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Registrar General of India and Census commissioner Mrityunjay Kumar Narayan on Monday urged citizens to provide accurate information to Census enumerators, stating that individual data would remain confidential and cannot be used for legal or welfare purposes. Addressing a press confer-

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TVK Chief Vijay Declares Assets Worth Rs 603 cr In Affidavit

With a declared asset of about Rs 603.20 crore, Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) president C Joseph Vijay could emerge as the richest candidate to contest the 2026 Assembly elections though there is time till April 6 to know if any other person with wealth exceeding that of the actor-turned politician enters the electoral fray. In his election affidavit filed along with his nominations for the Assembly elections on Monday, 52-year-old Vijay, contesting from the Perambur constituency, said that he possessed movable assets worth Rs

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Shah Declares End Of Maoism In India

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Declaring victory in the government's campaign to eliminate the menace of Naxalism/Maoism from the entire country ahead of the March 31, 2026 deadline set by his ministry, Union home minister Amit Shah in the Lok Sabha accused Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi and Chhattisgarh's earlier Congress government of collaborating with the Naxals. Speaking at the end of a long discussion in the Lok Sabha on Monday evening under Rule 193 on "efforts to free the country from left-wing extremism", Shah made it clear the Centre was willing to



talk to those who laid down their arms but said the government had responded to those Maoists firing bullets by firing bullets back at them. "The government's policy is very clear... It is not scared of threats but believes in delivering justice," he said, adding that Maoism that was once touted as stretching from "Tirupati (in Andhra Pradesh) to Pashupati (the

site of the famous temple in Nepal)" has almost been eradicated now even from its former den Bastar in Chhattisgarh. Attacking the LoP, Shah said that Naxalites had actively participated in Gandhi's "Bharat Jodo Yatra". He said when top Naxalite Hidma (who was responsible for the killing of 172 paramilitary soldiers) was killed, there was a pro-Naxalite demonstration at New Delhi's India Gate, in which slogans in support of Hidma were chanted. He said Gandhi had tweeted the video of that protest. Shah also alleged in the House that several pro-Naxal sympathisers had been given prominent positions in various capacities by the

previous Congress-led UPA government at the Centre. He also lashed out at senior Congress leader and former home minister P. Chidambaram, whom he alleged had made conciliatory pleas to the Naxals even after scores of paramilitary soldiers had been killed by them. He also attacked former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of surrendering to the Naxal ideology in order to remain in power in the 1960s and 1970s. There were loud protests from the Congress benches as Shah continued slamming the main Opposition party. "I want to tell (the House) that the root cause of Naxalism is not the demand of development.

Revanth's Film Analogy Paints KCR As A Villain

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday said that just as a hero gains recognition because of a villain in films, he gained political prominence because of former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. Drawing mythological parallels, he said Lord Rama gained significance because of Ravana and Lord Krishna because of Shakuni. Similarly, he said Chandrashekhar Rao's presence had contributed to his rise. During an informal chat with mediapersons in Legislative Assembly premises on Monday, Revanth Reddy said there was no comparison between him and Chandrashekhar, and accused the BRS chief of being inconsistent in his words and actions. "We are doing exactly what we promised, whereas KCR's statements never matched his implementation," he said. Referring to paddy cultivation, Revanth Reddy pointed out that Chandrashekhar Rao had once discouraged farmers by



saying growing paddy was like inviting trouble, while his government was incentivising farmers by offering a bonus for fine paddy varieties. Highlighting the government's flagship fine rice (sanna biyyam) scheme, the Chief Minister said the state was spending ₹14,560 crore annually to provide quality rice to the poor. He credited civil supplies minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy for effectively implementing the scheme, noting that it had led to a drop in market prices and curbed black-market activities. Revanth Reddy also questioned Chandrashekhar Rao's absence from public life, expressing suspicion that he was under "house arrest" in his farmhouse, contrary to the perception that he was taking rest. He also described BRS leader T. Harish Rao as "more dangerous than a cobra" and

cautioned people to be wary of him. The Chief Minister also announced plans to introduce stringent mechanisms to curb food adulteration by setting up a special agency, on the lines of HYDRAA and EAGLE, which were set up to check lake encroachments and drug abuse, respectively. On the contentious issue of delimitation of constituencies, Revanth Reddy warned that increasing Lok Sabha seats by 50 per cent in all states would put southern states at a severe disadvantage. He criticised BJP MP K. Laxman for supporting such a proposal, alleging that he was favouring northern states because he got elected to the Rajya Sabha from a northern state. The Chief Minister said such a move would widen the north-south divide and undermine the political relevance of southern India. "This is not a party issue but a matter concerning the people of south India," he said, even calling on Laxman to resign in protest.

LS Passes Insolvency Amendments, FM Eyes Higher Stakeholder Value

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The Lok Sabha on Monday passed a bill to amend the insolvency law to provide for strict timelines, an out-of-court settlement option and enable the framework for cross-border insolvency processes. Piloting the bill in the Lok Sabha, Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that 12 amend-



ments are being made in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), which came into force in 2016, that would help maximise the value for stakeholders and improve the governing process itself. Amend-

ments seek to strengthen the existing insolvency framework, as well as address practical challenges, and incorporate evolving global best practices, the minister said, and added that the law has been a major factor in improving the health of the country's banking sector. The Lower House cleared the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025, as reported by the Select

Committee. On August 12, 2025, the government introduced the bill in the Lok Sabha to amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), proposing a raft of changes, including provisions to reduce the time taken for admission of insolvency resolution applications. The bill was referred to a select committee of the Lok Sabha, which submitted its report in December 2025.

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Telangana Assembly to Centre: Intervene to Stop West Asia War

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The Telangana Assembly on Monday adopted a unanimous resolution urging the Centre to take steps to stop the ongoing war. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, who introduced the resolution in the House, said the conflict in West Asia has transcended regional boundaries, evolving into a global economic and humanitarian crisis. He warned that

the escalating use of advanced weaponry and disruption to energy security are placing immense pressure on the global order, with large-scale destruction deeply concerning for the future of all nations. About 90 lakh Indians belonging to Telangana and other states are living in the region, and the supply of petrol, diesel and LPG was hit due to the impact of the war, he said. The negative impact on fuel supply is causing price rise and loss of liveli-

hoods, he said. The resolution called upon the Centre to leverage its diplomatic influence to facilitate peace. Bhatti stressed that India, as a key global stakeholder, must lead efforts to safeguard Asian stability and protect national interests. "If this war is not stopped, the future of the world will be in jeopardy. If it continues unchecked, it could even lead to a World War III, posing a serious threat to humanity," he said.

All Homeless To Have House By 2029: CM Naidu

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has said the state government is committed to achieving the goal of 'housing for all' by 2029. Naidu was speaking at Naidupeta on Monday after inaugurating a TIDCO housing complex, where he handed over house keys to the beneficiaries and participated in a mass house-warming programme. The event marked the second phase of the scheme, covering 2,50,893 houses across 30 locations in Andhra Pradesh. The CM said the government had distributed 5.5 lakh houses in the last 21 months and was simultaneously taking steps to improve the living standards of these people.

Poor Planning Led to Kaleshwaram's ₹1 Lakh Crore Collapse: Centre

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Union jal shakti minister C.R. Patil stated that over ₹1 lakh crore has been lost in the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS) due to poor planning and design defects, which he identified as the primary reasons for its failure. He noted that the Centre had not received any proposal from the Te-

langana government regarding this project in the last three years. Replying to a question from BRS MP K.R. Suresh Reddy, party floor leader in Parliament, in the Rajya Sabha — who urged the Centre to declare KLIS a national project and allocate funds under the PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana — Patil pointed out that the then state government sought the Centre's per-

mission only after spending over ₹30,000 crore on the project. Patil attributed the failure of the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages to defects in planning and design, citing the report submitted by the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA). A Central team was studying the project's defects, he added. On Congress MP Anil Kumar Yadav's demand

for a CBI probe into the KLIS project irregularities, the Union minister accused the Telangana government of careless handling of Jal Jeevan Mission funds, noting that it had submitted no proposals in the last three years. To a related question by BJP MP Dr K. Laxman, Patil said that Telangana received ₹981 crore under the PM Krishi Sanchayi

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Trump Threatens Iran Infrastructure if No Deal is Reached Soon

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U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday threatened widespread destruction of Iran's energy resources and other vital infrastructure, including desalination plants, if a deal to end the war is not reached "shortly." Tehran meanwhile struck a key water and electrical plant in Kuwait, and an oil refinery in Israel came under attack. Israel and the U.S. launched a new

wave of strikes on Iran, as the war raged with no end in sight. Trump's new threat in a social media post and earlier comments in an interview with the Financial Times that suggested American troops could seize Iran's Kharg Island oil export hub highlighted a frequent tactic. He has repeatedly claimed to be making diplomatic progress — though Tehran denies negotiating directly — while ramping up his threats and sending thou-

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sands more U.S. troops to the Middle East. It remains unclear where the diplomatic effort facilitated by Pakistan

stands. Iran's continuing attacks on its Gulf neighbors could further complicate any talks. The United Arab Emirates — which has long billed itself as a beacon of stability in a volatile region — has been hard hit in the war, and is signaling it wants Iran disarmed in any ceasefire. Iran's theocracy likely won't accept that. Trump says diplomacy is going well but threatens major escalation in a social media post, Trump said "great progress is

being made" in talks with Iran to end military operations. But he bristled that if a deal is not reached "shortly," and if the Strait of Hormuz is not immediately reopened, the U.S. would broaden its offensive by "completely obliterating" power plants, oil wells, Kharg Island and possibly even desalination plants that supply drinking water. The strait is a crucial waterway through which a fifth of the world's oil is shipped in peacetime. The

laws of armed conflict allow attacks on civilian infrastructure such as energy plants only if the military advantage outweighs the civilian harm, legal scholars say. It's considered a high bar to clear, and causing excessive suffering to civilians can constitute a war crime. In the FT interview, Trump said his preference would be to "take the oil in Iran" — a move that would require seizing Kharg Island — the ter-

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Telangana hate speech bill sent to select committee after opposition

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The Telangana Legislative Assembly on Monday referred the proposed Telangana Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill, 2026 to a select committee after members across party lines raised objections and suggested changes, reflecting both support for its intent and concerns over its provisions. The Bill was introduced by Transport Minister Ponnampaluri Prabhakar on behalf of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. While presenting the legislation, the Minister stated that existing legal provisions are inadequate to tackle the evolving nature of hate speech and hate crimes.



He emphasized the need for a comprehensive law that can effectively prevent, regulate, and penalize such offences, while also ensuring protection and justice for victims. However, the Bill drew sharp reactions from several members. BJP Floor Leader A. Maheshwari Reddy strongly opposed it, arguing that it could pose a serious threat to freedom of speech. He expressed concern over

the absence of clear definitions of "hate speech" and "hate crimes," warning that such ambiguity could lead to misuse. Calling the Bill a "death warrant for freedom of speech," he insisted that it be sent to a select committee for necessary amendments. AIMIM MLA Ahmed Bin Balala, while supporting the broader objective of the Bill, pointed out certain shortcomings. He

stressed that religious propagation should not be misinterpreted as hate speech and recommended wider consultations before finalizing the law. CPI MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao opposed the Bill and demanded its withdrawal. He questioned provisions that could hold an entire political party accountable for remarks made by an individual member, asking whether such collective liability was justified. Meanwhile, Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender highlighted the growing misuse of social media platforms, noting that offensive and provocative comments are often made under the guise of free speech.

He said the Bill should not be withdrawn but required careful revisions. Congress MLAs, including Veerlapally Shankar, Sri Ganesh, and K. R. Nagaraju, supported the legislation and stressed the importance of enacting a law to curb rising hate speech incidents. Taking into account the diverse opinions, the Minister moved a motion to refer the Bill to a select committee for detailed examination, which was approved by the House. Earlier in the day, the Assembly also passed the Telangana Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, introduced by Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao.

KT Rama Rao slams hate speech bill as draconian

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao condemned the Telangana Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill introduced by the Congress government in the Assembly on Monday, terming it a draconian tool to curb free speech and target dissent. He raised serious constitutional, democratic and civil liberties concerns if the Bill becomes law. "While preventing genuine hate speech and maintaining social harmony is an important responsibility of any government, the present framework appears dangerously broad, vague and open to misuse," he observed. In a statement, Rama Rao argued that instead of protecting public order, the Bill risks becoming an instrument for selective action against opposition leaders, journalists and citizens critical of the



government. He pointed out that the Bill defines hate speech using sweeping terms such as "promoting ill-will", "distorting harmony" and "spreading false information", which are subjective and lack clear legal boundaries. "Such vague definitions make enforcement dependent on interpretation rather than evidence," he said, cautioning that criticism of government policies could be branded as disharmony or fake news. Citing the Supreme Court's judgment in Shreya Singhal vs Union of India, the former Minister said only speech that incites violence or public

disorder can be restricted. "Any law exceeding this threshold would face the risk of violating Article 19(1)(a) and being struck down," he noted, adding that mere criticism, advocacy, satire or disagreement cannot be punished. He also raised concerns over provisions allowing executive authorities to determine what constitutes fake news, which could weaken democratic accountability. "The government cannot be both a participant in public debate and the arbiter of truth," he said. Rama Rao also criticised the stringent penalties proposed under the Bill, including up to seven years of imprisonment for first-time offences and ten years for repeat violations. He warned that such provisions could have a chilling effect on free expression, discouraging journalists, students and citizens from voicing opinions and questioning the government.

Students Encouraged to Excel in Academics and Activities

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Students should strive to excel in all fields and make the best use of opportunities provided by educational institutions, speakers said at the graduation ceremony of Gowtham Model School, held with enthusiasm and active participation from students, teachers, and dignitaries. Addressing the gathering, ACP B. Kishore Kumar emphasized that in today's fast-changing technological world, students must



equip themselves with knowledge and skills to succeed. He appreciated the school for delivering quality education and shaping responsible citizens. He noted that along with academics, equal importance should be given to sports, cultural activities, and social awareness

for overall development, adding that education forms the foundation for a bright future. Deputy Director Ramalakshmi highlighted the need to nurture creativity and talent, encouraging students to use modern technology effectively. Director G. Sreekanth re-



iterated the institution's commitment to excellence through academics and extracurricular training programs. Principal Shyamala Reddy stressed holistic development. Cultural performances by students, including dances and patriotic songs, captivated the audience.

Prabhakar Retires After 37 Years of Service

KAMAREDDY
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After 37 years of dedicated public service, Panchayat Raj Deputy Executive Engineer Sri Rollapaati Prabhakar will retire on March 31, 2026, marking the end of a distinguished career known for integrity and commitment to rural development. Currently serving in Pitlam Sub-Division under Banswada Division, he also held additional charge in Alladurg, Medak. Over the decades, he played a key role in



strengthening rural infrastructure and water supply systems across several regions. Born in 1965 in Chakriyaal village, Sangareddy district, Prabhakar joined government service in 1989 as a Second Grade Work Inspector after completing a Di-

ploma in Civil Engineering from Government Polytechnic, Nizamabad. Through consistent dedication, he rose to the position of Deputy Executive Engineer. He served in multiple locations including Narsapur, Kamareddy,

Hatnoora, Kowdipalli, and Tekmal, earning a reputation for transparency and efficiency. His service was recognised with the Best Engineer Award in 2015, presented by T. Harish Rao, along with several appreciation honours. Expressing gratitude to colleagues and family, he said public service remained his guiding principle. He is survived by his wife Chamundeswari and two children, both engineering graduates. Prabhakar retires leaving behind a legacy of sincere and people-centric service.

Sanjay Ganathe Slams Revanth Govt: Promises Fail, BJP Eyes Telangana

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Sanjay Ganathe has launched a sharp attack on the government led by Revanth Reddy, alleging that its tenure so far has been marked more by rhetoric than real, measurable outcomes. He claimed that several key promises, especially those targeting marginalized and backward communities, remain unfulfilled. Ganathe stated that despite repeated assertions of welfare and inclusive development, the situation on the ground reflects administrative inef-



iciency, lack of clear policy direction, and growing public dissatisfaction. He pointed out that pressing concerns such as unemployment, farmer distress, and the rising cost of living continue to remain inadequately addressed. He further accused the government of prioritizing political image-building

over effective governance, arguing that many announcements have not translated into action. According to him, several schemes are either yet to be implemented or are being executed poorly, leaving intended beneficiaries disillusioned. Highlighting the issue of the six guarantee schemes, Ganathe alleged that their rollout has been inconsistent and has failed to deliver expected results in the early phase. He said this gap between promises and execution raises serious questions about the government's commitment to its pledges.

ASHA workers protest on highway in Mahabubnagar

Demanding payment of salaries, ASHA workers staged a protest on a national highway at Kavarampet near Jachcherla here on Monday. Traffic movement on the Hyderabad-Kurnool route was affected due to the protest. Raising slogans and holding placards, they turned up in large numbers on the highway and staged a protest for over an hour. The ASHA workers complained that they had not been paid salaries for the last six months.

They also complained that the government was utilising their services for different initiatives but was not paying salaries. The ASHA workers also demanded that the Congress government increase their monthly salaries to Rs 18,000 as promised before the elections. They demanded that local Congress MLA J Anirudh Reddy intervene and raise their issues with the State government. As the ASHA workers squatted on the road and traffic movement was affected, police reached the spot and tried to convince them to stop their protest, according to reports. There was a scuffle between the ASHA workers and police for a while as they were bundled into vans, reports said.

Telangana in Top 10 Green Power Producers List

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The installed capacity of renewable energy in Telangana stood at 7,879.74 MW by October 2025, placing it among India's top 10 states. Of the total green power capacity, solar energy contributes 5,033.50 MW, large hydro 2,405.6 MW, wind 128.1 MW, biopower 221.67 MW, and small hydro 90.87 MW. According to the 'Energy Statistics India 2026' report released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) on Monday, India's renewable energy potential reached



47,04,043 MW by March 31, 2025, dominated by solar (71 per cent share at 33,43,378 MW), wind (11,63,856 MW), and large hydro (1,33,410 MW) as on March 31, 2025. According to the report, Telangana's per capita power consumption rose from 1,356 kilowatt hours (kWh) in 2014-15 to 2,126 kWh in 2021-22, ranking 10th nationally amid strong industrial demand managed by state utilities. However, Telangana held

just four per cent of India's estimated renewable potential as of March 2025, trailing neighbour Andhra Pradesh at nine per cent. Rajasthan led with 24 per cent, followed by Maharashtra (14), Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh (9 each), Karnataka (8.6 per cent), and Madhya Pradesh (8.09 per cent). These six states account for over 70 per cent of the nation's renewable potential, cementing their pivotal role in India's green energy transition. Meagre energy reserves dragged down the state's energy share. In coal reserves, Telangana possesses only 5.81 per

cent, far behind Odisha (25.20 per cent), Jharkhand (23.27), and Chhattisgarh (21.28). The state has no lignite reserves — where Tamil Nadu dominated with 79.21 per cent — nor any crude oil or natural gas deposits. Overall, Telangana commanded 4.22 per cent of India's combined energy reserves and potential, with 1,98,368 MW capacity. Rajasthan topped the chart at 23.70 per cent (11,14,794 MW), followed by Maharashtra (14.26 per cent, 6,71,024 MW) and Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat (both about 9.10 per cent).

District Collector Inspects Speciality Health Camp at Mahbubnagar IDOC

MAHBUBNAGAR
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As part of the State Government's prestigious 99-day action plan, "Praja Paalana - Pragathi Pranaalika", a Speciality Health Services Camp was successfully conducted today (March 30, 2026) at the Integrated District Offices Complex (IDOC). Following the directives of the District Collector, the camp provided essential medical consultations to IDOC staff across all depart-



ments and citizens visiting for the Prajawani Grievance program. The camp offered a wide range of specialized services, including General Medicine, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Orthopedics, Ophthalmology, and Pediatrics. The District Collector personally visited the IDOC premises to mon-

itor the camp's progress. During the visit, she interacted with the medical staff and the beneficiaries to ensure that the services were being rendered effectively. The medical camp was organized under the supervision of DMHO Dr. Krishna and Dy. DMHO Dr. Shashikanth. The medical teams were led by Dr. BV Naresh Chandra, Medical Officer at PHC Edira, along with specialized doctors from various departments.

Over 50% HV drivers have vision issues: Cherlapalli camp

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More than half the drivers who underwent screening were found to have eye-related problems. This is discovered during a free eye-health camp for heavy motor vehicle drivers, organised at HPCL, Cherlapalli, by the Malkajgiri police commissionerate, in collaboration with the Rachakonda Security Council, as part of the Arrive Alive. A statement said 76 drivers underwent screening during the camp. Medical teams



identified multiple vision-related issues, including eight cases of cataract, 31 individuals requiring corrective glasses, two cases of retinal problems, and five instances of colour blindness. One participant was also found to have vi-

sion in only one eye. Officials said the initiative aimed to enhance road safety by ensuring that drivers, particularly those operating heavy vehicles, maintain proper vision standards. Early detection of such con-

ditions is crucial in preventing accidents and promoting safer driving practices. The camp was coordinated by representatives of the Rachakonda Security Council, with support from police and industrial authorities. Senior officials, including the DCP Road Safety, plant representatives, and local police personnel, were present. Authorities said similar initiatives will continue to focus on health awareness and preventive care among drivers and industrial workers.

Pay property tax by March 31 to avail 90 pc interest waiver: GHMC

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has issued a final call to taxpayers to utilize the One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme before the March 31 deadline. With only one day remaining to claim a 90 percent waiver on interest for outstanding property taxes, GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan urged residents on Monday to clear their dues immediately. Under the OTS scheme for the 2025-26 period, the state government is offering a 90 percent discount on interest for those who settle their arrears by the end of this month. Commissioner Karnan clarified that payments under this scheme will only be accepted through online platforms. Residents can complete their payments via the official portal (www.ghmc.gov.in), the MyGHMC app, Mee Seva centers, or Citizen Service Centers. The Commissioner emphasized that timely tax payments are vital for the city's ongoing development. The Commissioner warned that the Corporation would initiate strict action against defaulters under the GHMC.

CAG raises concern over fiscal stress, gaps between budget claims and outcomes in TG

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Serious concerns over Telangana's fiscal health have been raised by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), which flagged widening gaps between budget estimates and actual spending, rising debt levels, declining revenues, and underutilisation of funds across key sectors for 2024-25. The findings, tabled in the Assembly, point to weakening fiscal discipline and systemic inefficiencies in financial management.

Reacting to the report, BRS Legislature Party deputy leader and former Finance Minister T. Harish Rao said the observations expose a clear mismatch between government projections and implementation. He termed the report an "eye-opener," alleging



that the Congress government failed to present a realistic budget and ignored repeated warnings on fiscal prudence. According to the CAG, total expenditure stood at Rs 1,67,804 crore against a budget estimate of Rs 2,21,242 crore, reflecting utilisation of only 76 per cent. Revenue expenditure also fell short, with Rs 1,77,224 crore spent against a projection of Rs 2,20,945 crore, indicating gaps in financial planning and execution. The State's fiscal position witnessed a sharp reversal, moving from a revenue surplus of Rs 779 crore in 2023-24 to a

deficit of Rs 9,420 crore in 2024-25. The report also highlighted excess and unplanned spending, with Rs 31,229 crore incurred beyond budget provisions across multiple sectors, including Rs 10,525 crore overspending in the revenue segment alone. Debt indicators showed further strain, with Telangana breaching the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management targets. The debt-to-GSDP ratio rose to 34.29 per cent, exceeding the prescribed limit of 32.80 per cent, while total outstanding debt reached Rs 5,62,662 crore. Annual borrowings increased significantly to Rs 56,209 crore from Rs 38,334 crore in the previous year. Despite higher borrowings, capital expenditure remained limited at Rs 36,072 crore, raising con-

cerns about inadequate asset creation and long-term economic returns. Revenue performance also weakened, as total receipts declined to Rs 1,09,233 crore despite increased central tax devolution. Key State Own Tax Revenue streams, including stamps and vehicle taxes, recorded notable drops. Economic growth also underperformed, with GSDP growth at 9 per cent against the projected 10.6 per cent. Additionally, substantial funds remained unspent in critical sectors, including irrigation, urban water supply, and welfare schemes. Social sector spending was particularly low, with only 37 per cent of allocated funds utilised, highlighting gaps in service delivery and welfare implementation.

Kavitha Urges CM Revanth for GO 317 Relief

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Kalvakuntla Kavitha has urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to provide immediate relief to victims of Government Order (GO) 317 and implement key policy corrections, citing prolonged hardships faced by employees, teachers, and students. In a strongly worded open letter, Kavitha demanded a one-time relief mechanism allowing affected employees to return to their native districts. She highlighted that GO 317, introduced in December 2021 during the tenure of K. Chandrashekar Rao, was meant to streamline employee allocation after district reorganisation but instead caused widespread dissatisfaction due to unclear local status criteria and seniority-based postings. She noted that many employees, especially those with shorter service ten-



ures, were posted far from their hometowns, leading to emotional and financial strain. Despite repeated appeals and assurances made during Assembly elections, the issue remains unresolved, deepening frustration among affected families. Questioning the delay in action, Kavitha asked why the findings of the Cabinet Sub-Committee led by Damodara Rajanarasimha have not been made public. She also criticised the government for not initiating formal communication with the Centre despite

Assembly assurances. Raising concerns over revised local status rules, Kavitha opposed the new criterion that considers students as locals based on education from Class 8 to Intermediate. She argued that this disadvantages Telangana students studying outside the state while favouring outsiders, calling it a "policy imbalance." She demanded restoration of the earlier seven-year schooling norm from Class 1 to Class 10. Additionally, she flagged poor conditions in welfare hostels and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, citing lack of basic facilities including sanitary pads. She urged the government to expand benefits under the PM SHRI scheme and ensure timely release of student allowances. Kavitha called for transparency, accountability, and time-bound action to resolve the GO 317 crisis and uphold public trust.

Road Widening Delay at Lalapet-Moula Ali Stretch

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Residents, traders, and commuters have raised serious concerns over the prolonged delay in the road widening works from Lalapet Bridge to Keesara Via Moula Ali, Ecil X road, Nagaram, Rampally X Road, a crucial arterial route connecting Keesara and the Outer Ring Road (ORR) to other District Highway. Despite the partial demolition of structures along the stretch, the project remains incomplete, causing daily hardships for thousands of commuters. Old electricity poles continue to stand dangerously within the carriageway, while several buildings remain only partially dismantled, obstructing smooth traffic movement. The incomplete work has led to severe traffic congestion in the Lalapet area, particularly during peak hours. Commuters report long delays and increased risk of accidents due to narrowed passages and unregulated diversions. Adding to the problem, the WMM wet Machadom mix metal



laid on both sides of the widened road has been left unfinished for months without proper bitumen (BT) or cement concrete (CC) surfacing. Loose metal scattered across the stretch has made the road uneven and hazardous for both motorists and pedestrians. Local shopkeepers and hospital authorities have also expressed distress over the situation. The absence of proper parking space and pedestrian pathways has significantly reduced customer footfall, directly impacting businesses. "Customers are unable to park or even walk safely to our shops. Our sales have dropped drastically," said a trader from the area. Medical professionals have warned that the dust generated from the exposed road material poses serious health

risks, especially for patients and residents in the vicinity. Residents allege that repeated representations have been made to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and concerned departments, but the response has been inadequate. "This is a major route with heavy daily traffic, and the delay is unacceptable. Authorities must act immediately to clear debris, remove electricity poles, and complete the road work," said a local community representative. Citizens are now urging the authorities to treat the issue with urgency and make the stretch fully traffic-worthy at the earliest, citing public safety, economic loss, and health concerns.

Women's Day Celebrations Marked by Service and Compassion in Ghatkesar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a heartfelt celebration combining compassion, community service, and empowerment, the Prema Hastham Foundation organized a special event on Sunday to commemorate International Women's Day, alongside the birthday celebrations of Sasneha. The program was conducted with great enthusiasm and drew appreciation from the local community for its meaningful social im-



pact. The event was graced by former Ward 2 Municipal Councillor, Kommagoni Ramadevi Mahipal Goud, who attended as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, she emphasized the importance of such initiatives in foster-

ing women's empowerment and community development. She noted that programs like these not only celebrate women but also create opportunities for their growth and self-reliance. Dr. Jyothi Rajeswara

Rao, who participated as the keynote speaker, delivered an inspiring spiritual message. Her address focused on inner strength, moral values, and the role of women in shaping a harmonious society. Speaking on the occasion, Reverend Dr. Elizabeth Darla, founder of the Prema Hastham Foundation, highlighted the organization's ongoing commitment to social service. She outlined a wide range of initiatives undertaken by the foundation, including organizing health

camp, providing sewing machine training to women for livelihood support, and recognizing talent through certificates and service awards. She further stated that the foundation actively supports orphaned children and economically disadvantaged students by providing educational assistance. Additionally, it extends help to underprivileged families by supporting marriage expenses and offers care and aid to elderly residents in old-age homes.

Preventive Detentions Ahead of Assembly Gherao in Medak District

MEDAK
Wakeup telangana

Tension prevailed in parts of Medak district on Monday as police carried out preventive detentions of several local leaders ahead of a proposed Assembly gherao. According to official sources, Regode Sub-Inspector Pochayya led the operation, taking into custody a number of leaders associated with the BRS and former sarpanch forums. Those detained include Sunke Ramesh, vice-president of the Medak district ex-sarpanch forum; Rav-



inder, president of the Regode mandal ex-sarpanch forum; Surender, sarpanch of Chowdharipalli; Nar-simlu, a former sarpanch from Regode; and mandal-level leader Guranath Reddy, among others. Police stated that the detentions were carried out as a precautionary measure to prevent any potential law and order issues during the planned protest. The As-

sembly gherao, called by local leaders, was expected to draw significant participation from various mandals. Earlier in the day, a group of visitors was seen interacting with Telangana State Police personnel at a local police station reception. The station premises displayed official insignia, Telugu signage, and staff duty boards, reflecting routine administrative operations amid heightened security. Meanwhile, police patrols were intensified across the region. Officers were seen monitoring key areas.

Protest at Vatpally Police Station by BRS Leader Veerareddy

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Tension prevailed at Vatpally Police Station as former sarpanches and leaders of the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) staged a protest following their preventive detention ahead of a planned Assembly gherao. The protesters, including senior BRS leader M. Veerareddy, raised slogans and posed with police offi-

cers outside the station, symbolically lifting their fists to condemn what they described as unlawful arrests. They demanded the immediate release of detained ex-sarpanches and urged the government to clear pending bills. Police officials had earlier taken several BRS leaders into custody as a precautionary measure to prevent the Assembly gherao.

Lava Kumar's Grassroots Service Fuels Corporator Demand

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

After 16 years of continuous grassroots service, Meesam Lava Kumar is emerging as a strong civic leadership contender, with growing public support from residents of L.N. Nagar and You-sufguda. Known for his consistent community presence, Kumar's work has built a reputation grounded in trust, accessibility, and service-driven action. As Telangana State President of Mala Mahanadu,



Kumar has focused on uplifting marginalized communities through direct intervention. From arranging urgent medical assistance to supporting students with education expenses and aiding vul-

nerable families, his efforts have extended beyond politics into everyday lives. Locals describe him as dependable and deeply connected, often stepping in during critical moments without waiting for official authority. His long-standing association with Jubilee Hills MLA V. Naven Yadav under the Nava Yuva Nirman initiative has further strengthened his grassroots influence. Over the years, Kumar has mobilized youth participation, promoted awareness of welfare schemes, and

contributed to local development efforts. With increasing calls for his nomination as Corporator, Kumar's vision emphasizes improved sanitation, better drainage systems, access to healthcare and education, and youth employment opportunities. For many residents, his candidacy represents continuity of dedicated service rather than a new political ambition, reflecting a leadership model built on sustained community engagement.

Dr. G. Durgaprasad Rao Receives Lions Ugadi National Award

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a grand and inspiring ceremony held on Sunday evening at the Lions Bhavan Auditorium, senior homeopathic physician Dr. Gannamraju Durgaprasad Rao was conferred with the esteemed Lions Ugadi National Puraskaram by Lions International District 320A. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, District Governor Lion Dr. G. Mahendra Kumar Reddy, along with several distinguished members of the Lions fraternity. The award was thoughtfully organized by the Chairperson of Ugadi Sambaralu, Lion Dr. E. S. Suryanarayana Master, who highlighted that this



marks a significant initiative by Lions International 320A to recognize and celebrate excellence across diverse fields. He emphasized that such honors serve as both ap-

preciation and encouragement for individuals dedicated to their professions. Receiving the award amidst warm applause, Dr. Durgaprasad Rao expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Lions organization, with special acknowledgment to Dr. E. S. Suryanarayana Master for his efforts in making the recognition possible. In a generous gesture, he announced that he would extend free homeopathic treatment to all Lions members who approach him, earning admiration and appreciation from the audience. The event stood as a testament to the spirit of service and excellence, celebrating individuals who continue to make meaningful contributions to society.

'No Kings' Protests Erupt Across US, Europe Against Trump

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Large crowds protested Saturday against the war in Iran and President Donald Trump's actions in "No Kings" rallies across the U.S. and in Europe. Minnesota took center stage, with thousands of people standing shoulder-to-shoulder to celebrate resistance to Trump's aggressive immigration enforcement. Minnesota's flagship event on the Capitol lawn in St. Paul drew Bruce Springsteen as its headliner. He and other speakers praised the state's people for taking to the streets over the winter in opposition to a surge of U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement agents. Springsteen performed



Streets of Minneapolis, "the song he wrote in response to the fatal shootings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti by federal agents. Springsteen lamented Good and Pretti's deaths but said the state's pushback against ICE has given the rest of the country hope. "Your strength and your commitment told

us that this was still America," he said. "And this reactionary nightmare, and these invasions of American cities, will not stand." People rallied from New York City, with almost 8.5 million residents in a solidly blue state, to Driggs, a town of fewer than 2,000 people in eastern

Idaho, a state Trump carried with 66% of the vote in 2024. Big, but mostly peaceful, crowds U.S. organizers have estimated that the first two rounds of No Kings rallies drew more than 5 million people in June and 7 million in October. This week they told reporters they expected 9 million participants Saturday, though it was too early to tell whether those expectations were met.

Organizers said more than 3,100 events — 500 more than in October — were registered, in all 50 states. Protests were mostly peaceful, but federal authorities deployed tear gas "due to demonstrators throwing large concrete blocks, bottles and other objects" near a federal detention center in

downtown Los Angeles, police said on the social platform X. LAPD also said protesters were later arrested for failing to disperse.

Earlier in Topeka, Kansas, a rally outside the Statehouse had people impersonating a frog king and Trump as a baby. Wendy Wyatt drove with "Cats Against Trump" sign from Lawrence, 20 miles (32 kilometers) to the east, and planned to drive back to her hometown for a later rally there. Wyatt said "there are so many things" about the Trump administration that upset her, but "this is very hopeful to me." GOP officials dismissive of protests White House spokesperson Abigail Jackson characterized them as the product.

Crops At Risk As Hailstorms Strike Maharashtra

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Parts of Maharashtra witnessed intense rainfall and hailstorms on Monday causing significant temperature drops and heavy damage to crops. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued orange alerts across several districts of Maharashtra, including Pune, Mumbai and Thane, warning of significant weather changes this week. Intense showers and hail were reported in Pune, parts of Nashik and various areas in Marathwada and Central Maharashtra. The sudden hailstorm turned some areas white, covering streets and causing traffic disruptions. It brought immediate relief from rising temperatures. Meteorologists attributed the sudden weather shift to moisture incur-



sion from the Arabian Sea, a north-south trough over Karnataka, and instability in the lower atmosphere. The IMD issued an orange alert for central Maharashtra and Marathwada for, with continued thunderstorm activity, lightning and potential hailstorms. Authorities advised residents to avoid standing under trees or near electric poles during the storm. The development comes amid already soaring temperatures across the state. Several districts, including Akola, Solapur and Jalgaon, have recently recorded temperatures above 40

degrees Celsius, pointing to a sharp contrast between prevailing heat and the incoming weather disturbance. While the showers may bring temporary respite from the heat, officials have flagged concerns over the timing of the rainfall, particularly for the agricultural sector. With the rabi harvest currently underway, the unseasonal rains and hail could have caused damage to crops. The state Agriculture Department has advised farmers to take precautionary steps to minimise potential losses. They said that harvested produce should be shifted to covered storage facilities, or crops must be protected using waterproof coverings. Farmers have also been asked to complete harvesting and spraying activities ahead of the expected weather shift.

1 More Indian Dies in Kuwait, Toll Hits 8

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Amid the escalating West Asia conflict, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Monday said eight Indian nationals have lost their lives while one remains missing in "various incidents" in the region. At an inter-ministerial briefing here on the West Asia situation, Additional Secretary (Gulf), MEA, Aseem R. Mahajan, also said, "Yesterday, an Indian national unfortunately lost his life in an attack in Kuwait." However,

he did not elaborate upon the circumstances of this death. "We express our deepest condolences to the family of the deceased. Our Mission in Kuwait is in touch with the family of the deceased and is coordinating closely with the local authorities to render all support and for early return of his mortal remains to India," he said. On March 20, at an inter-ministerial briefing on the West Asia situation, Mahajan had told reporters that six Indian nationals had lost their lives while one re-

mained missing in "various incidents". On Monday, he shared an update, saying, "eight Indian nationals have unfortunately lost their lives and one Indian national remains missing in various incidents". The Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia recently said that an Indian national was killed in Riyadh due to the "recent events of March 18". The ministry also shared that since February 28, around 5.5 lakh passengers have returned from the region to India. The MEA on Monday re-

iterated that it continues to closely monitor the evolving situation in the Gulf and West Asia region. "We continue to call for restraint and de-escalation, and at the same time emphasise on dialogue and diplomacy, as a means to an early end to the conflict," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. He also said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on March 28, spoke to the Crown Prince and PM of Saudi Arabia, Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and discussed.

Government Releases 33 FAQs on Digital Census

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Registrar General of India and Census commissioner Mrityunjay Kumar Narayan on Monday urged citizens to provide accurate information to Census enumerators, stating that individual data would remain confidential and cannot be used for legal or welfare purposes. Addressing a press conference ahead of the first phase of the 16th Census, he said that under Section 15 of the Census Act, individual data cannot be shared under the Right to Information Act, used as evidence in a



Information Act, used as evidence in court, or disclosed to any government or private organisation. "All the individual data collected during the exercise remains confidential. It cannot be shared under the Right to Information Act, used as evidence in a

court and cannot be shared with any organisation, be it government or private," he said. He added that only aggregated statistical data would be used for tabulation. The government has released a set of frequently asked questions on the Census portal to assist respondents. "Will a couple in a live-in relationship be considered a married couple? If they consider their relationship as a stable union, they should be treated as a married couple," the FAQ states. Officials said 33 questions have been notified for the first phase of

housing listing and housing enumeration beginning April 1, 2026. These include details on housing materials, household composition, access to amenities, type of food consumption, and ownership of assets such as vehicles. Enumerators will also collect information on the head of the household, including name, sex, social category and ownership status of the house. The first phase of the Census is scheduled to begin in April in some states, while in Delhi it will be conducted from April 16 to May 15.

India Condemns Strikes on UN Peacekeepers in Lebanon



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India on Monday condemned recent attacks on UN peacekeepers deployed in Lebanon, urging all parties to ensure safety and security of the Blue Helmets. An Indonesian peacekeeper was killed when a projectile exploded in a UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) position near Adchit Al Qusayr on March 29. The attack left another peacekeeper critically injured. The Permanent Mission of India to the UN condemned the recent attack on UN Peacekeepers in UNIFIL. "We condemn the recent attacks on UN Peacekeepers deployed in UNIFIL, and pay our homage to the fallen Blue Helmets. We urge all parties

to ensure the safety and security of the Peacekeepers," the Indian mission said in a statement. It added that UN Peacekeeping is multilateralism in action, implemented by UN Peacekeepers who are deployed with the backing of an international mandate in conflict areas and under difficult conditions. "As one of the largest and longest serving contributors to UN Peacekeeping, and having lost the largest numbers to this cause, India piloted the UN Security Council Resolution 2589, which seeks Accountability for Crimes against Peacekeepers, which we will continue to pursue," said the Indian mission. UNSC Resolution 2589, adopted in August 2021 under India's Presidency of the 15-nation Council, called on Member States hosting or

having hosted United Nations peacekeeping operations to take all appropriate measures to bring to justice perpetrators of the killing of UN personnel and to promote accountability for violence against UN personnel serving in peacekeeping operations. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres also strongly condemned the incident, which resulted in the death of the Indonesian peacekeeper, inside his position at Eit-Taibe, southern Lebanon, amidst hostilities between Israel and Hizbullah. Guterres expressed his deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of the peacekeeper who died, as well as to Indonesia, and wished a full and fast recovery to the injured peacekeeper.

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In the FT interview, Trump said his preference would be to "take the oil in Iran" — a move that would require seizing Kharg Island — the terminal through which nearly all of Iran's oil exports pass. "Maybe we take Kharg Island, maybe we don't," he said. Iran rejects US demands as "excessive, unrealistic and irrational." The U.S. already has targeted military positions on Kharg once. Iran has threatened to launch its own ground invasion of Gulf Arab countries and mine the Persian Gulf if U.S. troops set foot on its territory. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei on Monday acknowledged Tehran had received a 15-point proposal from the Trump administration, but said there had been no direct negotiations with Washington. He said the U.S. demands were "excessive, unrealistic and irrational." Earlier, Iran's parliament speaker, Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, dismissed the talks in Pakistan as a cover while more U.S. troops are brought to the region. He said Iranian forces were "waiting for the arrival of American troops on the ground to set them on fire and punish their regional partners forever," according to state media. Twice during Trump's second term, the U.S. has attacked Iran during high-level diplomatic talks, including with the Feb. 28 strikes that started the current war. Iran attacks Israel and Gulf infrastructure Sirens sounded at dawn near Israel's main nuclear research center, a part of the country that

24 BRS MLAs.....

has been targeted repeatedly in recent days. Israel's military also said it had taken out two drones launched from Yemen, where the Iranian-backed Houthi rebels entered the war on Saturday with their first missile attack. Iran kept up the pressure on its Gulf Arab neighbors: Saudi Arabia intercepted five missiles targeting its oil-rich Eastern province; a fireball erupted over Dubai, United Arab Emirates, as a missile was intercepted; and in Kuwait, an Iranian attack hit a power and desalination plant, killing one worker and wounding 10 soldiers, the state-run KUNA news agency reported. An Emirati official signaled that the UAE wants more than just a ceasefire. "An Iranian regime that launches ballistic missiles at homes, weaponizes global trade and supports proxies is no longer an acceptable feature of the regional landscape," Noura Al Kaabi, a minister of state at the UAE's Foreign Ministry, wrote in a column published by the state-linked, English-language newspaper The National.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Poor Planning Led....

On Congress MP Anil Kumar Yadav's demand for a CBI probe into the KLIS project irregularities, the Union minister accused the Telangana government of careless handling of Jal Jeevan Mission funds, noting that it had submitted no proposals in the last three years. To a related question by BJP MP Dr K. Laxman, Patil said that Telangana received ₹981

crore under the PM Krishi Sanchayi Yojana (PMKSY) for irrigation projects. In a detailed statement, the Union minister revealed that 99 ongoing major and medium irrigation projects (including seven phases) nationwide were included under PMKSY in 2016-17 to boost water access, assured irrigation, and water conservation. Of these, 11 projects from Telangana qualified under PMKSY-AIBP with Central assistance of ₹1,129.80 crore of which ₹981.49 crore has been released. No eligible proposals for Central assistance were received from the Telangana government in the last three years. Under the 'Per Drop More Crop' (PDMC) component, which focused on micro-irrigation like drip and sprinkler systems, Telangana received ₹73.95 crore since inception, including ₹194.63 crore in the last three years. The PDMC was implemented under PMKSY until March 2022 and is now part of PM-Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.

TVK Chief Vijay.....

His immovable assets that include agricultural land in Kodakanal and commercial and residential properties across Chennai, were valued at approximately ₹198.62 crore, the affidavit said, adding that he owned a ritzy fleet of cars worth several crores of rupees. Among the cars that he owned were high-end brands like BMW 530, Toyota Lexus, Toyota Vellfire and BMW i7, besides a Suzuki Swift and a motorcycle TVS XL Super, he declared, adding that there were

no criminal cases pending against him and that he had no tax dues. Vijay's personal movable assets include Rs 2 lakh cash in hand and bank deposits exceeding Rs 213 crore in various accounts. The jewellery that he owned included 883 grams of gold and silver articles worth Rs 15 lakh.

Lok Sabha Passes....

Sitharaman stated that all the committee's recommendations have been accepted. IBC has been amended seven times so far. The bill replaces the underutilised fast-track process with a new creditor-initiated insolvency framework, featuring out-of-court initiation, debtor-in-possession and creditor-in-control model, where management continues to vest in the existing Board of Directors or partners with safeguards, and defined timelines. Also, there is an enabling framework for group insolvency and cross-border insolvency to promote investor confidence and align domestic practices with best international practices, Sitharaman said. Stricter timelines will be put in place to ensure the timely resolution of stressed companies, and there will be penalties to deter vexatious and frivolous complaints that delay the process. Among other changes, an application for initiating the insolvency resolution process has to be admitted within 14 days if the default by a company has been established, and appeals related to IBC before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) have to be decided upon within three months.

CRIME

Illegal Used Oil Racket Busted in Madhapur

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a swift crackdown, Madhapur Police along with the Special Operations Team (SOT) busted an illegal used cooking oil collection and resale racket, detaining individuals involved in the operation and registering a case for further investigation. The action followed a tip-off from TPHYC State Social Media Co-Convenor Durgam Srihari Goud, who identified suspicious activity involving an auto-rickshaw allegedly collecting used cooking oil from local restaurants in the area. Acting on his alert, police reached the spot promptly and took the accused into custody.



Preliminary inquiry revealed that the individuals were purchasing used cooking oil from restaurants at approximately ₹20 per litre and reselling it to street vendors for

nearly ₹70 per litre, earning a margin of ₹50 per litre. The accused failed to produce any valid licenses or permissions for handling or trading used oil,

raising serious legal and public health concerns.

Further suspicion arose as the vehicle used for transportation was reportedly registered in Karnataka, prompting authorities to investigate possible interstate links in the illegal supply chain. Officials stated that the reuse of unregulated cooking oil poses significant health risks, including the spread of harmful toxins.

Authorities are now probing the scale of the racket, its network, and the potential impact on public safety. Police assured strict action against those involved and warned food vendors against procuring such illegal and unsafe materials.

EDITORIAL

PUT PRINCIPLE FIRST OR LOSE STANDING AS PEACEMAKER

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Frankly, I do not care a fig whether a tinpot dictatorship like Pakistan, with a bankrupt economy and a defunct polity, gets a fleeting moment under a dubious sun to play the role of mediator, facilitator or whatever in the ongoing Iran war. That this is a slight to India is ludicrous. Pakistan is a failed state. India, on the other hand, while not without its problems, is the world's largest democracy, a major economy, a nuclear weapon state, a civilisational power and home to 1.4 billion people, with a legitimate claim to sit on the high table of the global community.

My concern, therefore, is about what India did or did not do in this unfortunate war. In this context, a new debate has emerged between so called 'realists' and 'idealists'. At first glance, the argument of the realists appears compelling. The world, they insist, is not a moral classroom but a competitive arena where power, not principle, determines outcomes. In such a world, they argue, the pursuit of immediate economic advantage and transient strategic leverage must override any abstract commitment to ideals.

For relatively weaker nations, the logic is to be silent, speak softly, align cleverly, and survive. Idealism, in this view, is not merely naïve — it is a liability. Yet, this perspective, while pragmatic in tone, is impoverished in vision. It reduces nations to transactional entities, devoid of identity, memory or

moral imagination. It assumes that the currency of global respect is power alone, when history suggests a more nuanced truth: that enduring influence often rests on a combination of credibility, consistency, and conviction. For instance, the anti-colonial struggles of the 20th century were not won merely by military strength; they were sustained by moral arguments that exposed the hypocrisy of imperial domination. The articulation of principles — sovereignty, self-determination, equality — became, in time, instruments of power in their own right.

This is not to suggest that foreign policy should be conducted as a sermon. Nations must, of necessity, calibrate their responses to the realities of the world. But calibration is not capitulation. There is a difference between strategic flexibility and moral abdication. A nation that abandons its stated principles at the first hint of inconvenience risks eroding not only its credibility abroad but also its self-respect at home.

The assertion that weaker nations cannot afford a strong voice is, in fact, a deeply internalised form of defeatism. Strength in international relations is not measured solely in military or economic terms, which, of course, we must aspire to. It also resides in the clarity of a nation's positions and the consistency with which they are articulated.

When a country speaks with conviction — even if it cannot enforce its will — it contributes to shaping the normative environment in which global politics

unfolds. Silence, on the other hand, is seldom neutral; it is often read as acquiescence. The critique of idealism as inefficient and counterproductive similarly rests on a narrow understanding of national interest. Economic gains secured at the cost of long-term credibility may prove ephemeral. Nations that are perceived as opportunistic or supine may find themselves taken for granted, or excluded from a meaningful role in geopolitical equations. Conversely, those that demonstrate a principled approach, even when inconvenient, often command a moral authority that amplifies their influence beyond their material capabilities. It is in this broader context that one must examine our role when the US and Israel attacked Iran, and assassinated its head of state.

The violation of sovereignty and the targeted elimination of a national leader raise profound questions about the norms governing international behaviour. India has friendly relations with America and Israel, but also diplomatic and age-old cultural ties with Iran.

Regardless of one's assessment of Iran's policies, the blatant violation of its sovereignty and the targeted elimination of its national leader, should have led a country like India — with its long-standing commitment to the principles of sovereignty, non-interference and the peaceful resolution of disputes — to immediately express deep concern if not outright condemnation.

Arbitrary Freezing of Bank Accounts Violates Fundamental Rights: HC

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court has made it clear that although statutes empower investigative agencies to direct banks to freeze accounts during the course of an investigation, such powers cannot be exercised arbitrarily or indefinitely without due process and justification. Justice E.V. Venugopal noted that freezing a bank account in the absence of cogent reasons or a prima facie link to a cognisable offence would amount to a serious infringement of fundamental rights. The court held

that such actions violated the right to livelihood and the freedom to carry on trade and business under Article 19(1)(g), as well as the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution. The judge was dealing with a petition filed by Khammam-based Bottle Restaurant and Bar, whose bank account had been frozen following instructions from the cybercrime wing police of Etawah district in Uttar Pradesh. The petitioner establishment contended that it had no connection with the alleged offence under investigation and that its name,

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

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

Cops arrest fake dentist in Neredmet

A case was registered by Neredmet police against a fake doctor for running a dental clinic without valid licence. Acting on a tip-off, a team conducted a surprise inspection at Anjalika Dental Clinic located in Satya Aditya Towers near Three Temple Street. During the inspection, it was found that the clinic was being operated for more than 10-year without obtaining permissions from the department concerned. Police identified the accused as Gupta Ramesh Kumar, who was found practicing modern dentistry without BDS degree. Officials said the accused was misleading the public by falsely claiming that he was holding a BDS degree and thereby putting the lives of patients at risk.

Alwal Man Duped In ₹87 Lakh Stock Scam

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 36-year-old private employee from Alwal fell victim to an online investment scam, losing ₹87.69 lakh to fraudsters who lured him through a fake stock trading network operated via WhatsApp. According to the victim, he was added to a WhatsApp group named VIP Group Infinity on January 1, 2026. The group, allegedly managed by a person identified as Kaustubh and several associates using multiple mobile numbers, regularly shared stock market tips, IPO rec-

ommendations and fabricated profit screenshots to gain credibility. The victim was persuaded to download a mobile application called EPQC, projected as a legitimate trading platform. After completing registration and KYC formalities, he was encouraged to invest with promises of high and guaranteed returns. Initially, he invested ₹25,000 and was allowed to withdraw ₹1,000 as profit, which boosted his confidence. Gradually, the fraudsters convinced him to invest larger amounts.

Spurious pickle unit busted in Jiyaguda

In a joint operation, the Task Force Golconda team and Kulsumpura police raided manufacturing units in Venkatesh Nagar, Jiyaguda, on Tuesday and arrested one person for producing and supplying spurious pickles. Raw material and property worth ₹3 lakh were seized. Police said K. Ravinder, 62, was manufacturing pickles without a valid licence, using low-quality ingredients in unhygienic conditions. Additional DCP Task Force Anand Srinivas Rao stated that stale mangoes and lemons were being preserved with rock salt and supplied to kirana stores, restaurants, and hotels. Officials warned that consumption of such pickles could pose serious health risks.

Anti-Drug Awareness Program in Mahabubnagar

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Almas Function Hall, Ramaiya Bowli, Mahabubnagar An awareness program on the eradication of drugs (Manshiyat ka khatma) was organized by the District Police at Almas Function Hall. The event was attended by Mahabubnagar Mayor Gumala Mamata Srinivas and Deputy Mayor Marepally Surendar Reddy (MSR).

Role of Students: Deputy Mayor MSR appealed to the students to work hard



toward making Mahabubnagar a "Drug-Free District." Growing Danger: He expressed concern over the rising use of drugs in today's society

and warned that the "Drug Mafia" is putting the future of students in the dark. He urged students to stay away from these traps and

immediately inform the police if they see any activities related to Ganja (Marijuana) or other illegal substances. Gratitude: The leaders thanked the police department for organizing such an important program for the guidance of future generations.

The program saw participation from Corporators Fayaz, Aisha Siddiqua Mujeeb, Suvarna Kishan Nayak, Shekhar, Praveen, Anuradha Chinna, along with police officials, students, women, and local leaders.



Goldsikka unveils Global Gold City, world's first integrated gold ecosystem

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Goldsikka Limited has announced the launch of Global Gold City (GGC), a first-of-its-kind vertically integrated gold ecosystem aimed at transforming the global gold industry. The initiative seeks to establish a transparent, ESG-compliant, and digitally enabled framework that connects every stage of the gold value chain—from mining to global trade—under one unified platform. Unveiled at a press conference in Begumpet, the project is positioned as a structural solution to long-standing challenges in the gold sector, including fragmented supply chains, lack of transpar-



(L-R) Ms. Hafsa Taruj, Chief Technical Officer (CTO), Goldsikka Ltd.; Ms. Ambika Burman, Chairperson, Goldsikka Ltd.; Mr. Sy Taruj, MD & CEO, Goldsikka Ltd.; Mr. EVVP Pratap, Chief Governance Officer (CGO), Goldsikka Ltd.; & Mr. Gopal Sharma, Chief Business Officer (CBO), Goldsikka Ltd.; at making a Global Announcement of the launch of the World's first vertically integrated Gold Ecosystem - Global Gold City, a next-generation global ecosystem from Goldsikka Limited, at a press conference, today at the premises of Goldsikka Limited, Begumpet.

ency, inefficiencies in storage and logistics, and limited support for gold as a cross-border financial asset. With the global gold market estimated at \$15 trillion, GGC aims to redefine gold as a dynamic, liquid, and borderless asset class. Global Gold City integrates key components

such as mining, refining, vaulting, bullion banking, insurance, global trade distribution, jewellery manufacturing, and retail services. The ecosystem also incorporates digital transformation through tokenization and round-the-clock liquidity via digital exchange platforms, bridging the gap

between physical and digital economies. A major highlight of the initiative is the establishment of a Gold University, which will focus on skill development, innovation, and advanced training in areas such as refining, logistics, finance, and technology. The project is expected to create opportunities for over one million skilled professionals globally, strengthening the human capital driving the gold ecosystem. The initiative is built on three core pillars—integrity, liquidity, and sustainability. It ensures traceability and quality through ESG-led refining processes using clean energy and Zero Liquid Discharge technology, while enabling

seamless global trade and financial integration. Senior leadership, including Chairperson Ambika Burman, MD & CEO Sy Taruj, Chief Governance Officer EVVP Pratap, CTO Hafsa Taruj, and Chief Business Officer Gopal Sharma jointly announced the initiative. Headquartered in Hyderabad, Goldsikka Limited is known for pioneering innovations such as Gold ATMs and continues to expand its footprint in gold trading, retail, and fintech integration. Through Global Gold City, the company aims to position India as a global hub for gold innovation, trade, and manufacturing.

RBI should use forex reserves to prop up rupee: SBI report

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Reserve Bank should use foreign exchange reserves to prop up the rupee hit by the ongoing West Asia crisis, suggested a research report by SBI on Monday. The rupee breached the 95/US\$-mark in intra-day trade on Monday and settled 7 paise higher at 94.78 (provisional) against the American currency after Iran war escalation jolted global markets, fuelling rupee volatility and risk-off sentiment. The research report from the State Bank of India's economic research department said India has adequate foreign exchange reserves of more than 10 months of imports. These numbers, by any stress of imagination, are significantly comfortable. "The US\$ 700 billion



plus external reserve, we believe, is sufficiently strong to deter speculative moves by intervening in the foreign exchange market to prop up the rupee. "There is no reason to suggest that we should use FX reserves for rainy days only as mentioned hitherto, and we believe there is still time to intervene in the market to prop up the rupee if it is so desirable," the report said. It also said that the oil marketing companies (OMCs) need to be offered a special window by the regulator that separates their daily demand (around USD 250-300 million) from the market chores (annualised US\$

75-80 billion demand could be taken out). This should allow better visibility on genuine foreign exchange demand and supply dynamics and in measuring the efficacy of various countermeasures initiated by the regulator to curb unwarranted volatility, it added. The SBI report further said that the attempt to rationalise the open position for banks by the RBI, though useful, is likely to have created a significant divergence between the onshore and offshore markets. Indian banks, both public and private, are generally long onshore and short offshore, while foreign banks exhibit a contra trend, it added. As banks attempt to unwind their positions, liquidity shortages are likely to emerge, creating a vicious cycle where offshore premiums could witness a sharp rise.

SSC 1975 Batch Marks Golden Jubilee Reunion in Nizamabad

NIZAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

The SSC 1974-75 batch of Government High School, Dharugally (Urdu Medium), Nizamabad celebrated their Golden Jubilee reunion, marking 50 years since completing their schooling, with great enthusiasm and emotional warmth. The event was held at the Farmers Welfare Training Centre in Edapally Mandal, where senior alumni gathered in large numbers to relive their cherished memories. The program



was presided over by agriculture scientist Osman, while senior journalist Ahmed Ali Khan played a key role in organizing the reunion. The gathering brought together several members of the 1975 batch, many of whom were meeting after decades, making it a truly special occasion.

The reunion began with a solemn prayer in memory of departed classmates, setting a reflective tone. Alumni warmly greeted one another, exchanging congratulations on completing 50 years of their SSC journey. The atmosphere soon turned lively as participants shared their life ex-

periences, achievements, and personal milestones over the years. Many fondly recalled their school days, teachers, and friendships, creating a nostalgic and joyful environment. Laughter, emotions, and a deep sense of camaraderie filled the venue throughout the event. The Golden Jubilee celebration concluded on a cheerful and fulfilling note, leaving attendees with renewed friendships, lasting memories, and a strong sense of belonging.

CBIT Students Win National Tech Fest Project Expo

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Students from Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) have brought laurels to the institution by securing top honors at a national-level technical event. A. Spoorthy Reddy, N. Sai Ushaswi, and Tamanna Tarannum clinched the 1st Prize in the Project Expo at the National Level Tech Fest organized by CMR Technical Campus, along with a cash award of ₹8,000. The winning team, representing the Ham



Radio Club under the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), impressed the judges with their innovative project. Their work demonstrated a strong blend of technical expert-

ise, creativity, and teamwork, helping them stand out among participants from institutions across the country. The project was developed under the guidance of Dr. K. V. Santhi, Dr. C. V. Narasim-

hulu, and Mr. Krishna Kumar. Significantly, it was supported through CBIT's Seed Money Project initiative, which aims to foster innovation and encourage research-driven learning among students. The students credited this initiative for providing them with the necessary resources and motivation to successfully execute their idea. They expressed gratitude to their mentors and the institution for their continuous support and encouragement.

Maruti Suzuki Launches Jagriti for Driver Safety

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Maruti Suzuki India Limited has launched its flagship 'Jagriti' initiative, a five-day awareness programme focused on road safety and health for truck drivers, being conducted from March 23 to 28, 2026. The event is underway at the company's facilities in Manesar, Haryana, and Hansalpur, Gujarat, aiming to benefit nearly 4,000 drivers engaged in transporting vehicles and spare parts. The programme priori-



Maruti Suzuki conducts Jagriti event to enhance road safety and health awareness among truck drivers

tises safe driving practices and overall well-being of drivers, who spend long hours on highways and play a critical role in road safety. Sessions include training on defensive driv-

ing, risks of overspeeding, importance of adequate rest, avoiding driving under the influence of alcohol, consistent seatbelt use, and proper maintenance of transport car-

riers. Alongside safety training, the initiative also offers preventive health services such as medical check-ups, eye examinations, and consultations. Activ-

ities like yoga and meditation have been incorporated to support drivers' physical and mental health. Managing Director and CEO Hisashi Takeuchi emphasised that regular training and awareness are essential to ensure safer roads, noting that responsible driving by truck operators significantly impacts overall traffic safety across the country. The 'Jagriti' initiative reflects Maruti Suzuki's continued commitment to sustainability and responsible logistics operations.

HEMO Diary Unveiled, Push for Grassroots Health Awareness

HYDERBAD
Wakeup telangana

District Medical and Health Officer Dr. B. Rajashree on Monday called for a people-centric health awareness movement while unveiling the Health Education and Media Officers (HEMO) Union Diary in Nizamabad. She urged officers to strengthen grassroots communication to ensure government health programmes effectively reach the public. Describing HEMOs as the "voice of the Health Department,"



Dr. Rajashree emphasized their key role in translating policies into actionable awareness. She said sustained engagement with communities is essential to bring lasting behavioural change rather

than relying on one-time campaigns. Highlighting priority areas, she stressed the need to intensify awareness on maternal and child healthcare, reduction of maternal and infant

mortality, and improving nutrition among women and children. She identified anemia as a major concern requiring focused intervention. Addressing the growing burden of non-communicable diseases, she called for increased education on lifestyle-related illnesses such as cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and cancer, stressing early detection and preventive care. She also underscored the importance of immunization drives, prevention of vector-borne diseases, personal hygiene

practices, and awareness on family planning methods. Special attention must be given to mental health, women's health, and communicable diseases like HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, aligning with national goals. The DM&HO further urged officers to conduct awareness programmes in schools and remote areas. Officials and union members present reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening public health outreach across the district.

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With Love & Respect — Family Members

Nabha Natesh shares BTS from 'Namore' song in Nagabandham

Actress Nabha Natesh, who plays one of the leads along with Virat Karra and actress Iswarya Menon in director Abhishek Nama's much-awaited mythological action drama 'Nagabandham', has now shared BTS videos of the popular number 'Namore' from the film.

Taking to her Instagram page, she wrote, "Sharing some BTS from the Namore song shoot. Honestly, what an experience this was... Close to 5K dancers, a massive temple set, and the presence of Shri Ranganaatha — it truly felt like being part of a living festival."

She went on to say, "Dancing to @ganeshacharyaa master's choreography has always been a dream, and @srashtiverma master's classical guidance just helped me feel and express every movement so much more beautifully. Every time



I stepped onto the set, @abhisheknaama sir's massive vision had something new to surprise me with."

She complimented the film's producers for backing such an effort.

She wrote, "So much love

to our producers @kishore.annapureddy @nishithanagireddy for backing this with such passion — you can actually feel it in the scale and soul of the song. And the frames... just stunning. @soundar16

sir's cinematography that you can't take your eyes off. @dakshanagarkar, had the best time dancing with you, babe. And Junaid & Abhe... your music just stays with you... so soothing, so heart-felt. Aaaaah... the joy of it all. #Nagabandham. #nagabandhamjuly3rd." For the unaware, the number is an emotional musical piece that celebrates Lord Narayana. It aims to connect deeply with audiences through themes of devotion, faith, and resilience.

Composed by the talented duo of Junaid Kumar and Abhe, blending traditional and contemporary musical styles, the song has lyrics by Sri Harsha Emani. The lyrics evoke deep spirituality, encouraging reflection on personal faith and divine connection. The song has been rendered by Sindhuja Srinivasan and Aishwarya Daruri.

Despite Flops, Salman Commands a Hefty Price

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Producer Dil Raju appears unfazed by the ongoing recession in the Telugu film industry as he secures Salman Khan for his next big-budget project, reportedly a Rs 550-crore Hindi-Telugu bilingual action film. According to industry sources, Dil Raju has agreed to pay the actor his full market price of Rs 120 crore, a fee that many Mumbai producers are now reluctant to offer following the superstar's recent box-office failures.

An insider familiar with the deal says Salman's remuneration goes beyond the upfront Rs 120 crore. "His fee is actually much higher than 120 crore. In addition to the upfront amount, he will also receive a share of the profits from satellite,



music and other rights," the source explains. Regardless of his recent string of flops, Salman's camp believes there's no reason to reduce his fee. "When Salman doesn't increase his fee after a hit, why should he decrease it after a failure?" says a close friend of the actor.

"He knows that even his underperforming films generate revenue and he's not wrong." The Dil

Raju-produced film, titled Dil, Dimag, Jigar Se, will be directed by Vamshi Paidipally and is scheduled to go on floors in April. Salman Khan officially announced the project on his X handle, posting a picture with Paidipally along with the caption: "Dil, Dimag, Jigar se from this April with @directorvamshi and #DilRaju. #Shirish @SVC_official @kuldeepathor9 #RafiKazi"

Peddi Likely to Be Deferred from April 30 Release?



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The much-awaited film Peddi, starring Ram Charan and Janhvi Kapoor, is likely to be postponed from its initially planned release date of April 30. The makers are reportedly considering a more favourable release window in May or June this year. The delay is said to be due to pending VFX work for a few key

episodes and the complete footage expected to reach the makers by April 26. Even two re-shoots were done to enhance the film's overall impact and entertainment value. "Nothing has been finalized yet," a source close to the production house revealed. However, industry insiders suggest that the postponement is highly likely.

According to sources, director Sukumar has been reportedly roped in

to personally supervise crucial action sequences, along with monitoring the quality of VFX work to ensure top-notch quality since the film is being directed by his erstwhile assistant Buchi Babu Sana. Meanwhile, Ram Charan has dedicated nearly two years to the film, undergoing a significant physical transformation, including a muscular look and maintaining long hair for his role.

Sources indicate that the film has shaped up extremely well, and a slight delay will only help in delivering a more polished product. "Postponing the release won't make much difference. With mega fans eagerly awaiting this magnum opus, a mid-summer release could be an ideal choice," an industry expert noted. Earlier, big-ticket films like Salaar and Pushpa The Rise were also postponed to

ensure high-quality VFX output. Makers today prioritize delivering a satisfying cinematic experience, especially as Telugu films continue to expand their global reach. The film's music has already created a buzz, with songs like "Chikri Chikri" topping the charts. The teaser has also received a positive response, building strong anticipation ahead of its release.

Sooryavanshi Power RR To 8-Wicket Win Over CSK

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Rajasthan Royals began their IPL campaign in emphatic fashion, cruising to an eight-wicket victory over Chennai Super Kings, powered by a sensational 15-ball half-century from teenage batting prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi. The Royals chased down a modest target of 128 in just 12.1 overs, leaving CSK with plenty to rethink after a lacklustre all-round performance. The match was effectively sealed during the powerplay, as Sooryavanshi unleashed a fearless assault on the CSK bowling attack. The 15-year-old showcased his exceptional talent with a blistering knock that included audacious stroke play, accelerating the chase beyond reach. His innings featured towering sixes, including a remarkable hit over point off a slower delivery from New Zealand pacer Matt Henry.

Sooryavanshi also capitalised on a dropped chance



in an 18-run over, making CSK pay dearly for their lapse. Opening alongside him, Yashasvi Jaiswal played a composed supporting role, remaining unbeaten on 38 off 36 balls. Captain Riyan Parag added 14 not out as the Royals comfortably completed the chase with more than seven overs to spare.

Earlier, Rajasthan's bowlers laid the founda-

tion for the win by bundling out Chennai Super Kings for just 127. Making full use of favourable overhead conditions on a rain-affected pitch, the Royals' pace attack struck early blows. Nandre Burger dismissed Sanju Samson, while Jofra Archer removed skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad with a sharp delivery that rattled the stumps. Burger nearly claimed a hat-trick in his

second over, leaving CSK reeling in the powerplay. The introduction of Ravindra Jadeja further compounded CSK's troubles, as he picked up two crucial wickets in quick succession, including Sarfaraz Khan and Shivam Dube. At 57 for 6 inside eight overs, CSK's innings was in complete disarray.

Jamie Overton provided some resistance with a fighting 43 off 36 balls, but lacked support from the other end. The Royals' disciplined bowling ensured that CSK never recovered from the early collapse. Archer, Burger, and Jadeja finished with two wickets each, while debutant Brijesh Sharma also chipped in with a dismissal. For Chennai Super Kings, it was a disappointing start to the season, with both batting and bowling units failing to deliver. Rajasthan Royals, on the other hand, ticked all boxes in a clinical performance that underlined their intent for the tournament.

Khammam, Jangaon Teams Win Rugby Titles

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Rugby One-Day Tournament, organised by the Rugby Association of Hyderabad, concluded successfully at Skykings Football Ground, Bowenpally, Secunderabad, with teams from Khammam and Jangaon emerging as top performers across categories. Chief Guest Dr. Narsimhan Kannan, Ex-Chairman TPCC SC Cell and Chairman of Bolarum Sporting Club, distributed prizes to the winners and applauded the participants for their competitive spirit.

In the girls' category, TGMRS & JC Wyras Girls-1 from Khammam



secured the championship title, while TGMRS & JC Khammam Girls-2 finished as first runners-up. KGBV Mudigonda, also from Khammam district, claimed the second runners-up position, highlighting the district's dominance in the category. In the boys' category, PVR High School from

Jangaon clinched the winner's title with an impressive performance. TMRS-2 from Karimnagar secured the first runners-up position, while MJPTBCWREIS Wyras from Khammam finished as second runners-up. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and showcased emerging



rugby talent from across Telangana. Guest of Honour V. Aditya, Telangana Rugby General Secretary, and Special Guest Pavan Gomatam, SpotOnn Sports Operations Head, also attended and encouraged players, emphasising the importance of sports development at the grassroots level.

Gopinagar Hosts District Wrestling; 18 Qualify State

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Gopinagar witnessed an energetic display of talent as district-level Under-20 wrestling competitions, organised by the Ranga Reddy District Amateur Wrestling Association, concluded with 18 athletes securing qualification for the state-level meet scheduled on April 2 in Kamareddy. Nearly 100 wrestlers from various gyms across the district participated in the event held at Tulja Bhavani Gymnasium.



In freestyle categories, Abhinay, Sridhar, Bharat Babu, Nagender, Umesh, Pi-yush Singh, Abhishek, Jaya Kishan Yadav, and Somanath Reddy clinched top positions, while in women's events, Apoorva, Lakshmi, and Srimidhi ex-

celled. In Greco-Roman style, winners included Shivkumar, Pranav Kumar, Samba Dhanunjay, Sandeep Charan, Sampath Kumar, Deep Singh, Ravi Kiran, and Abhiram Reddy. Chief guests, including PCC General Secretary V. Jagadeeshwar Goud, distributed medals and praised youth participation, highlighting wrestling's ancient Indian roots and Olympic significance. Organisers and association members were also commended for successfully hosting the event.

More Public Consultations on Cards for Musi Project: Govt



The government on Monday informed the Assembly that it had before it a proposal to conduct "more grama sabhas before taking up the work" of the Musi rejuvenation project, adding that these would be in addition to similar meetings it already conducted "where the project modalities have been explained to public." In a written reply to a question on the project, the government said an initial social impact assessment has been carried out, and detailed enumeration of affected households was in progress. It said that for Phase-I of the project from Himayatsagar to Babu Ghat costing Rs.6,500 crore to Rs.7,000 crore, may affect 1,435 structures. "For other zones, cost estimates and enumeration of structures including Medchal-Malkajgiri district is under preparation. A detailed project report has been prepared for Phase-I and it was under appraisal by the Asiad Development Bank," the government said. To the question if alternate lower cost and less displacement models were examined, the government said this was done "based on detailed hydrological studies." The present model had been "finalised as the most technically suitable, with development limited to 50 metres of buffer on either side of the river boundary." Any public concerns, the government reiterated, were being "addressed through awareness measures and proposed grama sabhas to present the factual position."

Telangana Assembly passes resolution seeking ban on herbicide paraquat



The Telangana Legislative Assembly on Monday, March 30, passed a resolution urging the Centre to ban the herbicide paraquat dichloride (24 per cent), citing its lethal impact on human health and biodiversity. State Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, who moved the resolution, called on the Centre to take immediate steps to implement the ban under relevant laws and initiate stringent action against violators. It sought a ban on the manufacture, import, sale, transport, storage and use of paraquat in the interest of public health, farmers' welfare, environmental conservation and sustainable agriculture. The minister said consumption of paraquat, whether accidental or intentional, can be fatal as it damages the lungs and other organs. He added that there is no antidote to the herbicide and that many countries have either banned or imposed strict restrictions on its use. He further said farmers and agricultural workers risk respiratory illnesses and skin problems if the chemical is used without proper protective gear. Nageswara Rao also said several deaths have been reported in Telangana due to its consumption in moments of distress by individuals attempting suicide. BJP MLA Palvai Harish Babu said the state government could impose a ban on the herbicide immediately, while other members also supported the move. Replying to the debate, the minister said the state government had already mandated that the herbicide be sold only with the permission of agriculture officers.

BRS Alleges ₹1,400 Cr Land Grab by Minister Ponguleti in Vattinagulapalli

BRS claims Shah family harassed, illegal survey and demolition carried out despite court protection orders

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Upping its attack on the Congress government, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Tuesday alleged a massive land encroachment scandal involving Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and his son Harsha Reddy in Vattinagulapalli, claiming the disputed property is worth nearly ₹1,400 crore. Leading the charge, BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao visited the site along with party legislators and expressed solidarity with the affected family of Satish Shah and Pallavi Shah. Addressing the media, Rama Rao alleged that the Shah family has been in possession of the land since 1960 with valid documentation, but has been facing sustained pressure to relinquish it. He claimed that the Minister and his son personally approached the



family, urging them to part with the land for development. After the family refused, Rama Rao alleged that revenue officials initiated a "fraudulent survey" in violation of orders issued by the Telangana High Court. According to BRS, attempts were made to forcibly acquire 27 acres under the guise of official procedures. The Shah family approached the High Court, which subsequently suspended both the survey notice and the related panchanama report. Rama Rao further pointed out that a revenue

official involved in the survey was later arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau in a disproportionate assets case. Escalating the allegations, Rama Rao said individuals linked to a private firm, Raghava Constructions, allegedly entered the land using unregistered machinery, demolished structures including a cowshed and compound wall, and assaulted workers. He alleged that the family received death threats and was forced to guard the property overnight. He also raised concerns

over the transfer of police officer Habibullah Khan, who had initially registered an FIR in the case, suggesting political interference. Linking the incident to a broader issue, Rama Rao accused the Congress government of misusing the Dharani land portal to target landowners. He claimed that lands under the prohibited category have drastically increased, creating pressure on property holders. The BRS leader announced that the party would pursue both legal and political action, including approaching the Governor seeking the Minister's dismissal. He warned officials allegedly supporting such actions of consequences once BRS returns to power. Meanwhile, heavy police deployment was reported near Rama Rao's residence amid heightened political tensions.

SI Held In ACB Trap, Locals Celebrate

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



The Anti-Corruption Bureau on Monday arrested Thimmajpet sub-inspector Chalamalla Hari Prasad Reddy in Nagarkurnool district while allegedly demanding a bribe. Following his arrest, locals celebrated by bursting crackers and burning pots at Ambedkar Square, raising slogans against the tainted officer. According to the ACB, the SI had initially demanded ₹30,000 on March 5 and later accepted a part payment of ₹20,000. On March 12, he allegedly took the bribe from the complainant to release vehicles seized in a sand-smuggling case,

including a tractor and JCB. The bureau stated that he performed his duties improperly and dishonestly, constituting an offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act. Hari Prasad Reddy was produced before the 1st Additional Special Judge for SPE and ACB Cases, Nampally, Hyderabad. Victims alleged he routinely extorted money from villagers in the name of CCTV cameras and tortured people for bribes.

CAG Flags Wasteful Expenditure in ULBs

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has flagged discrepancies in the sanitation wing of urban local bodies (ULBs) in the state, citing inconsistencies in municipal solid waste (MSW) data submitted between 2019-20 and 2021-22. The CAG audit covered ULBs including Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Haliya, Peerzadiguda, Mahbubnagar,

Kothagudem, Zaheerabad and Mancheril. It noted that only one ULB, Yella-reddy, failed to furnish audit data on street sweeping. The CAG reported that GHMC paid Rs.313.2 crore to a concessionaire towards treatment and disposal charges for 44.16 lakh metric tonnes of dry waste between February 2012 and July 2020, despite the waste not being processed. The audit found that waste segregation at various levels was either absent or only

partial. It also noted that the state and ULBs had not notified classification of domestic hazardous and sanitary waste, resulting in a lack of emphasis on segregation through Information, Education and Communication activities. GHMC reported a revenue loss of Rs.2.29 crore due to the incorrect levy of the environment impact fee. In addition, ULBs collectively failed to collect Rs.324.96 crore towards library cess. The audit further noted that GHMC supplied 44 lakh

bins of 12-litre capacity to 19,57,585 households between 2015-16 and 2019-20 for Rs.28.93 crore. However, waste continued to be collected and transported in mixed form without segregation, defeating the purpose of the expenditure. The CAG recommended that the state government direct ULBs to ensure 100 per cent collection and segregation of MSW at the household level and its transportation in segregated form to treatment and disposal facilities.

Police Welfare Fuel Station Set Up



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The police welfare department has set up a new fuel station at Begumpet to generate revenue for the welfare of police personnel. The outlet was inaugurated on Monday by Director-General of Police Shivadhar Reddy in the presence of senior officials. Speaking at the event, the DGP said the initiative is part of ongoing efforts to strengthen welfare measures within the department, with revenue from

the station to be utilised for schemes benefiting police personnel and their families. Officials noted that the petrol bunk has been established in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation Limited to ensure quality fuel and efficient services. The facility will cater to both departmental and public needs. Malkajgiri commissioner of police Avinash Mohanty announced that the station will open to the general public from April 1, 2026. Senior officers and other officials attended the inauguration.

HYDRAA honours residents who fought for decades to clear encroached land



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRAA) has intensified its anti-encroachment drive across the city, clearing illegally occupied parkland in RK Puram Officers Colony and the old skating rink area inside Indira Park, while its Praja Vani grievance cell received 58 fresh complaints on Monday, March 30, related to encroachments on colony roads, drainage channels and open spaces. HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath, in an unusual turn at a felicitation event, chose to honour the very residents who had arrived to congratulate him, the members of RK Puram Officers Colony in Malkajgiri who had fought for over two decades to protect a 3,000-square-yard park from encroachers.

"You fought for decades. You saved the park. You stopped encroachers who tried to mislead every system with fake documents. Even after retirement, you demonstrated your fighting spirit. You are an inspiration," Ranganath told the colony representatives, draping shawls over them. The dispute dates to 1968, when a 125-plot layout was formed in Ramakrishnapuram village, Malkajgiri mandal, with 3,000 square yards earmarked as a park. When HUDA failed to develop it after a 1997 municipal request, encroachers moved in, subdividing the parkland into four plots. Residents resisted, triggering police cases and prolonged litigation. A District Court ruled in their favour in 2003, directing the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to develop the park.

City Police Cracks Down on Food Adulteration

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad Police have registered 61 cases, arrested 64 individuals, and seized nearly 15 tonnes of adulterated food products in a sweeping crackdown carried out over the past month, Commissioner VC Sajjanar announced on March 30. The action underscores a growing concern over food safety and public health in the city. According to Sajjanar, a dedicated enforcement unit named H-FAST (Hyderabad Food Safety and

Action Team) has been established to identify, investigate, and dismantle organised adulteration networks. The seized items include widely consumed products such as biscuits, ice cream, ginger-garlic paste, tea powder, milk, and curd—raising alarms about the scale of contamination in everyday food supplies. Describing food adulteration as a "silent, deadly attack on every household," Sajjanar highlighted the alarming extent and audacity of offenders prioritising profit

over public safety. He reiterated that the department would maintain zero tolerance and intensify enforcement in the coming weeks. The crackdown follows directives from Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to strengthen food safety mechanisms across the state. Sajjanar termed the initiative a crucial and commendable step toward safeguarding citizens' health. Recent enforcement actions also included raids on food manufacturing units, including those linked to popular outlets

such as Subhan Bakery, further exposing the depth of adulteration practices in the city. Officials emphasised that food adulteration is a serious criminal offence under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, carrying stringent penalties, including life imprisonment in cases resulting in death. Authorities have urged the public to remain vigilant and report suspicious food products, as efforts continue to ensure safer consumption standards across Hyderabad.

Hyderabad police seize 414 LPG cylinders worth Rs 21L, 10 arrested

HYDERABAD
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Ten individuals were arrested on Monday, March 30, for allegedly storing and selling 414 LPG cylinders worth Rs 21.88 lakh in Hyderabad's Banjara Hills. The seized items included 148 full 19-kg cylinders, 30 full 47-kg cylinders, 35 full 5-kg cylinders, as well as 192 empty 19-kg cylinders, and nine empty 5-kg cylinders. According to the police, the ten accused – Mohd Aamir, Mohd Yousof, Mohd Ismail, A Rama Rao, Lok Kumar, Mohd Sakrud-

din, Mohd Muntaz Ansari, Mohd Minaj Ansari, Rajesh Pal, and Ram Raj Singh – sold Hindustan Petroleum (HP) cylinders at a higher price. Mohd Aamir from Shoukathnagar has operated a Hindustan Petroleum (HP) gas agency under the name Metro Gas Agency in Shamshabad since 2023. He also has an office near the Afzalgunj bus stop. Aamir sold full cylinders to customers at inflated prices and discarded the empty ones at a graveyard in Nagarjuna X Road in Banjara Hills with the help of labourers.

Job fair to be held at OU for pharmacists on March 31

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A job fair for those interested in pharmacist positions will be organised on Tuesday, March 31, at the Osmania University campus in Hyderabad at 11 am. Organised by MedPlus Group under the aegis of the Osmania University's Employment Bureau, the job fair aims to fill 100 pharmacist and assistant vacancies in the organisation. "The opportunity is exclusively open to men and women aged between 18

and 30," said T Ramu, the chief of the University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau (UEIGB), in a statement. Qualified candidates with a pharmacy diploma, a Bachelor's or Master's in Pharmacy or a general degree may apply. The positions offer a salary of up to Rs 19,000 per month for a pharmacist and up to Rs 12,756 for an assistant pharmacist. Interested candidates can contact the Human Rights Department at phone number 9666662481 for further details, the statement read.

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