangana Jagruti Working President L. Roop Singh on Saturday unveiled a poster announcing the 287th birth anniversary celebrations of Sant Sri Sevalal Maharaj, which will be held on March 15 at the Jagruti Central Office under the auspices of the Jagruti Banjara Department. Addressing the gathering, Roop Singh said Sant Sri Sevalal Maharaj is the revered idol of the Banjara community and the spiritual ancestor of the Banjara people. He stated that the celebrations would be conducted on a grand scale, highlighting the cultural and spiritual legacy of the community. He announced that a special Bhog Bandar programme would be organised as part of the celebrations, claiming it would be unique and unprecedented. Several prominent Banjara gurus and spiritual leaders from different regions are expected to attend the event,

he added. Roop Singh alleged that successive governments and political parties had largely ignored the issues and aspirations of the Banjara community. In contrast, he said Telangana Jagruti President Kalvakuntla Kavitha had extensively studied Banjara history and culture and was working consistently to unite Banjaras and other tribal communities. He recalled that Kavitha had shown rare respect to Banjara priests by inviting them to her residence and paying her respects, noting that such recognition had not occurred earlier in Telangana. He also credited her with intervening to stop the proposed demolition of Hathiram Math in Andhra Pradesh by engaging with the Chief Minister, TTD Chairman and officials. Roop Singh confirmed that Kavitha would participate in the March 15 Bhog Bandar programme. Several Jagruti Banjara leaders were present at the poster unveiling ceremony.

₹20 Lakhs Sanctioned for Jai Ram Gymnasium Building in New Bowenpally

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Strengthening local sports infrastructure, MLA Sri Ganesh has sanctioned ₹20 lakhs for the construction of a permanent building for the Jai Ram Gymnasium at Pedda Tokatta. The long-awaited funding fulfills a key electoral promise and marks a major milestone for the youth of the first ward. On Sunday, formal land measurements were carried out at the proposed site in the presence of former Cantonment Board Vice Chairman Jampana Pratap, the appointed contractor, gymnasium members, and local residents. The process signaled the official



start of the project and generated strong community enthusiasm. Speaking at the site, Jampana Pratap expressed emotional gratitude, recalling that his political journey began at the Jai Ram Gymnasium. He thanked MLA Sri Ganesh for honoring his commitment and turning a decades-old dream into reality for local residents. The Jai Ram Gymnasium

has long served as a center for fitness, discipline, and youth engagement in New Bowenpally. The new permanent structure is expected to offer improved facilities, modern equipment, and a safer training environment for aspiring athletes. Gymnasium President Bachan Raju Yadav, along with community members including Potha Raju Sai, Giri Goud, Damodar Goud, and others, attended the event. With funding secured and measurements completed, construction is expected to begin soon, reinforcing confidence in grassroots development and local leadership.

Jana Sena Takes On Congress Ahead of Municipal Polls

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The Jana Sena Party has launched an aggressive political offensive ahead of the municipal elections, asserting itself as the true representative of backward and weaker sections while launching a scathing attack on the Congress party. Speaking at a high-voltage media conference in Karimnagar, Jana Sena Party state leader and united Karimnagar district in-charge RK Sagar said parties that merely claim to speak for marginalised communities have failed to deliver justice on the ground. He urged voters to place their trust in Jana Sena candidates in the upcoming municipal polls. RK Sagar announced that Jana Sena will field 56 candidates across the united Karimnagar district, including 14 candidates in the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation. He stressed that none of the can-



didates are corporates or political heirs, but ordinary citizens drawn from backward and weaker sections of society. “Our fight for the people does not depend on positions or power. Even without councillor posts, Jana Sena will fight on the streets for public issues,” he declared, underlining the party’s commitment to grassroots struggles. Highlighting the ideological roots of the party, RK Sagar said Jana Sena was born out of the sacrifices made by youth during the Telangana movement. Inspired by that spirit, Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Konidela Pawan Kalyan founded the party to carry forward a politics of accountability and public service.

Clean & Green Drive Begins in Miyapur

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Taking a significant step towards a Swachh Miyapur Division, a “Clean and Green” programme was successfully conducted at Pragathi Enclave Colony under the newly formed 240th Division in Miyapur. The initiative was held on Sunday from 8:00 AM under the leadership of Attapelli Ramaprabhu. The main objective of the programme was to maintain cleanliness in the colony and surrounding areas, prevent littering on roads, promote a garbage-free environment, and create awareness among residents about segregation of wet and dry waste. This initiative marked the beginning of the Swachh Miyapur Division movement, with Pragathi Enclave becoming the starting point of the campaign. Speaking on the occasion, Attapelli Ramaprabhu, Chairman of Attapelli Charitable Trust and President of Pragathi Enclave, stated that similar Clean and Green programmes would be conducted every Sunday in different colonies. He



emphasized that lasting change is possible only through active public participation. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from women, children, and men, who voluntarily contributed their time and effort. Members of Attapelli Ramaprabhu’s team and Attapelli Charitable Trust played a key role in making the programme a success, reaffirming their commitment towards a clean and healthy Miyapur Division.

Congress Alone Can Ensure Isnapur’s Development, Says Dr. Srirangam Satyam

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

In the run-up to the municipal elections, TPCC Official Spokesperson and Isnapur Municipality Co-ordinator Dr. Srirangam Satyam intensified the Congress Party’s campaign in the Isnapur municipal limits, asserting that comprehensive development and welfare are possible only under Congress leadership. Dr. Satyam participated in a key leaders’ meeting held at Pashamylaram, where he addressed party workers and local representatives, urging them to work unitedly for the victory of Congress candidates. Following the meeting, he toured Ward



No. 19 and Ward No. 20 in support of Congress candidates Lachagouni Saritha Sudhakar Goud and Jyothi Lakshma Reddy, respectively, and appealed to voters to elect them with a strong majority. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Satyam emphasized that Congress has consistently prioritized village development and the welfare of every

household. He stated that the overall progress of Isnapur Municipality can be accelerated only by electing Congress representatives committed to transparent and people-centric governance. Highlighting the welfare initiatives introduced under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Dr. Satyam pointed to several flagship schemes currently benefiting citizens across the state. These include free bus travel for women under the Mahalakshmi Scheme, free electricity up to 200 units for eligible households, farm loan waivers up to ₹2 lakh for qualified farmers, issuance of new ration cards, and subsidized cooking

gas cylinders at ₹500. He also noted that providing Indiramma housing to the homeless poor remains a hallmark of the Congress government’s commitment to social justice. Appealing to voters to support Congress candidates in the upcoming municipal elections, Dr. Satyam said the party stands for inclusive growth, grassroots development, and welfare-driven governance. Several local leaders and party members, including Srinivas, Bhavani Goud, T. Srinivasa Reddy, Mothe Ramulu, Shankar, CH Ramulu, Eshwar, Krishna Rajput, Govind, and other community representatives, were present during the campaign program.

Yadadri–Bhuvanagiri: BJP Intensifies Campaign; Gudur Narayana Reddy Leads from the Front

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Yadadri–Bhuvanagiri district witnessed energetic election campaigning as BJP State Executive Member Gudur Narayana Reddy spearheaded an extensive door-to-door outreach drive in Bhuvanagiri town as part of the ongoing municipal election campaign. Taking a proactive role, Narayana Reddy campaigned vigorously in support of the party’s candidates — Yata Santosha Venkatesh (7th Ward Councillor candidate) and Gade Mahesh (6th Ward



Councillor candidate). The campaign covered several wards across Bhuvanagiri town, drawing attention from residents and party workers alike. Addressing the public during the outreach, Gudur Narayana Reddy urged voters to extend their full support to the

BJP and cast their vote for the ‘Kamalam’ (Lotus) symbol, emphasizing the party’s commitment to transparent governance, development, and welfare initiatives. He called upon citizens to ensure a decisive victory with a substantial majority, stating that strong representation

would accelerate progress and strengthen local governance. The campaign was marked by enthusiastic participation from party cadre and local leaders, reflecting growing momentum in the constituency. Residents responded positively during the interactions, engaging in discussions on civic development, infrastructure improvement, and public welfare. With Gudur Narayana Reddy actively leading from the front, the BJP’s campaign in Bhuvanagiri is gaining visible traction as polling day approaches.

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

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India and Malaysia on Sunday unveiled several initiatives to further shore up cooperation in areas of defence and security, semiconductor and trade after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held wide-ranging talks with his Malaysian counterpart Anwar Ibrahim. Following the meeting, Modi said India and Malaysia share a "special relationship" and both sides are committed to expanding their ties in diverse sectors. The prime minister also reiterated India's



position on combating terrorism as he said: "Our message on terrorism is clear; no double standards, no compromise." Modi arrived in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday to a grand red-carpet reception, with Ibrahim receiving him at the airport. Ahead of

the talks, Modi was accorded a ceremonial welcome at Perdana Putra this morning. "India and Malaysia share a special relationship. We are maritime neighbours. For centuries, our people have had deep and affectionate ties," Modi said.

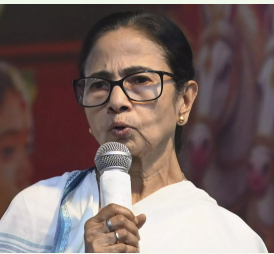
"Today, Malaysia is the second largest country in the world with a population of Indian origin. Our civilisations, shared cultural heritage and democratic values bind us together," he said. Modi said both sides will strengthen cooperation in counter-terrorism, intelligence sharing, and maritime security. We will also make defence cooperation more comprehensive, he said. "Along with AI and digital technologies, we will advance partnerships in semiconductors, health, and food security," he said. The prime minister also touched upon

India's approach towards the Indo-Pacific. "The Indo-Pacific region is emerging as the growth engine of the world," he said. The prime minister said India is committed to development, peace and stability across the entire Indo-Pacific region together with ASEAN (Association of South-east Asian Nations). Malaysian Prime Minister Ibrahim said India and Malaysia continue to expand collaboration in trade, investment, connectivity and defence. India has registered a spectacular rise in global trade and economic front, he said.

Bengal pledges 8,505 officers ahead of Sir hearing

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The West Bengal government has informed the Election Commission that it is ready to provide 8,505 Group B officers of the state or its instrumentalities for the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, according to an agency report. The submission assumes significance as the poll panel had earlier told the Supreme Court that the state had made available only a limited number of officers for overseeing the exercise. The development comes ahead of a scheduled hearing on Monday before a Supreme Court Bench comprising Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant, Justice Joy-malya Bagchi and Justice N.V. Anjaria, which is set



to hear a batch of pleas related to the SIR process in West Bengal, including a petition filed by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Sources were quoted as saying that the state government had conveyed to the Election Commission of India its willingness to deploy 8,505 Group B officers for the revision exercise. During the February 4 hearing, senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the poll panel, told the apex court that the state had provided only 80 Grade II officers, such as sub-divisional

magistrates, to supervise the SIR. He had also submitted that lower-ranked staff, including Anganwadi workers, were largely deployed for the exercise. Banerjee had disputed the allegation, stating that the state had provided all assistance sought by the Election Commission. She had urged the Supreme Court to intervene in the SIR process, alleging that West Bengal was being unfairly targeted and that voters were being inconvenienced. The Supreme Court took note of the Chief Minister's petition and observed that genuine voters must remain on the electoral rolls. It issued notices to the poll panel and the Chief Electoral Officer of West Bengal, seeking their responses by February 9.

India’s Russian Oil Buy To Dwindle, Some Irreplaceable Imports To Continue For Now

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India is likely to begin scaling back its crude oil purchases from Russia under an agreement reached with the United States in exchange for lower trade tariffs, sources said, adding that these imports will continue for now, as refiners like Nayara Energy have limited alternatives. US President Donald Trump on Friday signed an executive order rescinding a punitive 25 per cent duty on all imports from India, saying the move followed New Delhi's commitment to stop imports of Russian oil. While Indian refiners, which process crude oil into fuels such as petrol and diesel, have not received any formal directive to halt Russian purchases, they have been informally advised to begin scaling back buys from Moscow, three sources with knowledge of the matter said. Most



refiners will continue to honour purchase commitments made before the announcement - orders typically placed six to eight weeks in advance - but will not place new orders thereafter, they said. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) and HPCL-Mittal Energy Ltd (HMEI) had stopped buying oil from Russia soon after the US last year slapped sanctions on Moscow's key exporters, while others like Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) will wind down their purchases, sources said. Reliance Industries

Ltd, India's biggest buyer, which late last year paused purchases after US sanctions on Rosneft and Lukoil, is also likely to cease purchases after its resumption cargo of 1,50,000 barrels is delivered in the next couple of weeks. The only exception to this rule is likely to be Nayara Energy. Nayara was first sanctioned by the European Union and then by the UK for its Russian links (Rosneft holds 49.13 per cent in Nayara). Because of these sanctions, no other major supplier is willing to do any commercial transaction with the company, resulting in it being forced to buy Russian oil from non-sanctioned entities. While the Oil Ministry has refused to comment on the issue, the Commerce Ministry and the Ministry of External Affairs have not directly commented on commitments made by India with regard to Russian oil purchases. Sources said India's oil

imports from Russia have been on the decline since the US sanctions on Rosneft and Lukoil came into effect. In December 2025, they averaged 1.2 million barrels per day, down from a peak of USD 2.1 million barrels per day in May 2023. In January, they further came down to USD 1.1 million barrels, and the expectation was that they may decline to less than USD 1 million this month or the next. With the new understanding with the US, the imports may halve soon. India meets about 90 per cent of its crude oil needs through imports, and purchases of discounted Russian oil - sold at lower prices after Western countries imposed sanctions on Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 - have helped reduce its import costs. Nayara, sources said, is likely to continue purchases of Russian oil from non-sanctioned entities in the near future.

Raut Questions Salman Khan’s Presence at RSS Centenary Event

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Senior Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut has questioned actor Salman Khan's Presence at Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) event asking whether the invitation was more about coercion or conviction. Alleging that RSS was involved in spreading hatred and vindictiveness between Hindus and Muslims for some time, the Sena (UBT) leader demanded clarification from RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat. Was the actor invited to signal that Muslims are now welcome in the organisation, he asked. "What kind of a welcome was it for Salman Khan? Was he brought in as a very big Bollywood star to gather a crowd, or is there an



open invitation for Muslims in the Sangh from now on?" Mr. Raut said. Accusing the BJP of indulging in hate politics, Mr. Raut said, "(Prime Minister Narendra) Modi, (Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra) Fadnavis, (Union Home Minister) Amit Shah and the other people who are doing hateful politics between Hindus and Muslims are all originally from the Sangh. So, my question is, was it (invitation) limited to Salman Khan only, to show people that he is a

big artist and can also come on our platform... Currently, there is power... when the government is gone tomorrow, will all these people come on your dais again? This is a very funny question." Mr Raut's remarks came after Salman Khan attended Mr. Bhagwat's speech during the two-day New Horizons lecture series held to mark the RSS Centenary Year in Mumbai. The event saw the presence of over 900 eminent personalities, including Salman

Khan, Ranbir Kapoor, as well as prominent scientists, industrialists and artists. The Shiv Sena (UBT) leader also spoke about Maha Vikas Aghadi's preparations for upcoming Rajya Sabha and Vidhan Parishad elections. He urged party chief Uddhav Thackeray to re-enter the Vidhan Parishad, saying his presence in the legislature was essential for Maharashtra. "We have requested Uddhav Thackeray to return to the Vidhan Parishad. Having served as the Chief Minister, his presence in the legislature is essential for the state and the people. It is the collective wish of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) that he leads from the front," Mr. Raut stated.

Kota Building Collapse: Death Toll Rises to Two as Several Injured

KOTA
Wakeup telangana

The death toll in the building collapse in Kota has risen to two, while at least 13 people were reported injured, officials said. Kota Divisional Commissioner Anil Kumar Agrawal stated that the incident occurred at a site where new construction was underway, and the structure collapsed from top to bottom. "Two deaths have been reported. We have information on 13 injured. Our information is that some new construction was underway and collapsed from top to bottom. It could be due to negligence related to the quality of construction. Some local residents report that drilling was underway and that there were complaints about it. Further technical investigations into the causes will be conducted, and the results will be shared," he told reporters. Meanwhile, Lok Sabha Speaker and Kota MP Om



Birla expressed grief over the incident in the Indravihar area of the city. He said he was in constant contact with the district administration and had directed officials, including the District Collector, to expedite relief and rescue operations. Birla also instructed authorities to ensure timely and proper medical treatment for the injured and extended his prayers for their speedy recovery, expressing solidarity with the affected families. "The incident of the building collapse in Kota's Indravihar is extremely heartbreaking. I am in constant touch with the district administration. I have directed the concerned offi-

cials, including the District Collector, to expedite relief and rescue operations. At the same time, I have also instructed them to ensure proper and prompt medical treatment for all the injured individuals. I pray to God for the swift recovery of all the injured and wish strength to the affected families during this difficult time," Birla wrote on X. Following the incident, Kota District Collector Piyush Samariya said rescue operations are still underway, with teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and the Fire Department continuing efforts at the site.

RSS Chief Mohan.....

"Kshatriya, Vaishya, Shudra or Brahmin does not qualify for the Sarsangchalak position (RSS Chief), a Hindu will become the one who works and is best available. A Hindu will become, and that can also be an SC or ST. Anyone can become it depends on the work. Today, if you see, all classes have representation in the Sangh. The decision is taken on the basis of one who works and is best available," he said. Mohan Bhagwat also backed caste-based reservations and believed that it should continue "as long as needed", as he urged Hindus to remain united despite politicians' efforts to approach voters on the basis of caste. "Caste-based reservations should continue as long as needed. This will be resolved through goodwill. We shouldn't fight among ourselves. In tough times, we shouldn't break; we should move forward with understanding. Society should maintain unity," he said. "Politicians say 'I'm Brahmin, vote for me' to gain power; they're vote-bankers. The solution lies in moving forward with goodwill. Politicians are vote wadi," he added. Further speaking about the recent trade deals

with the US, the European Union, UK and other countries, the RSS chief called for prioritising farmers' welfare and pushed for an organic farming-focused approach. "The deal will happen and should keep happening, but we should prioritise our interests. Farmers should own their produce in agriculture. We had organic farming and our own seeds. Farmers had knowledge, but it was taken away. Only a few varieties are left, yet they've sustained us for centuries," he said. He added, "We should learn from the world but filter it through our own lens. Use science to conquer mortality. My growth should be linked to collective growth, not just individual progress like an animal."

Revanth: None.....

"So, it's a lot of things, which are yet to be brought in. And it cuts both ways. I'm sure the United States would equally want to safeguard, if we flood their market... It's something which is a normal outcome of any negotiation. "So, it's work in progress...Safe-guards are always there. So, it's something which, if anybody is trying to highlight that it's not in this two-page joint statement, is

trying to mislead the people, and there's still a lot of clarity required," he said. He added that both India and the US have sensitivities about a certain set of products, and both have safeguards for those. "We've safeguarded all of them," he said, adding that India has not granted any duty concessions in dairy products. GM (genetically modified) products, meat, poultry, soya meal and corn.

But, there are some pulses and lentils, which India imports, and "we have given them some access, market access," he said. "Ultimately, it has to be a give and take. So, if I don't give anything, how will I open the market for my farmers in the US?" he said. On dry fruits, he said, India is importing about three and a half billion dollars of dry tree nuts, and of that, already a billion dollars comes from the US.

RBI Pauses Rate.....

"Maoism has brought misery to tribals and pushed tribal regions into backwardness. It has stopped all development works in Naxal-affected areas," he said, adding that the movement spreads across 12 states and is not confined to one region. Calling Chhattisgarh a model of

transformation, Shah said the state demonstrates how eliminating Maoism leads to development. He cited improvements in 16 development indicators and said Maoists had destroyed schools, primary health centres and community health centres in Bastar over the past four decades, depriving generations of tribals of education and healthcare. The Union minister said communism is "on the way out" in India, noting that it has already been defeated in West Bengal and Tripura and now survives only in Kerala.

He added that the BJP has already established a foothold in Thiruvananthapuram. Referring to Chhattisgarh's political history, Shah said the state witnessed significant development during BJP rule, particularly under former Chief Minister Raman Singh, which helped remove the "BI-MARU" tag. He said the current BJP government under Vishnu Deo Sai has further accelerated development. Shah accused the previous Congress government led by Bhupesh Baghel of corruption and alleged that it sheltered Maoists, stating, "I have no hesitation in saying that the Congress government sheltered Maoists."

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
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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.

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

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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

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

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

HC Says Renewal Of Passport Is Not Automatic

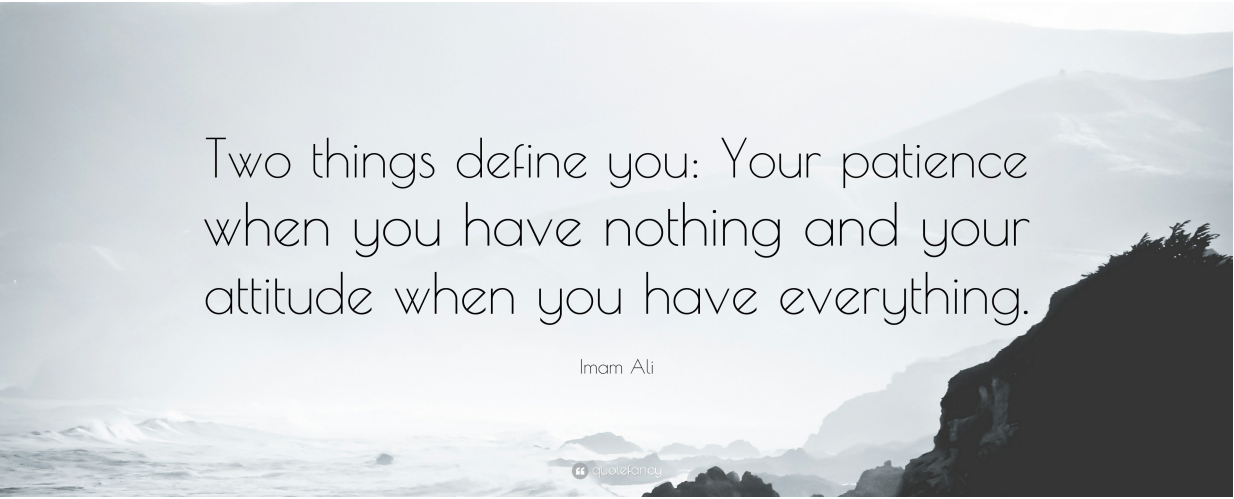
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The Telangana High Court made it clear that passport renewal was not automatic and that the authorities were empowered to revoke a passport on the basis of intelligence inputs that the holder may, or was likely, to engage, outside India, in activities prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of the nation. Justice Nagesh Bheemapaka 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 Mo-

ammed, 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-Khana 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.



EDITORIAL

RBI NEUTRAL AMID UNCERTAINTY

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The Reserve Bank of India-led Monetary Policy Committee’s decision to leave policy rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent came along the expected lines as it is prudent to retain 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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FPIs turn net buyers in Feb; invest Rs 8,100 cr in a week on US trade deal

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After three consecutive months of heavy selling, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) turned net buyers in the first week of February, infusing more than Rs 8,100 crore in Indian equities, aided by improving risk sentiment, along with a trade deal with the US.

The inflows follow sustained withdrawals in recent months, with FPIs pulling out Rs 35,962 crore in January, Rs 22,611 crore in December, and Rs 3,765 crore in November, data with the depositories showed.

Overall, in 2025, FPIs pulled out a net Rs 1.66 lakh crore (USD 18.9 billion) from Indian equities,



marking one of the worst periods for foreign flows. The selling was driven by volatile currency movements, global trade tensions, concerns over potential US tariffs and stretched equity valuations. According to the data, FPIs invested Rs 8,129 crore in this month (till February 6).

Himanshu Srivastava, principal manager- research at Morningstar Investment Research India, said the recent buying re-

flects improving risk appetite and renewed confidence in India's growth outlook.

"The sentiment was supported by easing global uncertainties, stability in domestic interest rate expectations, and optimism around India-US trade and policy developments," he added.

The turnaround contrasts sharply with January's outflows, when FPIs exited Indian markets amid a global risk-off environ-

ment and elevated US bond yields.

Echoing similar views, Vaqarjaved Khan, senior fundamental analyst at Angel One, said the breakthrough in India-US trade talks helped reduce geopolitical uncertainty and fuel a market rally, alongside stabilising US yields and supportive measures announced in the Union Budget for FY26, including fiscal stimulus and sector-specific incentives.

VK Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Geojit Investments, said the appreciation of the rupee also played a key role in improving sentiment. The rupee strengthened from a record low of 90.30 against the dollar, al-

though it later weakened to around 90.70 by the close of February 6. He said the rupee is expected to stabilise and gradually appreciate to below 90 per dollar by the end of March 2026, which could trigger additional FPI inflows, although outcomes will depend on how global trade and artificial intelligence-related developments unfold. Market participants remain cautiously optimistic. Further inflows could materialise if corporate earnings momentum continues and global trade tensions remain contained, although lingering rupee weakness, elevated valuations and potential shifts in US policy could limit upside, Khan said.

Madhu Yashki, senior Congress leaders join Waliullah Sameer's Banjara Hills meet



Former MP Madhu Yashki Goud and senior Congress leaders, including SK Afzaluddin, Mohd Muzaffar Ali Khan, Mujeeb Ullah Shareef, and Pulipati Rajesh Kumar, attended a get-together hosted by ex-DCC Hyderabad president Waliullah Sameer in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.

Mcap of 8 of top 10 valued firms surges by whopping Rs 4.55 lakh cr

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The combined market valuation of eight of India's top 10 firms surged by Rs 4,55,336.36 crore last week, driven by a strong equities rally, with Reliance Industries emerging as the biggest gainer. The BSE benchmark index jumped 2,857.46 points, or 3.53 per cent, reflecting widespread investor optimism.

Reliance Industries added Rs 1,41,887.97 crore to its market capitalization, taking it to Rs 19,63,358.79 crore, retaining its position as the most valued company. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) followed, with its valuation rising Rs 64,926.10 crore to Rs 5,70,198.54 crore. Bharti Airtel's market cap increased by Rs 52,516.39 crore to Rs 11,62,288.64 crore, while

ICICI Bank gained Rs 52,476.97 crore, reaching Rs 10,06,258.82 crore. HDFC Bank, State Bank of India, Bajaj Finance, and Hindustan Unilever also saw their valuations rise last week. In contrast, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Infosys experienced declines. Infosys dropped Rs 63,462.66 crore to Rs 6,26,067.95 crore amid a global tech sell-off triggered by valuation concerns and apprehension over the rapid pace of artificial intelligence advancements.

After the latest moves, the ranking of India's most valued firms remained led by Reliance Industries, followed by HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel, TCS, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, Infosys, Bajaj Finance, LIC, and Hindustan Unilever. Market analysts attribute the strong performance of energy, banking, and

consumer stocks to renewed investor confidence in economic growth and robust quarterly earnings. The technology sector, particularly IT services companies, faced headwinds due to profit-booking and uncertainties around AI-related hype. Last week's rally highlighted the growing divergence in investor sentiment across sectors.

While traditional heavyweights in energy, finance, and telecom captured most of the gains, IT majors struggled under the weight of valuation pressures and global tech volatility.

With the broader benchmark advancing more than 3 per cent in a single week, the market's optimism was evident, emphasizing the resilience of India's top companies amid global and domestic challenges.

India's Trade Balance With US To Fall From Surplus To Deficit

US trade deal framework may push India into trade deficit, \$500-billion import target seen as unrealistic

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As agreed in the interim framework of the trade deal with the US, if India fulfils the \$500 billion import commitment, the country's trade balance will fall from surplus to deficit next year. However, fulfilling the commitment looks implausible to meet. The framework statement said that India intends to purchase \$500 billion of U.S. energy products, aircraft and aircraft parts, precious metals, technology products, and coking coal over the next 5 years.

In FY25, the US imports into India stood at \$48 billion and exports to the US \$86.5 billion. The



\$100 billion imports per year will double the imports from the US and make India's trade balance swing from surplus to deficit. From next year, India will have a trade deficit with the two large economies – the US and China. However, this looks unlikely as aircraft are a major component of this commitment. At present, India operates around 200 Boeing aircraft. Even if India adds another 200

Boeing aircraft over the next five years, at an estimated cost of \$300 million per aircraft, the total value would be about \$60 billion. Moreover, such purchasing decisions are made by private airlines, not by the government.

The framework also said that India has agreed to remove non-tariff barriers on food and agricultural products. Going by the terms of similar deals entered with other coun-

tries, this will let genetically modified soyabean, corn and dairy products into the country. "Recognizing the importance of working together to resolve long-standing concerns, India also agrees to address long-standing non-tariff barriers to the trade in U.S. food and agricultural products," the statement said.

Under its trade deal, Malaysia has a similar provision, which allows imports of dairy, meat, and poultry products from the US if they have the sanitary and health certificates from the relevant American authorities. This concession implies that the US certification would prevail over Malaysia's domestic

health and sanitary requirements, finds GTRI. Further, India will eliminate or reduce tariffs on all U.S. industrial goods and a wide range of U.S. food and agricultural products, including dried distillers' grains (DDGs), red sorghum for animal feed, tree nuts, fresh and processed fruit, soybean oil, wine and spirits, and additional products," the framework said. But it did not specify which the additional products are.

Both these provisions can lead to the entry of genetically-modified foods like maize, soya bean, cotton and corn as well as dairy products of cows fed on animal feed.

Telangana Muslims Demand Strict Action After Jyotirao Phule Statue Vandalized

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MD Shabbir, State Working President of the Telangana State Muslim Community Association, strongly condemned the attack on the statue of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule in Tellapur, Sangareddy. He demanded the immediate arrest of the culprits and strict legal action, warning that failure to act may provoke public anger.

Phule was a prominent social reformer who dedicated his life to the rights of marginalized communities, women's education, and the abolition of caste discrimination. Born on April 11, 1827, in Pune to a Mali family, he studied at a missionary school, where he developed a strong sense of social equality and human rights. At 13, he married Savitribai Phule, then 9, and personally taught her to become India's first female teacher.



In 1848, Phule started India's first girls' school in Pune and later set up schools for marginalized castes and night schools for working children. In 1882, he appeared before the Hunter Commission, advocating for compulsory primary education. He founded the Satyashodhak Samaj in 1873 to fight caste oppression. He promoted widow remarriage, supported destitute women, and established shelters to prevent female infanticide. His writings, including Gulamgiri and Raitu Bidda, highlighted social injustices. Phule's ideals later inspired leaders like Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and continue to influence India's struggle against social inequality.

Q3 earnings to drive stock market sentiment this week: Analysts

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Inflation data, trading activity of foreign investors and global trends would dictate sentiment in the stock market this week, according to analysts.

Besides, geopolitical developments and Q3 earnings will also guide market movement during the week.

"This week features several important domestic and global triggers. In India, investors will closely track retail inflation data due on February 12 and foreign exchange reserves data on February 13, for insights into price trends and external sector stability. "The earnings calendar stays active, with key results expected from Titan Company and Mahindra & Mahindra, which may drive stock-specific action. Globally,



participants will monitor a heavy US data calendar and performance of the Nasdaq Composite following its recent decline," Ajit Mishra, SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said.

Geopolitical developments and their impact on commodity markets will also be closely watched, Mishra added.

From the Q3 earnings space, Ashok Leyland, ONGC, Bajaj Electricals and Eicher Motors will also be announcing their results during the week.

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.

"With the Union Budget 2026 and the RBI's monetary policy decisions now largely digested, Indian equity markets have entered a consolidation phase, shifting investor focus toward implementation, capex execution and the pace of actual spending.

Regency College Hosts Pan-India Culinary Challenge

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Regency College of Culinary Arts & Hotel Management, Hilltop Colony, Hyderabad, hosted the Telangana semi-final of the Everest Better Kitchen Culinary Challenge – Season 7, bringing together 19 hotel management colleges from across India. The event provided a platform for emerging culinary talent while emphasizing creativity, technical skill, presentation, teamwork, and industry-ready practices.

Competitions included kitchen, bakery, food & beverage service, housekeeping, and flower arrangement, judged by renowned professionals such as Chef Thimma Reddy, Chef Aty Pandari, Chef Samir Ali, Chef Tabu Ali, Mr. Prakash Singh, Mr. C. Srinivas, and Ms. Ho Kiku Vineetha. Students impressed



Mrs. Ektha Bhargava (2nd from right), Publisher of Better Kitchen and Co-Founder & Director of Bandwagon Media; and Chef P Ramesh Kumar Reddy (extreme right), Principal, Regency College; at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of 'Better Kitchen's Everest Culinary Challenge - Season 7' hosted by Regency College of Culinary Arts & Hotel Management, Khairatabad. (L-R) Chef Cyril Clement, HOD, Regency College; Mr. Varun, Senior Manager, LPG Sales - Bharat Gas; look on.

with dishes and presentations reflecting India's culinary heritage and global standards. Semi-final winners included Rehah Raj (Food & Beverage Service, 1st place), Fouad Md & N. Kowshik (Hot Kitchen, 3rd place), Divya & Dileep (Bakery, 2nd place), and Nandhini Rao (Housekeeping Olympiad, 2nd place). Winners received mementos and USD 500 WCE Scholarships, enabling participation in the USA J-I

Exchange Program or postgraduate study in Europe.

The Principal noted that such competitions mirror real industry conditions where skill, discipline, and performance under pressure determine success. Already awarded Best Education Excellence Award – 2025 and Best Culinary School – South India, Regency College strengthened its reputation as a leader in hospitality education,

Kavya & Anvesh’s Heartwarming Rom-Com ‘What’s Up Naresh’ First Look

Kavya Kalyanram, who won hearts with Ba-lagam, teams up with Kotha Poradu fame Anvesh Michael for a delightful new love story, What’s Up Naresh. Written and directed by CV Vishal and produced by Bhagya Laxmi Chinta under the CVV Cinema banner, the film recently kicked off its promotions with the release of its first look and a short glimpse. The title itself sparks curiosity, and the first-look poster reflects a warm, breezy charm. Anvesh Michael, portraying Naresh, comes across as effortlessly charming and relatable, while Kavya Kalyanram as Sarika radiates calm, cheerful warmth with a subtle emotional depth.



Their expressions hint at a heartfelt, slice-of-life romance at the film’s core. The initial glimpse sets a humorous yet grounded tone. It begins with a conversation

about marriage and dowry: the girl’s family is ready to offer 80 lakh but wants the wedding after summer, while Naresh, unfazed, demands nothing less than 8 crore and is willing to wait. The story then moves through Naresh’s daily life before culminating in a beach scene where Sarika greets him, leaving fans eagerly awaiting the second glimpse, scheduled for Valentine’s Day. Audiences can also look forward to a vibrant road trip to Gokarna, complemented by Smaran Sai’s melodious music. Vedaraman Sankaran’s cinematography and Viprav’s editing promise a visually engaging, contemporary urban romance. The supporting cast in-

cludes K Sai Santosh, Ushashree Murali, Santhosh Nandivada, Priyanka Raviru, Madhu, Padma, Bommakanti Ravinder, Sunandana, Maala Parvathi, and Kiran Kumar. Behind the scenes, the technical team features Krishna Kanth Mamidala as executive producer, Nagarjuna Thallapalli and Guna V Balu on sound design, Bharath Chandra Malkedkar on production design, Nikhitha Bachala on costumes, Venkat P as colorist, and Vamshi Krishna as line producer, among others. With its lighthearted storytelling, relatable characters, and vibrant visuals, What’s Up Naresh aims to be the rom-com audiences have been waiting for this year.

Battle of Galwan Postponed Yet Again

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According to sources, the delay is primarily because the team is reshooting several sequences and does not want to rush the process. The makers are reportedly keen on fine-tuning the film before locking the final cut. As per other reports, another factor contributing to the possible postponement could be the mandatory screening for the Ministry of Defence. The makers will need to obtain the necessary approvals before the film can be cleared for a theatrical re-



lease. Given these factors, the chances of the film meeting its mid-April release are said to be “remote.” Industry experts, however, have welcomed the move. “March 19 sees the clash

of two big films — Dhurandhar 2 and Yash’s Toxic. To have yet another big-ticket release arrive just a few weeks later does not make sense,” says a trade source. Film critic Joginder Tuteja also believes the delay is a positive step. “It’s a good sign that the film is being polished to deliver a strong cinematic experience. With back-to-back war films, one also needs a breather from the genre. This is an important film for Salman and the stardom he carries — one wants to see him in a truly respectable, impactful outing.”

Alia Bhatt Loses a Major Project

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Alia Bhatt has reportedly lost a major project, with Maddock Films’ supernatural thriller Chamunda being put on hold. The film, initially envisioned as a female-led franchise for Bhatt, similar to Shraddha Kapoor’s Stree, was meant to mark the actress’s foray into the supernatural genre. Sources reveal that the shelving of Chamunda comes amid a series of setbacks in Bhatt’s recent projects. “Chamunda was supposed to be Alia’s own supernatural franchise. She was very excited about it. But after Saiyaara with Aneet Padda happened, Maddock Films shifted focus toward creating a female superhero universe for her. That’s how Shakti Shalini came about, and Chamunda was pushed to the back burner,” said a source familiar with the developments. Bhatt’s recent box office performances have reportedly influenced these decisions. Her female-led film Jigra, produced by Karan Johar, failed to make a mark commercially, and Alpha, a collaboration with Yash Raj Films, has been postponed indefinitely. Industry insiders say these setbacks have prompted producers to recalibrate their strategy with Bhatt, waiting for the success of upcoming projects before committing to new ventures. As for Chamunda, it is not entirely canceled but is currently on hold. “For now, yes. I think they are waiting to see which way Alia’s Love & War with Sanjay



Leela Bhansali goes,” the source added, indicating that the actress’s future projects could determine whether the film moves forward. Chamunda was widely anticipated to showcase Bhatt in a strong, supernatural lead role, potentially establishing a long-term franchise. The shift toward Shakti Shalini reflects the growing trend in Bollywood to explore female-led superhero narratives, though fans of Bhatt’s earlier announced project may have to wait longer for her entry into the supernatural genre. With Love & War set to release soon, industry observers are closely watching to see whether the actress’s box office trajectory will revive Chamunda or lead to new directions in her career.

‘I Convinced Arijit To Sing 5 Songs for My Son’

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Aamir Khan recently explained his meeting with singer Arijit Singh after the latter announced his decision to quit playback singing. He clarified that his visit to Murshidabad was not intended to convince Arijit to continue singing for films. While he did try to persuade him, Arijit had already made up his mind. The real purpose of Aamir’s visit was related to the film Ek Din. Arijit had previously committed to rendering the songs for the movie, and Aamir went to Murshidabad to ensure he fulfilled that commitment. Arijit agreed to sing for the film, specifically for the character of Junaid, and he performed all five songs of the movie. Aamir praised Arijit’s talent and character, describing him as an extraordinary singer and a lovely person. He recounted

having a memorable time with Arijit, his family, and his team during the recording sessions. Aamir emphasized that Arijit has delivered exceptional renditions of the songs, highlighting the singer’s remarkable ability. He also expressed regret over Arijit’s decision to quit film singing, noting that it is a loss for the industry and for fans who admire his work. In summary, Aamir’s visit to Murshidabad was primarily professional—to complete the Ek Din songs—and not an attempt to change Arijit’s career decision. Despite the singer’s decision to step away from films, he fulfilled his prior commitment, showcasing his dedication and talent. Aamir’s remarks reflect both admiration for Arijit’s musical abilities and personal warmth for the singer as an individual.



Yash Pips Rajinikanth To Get Top Billing In Telugu States?

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According to leading distributors, Kannada star Yash has surpassed Tamil superstar Rajinikanth in the Telugu market, with his upcoming Telugu-dubbed film Toxic fetching a record price. The film has reportedly been sold for Rs 105 crore (recoverable advance) in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, making it the highest-ever price for a dubbed film in the two Telugu states. “It has been sold for Rs 105 crore in the Telugu states, the highest price for any dubbed movie so far,” says a source, adding, “In comparison, Rajinikanth’s last release Coolie was traded for around Rs 52 crore in the Telugu states. Clearly, Yash has outwitted the Tamil superstar in the dubbed film business.” Trade circles point out that Yash’s phenome-



nal success with KGF and KGF 2, both of which together collected over Rs 120 crore in the Telugu states, has played a crucial role in boosting his market. “KGF turned Yash into a superstar among Telugu audiences. The films enjoyed repeat value and created a massive fan base for him here,” explains a distributor. With Toxic positioned as a high-octane action entertainer, expectations have skyrocketed. “Yash returns in

a fiery avatar, and the film is expected to open big when it releases in March. Telugu distributors didn’t hesitate to dig deep into their pockets, breaching the Rs 100-crore mark,” the source adds. That said, Rajinikanth continues to enjoy a formidable following in the Telugu states. His blockbuster Jailer collected over Rs 45 crore, while his multi-starrer Coolie, featuring Aamir Khan and Nagarjuna alongside.

Paul Thomas Anderson Wins DGA Award for Best Director

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After two previous nominations, director Paul Thomas Anderson has finally clinched the Best Director Award at this year’s Directors Guild of America (DGA) Awards. Anderson, known for films such as There Will Be Blood (2007) and Licorice Pizza (2021), received the honor for his latest work, One Battle After Another. The award was presented at the ceremony held on February 7 in Beverly Hills, California. One Battle After Another has also been recognized elsewhere this awards season, winning both the Golden Globe and the



Critics’ Choice Award. Critics are now predicting it could secure an Oscar, following a pattern seen in the last two decades where the majority of DGA winners also win the Academy Award for Best Director.

This year, Anderson’s fellow nominees included Guillermo del Toro, Chloe Zhao, Ryan Coogler, and Josh Safdie. Notably, apart from del Toro, all of these directors were also contenders for the Oscar’s Best Director

category, reinforcing the DGA’s reputation as a strong predictor for the Academy Awards. The DGA is unique among award bodies in that it honors not only the director but also the broader team, including assistant directors, production managers, and other key crew members. In his acceptance speech, Anderson paid tribute to the late assistant director Adam Somner, who passed away in 2024. Hosting the event for the first time, comedian Kumail Nanjiani humorously remarked on the large gathering of directors and production staff, quipping that “it’s like if a movie was just the credits.”

Historically, only eight DGA winners have failed to win the Oscar in the same year over the past 77 years. In those cases, however, the films still often secured the Best Picture Oscar. This trend underscores the high expectations surrounding One Battle After Another, suggesting it is poised to win in either the Best Director or Best Picture category at the Academy Awards. With critical acclaim, previous awards, and now the DGA recognition, Anderson’s latest film appears well-positioned to make a major impact this awards season, marking a milestone in the director’s illustrious career.

Ali Masqati Leads Door-to-Door Campaign in Mahbubnagar



BR senior leader Ali Masqati is leading focused door-to-door election campaigns in Division No. 50, strengthening grassroots engagement and promoting development in Mahbubnagar.

Mir Muzaffer Ali Campaigns for Sai Keerthana in Sangareddy Ward 21



Mir Muzaffer Ali, Telangana state minority in-charge of the Jana Sena Party, joined the election campaign for Sangareddy Municipality, Ward No. 21. During the campaign, he urged residents to support Jana Sena Party candidate Sai Keerthana, highlighting the party's development-focused agenda.

Prominent Jana Sena leaders, including Vinay Goud and Dilip Sai Teja, were also present at the campaign event, engaging with voters and promoting the party's initiatives.

Mir Qurram Ali, Syed Farooq Visit Swapana's Family



Advocate Mir Qurram Ali and Advocate Syed Farooq today met with the family of late Advocate Swapana—her mother and Shitanjai—at their home in Chevella, along with the Society for Civil Legal Aids team.

Four arrested for drug peddling in Hyderabad's Jummat Bazaar

The Prohibition and Excise Department, on Saturday, February 7, conducted a house raid and arrested four persons in Hyderabad's Old City area. As many as 5.24 kilograms of ganja were seized. According to an official of the department, on a tip-off, the Special Task Force team raided the house of Vikas Singh alias Vicky, located at the Jummat Bazaar area, and found the drug concealed in a bag and kept in a room. "Vicky was sourcing the ganja from some persons in Andhra Pradesh for Rs 2000 a kilogram. After bringing it to the city, he was packing the ganja in small sachets and selling 30 grams for Rs 1500 to customers," said the official. The accused have been identified as Vikas Singh, Mithilal Singh, Akash Singh and Vishal Singh. Four others involved in the case are absconding. Four motorcycles and five mobile phones were also seized during the raid.

Iran Consul General Marks 47th National Day in Hyderabad

Iran Celebrates 47th National Day, Highlights Scientific Progress and Strong India Ties

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Hamid Ahmadi, Iran's Consul General, marked the 47th National Day of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the Trident Hotel in Hyderabad on Sunday. The event featured the national anthems of both Iran and India, and was attended by several Consuls General from other countries stationed in Hyderabad.

Ahead of the celebrations, Iran's Ambassador to India, Mohammad Fathali, emphasized Iran's resilience and regional influence despite external pressures. He highlighted Iran's progress in advanced scientific fields such as nanotechnology, biotechnology, stem cell research, information



technology, and artificial intelligence, noting that these achievements have positioned the country as a leading scientific power in the region. "This year, the Islamic Republic of Iran commemorates the 47th anniversary of the victory of the Islamic Revolution. Despite all pressures from adversaries, Iran remains a strong and influential nation in the region. Our progress in knowledge-based industries has strengthened our regional

leadership," Fathali told reporters. Addressing recent protests triggered by the rial's record-low value against the U.S. dollar in December 2025, the Ambassador described the situation in Iran as "normal," attributing unrest to a "hybrid war." He stressed that the government is committed to listening to citizens' demands and finding appropriate solutions. "After facing hybrid warfare, the relevant authorities man-

aged the situation, and we believe it is important to hear the protesters and address their concerns," Fathali said. Regarding the strategic Chabahar Port, the Ambassador noted ongoing negotiations with multiple countries, particularly India. He expressed optimism about strengthening bilateral ties, stating, "We have a good relationship with India and hope to further boost cooperation on Chabahar Port and other initiatives." The event underscored Iran's emphasis on scientific advancement, regional influence, and constructive international engagement, while highlighting its commitment to addressing domestic concerns and fostering strong partnerships abroad.

GHMC Council to Clear Sports, Crematorium and Drainage Projects

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A day before the council's tenure ends on February 10, the civic body is set to take up multiple key infrastructure and civic proposals, including sports facilities, crematorium management, and drainage works. Major proposals

include the construction of a boxing court at the PJR Sports Complex in Chandanagar and inviting expressions of interest (EOI) for the operation and maintenance (O&M) of an indoor shuttle court at Kukatpally Housing Board Colony (KPHB) Phase 9. Plans are also in place for developing a sports arena under the

flyover near Nexus Mall in Kukatpally. The committee will also consider proposals for O&M of cricket practice pitches at KPHB Phase 5 and the development of open space under the Balanagar flyover as a sports arena. In addition, the civic body plans to fix a base fee of ₹7,500 for per-

forming last rites at Vaikuntha Dham crematorium and hand over the facility's O&M through a tender process. Another major infrastructure proposal includes the construction of a box drain opposite Sri Laxmi Kala Mandir Theatre in Alwal Circle, with an estimated cost of ₹3.45 crore.

Hyderabad CP awards 1,446 police personnel for maintaining law and order

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Hyderabad Commissioner of police VC Sajjanar on Sunday, February 8, conferred 1,446 police personnel with awards to appreciate their efforts in maintaining law and order and going the 'extra mile' for the betterment of society. In a first, 271 officers were given the 'Extra Mile' award for displaying exceptional talent and

rendering services beyond their assigned roles. "This recognition is intended to motivate the force and encourage others to perform with greater commitment," the commissioner said. The 'Good Work Done' awards were presented to 1,175 personnel based on performance during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters of the previous financial year. Awardees included additional deputy commis-



sioners of police, assistant commissioners of police, inspectors, sub-inspec-

tors, assistant sub-inspectors, head constables, constables, home guards,

ministerial staff, and public prosecutors. The ceremony was held at the Telangana State Integrated Command and Control Centre (TGICCC) in Banjara Hills. Congratulating the awardees, Sajjanar said that policing is not merely a profession but a social responsibility and urged personnel to go beyond routine duties and uphold accountability, innovation, and humane conduct while interacting with the

public. "The true measure of success lies not only in completing a task but in the confidence and reassurance extended to victims. When police personnel act responsibly beyond the call of duty, public trust in the force strengthens," he said. Sajjanar also added that awards will now be presented every month at the zonal level to station house officers, sub-inspectors, and constables for notable performance.

Hyderabad Cybercrime Police refund over Rs 71L, makes 37 arrests in Jan

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In January, the Hyderabad Cybercrime Police refunded Rs 71,91,371 to victims and arrested 37 individuals from seven different states in connection with 26 cases, a release said on Sunday, February 8. The arrested individuals are allegedly involved in 86 cases across India, with transactions amounting to approximately Rs 65 crore. Fifteen individuals were arrested for investment fraud, two for digital arrest fraud, and four arrests were made in connection with online child sexual abuse material. One person was arrested for business fraud, one for gaming fraud, and three for job fraud. A total of 117 FIRs were registered last month. In January, zonal cybercells received 1,706 petitions from the Na-

tional Cyber Reporting Platform (NCRP), which resulted in 315 FIRs. A total of 13 individuals involved in 13 cases were arrested, and Rs 10,65,003 was refunded to the victims. Hyderabad police have appealed to citizens to be wary of friend requests on social media platforms claiming to be from senior government officials and to not transfer money without thoroughly confirming the identity and legitimacy. "Do not believe investment schemes promising high returns with little or no risk on Telegram, WhatsApp, X, and Instagram and invest only through SEBI-approved applications," the release said. If anyone falls victim to cybercrime, they are urged to contact the helpline at 1930 or report it on the government's official website.

Telangana High Court Dismisses Journalist's Passport Renewal Petition

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The Telangana High Court has dismissed a petition filed by a Hyderabad-based journalist seeking the renewal of his passport, reiterating that the issuance or renewal of a passport is not an automatic right and must strictly comply with established rules and regulations. The petitioner, a 52-year-old resident of Bahadurpura, who has previously worked with a daily newspaper and a television channel and currently manages a news website along with social media platforms, had his passport first issued in 1998 and renewed in 2018 for a period of ten years. However, the renewed passport was revoked



within a year following a report submitted by the state intelligence department. According to the report, the petitioner was allegedly involved in a criminal case registered in 1998, during which authorities seized a pistol, 30 live cartridges, and a substantial quantity of potassium chloride mixture, and the intelligence inputs also alleged connections with ISI operatives. In addition, the report claimed that the petitioner had engaged in activities that allegedly incited communal tensions between

two communities during 2018 and 2019, and that the Shamshabad zone special branch was maintaining a personal file to monitor his activities. Based on these intelligence inputs, authorities concluded that issuing a passport to him would be prejudicial to India's sovereignty and integrity. Before the High Court, the petitioner contended that the revocation was carried out without giving him an opportunity to be heard, which he claimed violated the principles of natural justice, and he sought suspension of the communication sent by the police recommending the revocation. Justice Nagesh Bheemappa observed that the petitioner had not challenged the original order revok-

ing his passport but instead questioned a subsequent communication. The court further noted that while the petitioner filed a rejoinder denying certain allegations, he did not specifically dispute the seizure of the pistol, ammunition, and potassium chloride or the alleged links with the ISI. Emphasizing that matters affecting national security require greater judicial caution, the court held that natural justice principles may not apply in cases involving public interest, national security, and confidentiality. Consequently, the court concluded that no justification existed to grant the relief sought, effectively dismissing the petition and upholding the revocation of the journalist's passport.

Empower Her: Celebrating Girl Child Achievements



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Empower Her – Celebrating the Achievements of the Girl Child, organized by Touch A Life Foundation, honored the success of girls mentored and guided by the foundation. Founders Vibhuti Jain and Rina Hindocha joined the celebration, applauding the remarkable journeys of the girls. The event featured inspiring dance performances and heartfelt stories of

transformation, showcasing how guidance and support can empower young girls to achieve their dreams. A highlight of the event was the distribution of 80 laptops, generously donated by Bosch, enabling the girls to continue their education and digital learning. Empower Her was a true celebration of resilience, achievement, and the potential of every girl child to rise and shine with the right mentorship and opportunities.



Devotees from the Bengali community participated in the Sarbojanin Hare Krishna Naam Sankirtan rally, which was taken out from Quli Qutub Shah Stadium to Charminar and returned via Ghazi Bazar to Quli Qutub Shah Stadium. The rally was organised by the Hyderabad Hare Krishna Naam Sankirtan Society.

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