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## Brief Insights

### IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers Resigns

IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers put in his papers on Tuesday, three months after the country's largest airline faced massive operational disruptions. The airline's Managing Director Rahul Bhatia would in the interim assume management until such time that the company announces the arrival of a new leader, which is expected in short order, a release said on Tuesday. "Rahul returns to assume management of the affairs of the airline to strengthen the company's Culture, reinforce operational excellence.

### Time for UCC: SC on Plea to Strike Down Shariat Law Provisions

The Supreme Court on Tuesday observed that the time has come for a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) as it termed a plea seeking striking down of provisions of the Shariat law of 1937 for being discriminatory to Muslim women as a "very good case" which should only the legislature should look into. A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joyymalya Bagchi and R Mahadevan said if the court struck down the Shariat inheritance law, it would create a legal vacuum, as there is no statutory law governing Muslim inheritance. CJI Kant told advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for petitioners, "In our over-anxiety for reforms, we may end up depriving them, and they might end up getting less than what they are already getting.

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# 'LPG supply stopped'

Bengaluru, Chennai hotels may be closed; Gurugram restaurants worried



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Restaurants in several Indian cities are facing a severe shortage of commercial LPG cylinders, forcing many establishments to consider shutting down operations if supplies are not restored quickly. Hotel associations in Bengaluru and Chennai warned that eateries could close from Tuesday, March 10, after distributors reportedly halted LPG deliveries due to lack of stock.

The Chennai Hotels Association and the Bangalore Hotels Association said commercial LPG supply to restaurants had been severely disrupted. According to the associations, many distributors informed them that they currently have no cylinders available for delivery.

As a result, several restaurants may suspend operations, affecting thousands of customers who depend on hotels for daily meals. Industry bodies cautioned that the situation could impact students, office-goers, and medical professionals who rely on restaurants and food outlets. The Chennai Hotels Association has also urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene and ensure immediate restoration of LPG supply. The association warned that banquet bookings, catering services to IT parks, and food supplies to college hostels could be disrupted if the crisis continues.

The National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI) also expressed concern, stating that the restaurant sector largely depends on commercial LPG for cooking and daily operations. It warned that prolonged supply disruptions could lead to "catastrophic closure" of a large number of restaurants across the country.

Reports indicate that the problem is not limited to southern cities. Restaurants in Gurugram and

Mumbai have also reported shortages. Some eateries have started reducing menu items, dropping slow-cooked dishes, or cutting operating hours to conserve gas. A few establishments are even considering temporarily shifting to domestic LPG cylinders.

The shortage comes shortly after the government increased prices of

both domestic and commercial LPG cylinders. The situation has been further aggravated by rising global oil prices amid tensions between Iran and the United States, and concerns over potential disruptions to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, a key global oil transit route. Meanwhile, the Pune Municipal Corporation has temporarily shut

## Govt Assures No Panic as India Expands Oil Imports to 40 Nations

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Government sources on Tuesday assured that there is no need for panic over the country's oil availability, stating that authorities are actively working to meet India's energy requirements. Officials said the Centre has already initiated measures to secure adequate supply and maintain stability in the energy sector.

As part of this strategy, India has expanded its sourcing network to ensure uninterrupted imports. Earlier, the country procured oil and energy resources from 27 nations, but in view of the ongoing tensions in West Asia, the

government has widened its procurement base to nearly 40 countries to diversify supply and reduce risks. Sources said the decision was taken to safeguard national energy security and maintain steady fuel availability across the country. The expanded sourcing plan is aimed at preventing disruptions and strengthening India's energy resilience during the current geopolitical uncertainty. Meanwhile, Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, has already reached out to several prospective supplier countries to explore new supply arrangements.

## Imam ALI (a.s) Martyrdom day



Hundreds of Shia Muslims participated in a Matami mourning procession on the martyrdom anniversary of Hazrat Imam Ali (AS), the son-in-law of Prophet Mohammed (SAW). The procession commenced from the historic Charminar and proceeded towards Masjid-e-Imamia at Tehmasqa Pura, Chaderghat, in Hyderabad, where devotees paid tribute with prayers and mourning rituals. ▶ CONTINUE ON | PAGE 4

## UAE Envoy Assures Safety of Indians Amid West Asia Tensions

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Assuring the safety of the large Indian community in the United Arab Emirates amid ongoing tensions in West Asia, UAE Ambassador to India Abdullnasser Jamal Alshaali said the Indian diaspora in the Gulf nation is safe and cared for. He highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's direct engagement with UAE leadership during the situation. Alshaali said Prime Minister Modi personally contacted UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan soon after concerns arose, reflecting the strong ties between the two nations and the importance both countries attach to the well-being of the nearly four million Indians living in the UAE. "They were watching the place where their son works, where their daughter lives, where their family has built a life. And Prime Minister



Modi's response to that reality was immediate. He called His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the UAE, directly," Alshaali said. "They were watching the place where their son works, where their daughter lives, where their family has built a life. And Prime Minister Modi's response to that reality was immediate. He called His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the

President of the UAE, directly," Alshaali said. Amid heightened tensions in West Asia after the killing of 86-year-old Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in joint military strikes by the US and Israel on February 28, Iran retaliated by targeting Israeli and US assets in several Gulf countries. Following this, PM Modi spoke with the UAE President and condemned the attacks.

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## Army Foils Infiltration Bid in Nowshera, One Militant Killed

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The Indian Army on Tuesday said it successfully thwarted an infiltration attempt along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Jhangar area of Nowshera sector in Jammu, killing one militant. According to the Army's XVI Corps, based in Nagrota, troops detected the movement of two infiltrators around 3 p.m. on Tuesday after receiving credible intelligence

inputs from security agencies. Alert units immediately launched a calibrated response, engaging the infiltrators before they could breach the LoC.

In a statement, the White Knight Corps confirmed that one Pakistan-sponsored militant was killed during the encounter, while the second militant reportedly retreated into Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) under pressure from Army fire. "Acting on credible

intelligence inputs from intelligence agencies, the movement of two terrorists was detected in the general area of Jhangar, Nowshera, along the Line of Control at around 3 p.m. on March 10, 2026. Responding with swift and calibrated combat action, alert troops of the White Knight Corps engaged them quickly, successfully foiling the infiltration attempt," the Corps said in a post on X.

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## Taliban Rejects US 'Hostage Diplomacy' Allegation

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Afghanistan's Taliban government on Tuesday rejected U.S. allegations that it detains foreigners to obtain leverage over other countries, saying Afghan authorities arrest people for violating laws not to make a deal. The U.S. State Department on Monday announced the designation of Afghanistan as a sponsor of wrongful detention, accusing it of engaging in "hostage diplomacy." Afghanistan joined Iran as countries singled out by the U.S. in the past two weeks for detaining Americans in hopes of extracting policy concessions. On Tuesday, Afghanistan's



Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kabul called that designation "regrettable." In July, the Taliban delegation to a U.N.-led meeting in Doha said that Afghans detained at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay should be exchanged for Americans detained in Afghanistan. The ministry on Tuesday described ongoing diplomatic discussions with the U.S. on the matter as constructive. But it underlined that any foreigners detained in Afghanistan had violated Afghan law.

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## Govt Warns Shipping Operators Against Predatory Pricing

Freight rates surge as Middle East tensions escalate with Iran, US, Israel attacks

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Shipping sector regulator Directorate General of Shipping has advised shipping companies, vessel operators and agents to refrain from "predatory, non-transparent and opportunistic pricing" practices in the wake of disruptions due to the West Asia conflict, according to sources. In an advisory issued on Monday, the DGS also asked

them to ensure that all applicable charges are communicated clearly and upfront to exporters, importers and other stakeholders.

The DGS advisory came following the regulator receiving representations from various stakeholders in the EXIM trade regarding the levy of multiple ancillary charges by shipping lines/carriers and their agents. These charges are perceived to be "non-transparent and



opportunistic in nature", resulting in an escalation in transaction costs in the logistics chain, DGS said. Besides, it said, they appear to be taking undue advantage of the prevailing geopolitical tensions and war-like situation, it said.

trade practices and avoid the levy of charges that may give rise to disputes within the EXIM trade and ensure that all applicable charges are communicated clearly and upfront to exporters, importers and other stakeholders," it added.

Freight rates have risen sharply in recent days as military tensions in the Middle East continue to escalate, with Iran, the United States and Israel attacking one another.

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## Revantth Diverting Rythu Bandhu Funds into 'Rahul Bandhu': KTR

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: K. T. Rama Rao strongly criticised the Telangana government, alleging that Chief Minister A. Revantth Reddy has effectively introduced a new scheme called "Rahul Bandhu" by diverting funds meant for farmers under the Rythu Bandhu programme. Speaking to newly elected councillors in Sircilla, the Bharat Rashtira Samithi Working President accused the Congress government of repeatedly delaying the release of financial assistance to farmers.

He said the state government has been consistently postponing payments under Rythu Bandhu, leaving farmers across Telangana waiting for the support they are entitled to receive. KTR alleged that the Chief Minister was diverting funds intended for farmers to satisfy the Congress high command. According to him, the government had promised to enhance the Rythu Bandhu assistance but has failed to release even the ex-



isting payments on time. He claimed that the scheme has already been defaulted on multiple occasions and has once again been delayed during the current agricultural season.

He remarked that the Chief Minister appears to have introduced what he called a "Rahul Bandhu" programme, alleging that money meant for Telangana farmers is being redirected to benefit Congress leadership, including Rahul Gandhi. KTR claimed that nearly ₹1,000 crore every year is effectively being diverted for political

appeasement rather than being used to support farmers. The BRS leader further accused the Chief Minister of attempting to safeguard his political position by pleasing Congress leaders in Delhi. He alleged that whenever the Congress high command requires political support or financial backing, the state leadership attempts to divert public resources to maintain its standing with the party leadership. KTR also criticised the Congress government for failing to fulfil its electoral promises after coming to power in Telangana.

He recalled that senior Congress leaders including Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi and AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge had assured the people that the party's Six Guarantees would be given legal backing within 100 days of assuming office. However, he said the Congress party came to power by making extravagant promises through multiple declarations but has failed to implement them after forming the government. According to him,

the party has betrayed farmers and other sections of society by not honouring its commitments. KTR announced that the BRS would raise the issue during the upcoming Assembly sessions. He said the party plans to introduce a Private Member Bill demanding legal backing for the Six Guarantees promised by the Congress. He explained that the purpose of the proposed bill is to compel the government to legally guarantee the implementation of the Six Guarantees and ensure that the commitments made to the people of Telangana are fulfilled. KTR added that Congress MLAs themselves would be forced to support the bill since it only seeks to implement the assurances publicly made by their own leaders.

The BRS Working President asserted that through legislative pressure, his party will ensure that the Congress government honours its promises and delivers the guarantees it pledged to the people of Telangana.

## Harish Promises Continued Support for Poor Muslims

Ramzan Iftar in Siddipet: Harish Rao Recalls KCR's Minority Welfare



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Former minister T. Harish Rao attended an Iftar dinner organised in Siddipet on the occasion of the holy month of Ramzan and extended his greetings to the Muslim community. Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, he thanked everyone who participated in the Iftar dinner and prayed for peace, prosperity, and well-being for all with the blessings of Allah.

Speaking on the occasion, Harish Rao said Siddipet has become a symbol of development and communal harmony over the years. He stated that if there is a Shadhana anywhere in Andhra Pradesh, it is in Siddipet, highlighting the importance given to facilities for the Muslim community in the region. He also noted that after Hyderabad, Siddipet is the place where the iconic Iqbal Minar stands, reflecting the cultural and religious significance of the town.

He further said that Siddipet holds a unique place in the country as the first location where the "Safar ki Gadh" programme was started. According to him, Siddipet has consistently taken the lead in providing facilities and welfare initiatives for minorities. Harish Rao also pointed out that after Hyderabad, the only Hajj House in the region is located in Siddipet, making it easier for pilgrims preparing for the sacred journey.

Highlighting welfare initiatives, Harish Rao said that around 700 double-bedroom houses have been provided to Muslim families in Siddipet, ensuring dignified housing for many under government schemes. He expressed pride in the development of Siddipet and said the town has progressed in a manner that its people can proudly showcase.

Recalling earlier situations before the formation of Telangana, Harish Rao said authorities used to conduct reviews during Ramzan to ensure there were no electricity cuts during fasting hours. However, he said that after the leadership of K. Chandrashekar Rao, such concerns have disappeared as the state ensured uninterrupted electricity, water supply, and essential services.

He emphasised that Telangana introduced several welfare measures for minorities that are not available anywhere else in the country. According to him, the Ramzan Tofa distribution programme is a unique initiative of the state. He also noted that salaries for Imams and Muezzins were provided under the leadership of KCR, which he described as a historic step for minority welfare.

Harish Rao further recalled that the government began organising official Ramzan Iftar feasts in every constituency, strengthening communal harmony and bringing people together. He said that even during the united Andhra Pradesh era, the first government-organised Ramzan Iftar programme was started in Siddipet.

## People's Welfare Must Be Priority: Shabbir Ali

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Advisor to the Telangana Government on Minority Welfare, Mohammed Ali Shabbir, emphasized the importance of selfless public service and urged newly elected corporators to work diligently for resolving civic issues and ensuring better basic amenities for residents. He was speaking at a felicitation programme organized in honour of newly elected corporators at the residence of senior Congress leader and advocate



Syed Najeeb Ali in Nizamabad. Addressing the gathering, Shabbir Ali stated that the development of minority localities remains a key priority for the government. He highlighted that several major development initiatives have been implemented in Nizamabad over the past two years, resulting in vis-

ible improvements in civic infrastructure. He pointed out that the Congress party, which previously had only two corporators in the Nizamabad Municipal Corporation, now has 17 corporators following strong public support in the recent elections. Among them, six corporators represent minority

areas, while the Mayor also belongs to the Congress party.

Shabbir Ali said that development works worth nearly ₹460 crore have been carried out in the city during the past two years. These include construction of overhead water tanks, installation of new pipelines, improvement of roads, drainage systems, and expansion of water supply and electricity networks. Additional infrastructure such as community halls and civic facilities were also developed through Special Development Funds (SDF).

## Phones worth Rs 3.04 Cr recovered

Cyberabad police handed over 1,016 recovered mobile phones, valued at about ₹3.04 crore, to victims during the 10th phase of the mobile phone distribution programme on Tuesday. Police commissioner M Ramesh distributed the phones, which had been traced through the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal. Of the recovered devices, 265 were traced by CCS Shamshabad, 255 by CCS Serilingampalli, 181 by CCS Qutubulapur, 160 by CCS Kukatpally and 155 by CCS Rajendranagar. Officials advised citizens to report lost phones immediately via the CEIR portal, block SIM cards.

## Muslim Political Representation Declining: Jahangir Baba

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Al Faiz Welfare Society President Jahangir Baba expressed concern over the declining political representation of Muslims in India, stating that the community's participation in democratic institutions has fallen to a very low level. He said that failure to implement the recommendations of the Sachar Committee and the Ranganath Mishra Commission has contributed to the socio-economic, educational, and political



backwardness of Muslims in the country.

Speaking on the issue, Jahangir Baba noted that several political parties are increasingly ignoring the Muslim community, which has created anxiety among minorities in polit-

ical circles. The Sachar Committee, constituted by the former UPA government, had highlighted the poor socio-economic conditions of Muslims and recommended measures to bring them into the mainstream.

He explained that the report suggested establishing an Equal Opportunity Commission, improving access to education and skill development, facilitating easier access to banking services, and increasing Muslim representation in bureaucracy and public employment.

## Temple Worker Returns Gold Bracelet Worth ₹8 Lakh To Devotee



In an act of honesty, an outsourcing staff member at the Sri Bheemeshwara Swamy Temple, an adjunct to the famous Sri Rajarajeshwara Swamy Temple, returned a gold bracelet worth about Rs 8 lakh that was lost by a devotee in Vemulawada of Rajanna Sircilla district on Tuesday. The incident occurred when Resu Satish, a resident of Kundaram village in Warangal district, visited the temple for darshan and accidentally dropped his gold bracelet. The bracelet, weighing about four tolas, was found on the temple premises by Dappu Nagamani, an outsourcing sweeper working at the shrine. She immediately handed over the ornament to temple supervisor Srinivas Sharma and on-duty police personnel. Soon after, the devotee approached the temple authorities reporting the loss of his bracelet. After verification of ownership, the temple management returned the ornament to Satish. Appreciating her honesty, temple executive officer L. Rama Devi issued orders to honour Nagamani.

## From Village Roots to Medical Leadership: Dr. Narsing Rao Thalka Becomes Principal

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Dr. Narsing Rao Thalka's inspiring journey from a small farming family to becoming the Principal of Raja Rajeshwari Institute of Medical Sciences (Girls), Patancheru, reflects dedication, perseverance, and service to society.

Born on August 31 in Mator village of Motakondur mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, Dr. Thalka was the first graduate doctor from the Aleru Samithi area. His parents, late Venkataiah



and late Narsamma, were farmers who strongly believed in education. He completed his primary education at Government Primary School, Mator, and later studied at Government Junior College, Bhongir.

After securing a medical seat through the entrance

examination, he completed MBBS at Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal, followed by MS in Orthopedics. He began his medical service by opening clinics in Aleru, Rajapet, Thorur, and Suryapet, before establishing a hospital in Nizamabad in 1992.

Dr. Thalka also served as a faculty member and Head of Department in several medical colleges, mentoring many young doctors. At 70, he remains energetic and committed to medical education, rural healthcare, and social service.

## Security Guard Arrested For Growing Ganja

A security guard, Mata Badal from Uttar Pradesh, was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly growing ganja at a private farm in Gopanpally, Gachibowli. He was taken into custody by the Serilingampally SOT and Gachibowli police during a raid in NTR Nagar. Investigators found that the watchman had allegedly been cultivating cannabis plants within the premises without the knowledge of others. Police seized 272 grams of ganja plants and a mobile phone used by the accused.

## International Women's Day Celebrations in Sangareddy

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The District Collectorate in Sangareddy celebrated International Women's Day with great enthusiasm, recognizing the remarkable contributions of women in various fields. District Collector P. Praeenya highlighted the vital role women play in society and stated that with confidence, determination, and dedication, women can achieve any goal they set. During the event, several outstanding women from different sectors were honored for their achievements and service. Speaking on the occasion, she encouraged women to continue striving for success, saying, "Success may or may not come with every attempt, but



the effort to achieve it should never stop." The program was attended by TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jayaprakash Reddy, representatives from the District Legal Services Authority, district officials, Mrs. Lalitha Kumari, District Women and Child Welfare Officer, and other dignitaries.

The celebration concluded with warm greetings and best wishes to all women on the occasion of International Women's Day.

## International Women's Day Celebrated by Congress Party at KPHB Colony Community Hall

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On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Kukatpally Congress Party organized a grand celebration at the KPHB Colony Community Hall, get together party leaders, women representatives, and members from various wings of the Congress party to honor the strength and contribution of women in society. The event was attended by distinguished leaders including Malkajgiri Parliament In-charge Mrs. Patnam Sunitha Ma-



hender Reddy, Constituency In-charge Bandi Ramesh, and PCC Member & TPCC Official Spokesperson Dr. Srirangam Satyam, who participated as chief guests and addressed the gathering. Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Patnam

Sunitha Mahender Reddy highlighted the invaluable role of women in shaping families and society. She stated that in Indian culture, women are regarded as embodiments of strength and compassion. "A woman guides the world in many forms — as

a mother nurturing love, as a sister offering support, and as a wife sharing responsibility and courage," she said, emphasizing that women continue to inspire and lead society in multiple ways. Dr. Srirangam Satyam, PCC Member and TPCC Official Spokesperson, delivered an inspiring address stressing the importance of women's empowerment and equality. He noted that the courage, determination, and achievements of women serve as a powerful inspiration for society.

**19-Km Tunnel To Take Water By Gravity To Sundilla From Pranahita-Chevella**

Private consultancy firm Aarvee Associates has submitted to the state government its Alignment Report of the Link Canal between the proposed Pranahita-Chevella barrage at Thummidihatti in Kautala mandal of Komaram Bheem Asifabad district and Sundilla barrage of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. As per the report, over 19 km of tunnel will be dug up to take the water to Sundilla by gravity from the Pranahita-Chevella barrage. Once the Alignment Report is approved by the state government, it is learnt that Aarvee Associates will prepare a detailed project report (DPR) after studying the geographical and hydrological conditions and making the flood calculations. B. Prabhakar, executive engineer of Irrigation department's Kagaznagar circle, told Deccan Chronicle that a survey has been conducted for 150 metres level height of the barrage. It will draw 122 TMC of water, permission for which will have to be taken from the Maharashtra government.

**90% Hyderabad Eateries May Shut in 48 Hours**

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Nearly 90 per cent of hotels and restaurants in Hyderabad and across Telangana may be forced to shut down within the next two days due to a severe shortage of commercial LPG, threatening to halt the city's vast food industry and disrupt the livelihoods of thousands of workers. According to the Telangana State Hotel Association (TSHA), the supply disruption has already begun affecting hotels and eateries, particularly small and medium establishments that rely heavily on regular commercial gas deliveries. Most of these hotels maintain only 24 to 48 hours of LPG stock, and with fresh supplies not arriving, the industry fears a complete shutdown if the



situation continues. S. Ram Murthy, Treasurer of the Telangana State Hotel Association, said the crisis has created unprecedented uncertainty for the food service sector. "Since Monday, hotels have started facing extreme difficulty in receiving commercial gas cylinders. Small hotels usually keep just one or two days of stock. If supplies do not resume soon, nearly 90 per cent of the food industry in Hyderabad will be forced to shut down

within two days," he said. The hotel industry is one of the largest sources of employment in the country after the Railways. In Hyderabad alone, thousands of hotels, restaurants, and eateries support lakhs of workers. Industry representatives say that even a medium-sized hotel provides direct or indirect employment to nearly 500 people, including chefs, servers, cleaning staff, delivery workers, and suppliers. A prolonged disruption in LPG supply could there-

fore lead to large-scale unemployment and financial losses across the sector. Many workers who depend on daily wages in the hospitality industry may immediately lose their income if hotels remain closed. The crisis comes at a particularly sensitive time for the city. With schools and competitive examinations coming to an end, Hyderabad was preparing for the peak summer tourism season. Industry experts warn that a shutdown of food services could significantly damage Telangana's tourism reputation and inconvenience thousands of visitors. Students living in hostels and paying guest accommodations are also likely to be severely affected, as many depend entirely on nearby hotels and eateries for their daily meals.

**Government hosts grand Iftar distributes Ramzan Tohfa kits in Nizamabad**

**NIZAMABAD**  
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The Telangana government organized a grand official Iftar gathering on Monday evening at Khila Road in Nizamabad city, where Ramzan Tohfa clothing kits were distributed among members of the Muslim community as part of the government's welfare initiative during the holy month of Ramzan. The programme witnessed the presence of prominent dignitaries including Government Advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, and Chairman of the Telangana Urdu Academy Taher-Bin-Hamdan. Addressing the gathering, Mohammed Ali Shabbir said that Nizamabad has always been known for its Ganga-Jamuni Tehzeeb, symbolizing communal harmony and mutual respect among communities. He noted that the holy month of



Ramzan inspires discipline, generosity and compassion, and added that the government is committed to ensuring that minority communities celebrate the festival with dignity and happiness. He further stated that the Ramzan Tohfa programme has been introduced to extend support to economically weaker sections among Muslim minorities so that they can observe the holy month with joy. Speaking on the occasion, Mahesh Kumar Goud highlighted that the government remains dedicated to the welfare and upliftment of minority communities. He pointed

out that several schemes are being implemented in the areas of education, employment and social welfare. These include special scholarships for minority students, financial assistance for overseas education, and the continued implementation of the Shaadi Mubarak scheme to support the marriages of economically weaker Muslim girls. He also stressed that the government is taking concrete measures for the protection of Wakf properties and the promotion of the Urdu language, while strengthening minority institutions across the state.

**Iftar Feasts Foster Communal Harmony: S. Dhan Raj**

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Iftar feasts play an important role in promoting communal harmony and strengthening unity among people, said former SETWIN Director and Khairatabad District Congress Vice President S. Dhan Raj. He was speaking after participating as the chief guest at an Iftar gathering organized under the leadership of Abids Bhagwandas Bada Basti President Shahed Ansari. The event witnessed the participation of several com-



munity members who gathered to observe the holy occasion and offer special prayers. During the programme, Dhan Raj shared fruits with Muslim brothers who were observing fast-

ing as part of the Ramzan traditions. He conveyed his greetings and appreciated the spirit of togetherness displayed during the gathering. Addressing the attendees, he said festivals play a vital role in fostering goodwill and mutual respect in society. He called upon people to celebrate festivals beyond the barriers of caste and religion, and to come together in a spirit of unity and harmony. The Iftar gathering reflected the message of brotherhood and social cohesion among communities.

**Kavitha detained during hunger strike in Nizamabad**

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Tension prevailed in Nizamabad on Tuesday morning after Kalvakuntla Kavitha, President of Telangana Jagruthi, was taken into police custody while staging an indefinite hunger strike in support of the Velgumatra affected victims. Kavitha had launched the protest late Monday night at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Bhavan, expressing solidarity with families reportedly affected in the



Velgumatra area and demanding immediate attention from the authorities regarding their grievances. The hunger strike was organized with the participation of several activists and supporters, including DSP President Vishardhan Maharaj. The

protest aimed to draw public and government attention toward the plight of the affected families and to press for justice and relief measures. Police officials closely monitored the situation overnight as supporters gathered at the venue. On Tuesday morning, the police intervened and detained Kavitha along with Vishardhan Maharaj and several other protestors to prevent the agitation from escalating. Following the detention, the police shifted the protestors from

the venue and began moving them toward Hyderabad Road under tight security. The sudden action created a brief commotion near Ambedkar Bhavan, with supporters raising slogans and expressing concern over the arrests. Authorities stated that the preventive action was taken to maintain law and order in the area. Further details regarding the detention and the demands raised by the protestors are awaited.

**MLA Ganesh Provides ₹2 Lakh LOC for Patient's Surgery**

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Reaffirming the Congress government's commitment to strengthening public healthcare, Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh handed over a Letter of Credit (LOC) worth ₹2 lakh to support the medical treatment of a local resident undergoing surgery. The beneficiary, Samudrala Swaminadha Charyulu, a resident of Bowenpally in the Cantonment constituency, was recently admitted to Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences after falling seriously ill. Doctors advised that he undergo immediate surgery. Following this, his family members approached MLA Ganesh seeking assistance. Responding promptly, the MLA facilitated an application for financial aid through the government's medical assistance program. The request was approved, and an LOC worth ₹2 lakh was sanctioned to cover the patient's treatment expenses. On Sunday, MLA Ganesh formally handed over the sanctioned LOC to the patient's



family members at his camp office in Picket. He also wished Swaminadha Charyulu a speedy recovery and hoped that he would soon return to a healthy and normal life. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said the primary objective of the Congress government is to ensure quality medical care through government hospitals. He urged people to utilize public healthcare services instead of spending heavily in corporate hospitals and falling into debt. According to him, government hospitals today provide medical treatment that can compete with corporate healthcare institutions.

**Karwan MLA Inspects Water, Sewerage Works in Golconda Areas**

**HYDERABAD**  
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Kausar Mohiuddin on Tuesday inspected ongoing civic works related to water pipelines, water pollution, low water pressure, sewerage lines, and VDCC roads in several areas under the Karwan constituency. The inspection was carried out in Golconda Moti Mahal and Hashim Nagar areas of Langar Houz, where residents have been facing issues related to drinking water supply and sewerage management. The MLA reviewed the condition of water pipelines and assessed complaints regarding water contamination and insufficient water pressure.



During the visit, officials from Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) and Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) accompanied the MLA and briefed him on the ongoing works and measures being taken to resolve the issues. The MLA instructed officials to take immediate steps to address water pollution con-

cerns and improve water pressure in the affected localities. He also reviewed the progress of sewerage works and VDCC road development to ensure that the projects are completed without delay. AIMIM party leaders, former corporators, and active party workers were also present during the inspection.

**Mega Rythu Mela grand success**

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The two-day Mega Rythu Mela organized by Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University at Rajendranagar on March 8-9 concluded successfully, attracting farmers from across Telangana. The inaugural session was attended by ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Danasari Anasuya Seethakka and Thummala Nageshwar Rao, along with MLC Patanam Mahender Reddy. Exhibition stalls displayed improved seeds, farm machinery, drones, drip irrigation, poultry, mushroom and honeybee cultivation. Women farmers received encouragement awards for outstanding production. On the second day, technical sessions by agricultural scien-



tists focused on modern crop practices, pesticide application and training opportunities in drone operation, mushroom and honeybee farming. A special initiative announced free drone training for a women's group. Farmers appreciated the demonstrations and knowledge sharing. Participants thanked Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for supporting such farmer-focused programs promoting modern agriculture.

**CBIT Hosts Expert Lecture on Institutional Branding**

**HYDERABAD**  
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Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, organized an expert lecture on "Role of Staff in Institutional Branding and Perception" on Tuesday at the SMS Seminar Hall. The session highlighted how faculty and staff contribute significantly to shaping the image and credibility of educational institutions. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Sudhakar Rao, Director of ICAFI Group and an alumnus of IIM Bangalore, who shared valuable insights on the importance of staff participation in



strengthening institutional reputation. Through several real-time case studies from the education and corporate sectors, he explained how the collective efforts, communication practices, and professional conduct of faculty and staff influence the perception of an institution among students, stakeholders, and society.

Dr. Sudhakar Rao emphasized that institutional branding is not merely about promotional activities but is built through academic excellence, quality teaching, research output, student engagement, and responsible digital presence. He noted that the consistent commitment of staff members plays a crucial role in building long-term trust and recognition for educational institutions. CBIT Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu appreciated the initiative and stated that every staff member contributes to strengthening the institution's credibility through dedication, professionalism, and active en-

agement with students and stakeholders. Earlier, Dr. Mamta Thakur, Assistant Professor from the Department of Mathematics, introduced the chief guest. The program was convened by Dr. Venkat Barla and Dr. G. N. R. Prasad, who coordinated the event successfully. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members and staff, followed by an interactive discussion. Dr. N. L. N. Reddy, Advisor - CDC, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the speaker and organizers for conducting the informative session successfully.

**Bowenpally Iftar Celebrates Unity and Brotherhood**

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The spirit of communal harmony was on full display in Bowenpally on Tuesday evening as Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh attended a grand Iftar feast organised at Netaji Nagar in the Kadak Pura area. The event, hosted by Syed Ameer, marked the 14th consecutive year of the community gathering held during the holy month of Ramadan. Hundreds of fasting devotees and local residents participated in the Iftar feast, which has become a symbol of unity and



brotherhood in the Cantonment constituency. Former Board Vice-Chairman Jampana Pratap attended the programme as a chief guest along with several community leaders. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Sri Ganesh said Ramadan represents

values of patience, charity and compassion. He said India's strength lies in respecting all religions equally and maintaining harmony among communities. The MLA also reiterated the government's commitment to the welfare of minorities, stating that the

Congress government is prioritising special welfare programmes aimed at empowering the Muslim community. Sri Ganesh appreciated organiser Syed Ameer for continuing the Iftar tradition for the past 14 years and bringing people together in the spirit of brotherhood. Community leaders including Muppidi Madhukar, Maruthi Goud, Balwanth Reddy, Arun Yadav, Prabhu Gupta, Haider, Riyazuddin and Sadanand attended the programme along with local residents and religious scholars.

## North Korea Warns of 'Terrible Consequences' Over Freedom Shield Drills

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Kim Yo-jong issued a sharp warning on March 10 after the United States and South Korea began their annual joint military exercise, Freedom Shield. In a statement carried by the Korean Central News Agency, she said the drills threaten regional stability and could lead to "terrible consequences."

Kim Yo-jong strongly criticised the large-scale exercises, accusing United States and South Korea of escalating tensions on the Korean Peninsula. She described the drills as a "muscle-flexing of hostile forces" near North Korea's sovereignty and warned that continued military pressure could trigger serious repercussions. According to her statement, Pyon-

gyang will continue strengthening its military deterrence and destructive capabilities to counter what it sees as external threats.

Kim Yo-jong, the sister of Kim Jong-un, is a senior leader in the Workers' Party of Korea and plays a key role in shaping the country's foreign policy messaging. Analysts consider her one of the most influential political figures in North Korea and a close adviser to the North Korean leader. Her statements are often viewed as signals of the regime's strategic stance during periods of tension.

The Freedom Shield exercise is one of the largest annual joint military drills conducted by the United States and South Korea. The 11-day exercise involves thousands of troops from both countries and focuses on strengthening



coordination between their armed forces. It includes computer-simulated command exercises as well as field training across land, sea, air, space and cyberspace. The drills are accompanied by additional field training activities known as Warrior Shield.

Officials in Washington and Seoul maintain that the exercises are defensive in nature and aimed at improving readiness against potential security threats. However, North

Korea has long viewed such drills as rehearsals for a possible invasion. Pyongyang argues that the scale and structure of the exercises simulate attack scenarios against the country and has frequently cited them to justify its nuclear weapons programme and ongoing missile development.

The warning comes at a time of rising geopolitical tensions in the region. In recent years, North Korea has

strengthened ties with Russia and China while continuing to expand its military capabilities through missile tests and weapons development. Analysts note that Pyongyang often responds to major military drills with ballistic missile launches, artillery exercises near the border, cyber operations or submarine-based missile tests.

The Korean Peninsula remains one of the most heavily militarised regions in the world. The Korean War ended with an armistice rather than a peace treaty, meaning North and South Korea are technically still at war. The two sides remain divided by the heavily fortified Korean Demilitarized Zone, and large-scale military exercises often trigger diplomatic confrontations and renewed concerns about regional stability.

## BJP, Congress candidates elected unopposed to RS from Chhattisgarh

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

BJP's Laxmi Verma and Congress' Phulo Devi Netam were on Tuesday declared elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha in the biennial polls in Chhattisgarh. Two Rajya Sabha seats from Chhattisgarh are falling vacant on April nine, necessitating the biennial polls. Tenures of two RS members from Chhattisgarh, Phulo Devi Netam and TJS Tulsi (both of Congress), are expiring on April nine.

While Congress re-nominated Netam, a woman tribal leader from Bastar, as its candidate, BJP fielded OBC woman leader Verma in the biennial polls. Returning officer Manish Sharma presented the election certificates to both the leaders following their



victory. Speaking to the reporters, Netam dismissed the speculations on her being the prospective chief ministerial candidate for her party in the 2028 assembly elections in Chhattisgarh, saying that "I have never been after any position during my political career. The party has always entrusted me with responsibilities and I have discharged my responsibilities with full commitment and dedication. My goal is to serve people and the party".

Buzz in the Congress circles here is that Netam may be projected as the chief ministerial candidate by Congress in the 2028 assembly elections in Chhattisgarh since she is a tribal hailing from Bastar, which is considered politically significant. Tribal-dominated Bastar comprises 12 out of 90 assembly seats in Chhattisgarh. BJP's Verma said that she will raise the issues concerning Chhattisgarh in the Upper House.

## No Reason to Panic: Oil Minister Hardeep Puri Assures Uninterrupted CNG, PNG Supply Amid West Asia Crisis

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

In a bid to allay fears in public, oil minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday assured that there is no energy shortage for domestic consumers in India and there is no reason to panic. The minister's comments came after the government issued directives to divert gas supplies from non-priority sectors to priority



ones such as households, hotels and restaurants and transport sectors. Sharing his thoughts on a social media post, the minister said that India's energy imports are continuing to flow in from differ-

ent sources and routes. "India's energy imports are continuing to flow in from different sources and routes. We have taken steps to ensure that 100 per cent supply of CNG & PNG to domestic consumers is ensured and other industries continue to get 70-80 per cent of their supplies, despite the war situation," he said. The government has taken several steps to ensure that a 100 per

cent supply of CNG and PNG to domestic consumers is ensured, and other industries continue to get 70 to 80 per cent of their supplies, despite the situation in West Asia. "We are committed to ensure an uninterrupted supply of affordable energy to our domestic consumers. There is no shortage for domestic consumers and no reason to panic," he said.

## Govt Seeks Parliament Nod for Rs 2.01L Cr Additional Spending in FY26

**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

The central government on Tuesday sought Parliament's approval to spend a net additional Rs 2.01 lakh crore in the current financial year ending March 31, with a hefty chunk of the expenditure going towards food and fertiliser subsidy. As per the second batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants tabled in the Lok Sabha by Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the government has sought permission for gross additional spending of Rs 2.81 lakh crore. Out of this, Rs 80,146 crore will



be met from enhanced receipts or recoveries of the ministries and departments, and the net cash expenditure would be over Rs 2.01 lakh crore. In December 2025, the government had brought the first supplementary demands for grants seeking Parliament nod for gross extra spending of Rs 1.32 lakh crore, and net additional

spending of Rs 41,455 crore. The government sought Rs 19,230 crore for the fertilisers department and Rs 23,641 crore for subsidies under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). Other major expenditure heads include Rs 41,822 crore for the defence ministry. In the Revised Estimates for current fiscal, the government has cut total expenditure to Rs 49.65 lakh crore, from Rs 50.65 lakh crore. Till January, the government had spent Rs 36.90 lakh crore, according to Controller General of Accounts (CGA) data. ICRA chief economist Aditi

Nayar, however, said that although the net cash outgo under the second supplementary demand for grants has been pegged at a sizable Rs 2 lakh crore, this is likely to be offset to a large extent by expenditure savings across ministries. "For instance, Government of India's revenue expenditure needs to expand by a steep 30 per cent YoY during February-March 2026 to meet the FY2026 RE, entailing an incremental amount of Rs 2.3 lakh crore. Consequently, we do not expect a material fiscal slippage on this account," Nayar said.

## Govt Plans Insurance Support for Exporters Amid West Asia Crisis

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The Union government is considering extending insurance support to Indian exporters as the ongoing tensions in West Asia continue to disrupt global trade routes and increase logistics costs. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday said the Centre is actively working on measures to help exporters manage risks caused by the crisis, including exploring new insurance-related schemes. Speaking to reporters, Goyal said an inter-ministerial group has been closely monitoring developments in the region and is in regular contact with exporters to understand the challenges they are facing.

The group is reviewing the situation on a daily basis to ensure that necessary policy responses are implemented quickly. One of the key areas under consideration is providing insurance support to exporters whose shipments are affected by the current instability. The government is consulting the Export Credit Guarantee Corpo-



ration of India (ECGC) and other departments to design mechanisms that can reduce financial risks for businesses sending goods overseas. "We are looking to develop some new schemes, including insurance support, and consultations are underway with ECGC and other stakeholders," Goyal said. The minister added that the government is also exploring ways to assist exporters whose goods have already been shipped but are now facing delays or disruptions due to the crisis.

The customs department has already issued guidelines to address a growing concern — export cargo returning to Indian ports. The situation has arisen due to the closure of the strategically important Strait of Hormuz and disruptions in maritime shipping routes linked to

escalating tensions in the region. These disruptions have forced some vessels to change routes or suspend services altogether, leading to cargo delays and higher operational costs. The crisis in West Asia has also triggered a sharp rise in ocean freight charges, air cargo rates, and insurance premiums. Exporters say the uncertainty surrounding shipping lanes and energy supplies has significantly increased the cost of doing business with markets in the region. West Asia remains one of India's major export destinations, making the disruptions particularly concerning for sectors that depend heavily on the region for trade. The situation intensified following a joint attack by the United States and Israel on Iran, which has escalated geopolitical tensions and affected the movement of oil and gas shipments.

Goyal assured that the government is keeping a constant watch on the evolving developments. "The government is monitoring the situation round the clock and will take necessary steps to support exporters," he said.

## Mamata Hits Back.....

"Acting on credible intelligence inputs from intelligence agencies, the movement of two terrorists was detected in the general area of Jhangar, Nowshera, along the Line of Control at around 3 p.m. on March 10, 2026. Responding with swift and calibrated combat action, alert troops of the White Knight Corps engaged them quickly, successfully foiling the infiltration attempt," the Corps said in a post on X.

The Corps emphasised that the swift action of its troops ensured that no breach of the LoC occurred at any stage of the operation. The Army said its units have since been reoriented to conduct an extensive search for the second infiltrator and to maintain relentless domination of the area. The operation is being supported by an integrated surveillance grid combining ground-based sensors and aerial reconnaissance platforms to ensure continuous monitoring of the sector. Reaffirming its operational readiness, the White Knight Corps said a robust security posture and heightened alert remain in place across the region. It reiterated its commitment to preventing any cross-border intrusion, stating, "The Wall stands vigilant — every infiltration bid will fail. We serve, we protect."

## UAE Envoy.....

"They were watching the place where their son works, where their daughter lives, where their family has built a life. And Prime Minister Modi's response to that

reality was immediate. He called His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the UAE, directly," Al-shaali said.

Amid heightened tensions in West Asia after the killing of 86-year-old Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in joint military strikes by the US and Israel on February 28, Iran retaliated by targeting Israeli and US assets in several Gulf countries. Following this, PM Modi spoke with the UAE President and condemned the attacks.

In a post on X on March 1, PM Modi condoled the loss of lives during the attack and urged immediate de-escalation. He also expressed appreciation to the UAE leadership for ensuring the safety and well-being of the Indian community there. "Spoke with President of the UAE, my brother Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Strongly condemned the attacks on the UAE and condoled the loss of lives. India stands in solidarity with the UAE in these difficult times. Thanked him for taking care of the Indian community living in the UAE. We support de-escalation, regional peace, security and stability," PM Modi said in his post.

Highlighting the UAE leadership's commitment to protecting all residents regardless of nationality, Alshaali recalled that the UAE President recently visited civilians injured during the strikes and reassured them of their safety. "The connection between our two countries was demonstrated in the most human

terms possible when His Highness the President visited five civilians in hospital — two Emiratis, one Sudanese, one Iranian, and one Indian. His Highness sat with an Indian national and said directly, 'They are all our responsibility'," the Ambassador said. Addressing Indian families concerned about their relatives in the UAE, the Ambassador delivered a direct message of reassurance. "To the mother in Kerala watching the news at midnight, and to the father in Gujarat refreshing his phone waiting to hear from his son in Dubai, let me be extremely clear: Your family in the UAE is not alone. They are safe, they are cared for, and they are considered family by the leadership of this country," he said.

## Taliban Rejects.....

In July, the Taliban delegation to a U.N.-led meeting in Doha said that Afghans detained at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay should be exchanged for Americans detained in Afghanistan. The ministry on Tuesday described ongoing diplomatic discussions with the U.S. on the matter as constructive. But it underlined that any foreigners detained in Afghanistan had violated Afghan law. "The government of Afghanistan underscores that no foreign nationals have been detained for purposes of a deal," the ministry said. "Certain individuals have been detained on charges of violating established laws, and in many instances, they have been released in the normal course following the completion of legal procedures." U.S. Secretary of

State Marco Rubio on Monday warned Americans not to travel to

## Over 52,000 Indians.

Afghanistan, saying that the Taliban "continues to unjustly detain our fellow Americans and other foreign nationals."

## Taliban Rejects.....

Justice Bagchi said, "You have a very good case on discrimination, but would it not be appropriate for the court to defer to the wisdom of the legislature, which has the mandate to enact a Uniform Civil Code as per the Directive Principles of State Policy."

CJI Kant said, "The answer is Uniform Civil Code." Justice Bagchi pointed out that the rule of 'one wife for one man' is not being uniformly applied to all communities. "But does that mean that the court can declare all bigamous marriages as unconstitutional? So, we have to defer to legislative power to bring the directive principles into effect," he said, adding that it is best to defer the issue to the legislative wisdom.

Justice Bagchi further said, "This court has time and again recommended to the legislature to enact a Uniform Civil Code." At the outset, Bhushan submitted that the court can make a declaration that Muslim women are entitled to equal inheritance rights as men, and the provisions of the Indian Succession Act will apply if the court strikes down the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act of 1937.

FROM FRONT PAGE

CRIME

Police Commissioner attends Iftar gathering in Bodhan, emphasizes harmony and Spiritual Values

NIZAMABAD  
Wakeup telangana

A spiritually uplifting Iftar gathering was organized at Apna Function Hall in Achanpally area of Bodhan town on Tuesday under the leadership of Mufti Atiq Ahmed. The event witnessed the participation of community leaders, police officials, and members of the Muslim community. Commissioner of Police P. Sai Chaitanya attended the programme as the chief guest and took part in the special prayers offered on the occasion.

The Dua was conducted by Maulana Syed Abdul Baqi, following which the Commissioner joined the gathering in breaking the fast. Speaking on the occasion, the Police Commissioner highlighted the spiritual importance of the



holy month of Ramzan. He stated that the sacred month teaches values such as patience, discipline, compassion, and generosity towards the underprivileged. He emphasized that reflection and moral upliftment, encouraging people to strengthen bonds of brotherhood and harmony. He also prayed for peace, prosperity, and communal harmony in society and urged citizens of all communities to work together



for the progress and development of Bodhan so that the town earns greater recognition at the district and state levels. Among those present at the event were Bodhan ACP Srinivas, Circle Inspectors Venkata Narayana and Vijay Babu,

and Sub-Inspectors Mac-hender Reddy, Bhaskarachari, Manoj, Mahesh, and Habib.

Prominent community members including MIM President Mir Ilyas Ali, Councillor Munishir Baba (Advocate), Councillor Meer Ghose, Abid Sufi, Asif Sultan Moul Saab,

Mohammed Imran Hussain, and members of the Masjid Committee also attended the programme. The organisers and committee members expressed their appreciation to the Police Commissioner for gracing the occasion and sharing the spirit of Ramzan with the local community.

Student killed in Chevella crash

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

A 20-year-old student was killed and his pillion rider injured when their bike was struck by a car near Pamena village gate in Chevella at around 1.30 pm on Saturday.

Police said the deceased, Vinil, was attempting a U-turn towards Chanvelli when the collision occurred. Vinil, a resident of Vikarabad district, was heading towards Shadnagar. The car allegedly hit the front of the bike, leaving it badly damaged. Locals rushed Vinil to hospital, where he was

declared dead at about 2.30 pm. The pillion rider, Abhilash, 18, also a student, sustained multiple injuries including bleeding inside the left ear, a fracture near the left ankle, an injury to the right shoulder and bleeding wounds on the back of the head.

He is undergoing treatment at a nearby private hospital. Vinil's body was moved to the mortuary for postmortem examination. Based on a complaint filed by his relative Satyanarayana, a businessman, police registered a case. Further investigation is underway.

Two get life for security guard's murder

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

A sessions court in the city has sentenced two persons to life imprisonment for the 2021 murder of security guard Laxman Jha, allegedly linked to an extra-marital affair. The court also imposed a fine of ₹3,000 on each convict. The convicted are Khusbu Devi (26), wife of the deceased, and Lal Babu (30), a kitchen steward, both residents of Khairatabad. The case came to light on January 15, 2021 when Laxman's brother, Bihari Jha (28), lodged a complaint after Khusbu Devi informed him of Laxman's death. On reaching the house, he found

Laxman's body in the balcony with ligature marks on his neck, raising suspicion of foul play. Police initially registered a suspicious death case, later altering it to charges of murder and destruction of evidence. Khusbu Devi and Lal Babu were arrested on January 18, 2021, and the case was transferred to Lake police station. Laxman, 30, had married Khusbu Devi in 2009. The couple had two children and lived in Rajnagar Maqtha, Khairatabad. The accused were charged under relevant sections of the IPC and have now been remanded in judicial custody.

ACB Nabs Moosapet Community Organiser for Demanding Bribe from Women's Group

The ACB arrested K. Murali, community organiser in Moosapet Circle-53 of the Kukatapally zone, red-handed while accepting a bribe on Tuesday. He had demanded the money from a complainant for processing a loan sanctioned to a Mahila Podupu Sangham. The ACB said the group was sanctioned a loan of ₹20 lakh and Murali allegedly demanded a bribe at the rate of ₹1,000 per ₹1 lakh rupees for processing the papers. Acting on a complaint, the ACB laid a trap and caught Murali while he was accepting the bribe amount.

Three burglars held; ₹13 lakh recovered

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Three habitual house burglars and a receiver of stolen property were arrested in a joint operation by the commissioner's task force (Charminar zone) and Keesara police on Tuesday. Stolen ornaments and vehicles worth ₹13 lakh were recovered. The accused were identified as Muniathani Amar Raj Kumar Reddy alias Doll (28) of KCR Nagar, Amberpet; Abdul Lateef Khan alias Salman alias Gujja (32) of Shaheen Nagar; Gulam Hussain Khan alias Rehan Khan alias Rabbani (32) of Bandlaguda; and Gopalapuram Praneeth Chary alias Laddu (24), a gold-

smith from Uppuguda. Police said the trio were involved in night house burglaries and two-wheeler thefts in Uppal and Keesara limits. During the operation, 65 grams of gold ornaments, 400 grams of silver ornaments, three two-wheelers and seven mobile phones were seized. Two cases — one at Uppal and another at Keesara — were detected. Amar, a habitual offender involved in about 88 property offences since 2010, had earlier been detained twice under the PD Act. Police also executed four long-pending non-bailable warrants against him. The accused were remanded to judicial custody.

Two Pedestrians Killed in Separate Road Accidents in Choutuppal

Two pedestrians were killed in separate road accidents in the Choutuppal police station limits. In one incident, Shankar Sahni, a 25-year-old worker from Bihar, died after being hit by an unidentified car near Thooranpet. The car drove away after the accident. Sahni was crossing the road after picking up essentials at a local grocery shop when the car hit him at high speed. Elsewhere, Esam Sattaiah, 43, a mason died after being hit by a lorry near Thangadapalli crossroads. A resident of Ramnagar Colony in Choutuppal, he was returning home from work. He had alighted from an autorickshaw and was crossing the road when the lorry hit him.

Speeding car hits three GHMC workers

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Three sanitation workers of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) were injured after a speeding car rammed into them while they were on duty in Ambedkar Nagar under Kapra limits on Tuesday morning. According to police, the accident occurred at around 6.48 am near Millennium School when the workers were carrying out routine sanitation work along the roadside. The injured workers were identified as Giraveni Ravi (42), Nagunooru

Pradeep and Manda Pentayya. In a complaint lodged with the police, Ravi, a resident of Rajiv Gandhi Nagar in Jawahar Nagar, stated that the trio was engaged in cleaning duties when a car bearing registration number TS08FL9625 came at high speed and in a rash and negligent manner. The vehicle first lost control and crashed into a roadside tree before hitting the workers who were standing nearby. Local residents who witnessed the accident rushed to the spot and immediately alerted emergency services. The

injured sanitation workers were shifted to a nearby hospital in an ambulance for treatment. Hospital authorities said the workers suffered multiple injuries but were out of immediate danger. Police officials said a case has been registered against the driver and an investigation has been launched to determine the exact cause of the accident. Authorities are also examining whether the driver was under the influence of alcohol or driving recklessly at the time of the incident. Officials further revealed that the vehicle is registered in the

name of Mohammad Abdul Javid Pasha. Traffic records indicate that the car owner has a history of traffic violations. Between February 2023 and July 2025, at least seven challans were issued against the vehicle by traffic police in Bhongir, Charminar, Malkajgiri and Mahankali. The violations include driving without wearing a seat belt, disobeying traffic police orders, crossing the stop line, overspeeding and unauthorised parking. Authorities said the past violations are being examined as part of the investigation.

EDITORIAL

SAFETY FIRST FOR MAKE IN INDIA

NEW DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

Two devastating industrial explosions within two days — February 28 and March 1 — in two of India's most industrially advanced States have once again exposed the alarming gaps in safety regulation governing hazardous manufacturing units. The twin tragedies, which together claimed more than 40 lives, underline a persistent pattern of negligence, weak enforcement and systemic complacency in industries dealing with explosive and chemical materials. The first incident occurred at the Suryashree Fire Works factory in Vetlapalem, Andhra Pradesh, where a powerful blast reportedly took place while workers were manually mixing chemicals used in fireworks production. Such processes, known to be highly volatile, demand strict adherence to safety standards, specialised equipment and trained personnel. Preliminary reports suggest that basic precautions may not have been adequately followed, raising serious questions about monitoring mechanisms and compliance checks.

Barely a day later, another deadly explosion struck the SBL Energy Limited facility at Raulgaon in Maharashtra's Nagpur district. The company manufactures mining and industrial explosives, making it a high-risk operation requiring rigorous oversight. While the exact cause of the blast is yet to be determined, the recurrence of such

accidents points less to coincidence and more to deep-rooted structural failures in safety governance across the sector.

Data from the Directorate General Factory Advice Service and Labour Institutes (DGFASLI) paints a disturbing picture. Between 2017 and 2020, industrial accidents resulted in an average of three deaths and eleven injuries every single day across the country. The situation appears to have worsened in recent years, with over 250 major explosions reported between 2023 and 2025. States such as Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana — home to a large concentration of chemical and explosive manufacturing units — account for a significant share of these incidents.

Investigations into previous explosions reveal recurring causes that are both predictable and preventable. Manual mixing of hazardous chemicals remains common despite safer automated alternatives. The use of cheap and highly reactive aluminium powder increases volatility, while poorly ventilated workspaces allow combustible dust to accumulate, turning factories into potential death traps. Compounding these risks are inadequately trained workers and the illegal storage of explosive materials beyond permissible limits, often driven by cost-cutting measures or production pressures.

What makes these tragedies particularly distressing is that most of the triggers are well

known to regulators and manufacturers alike. Lives could have been saved if due safety processes were strictly implemented or if regulatory authorities had conducted frequent and meaningful inspections. Instead, the familiar cycle repeats itself: outrage follows an accident, governments announce compensation for victims, inquiries are ordered, and public attention gradually fades without structural reform.

The consequences extend beyond immediate loss of life. Unsafe working conditions contribute to a growing perception that manufacturing jobs are dangerous and undesirable compared to employment in the service sector. This perception undermines India's broader economic ambitions. Initiatives aimed at strengthening domestic manufacturing and creating large-scale employment cannot succeed if workers fear for their safety.

For India's manufacturing sector to truly thrive, safety must become a non-negotiable priority rather than an afterthought. Stronger enforcement of regulations, adoption of modern safety technologies, mandatory worker training, and strict penalties for violations are essential. Without transforming factory floors into secure workplaces, policy slogans and investment drives alone will not attract skilled talent or sustain industrial growth. The recent explosions serve as a tragic reminder that economic progress cannot come at the cost of human lives.





## Reading the Stadium: DJ Kiara on Powering Energy of T20 World Cup

When tens of thousands of cricket fans erupt in celebration inside a stadium, the roar often carries a rhythm. Somewhere behind the scenes, a DJ is shaping that energy, reading the mood of the crowd and amplifying the drama of the game. At the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, that role belongs to Khushboo Wadhvani, better known as DJ Kiara, the only Indian female artist performing at the tournament. For the 28-year-old artist, the journey to this moment has been as dynamic as the music she plays. Long before she stepped behind a console at cricket stadiums, Kiara trained in Kathak. "I was always a cricket enthusiast. My elder brother is a big cricket fan, so since childhood I have been watching the game. Not with any intention of working in it, but I always loved it," she says.

That love for cricket eventually merged with her career in music in an unexpected



way. Her entry into stadium entertainment began when she was selected as the official DJ for the Gujarat Titans during IPL 2024. The selection process, she recalls, went far beyond musical ability. "They asked me a very important question. Do you understand cricket? Because you cannot just play music. You have to watch the game and perform along with it." The

experience transformed how she approached DJing. Unlike a nightclub where the music is the centrepiece, a cricket stadium demands a completely different mindset. "In a club, people come there to party and the music is the centre of the night," Kiara explains. "But in a stadium, the centre is the game and the cricketers playing it. My intention is always to enhance the

experience of cricket without disturbing it."

That means operating with intense precision. Every track, every pause and every beat must align with the rhythm of the match. "You have to be one hundred percent accurate. If the bowler begins his run up, the music must stop immediately. Whatever people hear on television from the stadium is also coming from the DJ console." The scale of the audience makes the task even more complex. From Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai to Eden Gardens in Kolkata and the massive Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Kiara has performed before crowds that can exceed one lakh people.

"When you perform at a stadium, you are not making eye contact with the crowd. So you rely on years of experience to understand what a generic crowd will respond to. You choose songs that everyone can recognise, sing along to and celebrate with."

## Actor Vijay Begins TVK Candidate Interviews for Maiden Assembly Poll

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Actor-politician Vijay on Tuesday began interviewing candidates for the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections, marking the party's debut in state politics. TVK plans to field candidates for all 234 Assembly seats, with key constituencies earmarked for senior leaders, according to party sources. Vijay arrived at the TVK headquarters in Panaiyur to personally meet about 60 aspirants on Tuesday. The party has reportedly received over 4,200 applications from individuals seeking to contest on its ticket, reflecting a significant interest despite TVK being a newcomer. Party insiders indicated that leaders Bussy Anand, Aadhav Arjuna, and Arun



Raj are likely to contest from T Nagar, Villivakkam, and Tiruchengode, respectively. Launched on February 2, 2024, TVK is positioning itself as a credible alternative to the ruling DMK, with Vijay at the forefront of its campaign strategy. While the party has proposed power-sharing arrangements to potential allies, no other political party has formally joined TVK so far. Analysts suggest the absence of alliances could make the contest challenging, but Vijay's per-

sonal popularity and grassroots outreach could sway voter sentiment, especially in urban and semi-urban constituencies. The candidate selection process is expected to conclude soon, with the party aiming to announce a full list ahead of the campaign season. Observers note that TVK's strategy combines the appeal of a fresh political alternative with Vijay's strong fan base, hoping to attract voters seeking change. The party plans to run an aggressive campaign focusing on local development, governance reforms, and youth empowerment, signaling its ambition to become a significant force in Tamil Nadu politics despite being in its infancy. With the first Assembly elections approaching, all eyes will be on TVK's candidates and Vijay's.

## Royal Stag BoomBox Electrifies Vizag With Star Performances



**VISAKHAPATNAM**  
Wakeup telangana

Visakhapatnam witnessed an electrifying night of music, gaming, and immersive entertainment as the fourth edition of Royal Stag BoomBox captivated thousands of fans at the Indira Priyadarshini Stadium on March 7. Featuring a powerful lineup including Badshah, Nikhita Gandhi, Sreerama Chandra, DJ Sahil Gulati and gaming creator Payal Dhare, the event delivered a high-energy celebration of music, youth

culture and entertainment.

Organised by Pernod Ricard India under the Royal Stag BoomBox platform, the festival seamlessly blended Bollywood melodies with hip-hop beats while expanding into gaming and interactive cultural experiences. The stadium was transformed into a vibrant multisensory arena featuring immersive art installations, curated food experiences and engaging fan zones, creating an atmosphere that went far beyond a traditional music concert. Thousands of attend-

ees gathered to witness the spectacle and experience the brand's "Living It Large" philosophy that celebrates boldness, creativity and youthful energy.

The evening began with a lively gaming face-off hosted by Payal Dhare, where a fan from the audience battled through intense gaming rounds to secure victory and earn the chance to play alongside the popular gaming content creator. The interactive segment drew enthusiastic cheers from the crowd and set the tone for a night

packed with entertainment and excitement.

Soon after, DJ Sahil Gulati took over the stage with an energetic opening set, delivering pulsating beats that ignited the crowd and built anticipation for the performances to follow. Nikhita Gandhi then brought her dynamic pop style and contemporary Bollywood hits to the stage, energising the audience with her versatile vocals and engaging performance.

Sreerama Chandra followed with a powerful and soulful performance that showcased

his emotive singing style. His set featured timeless

melodies and heartfelt renditions that created a memorable connection with the audience and added a contrasting yet captivating musical flavour to the evening.

Bringing the night to a thunderous close, Badshah delivered a high-octane performance filled with chart-topping anthems and signature stage presence. His energetic set turned the stadium into a roaring celebration, with thousands of fans singing and dancing along.

# Joy and Tears Behind India's T20I World Cup Glory

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

On Sunday night, the tricolour soared high as Team India lifted the ICC T20 World Cup trophy, sending the stadium into a frenzy of cheers and fireworks. While the nation celebrated, the victory carried layers of personal emotion for some players, whose smiles on the field hid silent struggles off it.

Top-order batters Sanju Samson and Ishan Kishan were among the standout performers, each crossing fifty runs in the final. Yet their triumph was bittersweet. For Sanju Samson, who was also named Player of the Series, joy was tempered by concern for his mother, Lizy Vishwanath, who had been battling a chest infection for six days. Speaking from Triv-



andrum, she said, "I was trying to keep a tab on the match and saw my son scoring runs... I was happy to learn he was declared Player of the Series." Unable to attend the final, she and her husband watched from afar while Sanju's wife, Charu Latha, cheered in the stands. Sanju had called his mother be-

fore the final, urging her to take care, promising to return home soon. For Ishan Kishan, the final was an emotional test of resilience. A day before the match, he lost his cousin's sister in a tragic car accident. His parents, Pranav Pandey and Suchitra Singh, had come to Ahmedabad to support him but had to leave

abruptly after receiving the devastating news. His childhood coach, Uttam Mazumdar, recounted the immense emotional challenge Ishan faced, yet the young batter performed with determination, dedicating India's victory to the memory of his late cousin's sister. Meanwhile, Rinku Singh faced personal

loss mid-tournament when his father passed away. He returned home to perform the last rites before rejoining the squad, though he was not part of the final eleven. His courage in returning to the team underscored the quiet strength of players who balance personal grief with professional commitment.

India's World Cup win will be remembered not only for its brilliance on the field but also for the resilience and humanity of its players. Behind every cheer, there were stories of sacrifice, love, and loss—reminders that triumph often comes with personal trials quietly endured. The final showcased not just cricketing excellence but the emotional fortitude of men who, despite heartache, gave their nation a reason to celebrate.

## With Focus on 2027 World Cup, Bumrah To Play More ODIs Than T20Is

**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah is likely to play more 50-over games instead of T20I bilateral series over the next 18 months to ensure his preparations for the 2027 ODI World Cup remain on track. T20Is will be a low priority leading up to October-November 2027, despite a heavy schedule of bilateral series and the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, where Suryakumar Yadav is expected to lead the side. It is understood that

Bumrah, like many senior Indian players, is very keen on playing the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028, which will be held in the T20 format, but ODIs will be his primary white ball format till the 2027 World Cup. India's ODI World Cup preparation will start in earnest after a gruelling two months of Indian Premier League where Bumrah is set to headline the Mumbai Indians pace attack. By the end of IPL, it is understood that the national selection committee, the Centre of

Excellence headed by VVS Laxman and the team management represented by Gautam Gambhir and Shubman Gill, will prepare the blue-print for the next phase, and the most important aspect will be Bumrah's workload management. It is understood that the World Test Championships (WTC) matches are non-negotiable for the 32-year-old legend and it is believed that his workload management will be somewhat similar to the 2023-2026 phase during which he didn't play a single ODI.

## Dr Srirangam Urges CM Revanth to Improve Kukatpally Infrastructure



CC Member and TPCC Official Spokesperson Dr. Srirangam Satyam submitted a detailed memorandum to Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy during the inauguration of the restored Nallacheruvu Lake undertaken by HYDRAA, highlighting key civic and infrastructure issues concerning the Kukatpally constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Satyam emphasized that protecting lakes is essential for the future of cities and appreciated the government's commitment to environmental conservation. He stated that the restoration of lakes and water bodies demonstrates the Congress government's priority toward sustainable urban development and ecological protection.

Dr. Satyam also stressed the urgent need to rejuvenate the Musi River by removing encroachments and preventing pollution. "If we fail to restore and protect the Musi River today, future generations will not forgive us," he said.

Highlighting the importance of Kukatpally, Dr. Satyam described it as one of the most dynamic constituencies in Hyderabad, known as a major educational and residential hub with a large population of students and employees. Thousands of commuters travel daily from Kukatpally to the IT corridor, particularly Hitech City, making it a crucial urban zone that requires improved civic infrastructure and connectivity.

## BRS Pays Tribute to Telangana Martyrs on Million March Anniversary



Marking the anniversary of the historic Million March, leaders of Bharat Rashtia Samithi paid tributes to the martyrs of the Telangana movement and recalled the massive public uprising that strengthened the demand for statehood. They said the Million March, held fifteen years ago, saw lakhs of people defy police restrictions and take to the streets in a powerful display of unity for Telangana.

Leaders expressed pride in having participated in the protest and said the movement ultimately led to the formation and development of the state under K. Chandrashekar Rao. Criticising the present government led by A. Revanth Reddy, they alleged injustice to farmers, unemployed youth and various sections of society.

# Hyderabad Shias Mark Hazrat Ali(a.s) Martyrdom

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Shahadat (martyrdom anniversary) of Hazrat Ali (AS) was observed with deep devotion on the 20th day of Ramzan in Hyderabad. Thousands of devotees participated in prayers, Majlis gatherings, and mourning rituals across the city, particularly in the Old City and at Moula Ali Pahad.

A large number of devotees gathered at Moula Ali Pahad to offer prayers and pay tribute to Ali ibn Abi Talib. Special religious programmes and all-night Majlis sessions were organised to mark the occasion. Tabarruk (sacred food) was distributed to devotees at Moula Ali Pahad among the gathering.

Earlier, a major mourning procession was organised in the Old City to commemorate the martyrdom of Hazrat Ali. The procession began from Charminar, where a Majlis was conducted and community members lifted Alams (religious standards) as part of the traditional observance.

The procession passed through several historic localities including Masjid-e-Imamia near Kali Kabar, Mirchowk, Charakan, Gulzar Houz, Pather Gatti, Madina, Tipu Khana Masjid, Chatta Bazar, Lakkad Kote, and Purani Haveli, before concluding at Darushifa.



Late at night on the 20th of Ramzan, a large gathering also assembled at Ashoorkhana Panjeshan near Gulzar Houz. Devotees held Majlis and Matam (mourning rituals) to remember the sacrifice of Hazrat Ali. The religious observances continued until the early hours of the morning.

Before Sehri, participants concluded the mourning rituals and proceeded to Charminar, where they offered Fajr prayers, marking the end of the night-long commemorations held in remembrance of Hazrat Ali's martyrdom. Religious scholars delivered sermons high-

## Murder conspiracy foiled in Hyderabad's Amberpet; 3 arrested

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Commissioner's Task Force (Charminar Zone), along with the Amberpet police, foiled a murder conspiracy and arrested three persons who were allegedly planning to kill a woman. Police seized a country-made pistol along with six live rounds, a magazine, three mobile phones and an electric scooter from their possession.

The arrested persons were identified as Dharama Arun Kumar (48), a real estate businessman

residing at Maruthi Nagar near Dargah in Malkajgiri; Mohammed Abbu (26), a pan shop owner from Chennapuram Chowrasta, Jawahar Nagar, Yaprall; and Mir Muzammil Ali Khan (23), a student from Darab Jung Lane, Yakutpura in Hyderabad.

According to police, the main accused Arun Kumar suspected that his second wife was maintaining an extra-marital relationship with his distant relative. Nursing a grudge against her, he allegedly decided to eliminate her.

## Hi-Life Exhibition Set for March 21-23 in Hyderabad



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The renowned fashion and lifestyle exhibition brand Hi-Life Exhibition has announced its upcoming festive and wedding season special showcase in Hyderabad. The exhibition will take place from March 21 to 23, 2026 at Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), located within Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre in Hitech City.

Recognized as one of India's largest fashion, luxury, and lifestyle exhibitions, the event will feature an extensive range of festive and bridal collec-

tions, designer wear, jewellery, accessories, and lifestyle products from leading fashion labels and designers.

The exhibition aims to present the latest fashion trends and exclusive designer creations for the upcoming festive and wedding season, making it a key destination for shoppers seeking premium fashion and luxury lifestyle products. With its curated selection of top designers and creative collections, the Hi-Life Exhibition continues to attract fashion enthusiasts and shoppers looking for unique and high-end styles under one roof.

## Hyderabad illegal surrogacy racket: ED attaches 50 properties linked to clinic

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached 50 immovable properties worth Rs 29.76 crore in connection with the alleged illegal surrogacy racket at the Universal Srushti Fertility and Research Centre in Hyderabad. The properties, including several flats, land and the fertility clinic, were attached

under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). They belong to the prime accused, Dr Namratha and her son. The current market value is estimated at around Rs 50 crore. Dr Namratha headed the clinic with her son, Pachipala Jayanth Krishna. The case gained prominence after a couple came forward alleging their 1.5-month-old baby boy failed the independent DNA test and was not conceived through surrogacy.

The Gopalapuram Police conducted a search operation at the clinic and found several discrepancies. Universal Srushti Fertility and Research Centre collected between Rs 20 lakh and Rs 35 lakh from childless couples, promising a baby using their own biological embryos. However, investigations revealed the clinic allegedly purchased newborns from poor women or those who sought abortions.

## Telangana fire dept launches program to train youth as 1st responders

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency and Civil Defence Department has launched a new initiative titled "Civil Defence Volunteer Training" aimed at preparing the youth of Telangana to act as first responders during emergencies before the arrival of official rescue services. The seven-day training program is being conducted from March 10

to March 16, 2026. The program was inaugurated on March 10, 2026, at St. Mary's Centenary Degree College, Secunderabad, by Aruna M Bahuguna, IPS (Retd.), Former Director General of Fire Services.

Addressing the participants, he emphasised that the initiative will be extremely beneficial for various line departments as trained volunteers can provide crucial support during air raids, chemical attacks, nuclear emer-

gencies, and other disasters. During the training program, volunteers will receive hands-on instruction in rescue operations, fire-fighting techniques, first aid treatment, crowd control, and distribution of relief materials. These volunteers will work in close coordination with the police, Fire Services, NDRF, and other government departments to strengthen disaster response efforts.

## Telangana BJP Chief Slams Telangana Education Panel Report

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao has alleged that the State Education Commission, set up by the Congress government, is dominated by individuals linked to "Urban Naxals" and Maoist ideologies. He voiced concern over entrusting such members with drafting the Telangana Education Policy - 2026 report, calling it an

attempt to impose Leftist ideology on students and warning that the government's choices were endangering their future. Speaking at a round table conference on Telangana Education System-2026, organised by the Forum for Nationalist Thinkers at Osmania University, Rao stressed that any new policy must focus on improving literacy and guiding students toward higher education. He criticised

the Congress government for neglecting the education system, which he said was already in disarray under the previous BRS regime. Rao alleged that basic infrastructure in rural government schools is deteriorating, with many facing closure. He

pointed out that dozens of schools in various districts have zero or fewer than 10 students, and claimed that active government schools had dropped from 5,021 in 2024-25 to just 2,023 now. He also blamed the government for the deaths of 44 Gurukul students from food poisoning. Rao demanded that the policy emphasise mother-tongue education and incorporate Indian culture and values. He

strongly opposed proposals to remove Sanskrit from school curricula, describing it as an ancient language central to the nation's heritage. The round table was attended by Prof. T. Papi Reddy, former chairman of Higher Education; Prof. R. Limbadri, former chairman of Higher Education; Prof. T. Thirupathi Rao, former vice-chancellor of Osmania University; Prof. P. Muralimanohar,

former NCERT member secretary; BJP MLCs and others. Prof. Limbadri remarked that the Telangana Education Commission report lacked clear objectives and required urgent corrections. "No one can deny the role of teachers — they are the 'Nation Builders' who shape the country," he said, urging immediate implementation of the Centre's National Education Policy (NEP) in the state.



The annual Kalyana Mahotsavam of Sri Renuka Yellamma Temple in Madinaguda village was celebrated with great devotion and grandeur. Baling Gautam Goud attended the event and offered special prayers to the goddess. He said he felt fortunate to participate in the sacred ceremony organized for the welfare of society.

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