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Brief Insights

Commerical LPG Sales Start In 29 States, UTs

Amid concerns over fuel supply due to the widening conflicts in West Asia, the government on Saturday said that LPG availability remains a concern in some areas, but there has been no "dry out" reported at retail stations across the country. Commercial LPG cylinder distribution has begun in 29 states and Union Territories, while authorities have stepped up raids and surprise inspections across the country to curb hoarding and black-marketing amid heightened pressure on cook-

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Ludhiana Man Dies After Being Forced Into Russia-Ukraine War

A 21-year-old man from Ludhiana, who was allegedly lured to Russia in July 2025 with a job promise, has died after being deceived into joining his army and sent to the frontline in an ongoing war with Ukraine, his family said. The mortal remains of Samarjeet Singh arrived at Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi on Thursday and were subsequently brought to Ludhiana, where his family performed the last rites on Friday evening. Charanjit Singh, Samarjeet's father, blamed agents who lure youngsters with false job offers in Russia and then get them recruited into the Russian Army. He said his son was recruited into the Russian Army without any prior military training.

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Congress Acts As Puppet Of Anti-India Forces: PM Modi

Prime Minister Modi Says Centre trying to ensure least hardship for the people

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday accused the Congress of acting as a "puppet" in the hands of forces opposed to India's development, while addressing an election rally in Silchar in poll-bound Assam.

"The forces across the globe that are unable to digest India's rapid development, the Congress is increasingly becoming a puppet into the hands of these very forces," Modi said. Continuing his attack on the opposition party, the Prime Minister alleged that Congress was trying to create panic among citizens over the ongoing conflict in West Asia. "Our government is making every possible effort to ensure that the citizens of our country face the least hardships possible. Our objective is to minimise the impact of this war on our citizens. At



this critical juncture, it was expected that the Congress would fulfil the role of a responsible political entity. However, Congress has once again failed in this vital task concerning the national interest," he said. Modi said the Congress had suffered repeated electoral defeats across the country. "You have ousted the Congress from Assam. Today, every state in the country is teaching the Congress a lesson. The Congress is losing election after election. In the near future, Congress is poised to hit a century of defeats," he said. Alleging that the party lacked

vision for the country, he said Congress was spreading propaganda through "fake reels". "Everyone should be careful of the Congress. They are running an industry of making fake reels just to create propaganda," he said. "The Congress is making every attempt to create panic within the country, hoping the nation gets entangled in difficulties, so that they can subsequently heap endless abuse upon Modi," he added. Referring to a Youth Congress protest at an AI Summit in New Delhi, Modi said the Opposition party was acting

out of desperation. "Driven by the desperation of defeat, the Congress has launched an offensive against the nation itself. Congress leaders have dedicated themselves to maligning the country," The Prime Minister said. The Prime Minister was in Silchar to launch and lay the foundation stones for projects worth ₹23,550 crore. He performed the 'bhoomi-poojan' for a ₹22,864-crore access-controlled expressway between Silchar in Assam and Shillong in Meghalaya, described as the first of its kind in the Northeast. The 166-km four-lane greenfield corridor is expected to reduce the distance between Guwahati and Silchar from 295 km to 252 km and cut travel time from about 8.5 hours to around five hours. Modi also performed the 'bhoomi-poojan' for a ₹565 crore elevated corridor on NH 306 in Silchar

BJP Will Ban Conversions In Punjab If Voted To Power: Shah

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Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday attacked the Bhagwant Mann government in Punjab over law and order, drug menace, religious conversions and corruption, asserting that only Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP could free the state from drugs. Addressing a "badlav" rally in Moga, Shah also signalled the BJP's push for the 2027 Assembly elections and urged voters to give the party a chance to form the government in



the state. "All of Punjab is facing the issue of religious conversions. I am saying this to all Hindu and Sikh brothers and sisters, you form the BJP government once, we will bring a Bill to ban religious conversions," he said. Alleging that the ruling Aam Aadmi Party government had failed to address key is-

ssues, Shah said, "Today, Punjab has been destroyed due to debt, drugs, religious conversions, corruption and terror of gangsters." "AAP doesn't have the gumption to end the drug menace; Congress and Akalis have already failed. If there is anyone who can rid the state of the drug menace, it is only Narendra Modi and the BJP," he said. Shah accused the AAP government of functioning as an "ATM" for party chief Arvind Kejriwal and alleged that the state administration was con-

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25-year-old Arrested for Bid to Inject HIV Blood

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A 25 year old man was arrested for allegedly injecting his blood into a woman in an attempt to infect her with HIV, reportedly over her refusal to marry him, at her residence in Annojiguda in the Pocharam IT corridor. According to Uppal deputy commissioner of police (DCP), Suresh Kumar, the incident occurred on March 11 while the victim was alone at home. The accused allegedly entered her house and an argument broke out between the two. Following this, the accused injected his blood into the victim using a sy-

ringe, in an attempt to infect her with HIV. Names of persons involved have been withheld as per law. Soon after, the victim developed a fever and informed her parents, who rushed her to a nearby hospital where she is currently being treated. Police said the accused later burned the syringe in a fire at a rubbish yard to destroy evidence. Police said both the accused and the victim were in a relationship and are also related to each other. However, in September, when the victim had the accused tested at a hospital in Uppal, she discovered that he and his parents were HIV positive.

Centre Revokes NSA Against Sonam Wangchuk

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Hours after the Centre revoked the detention order against climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, 59, who had been arrested under the stringent National Security Act, on September 26 last year he was released from Jodhpur Central Jail on Saturday. The Union government revoked the detention with immediate effect, nearly six months after Wangchuk was arrested following violent protests in Leh that left four people dead.



In a statement, the Centre said the decision was taken to foster peace in Ladakh. The government said it had been engaging with stakeholders and community leaders in the region to address public concerns. "The government has been actively engaging with various stakeholders and com-

munity leaders in Ladakh to address the aspirations and concerns of the people of the region. It remains hopeful that the issues will be resolved through constructive engagement and dialogue, including through the High-Powered Committee and other appropriate platforms," the statement said. The decision came days after the Supreme Court adjourned the hearing of a plea filed by Wangchuk's wife, Gitanjali J Angmo, challenging his detention, to March 17.

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Telangana targets ₹10,000-cr Urban Challenge Fund

State Budget likely to increase funds for municipal administration and urban development to secure Central assistance

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The state government is aiming to secure nearly ₹10,000 crore from the Centre's ₹1 lakh crore Urban Challenge Fund (UCF), announced in the Union Budget for 2026-27, to finance major urban infrastructure initiatives, official sources said on Saturday. The government plans to utilise the UCF to support

projects such as the Musi rejuvenation programme and expansion of Hyderabad Metro Rail as part of a broader push to undertake infrastructure works worth nearly ₹40,000 crore in the 2026-27 financial year. Allocations for these projects are expected to feature prominently in the State Budget to be presented in the Assembly on March 20, sources added. The UCF,



planned for the period 2025-31, is a competitive and reform-linked mechanism for large-scale urban infrastructure development. Under the funding structure, the Centre provides

25 per cent of the project cost as a grant, the state contributes another 25 per cent, while the remaining 50 per cent must be mobilised through market-linked sources such as municipal bonds or public-private partnerships.

The state government has already begun leveraging the fund for key projects. Last week, it sanctioned ₹5,257.20 crore for the first phase

of a comprehensive underground drainage system in the Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation area covering the tri-cities of Warangal, Hanamkonda and Kazipet. The project aims to address chronic waterlogging, improve sanitation and replace incomplete drainage works executed under earlier schemes. Officials said the Warangal project follows the UCF funding model, with

about ₹1,314 crore expected as Central support, a matching contribution from the state government, and the remaining amount through external assistance or loans. Encouraged by this progress, the government hopes to draw up to ₹10,000 crore from the UCF to support infrastructure development across urban local bodies.

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Trump Seeks Warships To Open Hormuz Strait

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US President Donald Trump stepped up calls to reopen the vital Strait of Hormuz, saying war ships will "hopefully" be sent to the area near Iran's coast to help commercial vessels sail through safely. His comments on Truth Social — which didn't provide a timeline — came hours after he ordered a strike on military sites on Kharg Island, from which Iran exports almost all its oil, upping the ante in a Middle East war that's raged for more than two weeks. As he urged nations to send ships to the strait, he added that "the United States will be bombing the hell out of the shore line, and continually shooting Iranian Boats and Ships out of the water. One way or the other, we will soon get the Hormuz Strait OPEN, SAFE, and FREE!" The president said military facilities on the Persian Gulf island had been "obliterated," adding that he chose not to hit oil infrastructure "for reasons of decency." He threatened to do just that should



Iran "do anything to interfere with the Free and Safe Passage of Ships through the Strait of Hormuz." "Many Countries, especially those who are affected by Iran's attempted closure of the

Hormuz Strait, will be sending War Ships, in conjunction with the United States of America, to keep the Strait open and safe," he wrote in his latest post. He gave little detail beyond saying he hoped China, France, Japan, South Korea and the UK would also send war ships. He stated that even though Iran's military was "already destroyed 100%," it was "easy" for Tehran to continue threatening ships with drones, mines and short-range missiles.

India Ensures Safe Transit for LPG Carriers

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India has stepped up diplomatic contacts with Iran, the United States, Israel and Gulf nations to ensure the safe movement of its energy shipments amid tensions in West Asia. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal confirmed that two Indian LPG carriers — Shivalik and Nanda Devi — successfully crossed the Strait of Hor-

muz and are expected to arrive at Indian ports on March 16 and 17. The two vessels together carry more than 92,700 metric tonnes of liquefied petroleum gas. Officials said their safe passage was made possible through continuous diplomatic engagement with countries in the region. Government sources said 22 Indian ships are currently operating in the Gulf region, including six

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Harish Rao Dubs Revanth 'Chota Yogi'

Congress running UP-model bulldozer government, Says Harish rao

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Slamming the Congress government in Telangana for running what he called a 'bulldozer government' carrying out demolitions on the lines of those in Uttar Pradesh, former Minister and BRS Legislature Party Deputy Floor Leader Harish Rao likened Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to Yogi Adityanath and accused him of betraying minorities.

Marthanda Nagar of Serilingampally constituency, Harish Rao said K Chandrashekhar Rao, during his tenure as Chief Minister, had given special importance to the welfare of minorities and ensured that Imams and Muezzins received honorariums, a step not taken by earlier governments. Official Iftar dinners were



organised across the State and Muslims were treated with respect and dignity. The government also ensured 24-hour electricity and safe drinking water, resolving the hardships minorities earlier faced during Ramzan, he said, pointing out that on the other hand, the Congress government had stopped the Ramzan Tohfa scheme in districts after coming to power, with the scheme being offered in Hyderabad only for political reasons ahead of elections.

Harish Rao also criticised the Congress government for failing to fulfil its promise of allocating Rs 4,000 crore for minority welfare, stating that not even Rs 1,000 crore had been spent so far. In contrast, the BRS government had spent Rs 2,500 crore on minority welfare programmes. The BRS government had established 204 Minority Residential Schools, enabling minority students to pursue quality education in English and Urdu medium

and compete globally as doctors, engineers and professionals, he said, also recalling welfare initiatives such as Shaadi Mubarak and Kalyana Lakshmi, under which financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh was provided to support the marriage of girls from poor families irrespective of religion. The KCR Kit scheme, which provided financial support and medical care for mothers and newborns, ensured safe deliveries and transportation of mothers and infants to their homes after childbirth. The healthcare infrastructure in Hyderabad was also strengthened by establishing 350 Basti Dawkhanas and expanding hospital facilities, including oxygen-supported beds during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, under the Congress government, even basic medi-

cines were now not available in many Basti Dawkhanas. Harish Rao also criticised the government for demolishing houses in Hyderabad under the HYDRA initiative, stating that while the BRS government constructed one lakh double-bedroom houses for the poor, the present government had failed to build new houses and instead demolished many homes. Drawing comparisons with Uttar Pradesh, Harish Rao said the governance style of Revanth Reddy resembled that of a bulldozer government. "Just like the bulldozer rule in Uttar Pradesh under Yogi Adityanath, Telangana is now witnessing a similar style of governance. Revanth Reddy has become Telangana's Chota Yogi," he remarked.

Bandi Completes 40 Km Anjanna Ashirvada Yatra To Kondagattu Amid Hot Weather

HYDERABAD
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Union minister of state for home affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Saturday completed his day-long 'Anjanna Ashirvada Yatra', trekking nearly 40 km from Karimnagar to the Kondagattu Sri Anjaneya Swamy temple in Jagtial district. The walkathon was undertaken to fulfil a religious vow following the BJP's success in local municipal elections. The minister walked for about 11 hours along with newly elected local body representatives.

The yatra began at 7 am from the Mahashakti temple in Karimnagar shortly after he arrived from Delhi. Despite temperatures touching 40°C, Sanjay walked in socks without footwear, citing the spiritual nature of the pilgrimage. He was ac-



companied by 108 sarpanches, 450 ward members and more than 50 corporators and councillors. A group led by Bhainsa municipal chairman Tummala Dattatri also joined the march. As the march coincided with the start of the SSC examinations, Sanjay asked supporters and police to ensure that the procession remained on one side of the Karimnagar-Jagtial highway so that students could reach examination centres without disruption. A brief incident occurred in Konarao area of Ramadugu mandal when a drone used

by supporters reportedly disturbed a beehive, triggering a swarm attack that injured three corporators and several activists. The injured were shifted to hospital. Sanjay took a brief halt for a routine medical check-up before resuming the march. After a lunch break in Gangadhara mandal, the procession passed through Venkatayapalem and Pudur before reaching the temple premises in the evening. The yatra concluded around 7.30 pm when Sanjay, along with the elected representatives, offered prayers at the Kondagattu temple.

T'gana Govt Distributes Ramzan Gift to muslim

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In a festive gesture ahead of the holy month of Ramzan, the Government of Telangana distributed new clothes to members of the Muslim community as part of its annual celebrations. The initiative reflects the state government's commitment to promoting harmony and supporting communities during important religious occasions. As part of the celebrations, the government has also planned a grand Iftar gathering at Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium in Hyderabad, where elaborate arrangements are being made to host a large number of attendees. The event is expected to bring together community members, public representatives, and officials to celebrate



the spirit of unity and brotherhood that the festival represents. Meanwhile, in Pothireddy Village of Kohir Mandal in Sangareddy District, a special program was organized to distribute the clothes among local residents. The event was presided over by the Gram Panchayat Sarpanch, who conveyed heartfelt greetings to the Muslim community in advance of the festival and

wished them peace, prosperity, and happiness. Ramlinga Reddy attended the program as the Chief Guest and appreciated the efforts made to ensure that the celebrations reach people at the grassroots level. During the event, Dr. Begari Vishnu emerged as the center of attraction, drawing appreciation from attendees for his active participation in the celebrations. On the occasion, the newly elected Sarpanch was also felicitated by local leaders and community members. The program concluded with messages of communal harmony and unity, highlighting the Telangana government's ongoing efforts to support and celebrate the cultural and religious traditions of all communities across the state.

MLA Beerla Ilaiah Lays Foundation Stone at Mator

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The Government Whip of Telangana and MLA of Aleru Constituency, Beerla Ilaiah, undertook an extensive tour across several villages in Motakondur Mandal on Saturday, inaugurating and laying foundation stones for a series of development works aimed at improving rural infrastructure and public welfare. As part of his visit, the MLA laid the foundation stone for the Laying of a Cement Concrete (CC) road in Mator village with an estimated cost of ₹10 lakh. The project has been sanctioned under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme MGNREGS, which aims to



enhance rural development while providing employment opportunities to local residents. The program in Mator village was attended by local representatives and community leaders, including Sarpanch Janne Siddulu, Deputy

Sarpanch Bairapaka Ramulu, former MPP Illendula Mallesham, and Eighth Ward Member Bairapaka Bhagyamma Ravi. Several ward members, youth leaders, Mahila Samakhya group members, and villagers also participated in large numbers, making the event a grand success. Addressing the gathering, MLA Beerla Ilaiah assured the people of his continued support and commitment to the development of Mator village. He stated that he would always stand by the people to resolve any problems they face and promised to personally oversee development works in the village. Officials from the Panchayat Raj Department and other Mandal-level officers were also present during the program.

Rs.7,000-Crore Musi Riverfront Phase I to Feature 9 New Bridges, 3 Barrages

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Wakeup telangana

The Musi Riverfront Development Project will construct nine bridges across the river and upgrade five existing ones, while building three water retention barrages as a part of Phase I of the plan, according to the detailed project report presented by Musi River Development Corporation Limited (MRDCL) on Friday. The proposals, presented by MRDCL managing director E.V. Narasimha Reddy on Friday, cover 21 km out of the proposed 55-km stretch of the river within the ORR limits, divided across two zones. He explained that some of the structures were low-lying causeways which need to be lifted up, and that was also being taken up under the project. Zone 1B, which runs along the northern bank from Osmansagar eastward, accounts for the bulk of the new constructions, with six bridges. The Gandipet bridge will be built near the reservoir's edge. A bridge crossing from Goshala to



Greyhounds, a bridge over the ORR at Narsingi, the Bairagiguda bridge and Ramdevguda bridge in the mid-section of the zone and the bridge at Gandhi Sarovar near the Musa, are in the works. Two bridges in Zone 1B are proposed for upgradation: one at Manchirevula and the other at Ibrahim Cheruvu, which are low-lying causeways. Zone 1A, the southern corridor running along the Himayathsagar side, has new bridges proposed, at Budvel along the lower ORR stretch, at Gandhi Sarovar (Esa) at mid-zone, and near Babu Ghat at the eastern end of this corridor. Three bridges in Zone 1A are slated for upgradation: The West Side ORR bridge, and the structures at Upparpally and Kismathpur. The bridges are designed

to carry vehicular, multimodal, and pedestrian traffic. The DPR describes a combination of bridge types suited to different crossings rather than a single standard design applied across the corridor. Three water retention barrages are also proposed, separate from the bridges. The barrages are designed to hold water round the year. "Water always remains along this river," Narasimha Reddy said, "and this can enhance tourism, enhance economy, enhance activity, and everything in this particular area." The barrages are positioned to work alongside the bridge network, one at the Kismathpur-Budvel stretch and another near Babu Ghat bridge in Zone 1A. In Zone 1B it has been proposed near Manchirevula Bridge.

Telangana Legal Services Authority Launches Mobile Lok Adalats



Supreme Court judge Justice Vikram Nath on Saturday cautioned against the uncritical use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the legal profession, stating that while technology could assist legal work it could not replace the trained intellect, ethical responsibility and judgment that form the foundation of the justice system. Justice Nath emphasised that AI must remain a supportive tool rather than a substitute for human reasoning that is essential to law and adjudication. He was addressing the South Zone-II Regional Conference, "Advancing Rule of Law Through Technology: Challenges and Opportunities", here on Saturday. The two-day conference, jointly organised by the Telangana High Court, the National Judicial Academy and the Telangana Judicial Academy, brought together over 130 judicial officers from southern states along with Chief Justices and judges of High Courts.

Telangana Eyes Oil Palm Future

SANGAREDDY
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Agriculture minister Tum-mala Nageswara Rao said the state government was taking steps to position Telangana as the country's oil palm hub. With Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's encouragement, the government was expanding cultivation statewide to provide farmers with stable income. Oil palm, he noted, offers continuous returns for 25 to 30 years once planted. Rao, accompanied by transport minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, Oil Fed chairman Janga Raghavareddy and senior officials, inspected the ultramodern oil palm processing fac-



tory built at Narmetta in Nangnoor mandal, Siddipet district, under the Telangana Oil Fed Corporation. Completed in 18 months at a cost of ₹300 crore, the Narmetta facility will be inaugurated by the Chief Minister. Built with Malaysian technology, it is among the most modern in the country, capable of processing 30 to 120

tonnes of fruit bunches per hour. The factory will produce crude palm oil and palm kernel oil, alongside a 4 MW bio power plant and a water purification centre operating on a zero liquid discharge policy. Waste from the production process will be used to generate electricity. Rao stressed the importance of crop diversification. With Telangana now the country's top paddy producer, he warned that central limits on grain procurement make it vital for farmers to adopt commercial crops such as horticulture, vegetables and palm oil. Oil palm, he said, is a reliable alternative for higher income.

One injured as speeding car rams into truck, bursts into flames in Hyderabad

A speeding car created panic on the Bairamalguda flyover in LB Nagar after crashing into a goods vehicle and catching fire on Sunday midnight. No casualties were reported. The incident occurred when the car reportedly travelled at high speed and rammed into the rear of a DCM truck. Following the impact, the vehicle lost control and hit the road divider, triggering a sudden blaze that engulfed the car within minutes. Locals who witnessed the accident immediately alerted the police and the fire department.

Aedla Pandarinath Highlights Importance of Cadre Training at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Prashikshan Mahabhiyan

HYDERABAD
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A training program under the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Prashikshan Mahabhiyan was successfully organized at Mahaveer College in Chandrayangutta Assembly constituency. The event brought together senior leaders, district office bearers, division representatives, and party workers to strengthen organizational structure and ideological commitment. The program was attended by Niranjana Yadav, President of



Bhagyanagar District, along with senior leader Samreddy Sunder Reddy. District office bearers including Aedla Pandarinath, Kaudi Mahender, Srinath, Dasharath Lakshmi, and Mamidi Krishna actively participated in the training session.

Speaking on the occasion, Aedla Pandarinath emphasized the importance of cadre training and urged party workers to follow the ideals of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya while working for public welfare and development. Senior BJP leader Uradi Satyanarayana, division presidents, division committees, senior BJP leaders, contested corporators, and party workers including Kakatiyula Mahesh and Rajesh were also present. The program concluded with renewed enthusiasm and commitment among the participants.

TGGDA Condemns Suspension of Doctors in Jadcherla Incident

The Telangana Government Doctors Association (TGGDA) has condemned the suspension of doctors in connection with the Jadcherla hospital incident where a dog was seen nibbling at a body in the mortuary. It said the maintenance and management of a hospital mortuary was not responsibility of doctors who were accountable only for conducting postmortem examinations. The management, security and supervision of the mortuary fall under the jurisdiction of designated mortuary supervisors and supporting personnel, the statement by TGGDA state president Dr Narahari, general secretary Dr Lalu Prasad Rathod and treasurer Dr M.K. Raouf said. The association demanded immediate revocation of the suspension orders issued against the Jadcherla doctors. According to TGGDA, the mortuary was located in the old building and was in a dilapidated condition, allowing animals such as dogs and rodents to enter easily. The association believes that similar circumstances led to the present incident.

Questions Surround Safety at Adarsha Foundation

Concerns Rise Over Safety and Management at Borabanda's Adarsha Foundation

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Serious concerns are being raised over the living conditions and management practices at the Adarsha Foundation in Borabanda, where advocates say orphaned children may be exposed to an unsafe and stressful environment. Community members and observers are calling for immediate intervention, including relocating the facility to a safer location to better protect the children's mental and emotional well-being.

Located in one of Borabanda's densely populated slum corridors, the foundation was established to provide shelter and care for orphaned children. However, critics argue that the surrounding environment—marked by congestion, social stress, and



volatile neighborhood conditions—may be negatively affecting the children who reside there. Child welfare advocates warn that placing vulnerable children in high-risk surroundings can intensify emotional distress and behavioral problems. They say many of the children already carry trauma from losing their families, and exposure to a tense external environment can worsen psychological struggles. "The environment isn't just a backdrop; it directly

shapes behavior," said one observer familiar with the situation. "When children who have already faced loss are placed in high-stress surroundings, they often develop defensive or aggressive behaviors as a survival response."

In addition to environmental concerns, questions are also being raised about the foundation's internal administration. Some community voices have alleged careless management and inadequate supervision, arguing that the current leadership may not be providing the structured and nurturing environment necessary for children in such vulnerable circumstances.

Critics say these issues highlight the urgent need for stronger oversight and better child-care standards. They stress that orphaned children require stability, professional

care, and safe surroundings to support rehabilitation, education, and emotional development. Stakeholders are therefore urging authorities and child welfare organizations to review the functioning of the foundation and consider relocating it to a safer zone away from high-risk surroundings. Supporters of the move believe that a calmer environment would give the children a better chance to grow, learn, and recover from past trauma.

Despite the growing concerns, a response from the foundation's founder has not yet been made public. Requests for comment have so far gone unanswered. As discussions continue, child welfare advocates say the focus must remain on ensuring that the children receive the safety, care, and stability they deserve.

T Jeevan Reddy likely to quit Congress, may join BRS

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Senior Congress leader T Jeevan Reddy, who has been at loggerheads with the party's State leadership over its 'biased attitude' towards turncoat MLA Dr Sanjay Kumar for some time, is likely to resign from the party soon. His close associates have posted messages on social media hinting at the development and suggesting that he may join the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS).

One such associate posted on social media that Jeevan Reddy would soon resign from the Congress and join the BRS on March 25. Rumours are also circulating on social media that he has held discussions with BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao and BRS working president KT



Rama Rao. However, Jeevan Reddy is yet to confirm this. When some of his followers asked him about the rumours circulating on social media, he did not deny them. He reportedly reiterated what he had stated during a recent press meet, that he might not continue in the party for long.

The rift between Jeevan Reddy, one of the senior-most leaders of the Congress here, and the party's State leadership began after Jagtial BRS MLA Dr Sanjay Kumar joined the Congress. Jeevan Reddy was unhappy with the leadership for inducting an opposition MLA from

his district into the party without his knowledge, particularly since Sanjay Kumar had defeated him in the 2023 Assembly elections. Since then, he has repeatedly expressed his displeasure with the party leadership. During the recent municipal elections, after his followers were denied the party's B-form while Sanjay Kumar's supporters received more party tickets, he fielded his supporters against the party's official candidates in the Jagtial municipality. He faced further disappointment when the Jagtial municipal chairperson post was given to a follower of Sanjay Kumar. Jeevan Reddy, who had pinned hopes on a Rajya Sabha nomination, was again upset after being denied the opportunity and had reportedly decided not to continue in the party, according to party sources.

SCB Governance Crisis Deepens Amid Poll Delay, Land Monetisation Plan

Jampana Pratap urges immediate elections to the Secunderabad Cantonment Board to restore democratic governance.

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Residents of Secunderabad Cantonment are demanding the immediate restoration of democratic governance as the Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB) continues to function without elected representatives for several years, raising serious concerns about accountability, stalled civic works, and shrinking development budgets. The last elections to the Board were held on January 11, 2015, but fresh polls have been repeatedly deferred by the Central Government, citing the pending implementation of the proposed Cantonments Act, 2020. Since 2020, the cantonment has effectively remained under administrative control without elected public representatives, creating what many residents describe as a "democratic deficit."

In the absence of elected members to voice local concerns, development initiatives across the can-



tonment have slowed considerably. Civic groups say financial allocations for infrastructure and public services have also reduced, leaving many neighbourhood issues unresolved and weakening accountability in governance.

Amid the ongoing governance vacuum, attention has shifted toward financial reforms and asset utilisation to strengthen the Board's resources. The SCB owns about 41 acres of land located within the jurisdiction of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), including 29 acres in Hasmathpet and 12 acres in Bolarum. These lands were acquired decades ago, with the Hasmathpet

parcel originally purchased in 1939 for debris dumping purposes.

A proposal currently under discussion suggests allotting 20 acres for staff housing for SCB employees at government rates, while the remaining 21 acres could be sold to private parties. Officials believe the move could generate nearly ₹100 crore in revenue, which could be utilised to fund long-pending civic infrastructure projects within the cantonment.

Former nominated member Jampana Pratap had earlier secured these valuable land parcels by constructing compound walls in 2005, preventing encroachments after years of legal disputes. The Board is also exploring the introduction of a Building Regularisation Scheme (BRS) to raise additional revenue. However, legal limitations persist, as the SCB currently lacks full authority to levy property taxes on certain unauthorised structures or initiate demolitions under the existing framework.

Telangana to Aid Tanzania's Digital Push

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Telangana has pledged technological cooperation and institutional support to assist Tanzania in its transition to a digital economy. Tanzania has expressed keen interest in working closely with the state to advance its ambitions. During a meeting with a high-level delegation led by Mudrick Ramadhani Soraga, Tanzania's minister for communication and innovation, IT and industries minister D.



Sridhar Babu said digital transformation is now a key driver of inclusive social and economic growth. Telangana, he noted, is ready to share its experience, technical expertise and institu-

tional knowledge to support Tanzania's efforts. Sridhar Babu said Telangana would serve as a knowledge partner in areas such as citizen service delivery through MeeSeva, promotion of

women's entrepreneurship via WE Hub, and strengthening start-up and innovation ecosystems. Support could also extend to skilling, reskilling and upskilling programmes through the Young India Skills University. He added that the state would examine the feasibility of establishing a pharmaceutical distribution hub in Tanzania to support the supply of medicines and healthcare products. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Tanzania and Telangana

will soon be signed to formalise cooperation. The meeting also explored opportunities to deepen collaboration across a range of sectors. It was attended by Fatma Mabrouk Khamis, principal secretary in Tanzania's Ministry of Communication, ICT and Innovation; Shukuru Awadh Suleiman, chief executive officer of the Zanzibar ICT Authority; John Mahundi, head of Technology and Investments at the President's Delivery Bureau; and other senior officials.

MLA Sriganesh Distributes Ramzan Gifts

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Secunderabad Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh distributed Ramzan tofas to Muslim families in Marredpally and Picket areas on Saturday, ahead of the holy festival of Ramzan. The gifts, provided by the State government, were handed over at local mosques in the presence of community elders and Congress leaders. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said the Congress government was committed to ensuring that



poor and middle-class Muslim families celebrate Ramzan with dignity and happiness.

He alleged that during the previous government, substandard gifts were distributed, whereas the present government is providing quality Ramzan

tofas with a genuine intention to support the community during the festival. Sri Ganesh also conveyed advance Ramzan greetings to the Muslim community and wished that the holy month brings peace and prosperity to all.

BJP State President Congratulates Shankar Reddy on New Role

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Senior BJP leader and Balapur Ganesh laddu winner Kolan Shankar Reddy met BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao at his residence on Friday after being appointed as the Convener of the BJP State Cooperative Cell. During the meeting, Shankar Reddy expressed gratitude to the party leadership for entrusting him with the responsibility. As a gesture of respect, he felicitated Ramchander Rao with a traditional shawl and presented sweets. Congratulating him on the appointment, Ramchander Rao advised Shankar Reddy to tour districts across the state and interact with farmers and cooperative societies to un-



derstand the issues they face. He stressed the importance of strengthening cooperative institutions and ensuring that farmers and the public receive effective services through the cooperative sector. The state president expressed confidence that Shankar Reddy would play a key role in expanding the BJP's presence in the cooperative sector. Former corporator Gouri Shankar, C.N. Reddy, Suresh Kumar, and other party leaders attended the meeting and conveyed their congratulations.

MLA Sri Ganesh Urges Use Cantonment Vaani

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Residents of Monda Division have been urged to make use of the Cantonment Vaani programme being organised on Sunday at Shenoy Grounds in West Marredpally as part of the Praja Palana - Pragati Pranaliika 99-day programme, said Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh.

The programme will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., where officials from various State government departments functioning under the GHMC limits will be present to directly



receive petitions from the public. The MLA said that people can submit representations regarding their civic issues and seek quick resolution from the concerned authorities. According to Sri Ganesh, the initiative aims to bring

government officials closer to the people and provide a platform where residents can raise their problems without delay. Officials from several departments will participate in the programme and address complaints related to essential civic serv-

ices. Residents can present issues related to drinking water, electricity, healthcare, sanitation, drainage, parks, engineering works, revenue matters, civil supplies and policing during the programme. By submitting petitions directly to the officials, many of these problems can be resolved faster, he said.

The MLA called upon residents of Monda Division to attend the programme in large numbers and make the most of the opportunity to get their grievances addressed and contribute to the development of their area.

Yadav Community Honours Councillor Rajamani Yadav

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Leaders and members of the Yadav community felicitated newly elected Narsapur Municipality councillor Rajamani Muralidhar Yadav in a grand ceremony, celebrating his victory and expressing confidence in his leadership to work for the development of the town.

The felicitation programme was organised by the Yadav Sangham under the leadership of Sangareddy district Yadav Sangham president Perugu Ailesh Yadav. The event was attended by BC Ai-



kyavedika Telangana State president Bheri Ramachandra Yadav, Sangareddy district Yadav Sangham vice-president Perugu Ramesh Yadav, National BC Welfare Association Sangareddy district youth wing president P. Ganesh Yadav, Ramachandrapuram president Lakadaram Mallesh

Yadav, Oggu Krishna Yadav, and Shankar Mudiraj, among other community leaders and members.

Speaking on the occasion, Bheri Ramachandra Yadav congratulated Rajamani Muralidhar Yadav on his victory and urged him to lead the Narsapur Municipality on the path

of development. He said leaders from the Yadav community should set an example for future generations through their commitment to public service and responsible leadership.

He further expressed hope that the councillor would dedicate the opportunity given by the people to serve society and earn their trust and appreciation. Ramachandra Yadav also emphasised that the Yadav community's guiding principle—"Service to humanity is service to God"—should be reflected in public life and governance.

Commerical LPG Sales Start In 29 States, UTs

Briefing the media as part of the measures initiated by the government, joint secretary (marketing and oil refinery) at the ministry of petroleum and natural gas, Sujata Sharma, said that India has sufficient crude oil supplies and that refineries across the country are operating at full capacity, with no reports of fuel shortages at retail outlets

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Amid concerns over fuel supply due to the wide-ranging conflicts in West Asia, the government on Saturday said that LPG availability remains a concern in some areas, but there has been no "dry out" reported at retail stations across the country. Commercial LPG cylinder distribution has begun in 29 states and Union Territories, while authorities have stepped up raids and surprise inspections across the country to curb hoarding and black-marketing amid heightened pressure on cooking gas supplies, a senior oil ministry official said on Saturday. However, the government has conceded the fact that there's a sharp uptick in "panic booking of LPG cylinders in a fear of shortage across the country. Briefing the



media as part of the measures initiated by the government, joint secretary (marketing and oil refinery) at the ministry of petroleum and natural gas, Sujata Sharma, said that India has sufficient crude oil supplies and that refineries across the country are operating at full capacity, with no reports of fuel shortages at retail outlets. "There is an excessive amount of panic booking for LPG. Please book only when you actually need it. As nearly 8.8 million, or 88 lakh, panic bookings have been

observed. Pre-war, daily bookings totalled around 55 lakh and oil marketing companies delivered 50 lakh cylinders per day. While the cylinder deliveries remain the same, bookings have surged. She also clarified that booking restrictions are linked to the time gap between two deliveries," Sharma said. India imports 88 per cent of its crude oil needs, 50 per cent of its natural gas requirement and 60 per cent of its LPG demand. "In urban areas, there is a minimum gap of 25 days

between the last delivery and the next booking, while in rural areas the gap is 45 days. If consumers try to book before this window, the booking will not take place," she said. To ease supply pressure, the government has ramped up domestic LPG production. "The first day we informed you about a 10 per cent increase in domestic production, then 25 per cent, then 28 per cent, and today the increase has reached 31 per cent," she said. "As far as crude oil and refineries are concerned, we have a sufficient supply of crude and our refineries are operating at full capacity. There have been no reports of any dry-out at retail outlets. Adequate petrol and diesel are available, while domestic production has gone up 31 per cent as of today, and it is meeting the country's needs. But there is still a

concern for panic booking which is still happening on a very large scale. Yesterday, we informed you that the number of bookings was around 7.5-7.6 million, and now that number has increased to almost 8.8 million. So this is nothing but a panic booking," Sharma said, appealing to the public to avoid unnecessary bookings. On the shifting to piped natural gas (PNG), the official also said that the government is encouraging commercial consumers facing disruptions in LPG supply to shift to PNG connections across the country. "In this direction, the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) held meetings with several CGD operators and advised them to provide immediate PNG connections to commercial consumers wherever possible," she said.

Ludhiana Man Dies After Being Forced Into Russia-Ukraine War

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The mortal remains of 21-year-old Samarjeet Singh from Ludhiana arrived at Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi on Thursday after he was allegedly deceived into joining the Russian Army and sent to the frontline in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. His body was later taken to Ludhiana, where his family performed the last rites on Friday evening. Samarjeet had reportedly travelled to Russia in July 2025 after being promised a job opportunity by agents. However, according to his family, he was instead recruited into the Russian Army without any prior military training and deployed to the war zone. His father, Charanjit Singh, who runs a small grocery shop in Ludhiana, alleged that agents lure young In-



dians with promises of jobs abroad but ultimately force them into military service. He said the family last spoke to Samarjeet in September, after which he went missing. Around the same time, several videos surfaced on social media showing Samarjeet and other Indian nationals appealing to the Indian government for help. In the videos, they claimed they had been forced to fight on the frontline in the Russia-Ukraine war without proper training. Charanjit Singh said the family had approached several political leaders, including MLAs, seeking assis-

tance to bring Samarjeet back safely to India. Despite repeated pleas, the family struggled to obtain concrete support during the months he remained untraceable. The grieving father revealed that Samarjeet had travelled to Russia to financially support the family. To arrange the trip, the family had borrowed money with the hope that he would secure employment abroad and improve their financial condition. According to the family, neither Russian authorities nor the Indian or Punjab governments have contacted them regarding any compensation or official assistance so far. The incident has once again raised concerns about fraudulent overseas job rackets targeting Indian youth and sending them into dangerous conflict zones under false promises of employment.

Anti-Conversion Bill Tabled In Maharashtra Assembly

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The Maharashtra government on Friday tabled the 'Maharashtra Freedom of Religion Bill, 2026' in the Legislative Assembly, aimed at preventing forceful and fraudulent religious conversions in the state. Minister of State for Home Pankaj Bhojar introduced the Bill in the House. Following its introduction, senior BJP MLA Sudhir Mungantiwar urged Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar to allow a detailed discussion before the legislation is passed. Mr. Munganti-

war described the proposed law as a "revolutionary step" for Maharashtra and said the House should deliberate on it thoroughly. He noted that he had earlier introduced a private member's Bill on the issue in 2008, 2012 and 2025. "A permission should be given for a detailed discussion over this Bill," the senior BJP legislator said. According to the Bill, individuals intending to convert to another religion will be required to give a 60-day prior notice to the district magistrate. After the conversion, both the individual and the per-

son or institution facilitating the conversion must submit a declaration to the competent authority. The statement of objects and reasons attached to the Bill states that incidents of forceful and organised religious conversions have been reported in several parts of the country, often targeting vulnerable sections through inducements. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, in the statement, said, "Instances of religious conversions which are forceful, involuntary or caused by influencing free consent of the citizens have been in-

creasing and are being carried out in organized manner by various institutions. Many instances of mass conversion have come to light where gullible persons have been forcefully converted from one religion to another by offering any gift, gratification, easy money or material benefit either in cash or kind, employment, free education in school or college run by any religious body or institution, promise to marry, better lifestyle, divine healing, etc.

India Seeks BRICS Consensus on West Asia

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Government sources said on Friday evening that India will use its position as BRICS Chair to try to evolve a common position on the West Asian conflict and suggest ways for de-escalation, dialogue and diplomacy to end the war that the United States and Israel have launched against Iran. The task is complex as the 11-member BRICS grouping includes Iran as well as Arab Gulf nations such as the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said he dis-



cussed "BRICS-related issues" with his Iranian counterpart Seyed Abbas Araghchi during a phone call late on Thursday night. According to media reports, the Iranian foreign minister highlighted the importance of BRICS as a platform for strengthening multilateral cooperation among emerging powers and said that, at a time of rising global tensions, the grouping should play a

constructive role in ensuring regional and international stability. The BRICS grouping currently comprises 11 countries — Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, along with newer members Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Indonesia, the UAE and Saudi Arabia, which joined in the past two years. Government sources indicated that India would try to build consensus within the grouping and propose a way forward to end the conflict, despite the diplomatic challenges. India occupies a unique position as a strategic partner of both Israel and the United

States while also chairing one of the leading non-Western multilateral forums. However, with Iran attacking US bases and other targets in Gulf nations, countries such as the UAE and Saudi Arabia are expected to press within BRICS for Tehran to halt such actions. Earlier this year, Jaishankar had announced that India's theme for the BRICS Summit it will host this year is "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability." The summit is scheduled to be held in India later this year.

Trump Says Other Countries 'Must Take Care' of Hormuz

NEW DELHI
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US President Donald Trump on Saturday said countries that rely on oil carried through the Hormuz Strait should take responsibility for keeping the passage open, with American help. Global oil prices have surged by 40 percent as Iran has choked off the vital sea passage and attacked Gulf energy facilities since US-Israeli strikes launched the war on Iran. "The United States of America has beaten and completely decimated Iran, both Militarily, Economically, and in every other way, but the Countries of the World that receive Oil through the Hormuz Strait must take care of that passage, and we will help -- A LOT!" Trump said on social media. "The US will also coordinate with those Countries so that everything goes quickly, smoothly, and well. This should have always been a team effort, and now it will be." Trump, who has said the United States will soon start escorting tankers through the strait, added that he hoped China, France, Japan, South



Korea and Britain would send ships to secure the passage. Iranian strikes have all but halted maritime traffic in the Strait of Hormuz, through which a fifth of global crude oil and liquefied natural gas normally pass. It is just 54 kilometers (34 miles) wide at its narrowest point. In his posts on Saturday, Trump asserted that Iran's military capability had been eliminated but conceded that it was still able to attack the strait. "It's easy for them to send a drone or two, drop a mine, or deliver a close range missile somewhere along, or in, this Waterway, no matter how badly defeated they are," he wrote. As he urged nations to send ships to the strait, he added that "the United States will be bombing the hell out of the shoreline, and continually

shooting Iranian Boats and Ships out of the water. One way or the other, we will soon get the Hormuz Strait OPEN, SAFE, and FREE!" On Friday, the US military heavily bombed targets on Iran's Kharg Island, which handles almost all of Iran's crude exports. Trump threatened to also hit the island's oil infrastructure, which was spared in the strikes, "should Iran, or anyone else" interfere with passage of ships through the strait. US allies have been reluctant to provide military support to the US-Israeli attacks on Iran, but they have mobilized warships in response to the widening conflict. On Monday, President Emmanuel Macron visited a French aircraft carrier dispatched to the Mediterranean and said France and its allies were preparing a "defensive" mission to reopen the strait. And on Tuesday, a UK warship left port in southern England en route to the eastern Mediterranean to "bolster British defences in the region" after a drone attack on Britain's Akrotiri base in southern Cyprus.

Musi Riverfront.....

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to tap the UCF for major infrastructure initiatives including the Bharat Future City, expansion of Hyderabad Metro Rail, Regional Ring Road, radial roads and expressways that require additional funding for early completion. The State Budget is expected to allocate higher funds for the municipal administration and urban development department to ensure the state's matching share for such projects is built into the budget, enabling quicker access to Central assistance. Apart from the UCF, the state government is also seeking to maximise benefits from the Centre's special assistance to states for capital investment, which provides 50-year interest-free loans for infrastructure development. Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has allocated around ₹1.8 lakh crore under this scheme in the Union Budget for 2026-27, and the state government is hopeful of securing at least ₹15,000 crore for its infrastructure projects. These funds would be in addition to allocations available through other Central schemes such as the Central Road Fund and the Urban Infrastructure Development Fund.

India Ensures.....

Government sources said 22 Indian ships are currently operating in the Gulf region, including six LPG carriers and four oil tankers. Several other vessels remain on standby while India continues coordinating with regional govern-

ments to ensure safe transit, a key concern for the country's energy security. Jaiswal also assured that India has adequate fertiliser stocks for the upcoming agricultural season. He said urea stocks are higher than last year, while DAP stocks have doubled and NPK stocks are also significantly higher. With the Rabi season nearing completion, domestic urea production is expected to exceed current consumption. Meanwhile, Iran arranged a chartered flight from Kochi to evacuate stranded Iranian citizens, including tourists, diplomats and non-essential crew members of the Iranian naval ship Lavan, which remains docked in Kochi. India is also working within the BRICS grouping to evolve a common stance on the West Asian conflict, though consensus has been difficult as some member countries are directly involved. India continues to push for de-escalation, dialogue and protection of global shipping routes.

Centre Revokes.....

"The government has been actively engaging with various stakeholders and community leaders in Ladakh to address the aspirations and concerns of the people of the region. It remains hopeful that the issues will be resolved through constructive engagement and dialogue, including through the High-Powered Committee and other appropriate platforms," the statement said. The decision came days after the Supreme Court adjourned the hearing of a plea filed by Wang-

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chuk's wife, Gitanjali J Angmo, challenging his detention, to March 17. Wangchuk had been detained on September 26, 2025, under the National Security Act on the orders of the Leh district magistrate, two days after protests erupted over demands for statehood for Ladakh and its inclusion under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. He was later shifted to Jodhpur jail. More than 45 people, including 22 policemen, were injured during the protests. Welcoming the decision, newly sworn-in Ladakh Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena called it a positive step for the region. However, he added that agitation, bandhs and violence had no place in Ladakh and urged stakeholders to pursue peaceful dialogue and cooperation to resolve issues. The government also said that prolonged protests and bandhs had adversely affected students, job aspirants, businesses, tourism operators and the overall economy of the region. Wangchuk was released from jail around 1.30 pm after the completion of formalities by his wife. Earlier this week, the activist said in a post on X that a just future for Ladakh would require sincere dialogue. "I have not stepped away from activism. My commitment to Ladakh remains unchanged. Our struggle has always been for Ladakh's protection, dignity and long-term well-being," he wrote. During a February 4 meeting of the High-Powered Committee chaired by minister of state Nityanand Rai, representatives of

the Leh Apex Body and the Kargil Democratic Alliance demanded Wangchuk's release along with other key demands. Reacting to the development, Congress leader and senior advocate Vivek Tankha welcomed the decision, describing Wangchuk as a nationalist, educator and climate activist whose role would be important for Ladakh's stability.

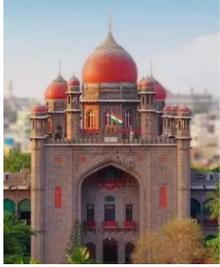
Delhi to Bengaluru...

Shah accused the AAP government of functioning as an "ATM" for party chief Arvind Kejriwal and alleged that the state administration was controlled from Delhi. "The AAP government in Punjab has become an ATM for Arvind Kejriwal. It is playing with Punjab's dignity... Give one chance to the BJP... We will bring a change in Punjab," he said. The Union minister also accused the AAP government and the Congress of allowing religious conversions for vote-bank politics. Referring to Sikh history, he said Guru Tegh Bahadur had sacrificed his life to stop religious conversions. "From this land, I want to say this today -- if Guru Tegh Bahadurji was not there, there would not be a single Hindu left in India today," Shah said. Targeting the Mann government over governance, Shah said the state was grappling with drugs, unemployment and deteriorating law and order. "There is no government in this state. Had there been a government, the law and order situation would not have been so.

CRIME

Telangana HC Directs Govt to Clear 50% of Rs 200 Crore Dues to NCC Ltd by March 26

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



The Telangana High Court on Friday directed the state finance department to pay at least 50 per cent of the outstanding dues owed to NCC Limited by March 26, while granting the government another opportunity to comply with its earlier orders. The directions were issued by Justice T. Madhavi Devi while hearing a contempt petition filed by the Hyderabad-based infrastructure company. The case pertains to pending bills of around ₹200 crore for works executed by NCC in 2018 under the state's flagship drinking water scheme, Mission Bhagiratha. According to the petitioner, the payments have remained pending for several years despite repeated

representations to the authorities. Earlier, in August 2025, the High Court had directed the state government to clear the outstanding dues within two months. However, as the payment was not made within the stipulated time, NCC Limited approached the court again by filing a contempt petition alleging non-compliance with the court's directions.

During the hearing, counsel representing the finance department submitted an affidavit

seeking exemption from the personal appearance of Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Principal Secretary of the Finance Department. The affidavit stated that the senior official was unable to attend the proceedings as he was preoccupied with official engagements, including meetings with the Deputy Chief Minister and work related to the preparation of the State Budget for the financial year 2026-27. After considering the submission, the court allowed the request and dispensed with Sultania's personal appearance for the present hearing. However, the state government sought four weeks' time to make the payment of the entire amount due to the petitioner company. The court, while taking note of the request,

observed that the state must demonstrate its bonafides by initiating at least a partial payment of the outstanding dues. Justice Madhavi Devi emphasised that compliance with court orders cannot be indefinitely delayed and that the authorities must show concrete steps toward clearing the liabilities. Accordingly, the court directed the finance department to ensure that at least 50 per cent of the principal outstanding amount is paid to NCC Limited on or before March 26. The court further warned that failure to comply with this direction would require Sandeep Kumar Sultania to appear in person before the High Court on March 30 to explain the reasons for the non-compliance with its earlier orders.

Plea to Denotify Forest Land Dismissed by High Court

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court dismissed a writ petition seeking the release of 100 acres of land from a reserve forest notification, reiterating that long-delayed proprietary claims and complex title disputes could not be adjudicated in writ jurisdiction. The panel, comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice N.V. Shrivani, was hearing a writ petition filed by Baqtawar Begum and 11 others challenging the refusal by the state govern-

ment to de-notify land situated in Saheb Nagar Kalan village, Hayathnagar mandal of Rangareddy district. The petitioners unsuccessfully challenged Section 3 of the AP Forest Act, 1967 which empowers the state to constitute any forest land or wasteland, which is the property of the government or over which it has proprietary rights, as a reserved forest. It was the case of the petitioner that the action of the authorities in refusing to release the land from the notification, while relying on earlier proceedings and judgments, was arbitrary and illegal.

Flat Building Contractor writ plea dismissed

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin dismissed writ appeals challenging cancellation of allotment of an unfinished residential tower in a housing project at Pocharam. The appeals were filed by Mahandi Builders and several flat purchasers questioning the action of Telangana Rajiv Swagruha Corporation Limited in cancelling the allotment of

a residential tower and forfeiting the amount paid. The corporation allotted the unfinished tower consisting of 120 flats to the builder for about ₹29.51 crore under an "as-is-where-is" condition, requiring payment of 10 per cent of the amount initially and the balance within 120 days. The builder paid the initial amount with a delay and failed to pay the remaining consideration even after extensions were granted. The corporation thereafter cancelled the allotment and forfeited the amount paid.

Hyderabad man held for using fake number plate

The Langar House Police Station has registered a criminal case and apprehended the accused, Arif Khan, for allegedly using a forged registration plate on his vehicle. According to officials, the legitimate owner of a Honda Activa bearing registration number TS13EX3358 approached the traffic police after receiving illegal traffic challans against his vehicle. During the investigation, authorities found that the accused had replaced his vehicle's original registration number with TS13EX3358 to mislead authorities.

HC Seeks Centre's Response on Plea to Extend PG Medical Admission Deadline

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Friday directed counsels appearing for the Union health ministry and the National Medical Commission (NMC) to obtain instructions in a writ petition seeking extension of the deadline for admissions to postgraduate (PG) medical degree and diploma courses for 2025-26. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin was hearing a petition filed by the Telangana Private Medical and Dental College Managements Association. The association sought directions to the Medical

Counselling Committee (MCC) and Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences (KNRUHS) to extend the last date for admissions to PG medical courses in Telangana beyond February 28. The association also requested the court to permit a special stray vacancy round or an additional round of counselling to fill 377 vacant PG medical seats. These include 125 seats under the competent authority quota and 252 seats under the management quota. The petitioner sought directions to open fresh registrations so that eligible candidates could participate in the proposed additional counselling round.

Man booked for illegal teak timber storage in Chintapalli

A man was booked for allegedly procuring and storing teak timber illegally in his house at Chintapalli village in Jannaram mandal on Friday. Timber worth over Rs.24,000 was seized from his possession. Jannaram Forest Range Officer Sushma Rao, in a statement, said a case was registered against Muthyam Venkanna from the village for procuring and storing the teak timber at his house. Venkanna was found to have stored the timber logs during a surprise raid conducted by the Forest officials, following a tip-off. The timber was shifted to the office of Jannaram FRO for further inquiry and legal action.

Telangana HC Directs Police to Probe Who Laid Disputed Road at Bachupally Villa Project

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court has directed the Bachupally, Dundigal and Jagadgirigutta police to inquire and submit a report to the court clarifying who was responsible for the laying of a road after the demolition of the compound wall in the layout of the APR Pranav Antilia project at Bachupally in Medchal-Malkajiri district. After HYDRAA submitted that

it had not laid the BT road or any other road in the layout after breakage of the compound wall, Justice N.V. Shrivani directed the police stations to submit the report. It also ordered that the newly formed road, if any, shall not be opened for public use until further orders and posted the matter for hearing on April 7. The judge was dealing with a petition filed by the welfare association of villa owners of the APR Pranav Antilia project, al-

leging illegal demolition of a compound wall and formation of a road by the authorities. The petition was filed against the action of officials of the HYDRAA, who allegedly demolished a portion of the compound wall of the gated community on March 9, and began forming a road through the property. The petitioner association contended that the layout was approved in 2014 and that nearly 600 villas had since been constructed and occupied

within the project. According to the petitioner, officials arrived with machinery and demolished the north-eastern boundary wall, allegedly damaging electrical installations and attempting to create access to adjoining land parcels by laying a road across the property. The association argued that the action was taken despite status quo orders passed by the High Court in related writ petitions filed in 2025.

EDITORIAL

SAFETY FIRST FOR MAKE IN INDIA

NEW DELHI
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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.



Domestic Fundamentals Strong Despite Global Volatility: Bajaj Finserv AMC

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Indian equity markets continue to remain broadly range-bound despite improving domestic fundamentals, even as global uncertainties trigger periodic volatility. Strong corporate earnings, improving credit growth, and supportive monetary policy have strengthened the foundation of the market, according to experts from Bajaj Finserv Asset Management Limited. Corporate profitability has shown significant momentum in recent quarters.

Profits of companies in the Nifty 500 rose by 16% year-on-year in Q3 FY26, marking the strongest performance in eight quarters and one of the most robust reporting



seasons in recent years. Sorbh Gupta, Head-Equity at Bajaj Finserv AMC, said the latest results indicate a broad-based recovery in profitability, providing a stronger foundation for equities going forward. Domestic economic indicators have also improved.

Credit growth has returned to double digits, indicating stronger demand and better liquidity conditions. Consumption indicators are gradually recovering after GST reductions, while policy

support has further boosted sentiment. The Reserve Bank of India has reduced interest rates by a cumulative 125 basis points and infused liquidity into the system, helping lower borrowing costs for both businesses and consumers. However, global developments have continued to introduce uncertainty. The rapid rise of artificial intelligence worldwide has raised concerns about potential short-term impacts on Indian IT services demand and job creation, which has

partly contributed to the recent underperformance of the IT sector. Gupta noted that while technological transitions often create uncertainty for traditional service models, Indian IT companies have historically adapted well and are likely to reposition themselves as the technology cycle evolves.

Geopolitical tensions in the Middle East are also creating risks for India's energy imports. Nearly 40-50% of the country's crude oil imports pass through the Strait of Hormuz, making supply routes vulnerable if conflicts escalate. A prolonged disruption could raise inflation, weaken the rupee, and pressure sectors such as aviation, paints, chemicals, and oil marketing companies. However, India's strong

foreign exchange reserves and strategic petroleum buffers provide a cushion against external shocks.

Meanwhile, fixed income markets have also experienced volatility. Bond yields initially rose following the Union Budget and policy developments as foreign portfolio outflows and geopolitical concerns weighed on sentiment. The rupee briefly stabilised after the India-US trade deal announcement, which supported capital flows. According to Siddharth Chaudhary, Head-Fixed Income at Bajaj Finserv AMC, the revamp of the CPI series to a base year of 2024 has reaffirmed a benign core inflation trend, strengthening expectations of a stable policy environment.

Mercedes-Benz India to raise prices by 2 percent from April

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Luxury carmaker Mercedes-Benz on Friday announced a price increase of around 2 per cent across its vehicle portfolio in India from April 1, 2026. The company said the move comes in response to continued foreign exchange volatility and rising input costs. According to Brendon Sissing, Vice President, sales and marketing, the decision has been taken mainly due to the sustained depreciation of the Indian rupee against the euro, which has increased operational costs for the company.

He said that while the company always tries to absorb rising costs, a price correction has become necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of the business. "Starting April 1, we will be implementing a price correction



of around 2 per cent across our portfolio. This decision is largely driven by continued forex volatility, particularly the sustained depreciation of the rupee against the euro, along with rising input costs," Sissing said. Sissing added that Mercedes-Benz India will implement the price increase carefully to ensure that the impact on customers remains minimal.

He said the company will continue focusing on delivering premium products and best-in-class customer experiences despite the adjustment in prices. "While we always

strive to absorb cost pressures, some price adjustment becomes necessary to maintain business sustainability. Our focus remains on ensuring minimal impact on customers while continuing to deliver best-in-class products and experiences," he mentioned.

The price revision will apply across the company's portfolio in the Indian market starting April 1.

Meanwhile, earlier this week, Audi India also announced a price hike of up to 2 per cent starting April 1, 2026.

Middle East Tensions, Shipping Disruptions Fuel Aluminium Price Rally

NEW DELHI
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Middle East tensions and disruptions along shipping routes have added fresh momentum to the rally in aluminium prices, which were already climbing on the back of strong demand and tightening supply. Emerging technologies such as aluminium-ion batteries—reportedly being explored by companies like Tesla—could open new avenues for

long-term demand. Aluminium prices have already been on a strong upward trend even before the latest geopolitical developments. Over the past year, global aluminium prices have risen nearly 25%, while domestic prices on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) have gained over 30%. Since January alone, prices have climbed around 12%, reflecting a broad-based rally across base metals such as copper,

zinc and aluminium, said Ajay Kedia, MD, Kedia Commodities.

According to him, the rally is part of a broader commodity cycle. Typically, energy prices rise first, followed by bullion as investors seek safe havens during uncertainty. Once macroeconomic conditions stabilize, industrial commodities begin to rally as consumption picks up. Even before the Middle East crisis, aluminium fundamentals were



strengthening. Production constraints at smelters, particularly in China, combined with

steady demand growth had tightened the market. As copper prices surged in the past six to

eight months, several industries increasingly shifted towards aluminium as a lower-cost alternative.

The geopolitical situation has now intensified supply concerns. Shipping disruptions that began around late February have threatened roughly 5.14 million tonnes of aluminium supply. The Middle East is a critical hub for global aluminium exports, accounting for nearly 9-9.5% of global

production and exporting about 5.5 million tonnes annually. Disruptions along routes such as the Strait of Hormuz have therefore had a significant impact on market sentiment.

At the same time, global inventories have tightened sharply. Aluminium stocks in London Metal Exchange (LME) warehouses have dropped to around 446,875 tonnes—the lowest level since July 2025. Additional supply pressure has

emerged from production cuts at Mozambique's Mozal smelter. Demand remains robust across multiple sectors. Aluminium is widely used in packaging, automobiles and electronics, while its role in electrical infrastructure is also expanding. The electric vehicle industry has become an important growth driver due to aluminium's lightweight properties and high conductivity.

CBIT Hosts Expert Talk on SDG Research

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An expert talk on "Research Problem Design and Methodologies in the Context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" was organized at the Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) in Hyderabad on March 14, 2026, bringing together faculty members, research scholars, and students to explore how academic research can address pressing global challenges.

The session, held at the N-Block Seminar Hall as part of the institution's R&D Expert Talk Series, was delivered by Dr. Shankar Chatterjee, former Director of the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Government of India. In his keynote address, Dr. Chatterjee emphasized the importance of identifying meaningful research problems aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, stressing that research should focus on real-world socie-



tal needs. He highlighted how interdisciplinary approaches and robust research methodologies can help scholars design impactful studies that contribute to sustainable development.

He also discussed practical frameworks for research design, data collection, and analysis

that can help produce policy-relevant and socially beneficial outcomes. Principal C. V. Narasimhulu noted that such expert lectures play a vital role in strengthening the research ecosystem of the institution. He said interactions with experienced researchers help faculty and scholars undertake high-quality and socially relevant research projects. R&D Director D. Krishna Reddy introduced the speaker and highlighted Dr. Chatterjee's extensive contributions to

research, public policy, and rural development initiatives at the national level. Program Convenor Y. Solmon Raju underlined the importance of organizing regular expert talks to enhance research awareness and academic engagement among faculty members and scholars. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Session Convenor G. N. R. Prasad, who expressed gratitude to the speaker, institution management, faculty, and participants.

Meenakshi Chaudhary Launches Tarasya Store

Actress Meenakshi Chaudhary Inaugurates Tarasya Silver Jewellery's 3rd Store in Kukatpally

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Tarasya Silver Jewellery, a silver jewellery brand from the house of Neeerus, has launched its third store in Hyderabad at KPHB Colony in Kukatpally. The new outlet was inaugurated by popular actress Meenakshi Chaudhary on March 13 at 5 PM, marking another milestone in the brand's growing presence across the city. Located in one of Hyderabad's busiest shopping destinations, the store aims to cater to the increasing demand for stylish and contemporary silver jewellery. The brand is known for blending traditional craftsmanship with modern designs. All jewellery pieces at Tarasya are crafted from pure 92.5 silver and finished with 22-carat gold plating, offering both durability and elegance suitable for everyday wear as well as festive occasions.



With the launch of the Kukatpally outlet, Tarasya further strengthens its retail footprint in Hyderabad, where it already operates successful stores in Jubilee Hills and Chandanagar.

The expansion reflects the brand's strategy to reach a wider audience in prominent commercial areas of the city.

Speaking on the occasion, Suchita Ahuja, owner of Tarasya, said the brand has received encouraging response since its inception. She added that with the Kukatpally launch, Tarasya has become a three-store

brand and plans are underway to expand into other cities, aiming to reach six stores by the end of the next financial year. Tarasya has quickly built a reputation for offering premium craftsmanship at accessible prices in the silver jewellery segment.

The collections include temple jewellery, Victorian-inspired designs, diamond-look pieces, mangalsutras and vaddanams, all crafted in 92.5 silver with 22-carat gold plating, combining traditional elegance with contemporary appeal.

Trump Administration To Receive \$10 Billion TikTok Fee

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President Donald Trump's administration is set to receive a roughly \$10 billion fee from investors in the recently completed deal to take control of TikTok's U.S. business, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday, citing people familiar with the matter. TikTok's Chinese owner, ByteDance, in January finalized a deal to establish a majority American-owned joint venture that will secure U.S. data, to avoid a U.S. ban on the

short video app used by over 200 million Americans.

TikTok USDS Joint Venture LLC will secure U.S. user data, apps and algorithms through data privacy and cybersecurity measures. It disclosed few details about the divestiture. Vice President JD Vance had in September said that the new U.S. company will be valued at around \$14 billion. The payment is part of the agreement through which investors friendly with the administration gained control of TikTok's U.S.



operations from ByteDance, WSJ said. It is on top of the investments already made to establish a new entity to operate the app in the U.S.

Investors Oracle, Silver Lake, Abu Dhabi's MGX and other backers paid about \$2.5 billion to the Treasury Department

when the deal closed and are to make a number of subsequent payments until the total reaches \$10 billion, per the Journal. TikTok and the White House did not immediately respond to Reuters requests for comment. Officials from the administration have said the fee is just-

fied, citing Trump's role in rescuing TikTok's U.S. operations and guiding negotiations with China to complete the deal while tackling lawmakers' concerns over national security, according to WSJ. Earlier this month, Trump and U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi were sued by retail investors in two social media rivals of TikTok seeking to reverse the U.S. president's approval of a deal by the company's Chinese owner ByteDance to form a majority American-owned joint venture.

Top 4 Most Controversial Moments in Oscars History

From emotional imbalances to confusion, and conflict. Here are the top five controversies that took place in the history of the Oscars.

Marlon Brando declining his Award: Veteran actor Marlon Brando is a no brainer when it comes to acting performances in movies. He is also highly regarded for his collaborations with diverse filmmakers such as francis ford copolla. For his portrayal of don Corleone, in the 1972's godfather, Brando, not only made a lasting impression on fans with his memorable performance. However, he also refused to accept the Academy award that he won. When the time came to accept his award, he sent a native American activist "Sacheen Littlefeather," instead of him.



Littlefeather took the stage on his behalf and explained his reasons for declining the Oscar.

Angelina jolie thanking her brother with a kiss: AT 72nd Academy Awards held in 2000, actor Angelina Jolie drew significant media attention by sharing an intimate moment with her brother, James Haven. Before the ceremony, Jolie kissed her brother on the lips while they were on the red

carpet. Later that evening, when she won the Academy Award for her portrayal in James Mangold's 1999 film "Girl, Interrupted", she stated in her acceptance speech, that she was "so in love" with her brother at the moment. Two years later, in an interview with a magazine, Jolie clarified that the moment was simply an expression of affection toward her brother and

was not meant to be taken literally.

Adrien Brody kissing Halle Berry onstage: In 2003, Adrien Brody, won his first ever Academy Award for Best Actor, for his leading role in Roman Polanski's "The Pianist". During the awards ceremony Halle Berry, who was presenting the award, handed the Oscar to Brody. In an act of desperation and bliss he kissed her on the stage. Later, in an interview, Berry revealed that "it was not planned", which surprised both the audience and those present at the ceremony.

Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty accidentally declaring La La Land as Best Picture: Towards the end of the 2017 Oscars Ceremony, Dunaway and

Warren Beatty were tasked to announce the winner for best picture. However, they were accidentally given the envelope for best actress which had been awarded to Emma Stone for her role in La La Land. Due to this mix-up, La La Land was incorrectly announced as the winner of Best Picture. As the film's producers, Damien Chazelle and Jordan Horowitz began to give their speech, informed them that the actual winner was "Moonlight". Horowitz then clarified the mistake on stage and handed the award to Moonlight's director, Barry Jenkins, who then went on to give his acceptance speech. This turned out to be a jaw dropping as well as disastrous moment that took place at the critical moment.

Rohit Shetty Announces 'Golmaal 5', Akshay Kumar Joins the Cast

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Filmmaker Rohit Shetty announced the fifth instalment of the "Golmaal" franchise on Saturday, on the occasion of his 52nd birthday. The filmmaker shared a lengthy note on his Instagram handle along with the video and called first "Golmaal" release a film that changed his life. "20 years ago, the first 'Golmaal' was released, a film that changed my life. The credit goes to you, my audience," he wrote.

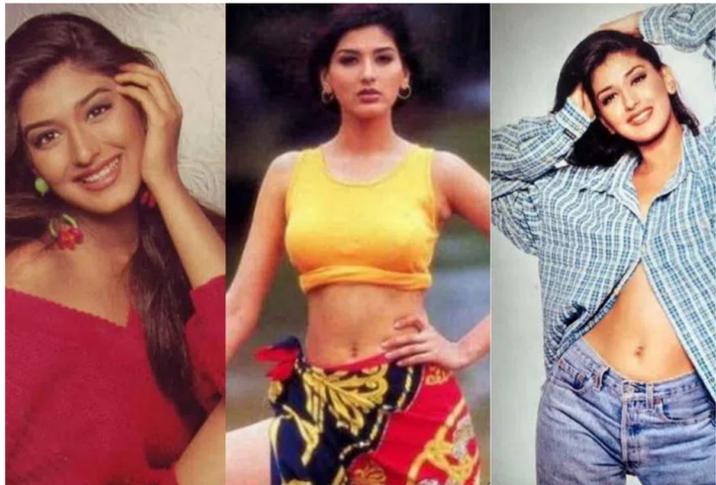
"Over the past 20 years, we have entertained you, and yes, sometimes disappointed



you, but we have always been honest in our work. So now, once again, my fabulous team and I are set on a journey to entertain you as we start filming G5. You have always loved and supported me," he added. Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar wished the director by uploading the same video on his Instagram and revealed his addition to

the star cast. "Happy Birthday @itsrohitshetty. On your birthday, the madness just got bigger and louder. Excited to be joining this crazy family of 'Golmaal 5'! Let the chaos begin," he wrote. The first film released in 2006, followed by other instalments in 2008, 2010 and 2017. All were directed by Shetty.

Sonali Bendre shares nostalgic 90s throwback photos from early film career



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Sonali Bendre recently took a nostalgic trip down memory lane, delighting fans by sharing a video montage of throwback pictures from her early days in the film industry during the 1990s. Posting the video on her social media account, the actress captioned it, "Back when photos were kinda blur but life was much simpler." The heartfelt post instantly resonated with fans who

fondly remember the charm of the 90s era and Sonali's graceful presence on screen. The montage features several pictures from Sonali's early modelling assignments and her initial years in Bollywood. In the clip, the actress can be seen sporting various stylish looks that perfectly capture the fashion trends of the 1990s. From glamorous photoshoots in crop tops and skirts to traditional outfits paired with elegant statement jewellery,

Sonali effortlessly showcases the classic style that defined the decade. One of the images in particular shows her in a casual red top with high-waisted denim, a look that was widely popular during that time. Talking about Sonali Bendre's career, she was regarded as one of the most popular actresses of the 1990s and starred in several successful films. She appeared in notable movies such as Sarfarosh, Diljale, Duplicate and Major Saab. She is

also fondly remembered for her role in the family drama Hum Saath-Saath Hain, where she played the gentle and soft-spoken Preeti opposite Salman Khan. Her character was admired by audiences for its simplicity, warmth and emotional depth. On the personal front, Sonali is married to filmmaker Goldie Behl. The couple tied the knot in 2002 and are parents to their son, Ranveer Behl. The actress was last seen hosting the couple-based reality show Pati

Patni Aur Panga along with social media influencer Munawar Faruqi. The show featured several popular celebrity couples including Swara Bhaskar and her husband, Rubina Dilaik with Abhinav Shukla, Hina Khan and Rocky Jaiswal, as well as Debina Bonnerjee and Gurmeet Choudhary. The show offered a fun glimpse into the dynamics of celebrity relationships while entertaining viewers with engaging tasks and conversations.

Four Indian boxers in World Boxing Futures Cup 2026 finals



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India's young boxing contingent continued its impressive campaign at the World Boxing Futures Cup 2026 in Bangkok, as four Indian pugilists stormed into the finals with dominant victories in their semifinal bouts on Saturday. The strong performances underlined the growing depth and potential of India's emerging boxing talent

on the international stage. In the women's 51kg category, Chandrika delivered a powerful display against Rihab Hamdoun of Morocco. Chandrika controlled the bout from the beginning and forced the referee to stop the contest in the second round, registering a Referee Stopped Contest (RSC) victory. With the commanding win, she secured a place in the gold medal bout. In the women's

48kg division, Gunjan produced a clinical performance to outclass Yu Gyong Kim of North Korea. Gunjan dominated all three rounds and won by a 5-0 unanimous decision, comfortably booking her place in the final. Another standout performance came from Joyshree Devi in the women's 54kg category. She wasted little time in asserting her dominance against Sofia Ramirez of Mex-

ico, stopping the contest in the very first round through an RSC victory and sealing her spot in the championship bout. In the men's 50kg category, Ambar Meetei also progressed to the final after delivering a confident performance against Abdugani Yorkinjonov of Uzbekistan. Meetei secured a convincing 5-0 unanimous decision win to move one step closer to the gold medal. However, it was heartbreak for Radhamani Longjam in the women's 57kg semi-finals. She fought a closely contested bout against Yevanhelina Petruk of Ukraine but narrowly lost by a 2-3 split decision, settling for the bronze medal. With four Indian boxers now through to the finals, the Indian contingent will look to convert their strong momentum into gold medals as the tournament reaches its decisive stage.

Telangana Men's Throwball Team Wins Bronze at South Zone Championship

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The Telangana Men's Throwball Team secured the bronze medal at the 17th South Zone Throwball Championship 2026, held on March 13 and 14 at Sri Vatsal Gurukul Vidyalaya. The team clinched third place after defeating Kerala in the third-place match, marking a proud achievement for the state in the regional tournament. In the crucial third-place playoff, Telangana delivered a strong performance and defeated Kerala convincingly with scores of 15-09 and 15-07. Players Dheeraj and Nithin Sagar played a key role in the victory, displaying excellent coordination, powerful throws, and consistent gameplay that helped the team secure the bronze medal. Telangana had earlier performed impressively during the league stage of the championship. The team began its campaign with a solid victory against Karnataka, winning the match 15-12, 15-11. Continuing their strong momentum, Telangana registered another



comfortable win over Puducherry with scores of 15-06, 15-09. However, in another league encounter, Telangana faced a tough challenge from neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. The match turned out to be one of the most closely contested games of the tournament. Telangana won the first set 15-11, but Andhra Pradesh bounced back to win the next two sets 15-13 and 16-14, handing Telangana a narrow defeat. Despite the setback, Telangana progressed to the semi-finals where they faced a strong team from Tamil Nadu. In

the semi-final clash, Tamil Nadu proved dominant and defeated Telangana 15-11 and 15-10, preventing the team from reaching the final. Meanwhile, the Telangana Women's Throwball Team could not advance beyond the league stage of the championship. Following the tournament, Kiran Chary, General Secretary of the Telangana Throwball Association, along with other association members, congratulated the players for their commendable performance and for bringing home a medal for the state.

Congress jibes 'Naam Narendra Kaam Surrender' at protest against PM



Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) on Saturday, March 14, held a massive protest against Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Khairatabad in Hyderabad, alleging that the PM has compromised India's interests with his recent actions. Congress claimed that Modi agreed to the India-US trade deal under pressure from America due to the Adani bribery case and Epstein files, thereby surrendering India's sovereignty.

In 2024, United States prosecutors indicted Gautam Adani and seven of his associates for their alleged involvement in a scheme to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in bribes to Indian government officials to secure solar power contracts that were being funded by international investors, including those from the US.

Protestors, led by District Congress Committee President Motha Rohit Mudiraj, held a rally from Babu Jagjeevan Ram Statue in Basheerbagh to Jawaharlal Nehru Statue in Abids. They carried a massive 100-foot banner reading "PM is compromised" and raised questions over Modi's name appearing in Epstein files as well as Union Minister Hardeep Puri and then billionaire Anil Ambani's link to the child sex offender. On February 11, Rahul Gandhi, during the Union Budget Session, had claimed that Union Minister for Petroleum Puri and industrialist Ambani's names had appeared several times in the Epstein files.

Man held with 1.35 kg ganja in Hyderabad's Dhoolpet



The State Task Force (STF) of the Prohibition and Excise Department caught an individual who was in possession of ganja at Dhoolpet in Hyderabad and seized 1.358 kg of the drug. The accused, Ashish Singh, 34, a resident of Lower Dhoolpet, along with his associates Raja Babu and Papalal Singh, was bringing ganja from other states and selling it in the city. Upon information, the STF team raided the house of Ashish and seized the ganja. Raja Babu and Papalal Singh are absconding. Efforts are on to nab them, even as a case has been booked, the police said.

Pahadishareef police raise cybercrime awareness at Tukuguda

The Pahadishareef Police organised a cybercrime awareness programme at Tukuguda on Saturday, March 14, educating residents about the growing menace of online fraud and the safe use of digital technology.

The event, held under the Cyber Mitra and Cyber Simha initiatives, was attended by a large number of citizens and students.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Shamshabad) B Rajesh and the Assistant Commissioner of Police (RGI Division) V Sreekanth Goud addressed the gathering, explaining various forms of cybercrime, including online financial frauds, phishing attacks, fake links, one-time password (OTP) scams, social media hacking and identity theft.

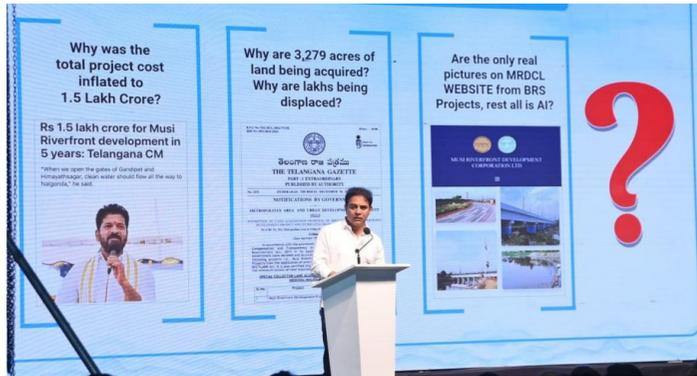
Musi Project Welcome, Land Grab Not: KTR

K. T. Rama Rao criticised the Congress government's Musi River project, alleging it aims at large-scale land acquisition for real estate and warned BRS will oppose any move harming residents.

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Stressing that the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) was not against the River Musi rejuvenation project, BRS working president and former Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister KT Rama Rao said any attempt to grab lands and loot public resources in the name of the project would be strongly opposed.

The BRS working president said that the Congress government's proposed Musi River project was not a genuine beautification initiative but a massive land grab scheme along the river. "When the Namami Gange project was executed at a cost of Rs.42,000 crore, why was the Congress government planning to spend Rs.1.5 lakh crore for developing just 55 kms of the River Musi," Rama Rao asked at the "Musi Rejuvenation - PowerPoint Presentation vs Public Point" programme held at Himayat Sagar here on Saturday. He said the River Musi could be developed without causing harm to the public or demolishing houses. The previous BRS government had already developed nearly six kilometres of the River Musi stretch in Uppal and Nagole successfully without demolishing a single house and with Rs.6 crore, he said.



According to Rama Rao, the BRS government had prepared a comprehensive Musi development plan with an estimated cost of nearly Rs.16,000 crore, which included an expressway along the river and several infrastructure improvements. Plans were also made to bring fresh water into the Musi through the Kaleshwaram project at an estimated cost of around Rs.1,100 crore.

"The Congress government is ignoring these practical and cost-effective plans. Instead, it is pursuing a massive project aimed at benefiting real estate interests along the river," Rama Rao alleged.

Under Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's leadership, the Congress government proposed a project worth Rs.1.5 lakh crore. According to him, the move was aimed at demolishing thousands of homes and facilitating large-scale corruption, while the government's real intention was to ac-

quire around 3,300 acres of land along the Musi. He said the project was being proposed even as the Chief Minister himself admitted to financial constraints. "Revanth Reddy does not have money for implementing the promises made to the people, but claims sufficient money for taking up the River Musi project," Rama Rao said. The government had Rs.200 crore for organising Miss World competitions and another Rs.200 crore for organising a football match, but did not have money to fulfil its promises, he added.

Rama Rao criticised the government for moving ahead with the project without a Detailed Project Report (DPR), Social Impact Assessment or Environmental Impact Study, and without consultations with affected communities.

Accusing the Congress of historically neglecting the River Musi and turning it into a polluted drain during its decades in power, he demanded that the

party apologise to the people of Hyderabad for the environmental damage caused in the past. He also questioned the selective implementation of buffer zone regulations and asked why the government was targeting poor and middle-class residents while ignoring properties belonging to influential individuals, including political leaders and Ministers in the buffer zones.

"The BRS will stand firmly with the victims and support them in their struggle. If people collectively oppose the current plan, the BRS government in future will reverse the "bulldozer politics" of the Congress and ensure protection of people's homes and lands," Rama Rao said.

Several residents living along the Musi who attended the event expressed strong concern and anger over the government's proposed plan and appealed for protection of their homes and livelihoods.

Complete welfare hostel buildings in 3 months: Dy CM to officials

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Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Saturday, March 14, directed officials to complete the construction of all welfare hostel buildings within three months so they can be used in the upcoming academic year.

Holding a pre-budget review meeting at the State Secretariat with Welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman, he asked officials to send repair bills to the Finance Department every 15 days for prompt clearance and warned that negligence in completing summer repairs would not be tolerated.

He also asked officials to



ensure timely submission of bills for hostel rents, electricity, cosmetics and outsourcing staff salaries, and said that the government was prioritising welfare hostel payments. He also held reviews with the Health, Forest and Endowments departments, and directed officials to promote medicinal plant cultivation under the Employment Guarantee Scheme, develop ecotourism to encourage forest protection and focus on the development of heritage temples.

Govt Explains Why 80 Students Wrote Exam in Same School

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After 80 students were allotted their own school as the examination centre for the Class 10 Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination at New Era School in Hyderabad's Kukatpally, questions were raised over negligence on the part of the Education Department.

Responding to these allegations, the fact-check page of the Telangana government issued a clarification on X, saying that all allotments have been carried out as per established examination procedures.

Earlier, reported that the District Education Officer (DEO) had kept the issue confidential and allegedly instructed students not to show their hall tickets to anyone.

However, the Directorate of Government Examinations stated in the clarification that self-centre allotment is common in examination zones where



the number of candidates is high and the number of available centres is limited.

It said that all candidates are allotted centres through a randomised process and no staff members from the same school are appointed for examination duties.

All examination personnel are deputed from other schools to ensure impartial and transparent conduct of the examinations, the post stated. According to the government, self-centred allotment is a very common practice, occurring in 269 schools in 2025, 202 schools in 2024, 225 schools in 2023 and 249 schools in 2022.

252 buildings inspected as GHMC steps up fire safety drive

HYDERABAD
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Amid a spate of fire accidents in the city, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) on Saturday, March 14, carried out special fire safety inspections in 252 buildings across all six zones, issuing notices to establishments where safety equipment was found absent or poorly maintained.

The inspections, conducted by GHMC's Town Planning Wing as part of the state government's 99-

day Praja Palana-Pragathi Pranalika initiative, focused primarily on commercial establishments along major roads, reviewing compliance with fire safety norms and existing safety infrastructure.

Building owners were advised to remove hazardous materials stored in cellars, officials said.

GHMC Commissioner RV Kaman said the inspections would continue periodically to strengthen fire safety preparedness across the city.

Jana Sena Party Marks 13th Foundation Day in Kukatpally

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The Telangana unit of the Jana Sena Party celebrated the party's 13th foundation anniversary at its Kukatpally party office on Sunday with party leaders and supporters participating in the event.

Speaking to Wakeup Telangana, Telangana Minority President Muzaffer Ali said that party chief Pawan Kalyan has a strong vision for the development of Telangana. He stated that the party leadership is committed to strengthening the organisation across the state and expanding its



presence with the aim of coming to power in the future.

Muzaffer Ali noted that Jana Sena has been steadily gaining support among various sections of society, particularly youth and minorities, and that the party will continue working for the welfare and development of the people of Telangana.

He further said the party cadre are motivated by the ideals and leadership of Pawan Kalyan, and they will intensify efforts to expand the party structure at the grassroots level across districts in the state.

Several party leaders and functionaries were present during the celebration. Among them were Ram Talluri, General Secretary;

Raja Lingam, Secretary; Prem Kumar, Kukatpally Incharge; RK Sagar, Karimnagar Incharge; and N. Seetharam Naik, Yakutpura Incharge.

The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the party in Telangana and taking forward the vision of the Jana Sena leadership.

Command centre set up in Hyderabad to oversee LPG supply: Uttam Kumar

HYDERABAD
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Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy announced on Saturday, March 14, that a command and control centre has been set up at the Civil Supplies Bhavan at Irrum Manzil in Hyderabad to oversee the supply of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders with round-the-clock operations and toll-free helpline numbers.

Reddy reviewed the LPG supply situation in Telangana with the representatives of the Telangana LPG Distributors Association at Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat.

Addressing the media later, he said that a state-level committee under the Chief Secretary and district-level committees led by Collectors has been formed to monitor the situation daily.

He warned of stringent action for selling the LPG cylinders in black market and misuse of the domestic cylinders for commercial uses.

The minister assured the LPG Distributors Association, who feared a panic-driven customer influx and law and order issues, of all possible help and protection. Reddy said that the state government has formally escalated the commercial supply crunch of LPG by writing to the

central government, amid reports of panic bookings and supply pressures linked to geopolitical tensions in West Asia.

"Though the state government is making all efforts to ensure stable LPG supplies, Telangana continues to face a severe shortage of commercial LPG supplies which are currently meeting only about 20 per cent of the demand, raising serious

concerns from the key commercial segments," he said, adding that deliveries of commercial LPG have dropped sharply to roughly 6,200 cylinders per day, as against a requirement of 23,000 cylinders.

The Congress leader noted that the domestic LPG supplies stood at near-normal levels, with around 2.15 lakh cylinders being delivered per day through 8,010 distributors.

Telangana has around 1.3 crore active domestic consumers and an estimated 1.5 - 7.5 lakh commercial users.

"The Hotels and Restaurants Association of Telangana has raised formal complaints about

the non-availability, with smaller establishments being hit the hardest," he said. "Panic overbooking in the domestic segment has also strained systems, causing temporary crashes in online booking portals, though the government intervened to restore them," Reddy added. He appealed to the public not to panic-buy or overbook domestic refills, while adhering to the waiting period guidelines.

He said contingency measures initiated include making 1,740 KL of kerosene available as backup. Consumers can also call the helpline number at 1800-428-00-333 or 1967.

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