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Raut Attacks Modi Over Silence on Iran War

Shiv Sena UBT leader Sanjay Raut has criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence on the West India war, saying India as a country has "completely lost its existence" and Prime Minister Narendra Modi hasn't spoken a word on the crisis. The myth that Modi is a 'Vishwa Guru' has clearly collapsed in the war developments, he said. The Rajya Sabha MP also said the United States of America and Israel are acting like global bullies, while big countries like India, who until yesterday were boasting of their...

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Israel-Iran War May Hit India's Remittance Flow

Escalating US-Israel strikes on Iran have revived fears of not only oil disruption, higher inflation, global risk aversion but could also dent India's remittance flows from diaspora enough to impact its economy. India is the largest recipient of remittances globally and they account for nearly 3.5 per cent of the GDP. Says Saloni Narayan, former deputy managing director at SBI, "All macro economic indicators could be impacted depending on how long the war continues. But in these times of uncertainty, remittances will definitely take a hit if the war is prolonged."

Remittances are an important source of external funds for India, financing around half of India's merchandise trade deficit.

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Israel strikes Tehran oil depots; massive fire turns Iran's skyline orange

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Israel has struck southern Lebanon, Beirut and an oil storage facility in Tehran as the war in the Middle East keeps escalating, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised "many surprises" for the next phase of the conflict. Iran also hit a desalination plant in Bahrain. Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said a U.S. airstrike damaged an Iranian desalination plant on Qeshm Island, warning that in doing so "the U.S. set this precedent, not Iran." Such infrastructure is critical for drinking water supplies in the parched deserts of the Gulf.

An Israeli attack on an oil storage facility in Tehran sent up pillars of fire that could be seen in Associated Press video as a glow against the Saturday night sky. It appeared to be the first time a civil industrial facility has been targeted in the war. The conflict has rattled global markets, disrupted air travel and left Iran's leadership weakened by hundreds of Israeli and American airstrikes.

Israel's army chief tells Israeli public to prepare for war to take a long

time'. Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir spoke at an assessment held with the Home Front Command chief and other military officials, in comments provided by the army. "Israel has already been in a state of prolonged emergency for two years," Zamir said. "What we mainly need right now is perseverance and patience. It will take a long time yet, you need to be prepared for that, and however long it takes, it will take." Israel confirms it struck hotel in central Beirut, says 5 Iran-linked commanders killed.

The military said the overnight strike by its Navy killed five top commanders in Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps while they were "hiding in a civilian hotel."

It said they served in the Guard's Quds Force's Lebanon and Palestine corps and were involved in funding, arming and providing intelligence to Hezbollah and Hamas. The Quds Force works heavily with Iran's allied militant groups in the region. Last week the Israeli military said it killed the acting commander of the Quds Force's Lebanon Corps in an airstrike in Teheran.

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The sun descends beyond a column of smoke billowing after a US-Israeli military strike in Tehran on March 3, 2026.

52,000 Indians Return from Gulf

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More than 52,000 Indians returned safely to the country from the Gulf region between March 1 and 7 using commercial and non-scheduled flights, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Saturday. According to the MEA, 52,000 passengers travelled to India during the period, including 32,107 on Indian carriers. The ministry said the government is closely monitoring the evolving situation in West Asia and the Gulf region, particularly with regard to Indian nationals stranded during transit or on short-dura-

tion visits. "Following the partial reopening of regional airspace in recent days, Indian and foreign airlines have begun operating commercial and special flights to facilitate the return of Indian passengers who were in transit or on short-term visits in these countries. Additional flights are expected to operate in the coming days," the MEA said.

The ministry advised Indian nationals in the region to follow guidelines issued by local authorities and advisories released by Indian embassies and consulates.

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Revanth to Fund Musi Displaced To Build Flats

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Sunday offered to provide seven acres of land and bear the entire construction cost for building an alternative housing complex for the flat owners of the Madhu Park Ridge apartments, which would be demolished as part of the Musi rejuvenation project. Maintaining that the land parcel of seven acres is adjacent to the existing structure, the Chief Minister said the cost of the construction would be deposited in an escrow account, and residents themselves might take up construction at their will. The Chief Minister will make a detailed presentation on March 13 to allay fears on the proposed Gandhi Sarovar project and displacement as part of the Musi rejuvenation, Speaking at a special programme at Praja Bhavan on Sunday to honour women journalists ahead of International Women's Day, Revanth Reddy criticised opposition parties for obstructing the Musi project. He contrasted it with riverfront devel-



opments in Sabarmati, Yamuna and Ganga, where thousands were displaced, and pledged relief and rehabilitation for all affected in Hyderabad.

"What is wrong in constructing Gandhi Knowledge Centre with Rs.200 crore?" he asked.

Revanth Reddy said that the Madhu Park Ridge apartment complex was built in the buffer zone of the Isa river in 2004. Following the decision to create a 50-metre buffer, construction was banned. He said residents had been invited for talks and assured land and funds for rebuilding, lamenting that the issue had been politicised. Marking Women's Day, he announced elec-

tric mopeds would be distributed to college girls and highlighted that the government was not levying tax on such e-vehicles. He also spoke of Telangana's target to achieve a \$3 trillion economy by 2047, warning that Hyderabad was in the 'Orange zone' for air pollution. He said 2,500 RTC diesel buses would be shifted to districts by December and replaced with E-buses. Revanth Reddy further revealed plans to set up a platform to report fake news on social media, pledged to decide soon on housing sites for journalists, and promised development of a colony in Future City.

Mamata Hits Back at Modi Over Murmu Row

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday rejected Prime Minister Narendra Modi's criticism over alleged protocol lapses during President Droupadi Murmu's visit to the state, and accused him of disrespecting the President in the past. Responding to Modi's remarks, Banerjee referred to an event held two years ago where President Murmu presented the Bharat Ratna to BJP veteran Lal Krishna Advani. Displaying a photo-



graph of the occasion at a protest venue in Kolkata, she alleged that the Prime Minister remained seated while the President was standing during the ceremony. "This is for you, PM Modi. Do you respect President Murmu as a woman and a tribal leader? Why are you then sitting while the President is standing? This image is

proof of who pays respect and who doesn't," Banerjee said. She also alleged that the Prime Minister criticises West Bengal before elections for political reasons.

Banerjee was responding to Modi's comments on Saturday in which he criticised the West Bengal government over alleged protocol violations during the President's visit. Calling the incident "shameful and unprecedented", Modi said the alleged lapses had caused concern among people across the country.

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Stormy Session Ahead in LS As Oppn Demands Axing Birla

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The second half of the Budget Session of Parliament is set to start on a stormy note on Monday, with the Lok Sabha scheduled to take up the Opposition-sponsored resolution seeking the removal of Speaker Om Birla. Besides, the Opposition will also likely raise the ongoing conflict in West Asia and the outcome of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in poll-bound West Bengal to corner the government as the session resumes.

The no-confidence resolution against Birla was given by several Opposition leaders who alleged that he



had acted in a "blatantly partisan" manner in the House. The Opposition accused the Speaker of making certain false claims against the Congress members when he spoke of some "unexpected action" in the Lok Sabha before the recess and had asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi not to come to the House to reply to the debate on the motion of thanks on the President's address.

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Historic win for team India!



The Men in Blue have done it! India beat New Zealand to win the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, becoming the first team to defend the title and the first to lift the trophy three times.

West Bengal Won't Forgive TMC For Prez's Insult: Modi

Modi's remarks came after the absence of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her ministers during President Murmu's visit to West Bengal.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday criticised the Trinamul Congress (TMC) government in West Bengal over alleged protocol lapses during President Droupadi Murmu's recent visit to the state, saying the people of West Bengal would not forgive the party for insulting the President. Modi made the

remarks while inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for development projects worth about Rs 33,500 crore in New Delhi.

The Prime Minister inaugurated two new corridors of the Delhi Metro and laid the foundation stone for three additional metro lines. He also launched and laid the foundation stone for projects worth Rs 15,200 crore under the Centre's General Pool



Residential Accommodation (GPR) redevelopment plan. Referring to the controversy in West Bengal, Modi said, "As the nation celebrates International Women's Day today, it is deeply con-

cerning that the TMC government in West Bengal allegedly showed grave disrespect to the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, just a day earlier."

He said the alleged lapses at the tribal community event attended by the President amounted to disrespect towards the office of the President and the Constitution. "President Droupadi Murmu visited West Bengal to at-

tend an important celebration of the Santal tribal tradition. However, the TMC chose to boycott the event, which holds deep significance for both the President and the tribal community. The President herself comes from a tribal background and has consistently shown concern for the welfare of the Santal community," Modi said.

"The enlightened people of West Bengal will not

forgive the TMC for insulting a woman, a tribal leader, and the President of the country. The nation, the tribal communities across India, and the women of the country will not forget this affront," he added. Marking International Women's Day, the Prime Minister also highlighted the role of women in various sectors and the expansion of Self-Help Groups across the country.

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Harish Rao Alleges Contractors' Syndicate in Singareni OB Tenders

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T. Harish Rao, Deputy Leader of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi Legislature Party (BRS), has alleged that a contractors' syndicate linked to the ruling Indian National Congress is behind large-scale irregularities in the overburden (OB) tenders of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL). In a statement, Harish Rao said the recently finalised OB tender at Srirampur exposed the alleged irregularities. He pointed out that the tender for SRP OC-II closed at a minus 12 percent bid—lower than the original tender price—contradicting the contractors' syndicate's earlier claim that tenders could only be executed at



around 10 percent excess over the estimated cost. The former Minister said the financial bid for the SRP OC-II tender was postponed seven times after the technical bid stage, which he described as an unprecedented development in Singareni's tendering process. According to him, the tender was finalised only after sustained protests by the BRS, which exposed

what the party described as inflated pricing in OB works. Harish Rao claimed that the negative bid recorded in the Srirampur tender was the first such instance after the introduction of new tender rules by the State government. He alleged that the government had introduced a "Site Visit Certificate" condition to influence the bidding process and en-

able select contractors to form a syndicate. According to him, the requirement allows authorities to identify potential bidders in advance, reducing competition and facilitating tenders to be awarded at higher rates. He alleged that several OB tenders were being finalised at rates 7 to 10 percent above the estimated price due to the syndicate's influence.

The BRS leader said that under the earlier system of online tenders, bids typically closed at lower rates, ranging between minus 7 percent and minus 20 percent, which helped SCCL save significant public funds. However, he claimed the pattern changed after the Congress government assumed power.

Harish Rao further alleged that delays in OB works due to tender-related issues had begun affecting coal production in Singareni. As a result, he said, the State was being forced to purchase electricity from the open market at higher costs. He warned that reduced coal output could impact SCCL's profitability and ultimately affect the bonuses of Singareni workers. Harish Rao demanded that the Site Visit Certificate rule be scrapped and that OB tenders be conducted in a transparent manner. He also called for a thorough investigation into the alleged contractors' syndicate, warning that the BRS would intensify its agitation if Singareni was used for political commissions.

Petsfolio Hosts Furry Fest

300+ Pet Parents Celebrate Women Leaders at Petsfolio Furry Fest



Pets along with Pets Parents at the Grand Event Furry Fest by Petsfolio - A Women's Day Special Event - Honoring Inspiring Women Leaders in the Pet Care and Veterinary Ecosystem at Hotel Hyatt Gachibowli in Hyderabad on Sunday.

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A vibrant celebration of pets, pet parents, and women leaders marked the Furry Fest – Women's Day Special organised by Petsfolio in Hyderabad on Saturday. The event brought together more than 300 pet parents along with their pets for a day filled with activities, awareness sessions, and recognition of inspiring women shaping the pet care and veterinary ecosystem.

Held at Hyatt Hyderabad Gachibowli, the event featured a series of engaging programmes highlighting the growing importance of responsible pet care in India. The celebration was graced by noted filmmaker B. V. Nandini Reddy as the Chief Guest, who appreciated the initiative aimed at recognising women professionals and entrepreneurs contributing to the pet care sector.

The event's key highlight was the felicitation of several outstanding women achievers who have made significant contributions to the pet care and veteri-

nary ecosystem. Their work in promoting animal welfare, veterinary services, and responsible pet parenting was acknowledged during the ceremony.

Apart from the felicitation programme, the festival offered interactive pet health awareness sessions designed to educate pet parents on responsible care, nutrition, and preventive health measures for their animals. Veterinary experts and pet care professionals shared insights to help owners better understand the well-being of their pets.

The festive atmosphere also included a range of fun-filled activities for pets and their owners, such as a lively Pet Fashion Show, engaging pet content games, and interactive experiences that encouraged bonding between pets and their families. These activities added a festive and inclusive spirit to the event, making it a memorable experience for participants.

Speaking on the occasion, Shiva Kumar Pabboju, Founder of Petsfolio, said the initia-



tive was designed to go beyond a typical celebration. He noted that the event aimed to recognise the compassion, leadership, and innovation displayed by women working in the pet care ecosystem while also promoting awareness about responsible pet ownership.

He also expressed gratitude to Carniwell Pet Food for supporting the event as co-sponsor, helping make the celebration a success. Organisers said the festival reflected the growing community of pet lovers in Hyderabad and the rising awareness around pet health, welfare, and responsible pet parenting.

Women's Day Celebrated in Secunderabad Cantonment

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International Women's Day was celebrated with enthusiasm across the Secunderabad Cantonment on Sunday, with community events organized at New Bowenpally Bapujinagar National Union Hots Basti and Chinnathokkata Sanjeevaiah Nagar Weaker Section Basti. The celebrations brought together local leaders and residents to recognize the contributions of women and highlight



their growing role in society. Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap attended the program as the chief guest. The event featured a ceremonial cake-cutting and gatherings of women leaders and community members who

participated in the celebrations marking International Women's Day. Addressing the gathering, Pratap said women today are excelling in every professional field while also managing responsibilities at home, making them the backbone of

both families and society. He noted that their dedication and hard work are key drivers of community development.

Several women representatives, including Gomathi, Chandrakala, Lakshmi, Rajamani, Padma, Varada Rani, Sujitha, Lalitha Bharathi, Sadhana and Anuradha, attended the event. Community organizers such as DM Ashok Kumar, Vara Prasad and Mukesh also supported the program.

Panic at RGI airport after hoax bomb threat email

Panic prevailed at the RGI Airport at Shamshabad on Saturday after anonymous persons sent an email to the airport warning of a bomb in a Singapore-bound aircraft.

The flight was scheduled to leave in the afternoon and after receiving the email the authorities alerted the airport security. The anti-sabotage teams checked the aircraft for over an hour and later declared the email a hoax. The flight later took off after a delay of 13 hours in the night. The RGI Airport police, on a complaint, registered a case and are investigating.

Insult to the President is an Insult to the Constitution: Aedla Pandarinath

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BJP senior leader and Bhagya Nagar Zilla General Secretary Aedla Pandarinath strongly condemned the conduct of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during the recent visit of the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, to West Bengal, terming it an unfortunate and condemnable incident. In a statement issued on Sunday, Pandarinath said the actions of the West Bengal government amount to disrespect to-



wards the highest constitutional office of the country. He pointed out that according to established protocol, the Chief Minister and members of the state cabinet are expected to be present to receive the President during

an official visit to a state. Ignoring such protocol, he said, not only diminishes the dignity of the President's office but also undermines the values of the Indian Constitution. Pandarinath further stated that President Droupadi Murmu, who proudly represents the tribal community and the spirit of the nation, is a symbol of inspiration for millions across the country. Any act that disrespects her position also hurts the sentiments of tribal communities and citizens who deeply value constitutional institutions.

Road named after Karimnagar Municipal Commissioner Praful Desai



In recognition of the services of Municipal Commissioner Praful Desai, a road within the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation limits was named after him. A road in the eighth division of the Alugunur area was named 'Praful Desai Marg' on Sunday. The decision was taken in appreciation of the commissioner's role in the development of the town and his efforts to address public issues. As part of the Prajapalana Pragathi Pranaliika-99 programme, the foundation stone was also laid for the construction of new roads in the eighth division of Alugunur.

Manakondur MLA Dr Kavvampally Satyanarayana, Karimnagar Mayor Kolagani Srinivas, SUDA chairman Komatireddy Narender Reddy, Municipal Commissioner Praful Desai, local corporator Kalva Mallesham and others participated in the programme.

Traffic Police Get First Aid Kits

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To enhance public safety and strengthen emergency response during road accidents, First Aid Kits were distributed to Mobile Duty Officers of the Traffic-1 Trimulgherry Division in Malkajgiri. The initiative aims to ensure immediate medical assistance to accident victims on city roads. Mobile Duty Officers, who are constantly on road patrol and are often the first to reach accident locations, will now carry the First Aid Kits in their patrol vehicles. This will enable them to provide basic first aid sup-



port to injured persons at the accident site before they are shifted to nearby hospitals for advanced treatment. Officials said that timely medical intervention in the first few minutes after an accident can help stabilize victims and reduce the risk of further complications.

According to ACP G. Shankar Raju, Traffic-1 Trimulgherry Division, the initiative reflects the Traffic Police's commitment to improving emergency response and ensuring quicker assistance to road accident victims across the Malkajgiri area.

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

A speeding car created panic on the Bairamalguda flyover in LB Nagar after crashing into a goods vehicle and catching fire on Sunday midnight. No casualties were reported. The incident occurred when the car reportedly travelled at high speed and rammed into the rear of a DCM truck.

Following the impact, the vehicle lost control and hit the road divider, triggering a sudden blaze that engulfed the car within minutes.

Locals who witnessed the accident immediately alerted the police and the fire department.

Journalists Thank CM After Vows To Solve Legal Tangle For Land Sites

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday expressed his sympathy for journalists over the issue of house sites allotted to them, and vowed to find a solution that would prevent any legal or procedural complications. Jawaharlal Nehru Journalist Housing Society (JNHS) welcomed the announcement and expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister. Speaking at an event organised to felicitate women journalists at Praja Bhavan on the occasion of International Women's Day on Sunday, Re-



vanth Reddy said he would positively resolve the long-pending issue, which has been entangled in legal disputes for a long time, and ensure a solution that would prevent any future legal or procedural complications.

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

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



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

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

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

TGGDA Condemns Suspension of Doctors in Jadcherla Incident

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

Telangana may lean on Central loans for infrastructure push in 2026-27 budget

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The Congress government appears to be aggressively pushing towards infrastructure-heavy allocations in the 2026-27 Telangana Budget, raising concerns that the State may be slipping into the fiscal template promoted by the BJP-led Union government, where Central grants are limited and States are nudged towards loans and matching fund commitments.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy recently directed officials to prioritise irrigation, transport, urban development, energy and mega projects such as Future City, the Regional Ring Road, Musi riverfront development, Hyderabad Metro expansion, radial roads and expressways, with the aim of maximising funds from Central schemes and interest-free infrastructure loans.



Sources said the proposals were largely framed around how much could be leveraged from the Centre's infrastructure push, even if it required additional borrowing. The Union Budget has provided Rs 12.2 lakh crore for capital expenditure and Rs 1.5 lakh crore in interest-free 50-year loans for States. Telangana is learnt to be targeting about Rs 15,000 crore under this window, apart from nearly Rs 5,000 crore through centrally sponsored urban missions and highway funds. To qualify, the State plans to

show matching allocations in advance, effectively shaping its own spending priorities around Central conditions. Funds are also expected to be sought under AMRUT, Smart Cities, PM Gati Shakti and similar programmes. However, Central assistance comes with riders. Accordingly, the States are mandated to provide matching grants, bear land acquisition costs and mobilise the balance through borrowings. Introduced after the COVID-19 pandemic, this policy has gradually shifted the burden of capital expenditure

onto States, forcing them to depend more on loans than unconditional grants. The key question being raised in political and administrative circles is whether the Congress government is walking into a fiscal trap that the previous BRS regime had consciously avoided. During its tenure, the BRS government largely resisted loan-driven spending that offered immediate relief but added long-term liabilities. Instead, it focused on improving tax revenues to fund welfare and irrigation. A notable example was its refusal to install digital meters for agricultural power connections despite pressure from the Centre to avail additional loans amounting to 0.5 per cent of its GSDP, as doing so would have enabled additional borrowing tied to power-sector reforms but imposed long-term liabilities on the State.

Women Farmer's Mela Draws 6,000

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The two-day Grand Mega Women farmers' mela opened at Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University (PJTU) sports grounds in Rajendranagar, attracting around 6,000 women farmers on the first day.



Jointly organised by PJTAU, Coromandel International Limited and the state agriculture department, the event coincides with International Women's Day and the UN-declared 2026 International Year of Women Farmers. Farmers, experts and students from Telangana and neighbouring states attended, focusing on empowerment through technology and sustainable practices. IT and industries minister

Duddilla Sridhar Babu urged adoption of modern skills for food security, soil health and diversification amid global uncertainties, praising PJTAU for its innovations. Panchayati raj minister Seethakka congratulated organisers, noting women's 60-80 percent contribution to agriculture from sowing to harvest, and stressed the need for greater recognition. Thirty women farmers and six agricultural experts were honoured for their contributions. ICAR director general M.L. Jat commended Telangana's progress, particularly in oil palm, and pledged collaboration. PJTAU vice-chancellor Prof. Aldas Janaiah highlighted women's 58 per cent share of the agricultural workforce, warned against chemical overuse, and committed to training for financial prosperity. Agriculture director Dr Gopi and others also attended.

Women Felicitated in Netaji Nagar on International Women's Day

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On the occasion of International Women's Day, women from Netaji Nagar Colony were felicitated with great respect and appreciation. The programme was attended by Ragam Dayakar Yadav and BC Ikya Vedika Telangana State President and Netaji Nagar Colony President Beri Ramchander Yadav, who honoured the women by presenting them with shawls. Speaking on the occasion, Ragam Dayakar



Yadav extended his heartfelt greetings to all women and praised their invaluable role in society. He said women possess immense strength and capability to manage families and contribute

significantly to the development of the nation. He noted that in today's world women are excelling in every field including education, politics, business, and social service, and are playing a vital role in shaping the country's future. He further stated that the word "woman" itself symbolizes power and resilience. Respecting women is the responsibility of every individual, he said, urging men to shed ego and treat every woman with dignity and respect, considering them as mothers and sisters.

Malas Warn Congress of Political Fallout Over SC Classification Remarks

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Tensions within the Scheduled Caste community escalated on Sunday after leaders of the National Malas United Forum accused the Telangana government of betraying the Mala community and warned of political consequences in the upcoming GHMC elections. National Malas United Forum President Karnam Kishan strongly criticized Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for his remarks at a meeting organized by the Madiga Employees Co-ordination Committee, where he



reportedly stated that "justice is on the side of the Madigas" in the issue of SC classification. Kishan termed the Chief Minister's comments "strange and politically motivated," alleging that they disregarded the support extended by the Mala community to the Congress party during the last Assembly elections.

Forum leaders staged a protest near the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Statue condemning the remarks. Among those present were Vice President Avula Sudhir Kumar, General Secretary Manne Ranga, Executive Secretaries Bhujanga Rao and Maruti, and City Branch President Salla Pawan. Speaking to the media, the leaders questioned the Chief

Minister's claim that Madigas stood with Congress in the previous elections, alleging that Mala organizations had formed a Joint Action Committee and actively supported the party across all 119 constituencies. Kishan said the forum would soon approach senior Congress leadership including Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge with a written complaint. He warned that the Mala community would "teach the Congress a lesson" in future elections if their concerns continued to be ignored.

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

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



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

Gandhi Hospital Nurses Celebrate Women's Day

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near the Health Sub-Centre Nursing officers celebrated International Women's Day at Gandhi Hospital on Sunday, highlighting their commitment to serving patients with dedication and compassion. On the occasion, Nurses Association State Vice President and Senior Nursing Officer Shirisha Rani joined fellow nursing officers in cutting a cake and sharing it with staff members during the celebrations. Speaking on the occasion, Shirisha Rani said she feels proud and happy to have been born a woman and to serve soci-



ety as a nurse. She stated that being given the opportunity to work as nursing officers and provide care to patients is a blessing. Regardless of caste or religion, nurses strive to serve every patient who comes to the hospital and work tirelessly to help them recover and lead

healthy lives. She added that nursing officers remain grateful to God for giving them the noble opportunity to serve humanity through their profession. A large number of nursing officers participated in the event and celebrated the occasion with enthusiasm.

157th Week of Gnaana Mala Held at Ambedkar Statue, Lothkunta

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The 157th week of Gnaana Mala was observed at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Statue in Lothkunta on March 8, with Sub-Inspector Rajani attending as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, SI Rajani credited her success to the Constitution framed by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and highlighted his role in ensuring gender equality and empowering women. Women achievers including SI Rajani, senior journalist Suvarna, and K.A. Laxmi, Vice President of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National SC/ST Federation, were felicitated. Advocate David Robit was also honoured on his elevation as Public Prosecutor. Speakers recalled Ambed-



kar's contributions to social justice and women's rights. Mr. Ramesh Kamala demanded justice for victims of the February 18 incident in Kummera village, Nagarkurnool district. Several community leaders and members participated in the programme organised by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mission, Lothkunta.

Kachiguda Ambedkar Hostel Renaming Triggers Mala Welfare Protest

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Leaders of the Mala Welfare Association on Sunday strongly opposed the proposal to rename the historic Nimbolli Adda SC Hostel at Kachiguda as the Babu Jagjivan Ram Memorial Bhavan, alleging that such a move would erase the historical association of B. R. Ambedkar with the site. Speaking at a press conference held at the Basheerbagh Press Club, the association's state president, Battula Ram Prasad, said the hostel holds



deep historical significance. He explained that the Nimbolli Adda SC Hostel was originally constructed during the Nizam era by then Education Minister B. S. Venkata Rao to provide accommoda-

tion for underprivileged Dalit students pursuing education in Hyderabad. Ram Prasad recalled that B. R. Ambedkar visited the hostel in 1954 during his tour of Hyderabad and interacted

with students, encouraging them to pursue education with discipline and determination. The association also criticised remarks made by Professor Kasim and objected to the State government's reported plan, supported by SC Welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar, to rename the hostel. Leaders demanded that the government instead preserve the site as an Ambedkar memorial, warning that altering its identity would distort historical facts and undermine Ambedkar's legacy in Hyderabad.

Pratap Urges 'Build First' as Bowenpally Sports Hub Faces Demolition

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Concern is mounting over the future of sports infrastructure at the historic Bowenpally ground in Secunderabad as plans for an elevated corridor road expansion threaten to demolish key facilities used by local athletes. Former Cantonment Board Vice-President Jampana Pratap has urged authorities to adopt a "construction before destruction" approach to safeguard training opportunities for young sportspersons. The proposed project requires the removal of the wrestling arena, gymna-



sium, and computer training rooms that have long served as vital training centres for athletes. Pratap warned that demolishing the structures without first building replacements would severely disrupt sports training in the area. "These are not just buildings but the foundation for future champions. If they are demolished without al-

ternatives, players will lose essential facilities," he said. The Bowenpally playground has been a key sporting hub since its development in 1997 under then officials Dayalan and Chima, supported by Cantonment Board funds and community donations. Over the years, the ground has hosted district, state,

and national-level sporting events. Officials informed Pratap that the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority has been directed to reconstruct the facilities. However, he insisted that the new infrastructure must be completed before the existing ones are removed to ensure uninterrupted training. Pratap also thanked local MLA Ganesh, CEO Arvind, and DEO Dinesh Reddy for their support, while coaches and sports association members expressed solidarity with the demand to protect the playground's sporting legacy.

Indore Celebrates Historic Rangpanchami, Leaving Water Tragedy Behind

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Indore witnessed a spectacular celebration of Rangpanchami on Sunday, as lakhs of people gathered in the city to take part in the world-famous 'Ger' procession, transforming the streets into a vibrant canvas of colours and festivity. Despite the recent tragedy caused by water contamination that claimed more than two dozen lives in the Bhagirathpura area, the city came together to celebrate the century-old tradition with enthusiasm and grandeur. The main celebrations were centred around the historic Rajwada Palace, once the administrative centre of the erstwhile Holkar dynasty. The iconic

'Ger' procession — a hallmark of Indore's Rangpanchami celebrations — saw thousands of participants marching through the old city streets while dancing, singing and showering coloured powder, or 'gula', into the air. Mounted on trucks, life-sized sprinklers and powerful water cannons sprayed vibrant clouds of gula across the crowds, painting the sky above the city in shades of pink, red and yellow. Three large tankers equipped with water cannons moved along the procession route, releasing bursts of colour that drenched revellers and created a spectacular visual display. Rangpanchami in Indore has earned a global reputation, attracting visitors not



only from across India but also from several countries. Folk artists, cultural groups and enthusiastic locals joined the procession, turning the historic streets into a lively festival ground. Music, traditional performances and rhythmic dancing added to the celebratory atmosphere. However, the festivities took place under the shadow of the recent water contamination tragedy in Bhagi-

rathpura, which resulted in the deaths of over two dozen residents. In response to the incident, the Madhya Pradesh High Court, through its Indore bench, constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the cause of the contamination and determine accountability. Indore Municipal Corporation Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava had earlier announced that he would

not personally participate in the celebrations out of respect for the victims. Nevertheless, he assured that the civic body would make all necessary arrangements to ensure the smooth and grand conduct of the historic festival. Meanwhile, Rangpanchami celebrations were also held with devotion at the renowned Mahakaleswar Temple in Ujjain. Devotees offered gula to the sacred Jyotirlinga, marking the occasion with religious rituals and prayers. The festival once again highlighted Indore's cultural vibrancy, blending tradition, devotion and community spirit in one of India's most colourful celebrations.

EC Full Bench Reaches Kolkata, To Meet Parties on Monday

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

The full bench of the Election Commission, led by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, reached the city on Sunday evening on a three-day visit to supervise preparations for the Assembly polls amid Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's dharna against the large-scale deletion and logical discrepancy-linked 'adjudication' of voters' names in the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR). Apart from Mr Kumar, two Election Commissioners— Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi—are also in the team that was received by Chief Electoral Officer West Bengal Manoj Agarwal. When the EC team, escorted by the police in a convoy, was travelling from the airport to a hotel in New Town for check-in, a group of



people, apparently backed by Trinamul Congress, showed them black flags at Kaikhali for protest. They will meet representatives of the eight political parties and top brass of the state government throughout Monday, after visiting Kalighat Temple and Belur Math. On Tuesday, Mr Kumar will brief the media. Recently, the EC deleted 63.66 lakh names in the first two phases of the SIR and put another

60.06 lakhs under adjudication for logical discrepancies which are being sorted out by judges under the supervision of the Calcutta High Court Chief Justice Sujoy Pal on the orders of the Supreme Court. The total number of names under 'adjudication' has come down to around 54 lakhs after scrutiny in the last one week. The EC earlier visited poll-bound Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry.

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

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

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

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

ernment's silence over the killing of Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, whom he described as a 'true friend' of India. "When such a leader is assassinated, India's Prime Minister and President should express grief. Who are they afraid of, Israel or President Trump?" Raut asked. "Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, was a personality respected across the world, except Israel. He was a true friend of India and there has been a traditional friendship between the two countries. In times of crisis, whether

during India-Pakistan wars or on the Kashmir issue, Iran always stood with India... When such a leader is assassinated, India should officially express grief," he added. Raut's comments come following a joint missile strike by Israel and the United States on Iran on February 28, known as Operation Roaring Lion/Operation Epic Fury. Both US President Donald Trump and Iranian state media have confirmed that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed in the strikes, along with his daughter, grandchild, daughter-in-law.

Uttarakhand Governor's Helicopter Lands After Snag

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Gurmeet Singh, the Governor of Uttarakhand, had a narrow escape on Sunday after the helicopter carrying him made an emergency landing in Srinagar following a technical snag during the flight. The helicopter was travelling from Dehradun to Bhararaisain when the pilot detected a technical problem mid-air and decided to make a precautionary landing. Officials said the aircraft safely landed at the GVK helipad in Srinagar, prevent-



ing any untoward incident. The Governor and his accompanying staff were immediately evacuated after the landing and taken to the police guest house in Srinagar. According to police officials, all passengers were safe and no injuries were reported. The Governor

was on his way to Bhararaisain to attend the budget session of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly scheduled to begin on March 9. Authorities initially explored the possibility of arranging another helicopter to transport him to the Assembly venue. However, the alternative air travel plan had to be cancelled due to unfavourable weather conditions in the region, officials said. Srinagar Sub-Divisional Magistrate Nupur Verma confirmed that the Governor would instead continue

his journey by road to Bhararaisain to participate in the Assembly proceedings. Officials added that the emergency landing was carried out purely as a precautionary measure after the pilot noticed the technical issue, ensuring the safety of all on board. The helicopter will undergo a technical inspection before it is cleared for further operations, authorities said, while officials praised the pilot's timely decision that helped avert any potential risk during the flight.

Raut Attacks Modi Over Silence on Iran War

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Senior leader of Shiv Sena (UBT) and Sanjay Raut on Sunday sharply criticised Narendra Modi for maintaining silence over the escalating war in West Asia, alleging that India has "completely lost its existence" in global developments surrounding the conflict. Addressing the media, the Rajya Sabha MP said India should have taken a leading role in diplomatic efforts to stop the war, but instead remained silent while tensions between Iran and Israel intensified. According to Raut, the ongoing conflict has exposed what he described as the "hollowness" of India's global leadership. Raut also attacked the narrative often promoted by supporters of the Prime Minister that Modi is a "Vishwa Guru," claiming that the developments in West Asia have shattered that perception. "When war has flared up in West Asia, India as a country has completely lost its existence among all the de-



velopments," he said. The Sena leader argued that India should have stepped forward to lead international efforts for peace. Instead, he said, powerful countries were dictating the course of events while others remained passive. He alleged that global powers such as the United States and Israel were behaving like "global bullies," while countries that previously projected themselves as strong players were acting like agents of those powers. Referring to Modi's earlier visit to Israel, Raut questioned the outcomes of the trip. He claimed that when the Prime Minister addressed the Israeli Parliament, opposition members had boycotted the speech. He further alleged that shortly after Modi returned to India, Israel launched an attack on Iran that resulted in

the killing of Iran's Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei. Raut said the Prime Minister had not issued a clear statement even after the conflict escalated, calling the silence "a disgrace to humanity" in the face of a war that threatens regional stability. The Shiv Sena (UBT) leader also criticised the approach of global powers toward Iran. He alleged that former US President Donald Trump and Israel believed the conflict would end quickly after the assassination of Khamenei and the elimination of key Iranian leaders. However, Raut said Iran had continued to retaliate despite heavy losses, striking back at Israel and prolonging the conflict. According to him, the war has severely disrupted global peace and stability. He further claimed that attempts by the United States to dominate Iran and install a compliant leadership had failed, as the country continued to resist external pressure and maintain its fight.

Mamata Hits Back.....

Banerjee was responding to Modi's comments on Saturday in which he criticised the West Bengal government over alleged protocol violations during the President's visit. Calling the incident "shameful and unprecedented", Modi said the alleged lapses had caused concern among people across the country. Responding to the criticism, Banerjee said the event attended by the President was organised by a private organisation and not by the state government. She said the organisers were responsible for the arrangements and the turnout at the programme. The Chief Minister added that as she was attending a dharna, Siliguri mayor Goutam Deb represented the state government during the President's visit. "The pain and anguish expressed by Rashtrapati Ji, who herself hails from a tribal community, has caused immense sadness in the minds of the people of India. The TMC Government of West Bengal has truly crossed all limits. Their administration is responsible for this insult to the President," he said. Modi also said the office of the President must remain above politics and its dignity should always be respected.

Domestic LPG.....

Birla had recused himself from the proceedings of the House from the date of the submission of the no-confidence resolution against him, with the Lok Sabha secretariat saying the Speaker will return only after the disposal

of the agenda. On Saturday, Modi backed Birla, saying he has taken all parliamentarians along and is committed to the principles of the Constitution and parliamentary democracy. The US-Israel strikes on Iran and resultant tensions in West Asia that have led to disruption in crude oil supplies and escalation in prices are also likely to come up during the session. The Opposition is expected to question the government's policy on the matter. TMC MPs are set to raise the SIR matter in the House, while the BJP may rake up the issue of President Droupadi Murmu's "protocol breach" during her visit to West Bengal on Saturday. The government is also expected to pilot the Electricity Amendment Bill in the remainder of the Budget Session, besides taking up other pending legislative business from the first half of the session. According to the agenda paper for Monday, the resolution against the Speaker is the only item listed in the Lok Sabha business of the day. Both the ruling BJP and the principal Opposition party, the Congress, have issued a whip to their respective Lok Sabha MPs to be present in the House when the issue comes up for consideration. The Congress has called for a debate on the notice given by 118 Opposition MPs. The Trinamul Congress has also said that it will support the resolution against Birla. The numbers are heavily stacked in favour of the government, which will ensure that the resolution is defeated. The Lok Sabha may not take up the Ques-

tion Hour between 11 am and noon on Monday, as it may get adjourned to pay respect to sitting member from Shillong Ricky Syngkon, who passed away on February 19. Three Lok Sabha Speakers — G.V. Mavlankar (1954), Hukam Singh (1966) and Balram Jakhar (1987) — had faced no-confidence motions in the past, which were negated. **Israel strikes Tehran..** French President Emmanuel Macron said he had talks with Iranian President Massoud Pezeshkian on Sunday and urged him for stopping strikes. "I stressed the need for Iran to immediately cease its strikes against countries in the region," Macron said in a post on X. He also called on Iran to guarantee freedom of navigation by "putting an end to the de facto closure of the Strait of Hormuz." Macron also mentioned the case of Cecile Kohler and Jacques Paris, two French nationals who were released from an Iranian prison in November and transferred to the French Embassy in Tehran, after more than three years in detention on spying charges. He called for their return to France as an "absolute priority." Macron also stressed deep concern regarding the development of Iran's nuclear and ballistic program and said a diplomatic solution is necessary. Both leaders agreed to remain in contact, according to Macron's post on X. Macron is the first Western leader to talk to Iran's president since the beginning of

the war. Macron speaks with Iranian president. **Over 52,000 Indians.** "Following the partial reopening of regional airspace in recent days, Indian and foreign airlines have begun operating commercial and special flights to facilitate the return of Indian passengers who were in transit or on short-term visits in these countries. Additional flights are expected to operate in the coming days," the MEA said. The ministry advised Indian nationals in the region to follow guidelines issued by local authorities and advisories released by Indian embassies and consulates. "Each of our embassies and consulates in these countries has issued detailed advisories and established 24x7 helplines to assist people facing difficulties due to the ongoing situation. The Ministry of External Affairs has also set up a dedicated special control room to monitor developments and respond to queries from those affected and their families," the statement said. "In those countries where commercial flight operations are unavailable, Indian nationals are advised to contact the concerned Embassy/Consulate for information and advice regarding the nearest available commercial flight options. The safety and welfare of Indian nationals abroad is of utmost priority to the Government, which remains engaged with the Governments across the region to work towards facilitating all those in need of assistance," it added.

FROM FRONT PAGE

CRIME

377 PG Med Seats Vacant, HC Asked For More Time For Counselling

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court has admitted a writ petition seeking an extension of the deadline for admissions to postgraduate medical courses for the academic year 2025-26, following concerns that hundreds of seats in private colleges remain vacant. A two-judge bench comprising Justice P. Sam Koshy and Justice Narsing Rao Nandikonda heard the petition filed by the Telangana Private Medical and Dental College Management Association. The association has urged the court to direct the authorities to extend the last date for admissions beyond February 28, arguing that the existing deadline has adversely affected private medical and dental

colleges across the State. According to the petitioners, a significant number of postgraduate medical seats in private institutions remain unfilled despite the completion of the counselling process. The association informed the court that around 377 PG medical seats were still vacant, raising concerns that these seats could go waste if the admission deadline is not extended. The petition challenges the alleged inaction of the authorities in failing to extend the admission deadline or provide an additional opportunity for candidates to secure available seats. The association argued that the current situation not only affects colleges but also deprives eligible medical graduates of opportunities to pursue postgraduate education. In

its plea, the association requested the court to permit a "special stray vacancy" round or an additional round of counselling to fill the remaining seats. Such a move, it argued, would help utilise the available seats efficiently while also ensuring that qualified candidates are not denied admission due to procedural deadlines. The petitioners further contended that conducting an additional counselling round would be in the larger interest of medical education and healthcare. They maintained that vacant postgraduate seats represent a loss of valuable training opportunities in specialised medical fields, which are crucial for strengthening the healthcare system. The bench took note of the submissions made by the peti-

tioner association and admitted the writ petition for further consideration. The court is expected to examine whether the authorities' decision to keep the February 28 deadline unchanged was justified and whether additional counselling rounds can be permitted within the regulatory framework. The matter has been posted for further hearing on March 10, when the court is likely to seek responses from the concerned authorities and examine the feasibility of extending the admission deadline or allowing a special counselling round. The outcome of the case is expected to have a significant impact on private medical colleges and postgraduate medical aspirants in Telangana.

Student killed in Chevella crash

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 20-year-old student was killed and his pillion rider injured when their bike was struck by a car near Pamena village gate in Chevella at around 1.30 pm on Saturday. Police said the deceased, Vinil, was attempting a U-turn towards Chanvelli when the collision occurred. Vinil, a resident of Vikarabad district, was heading towards Shadnagar. The car allegedly hit the front of the bike, leaving it badly damaged. Locals rushed Vinil to hospital, where he was

declared dead at about 2.30 pm. The pillion rider, Abhilash, 18, also a student, sustained multiple injuries including bleeding inside the left ear, a fracture near the left ankle, an injury to the right shoulder and bleeding wounds on the back of the head. He is undergoing treatment at a nearby private hospital. Vinil's body was moved to the mortuary for postmortem examination. Based on a complaint filed by his relative Satyanarayana, a businessman, police registered a case. Further investigation is underway.

Woman Killed By Her Husband In Suryapet

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 43-year-old woman was allegedly killed by her husband at Indiramma Colony in Suryapet town on Saturday. The victim, identified as Jammula Pushpalatha, died on the spot after being hit on the head with a stick, police said. According to the police, an argument broke out between Pushpalatha and her husband Srinivas after she questioned him about an alleged extra-marital relationship and neglect of the family. The couple had been married for about 25 years and have a son and a daughter. Their daughter is married

and their son lives in Hyderabad. Police said Srinivas allegedly attacked Pushpalatha during the argument and fled the house after the incident. Neighbours grew suspicious after there was no movement in the house for a day. On Sunday morning, they entered the house and found Pushpalatha lying dead. The victim's son Prashanth alleged that the murder was pre-planned and demanded strict punishment for his father. On receiving information, Suryapet town police rushed to the spot and shifted the body to the Government General Hospital mortuary in Suryapet for post-mortem.

Hyderabad man held for using fake number plate

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

Job seeker ends life after AI extortion

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 24-year-old man died by suicide at his residence in Abhudayanagar Colony under Vanasthalipuram police station limits, allegedly due to harassment and extortion involving AI-morphed photographs. Police identified the deceased as Umesh Chandra, who had been living in the city for six years and was searching for a job after completing his graduation. He shared a rented house with three friends. On Saturday evening, one friend returned to find the door locked from inside. After forcing it open, Umesh was found unresponsive.

Man booked for illegal teak timber storage in Chintapalli

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

Hash oil peddler nabbed in Musheerabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Musheerabad police, along with the Khairatabad zone commissioner's task force, arrested a drug peddler and a consumer during a raid near Risalagadda in Bakaram under Musheerabad police station limits, seizing 367 grams of hash oil. The accused peddler was identified as Dovari Jyothi Ratna Pradeep of Balajinagar, Yaprul, a native of Andhra Pradesh. Police said Pradeep was waiting to deliver the hash oil to



the consumer when the team intercepted them. Officials seized 53 small plastic containers containing hash oil, a two-wheeler and three mobile phones. During

questioning, Pradeep confessed to procuring hash oil in bulk from suppliers in Visakhapatnam and Guntur at about Rs 50,000 per litre. He re-packed the substance into

five-gram containers and sold them for Rs 2,000-2,500 each, earning illegal profits. Police noted that Pradeep had previously been arrested in a hash oil case by the prohibition and excise department in Guntur in 2022. Vijay Kumar, the consumer, was also earlier involved in a narcotics case registered at Chaitanyapuri police station. The accused and seized property were handed over to Musheerabad police for further investigation and legal action.

EDITORIAL

SAFETY FIRST FOR MAKE IN INDIA

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Two devastating industrial explosions within two days — February 28 and March 1 — in two of India's most industrially advanced States have once again exposed the alarming gaps in safety regulation governing hazardous manufacturing units. The twin tragedies, which together claimed more than 40 lives, underline a persistent pattern of negligence, weak enforcement and systemic complacency in industries dealing with explosive and chemical materials. The first incident occurred at the Suryashree Fire Works factory in Vetlapalem, Andhra Pradesh, where a powerful blast reportedly took place while workers were manually mixing chemicals used in fireworks production. Such processes, known to be highly volatile, demand strict adherence to safety standards, specialised equipment and trained personnel. Preliminary reports suggest that basic precautions may not have been adequately followed, raising serious questions about monitoring mechanisms and compliance checks. Barely a day later, another deadly explosion struck the SBL Energy Limited facility at Raulgaon in Maharashtra's Nagpur district. The company manufactures mining and industrial explosives, making it a high-risk operation requiring rigorous oversight. While the exact cause of the blast is yet to be determined, the recurrence of such

accidents points less to coincidence and more to deep-rooted structural failures in safety governance across the sector. Data from the Directorate General Factory Advice Service and Labour Institutes (DGFASLI) paints a disturbing picture. Between 2017 and 2020, industrial accidents resulted in an average of three deaths and eleven injuries every single day across the country. The situation appears to have worsened in recent years, with over 250 major explosions reported between 2023 and 2025. States such as Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana — home to a large concentration of chemical and explosive manufacturing units — account for a significant share of these incidents. Investigations into previous explosions reveal recurring causes that are both predictable and preventable. Manual mixing of hazardous chemicals remains common despite safer automated alternatives. The use of cheap and highly reactive aluminium powder increases volatility, while poorly ventilated workspaces allow combustible dust to accumulate, turning factories into potential death traps. Compounding these risks are inadequately trained workers and the illegal storage of explosive materials beyond permissible limits, often driven by cost-cutting measures or production pressures. What makes these tragedies particularly distressing is that most of the triggers are well

known to regulators and manufacturers alike. Lives could have been saved if due safety processes were strictly implemented or if regulatory authorities had conducted frequent and meaningful inspections. Instead, the familiar cycle repeats itself: outrage follows an accident, governments announce compensation for victims, inquiries are ordered, and public attention gradually fades without structural reform. The consequences extend beyond immediate loss of life. Unsafe working conditions contribute to a growing perception that manufacturing jobs are dangerous and undesirable compared to employment in the service sector. This perception undermines India's broader economic ambitions. Initiatives aimed at strengthening domestic manufacturing and creating large-scale employment cannot succeed if workers fear for their safety. For India's manufacturing sector to truly thrive, safety must become a non-negotiable priority rather than an afterthought. Stronger enforcement of regulations, adoption of modern safety technologies, mandatory worker training, and strict penalties for violations are essential. Without transforming factory floors into secure workplaces, policy slogans and investment drives alone will not attract skilled talent or sustain industrial growth. The recent explosions serve as a tragic reminder that economic progress cannot come at the cost of human lives.



Seethakka Launches Omega Cancer Foundation at Women's Wellness Summit

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Women & Child Welfare Minister Seethakka on Saturday launched the Omega Cancer Foundation during the Omega Women's Wellness Summit 2026 organised by Omega Hospitals to mark International Women's Day.

The event highlighted the importance of women's health, cancer awareness, and preventive healthcare. Addressing the gathering, the minister stressed the need to prioritise women's health and wellbeing, noting that women play a vital role in families, workplaces, and society.

She emphasised that prevention and early diagnosis are key to reducing the burden of cancer and urged women to undergo regular health check-ups. Seethakka also highlighted the importance of the HPV vaccine in pre-



(Left to Right): Dr. Vijay Vemuri, Executive Director, Omega Group of Hospitals; Ms. Haritha; Dr. Smita Juvvadi, EVP, Omega Hospitals; Lakshmi Manchu; Roopa Maganti; Lalitha Raghuram; Sunita Krishnan; NSK Kumari; Seethakka Garu, Minister for Women & Child Welfare, Telangana; Dr. Padmaja, Director, Omega Group of Hospitals; Dr. Jayanti Reddy, President, OGS; Dr. Mahati, Medical Director, Omega Hospitals, Gachibowli; Dr. Shiva Ranjini Santhosh; and Kalpana Ramesh.

venting cervical cancer and encouraged families to adopt preventive healthcare practices.

Calling for greater community support, she promoted the message "Stand with Her" and urged families to support women in prioritising their health through timely screening

and medical care. She appreciated the efforts of the Omega Cancer Foundation in expanding cancer awareness and screening initiatives, especially in rural areas, panchayats, and grassroots communities.

As part of the initiative, Omega Hospitals an-

nounced that 60 beds will be dedicated to the Omega Cancer Foundation at its Banjara Hills facility, a 230-bed comprehensive cancer hospital, to support patients requiring specialised treatment. Dr. Mohana Vamsy, Chief Surgical Oncologist and

Managing Director of Omega Hospitals, said the hospital's mission extends beyond treatment to strengthening awareness, early detection, and preventive healthcare, particularly in underserved communities.

A key highlight of the event was the "Asta Shakti Honours – Daughters of the Soil", recognising eight women for their contributions to society. The honourees included Kalpana Ramesh, Dr. Shiva Ranjani Santosh, NSK Kumari, Sailaja Kiran, Roopa Maganti, Lakshmi Manchu, Lalitha Raghuram and Sunita Krishnan. Following the launch and felicitation ceremony, Omega Hospitals, in association with the Obstetric and Gynaecological Society of Hyderabad, conducted a Continuing Medical Education (CME) session for young doctors on advancements in cancer care and screening practices.

BYD unveils Blade Battery 2.0 with 1,000 km range and ultra-fast charging

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Chinese electric vehicle maker BYD has unveiled its next-generation Blade Battery 2.0, a new EV battery technology that promises a driving range of more than 1,000 kilometres along with ultra-fast charging and improved safety features. According to the company, the battery can deliver a driving range of more than 1,000 kilometres under the China Light-Duty Vehicle Test Cycle. This marks a significant improvement compared with the first-generation Blade Battery, which typically offered a range of about 600 kilometres under similar conditions. One of the most important features



of the new battery is its ultra-fast charging capability. BYD said its 'flash charging' system can charge the battery from 10 per cent to 70 per cent in just five minutes. A charge from 10 per cent to 97 per cent can be completed in about nine minutes under normal conditions, as per the company.

The battery also performs well in extreme weather. Even after being

exposed to temperatures as low as minus 30 degrees

Celsius for 24 hours, the battery can recharge from 20 per cent to 97 per cent in around 12 minutes, according to the company.

Wang Chuanfu, chairman and CEO of BYD, said the new battery has been designed to deliver faster charging speeds even in extremely cold environments.

LVPEI Holds Glaucoma Awareness Walk to Mark World Glaucoma Week

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) organised a Glaucoma Awareness Walk in Hyderabad to mark World Glaucoma Week (March 8–14, 2026), aiming to raise public awareness about glaucoma, a major cause of irreversible blindness worldwide. The walk, held under the theme "Uniting for a Glaucoma-Free World," began at the Kallam Anji Reddy Campus in Banjara Hills and concluded at KBR National Park, with around

500 participants taking part.

The awareness walk was flagged off by Dr G Chandra Shekar, Vice Chair Emeritus of LVPEI; Dr Sirisha Senthil, Head of the Kalathur Venugopal Reddy Glaucoma Institute at LVPEI; and Dr Siddharth Dixit, Head of Glaucoma Services at the Kallam Anji Reddy Campus. The initiative was part of a week-long campaign to educate people about early detection and prevention of glaucoma.

Glaucoma is often referred to as the "silent thief of sight" because it gradually

damages the optic nerve and causes vision loss without noticeable symptoms. According to experts, many patients are diagnosed only after significant and irreversible vision damage has occurred. Globally, the number of glaucoma patients is expected to rise from 76 million by 2040, with a large proportion in Asia and Africa.

In India alone, around 12 million people are affected by glaucoma, accounting for 12.8% of irreversible blindness cases. Alarmingly, nearly 90% of glaucoma



cases remain undiagnosed in the country, leading to late detection and permanent visual impairment.

As part of the World Glaucoma Week activities, LVPEI also organised GlauConnect, a specialised webinar fo-

cused on childhood glaucoma for postgraduate students, fellows and eye care practitioners. The programme featured case discussions and expert sessions, including a keynote address by Dr Brenda L Bohnsack,

Professor of Pediatric Ophthalmology at the Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago.

Experts highlighted that early diagnosis through comprehensive eye examinations remains the most effective way to prevent vision loss caused by glaucoma. Regular screening is particularly important for individuals above 40 years of age, those with a family history of glaucoma, and patients using steroid medications for long periods.

Doctors also cautioned that indiscriminate use of steroid medications—including eye

drops, inhalers, tablets and skin creams—can lead to steroid-induced glaucoma, which may cause blindness if not monitored properly.

They advised the public to undergo regular eye examinations and use steroid-based medicines only under medical supervision. Established in 1987, LVPEI is a global leader in eye care and research and serves as a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for the Prevention of Blindness, providing advanced and equitable eye care services across its network.

Freight Costs Surge 250% as West Asia Crisis Disrupts Exports

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Emergency Conflict Surcharges on shipments to the Middle East and Africa have increased freight costs by around 250 per cent, even on cargo that has already been billed. Exports to the Middle East have been severely affected since February 28, though exporters hope that some ships will begin sailing this week via an alternative route from Mundra Port to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) and then to Khorfakkan Port in Sharjah. Some flights are also carrying limited freight.

However, the absence of shipments for the past 10 days is expected to affect India's overall exports in the March quarter. Freight costs have surged sharply due to the Emergency Conflict Surcharge imposed by shipping lines. According to Ajay Sahai, Director General of the Feder-



ation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), the normal freight rate between JNPT and Dubai is around \$700–\$800 for a 20-foot container. However, the surcharge alone is about \$2,000, roughly 250 per cent of the base freight cost.

Exporters have expressed concern that these charges are being applied even to shipments that have already been billed or have reached their destination, which they consider unfair. Sahai said shipping companies should act responsibly and avoid exploiting the situation, particularly when ex-

porters are already facing heavy losses. Shipping operations were suspended mainly due to security concerns around the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial maritime route affected by tensions in the region. However, there are signs of gradual recovery.

Sahai said some shipping lines are expected to resume services from March 8 via an alternative route from Mundra to JNPT and then to Khorfakkan. If congestion occurs there, cargo may be redirected to Fujairah. The route avoids the Strait of Hormuz, making it comparatively safer. Initially, priority

will be given to agricultural and perishable products, which are most vulnerable to delays due to their limited shelf life.

Some limited cargo movement is also taking place through flights carrying freight in the aircraft belly while evacuating passengers. However, alternative shipping routes and air freight options remain extremely limited. Finding alternative markets for affected goods is also difficult. The Middle East is a major destination for Indian food products because of the large Indian diaspora and similar consumer preferences. For instance, about 80 per cent of India's Basmati rice exports go to the region. Without access to this market, exporters are forced to sell products domestically, which has already led to price drops for items such as bananas. The overall impact on exports will depend on how long the

crisis continues. If the situation stabilises quickly, delayed shipments may be cleared in the coming months. However, the 10-day disruption alone could significantly reduce exports in March, as such a gap accounts for nearly one-third of monthly export activity. The Government of India has responded by forming an inter-ministerial task force on March 3 to address exporters' concerns. Authorities are coordinating with customs, ports, banks and other stakeholders to expedite cargo returns, reduce port charges and provide financial relief to exporters whose payments may be delayed. Banks may also soon offer credit relaxations, while Sahai emphasised that all stakeholders—including shipping lines—must cooperate responsibly to minimise the long-term impact on trade.

International Women's Day Celebrated with Enthusiasm at GVR Karate Academy



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

International Women's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at GVR Karate Academy, where the focus was placed on empowering girls through martial arts and self-defense training. The event highlighted the importance of building confidence, discipline, and courage among young girls so they can grow into strong and independent individuals.

Former Himayat Nagar Corporator Mahalakshmi Ramana Goud, who attended the program as the chief guest, addressed the gathering and stressed the

need to encourage girls from an early age. She said that empowering girls with confidence and self-reliance will help them become tomorrow's leaders and protectors of society. She appreciated the academy's efforts in guiding young girls towards physical strength and mental resilience through karate training.

The program was organized under the leadership of Dr. G. S. Gopal Reddy, Founder and Director of GVR Karate Academy, who has been actively promoting martial arts and self-defense education for girls and women. He reiterated that martial arts not only strengthen the

body but also build discipline, focus, and strong character.

Students of the academy performed impressive karate demonstrations during the event, displaying their skills, dedication, and confidence. Their performances reflected the rigorous training and commitment encouraged by the academy.

The program concluded with the felicitation of the chief guest. Students, parents, and academy members actively participated in the celebration, making the event a memorable tribute to women's strength and empowerment.

Sai Madhav Burra and Varalakshmi Exchange Words Over Story

The recently released film S Saraswathi has stirred controversy after noted writer Sai Madhav Burra alleged that the original story he wrote was significantly altered without his knowledge. The film, which hit theatres on Friday, has been receiving mixed reactions from audiences, with many praising the performance of Varalakshmi Sarathkumar but expressing divided opinions about the film's narrative.

The controversy began after Sai Madhav Burra shared a post on social media claiming that the final film did not reflect the story he had originally written. According to him, the script was drastically changed during production. He stated that what began as his story eventually transformed into something entirely different. Burra also emphasized that his original concept was not intended to be a revenge drama and that the core essence of the story had been altered.

His remarks quickly gained



traction online, sparking discussions among film enthusiasts and industry observers. Many users on social media began debating the creative ownership of the story and the extent to which filmmakers can modify an original script after acquiring rights. Responding to the issue at a film event on Saturday, Varalakshmi Sarathkumar addressed the allegations and clarified

her position. She expressed deep respect for Sai Madhav Burra and firmly denied claims that the story had been stolen. Varalakshmi said that she had legally purchased the rights to the story and therefore had the authority to develop it for the screen.

She explained that the script had remained with the writer for nearly six years without

being made into a film. According to her, after acquiring the story, she consulted several people who felt that the second half needed improvement. As Sai Madhav Burra was busy with other major projects, they could not sit together to revise the screenplay. Instead, he shared the story through an audio note, from which she adapted the core idea.

Varalakshmi added that changes are often necessary when converting a story into a cinematic script. She also noted that despite purchasing the rights, she credited Sai Madhav Burra as the story writer in the film titles as a mark of respect.

The debate has now shifted to social media, where audiences continue to discuss the issue. Whether the recognition for the story belongs to the original writer or the filmmakers, Varalakshmi said, is ultimately for viewers to decide. Meanwhile, the industry is waiting to see how Sai Madhav Burra will respond.

Vijay Deverakonda's Plate Full, Needs A Big Hit

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Tollywood actor Vijay Deverakonda currently has a packed schedule with multiple films lined up. The actor, who recently tied the knot with actress Rashmika Mandanna, is taking a short break before resuming work. He will return to the sets of Rana-baali from March 12 and is keen to complete the remaining shooting portions. The film, directed by Rahul Sankrityan and produced by Mythri Movie Makers, is being planned for a pan-Indian release on September 11.

Vijay Deverakonda has also begun shooting for Rowdy Janardhan, produced by Dil Raju. The film is being directed by Ravi Kiran Kola, and the actor is expected to complete its shoot this year. Apart from these two projects, Vijay has signed two more films. One will be directed by Vikram Kumar and produced by UV Creations. Interestingly, the



idea was initially pitched to Nithiin, but the project eventually landed with Vijay Deverakonda.

The actor will also work with Hi Nanna fame director Shouryuv for another film. This project will be jointly produced by KVN Productions and Hi Nanna producer Vijendar Reddy. Shouryuv was earlier supposed to direct Nani, but after waiting for a long time, he approached Vijay Deverakonda with a fresh script and received his approval.

In addition to these four projects, Vijay Deverakonda is said to be in discussions for two more

films that are expected to be announced next year. With such a busy slate, the actor will have to work almost without breaks to meet the deadlines of his upcoming films. A director observes, "Vijay Deverakonda now needs to deliver a blockbuster to regain his winning streak."

From Liger to Family Star, several of his films failed at the box office due to weak plots and poor execution. However, he has a strong lineup of upcoming films to bounce back, and it remains to be seen which one will click with the audience."

Young Dancer Performs Kuchipudi During Yadagirigutta Giri Pradakshana

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a unique blend of devotion and classical art, 12-year-old Hyderabad-based Kuchipudi dancer P. Sri Vaishno Devi performed a continuous dance presentation along the 3-kilometre Giri Pradakshana path at Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple on the auspicious occasion of Swati Nakshatram.

The young dancer captivated thousands of devotees who had gathered to perform the sacred circumambulation of the temple hill. As pilgrims

walked the path offering prayers to Lord Lakshmi Narasimha, Vaishno Devi gracefully presented Kuchipudi throughout the route, creating a rare cultural and spiritual experience. Devotees stopped to watch the performance, appreciating the unique initiative that combined classical dance with devotional practice.

The event was attended by Beerla Ilaiah along with temple officials including Executive Officer R. Bhavani Shankar, Assistant Executive Officers Gajavelly Raghu and Dorbala Bhaskar, and Gundlupally Municipal Chairman

Vani Bharath. The MLA praised the young dancer's dedication and described the performance as an inspiring effort to promote classical arts within spiritual traditions.

A touching moment during the programme was the participation of Vaishno Devi's 86-year-old great-grandmothers, who joined the family in performing the Giri Pradakshana. On the occasion of International Women's Day, they also encouraged women to stay healthy, active and strong to lead meaningful lives.

The performance was organised by Jyothi Kalakshetram

School of Arts, where Vaishno Devi has been training in Kuchipudi for the past five years under the guidance of her guru, Smt. Jyothi Reddy. Her guru expressed pride in the student's discipline and dedication, calling the temple performance a significant milestone in her artistic journey.

Vaishno Devi said the dance was offered as a prayer to Lord Lakshmi Narasimha, seeking blessings for the health and happiness of her grandparents, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The event



highlighted how classical Indian art forms such as Kuchi-

pudi can serve as powerful expressions of devotion, bring-

ing together culture, spirituality and youthful dedication.

CHAMPIONS! India's Cup Of Joy Overflows In Historic Title

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Team India scripted history by successfully defending their T20 World Cup title with a commanding win over New Zealand national cricket team in the final at the iconic Narendra Modi Stadium on Sunday night. Delivering a complete all-round performance, India outclassed the Kiwis in a one-sided contest to clinch the prestigious trophy in front of a packed crowd.

Chasing a daunting target of 255 for 5, New Zealand never looked in contention. Early breakthroughs derailed their chase as they lost three wickets inside the Powerplay and two more before the half-way stage. The mounting pressure eventually proved too much, and the visitors were bowled out for 159 with

an over to spare, handing India a resounding victory.

India's bowling attack was spearheaded by pace ace Jasprit Bumrah, who delivered a devastating spell of 4 for 15 in four overs. Bumrah's accuracy and pace dismantled the Kiwi batting order and ensured they never recovered from the early setbacks. Left-arm spinner Axar Patel provided strong support, picking up 3 for 27 and choking the run flow during the middle overs.

Behind the stumps and in the deep, Ishan Kishan played a crucial role by grabbing three excellent catches, complementing the bowlers' efforts and maintaining India's dominance throughout the innings. Earlier in the evening, New Zealand skipper Mitchell Santner won the toss and opted to



field first, a decision that eventually backfired. India capitalized on the opportunity with an explosive batting display that laid the

foundation for the victory.

The Indian innings was powered by brilliant contributions from the top order. Sanju Sam-

son produced another stellar knock, scoring 89 runs and narrowly missing out on a century for the third consecutive match.

Samson had earlier smashed 97 not out against the West Indies and 89 against England in the semifinal, continuing his sensational run

in the tournament.

Opening alongside him, Abhishek Sharma rediscovered his rhythm with a blistering 52 off 21 balls, helping India get off to a flying start. The pair launched an aggressive assault on the Kiwi bowlers, pushing India to 92 without loss in the Powerplay, the highest Powerplay score in the history of the tournament. After Abhishek's departure, Kishan took charge and kept the momentum going with a rapid 54 off just 25 balls. He stitched together a sensational 105-run partnership in 48 balls with Samson, putting New Zealand under immense pressure.

During the middle overs, Samson was particularly severe on spinner Rachin Ravindra, smashing him for three consecutive sixes in one over. The Kiwi bowlers struggled to

contain the relentless attack as boundaries flowed consistently.

A brief comeback came from all-rounder Jimmy Neesham, who struck three times in the 16th over to remove Samson, Kishan, and Indian captain Suryakumar Yadav. However, the damage had already been done. In the final flourish, Shivam Dube provided fireworks with a quick 26 off just 8 balls, smashing two sixes and three boundaries in the last over to propel India to an imposing 255 for 5.

With both bat and ball firing in unison, India delivered a clinical performance to secure back-to-back titles and reaffirm their dominance in world T20 cricket. The emphatic win marked a memorable night for Indian cricket and delighted fans across the country.

Telangana to be a role model in 'future-ready' policing: Sridhar Babu



The Telangana government aims to make the state a national role model in 'future-ready' policing, state IT and Industries minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu said on Sunday, March 8. He said the government is adopting a "Triple-T" strategy — Technology, Trust and Talent — to address emerging challenges in policing.

The minister was speaking at a special workshop titled 'Telangana Police Officers Retreat 2026' organised for senior police officials at the RBVRR Telangana Police Academy. Sridhar Babu said the government is focusing on the Triple-T framework — Technology, Trust and Talent — to strengthen the policing system in the state. He said this strategy will help law enforcement agencies adapt to the rapidly changing nature of crime. He noted that professionalism, operational readiness, leadership, innovation, collaboration and ethics are essential components of a future-ready policing system. The minister said policing has evolved significantly over time. Earlier, policing was largely limited to maintaining law and order, but it has now expanded to include data security and digital trust. He pointed out that crimes are increasingly moving beyond physical boundaries and entering the digital domain. Sridhar Babu said emerging threats such as deepfake videos, voice cloning and automated phishing scams have become major challenges for law enforcement agencies.

Grand Iftar Party Organized by Kanoons Law and Taxation Private Limited



A grand Iftar party was organized by Kanoons Law and Taxation Private Limited in Hyderabad on Sunday, bringing together prominent members of the legal fraternity and distinguished guests. Among those present were B. Ajay, General Secretary of City Civil Court Hyderabad; Adv. Afzal Pasha, Sports and Cultural Secretary of the court; Adv. Mir Qurrum Ali, Chairman of Society for Civil Legal Aids; Janab Sadiq Siraj of All India Majlis-e-Itehadul Muslimeen; Mohammed Khaleel Pasha, SHO of Kalapathar Police Station Hyderabad; Arshad Shareef Nawab, Adv. Mohd. Riyaz Mansoori, and Mohd. Faraz, along with several other guests.



On the occasion of International Women's Day, BRS women leaders celebrated the day at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad. The programme was attended by former ministers Satyavathi Rathod and Sabitha Indra Reddy, along with BRS women MLAs, MLCs, former MPs, former MLAs, former MLCs, former corporation chairpersons, former ZP chairpersons, former corporators, former women ROs, and senior women leaders.

Hyderabad Celebrates India's T20 WC Victory

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BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan demanded that the Congress government amend the GOMs 84 as it was against the interests of outdoor media agencies and permit the resumption of nearly 3,000 billboards that were cancelled.

Issuing such a major government order without consulting the agencies and workers associated with the outdoor media sector was against democratic principles. The cancelled billboards should be permitted to resume operations considering the livelihoods of lakhs of families, he said. "If the Congress government does not consider our pleas, we will approach the courts and launch a legal battle on behalf of those affected," Sravan said.

Members of the Telangana Outdoor Media Owners Association met the BRS MLC on Saturday and explained the problems being faced by the outdoor media sector due to GO No. 84 issued by the State government. Later speaking to media persons, the BRS MLC said that GOMs 84 would affect the livelihoods of lakhs of families. Around 300 to 400 agencies were currently operating in the outdoor media sector across the State, providing direct employment to more than one lakh workers.

He alleged that GOMs 84 was a "backdoor order" aimed at handing over the outdoor media sector to a



Flares, flags, screams and fists in the air outside the Telangana Secretariat. India's 96-run demolition of New Zealand in the T20 World Cup 2026 final has turned the city into one giant celebration on Sunday.

few select players. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was attempting to benefit his relatives and close associates by transferring an industry worth hundreds of crores to just three or four companies, the BRS MLC alleged.

He recalled that the previous government had issued GO 68 to regulate large hoardings to ensure public safety and convenience. Under those regulations, hoardings above 15 metres in height were restricted, particularly within Hyderabad city limits. Sravan also alleged that illegal activities worth hundreds of crores were taking place in the name of LED hoardings despite High Court orders.

As per a 2007 High Court judgment, LED advertisements cannot be installed without the court's permission. Yet, hundreds of



LED boards have reportedly been installed around KBR Park without

any action from the authorities, he alleged.

Excise department seizes 78 illegal liquor bottles in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
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A special team of the Telangana Prohibition and Excise Department seized 78 bottles of non-duty-paid liquor and arrested smugglers during vehicle checking at Pahadishareef in Hyderabad on Sunday. The operation was carried out following a tip-off that liquor was being smuggled into the city by air from other states and transported illegally within Telangana. Acting on the information, the excise department's special enforcement team intensified vehicle inspections in the Pahadishareef area and intercepted the consignment during the checking drive. Officials said the seized liquor was brought into Telangana without paying the required state duties. Such activities result in a significant loss to the state exchequer and violate the Telangana State Excise

regulations. According to excise rules, transporting liquor from other Indian states into Telangana by road, train or domestic flight is strictly prohibited, even for personal consumption. Liquor purchased in one state is legally meant to be consumed within that state's limits. Carrying it across state borders without permission is considered smuggling and attracts strict legal action. Authorities said unauthorised transportation of liquor from other states can lead to imprisonment ranging from three to 10 years along with fines up to ₹1 lakh under the provisions of the Telangana Excise Act.

However, there are limited exceptions under the law. Passengers arriving from abroad are allowed to bring up to two litres of duty-free liquor, provided it is declared and cleared through customs authorities at the airport.

Ceiling boards fall in Kukatpally mall, 1 severely injured

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One person was seriously injured while others were minorly affected after ceiling boards fell on visitors in a Kukatpally mall on Sunday, March 8. The incident took place at the Lake Shore Mall near the Y junction at around 12 pm, police said.

With significant weekend crowds, many were injured, and one individual was rushed to the Amor Hospitals. Mall staff intervened swiftly and helped the affected visitors get

patched up. A Kukatpally police officer confirmed the incident, saying there is no danger there now. "There were no complaints lodged as of yet, so a case has not been registered," police said.

The situation has been resolved, and the mall is no longer a safety threat, he added. Videos of the incident show injured people being moved in wheelchairs as mall staff tried to control the crowd as panic spread, leaving many visitors in shock.

445 booked across Hyderabad in two-day spl drive

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The Hyderabad Traffic Police conducted a special two-day enforcement drive against drunken driving on March 6 and March 7 to enhance road safety across the city.

During the operation, officials booked 445 motorists for driving under the influence of alcohol.

According to the Traffic Police, the majority of offenders were two-wheeler riders, accounting for 377 cases. In addition, 22 three-wheeler drivers and 46 four-wheeler and other vehicle drivers were also



caught during the drive. Authorities also released details of the Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) levels recorded among the offenders. The highest number of cases, 191, fell in the 51–100 BAC range, followed by 100 cases in the 30–50 range. Another 84 drivers recorded BAC levels between 101–150,

while 39 cases were in the 151–200 range. Police also registered 12 cases between 201–250, 9 cases between 251–300, and 10 cases where BAC levels exceeded 300.

The Hyderabad Traffic Police reiterated that there will be zero tolerance for drunk-and-drive violations, warning that strict enforcement drives will continue in the coming days.

Commuters have been urged to cooperate with the authorities and refrain from driving under the influence of alcohol to ensure safer roads for everyone.

BJP ST Morcha Burns Effigy of Mamata Banerjee



BJP ST Morcha leaders, along with State President Ravi Nayak Nenavat, staged a protest and burned an effigy of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at the BJP State Office in Nampally, Hyderabad. The protest was organized following a call from the national party to condemn the alleged behaviour of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during the participation of President of India Droupadi Murmu, a tribal woman, at a meeting of the Santal tribal community held in West Bengal.

Telangana Yet to Finalise Timeline for E-Scooters to Students

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A. Revanth Reddy, Chief Minister of Telangana, on Sunday announced that the state government is considering providing e-scooters to female college students as part of its efforts to empower women and improve mobility for students.

The proposal, which was part of the ruling Indian National Congress party's election promises, is currently under review and

may not be implemented during the present financial year.

Speaking at an event organised on the occasion of International Women's Day in Hyderabad, where women journalists were felicitated, the Chief Minister also announced that the government is examining the creation of a forum where complaints can be filed against misinformation and untruths circulating on social media. Revanth Reddy outlined several initiatives

aimed at reducing pollution in Hyderabad and transforming the city into an environmentally sustainable urban centre. He said the government has decided to phase out diesel buses operated by Telangana State Road Transport Corporation from the city.

Around 2,800 diesel buses will be shifted out of Hyderabad and replaced with electric air-conditioned buses. According to the Chief Minister, the city will

have no diesel buses by December 9, 2026. As part of the broader push for cleaner transport, the government is also preparing an action plan to convert nearly two lakh autorickshaws currently running on diesel and other fuels into electric vehicles.

He added that the state government is not imposing taxes on the purchase of EV vehicles in order to encourage adoption. The government is also considering banning single-use plastic within the

limits of the Outer Ring Road area and relocating 'Red' and 'Orange' category industries outside the city to curb pollution.

Industries with a pollution index score above 60 fall under the Red category, while those scoring between 41 and 59 are classified under the Orange category. Stressing the need to safeguard Hyderabad's environment, Revanth Reddy compared the city with other major Indian metros such as Mumbai, Bengaluru,

Chennai and Kolkata, noting that each of them faces significant challenges ranging from floods and heavy rains to traffic congestion and pollution.

He credited former chief ministers N. Chandrababu Naidu and Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy for their contributions to Hyderabad's growth and said the present government aims to make the city competitive with global urban centres such as Tokyo and Singapore.

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