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Brief Insights

Mamata Slams EC Over 1.2 Crore 'Deleted' Voters

Accusing the Election Commission (EC) and BJP of a "bias" to delete around 1.20 crore names in the special intensive revision (SIR) of the voters' list ahead of the West Bengal Assembly polls, chief minister Mamata Banerjee sounded confident on Monday of her retaining her assembly constituency, Bhowanipore, this time "even by one vote". "Around 1.20 crore voters are going to

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Canada and India Strike Agreements on Rare Earth, Uranium

After talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting Canadian PM Mark Carney here on Monday, the two nations signed eight agreements, including a "landmark" one worth nearly \$2 billion for long-term uranium supply from Canada for India's civil nuclear energy programme. Another pact inked on critical minerals cooperation is set to "strengthen resilient supply chains". The two sides made nine other announcements to strengthen bilateral ties as they embarked on a "next-level and next-generation partnership". They also decided to clinch a Com-

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Trump Ready For Longer War, Vows Massive Attack On Iran

US blames Tehran; sinks vessels; Kuwait downs three US jets accidentally

WASHINGTON
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President Donald Trump is recognizing three U.S. Army soldiers with the Medal of Honor at the White House on Monday, with two of the commendations being awarded posthumously. Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Terry P. Richardson will be recognized for actions during the Vietnam War that were credited with saving the lives of 85 other service members. Staff Sgt. Michael H. Ollis, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2013, is being recognized for valor during the combat that resulted in his death.

Master Sgt. Roderick W. Edmonds, who died in 1985, is being recognized for his leadership and resistance as a prisoner of war in Germany during World War II. The Medal of Honor is given by U.S. presidents, in the name of Congress, to recognize combat service that goes beyond the call of duty and risks one's own life.

- In a brief phone inter-



view with the New York Post, the president said he wasn't ruling out U.S. forces in Iran if "they were necessary." "I don't have the yips with respect to boots on the ground. Like, every president says, 'There will be no boots on the ground.' I don't say it," Trump told the newspaper. "I say, 'Probably don't need them,' (or) 'if they were necessary.'"

Trump has said since the start of U.S.-Israeli strikes on Iran that American military casualties were likely, as they are in any war, but he hasn't committed to having U.S. forces on the ground long term. Before the strikes began, Vice President JD Vance told The Washington Post that there was "no chance" the U.S. would be pulled into a drawn out war.

Iran's Drones Hit Aramco Oil Refinery In Saudi Arabia

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Saudi Aramco has temporarily shut its Ras Tanura refinery after the facility was struck by Iranian drones. The strike on Ras Tanura -- one of Saudi Arabia's key refining hubs -- adds to fears of broader disruption in the region's energy infrastructure. Aramco's media office is yet to issue an official statement on the attack. However, Saudi's defence ministry spokesperson told Al Arabiya TV that two drones targeting Saudi Aramco's Ras Tanura facility were intercepted.

The attack comes at a moment of extreme strain for the global oil market. Crude prices have logged their steepest four-year surge as the widening Iran



conflict has effectively paralysed shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow passage that handles nearly 20% of the world's daily oil flows. Though Tehran has not formally closed the route, several shipowners have suspended transits, citing security concerns, creating a de facto bottleneck in one of the world's most critical energy corridors. Energy markets are now bracing for a prolonged period of instability.

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Rahul Promises Bill for 42% BC Quota in TG

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Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday said the Congress would introduce a private member's Bill in Parliament seeking enhancement of reservations for the Backward Classes community in Telangana to 42 per cent. Addressing meetings of the political affairs committee (PAC) of the party's Telangana and Andhra Pradesh units and DCC presidents at Vikarabad, Gandhi said that the wrongdoings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi should be exposed and taken to the people.

Leaders from the state informed Rahul Gandhi that the BC caste census had been completed and sought the introduction of a private Bill in Parliament for raising BC quota, to which he responded positively. He noted that the party and the government in Telangana were working in coordination and advised leaders to focus on social issues. Referring to organisational matters, Gandhi called upon leaders to strengthen the party at the grassroots level. He alleged that the BJP was attempting to create divisions among people to secure power and said the Congress should counter such moves.

He criticised the foreign policy being pursued by Prime Minister Modi, alleging that the Centre's actions could risk pushing the country towards a war-like situation in Iran. He also expressed concern over the Indo-American trade deal and said it posed risks to the country's economy. He said situations similar to those in Iran should not arise in India and alleged that China was backing Pakistan while China and Russia were behind Iran. He further claimed that Modi



had "completely surrendered" to US President Donald Trump and could not act against him. Rahul Gandhi reiterated that the Congress ideology was rooted in non-violence, peace and truth, and emphasised equality without discrimination based on caste, religion, class or gender. He asked leaders to prioritise public service, respect women within the party and treat organisational posts as responsibilities rather than positions of attraction. At the concluding session of the DCC presidents' training programme Gandhi also conducted a session demonstrating basic tech-

niques of jiu-jitsu and linked martial arts to organisational discipline and party ideology. His trainer had previously trained the DCC leaders.

Some DCC leaders raised complaints that certain MLAs were not cooperating with the party, affecting electoral prospects in recent municipal elections. Others sought allocation of funds to district units and land for party offices in all district headquarters. During the meeting, TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud, former MP V. Hanumanth Rao and State Mahila Congress president Sunitha Rao spoke.

Revanth Endorses Rahul for National Leadership

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Congress leaders indicated that Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi appeared open to assuming the office of Prime Minister after responding positively to an appeal made by Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy during a party event. Leaders said Rahul Gandhi was seen smiling and nodding while Revanth Reddy made the remarks, which they interpreted as a sign of his willingness to take up the responsibility in the national interest.

Addressing the concluding session of a 10-day training programme for District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents at Vikarabad on Monday, Revanth Reddy asserted that Rahul Gandhi should become Prime Minister for the country's future. He clarified that the appeal was made not in his capacity as Chief Minister but as a Congress worker, urging party cadres to work collectively towards elevating Gandhi to the nation's top post amid the prevailing political situation.

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SC Flags Trial Court's Reliance on AI-Generated 'Fake' Judgments

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Taking cognisance of a trial court relying on alleged non-existent verdicts generated using artificial intelligence, the Supreme Court has observed that a decision based on such fake judgments would not merely be an error in decision-making but would amount to misconduct. A two-judge bench of Justices P.S. Narasimha and Alok Aradhe said it would examine the issue in detail and issued notice to



the Attorney General R. Venkataramani, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, and the Bar Council of India.

The apex court also appointed senior advocate Shyam Divan to assist it in the matter. The court observed: "We take cognisance of the trial

court's reliance on AI-generated, non-existent or synthetic judgments and propose to examine the consequences and accountability arising from such conduct, as it directly affects the integrity of the adjudicatory process. A decision founded on fabricated or non-existent precedents is not a mere error of judgment; it constitutes misconduct and will attract legal consequences. This issue warrants detailed examination."

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Air India Express to Resume Muscat Flights on Tuesday

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Air India Express will restart flights to and from Muscat on Tuesday after suspending services in the wake of the Middle East conflict. The airline's services to Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE will remain suspended until 2359 hours IST on March 3. In a statement on Monday, the Tata Group-owned carrier said it would resume operations to and from Muscat starting Tuesday (March 3), with scheduled services



to Delhi, Kochi, Kozhikode, Mangaluru, Mumbai, and Tiruchirappalli. The first Air India Express flight from Muscat will operate to Tiruchirappalli, departing at 1025 hours local time, it added. Many airspaces in the Middle East are closed due to the conflict involving the US, Israel and Iran, as a result of flight operations have been impacted.

Modi Condemns Attacks On Saudi, Bahrain; Talks To Netanyahu

Prime Minister Modi also discussed with them the well-being of the Indian community living in both countries

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday conveyed India's solidarity with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain following recent attacks on the Gulf nations, while reiterating the need for dialogue and protection of civilians amid escalating tensions in West Asia. In the early hours of Monday, the Prime Minister also spoke to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"Had a telephone call with PM Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss the current regional situation. Conveyed India's concerns over recent developments and emphasised the safety of civilians as a priority. India reiterates the need for an early cessation of hostilities," he posted.

The Prime Minister spoke to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Bahrain's King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, condemning the at-



tacks on the two countries without directly naming Iran. In a post on X, he said India condemned the attacks on Saudi Arabia in violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity and agreed on the need for early restoration

of regional peace and stability. He also thanked the Saudi leadership for ensuring the well-being of the Indian community. In a separate post, he said India condemned the attacks on Bahrain and stood in solidarity with its people, while expressing appreciation for support extended to the Indian community there. Earlier in the day, speaking at Hyderabad House in New Delhi in the presence of Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, Modi said

the situation in West Asia was "a matter of deep concern" and reiterated India's position in favour of dialogue and diplomacy. "We will continue to work with all countries to ensure the safety of all Indian citizens in the region," he said. Late Sunday night, Modi chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) to review the evolving situation in West Asia. According to reports, the CCS expressed serious concern over the

safety and security of the large Indian expatriate community in the region. The meeting reviewed the initial air strikes on Iran by the United States and Israel, the subsequent escalation and attacks on Gulf countries. It also examined issues faced by Indian travellers transiting through the region and students appearing for scheduled examinations, along with broader implications for regional security and economic activity.

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Telangana faces fiscal strain amid uncertainty over Union Budget allocations

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Uncertainty over the Central allocations in the Union Budget 2026-27 has placed Telangana in a tight fiscal corner, as the State government is trying to recalibrate its numbers. Without assured grants or shared funding, the State risks drifting towards a borrowing-led model to keep development and welfare promises on track. With no firm commitments for big-ticket projects such as the Regional Ring Road, Metro Phase II and Musi River rejuvenation from the Union government, the Congress government here is facing a widening resource gap. To keep welfare promises and infrastructure plans afloat, the government might be pushed towards a mix of difficult and unpopular options, including increased borrowings and a hike in taxation. The Finance department is ex-



ploring various options to keep the State Budget plans afloat, in tune with the Congress government's priorities. The most immediate route is higher market borrowing. But with the fiscal deficit cap fixed at 3 per cent of GSDP, additional loans would sharply raise the State's debt stock and long-term interest burden. There is also the possibility of off-budget borrowings through State entities to provide temporary fiscal room. Telangana has already used financial engineering, including swapping high-interest

loans, to create temporary borrowing space during the current financial year.

Under the Congress rule, the total debt is inching closer to Rs 3 lakh crore, including around Rs 83,000 crore through market borrowings during the current fiscal alone. As a result, rising debt servicing costs would steadily squeeze funds meant for social welfare and development works in future budgets. Thus, such a stop-gap borrowing strategy to plug a funding gap may, over time, narrow the State's ability to

invest in fresh development or respond to economic shocks.

Another option is expenditure compression, where welfare schemes may be staggered, scaled down or delayed. Capital-intensive urban and irrigation projects could be slowed, reducing revenue expenditure flexibility in subsequent budgets, which could eventually affect both growth momentum and employment generation.

Officials were asked to examine asset monetisation by accelerating the sale or long-term leasing of valuable land parcels and public assets to raise non-tax revenue. While this offers quick liquidity, it reduces future asset buffers and is not a sustainable recurring source.

Tax and user charge revisions present another lever. Higher property taxes, increased fees for civic services and re-

visions in excise or transport levies could be considered. However, such proposals would have political implications and may add to inflationary pressure on households. "We are exploring all possibilities to keep the State economy on track. The budget plans will be finalised only after the department-wise consultations, followed by a meeting with the Chief Minister, are completed," a senior official in the Finance department said.

Notwithstanding these measures, the State's fiscal trajectory appears to be tilting from growth-driven expansion to a fiscal management phase. Unless either Central support improves, tax revenue increases or the State government reprioritises expenditure, Telangana could soon witness a sharp decline in its spending on welfare and development.

Sangareddy Collector Stresses Sarpanches' Role in Development

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District Collector P. Praveenya underscored the crucial role of Sarpanches in achieving holistic village development and called upon newly elected representatives to perform their duties with responsibility and dedication. Addressing a five-day training programme held at the Women's Pranganam in the district headquarters, the Collector urged participants to thoroughly understand the subjects covered and implement the learnings effectively for the progress of their villages. She stressed that all developmental activities must strictly adhere to legal provisions and government guidelines. The training programme aims to equip Sarpanches with the skills to identify local issues, devise appropriate solu-



tions, and ensure proper and transparent utilization of funds. Praveenya directed that funds be allocated according to priority needs and that development works be completed within stipulated timelines. She specifically instructed that works taken up under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme be completed before March 31. Emphasizing the effective implementation of welfare schemes, she highlighted the importance of strengthening basic infrastructure, including drinking water supply, sanitation, roads, education, and healthcare. With the summer season approaching, the Collector

advised Sarpanches to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply in their respective villages. She also encouraged elected representatives to conduct regular village visits, identify pressing concerns, and work in close coordination with residents to resolve issues promptly. Training manuals and related materials were distributed to the participating Sarpanches. The programme was attended by District Rural Development officials, Mandal Development Officers, trainers, and Women and Child Welfare Department official Lalitha Kumari, along with Sarpanches from various villages.

Telangana sets up 24x7 control room in Delhi amid Middle East crisis

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The State government has set up a 24x7 Control Room at Telangana Bhavan, New Delhi, for Telangana citizens in view of the situation in the Middle East. In a statement, officials said the State government was closely monitoring the situation prevailing in certain Middle East (West Asia) countries. Senior officials at Telangana Bhavan, New Delhi, were

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already in continuous contact with the Ministry of External Affairs and the Indian Embassies concerned to assess the situation. In view of the enquiries being received from Telangana citizens residing in the affected countries, including those

who may be stranded, and from their family members, the government has established the Control Room at Telangana Bhavan, New Delhi.

The Control Room will function round the clock to facilitate necessary coordination and extend assistance as required. Telangana citizens presently residing in the region, or their family members in Telangana, may contact the Control Room in case of distress, travel disruptions

or other emergency situations. Telangana travel guide
The following are the Control Room contact numbers:
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CH Chakravarthi, Public Relations Officer: 9958322143
Javed Husain, Liaison Officer: 9910014749
Rakshit Naik, Liaison Officer: 9643723157

Holi Celebrated in Advance at Komalla PHC

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The Ayushman Arogya Kendra at Komalla Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Raghunathpalli Mandal witnessed vibrant Holi celebrations as officials and staff came together in a spirit of unity and joy. With a lunar eclipse scheduled for March 3, astrologers advised celebrating Holi on Wednesday. As part of the tradition, Kama Dahanam was observed earlier, and the PHC staff marked the festival in advance within



the health centre premises. The campus came alive with colors as medical officers, employees, and supporting staff set aside their official roles and shared festive greetings by applying colors to one another. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, enthusiasm, and

camaraderie. Speaking on the occasion, medical employee Sathyavathi informed that Holi signifies the victory of good over evil and conveys a powerful message of faith and righteousness through the ritual of Holika Dahan. She said the festival also marks the arrival of

spring and symbolizes renewal, positivity, and harmony in society. She extended warm Holi greetings to public representatives, officials, leaders, friends, and well-wishers, expressing hope that the colors of the festival bring happiness, prosperity, and stronger unity in the community. The celebration at Komalla PHC reflected the true essence of Holi — spreading joy, strengthening bonds, and promoting togetherness beyond all differences.

Drainage Overflow, Damaged Manholes

Turn Lalapet Flyover Stretch into Commuter Nightmare

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What was meant to be a post-monsoon road restoration has now turned into a daily ordeal for commuters and residents near Lalapet Flyover in Tarnaka. Frequent drainage overflow, broken manhole covers, and newly damaged CC roads have transformed the busy stretch into a hazardous and foul-smelling zone, leaving both motorists and pedestrians frustrated.

Just months after the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) undertook cement concrete (CC) road works in the area, the road surface has already deteriorated. Large ditches have formed around sewerage manholes, and several manhole covers are either cracked or completely damaged. Vehicles are struggling to pass through the stretch, with two-wheelers and autos particularly at risk of skidding or toppling. Residents allege that drainage water is overflowing regularly, leading to stagnant sewage on the road. The persistent foul smell has made it unbearable for pedestrians to walk along the stretch. Shopkeepers and locals complain that the unhygienic conditions are not only affecting public health but also impacting daily business activities.

"This problem has been continuing for weeks. After the recent road works, we expected relief, but the condition has become worse," said a local resident. "The manholes are dangerous, especially at night. It's only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs." The stretch near Lalapet Flyover is a crucial connecting route in Secunderabad, witnessing heavy traffic flow throughout the day. Commuters say that during peak



hours, vehicles are forced to slow down abruptly to avoid deep craters around the manholes, leading to traffic congestion and near-collision situations. Locals are demanding that GHMC authorities conduct an immediate inspection and take corrective measures, including: Replacement of damaged manhole covers
Proper leveling and strengthening of the CC road
Permanent resolution of the drainage overflow issue
Filling of potholes and restoration of safe pedestrian pathways
With the monsoon season exposing infrastructure vulnerabilities across the city, residents say urgent intervention is necessary to prevent accidents and curb potential health hazards caused by sewage stagnation.

CBSE postpones Class 10 and 12 exams in Gulf region



The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) announced on Sunday that the Class 10 and 12 annual board exams scheduled for March 2, 2026, in the Gulf region have been postponed owing to the current situation. The CBSE stated in a circular sent to schools that exams in Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman have been postponed. Iran was also included in the list in which exams were postponed.

The CBSE statement also said that the new dates would be announced at a later stage. It further added that the Board would review the situation on March 3 and take appropriate decisions regarding the examinations scheduled from March 5 onwards. The Gulf region is the largest block outside India where CBSE-affiliated schools operate to cater to the needs of children of Indian expatriates.

Aimim Inquilab Party Leader Rafath Jahan Under House Arrest

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AIMIM Inquilab Party in-charge and Jubilee Hills Assembly contestant Shaik Rafath Jahan was reportedly placed under house arrest by officers of the I. S. Sadan Police Station on Monday, ahead of a proposed protest scheduled near the US Consulate in Hyderabad. According to sources, Rafath Jahan had announced through a social media post that she would stage a protest on Tuesday at 11 a.m., condemning Israel and the United



States and marking what she described as the martyrdom of Ayatullah Ali Khamenei. Police initiated preventive action citing law and order concerns. Following the house arrest, Rafath Jahan stated that the issue was larger than an individual and represented the demo-

cratic voice of the people. She asserted that every citizen has the constitutional right to express views peacefully and that dissenting voices cannot be suppressed. She further said her stand was rooted in justice, constitutional rights, and democratic values.

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.

JMR Pushes Bowenpally Civic Revamp

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Jakkula Maheshwar Reddy (JMR) has prioritized a comprehensive civic overhaul in New Bowenpally, assuring residents of swift action to resolve long-pending infrastructure issues during a coordination meeting with the Sancharpuri Colony Welfare Association (Ward-1) in Hyderabad. At the meeting, residents highlighted critical civic deficiencies affecting daily life, including poor sanitation, damaged internal roads, and outdated power infrastructure. The association stressed the



urgent requirement for modern underground drainage (UGD) systems to prevent recurring water-logging and related health risks. Construction of durable Cement Concrete (CC) roads and installation of new electric poles along with reconditioning of aging electrical lines were also raised as immediate necessities.

Responding to the concerns, JMR stated that access to quality civic infrastructure is a basic right of every citizen and assured residents that delays in essential development works would be addressed without further postponement. He pledged to personally escalate the issues to concerned municipal and

electricity department officials and ensure faster administrative approvals. Outlining an action plan, JMR announced a dedicated follow-up mechanism with relevant departments to monitor progress and ensure timely execution of projects. He emphasized that development of New Bowenpally remains a top priority and promised strict timelines to minimize inconvenience to residents. Members of the Welfare Association welcomed the assurance and appreciated JMR's proactive and grassroots-focused leadership approach.

Delhi Liquor Scam: Six From Telugu States Acquitted

The special CBI court in Delhi on Friday has given a clean chit to the six persons from the Telugu states — K. Kavitha, Abhishek Boinapalli, Mootha Goutham, Butchibabu Gorantla and Sarath Chandra Reddy — in Delhi liquor scam case. They were accused as being part of the so-called 'South Group' in the case. The prosecution had alleged that the 'South Group', headed by K. Kavitha, listed as Accused No. 17, comprised Sarath Reddy (A23), Abhishek Boinapalli (A4), Arun Ramchandra Pillai (A5), Mootha Gautam (A6) and Butchibabu (A11). It was alleged that this group was favoured by grant of L-1 licence to Indospirits, in which Sameer Mahendru (A7) was a stakeholder. Arvind Kumar Singh (A15) was alleged to be closely linked to the South Group. Amandeep Singh Dhall (A9) was projected as another beneficiary who agreed to facilitate recoupment of upfront payments to be utilised in the Goa elections for favours extended under the policy which was later withdrawn by the then AAP government in Delhi. All 23 persons in the case were cleared.

KTR Seeks Cancellation of Suryapet Mining Auction

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BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao has demanded the immediate cancellation of the e-auction of mining blocks in Suryapet district, alleging serious procedural irregularities, statutory violations, and potential illegality in the tender process. He also called for an independent investigation into the awarding of the mining contracts. In an open letter addressed to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Rama Rao stated that the e-auction conducted by the Department of Mines and Geology failed to meet mandatory legal and environmental requirements, making the entire process legally vulnerable. The auction, notified on August 30, 2024, covered the Paspupala-



bodu, Saidulnama, and Sultanpur mining blocks in Suryapet district. According to Rama Rao, nearly 1,100 acres of the notified mining area reportedly fall within Reserved Forest land, raising serious environmental and legal concerns. He argued that auction documents lacked essential disclosures mandated under the Mineral Auction Rules, 2015, and the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. Missing details allegedly included precise latitude and longitude co-

ordinates, forest compartment information, DGPS-based demarcation, UTM geo-coordinates, and comprehensive geological reports estimating mineral resources. "These omissions strike at the foundation of transparency and legality," he said, adding that deviations from statutory norms undermine administrative credibility and expose the process to legal challenges. The former minister further alleged that the auction proceeded despite pending legal proceed-

ings. Referring to directions issued by the Telangana High Court in a public interest litigation, he said authorities were instructed to consider representations and provide hearings to stakeholders. However, he claimed that preferred bidders were declared and mining blocks handed over without meaningful compliance with the court's directions. Rama Rao also questioned the selection of Deccan Cements Limited for the Saidulnama block and NCL Industries Limited for the Sultanpur block, stating that both companies were reportedly facing pending cases related to alleged violations and illegal mining activities in forest areas. He raised concerns over the government's due diligence in awarding contracts under such circumstances.

Trust Issues Dog KLIS Barrages' Repair Plans

It is reliably learnt that the irrigation officials have been informed by the CWPRS that a report will be submitted on the test results and findings in due course.

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A battle is brewing between the irrigation department and the agency it selected to conduct tests at the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme's three barrages over the sharing of data. The Pune-based CWPRS (Central Water and Power Research Station) is learnt to be reluctant to share raw test data with the department, while irrigation officials are insisting that this data must be provided to them to cross-check of reports. These tests are critical for establishing the baselines on which any repair designs and eventual rehabilitation of the barrages can be taken up. These differences come amidst allegations levelled by the BRS of "deliberate destabilising" of the immediate environment around the Annaram barrage through sand mining which, the party alleged, would



weaken the foundations, and was being allowed by the Congress government to create problems at the site. Things were learnt to have come to such a pass that irrigation engineers overseeing the testing at Annaram barrage by the CWPRS have informed their superiors in writing of the reluctance of the Pune-based body to share the raw data — that include geophysical, geotechnical examinations — of the river bed, the barrage structure, among other things. It is reliably learnt that the irrigation officials have been

informed by the CWPRS that a report will be submitted on the test results and findings in due course. The CWPRS has been contracted by the department to conduct tests at the Sundilla, Annaram, and Medigadda barrages. The data on the geology, and geophysical status of the river bed under the barrages, and their current structural stability, along with flow dynamics upstream, can be factored into preparing repair designs, for the barrages themselves, and especially for the downstream spillway areas.

Motorists Enraged Over Barricaded U-Turns on Road No. 12

Traffic police officials, however, have defended the move. K. Sunil, Banjara Hills traffic SHO, said that multiple U-turns earlier caused frequent interruptions in traffic flow

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Traffic chaos has gripped Road No. 12 in Banjara Hills after traffic police barricaded several U-turns along the busy stretch, leaving motorists fuming and commuters stranded in long queues. What used to be a relatively smooth drive has now turned into a daily test of patience, especially during peak hours. At present, only two U-turns have been kept open. As a result, vehicles are piling up at these points, causing severe bottlenecks. The situation becomes worse in the mornings and evenings when office-goers, school buses and RTC buses crowd the road. "I have to wait nearly 20 minutes just to cross a short stretch," said Ramesh Kumar, a regular commuter. "Cars are lining up to take the U-turn, and since it's on an uphill



road, vehicles struggle to move. In this heat, it's exhausting." Road No. 12 has several hospitals and treatment centres, and locals said that the traffic congestion is not just inconvenient, but also dangerous. The U-turn ahead of Renova Hospital and TX Hospital on Road No. 12 has been closed, forcing vehicles, including ambulances and visitors, to travel further down the road all the way to a smaller U-turn in front of a graveyard near Sri Ram Nagar Colony, and return through the already con-

gested turning points. "There are ambulances passing through every few minutes. When traffic is stuck like this, where will an ambulance go? Even turning becomes a challenge," said Shabana Begum, a resident. Locals also raised concerns about how the U-turns, which have been closed, had enough road space which allowed cars and heavy vehicles to take turns easily, but the currently open U-turns do not have adequate space and are creating bottleneck traffic.

Harish promises to present iPads to top 30 Class 10 students in Siddipet

Harish Rao addressed Class 10 students at Indira Nagar Public School in Siddipet, urging them to focus on examinations.

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Former Minister T. Harish Rao urged Class 10 students of Indira Nagar Public School to remain fully focused on their upcoming board examinations and avoid distractions, stressing that consistent preparation and disciplined study habits are key to success. Addressing students during a motivational programme titled "Vijayi Bhava" held at the school

on Sunday, Harish Rao encouraged them to set clear academic goals and strive for excellence. He announced that iPads would be presented to 30 top-performing students from government schools in the Siddipet Assembly constituency as a reward for outstanding performance. He particularly motivated students of Indira Nagar Public School to aim for a place among these top achievers. Highlighting Siddipet's strong academic record,



Harish Rao said the constituency has consistently secured top positions in Class 10 board examination results year after year. He called upon students to continue this legacy through dedication and

hard work, adding that their performance would play an important role in maintaining the district's reputation for educational excellence. The former Minister noted that students from Siddipet constituency have regularly secured the highest number of admissions to IIIT-Basara, attributing this achievement to focused preparation and strong performance in board examinations. He explained that talent alone is not enough unless stu-

dents effectively translate their knowledge into results in the examination hall through proper planning and practice throughout the academic year. Offering practical advice, Harish Rao urged students to stay away from distractions such as smartphones and television until the examinations are completed. He emphasized the importance of time management, revision, and maintaining confidence during exams.

Sangareddy Collector Reviews Child and Senior Citizen Welfare Services

HYDERABAD
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District Collector P. Praveenya conducted a review of child welfare and senior citizen services in the district, visiting the Women's Wing of the Child Care Home and the Pranam Day Care Center. At the child care home, she inspected health, nutrition, and medical facilities for seven resident children, and was informed that the adoption process is progressing smoothly. She urged officials to prioritize children's health



and report any issues promptly. At the Pranam Day Care Center, the Collector interacted with elderly residents and reviewed facilities and activities, including carrom, chess, and home-delivered meals. Residents expressed satisfaction with the services. Praveenya stressed the need for well-

equipped day care centers, and recommended issuing ID cards, maintaining registers, providing first aid kits, and ensuring access to physiotherapy equipment. The review was attended by District Welfare Officer Lalitha Kumari, DCP Ratnam, and other officials.

Revanth to Finalise 99-day Public Outreach Calendar Today

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will finalise a calendar for the 99-day 'Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika' programme, which is aimed at taking government schemes, development works and welfare programmes closer to the people. The Chief Minister had announced the programme on February 28. Ahead of the Collectors' Conference on Tuesday, Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao held a preparatory meeting with senior

officials at the Secretariat on Monday and briefed officials on subjects to be discussed. During the forenoon session of the conference, district collectors will be sensitised on the forthcoming Census enumeration exercise. The Chief Secretary stressed the need for thorough groundwork at the district level to ensure accurate, transparent and time-bound enumeration. In the afternoon session, collectors will be briefed on the 99-day action plan, with emphasis on priority development works.

Residents Back Indiramma Housing Plan

HYDERABAD
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Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh appreciated the residents of Ambedkar Nagar in Mud Ford area for giving their consent to construct Indiramma houses on their own land. On Monday, residents from Ward-3 Mud Ford met the MLA at his camp office in Picket and submitted consent letters expressing their willingness to allow the government to build Indiramma houses at their respective sites. During the interaction, residents explained that



they were currently unable to live comfortably in their small and congested houses along with their families. Many of them said they were forced to stay in rented accommodations in other localities due to inadequate living

space. They appealed to the government to construct Indiramma houses on their lands, stating that it would greatly improve their living conditions and reduce their financial burden. Responding positively,

MLA Sri Ganesh assured them that he would direct concerned officials to conduct field-level inspections to assess the feasibility of the project. He said the findings would be brought to the notice of the State Government to ensure that the construction process moves forward at the earliest. The MLA congratulated the residents for supporting the government's vision of providing dignified housing to the poor and for coming forward proactively to benefit from the welfare initiative.

Water Conservation Awareness in Netaji Nagar

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Wakeup telangana

An awareness program on water conservation was conducted in Netaji Nagar Colony, Nallagandla, under Serilingampally-Gachibowli Division, where Colony President Beri Ramachander Yadav urged residents to use drinking water responsibly amid rising summer temperatures.

He advised residents not to waste water supplied through Mission Bhagi-

ratha pipelines and encouraged every household to install proper taps to prevent leakage and unnecessary flow. Residents, especially women, were requested to switch off motors immediately after overhead tanks are filled and ensure water does not overflow onto roads. Following guidelines from the Hyderabad Water Works Department, citizens were asked to cooperate with authorities by using water carefully. With

temperatures already reaching around 33°C in Telangana, he warned that water scarcity could arise during peak summer if conservation measures are ignored. He noted that Hyderabad depends on Singur, Manjeera, Krishna, and Godavari river sources for drinking water supply. Observing wastage in low-lying areas, he appealed to residents to close taps after use and adopt responsible water usage practices to protect this vital resource.



Canada and India Strike Agreements on Rare Earth, Uranium

NEW DELHI
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After talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting Canadian PM Mark Carney here on Monday, the two nations signed eight agreements, including a "landmark" one worth nearly \$2 billion for long-term uranium supply from Canada for India's civil nuclear energy programme. Another pact inked on critical minerals cooperation is set to "strengthen resilient supply chains". The two sides made nine other announcements to strengthen bilateral ties as they embarked on a "next-level and next-generation partnership". They also decided to clinch a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement by the end of the year to strengthen trade ties, and also decided to increase

bilateral trade to \$50 billion by 2030. An economic and financial dialogue will also be launched, to be led by the two finance ministers. The two countries announced establishment of a bilateral Defence Dialogue, that is likely to discuss defence supply chains and a defence industrial partnership. Both sides also decided to begin a new maritime security partnership.

The pact on uranium supply will involve nearly 22 million pounds (or nearly 10 million kg) of uranium ore concentrate to be supplied from 2027-35 to India by Canadian firm Cameco. Modi said the two nations "will also work together on Small Modular Reactors and advanced reactors". A joint statement said "the leaders noted that strengthened institutional



engagement would support expanded bilateral energy trade, including in liquefied natural gas (LNG), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), crude oil, refined petroleum products, potash, and uranium supply offtakes". Both sides agreed on Canadian universities opening campuses in India. On the agriculture front, an India-Canada Pulse Protein Centre of Excellence will be established in India. Canada also said it was joining the India-led International Solar Alli-

ance as well as the Global Biofuels Alliance and also decided to join the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) as a dialogue partner. Welcoming this, Modi noted that Canada was an important partner for India in the Indo-Pacific. At a special briefing later, MEA secretary (east) P. Kumaran said Carney's visit and the talks between the two leaders had "consolidated normalisation of ties, restored strategic direction, instituted (bilateral) economic and security dia-

logues and positioned ties towards long-term expansion". Other pacts inked between the two nations included an India-Canada-Australia Trilateral MoU on cooperation in technology and innovation, and another enabling "fully-funded internships for up to 300 eligible Indian students annually for three years (beginning 2027) to undertake a 12-week fully-funded research internship under the supervision of Canadian academic institution faculty members in a variety of academic disciplines, from science, engineering, and mathematics to the humanities and social science". Another pact was on renewable energy for "capacity building in the domain of energy storage, solar energy, wind energy, and biomass/bio-energy".

Minister Blames Company For Factory Blast That Killed 19

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Maharashtra minister and senior BJP leader Chandrashekhar Bawankule on Monday held SBL Energy Limited responsible for the factory blast that claimed the lives of 19 workers. He alleged that safety norms were not followed at the facility and said that, prima facie, there appeared to be negligence on the part of the company. At least 19 persons, including 14 women, were killed and 18 others critically injured in a blast at an explosives manufacturing factory at Katol in Nagpur district on Sunday morning.

Mr. Bawankule said the primary report (by safety agencies) has indicated "negligence" on the part of the SBL Energy Limited. "Apart from the company, accountability will be fixed on officials of the Petroleum and Ex-



plosives Safety Organisation (PESO), the Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health (DISH) and the labour commissionerate, and if found guilty, cases will be registered against them," he said. The police have registered a case against 21 directors and shareholders of the SBL Energy Limited under Section 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. They have arrested nine directors of the explosives manufacturing company in connection with the incident. According to police, between 7 and 8:30 am, powerful explosions occurred one after

the other in the company's non-ferrous crimping units. There were 36 workers present in the unit at the time of the incident. The intensity of the explosions was so terrible that they were heard for several kilometers triggering panic in the surrounding locality.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each for the kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 for the injured from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF). Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis has also announced that the Maharashtra government would provide Rs 5 lakh each to the kin of the deceased. "The company will give a compensation of Rs 75 lakh to the families of each of the deceased and Rs 25 lakh to the injured persons," Mr. Bawankule said.

Raut Advised To 'Call Trump' Over US-Iran Conflict

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Shiv Sena minister Sanjay Shirsat on Monday mocked Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut asking the latter to directly take up his concerns with US President Donald Trump over the ongoing conflict involving Iran. Shirsat alleged that Raut has been assigned the task of defaming PM Modi. "Our PM is strong. Raut should keep out of international issues. Or he should call US President Trump and Israeli PM Netanyahu in connection with the war," Shirsat said in Chhatrapati

Sambhainagar. Earlier, Raut had criticised the BJP-led central government's handling of the situation triggered by the US-Israel attack on Iran, questioning its implications for India's foreign policy and urging a clearer stance. He termed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Israel last week as a "jolt to India's global policy" and dubbed Khamenei's killing as cruelty and bullying by Israel and the US. The Rajya Sabha MP also urged Modi to intervene in the Iran-Israel conflict and call for an end to the war. He criticised the gov-

ernment's silence over the killing of Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, whom he described as a 'true friend' of India. "When such a leader is assassinated, India should officially express grief," he added. Raut's comments come following a joint missile strike by Israel and the United States on Iran on February 28, known as Operation Roaring Lion/Operation Epic Fury. Both US President Donald Trump and Iranian state media have confirmed that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed in the strikes, along with his daughter, grandchild, daughter-in-law.

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India Assesses Fuel Supply Situation as Middle East Tensions Rise

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India's Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on Monday said it is closely monitoring the rapidly escalating military conflict in the Middle East and remains prepared to take all necessary measures to safeguard the availability and affordability of petroleum products across the country. The assurance comes amid growing global concerns over energy supply disruptions following heightened tensions involving Iran, the United States, and Israel. India, the world's

third-largest oil importer, depends heavily on overseas energy supplies, importing nearly 88 per cent of its crude oil requirements and about half of its natural gas consumption. A significant portion of these imports passes through the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz, a narrow shipping route connecting the Persian Gulf with global markets. Iranian authorities have recently warned of a potential closure of the strait in response to military strikes, raising fears of supply interruptions and price volatility in international energy

markets. Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri convened a high-level review meeting with senior ministry officials and representatives of public sector oil marketing companies to assess the country's preparedness and supply position. The discussions focused on crude oil procurement, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) availability, fuel inventories, and contingency planning to manage any potential disruptions arising from geopolitical developments. Following the meeting, the ministry issued a statement on social

media platform X, emphasizing that the government is maintaining constant vigilance over global developments. "We are continuously monitoring the evolving situation and all steps will be taken in order to ensure availability and affordability of major petroleum products in the country," the ministry said. Officials indicated that India has diversified its crude sourcing strategy in recent years, expanding imports from multiple regions to reduce dependence on any single supplier. Strategic petroleum reserves and adequate domestic

Final Push In Bastar: Forces Close In On Last 36 Maoists

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Security forces have intensified operations across south Bastar in Chhattisgarh as the March 31 deadline set by Union Home Minister Amit Shah to eradicate Left Wing Extremism approaches, with officials claiming that only a small group of hardcore Maoist leaders remains active in the region.



According to senior police officials, coordinated intelligence-based operations are underway to flush out the remaining Maoist leadership hiding in remote forest areas along the Bijapur and Sukma district borders. Intelligence agencies estimate that barely three dozen hardcore Maoists are still operational, mostly confined to small hideouts and moving in groups of three to four cadres to avoid encounters with security forces. Sources said the rebels have significantly lost their operational strength and combat capability following sustained anti-Naxal operations over the past year. Fearing intensified security action, they have restricted their movement to limited pockets and are primarily focused on survival rather than expanding activities.

Security agencies have also adopted a parallel strategy aimed at encouraging surrenders. Officials revealed that former Maoists familiar with the remaining leaders are being used as intermediaries to establish contact and persuade them to lay down arms. Local journalists who had earlier interacted with Maoist leaders during professional assignments are also being approached to help open communication channels and facilitate negotiations. Authorities have conveyed to the insurgents that the Maoist movement is nearing collapse after the elimination and neutralisation of much of the CPI (Maoist) frontline leadership. Officials believe sustained pressure combined with outreach efforts could lead to further mass surrenders in the coming weeks.

The recent surrender of Vikas, the in-charge of the Balangir-Bargarh-Mahasamund (BBM) division, along with 14 senior cadres in Mahasamund district, is being cited as a major breakthrough. Carrying a bounty of ₹25

lakh, Vikas's surrender reportedly led to the complete collapse of the BBM division and the fall of a crucial eastern corridor once controlled by Maoists.

Despite major gains, security officials acknowledge that three to four small pockets in Bijapur district continue to pose challenges in fully sanitising south Bastar, particularly after the fall of the long-standing Maoist stronghold of Abujmad. Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma earlier confirmed that negotiations were ongoing with some remaining Maoist leaders through mediators to secure peaceful surrenders.

Official data indicates the scale of recent operations: since January 1, 2025, around 280 Maoists have been killed and more than 1,550 cadres have surrendered in Bastar alone. Over the past six years, nearly 1,000 firearms — including AK-47 rifles, SLRs, INSAS rifles and light machine guns — have been recovered during anti-insurgency operations. Officials say the coming weeks will be decisive as security forces push to eliminate the last remaining Maoist presence before the March-end deadline.

Iran's Drones Hit.....

Energy markets are now bracing for a prolonged period of instability. Any sustained disruption to Gulf exports -- particularly if the Strait of Hormuz remains effectively frozen -- could tighten supplies just as global demand picks up, setting the stage for renewed inflationary pressures worldwide. Notably, Brent crude climbed to \$80 a barrel in early trade as traders priced in fresh supply risks from the Gulf. The Iran conflict entered a volatile phase over the weekend when the United States and Israel launched missile strikes on targets across Iran on Saturday, calling on citizens to rise against the Islamic regime. Tehran responded with a barrage of attacks on Israel and on US military bases and other targets in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Bahrain.

Attacks Not Justified Under Any Pretext: Saudi Arabia Earlier, Saudi Arabia said it had repelled "cowardly" Iranian attacks targeting areas around the capital, Riyadh, as well as locations in the kingdom's eastern region, amid the widening conflict in the Gulf. Riyadh condemned Tehran's actions, stressing that it had made clear its territory and airspace were not being used in US or Israeli operations against Iran.

"The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia expresses its rejection and condemnation in the strongest terms of the blatant and cowardly Iranian attacks," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement. The

attacks "cannot be justified under any pretext or in any way, and which came despite the knowledge of the Iranian authorities that it will not allow its airspace or territory to be used to target Iran," the statement said. Saudi authorities also summoned Iran's ambassador to the kingdom, Alireza Enayati, in Riyadh in connection with the strikes.

Revanth Endorses...

The Chief Minister emphasised that members of the Gandhi family had previously served as Prime Ministers and therefore the position was not a matter of personal ambition for Rahul Gandhi. He said accepting the responsibility would be an opportunity to serve the people rather than a symbol of prestige, appealing to him to consider the role in the larger interest of the country. Reflecting on his own political journey, Revanth Reddy said he rose from a ZPTC member to Chief Minister within 19 years, asserting that he had progressed without relying on influence despite facing multiple legal challenges. He added that the Congress party came to power in Telangana in the name of Sonia Gandhi and noted that sustained struggles over five years contributed to Rahul Gandhi becoming Leader of the Opposition in Parliament. Senior Congress leaders, including AICC general secretary K. C. Venugopal, TPCC president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud, and AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, attended the meeting along with

other party leaders.

SC Flags Trial.....

The issue arose while the apex court was hearing a plea challenging a January order of the Andhra Pradesh High Court in a suit seeking an injunction. The Supreme Court said the case raises serious institutional concerns, not regarding the merits of the decision, but with respect to the process of adjudication. It noted that, pending disposal of the suit, the trial court had appointed an advocate-commissioner to record the physical features of the disputed property. The petitioners challenged the commissioner's report by raising certain objections.

In its order passed in August last year, the trial court dismissed the objections and relied on certain judgments in doing so. The petitioners contended that the verdicts cited and relied upon were non-existent and fabricated. The Supreme Court noted that the High Court had examined the objection and realised that the cited judgments were AI-generated. After recording a word of caution, the High Court proceeded to decide the case on merits, dismissing the civil revision petition and affirming the trial court's order.

The petitioners then approached the apex court challenging the High Court's decision. Agreeing to hear the plea, the Supreme Court directed: "Pending disposal of the special leave petition, the trial court shall not proceed on the basis of the advocate-commissioner's report." The matter

has been posted for hearing on March 10. In a separate hearing on February 17, a Supreme Court bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant expressed concern over a growing trend of lawyers filing petitions drafted using AI tools that contain non-existent judgments, including cases such as "Mercy vs Mankind."

Revanth Endorses...

"Around 1.20 crore voters are going to be deprived of their rights. I'm sad. On Sunday a voter died in shock after being placed 'under adjudication' despite submitting necessary documents including passport. I have feelings for the sufferers, poor and commoners. They didn't have any fault. They submitted everything. Still their names were deleted," the CM said at a pre-Holi event in the city days after the EC axed around 63.66 lakh names and put another 60.6 lakh 'under adjudication' in the SIR roll.

She added, "Can't we think ourselves Indian after living here for so many years? Don't you think it's proper? Isn't it an injustice? I'm not talking about any particular religion. Each and every original elector has the moral right to remain voters of this country. But a biased Government of India and biased EC, led by Vanish Kumar (read CEC Gyanesh Kumar), want to vanish their names. Now the Constitution is in crisis and democratic rights are in danger. I condemn this." On Bhanuipore, Ms Banerjee pointed out, "It's a small seat with 2.6 lakh voters. Initially, 44,000 names were deleted, then 2,000 followed.

FROM FRONT PAGE

CRIME

HC Directs Railway to Consider the Issue on Closure of Pedestrian Route

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana High Court has directed the South Central Railway to consider representations submitted by women domestic workers regarding the construction of a boundary wall at Methodist Colony near the Begumpet Railway station, which is allegedly blocking a long-standing pedestrian access route. Justice Nagesh Bheemapaka of the High Court was dealing with a writ petition filed by residents of Matajinar and Brahmanwadi, Begumpet, who contended that nearly 1,000 women domestic workers had been using the pedestrian access across the railway tracks for over three decades to reach their workplaces in Methodist



Colony, Umanagar, and Kundanbagh. According to the petitioners, the route had been open, peaceful, and uninterrupted for more than 30 years, with the knowledge of the railway authorities. They argued that the sudden construction of the boundary wall, without notice or provision of an alternative route, was forcing them to take a detour of nearly two kilometres, resulting in additional transportation expenses

and, in some cases, loss of employment or reduced income. They submitted representations dated January 23 and February 17 this year to the authorities seeking restoration of regulated access or provision of an alternative arrangement. However, no action had been taken, prompting the filing of the writ petition. Standing counsel for the railways submitted that the location in question lay on a busy railway section

where approximately 100 trains pass daily at speeds reaching 110 kmph. It was argued that unauthorised crossing of railway tracks at non-designated locations posed serious risks to human life and disrupts safe train operations.

The railways maintained that, under the provisions of the Railways Act, 1989, trespassing and crossing at non-permitted places was prohibited. The construction of the boundary wall, they contended, was a bona fide safety measure undertaken in the interest of public safety and to prevent accidents. After hearing both sides and without expressing opinion on the merits of the rival contentions, the court directed the Railway authorities to consider the pending representations, within two weeks.

Cheating case accused gets bail

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court granted bail to a businessman accused of luring a woman into investing ₹75 lakh in a real estate venture under the alleged false promise of marriage. The judge was dealing with a criminal petition filed by Kambhammettu Rana Pratap Reddy. According to the prosecution, the de-facto complainant alleged that the accused developed a relationship with her in 2023, promised to marry her, and under that pretext allegedly exploited her physically and induced her to invest ₹75 lakh in a real estate venture. It was alleged that he later refused to

marry her and failed to return the money. Counsel for the petitioner contended that the allegations were false and argued that the complainant herself was not interested in marriage. It was submitted that the petitioner had been in judicial custody since January 7 and that a substantial part of the investigation had been completed. The additional public prosecutor opposed the bail plea, maintaining that the accused received the amount and deceived the complainant under the guise of marriage. The state submitted that the investigation was still ongoing. After considering the rival submissions and examining the material on record.

Bachupally Student's Suicide Bid Exposes Abuse

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

An alleged case of sexual exploitation involving a student of a private engineering college in Bachupally came to light after she reportedly attempted suicide on Saturday, prompting her mother to file a police complaint. According to the complaint, a fellow student, Ashish, befriended the victim nearly a year ago and later subjected her to repeated sexual assault. He allegedly administered intoxicants, procured through the Dark Web, and exploited her both on campus and elsewhere. Another youth, Praveen, was also

named in the complaint for assault. The victim's mother alleged that the accused threatened to circulate nude photographs if she resisted. She claimed the matter had earlier been reported to the college management, but no action was taken. The victim herself stated she was once assaulted inside a classroom, where staff caught them, but the management accepted the accused's explanation. The issue surfaced after the student's suicide attempt. Bachupally police registered a case under charges of rape and criminal intimidation and have initiated an investigation.

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 to hear plea on medical stipends

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court took on file a public interest litigation (PIL) concerning allegations of unlawful withdrawals and deductions of stipends payable to medical students in private medical colleges. The panel, comprising Chief Justice Aparsh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin, treated as a PIL, a letter seeking an immediate inquiry into the financial irregularities and a direction to compel institutions to refund wrongfully deducted amounts to affected students. The letter contended that despite

submission of multiple representations and complaints to the competent regulatory and governmental authorities highlighting the issue of stipend irregularities, no effective action had been initiated, thereby resulting in continued financial hardship to students. The PIL sought judicial intervention in relation to alleged financial irregularities concerning stipend payments, that several private medical colleges were resorting to unauthorised deductions and withdrawals from stipends that are mandatorily payable to medical students undergoing internship and post-graduate training

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.

Gated Society That Had Only Some Residents Spiked

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Justice T. Madhavi Devi of the Telangana High Court allowed a writ petition challenging the registration of Pristine Estates Villa Owners Maintenance Mutually Aided Cooperative Society Limited formed by a group of villa owners in a gated community at Gopanpally, holding that the statutory procedure under the Telangana Mutually Aided Cooperative Societies Act was not properly followed. The petitioners, B. Srinivas Rao and another, ques-

tioned the action of the district cooperative officer in registering the society without issuing notice to all owners and without proper verification. They contended that the project comprised 105 villas and 12 LIG/EWS units, and that the society was registered at the instance of a few residents to the exclusion of the majority. The state defended the registration, stating that proposals were submitted through the E-Sahakara portal, a field verification was conducted on October 15, 2022, and the society was registered on October 21, 2022. The respondent

society contended that it represented 57 villas and was maintaining common amenities at its own cost. The judge framed the core issue as whether the society was formed in accordance with the provisions of the TMACS Act. On examining the record, the judge found inconsistencies in the field inspection report and held that proper enquiry and verification were not carried out before issuance of the registration certificate. Relying on precedent, the judge reiterated that the registrar must verify compliance with statutory

requirements and consider objections before granting registration. Holding that the registration suffered from procedural infirmities, the judge set aside the registration of the society. The promoters were directed to draft bylaws in accordance with the Act and submit a fresh application, which the competent authority shall consider in accordance with law. The judge directed that the funds collected by the society be kept in a suspense account and returned to the contributors after deducting expenses.

EDITORIAL

SAFETY FIRST FOR MAKE IN INDIA

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Rashmika & Vijay Spark Magic in Manyavar Mohey Campaign

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Rashmika Mandanna and Vijay Deverakonda have come together as brand ambassadors for Manyavar Mohey's latest campaign, 'Made for Each Other,' transforming the wedding fashion film into a cultural #Virosh moment. Launched on March 2, 2026, the campaign blends music, storytelling and fashion to celebrate modern relationships rooted in tradition. Designed as a playful wedding musical, the campaign moves beyond a conventional advertisement, showcasing the duo's lively chemistry through humour, banter and emotional storytelling. What begins as a stylish twinning plan quickly turns into a witty lyrical exchange, with Rashmika Mandanna teasing Vijay Deverakonda's fashion choice



and Vijay responding with charm, setting the tone for a fun-filled narrative. The story escalates into a dramatic declaration of being "NOT Made for Each Other," before shifting into a heartfelt realization that differences often strengthen relationships. The emotional transition highlights the campaign's central message — true connections thrive through individuality and

acceptance. The film concludes with a grand visual celebration, featuring Vijay Deverakonda in a Manyavar Indo-western ensemble and Rashmika Mandanna in an elegant Mohey lehenga, symbolising the brand's belief that every couple is uniquely "Made for Each Other." Vedant Modi, Chief Revenue Officer of Vedant Fashions Limited, said the campaign re-

flects the brand's vision of becoming part of life's most cherished wedding memories while presenting wedding wear in a modern yet culturally rooted way. He added that the actors' relatability and charm made them ideal choices for the musical narrative.

Sharing their experiences, Vijay Deverakonda highlighted the campaign's focus on everyday relationship moments expressed through music, while Rashmika Mandanna praised the emotional storytelling and craftsmanship behind the outfits.

The campaign will roll out through a 360-degree promotional strategy across television, digital platforms, print, cinema, outdoor advertising and social media, inviting audiences to celebrate love stories that are truly "Made for Each Other."

Middle East conflict may raise costs for Indian companies

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Biscuit maker Parle Products expects the conflict in the Middle East following US and Israeli airstrikes in Iran to lead to a rise in the cost of packaging material and freight.

Parle Products Vice President Mayank Shah told PTI that if there is an escalation of the conflict in the region, there would be an increase in costs and that might be a thorn for consumers.

"We are expecting the current situation to have an impact on two cost centres. One is packaging material, which is derived from crude, and the second is freight. The

expectation is that it should not really prolong, and that is what we wish," he said when asked about the impact of the conflict on Indian firms.

Other FMCG players such as Marico and Dabur did not comment. On the other hand, car-maker Maruti Suzuki India said it is closely monitoring the situation and the likely impact on its exports to the region.

During a call on the monthly sales release, Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer Rahul Bharti said, "We are closely monitoring the situation. However, our exposure to the Middle East as an export region is not very high.

This year, for example, it accounts for about 12.5 per cent of our total exports."

In the April-February period this fiscal year, Maruti Suzuki India's total exports were at 4,00,734 units as compared to 2,99,617 in the corresponding period of last year. Bharti said the company exports to nearly 100 countries and has ensured that its portfolio is well diversified and inherently de-risked.

A Tata Motors Group spokesperson said, "We do not have any exports to the Middle East in passenger vehicles, and our commercial vehicle exports to the Middle East are not very significant."

Markets Slide Amid Global Tensions; Sensex, Nifty Open Sharply Lower

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Indian equity markets opened the week on a sharply negative note on Monday, reflecting global risk-off sentiment triggered by escalating tensions arising from the US-Israel-Iran conflict. Benchmark indices witnessed significant early losses as investors reacted cautiously to geopolitical uncertainty and rising crude oil prices. At 9:28 am, the Sensex plunged 891 points, or

1.10 per cent, to trade at 80,395, while the Nifty declined 268 points, or 1.07 per cent, to 24,909. Broader markets mirrored the weak sentiment, with the Nifty Midcap 100 falling 1.14 per cent and the Nifty Smallcap 100 slipping 1.35 per cent, indicating widespread selling pressure across market segments. All sectoral indices traded in the red during early deals. Realty stocks led the decline, with the Nifty Realty index dropping 2.19 per cent. Oil



and gas stocks followed, down 1.81 per cent, while auto stocks fell 1.35 per cent as investors trimmed exposure to cy-

clical sectors amid uncertainty. Aviation stocks were also expected to remain under pressure after flight suspensions across

key UAE routes, highlighting the immediate operational disruptions caused by instability in the Middle East region.

Market participants remained cautious as analysts warned that heightened geopolitical tensions could keep risk appetite subdued throughout the trading session. The weekly Nifty expiry, scheduled ahead of the Holi market holiday, was also seen as a factor that could intensify volatility and trigger sharp intraday swings.

Technical indicators further reflected weakening market momentum. Analysts noted that the Nifty had formed a fourth consecutive red candle on daily charts and recently closed below its 200-day exponential moving average (EMA), signalling growing bearish dominance. Immediate resistance for the index is placed in the 25,300-25,350 zone, while near-term support is seen between 25,000 and 25,050 levels.

Global cues added to the

negative sentiment. Crude oil prices surged more than 7 per cent amid fears that escalating tensions involving the US and Iran could disrupt regional energy supplies, raising concerns over inflation and economic stability worldwide.

Asian markets largely traded lower, mirroring global nervousness. Japan's Nikkei declined 1.5 per cent, Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index fell 1.68 per cent, and South Korea's Kospi dropped 1 per cent.

China's Shanghai Composite remained flat, while the Shenzhen index slipped 0.75 per cent. Airline stocks across Asia led losses due to airspace closures and travel disruptions. Meanwhile, US markets ended the previous session in negative territory. The Nasdaq fell 0.92 per cent, the S&P 500 declined 0.43 per cent, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 1.05 per cent, setting a weak tone for global equities at the start of the week.

Marwadi University Hosts Youth Democracy Conference

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

String Metaverse Ltd. (BSE: META), a blockchain and AI-driven fintech company, has appointed former Capital One technology leader Mr. Sai Kotha Venkata as Technical Advisor and announced a global initiative to deploy autonomous AI agents across financial markets, payments, and enterprise operations.

Mr. Sai Kotha Venkata, with nearly 19 years of experience managing large-scale, mission-critical systems, will guide the



company on technology architecture, AI deployment strategies, and enterprise-scale infrastructure for its AI-native financial platform.

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The company plans to establish a Singapore-based entity, led by Executive Director Mr. Krishna Mohan Meenavalli, to develop an "Agentic Workforce Platform" capable of deploying thousands of specialized AI agents globally. Key focus areas include tokenization of real-world assets, AI-driven risk management, high-frequency trading, capital-efficient automated strategies, agent-to-agent commerce, and autonomous enterprise operations.

String Metaverse's Canada-based fintech platform, String Payx, will

support global agentic payment rails and programmable transactions. Proposed ownership of the Singapore entity is 25% String Metaverse, 45% UM Family Trust, 25% Sai Kotha Venkata, and 5% for key personnel. Operating across Hong Kong, UAE, India, Singapore, and Canada, String Metaverse is leveraging AI-driven automation to reduce costs and improve capital efficiency in financial services while expanding its blockchain infrastructure, trading, and programmable finance networks globally.

Fernandez CME Upskills 140 Surgeons in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Fernandez Hospital Educational and Research Foundation (FHERF) successfully hosted its flagship Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme, "Basics and Beyond: A Masterclass in Minimally Invasive Gynaec and Pelvic Surgery," bringing together over 140 medical professionals for an intensive day of advanced surgical learning at The Park Hotel, Hyderabad.

The one-day academic programme attracted consultants, residents, fellows, and postgraduate students from across Telangana and neighbouring states, highlighting the rising demand for expertise in minimally invasive gynaecological procedures. The masterclass focused on bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-time surgical practice through live demonstrations, case-based discussions, and expert-led clinical insights. Renowned specialists led the sessions, offering hands-on perspectives drawn from decades of experience. Dr V P Paily,



Senior Consultant and Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Rajagiri Hospital, shared evidence-based approaches to pelvic reconstructive surgery and discussed evolving clinical protocols. Dr Hafeez Rahman, Consultant Gynaecologist and Head of Department at Sunrise Hospital, demonstrated advanced laparoscopic techniques, emphasizing surgical precision, ergonomics, and structured decision-making in complex cases.

Key procedures discussed included Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy, Endometriosis surgery, Difficult Myomectomy, Uterovaginal Prolapse repair, Non-descent Vaginal Hysterectomy, stress urinary incontinence management, and vault prolapse treatment. Participants described the sessions as highly practi-

cal, appreciating step-by-step surgical explanations and complication management strategies.

Dr Krupa Patalay, Senior Consultant and Head of Gynaecology at Fernandez Hospital, noted that continuous learning and mentorship remain essential for improving surgical outcomes and patient safety.

Samir Vieira, CEO of Fernandez Foundation, emphasized that academic initiatives like these strengthen healthcare quality by fostering knowledge exchange and clinical excellence. Established in 1999, FHERF continues to advance maternal and newborn healthcare through education, research, and collaborative training programmes aimed at improving outcomes for women and infants.

CBIT Hosts FDP on Total Quality Management in Higher Education

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The School of Management Studies (SMS) at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, organized a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Total Quality Management (TQM) in Higher Education: Frameworks & Applications," aimed at strengthening academic quality practices and promoting continuous improvement in higher education institutions.

The programme focused on equipping faculty members with practical



knowledge to implement TQM principles in teaching, research, and institutional administration. The sessions emphasized enhancing academic excellence, improving stakeholder satisfaction, and adopting structured quality frameworks aligned with evolving higher education demands.

The FDP featured Prof. S. Venkataramanaiah, Pro-

fessor of Operations Management at the Indian Institute of Management Lucknow, as the resource person. He delivered comprehensive insights into the evolution of quality in education, contributions of global quality gurus, quality management measures, human performance standards, implementation challenges, and key lessons for academic institutions. The in-

teractive session enabled participants to explore practical applications of TQM methodologies within institutional systems.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. S. Saraswathi, Head of the Department, School of Management Studies, who welcomed the distinguished speaker and participants. The initiative was convened by Dr. Barla, Professor of Industry, SMS, along with Dr. S. Saraswathi, with the objective of enabling faculty to effectively integrate quality management

principles into higher education practices. The FDP was coordinated by Dr. Sangeetha, Assistant Professor, SMS.

Faculty members actively participated in the programme and described the sessions as insightful and professionally enriching. The conveners expressed gratitude to Prof. Venkataramanaiah for sharing his expertise.

The FDP concluded by reinforcing the importance of embedding Total Quality Management practices to achieve sustained academic excellence and institutional growth.

Holi on Wheels Celebrates Yaari with Colourful Adventure

House of McDowell's Soda transformed traditional Holi celebrations into a high-energy experiential spectacle with "Yaari Jam: Holi on Wheels," an innovative campaign that reimagined the festival through friendship, adrenaline and first-time experiences. The unique activation turned high-performance cars into moving canvases of colour, delivering an immersive celebration centered on the brand's philosophy of "Firsts with Friends."

Conceptualized by Publicis Groupe India's 'Team Spirit', the event featured comedians and real-life friends Tanmay Bhat, Aaditya Kulshreshtha (Kullu), Aishwarya Mohanraj, and Anuj Gupta, who participated in an unconventional Holi celebration set inside a large arena. Two performance cars became the focal point of an action-packed colour



chase, where drifting tyres triggered paint bursts, colour bombs exploded mid-drive, and dash cameras captured spontaneous reactions as vibrant clouds engulfed participants.

The activation transformed an empty concrete space into a dynamic canvas of motion, laughter and shared excitement, highlighting the emotional core of friendship while presenting Holi in a contemporary, experiential format. The campaign aimed to move beyond tra-

ditional festivities by creating a memorable shared adventure rooted in camaraderie and discovery.

Speaking about the initiative, Aanandita Datta, Vice President Marketing & Category Head at Diageo India, said the brand views friendship as a powerful cultural force shaping modern India.

She noted that "Yaari Jam: Holi on Wheels" builds on the company's "Firsts with Friends" platform, designed to create immersive celebrations that go beyond ritual

and encourage meaningful shared moments.

Actor and comedian Aaditya Kulshreshtha described the experience as unlike any Holi he had previously celebrated, comparing the drifting cars and colour explosions to an action film sequence filled with humor and nonstop banter among friends. Kartik Smetacek, Chief Creative Officer at Saatchi & Saatchi India, added that Holi naturally embodies spontaneity and fun among friends, making it the ideal occasion for a bold, spectacle-driven campaign that blends surprise, entertainment and cultural relevance.

Through "Yaari Jam: Holi on Wheels," House of McDowell's Soda reinforced its positioning as a brand focused on celebrating friendship by curating unforgettable, first-of-its-kind experiences.

Arijit Singh releases new track 'Raina'

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Singer Arijit Singh released his first new song, "Raina", following his retirement from playback singing.

Singh, known for tracks such as "Channa Mereya", "Agar Tum Saath Ho", "Raabta", "Kesariya", "Gerua", "Ae Dil Hai Mushkil" and "Chaleya", shared the news with a post on his Instagram handle on Saturday.

The song is composed by Shekhar Ravjiani with lyrics by Priya Saraiya. "RAINA is OUT NOW and all yours. Turn it up, feel it deeply, let the night take over. Watch the official video on the @garudaamusic YouTube Channel. Composer: @shekharavjiani Singer: @arijitsingh Lyricist: @priyasaraiyaofficial Music Producers:



@rish_sharma @akarshshettymusic Mixed and Mastered by: Akarsh Shetty. Massive love to the entire Team of @tmtalentmanagement @alaap @imshaikhazhar," read the caption.

Earlier this year, Singh announced his retirement from playback singing with a post on his Instagram handle. "Hello,

Happy New Year to all. I want to thank you all for giving me so much love all these years as listeners. I am happy to announce that I am not going to be taking any new assignments as a playback vocalist from now on. I am calling it off. It was a wonderful journey," the note read.

Mrunal Thakur and Adivi Sesh seek divine blessings at Tirumala ahead of Dacoit release

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Ahead of the release of their upcoming film "Dacoit", actors Mrunal Thakur and Adivi Sesh sought divine blessings at the revered Tirumala Venkateswara Temple. The promotional journey of Dacoit began on a spiritual note as the two actors visited the temple to seek blessings at the advent of the film's campaign. The two stars were seen

dressed in traditional Indian wear as they offered prayers at the temple.

Sesh shared: "Every film is a leap of faith. We put years of work into something and then place it in the hands of the audience. Starting this journey at Tirupati felt right. It was important for us to begin with gratitude and seek blessings before stepping into the whirlwind of promotions." Movies Sesh had earlier visited



the Bhadrakali Temple in Warangal ahead of the release of his up-

coming film. Sesh has launched its first song, Rubaroo.

The romantic track, picturised on Sesh and co-star Mrunal Thakur.

Directed by Shaniel Deo, Dacoit also stars Anurag Kashyap in a pivotal antagonist role.

Talking about the number, he said: "Rubaroo is special because it captures the emotional heartbeat of the film, the vulnerability, the connection, and the quiet intensity between these characters. Launching promotions with this song felt right. Before we begin sharing this story with audiences, I wanted to

take a moment to seek blessings and gratitude." "We've poured a lot into this film, and I'm looking forward to everyone experiencing it in April."

Dacoit also stars Prakash Raj, Sunil, Atul Kulkarni, Zayn Marie Khan, and Kamakshi Bhaskarla, among others.

It traces the journey of an angry convict determined to seek revenge on his ex-girlfriend, who betrayed him. As

he crafts a perilous plan to trap her, the story evolves into an emotionally intense tale of love, betrayal, and vengeance.

Shot simultaneously in Hindi and Telugu, the film's story and screenplay have been jointly crafted by Adivi Sesh and Shaniel Deo. Currently in post-production, Dacoit is gearing up for a grand pan-India release

FITNESS CHANGES LIVES



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana
VASU

Fitness is not just about appearance—it builds strength, confidence, and a healthy mindset. Three women share how exercise transformed their lives. Ayrshi Prajapathi, Student Ayrshi says fitness brings her happiness and positive energy. Regular workouts make her feel active, mentally strong, and more confident. She believes fitness teaches discipline and helps her stay calm during stress. Vijaya Choudhary, Home-

maker Vijaya calls exercise the secret of a balanced life. A mother of two, she has been doing strength training for two years. She says her energy has increased and her leg pain from varicose veins has reduced significantly. Hema, Working Woman Hema shares that regular exercise has made her healthier, stronger, and more focused. It helps her reduce stress, stay positive, and remain energetic throughout the day. Their journeys prove that fitness is a powerful tool for a healthier, stronger, and more confident life.



Lionel Messi, Telasco Segovia rally Inter Miami to 4-2 victory over Orlando City

ORLANDO
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Lionel Messi scored twice in a four-goal second half, defender Telasco Segovia added a goal and two assists, and defending champion Inter Miami rallied to beat Orlando City 4-2 on Sunday night, winning for the first time at Inter and Co Stadium.

Messi took a pass from Segovia and scored in the 57th minute to pull Inter Miami (1-1-0) level at 2-2, and Segovia scored unassisted in the 85th minute to give his team the lead.

Messi put the finishing touch on the victory when he scored from a free kick in the 90th minute. The reigning MVP's first two goals of the season give him 52 in his first 55 regular-season MLS matches, 51 of them coming in his last 49 appearances.

Marco Pasalic took a pass from Ivan Angulo and scored in the 18th minute to give Orlando City (0-2-0) a 1-0 lead. Pasalic has scored in four straight



matches against Inter Miami.

Defender Griffin Dorsey set up Martin Ojeda for a goal six minutes later to make it 2-0, and the lead stood through half-time.

Inter Miami cut it to 2-1 four minutes into the second half through Mateo Silvestri's first career goal. Defenders Segovia and Facundo Mura had assists as the 20-year-old forward found the net in his fifth career appearance.

Segovia had eight goals and six assists as a rookie last season, while Mura collected his first assist of the season.

Dayne St. Clair, the reigning Goalkeeper of the Year, turned away three shots, all in the second half of his second start with Inter Miami. Maxime Crepeau had four saves in his second start for Orlando City. Teenager Colin Guske, 19, will miss Orlando

City's next match after the rookie picked up two yellow cards in his first start. The second led to his exit in the 88th minute.

Inter Miami, which had never won in its previous nine trips to Orlando, was coming off a 3-0 road loss to Los Angeles FC. Orlando City swept Inter Miami during the regular season last year and leads the all-time series 8-7-4.

Free helmets given in Hyderabad as part of traffic awareness seminar



The traffic police on Monday, March 2, held a traffic awareness seminar at Nanal Nagar under the jurisdiction of the Kulsumpura traffic police station, Golconda Zone, to promote road safety regulations. The program was headed by Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) of Golconda zone traffic and Additional Commissioner of Police D Dhanalakshmi, who emphasised the significance of wearing helmets while adhering to road safety rules and regulations.

They outlined the importance of helmet usage for both rider and pillion, compulsory helmet wearing for children above four years of age on two-wheelers, and universal seat belt usage by all occupants of motor vehicles. The ACP and DCP called on all road commuters to understand the necessity of observing lane discipline, including the prohibition of overtaking from the left and compliance with designated speed limits by heavy vehicles. Meanwhile, as part of the free helmet distribution program, as many as 15 sets of headgear were given free of cost to motorists eligible to avail the service. The initiative was promoted in coordination with the Hyderabad City Security Council (HCSC) and the Young India team to reinforce the importance of protective. The Traffic Police reiterated their commitment to sustained enforcement and public awareness measures to ensure road safety and called upon citizens to extend full cooperation in maintaining disciplined and lawful road usage.

Hyderabad Muslims Mourn Khamenei, Stage Protest

Shia-Sunni Unity March Rocks Hyderabad Streets

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Thousands of Shia and Sunni Muslims gathered in Hyderabad on Monday night to protest against Israel and the United States following reports of the martyrdom of Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The protest programme was organised by the Majlis Bachao Tehreek (MBT) and led by its president, Majeed Ullah Khan Farhat, along with party spokesperson Amjed Ullah Khan.

The large-scale demonstration saw participants marching through key areas of the city, raising slogans condemning alleged military strikes and expressing solidarity with the people of Iran. Protesters described the gathering as a symbol of unity



between Shia and Sunni communities during a period of mourning and heightened geopolitical tensions.

According to organisers, thousands joined the protest to voice anger over the reported attack and to condemn what they termed foreign aggression. Demonstrators carried placards and chanted slogans against the United States and Israel, calling for global accountability

and respect for sovereignty.

Speaking during the protest, a participant strongly criticised the alleged strikes, stating that the incident reflected "a blatant disregard for human life, international law, and the sanctity of religious times," particularly as it reportedly occurred during the holy month of Ramzan. The protester further said that such actions threaten regional and

global peace and urged communities worldwide to unite in condemning aggression and supporting Iran during what participants described as a period of grief and resistance.

The speaker noted that protests and vigils were being organised across different parts of the world to express solidarity and oppose foreign intervention.

Protest held at MANUU over assassination of Khamenei



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Students Islamic Organisation (SIO) at the Maulana Azad National Urdu University in Hyderabad on Sunday, March 1, initiated a two-day protest against the assassination of Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in the Israel and United States-led strikes.

In a statement, Shaik Mudassir, President of SIO MANUU, said, "The assassination of the Supreme Leader is a blatant violation of international law and a direct assault on

Iran's sovereignty. He termed it an extension of the imperialist project of Israel and the United States."

Mudassir also termed the assassination as the extension of the imperialist project of Israel and the United States. The student leader said that India has historically supported Iran and reiterated solidarity with the Iranian people and leadership in this critical time. A large number of students gathered for the protest. Speaking to Siasat.com, a student from MANUU said that the protest will continue on Monday.

Birla Mandir Celebrates Golden Jubilee With Big Facelift

The Birla Mandir at Naubat Pahad, a prominent landmark in Hyderabad for nearly five decades, has recently undergone refurbishment as it completed 50 years. Executive officer Sham Kothari said the temple's marble structure was polished from the main 'shikhra' to the last step as part of the renovation works. He noted that unlike other Birla temples across India dedicated to Lakshmi Narayana Swamy, the Hyderabad temple is dedicated to Lord Venkateswara. Built in 1976 with over 2,000 tonnes of white marble, the temple reflects a blend of South Indian and Oriya architectural styles and features carvings from the Ramayana and Mahabharata, along with an 11-foot granite idol of the presiding deity. The Birla Mandir at Naubat Pahad, a prominent landmark in Hyderabad for nearly five decades, has recently undergone refurbishment as it completed 50 years. Executive officer Sham Kothari said the temple's marble structure was polished from the main 'shikhra' to the last step as part of the renovation works. He noted that unlike other Birla temples across India dedicated to Lakshmi Narayana Swamy, the Hyderabad temple is dedicated to Lord Venkateswara. Built in 1976 with over 2,000 tonnes.

Workers Risk Lives on Chanchalguda Flyover Project

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Construction workers on the Chanchalguda-Santoshnagar flyover are carrying out tasks without safety gear, putting themselves and commuters at risk. Heavy iron beams were seen being lifted without protective measures as vehicles passed underneath. A viral video showed a person advising workers to follow safety protocols, but they were seen balancing girders without safety nets, violating basic safety stan-



dards. The steel bridge works have recently resumed after property acquisitions, but locals and commuters have urged authorities to halt construction until proper safety arrangements are ensured. Sai Kumar, a resident, said the situation is dangerous for both workers and commuters, calling

for strict road closures and fines against the contractor for safety violations. Krishna Reddy noted he now avoids the Saidabad route, preferring Dilukhnagar due to fears of falling material. Another commuter, Sudarshan Rao, said one side of the road remains open despite risks, and urged a

full closure until safety measures are in place. Repeated calls to GHMC officials went unanswered. Civil engineering experts stressed the need for safety nets, barricades, caution boards, warning lights, and flags, especially in urban projects. While traffic police have placed diversions between Malakpet and Santosh Nagar, some stretches remain open. According to GHMC, the flyover is 80 per cent complete, with April set as the deadline for its completion.

Alternate routes to take with road closure at US Consulate

In view of the road blockage at the US Consulate General Hyderabad road on Monday, March 2, Cyberabad traffic police have issued an advisory suggesting alternative routes. The road is blocked at both ends due to security reasons, the police said in a statement. For commuters planning to go to Gachibowli from the ICICI Bank area, the police have advised taking a right towards the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) Junction, a left at Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIC) Junction, and proceeding straight, which will lead to Gachibowli. From Telangana TNGO's Colony towards Consulate Road, traffic is suggested to move from Kritunga Restaurant to enter Prism Road and left from Lemon Tree Hotel, which will open the road to the Financial District.

44 West Asia Flights Cancelled at Hyderabad Airport as US-Iran Conflict

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Flight operations between Hyderabad and several West Asian destinations were disrupted for the third consecutive day on Monday, with 44 services, 22 arrivals and 22 departures getting cancelled at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in the wake of escalating hostilities between the US and Iran. The affected routes include Doha, Sharjah, Kuwait, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Dammam and Ras Al Khaimah. An airport official said passenger advisories were issued in advance and

updates were being shared through official social media handles. Authorities said normal operations would resume after clarity on the shutdown-related cancellations, adding that services remain subject to prevailing conditions. Several travellers, including Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) visiting Hyderabad, reported uncertainty over revised schedules. Rev. Samuel Earnest Paul, in the city to meet his siblings, said, "There is so much uncertainty; it forced me to postpone my travel dates." His return flight was scheduled for March 3.

4 illegal money lenders arrested for abetting triple suicide

They claimed responsibility for pressuring the family and forcibly collecting blank cheques and bond papers as security.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Four illegal money lenders were arrested on Monday, March 2, for abetting the suicide of three family members in Amberpet.

The accused individuals were identified as Mohd Wasi Uz Zaman, alias Irfan (57), P Rajasekhara Reddy (55), Mohd Nawaz (50), and Syed Majeed Hyder (53).

After Kadagekar Ramraj (54), his wife Madhavi, and their son Kadagekar



Shashank Raj were found dead at their residence, the deceased's daughter lodged a complaint on February 24. Initially, the police registered a case under section 194 (mandates police to investigate or report a case of suicide) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)

During the investigation, suicide notes recovered from the scene revealed that the victims were severely harassed by illegal money lenders who had given advanced loans amounting to Rs 57 lakhs. They allegedly charged high interest, forcibly obtaining blank cheques,

promissory notes, and other original land documents. The money lenders repeatedly threatened and humiliated the family, the police said. According to the call data records, the accused contacted and threatened the deceased on the night of February 24, demanding that he pay the remaining amount. The case was altered to be registered under Section 108 (abetment to suicide) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

450 Staff From Hyderabad Hospitals Posted To Sanathnagar TMS

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) at Sanathnagar has deployed approximately 450 healthcare personnel — including doctors, nurses, technicians and pharmacists — from various government hospitals in the city to operationalise the facility. According to a senior health official, nearly one-third of the 450 staff are doctors, while the remaining two-



thirds comprise nurses and other paramedical personnel, with nurses forming the largest group. Specialists have been temporarily drawn from Osmania General Hospital, Gandhi Hospital,

Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Quthbullapur, Maheshwaram, Maternity Hospital Koti, Niloufer Hospital and ENT Hospital. The arrangement will continue for two months until fresh

appointment orders are issued. Officials stated that two of the three TIMS hospitals will have attached medical colleges. The Maheshwaram Medical College will be shifted to LB Nagar TIMS, while the Quthbullapur Medical College will be attached to Alwal TIMS. However, Sanathnagar TIMS will not have a medical college attached, which reduces patient inflow.

To ensure adequate patient numbers at Sanathnagar, cases from nearby

areas and long-pending waiting lists at Osmania General Hospital, Gandhi Hospital, NIMS and other government hospitals will be redirected to clear backlogs of three to five months. TIMS institutions are proposed to function autonomously under the TIMS Act, on the lines of NIMS, with similar salary structures. However, permanent manpower posts have not yet been sanctioned, and the file is currently pending with the Chief Minister. Recruit-

ment will begin once approval is granted. Until then, the director of Medical Education will manage the institution with the available faculty. The deployed staff include doctors, nurses, technicians, pharmacists and patient care counsellors. Initially, they will handle emergencies and rotational duties between hospitals, and later will be fully stationed at Sanathnagar TIMS once patient load increases.

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