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Brief Insights

More Than 700 Travellers From MP Stranded in UAE

More than 700 people from Madhya Pradesh, including two former MLAs, are stranded in the United Arab Emirates due to flight cancellations amid the ongoing conflict in West Asia, an office-bearer of a travel agents' outfit said on Sunday. Several people from the state had travelled to the UAE for tourism and business purposes, and the crisis in the region had left them stranded, Amol Kataria..

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Shah calls for check on religious conversions in Punjab

Union home minister Amit Shah on Sunday raised concerns over alleged "religious conversions" in Punjab and urged both the state government and society to take steps to curb the practice. Speaking at a commemoration marking the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur in Navi Mumbai, the union minister said that conversions driven by "greed" run contrary to the ideals upheld by the ninth Sikh Guru. "While Guru Tegh Bahadur endured atrocities to defend others' dharma (religion), if we indulge in conversions for greed, we cannot be called followers

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CBSE postpones Class 10 and 12 exams in Gulf region

Dubai: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) announced on Sunday that the Class 10 and 12 annual board exams scheduled for March 2, 2026, in the Gulf region have been postponed owing to the current situation. The CBSE stated in a circular sent to schools that exams in Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman have been postponed. Iran was also included in the list in which exams were postponed. The CBSE statement also said that the new dates would be announced at a later stage. It further added that the Board would review the situation on March 3 and take appropriate decisions



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End of an Era: Khamenei Passes

Iran observes mourning day after death of Supreme Leader Khamenei



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Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader for nearly 37 years, died early Sunday at the age of

86, Iranian state television confirmed. Only the second person to hold the post since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, he emerged as the country's most powerful figure

after succeeding Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 1989, despite not being among the highest-ranking Shiite clerics at the time. Khamenei maintained near-total control over Iran's political, military, and religious institutions, silencing critics and dissent through strict repression. His rule shaped Iran's hardline domestic policies and an aggressive foreign strategy against Western influence, particularly the United States and Israel. A key architect of the "Axis of Resistance," he built and sustained a network of allied groups across the region, including Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas in Gaza, and the Houthis in

Yemen, while also deepening strategic ties with Russia and China to counter U.S. influence. Before becoming supreme leader, Khamenei served two terms as Iran's president in the 1980s. His long rule was marked by repeated violent crackdowns on protests, including unrest following the 2022 death of Mahsa Amini, and continued suppression of political opposition. He leaves behind a legacy defined by authoritarian control, regional militancy, and deep hostility toward the West—an influence that shaped Iran's political direction for generations.

Ten killed in pro-Iran protest in Pakistan's

At least 10 people were killed and over 70 wounded near the United States consulate in Karachi after violent protests broke out following the reported killing of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in US-Israeli attacks. Hundreds of pro-Iranian protesters attempted to storm the consulate on Mai Kolachi Road, prompting security forces to

open fire to disperse the crowd. Verified footage shared online by Al Jazeera showed wounded civilians being carried away by bystanders. Unrest spread nationwide. In Gilgit Baltistan, at least seven people were killed and dozens injured, according to AFP. In the capital Islamabad, authorities blocked roads leading to the Red Zone, home to dip-

lomatic missions including the United States Embassy, as police fired tear gas to stop marchers, Reuters reported. Protesters also torched a United Nations office in Skardu, though officials said no casualties were reported. Further demonstrations are expected near Islamabad's diplomatic enclave, raising fears of continued instability.

PM Modi condemns UAE attack



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday spoke with Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan amid rising tensions in the Middle East. PM Modi condoled the loss of lives in the recent attacks on the UAE and expressed India's solidarity with the country. In a statement on X, he said, "Spoke with my brother Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Strongly condemned the attacks on the UAE and condoled the loss of lives. India

stands in solidarity with the UAE in these difficult times." PM Modi also thanked the UAE President for taking care of the Indian community living there and reaffirmed India's support for de-escalation, regional peace, security, and stability. The statement comes after Iran intensified attacks on the UAE, Bahrain, and Qatar. New Delhi urged all sides to exercise restraint, avoid escalation, and pursue dialogue and diplomacy to reduce tensions. On Saturday, S. Jaishankar held phone talks with his Israeli and Iranian counterparts, reiterating India's call for diplomacy and dialogue to ensure regional stability. India continues to monitor developments closely while advocating peaceful solutions amid the ongoing Middle East crisis.

Prajavani Resolves 48K Grievances in 2 Years

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The Chief Minister's Prajavani programme has completed two years since its inception. Officials stated that of the 1,12,245 applications received over this period, 47,935 grievances have been resolved. The initiative has become an important platform for citizens to raise their concerns directly with the government. With an average of almost 1,000 applications submitted each week, people from across the state file

grievances relating to land records, pensions, housing, employment and healthcare. The programme is closely monitored by Dr G. Chinna Reddy, vice-chairman of the state Planning Board, together with state nodal officer Divya Devarajan. Special facilities are provided at the Prajavani centre, including a help desk to assist applicants, medical camps, drinking water and affordable meals at Rs. 5. Battery buggies, wheelchairs and ambulance services are also arranged for senior citizens and differently

We're Safe but There Is a Little Bit of Worry, Says Sindhu's Coach

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Indonesian coach Irwansyah Adi Pratama, who trains two-time Olympic medallist P V Sindhu, had a narrow escape after an explosion occurred close to where they were stationed at Dubai Airport while travelling to Birmingham for the All England Championships. Sindhu and Irwansyah were left stranded at Dubai International Airport after flight operations were suspended following escalating tensions in the Middle East. The tournament is



scheduled to begin on Tuesday. Explosions were reported across parts of the Gulf after Iran responded with a salvo of missiles, including in the United Arab Emirates' capital Abu Dhabi and in Dubai,

prompting the suspension of all flights at Dubai airport. "In Dubai at the moment, flights getting cancelled. There was an explosion in airport, so are stuck here at the moment," Irwansyah told PTI. "They have put us in the hotel, we are okay but again there is a little bit of worry at the same time. We want to go to All England. I hope we can fly out today because Sindhu's match is on Wednesday." Meanwhile, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) said it was closely monitoring the travel chal-

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More blasts rock Dubai, Doha and Manama as Iran targets US assets in Gulf

Iran's retaliatory attacks on US assets in the region continue for a second day as fears of a wider conflict rise.

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More explosions have been heard across the Gulf states, and at least three people have been killed in the United Arab Emirates as Iran carries out attacks in retaliation for strikes by the United States and Israel that killed its supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and other top officials.

The explosions were heard for a second day on Sunday in Dubai, the UAE; Bahrain's capital, Manama; and Qatar's

capital, Doha, raising fears of a wider conflict in a region long seen as a haven of peace and security in an otherwise turbulent Middle East.

Witnesses in Doha reported hearing several loud bangs and seeing thick, black smoke rising on the clear morning horizon in the south of the city. Shortly afterwards, another wave of explosions reverberated through Dubai, a regional business hub. Puffs of white smoke from missile interceptions were seen in the city's skies while billows of

dark smoke rose over Jebel Ali, one of the busiest ports in the Middle East.

The three people killed in the UAE attacks were Pakistani, Nepalese and Bangladeshi nationals, the Ministry of Defence in Abu Dhabi said. Explosions were also reported in Manama with witnesses reporting at least four loud explosions. There was no immediate report of any damage or injuries from Sunday's blasts.

Later in the day, the Oman News Agency reported that the Duqm commercial

port, located in the Al Wusta Governorate in central Oman, was struck by two drones. It reported that an expatriate worker was injured in the attack. The attack on Oman, which had been mediating negotiations between Iran and the US before the US and Israel launched their attacks on Saturday, was condemned by the Gulf Cooperation Council. Majed al-Ansari, a spokesperson for Qatar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said the strike on Oman "is an.... attack on the very



principle of mediation". The explosions came after a day of similar Iranian strikes on bases used by the US military and other US assets across the Gulf.

Thousands of US soldiers are deployed in the oil- and gas-rich Arab states lying just across the Gulf from Iran.

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Kancha Gachibowli to Sharada Peetham: Repeated flip-flops expose Congress Govt's inefficiency

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One step forward, three steps back. This is gradually becoming the hallmark of the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government in Telangana, which over the last two years has repeatedly had mud on its face and been forced to retract from multiple initiatives.

Classic examples of this inexperience and absolute lack of command over the administration are the Kancha Gachibowli land fiasco, the Lagacherla land acquisition controversy, the dilly-dallying over the Pharma City, the aborted relocation of government offices to T-Hub, the flip-flop over the utility of the Kaleshwaram Project and the embarrassing Sharada Peetham land allotment standoff, not to forget the ump-tenth mass transfer of IAS officers. All this has dented the



image of Telangana itself, not just that of the Congress government, which must now be quite used to hitting national headlines for all the wrong reasons, considering the multiple raps from the Supreme Court and even the National Human Rights Commission. Soon after coming to power, the Revanth Reddy government had declared that the proposed Pharma City to come up in about 12,000 acres was scrapped, with Pharma Village clusters to be set up. The lands acquired by the previous BRS government were to be used for developing the Future

City. However, once the issue reached the High Court, the State government had to state before the court that the Pharma City project was not cancelled and that it was very much on. This, at least for some time, triggered apprehensions and uncertainty among pharma majors who were planning to set up shop in the Pharma City. The Congress government then drew national attention when it announced plans to develop an IT park in 400 acres at Kancha Gachibowli, ignoring the fact that the land there was classified as forest land. Massive

destruction of biodiversity followed, with several bulldozers and earth-movers felling nearly 1500 trees overnight. Cutting across sections, students, employees, professionals and environmentalists raised objections, with the Supreme Court taking suo motu notice of the destruction and directing the Congress government to halt the activity. Revanth Reddy's attempt to brush aside the damage as 'AI-generated images' boomeranged. Then came the Kaleshwaram Project, the world's largest multi-stage lift irrigation project, a status that the Congress ignored, repeatedly calling it a mammoth waste of money and alleging that irrigation water was not provided to a single acre through the project. However, just like it did in the last two years, the Congress government had to swallow its own criticism and operated the Kaleshwaram pumps this year too to lift water. On

Friday, the Nandi pump house motors were operated for lifting River Godavari water to the Gayatri pump house and eventually into the SRSP flood flow canal. This apart, the Chief Minister has announced that the government would initiate measures to repair the Medigadda, Sundilla and Annaram barrages of the project.

This year began with yet another fiasco, when the government was forced to rescind its decision to relocate government offices, including high footfall agencies like sub-registrar offices, to T-Hub as part of what it called a rationalisation exercise. People from different sections came down heavily on the government for the decision, pointing out that the move would defeat the very purpose of one of the world's largest incubation campuses and innovation hubs, forcing Revanth Reddy to retreat yet again.

Sridhar Babu says lack of clarity caused Sharada Peetham land issue

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A day after withdrawing the controversial land allotment order to the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB), the Congress government on Sunday said lack of clarity had led to confusion over the lands belonging to Sharada Peetham.

Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu visited Sri Sharada Peetham at Kopkapet and said, "Confusion surrounding land belonging to the institution arose due to lack of clarity in information," while maintaining that there was no dispute over its ownership. During the visit, the Minister inspected the Raja Shyamala temple and other ongoing construction works, and later



held discussions with Uttara Peethadhipathi Swatmanandhra Saraswati Swamiji.

Speaking to media persons, Sridhar Babu said the land belonged to the Peetham and that the issue was addressed after the facts were brought to the government's notice. "There was no intention to create any difficulty. Once the matter came to our attention, necessary corrections were made," he said.

Emphasising that the State government respects all religions equally, the Minister as-

sured support to the Peetham's developmental and spiritual activities, and added, "All measures will be taken to avoid similar misunderstandings in future."

The Minister alleged that certain leaders from the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Bharat Rashtira Samithi were attempting to politicise the issue, and asserted that the government remained focused on protecting public lands from encroachment. He dismissed the charges that it was pursuing a 'bulldozer culture' in the State.

Regarding the proposed development at Babu Ghat, Sridhar Babu said decisions would be taken in accordance with public opinion and urged people not to be misled by misinformation.

Govt College Conducts FDP on Research Publishing

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Government Degree College, Tuni, in collaboration with LearnIXThrive, successfully conducted a One Day Free Faculty Development Program (FDP) on "Research Paper Writing and Publishing" on 28th February 2026 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM online. The program attracted over 150 faculty members, research scholars, and academicians from multiple states, who actively par-



ticipated and appreciated the practical guidance offered. E-certificates were issued to all registered participants. The session was delivered by Dr. G. N. R. Prasad, Senior Faculty, Department of Computer Applica-

tions, Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT). He covered research paper structure, journal selection, indexing, plagiarism awareness, publication ethics, and strategies for successful publishing, in-

cluding insights on Scopus and UGC-indexed journals. The FDP was coordinated by Dr. A. Pushpalatha, IQAC Coordinator & H.O.D., Department of Telugu, Government Degree College, Tuni, and co-convened by Y.A.S. Srinivas, Lecturer in English. The event concluded successfully with positive feedback, highlighting the institution's commitment to fostering a strong research culture and academic excellence.

Mushroom Cultivation 10-Day Training Programme Concludes

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A 10-day Mushroom Cultivation Training Programme was successfully conducted from 18th to 28th February at the Extension Education Institute (EEI), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. The programme was organized under the dynamic leadership of the Director, Dr. M. Jagan Mohan Reddy, with course coordination by Dr. R. Vasantha and Dr. P. Vijaya Laxmi. The coordinators and professors provided excellent



hands-on training along with well-organized and informative field visits. Participation and Training Highlights About 45 participants from diverse age groups, educa-

tional qualifications, and professional backgrounds attended the programme with great enthusiasm and self-motivation. The training covered: Scientific mushroom cultivation

techniques Spawn (seed) production Marketing strategies Establishment and management of small-scale mushroom units Practical hands-on experience in production processes All participants actively engaged in the training sessions and gained practical exposure in mushroom cultivation, spawn production, and marketing aspects. Many trainees expressed their strong interest in establishing mushroom units at their homes on a small scale to gain further experience and income.

BJP Chief Rao Slams Congress for Demolishing Poor Families' Homes

Telangana BJP Condemns Demolition of Poor Families' Homes

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Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao on Monday accused the Congress government of forcefully demolishing homes of poor families in Khammam district, leaving hundreds homeless. Visiting Velugumatla, Rao met with displaced laborers and hamalis whose houses, built since 2013-14 near the Collectorate office, were demolished despite multiple High Court orders to maintain status quo. Rao said the demolitions affected 1,800 individuals in 600 households who had constructed their homes using savings and sold jewelry. "Demolishing these houses in defiance of court stay orders is atrocious," he said, calling the state government's actions inhumane and illegal. He alleged that land values in the area soared after the Collectorate office was established, and with a high-way project underway, the government was deliberately displacing poor families to benefit real estate interests. "Legal cases are pending, and the



courts repeatedly ordered no evictions. Yet revenue officials issued eviction notices, which is a heinous act," Rao said. The BJP leader also criticized claims by the state that fake documents and illegal allotments justified the demolitions. "Who gave the government the authority to behave this way? Since Congress came to power, it seems they are moving around with crowbars, destroying the homes of the poor," he said. Rao demanded immediate corrective measures, urging the government to construct permanent houses at the same site, ideally under the Indiramma Housing program. He called the demolitions "entirely un-

just" and pledged BJP support for the affected families. BJP leaders organized an Annadanam (food distribution) program at the site to provide relief to the homeless families, emphasizing the party's commitment to stand by the poor. Rao warned that the public was vehemently opposing the "Revanth Reddy Crowbar Government" and recalled similar displacement attempts under the previous BRS government in 2023. He concluded that permanent residential houses must be built immediately at Velugumatla, insisting that protecting the rights of poor citizens is the state government's moral duty.

Bommalamaram Mandal Parishad Development Officer V. Raja Trivikram Retires



V. Raja Trivikram, Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) of Bommalamaram Mandal, retired today upon reaching the age of 61, in accordance with superannuation rules. On this occasion, a grand farewell and felicitation ceremony was organized by the mandal's employees, panchayat secretaries, staff of the Employment Guarantee Scheme, workers, elected representatives, local leaders, and other officials. Mr. Raja Trivikram and his wife were honored with floral garlands, shawls, and mementos as a mark of respect and appreciation for his dedicated service. Speaking at the event, Gadda Jnan Prakash Reddy, Mandal Parishad Superintendent, remarked that the date of retirement is determined from the day an employee joins duty. He emphasized that employees who diligently perform their responsibilities earn the respect and recognition of the people. He further added that maintaining good relations with elected representatives, political leaders, and local communities helps ensure efficient and smooth administration, particularly in rural areas.

Youth-Led Vision Takes Shape in Ghatkesar

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In a vibrant celebration marked by enthusiasm and community spirit, the new building of the Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Youth Association was inaugurated in the 6th Division of Ghatkesar on Saturday. The event drew prominent leaders and local residents, symbolizing a renewed commitment to youth empowerment and community development. The building was formally inaugurated by Rajya Sabha Member K. Laxman, Member of Parliament Eatala Rajender, and



local MLA Chamakura Malla Reddy, along with other distinguished guests. Addressing the gathering, K. Laxman expressed his deep emotional connection to Ghatkesar, stating that he remains committed to its development as it is the place where he was born and raised. He voiced concern over the growing

influence of Western culture among today's youth, noting that substance abuse and alcohol addiction are derailing many promising lives. He called upon the Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Youth Association to act as a guiding force for young people, steering them toward discipline, service, and nation-building. Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, he emphasized the need to work beyond political boundaries to transform villages and empower youth, with the goal of making India a developed nation by 2047.

Youngster killed on the spot as car mows down bike in Mancheril

A 23-year-old man was killed on the spot when a car hit the two-wheeler on which he was travelling on a high-level bridge across the Godavari river at Gudem village in Dandepalli mandal after midnight on Friday. Police said Akula Akshay from Gudem received grievous injuries when the car hit his two-wheeler on the bridge around 12.30 am. Death was instant. He was returning to Gudem from Jagtial district at the time of the incident. Based on a complaint received from his father, a case was registered against the driver of the car. Investigation is on.

Cantonment Merger Movement Gains Momentum in Sec'bad

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The push to merge the Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB) with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) gained significant traction on Sunday, as over 60 colonies united under a newly formed Joint Action Committee (JAC). The JAC, established at a high-profile meeting at Jayalakshmi Gardens, Tirumalagiri, formalized its leadership and strategic plan. Uppugalla Srinivas Reddy was appointed Convener, with Pampala Narasimha and Narender Reddy as Co-Conveners. The committee outlined a multi-pronged campaign to pressure the Central Government for the merger. Key initiatives include a mass post-card campaign, where each colony will pass resolutions favoring the merger and send them to the President, Prime



Minister, and Ministry of Defence. A dedicated digital platform will also educate residents on the benefits of state municipal oversight. The JAC expressed solidarity with a recent eight-day relay hunger strike led by Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh, reflecting close coordination between elected representatives and residents. Speaking at the meeting, Sri Ganesh criticized the current nominated system as a "mockery of democracy," arguing that the Cantonment lags behind the rest of Hyderabad in development

and welfare schemes. He stressed that the merger would ensure developmental parity, streamline infrastructure funding, and empower residents with full democratic rights. Sri Ganesh also emphasized that all future agitations and programs would be spearheaded by the JAC, highlighting the movement's grassroots, people-led character. He praised members' resolve to independently fund and sustain the campaign until its goals are realized. Prominent local figures, including former SCB Vice President Jampana Pratap, Muppidi Madhukar, Sanki Ravinder, and Nagineni Saritha, joined leaders of residential welfare associations, reaffirming a united front. The collective message was clear: the movement will continue relentlessly until the administrative divide between the Cantonment and the State Government is officially removed.

Delhi Liquor Scam: Six From Telugu States Acquitted

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

KTR Leads 'Musli Dandi March', Slams Congress for Bulldozer Raj

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BRS Working President K T Rama Rao on Sunday mounted a frontal attack on the Congress government, accusing it of running a "Bulldozer Raj" in Telangana and displacing thousands of families under the pretext of the Musli Riverfront project. Leading a 3.5-km 'Musli Dandi March' in Rajendranagar, Rama Rao interacted with affected residents, including families from Hyder Shah Kote and Madhu Park Ridge apartments, assuring full political and legal support in their fight for justice.

Speaking at the march, Rama Rao alleged that the state government had made demolitions and real estate dealings the hallmark of its administration, calling the Musli Riverfront beautification project a cover for a massive land scam. "From the day Revanth Reddy assumed office, it has been bulldozers, not development," he said, highlighting the demolition of homes and displacement of residents, including infants and the elderly, to benefit contractors and associates.



Rama Rao urged unity among the displaced families, reminding them that BRS chief K Chandrashekhar Rao had fought for 14 years to achieve Telangana statehood. He assured that when BRS returned to power, not a single home would be touched. He contrasted the current regime with the previous BRS government, which had implemented a Rs 16,000-crore Musli rejuvenation plan on Uppal-Nagole route without displacing any households.

The senior leader criticized selective enforcement, questioning why properties of ministers and ruling party leaders in buffer zones were spared, while ordinary residents were targeted. He also slammed the construction of the Chief Minister's Rs 200-crore official residence, pointing out the contrast with families being evicted.

ZESTBOT Launched to Boost Local Retail

Telangana IT Minister Launches ZESTBOT to Empower Local Retailers

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Telangana IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu today unveiled ZESTBOT, the flagship quick commerce ecosystem of DhaTvi Business Solutions, at a grand launch event in Trident Hotel, Hitech City, Hyderabad. The platform aims to strengthen Tier 1, 2, and 3 commerce while empowering local Kirana stores and small retailers. Addressing the gathering, the Minister lauded DhaTvi's vision of building an inclusive, intelligent, and sustainable digital commerce ecosystem. He noted that nearly half of India's online commerce now comes from smaller towns, highlighting the need for platforms like ZESTBOT to support MSMEs and neighborhood retailers.

The founders of DhaTvi — J. Nagamani, P. Chandu Sri, and Srinivas M — explained that traditional small businesses



face high commission charges, forced discounts, hidden fees, and pressure from rapid dark-store expansions. Many owners are being pushed into gig roles, threatening their independence and livelihoods.

"ZESTBOT is our commitment to protecting and empowering small retailers. Technology should strengthen local businesses, not replace them," said Ms. Nagamani. Ms. Chandu Sri added that the platform ensures vendors retain better margins while customers enjoy speed and convenience. Srinivas M emphasized that ZESTBOT began as a local initiative and now provides smart logistics, digital pay-

ments, and employment opportunities for youth. The platform, branded as "Business's Quick Solutions," is designed to reduce dependency on high-commission marketplaces, promote fair trade practices, and provide rapid delivery solutions. The Minister highlighted Telangana's strong digital infrastructure as a key enabler for scaling such platforms responsibly and inclusively. Concluding the event, he expressed confidence that DhaTvi Business Solutions could emerge as a major player in India's evolving digital commerce space and potentially grow into a future unicorn from Telangana.

Congress Cheated 6,500 Surveyors, Offering Only Rs.10 Per Acre: Harish Rao

Harish Rao Slams Congress for Cheating Licensed Surveyors

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Former Minister and BRS LP Deputy Floor Leader Harish Rao criticized the Congress government for allegedly deceiving licensed surveyors who gave up private jobs after trusting promises made by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. On Sunday, surveyors from across Telangana met Rao at his Siddipet camp office and protested, submitting a memorandum detailing the injustices they faced. Rao condemned the Congress government for exploiting nearly 6,500 educated surveyors selected under the Bhu Bharati scheme. "These youth, many with B.Tech and other higher education degrees, abandoned private and IT jobs expecting respectable government salaries, only to be cheated," he said. He highlighted that the government promised



training, exams, oaths, and decent pay but instead offered a mere Rs. 10 per acre surveyed—a figure he called "a gross insult" to the educated workforce. Rao questioned, "If a surveyor works hard on 2,000 acres in a year, they earn only Rs. 20,000. Is this the employment the Chief Minister is offering to youth?"

Rao accused the government of exploiting surveyors as unpaid labor in mandal offices and said that for over a year, thousands of surveyor families have faced financial hardship due to lack of salary and secure em-

ployment. He demanded that the government immediately provide the promised honorarium and job security, warning that delaying action is a "crime against the youth."

The BRS leader assured full support to the surveyors in pursuing their demands and pledged to challenge the Congress government in the upcoming assembly sessions. He further vowed to expose the alleged "government frauds" in the Assembly, stating that the surveyors would continue their fight until justice is delivered.

MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy Alleges Corruption by Karimnagar CP

MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy Alleges Karimnagar CP Ghouse Alam Misusing Power, Money

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MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy has made serious allegations against Karimnagar CP Ghouse Alam, accusing him of abusing power and misusing public resources. He claims that the CP is using government vehicles for private purposes, including one Innova (TS 09 PA 4195) circulating in Hyderabad with two constables, Ashok and Anil, as drivers. Reddy also alleged that IRS officer Vikas Agarwal and Ghouse

Alam's family members are involved in misuse of state assets.

The MLA accused the CP of collecting large sums of money from PDS rice suppliers and business owners, citing an instance where Rs 25 lakh was allegedly collected from a mall owner for an NOC. He further claimed that 337 Home Guards were transferred in Karimnagar after payments of crores of rupees.

Reddy said Ghouse Alam maintains a personal security detail far exceeding norms, with multiple gun-



men, constables, and escort vehicles. He also accused the CP of targeting subordinates, suspending an SI for refusing to pay bribes, raising doubts

about law and order in the district.

The MLA warned that if no action is taken by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the DGP, or Intel-

ligence IG within 15 days, he will release videos and evidence exposing alleged illegal activities of the CP and other officials, including Jammikunta CI Bandaram and Huzurabad ACP.

He demanded an immediate investigation into all allegations. Reddy emphasized that exposing these facts could embarrass the IPS and IAS officers' association but insisted the evidence will prove misconduct by Karimnagar CP Ghouse Alam.

GNANA MALA 156th Week Celebrated

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The 156th week of GNANA MALA was celebrated at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Statue in Lothkunta on March 1, 2026, emphasizing the legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and the protection of the Constitution. Chief Guests Mr. C.M. Ramana, Ambedkarite and Director of Bowenpally Market Committee, and Mr. Ravi Kiran, Ambedkarite and Social Worker, highlighted Ambedkar's lifelong fight against caste-based discrimination, including movements like the Mahad Satyagraha (1927) and his efforts to secure education, temple entry rights, and social empowerment. The Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Association, West Venkatapuram, launched their weekly GNANA MALA programme, with Dr. Uday Kiran welcom-



ing dignitaries including Shri Anantharaj, Mr. C.L. Yadagiri, Madam Suvama, and Mr. Prem Kumar. Mr. Ramesh Kamala announced a protest bike rally in Secunderabad Cantonment by March 10, 2026, against caste-based discrimination in Kummera Village, Nagarkurnool, Telangana. Community leaders and members attended, with Master Vaibhav inspiring participants with "JAI

BHIM." Notable attendees included Mr. C. Suresh Delhi, Mr. Charlinraj, Mr. Ramulu, Dr. Navin Raj, Mr. B. Shiv Shankar, Mr. K.N. Laxman Rao, Dr. Murlu, Mr. K.G. Ravi Kumar, Dr. Uday Kiran, and many others. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mission, Lothkunta organized the event to reinforce social equality and the ideals of Ambedkar for future generations.

Kavitha Joins Iftar in Sec'bad

HYDERABAD
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Telangana Jagruthi President Kalvakuntla Kavitha participated in an Iftar dinner held near Akbar Cafe in Mahmood Guda, Secunderabad, emphasizing communal harmony during the holy month of Ramzan.

Speaking at the event, Kavitha highlighted that Iftar dinners aim to bring Hindus and Muslims together, fostering unity and collective efforts toward Telangana's development. She appreciated the local



Muslim community for organizing the Iftar for special care over the past two years and expressed her hope that the Ganga-Jamuna Tehzeeb culture continues in the state. "I sincerely wish that we all remain well," she said.

Revanth's Education Report Harms Teachers, Students: BRS

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Dr. RS Praveen Kumar, State General Secretary of BRS, strongly criticized the Telangana Education Policy Report, warning students, parents, and teachers that it would be scrapped if BRS comes to power. He argued that a teacher's self-respect and security are essential for effective education, and lakhs of teachers have opposed the report.

Praveen Kumar highlighted that the Telangana government under KCR revitalized education after 2014, regularizing contract teachers, implementing 42% PRC fitment, increas-



ing allowances, and establishing 29 medical, nursing, and agriculture colleges. Over ₹7,000 crore was invested to improve 27,000 schools, while Gurukuls were developed to provide quality education for rural students. He accused the Revanth

Reddy government of politicizing the Education Commission, ignoring fee reimbursement, and weakening schools to benefit private colleges. Measures such as replacing EPSET, introducing inter-based admissions, and reducing teacher promotions were called conspiracies

against students from rural and underprivileged backgrounds.

Praveen Kumar said the report overlooked administrative realities, teacher recruitment, promotions, and education infrastructure. He emphasized that integrated Gurukuls include all social groups and criticized the government for reducing salaries, ignoring promotions, and failing to complete Telangana Public Schools. He warned that undermining KCR's foundations risks destroying the gains of the past decade, leaving students and teachers insecure and rural students deprived of higher education opportunities.

FLORAL TRIBUTES TO BABASAHEB; GLOBAL APPEALS FOR PEACE IN IRAN

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

World leaders and communities have urged calm and diplomacy following the reported death of Ali Khamenei, Supreme Leader of Iran. Iranian state media confirmed his demise during coordinated air strikes, triggering a 40-day national mourning period and concerns over regional stability. International organisations, governments, and faith groups emphasised the importance of restraint, protec-



tion of civilians, and dialogue, warning that further escalation could worsen humanitarian crises. Across the globe, communities have offered prayers for peace, hoping

for a swift resolution to tensions and safety for affected populations. In Hyderabad, residents of Lalapet and Tarnaka paid homage to Dr B.R. Ambedkar, the chief architect

of the Indian Constitution, celebrating his enduring commitment to social justice, equality, and liberty. Community leaders, youth groups, and elders gathered at his statue to offer floral tributes and chant slogans of unity, including "JAI BHEEM! JAI BHEEM!". Speakers at the event highlighted Ambedkar's lifelong fight for justice and urged citizens to carry forward his principles in everyday life. The programme concluded peacefully, reflecting the deep respect for Babasaheb's legacy.

Kashmir mourns Khamenei

SRINAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Protests rocked the Kashmir Valley as a major procession was held at the famed clock tower Ghanta Ghar in the heart of the summer capital, Srinagar, on March 1, soon after the news broke about the assassination of Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

After confirmation by the Iranian authorities of the 86-year-old spiritual leader's death as a result of a joint military operation by the United States and Israel, the protests in several parts of Kashmir intensified. In addition to protesters marching from various towns to gather at Srinagar's Lal Chowk, protests were reported in Central Kashmir's Budgam, several towns of South and North Kashmir, and Kargil in Ladakh. At the time of this report, protests at multiple places continue with intensity. Thousands of protesters—



both Sunni and Shia Muslims—poured into the streets across the valley after sehri to protest against the assassination of Ayatollah Khamenei. Carrying large portraits of Khamenei and placards expressing solidarity with Iran and Palestine, protesters raised slogans against the US and Israel. At Lal Chowk's clock

tower, they chanted in Persian and Urdu: "Marg bar Amrika, Marg bar Israel (Death to the United States, Death to Israel); Israel ka jo Yaar Hai, Gaddar Hai, Gaddar Hai (The friends of Israel are traitors)." A section of women protesters raised slogans such as "Al Quds [Arabic for Jerusalem] Teri Azmat ki Qasam,

Azad Tujhe Karayenge" (Jerusalem, we swear by your grandeur, we will ensure you freedom). Others chanted: "Palestine ke mujahido, hum tumhare saath hain" (Oh! Holy warriors of Palestine, we stand with you), and "From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be Free." Ahmad, an ardent fol-

lower of Ali Khamenei, told Frontline: "Iran has lost all its top military leadership in this attack. Iran is helpless, but fighting for its existence and the rights of the Palestinian people with a moral compass intact, while other Muslim nations are working against Tehran and helping both Israel and America achieve their goal of regime change." Many Kashmiris also registered their protest against the assassination of Khamenei on social media. Farooq, a native Kashmiri, wrote on Facebook: "Imam Khamenei will be remembered as the one who stood against injustice, aggression and oppression. Lived and died fighting for his people and principles. May God's wrath be on America and Israel." The authorities have allowed protests for now but have lowered internet bandwidth in various parts of Kashmir as a precautionary measure.

3 TMC MLAs Among 11 Lakh Voters Placed Under Adjudication In Murshidabad

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

In Murshidabad district three ruling Trinamul congress MLAs and one MP including total highest numbers more than 11 lakhs voters are under adjudication after final voter list published on Saturday in West Bengal! After publication of special intensive revision of voter list published on Saturday it was found that total 11 lakhs 21 thousand 205 voters are under adjudication, which is highest in West Bengal.

Among them three ruling Trinamul congress MLA named and one MP's family members are also under adjudication! Jangipur TMC MLA Zakir Hossain, Sagar-dighi TMC MLA Bayron Biswas and Jalangi TMC MLA Abdur Razzaq and Jangipur MP Khalilur Rahman, s family members names under adjudication it was found



in the final voter list! Election commission Sources said that total 60 lakhs 6 thousand 675 voters names are still under adjudication in West Bengal but highest numbers of voter's names detected under adjudication in this minority community oriented and indo Bangladesh border adjacent Murshidabad districts so such large chunk numbers of voters are still under judicial scanner.

However, Jangipur TMC MLA Zakir Hossain expressed grave concern he said "I am a sitting MLA and former state minister and having all valid documents including income tax payment certificates and having valid passport and paternal properties written deeds since 1932 but they summoned twice me but not satis-

fied, if I and my sons and others family members are doubtful voters before public, what are the hopeless position of common people, actually Election commission and BJP nexus intentionally maligned my image before election, however I have enough faith on judiciary but if they dared to delete me as a genuine and Bonafide voters I will compel to seek Justice inthe Court " he said. However, Bayron Biswas and Abdur Razzaq two others MLAs not commented publicly. Jangipur MP Khalilur Rahman, s family member name also under adjudication! However, one election commission officials commented on condition of anonymity "Don't panicked as your name under adjudication, actually these voters names are not deleted from final voter list but under scrutiny and SIR study process yet to finalised their scrutiny.

Indian Embassies in Gulf, Iran issue safety advisories amid regional crisis

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

As tensions in the region escalated, the Embassy of India in Doha issued an "important advisory", asking all Indian nationals in Qatar to take due care and follow news and advisories as and when issued by the Embassy and local authorities. "In view of the current regional situation, all Indian nationals in Qatar are advised to take due care, follow news and advi-

sories as and when issued by the Embassy and local authorities. Our Embassy is continuing to function as usual," the advisory read. "Everyone is requested to follow the emergency alert sent by local authorities that in the interest of public safety, everyone is urged to stay away from the vicinity of military sites and stay inside buildings, whether in homes or elsewhere, and not to go out or move except for the utmost neces-

sity to avoid exposure to any risks," it added. The embassy of India in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) also issued an urgent advisory in view of the current regional situation, asking all Indian nationals in the United Arab Emirates to avoid unnecessary travel, take due care, remain vigilant, follow safety guidelines and advisories as and when issued by the UAE authorities and the Embassy. "The Embassy of India,

Abu Dhabi and the Consulate General in Dubai are continuing to function normally and will issue updates as necessary," it said, asking the Indian nationals in UAE to contact toll free and WhatsApp numbers in case of any emergency. Earlier, the Embassy of India in Tehran advised all Indian nationals in Iran to exercise utmost caution, avoid unnecessary movements and remain indoors as far as possible in view of the developing situation.

Shah calls for check on religious conversions in Punjab

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday expressed concern over alleged religious conversions in Punjab, urging both the state government and society to take measures to curb the practice. Speaking at the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur at Ove Maidan in Kharghar, Mr. Shah emphasized that conversions driven by "greed" contradict the principles upheld by the ninth Sikh Guru. "While Guru Tegh Bahadur endured atroc-



ities to defend others' dharma, indulging in conversions for greed cannot be considered following the teachings of Dasam Pita," he said, referring to the 10th Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh. Addressing the 'Hind-Di-Chadar' commemoration, Mr. Shah highlighted the Guru's ultimate sacrifice, stating that it played a crucial role in protecting Hinduism. "If the ninth

Guru had not laid down his life to protect Hindu dharma and Sanatan dharma, there would have been no Hindus left in the world today. Everyone should acknowledge this," he remarked. The minister noted that followers of Sanatan Dharma, both in India and abroad, remain grateful to Guru Tegh Bahadur for enduring hardships and cruelty to safeguard religious freedom. He added that the Guru's martyrdom instilled courage in the nation to face adversity and underscored the values of unity, brotherhood, inclusiveness, and courage in-

herent in Sikh tradition. Mr. Shah also urged people to read the Zafar-nama, written by Guru Gobind Singh, at least once in their lifetime to understand the historic struggle and its moral message. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis announced that the martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur will be incorporated into the state school curriculum. The government also plans to construct a hospital in Navi Mumbai in the Guru's memory, which will bear his name.

At Jantar Mantar Rally, Kejriwal Says Countdown for BJP's Exit Has Begun

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Days after being discharged by a Delhi court in the liquor policy case, AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah, claiming that the countdown of the BJP's removal from power had begun. Addressing a rally, attended by the AAP leaders and workers from several states, at Jantar Mantar, Kejriwal accused Modi and Shah of conspiring to frame him in the excise policy case and said that the court in a recent "historic" judgment proved that he was "kattar imandar" (a hardcore honest person).

Kejriwal alleged that Modi feared everyone and asserted that when a "tyrant" was scared, it signalled the end of his reign. He said: "He (Modi) sent Sonam Wangchuk to jail, who is a big scientist and worked for the education of children. Modi Ji did not go to Parliament one day, fearing women MPs would assault him. He is scared of (US President Donald

Trump, too." The former Delhi chief minister alleged that the BJP, during its 12 years of rule in the country, has ruined all the sectors. The condition of roads, healthcare, education and sanitation, among others, is in bad shape, he alleged.

Taking a dig at the Prime Minister's "Viksit Bharat" vision, Kejriwal said people want a "rahne layak Bharat" (liveable India). He also took a swipe at Modi's 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' programme, saying the Prime Minister should stop the "drama" and focus on preventing paper leaks in exams. Slamming the BJP government in Delhi, Kejriwal said the party ruined the city in its one-year rule, alleging that the roads are broken, the water supply is contaminated and people are facing difficulty in breathing due to air pollution. He said the Prime Minister has nothing to do with the country and he is after power only through "con-

spiracies" and manipulation of the voter lists. "Modi Ji, you can continue to work for power, and I will continue to work for the country," he added. Mr. Kejriwal said: "I passed from IIT with good numbers and could have gone to America. But I thought if everyone went abroad, who would take care of the country? When I served as an income tax commissioner, people used to swear by my honesty." The AAP chief said that on April 4, 2011, people gathered at Jantar Mantar had roared, and the Congress was swept from power. He said that the AAP rally marked a historic day, and the countdown of the BJP's removal from power has begun.

Several senior party leaders, including Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Sisodia, former Delhi CM Atishi, Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh and former city minister Saurabh Bharadwaj, also addressed the gathering at Jantar Mantar. Over 10,000 bus marshals, along with nurses, doctors, and pharmacists allegedly removed from Mohalla Clinics, and DTC contractual drivers who

More Than 700.....

Several people from the state had travelled to the UAE for tourism and business purposes, and the crisis in the region had left them stranded, Amol Kataria, chairman of the Travel Agents Federation of India's MP unit, told PTI. Many travellers from the state had cancelled their upcoming trips to Dubai and Sharjah, he added. Kataria said that more than 700 people were stuck in the UAE, and among them, former MLA and BJP leader Sanjay Shukla is in Dubai. "Due to the current international situation, our return to India today could not take place as Dubai airport was temporarily closed. We are receiving full cooperation from the Dubai administration and the Government of India. We will return to Indore as soon as the situation normalises," Shukla's post on social media stated. The BJP leader also released a video on social media, in which he is seen pointing out of the window of a room and showing smoke billowing after an explosion kilometres away. "The situation here has become bad. You can see that a bomb just exploded. All traffic has stopped. People here are being alerted and asked to stay in their rooms," he claimed. He also appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure the safe return of Indians stranded in Dubai and said that his elder son is also stuck with him there. Talking to PTI, the former Indore legislator's son, Sagar, said that his father had gone to Dubai three days ago

Firecracker Facto...

Majed al-Ansari, a spokesperson for Qatar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said the strike on Oman "is an attack on the very principle of mediation". The explosions came after a day of similar Iranian strikes on bases used by the US military and other US assets across the Gulf. Thousands of US soldiers are deployed in the oil- and gas-rich Arab states lying just across the Gulf from Iran. On Saturday, Iran fired 137 missiles and 209 drones across the UAE, its Ministry of Defence said, with fires and smoke reaching the Dubai landmarks of Palm Jumeirah and Burj al-Arab. At Abu Dhabi's airport, at least one person was killed and seven wounded during what the facility's authority called an "incident". Dubai's airport, the world's busiest for international traffic, and Kuwait's airport were also hit. Meanwhile, Qatari officials said Iran launched 65 missiles and 12 drones towards the Gulf state on Saturday, most of which were intercepted, but 16

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people were injured in the attacks. Elsewhere in the region, Jordanian defence systems intercepted missiles that entered the airspace of the capital, Amman, and the country's northern areas, according to Al Jazeera Arabic. Sirens were also heard in Kuwait, the network reported. In northern Iraq, a drone crashed near Erbil International Airport, according to local media reports, with a large plume of smoke rising. The US is reported to still have soldiers in Iraq's semiautonomous Kurdish region, whose capital is Erbil, as part of an international coalition against ISIS. Turkiye's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, spoke by phone with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on Sunday, expressing concern that "unless the necessary intervention is made", the conflict unfolding in Iran could have "serious" regional and global implications. A US official told Al Jazeera that Washington expected the conflict with Iran to "last for weeks, not just days" and it will continue until it can guarantee Iran does not possess nuclear weapons or ballistic missiles.

We're Safe but.....

Meanwhile, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) said it was closely monitoring the travel challenges arising from the ongoing geopolitical situation in the Middle East along with Badminton England. "We remain in regular contact with teams and

players whose journeys to Birmingham for the YONEX All England Open 2026 may be affected. The safety and wellbeing of all athletes, officials and support personnel remain our highest priority," BWF said in a statement. Sindhu on Sunday morning detailed the tense moments on social media. "The ordeal continues to unfold, and the situation is becoming more frightening by the hour. A few hours ago, there was an explosion close to where we were holed up at the airport," she wrote on social media. "My coach had to quickly run out of the area as he was closest to the smoke and debris. It was an extremely tense and scary moment for all of us." Most of the Indian players, scheduled to compete in the prestigious tournament, have already reached Birmingham. The top men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, men's singles player Lakshya Sen, young shuttler Ayush Shetty, and the women's doubles players Gayatri Gopichand and Treasa Jolly have reached. Among others, Malvika Bansod has also reached, but Unnati Hooda remains in India after her direct flight from New Delhi to Birmingham was cancelled at the last moment. "I was supposed to travel today around 11 but early morning came to know that the flight has been cancelled. Now seats are not available in connected flights. I am in touch with BAI and they are in conversation with BWF to maybe schedule my matches late," Unnati said. Former India coach Vimal Kumar.

CRIME

Telangana HC Seeks Govt Response on 'Irregularities' in Samagra Shiksha School Bids

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Tuesday issued notices to the state government and the School Education Department in a public interest litigation (PIL) alleging large-scale irregularities and fraudulent allotments under the PM Shri and Samagra Shiksha schemes for vocational education. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin directed the Chief Secretary, the Principal Secretary of School Education, and the State Project Director of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan to file their counter-affidavits within three weeks.

The court was hearing a PIL that originated from

a letter addressed to the Chief Justice by advocate Rapolu Bhaskar, which was converted into a formal petition.

Advocate Bhaskar alleged that there was extensive fraud in the implementation of the Samagra Shiksha scheme for the academic year 2024-25. He contended that the central government had sanctioned substantial funds to establish PM Shri and Samagra Shiksha schools aimed at providing vocational education, particularly for poor and underprivileged students. According to the PIL, the Telangana government invited bids to set up 946 vocational schools. However, only 500 bids were approved, and the bidding process was allegedly halted for the 2024-25 academic year.

Bhaskar further claimed that certain officials within the School Education Department accepted large sums of money from select bidders, enabling preferential allotments. This, he argued, caused financial losses to other legitimate bidders and adversely affected the students who were meant to benefit from the vocational education programs. The PIL emphasizes that these irregularities undermine the objective of the schemes, which is to provide skill-based education to disadvantaged students and improve employability.

It seeks a detailed investigation into the bidding and allotment process, along with accountability for officials involved in facilitating alleged irregularities. The High

Court's notice signals a proactive approach toward ensuring transparency and fairness in the implementation of central government educational schemes in the state. By directing key state officials to respond, the court aims to scrutinize the allegations and assess whether procedural lapses or corruption have compromised the intended benefits of vocational education programs under PM Shri and Samagra Shiksha initiatives. The court is expected to review the counter-affidavits and may issue further directions to ensure that the schemes are implemented in accordance with their objectives and funds are utilized properly for the benefit of students.

HC admits HUL writ, grants interim stay

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court stayed further proceedings initiated by the labour Appellate Authority against Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) under the Telangana Shops and Establishments Act. Justice Renuka Yara was dealing with a writ petition filed by the company. According to the petitioner, the appellate authority proceeded to pass the impugned order in disregard of the statutory framework governing the appellate remedy and without appreciating the legal consequences arising from non-compliance with earlier directions within the mandatory period of 30

days. Such non-compliance, according to the petitioner, rendered the second appeal infructuous. The company sought issuance of a writ of certiorari to quash the impugned order and a consequential direction to hear and dispose of the main appeal on merits. A caveat entered appearance on behalf of the contesting respondent, contending that substantial dues amounting to about ₹60 lakh were pending against the petitioner. HUL contended that nearly ₹41 lakh had been paid and placed material on record evidencing such payments for the perusal of the court.

PBEL Case: Court Orders Compensation For Boy's Parents

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission directed Golden Star Facilities to pay ₹10 lakh as compensation to a bereaved family following the death of a six-year-old boy who was electrocuted at a gated community in Narsingi. The incident occurred in February 2019 at PBEL City, where the child, Monish, was playing in the lawn of the residential complex at around 6 pm. He touched a lamp post to retrieve a ball and collapsed. Inquiry revealed that he had come into contact with a live underground electrical wire and

died on the spot. The incident was captured on a CCTV camera. Monish was the son of Diwakar, a software professional from Chennai, and was studying at a private school in Bandlaguda. The Narsingi police had then booked Incor, Golden Star, and the residents' welfare association. Then-inspector G.V. Ramana Goud had told Deccan Chronicle in 2019 that the boy's body had been taken to Chennai, his family's native place, and that the case, though registered in Telangana, had involved coordination with Chennai police for the postmortem and inquest. No arrests were made at the time, he said.

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.

4 Workers Injured In Blast At Jangaon Dairy Unit

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

Four workers sustained severe injuries in an explosion at Shakti Dairy's almond milk processing unit in Jangaon district on Wednesday. Police said the blast occurred when an industrial oven used for heating milk bottles exploded under pressure inside the facility. According to preliminary investigation, workers attempted to open the oven before it had cooled down. The sudden release of internal pressure led to the explosion. The impact shattered glass almond milk bottles

in the vicinity, and the resulting shards caused multiple injuries to the workers. The injured were shifted to a nearby hospital, and three of them were later referred to the District Government Hospital as their condition was stated to be critical. Following the incident, family members and local residents alleged lapses in safety protocols at the unit. Jangaon police registered a case and initiated a forensic examination to ascertain whether the explosion was caused by mechanical failure or operational negligence.

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.

Trimulgherry Traffic Police Fill Dangerous Potholes

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The road stretch between Sub Station and Bowenpally Market Road, notorious for numerous potholes that threatened commuters and disrupted traffic, has been temporarily repaired by the Trimulgherry Traffic Police at their own expense. The work was completed today to ensure public safety and smooth vehicular movement. Despite repeated complaints to the Cantonment Board and other concerned au-



thorities, no action had been taken to address the deteriorating road conditions, which had posed a serious risk of accidents and inconvenience to mo-

torists. The initiative by the traffic police highlights the urgency of the situation and their commitment to public safety. Authorities

are once again urged to implement permanent remedial measures to prevent recurrence and safeguard road users. Timely intervention is essential to ensure hassle-free traffic flow and avoid untoward incidents in this busy stretch. G. Shankar Raju, ACP, Traffic Trimulgherry Division, Malkajgiri, emphasized that while immediate repairs have been completed, long-term solutions must be provided by the relevant departments to maintain road safety and commuter convenience.

EDITORIAL

SHOULD INDIA JOIN THE GAZA BOARD OF PEACE?

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Of the two developments linked to Gaza, the first was the inaugural meeting of the proposed 'Board of Peace for Gaza', held on February 19. The second is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to Israel on February 25. These events, taken together, make this an appropriate moment to reflect on whether India should associate itself with the newly proposed Gaza peace architecture. A brief backdrop is essential. The Gaza Strip is a narrow enclave roughly 41 kilometres long and 10 kilometres wide. On its eastern flank lies a heavily fortified perimeter separating it from Israel. On October 7, 2023, Hamas militants breached this barrier, killing approximately 1,200 Israelis and taking around 250 hostages. What followed was a prolonged and devastating conflict. After nearly 15 months of war, a ceasefire was declared on January 19, 2025. However, it lasted barely two months, collapsing on March 18, 2025. During that brief window, only three Israeli hostages and 90 Palestinian prisoners were exchanged — a modest outcome relative to the scale of the conflict.

Ceasefire Framework

It was only on October 9, 2025, that the United States brokered a broader ceasefire framework, inviting 60 world leaders to endorse a 'Board of Peace for Gaza'. At a subsequent global economic summit, 26 countries signed the Gaza Peace Accord, pledging \$5 billion in financial assistance and committing troops to an international stabilisation force. India has so far not taken a position.

The Gaza peace plan is structured in two phases. Phase One focuses on stabilisation and security; Phase Two envisages an economic and political settlement. Yet, of the 20 provisions in the plan, only three have been partially implemented: a fragile ceasefire frequently violated, limited exchanges of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners, and the opening of the Rafah crossing solely for medical evacuations. The deeper issues remain unresolved. The trust deficit between Israel and Hamas continues to impede progress. Israel insists that Hamas must surrender its weapons — a demand Hamas categorically rejects. Hamas, for its part, demands a role in governing Gaza, something Israel refuses to accept. Without movement on these core issues, the peace process risks remaining procedural rather than substantive. India's Options India must therefore carefully weigh its options before joining the Board of Peace. Signing the accord may offer the symbolic advantage of a "seat at the high table" in shaping post-conflict Gaza. But symbolism cannot substitute for strategic prudence. One of the most significant concerns is structural. The Board of Peace is chaired by Donald Trump in his personal capacity, rather than by the incumbent US President ex officio. This raises serious questions about institutional continuity. What happens when a new US administration assumes office in January 2029? Would the Board's decisions bind a future American government? Would India be aligning itself with an initiative whose longevity depends on the political

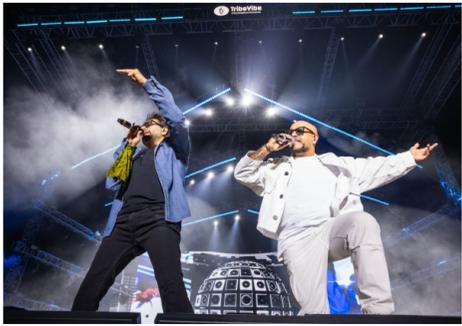
fortunes of an individual? India can aid humanitarian relief and reconstruction without formally joining a Board whose structure, mandate, and longevity are uncertain. India has consistently demonstrated strategic autonomy in recent years — whether in navigating the Russia-Ukraine conflict, balancing relations during tensions between Israel and Iran, or managing trade frictions with the United States. Associating with a body that could potentially take politically charged decisions may constrain India's diplomatic flexibility. There is also the broader concern that such extra-UN mechanisms could, over time, dilute or supplant the authority of established multilateral institutions, such as the United Nations. The implications of that shift could extend beyond Gaza to other international disputes, including those directly affecting India. Another dimension relates to the nature of the initiative itself. President Trump has frequently framed the Palestinian question through an economic lens — prioritising reconstruction funding, investment packages, and development corridors. While economic revival is vital, the conflict is fundamentally political, rooted in competing national aspirations and questions of sovereignty. If India becomes a member of this Board, it may find itself navigating delicate diplomatic terrain. India's ties with Israel are deep and multifaceted, encompassing defence cooperation, counter-terrorism, cybersecurity, and high-technology transfers. India imports significant defence equipment from Israel, including night-vision devices and unmanned aerial vehicles.



Vishal-Shekhar Concert in Hyderabad Champions Mangrove Conservation

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Signature Packaged Drinking Water concluded its three-city 'Root for Mangroves' concert series with a high-energy performance by Vishal and Shekhar at the Hitex Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad. The festival, which also toured Jaipur and Gurgaon, combines music, culture, and climate action to raise awareness for mangrove restoration across India. Designed as a culture-led environmental initiative, Root for Mangroves transforms live entertainment into a platform for meaningful action. Each ticket sold contributes Rs 50 towards on-ground man-



grove regeneration projects in Odisha. To date, the initiative has helped restore 62 acres of degraded mangrove land, planted over 30,000 saplings, and supported five coastal villages. The festival's model demonstrates how entertainment can drive real-world environmental impact while engaging diverse audiences. Vishal and Shekhar delivered a memorable

performance, thrilling the crowd with hits such as 'Desi Girl', 'Dus Bahane', 'Bachna Ae Haseno', 'Tu Meri', and 'Deewangi Deewangi'. The duo emphasized that music is more than entertainment—it's a catalyst for change. "If our music can inspire even one person to take action today, we've done our job," they said, reinforcing the link between art and environmental re-

sponsibility. Anandita Datta, Vice President – Marketing, Diageo India, highlighted the dual purpose of the festival. "Root for Mangroves is not just a music festival; it's a platform where attendees actively participate in protecting our environment. Entertainment becomes meaningful, and climate action becomes joyful. The initiative is already making a tangible difference in Odisha, and every concert amplifies this impact." Shoven Shah, Founder & CEO of TribeVibe Entertainment, added, "Partnering with Signature Packaged Drinking Water, we've created a concert series where music catalyzes real-

world change. With icons like Vishal and Shekhar leading the movement, we're connecting audiences with a cause that truly matters while setting new benchmarks for purpose-driven entertainment in India." Mangroves play a critical role as natural climate shields, protecting coastal communities from erosion, absorbing carbon, and sustaining biodiversity. Through Root for Mangroves, Signature Packaged Drinking Water continues its commitment to conscious living by fostering environmental awareness and translating it into tangible action, proving that culture and sustainability can thrive hand-in-hand.

For Every \$10 Hike In Crude, Import Bill Will Go Up By \$14 Billion

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Amidst tensions in the Middle East, a sustained rise in crude oil prices could sharply inflate India's import bill, with every \$10 per barrel increase adding an estimated \$13-14 billion annually. It can also lead to a spike in inflation. The escalating tensions around the Strait of Hormuz and the wider Middle East conflict threaten a key global energy chokepoint and, by extension, India's energy security, said Prashant Vasishth, Senior Vice President and Co-group Head, Corporate Ratings, ICRA. "For every \$10 of increase in the crude oil price on an average basis,

the annual impact on India's crude oil import bill is about \$13 to \$14 billion. Then the oil marketing companies could see their margins being compressed because of marketing margins being lower. And this could also impact inflation if crude oil prices," he said. About 20-21 million barrels per day—nearly 20 per cent of global petroleum liquids consumption—pass through the Strait of Hormuz. For India, the dependence is substantial: roughly 50 per cent of crude oil imports and 54-55 per cent of LNG supplies transit this route. With both the Strait of Hormuz and the Red Sea corridor currently disrupted due to active hostilities, any prolonged

closure could severely constrain supplies. Alternative routes offer limited relief. While a few pipelines exist, they can handle only a fraction of the volumes that typically pass through the strait. If maritime movement remains unsafe for an extended period, supply shortages could emerge, pushing global crude prices higher. India could attempt to diversify sourcing to regions such as the US, South America or Africa. However, such alternatives come at a cost. Freight rates from the Middle East are typically 40-70 cents per barrel, owing to proximity, whereas shipments from the US can range from \$2.5 to \$4 per barrel, with freight rates themselves.

BAJA SAEINDIA 2026 Concludes Successfully at BVRIT Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The four-day BAJA SAEINDIA 2026 – mBAJA category competitions concluded successfully at B V Raju Institute of Technology (BVRIT), Narsapur, with thrilling final races. Around 1,500 students from 11 states participated, with 51 buggies registered and 32 qualifying for the endurance race. Teams from Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pra-

desh, Delhi, Haryana, and Punjab competed for top honors. The event was inaugurated and the final race flagged off by C.S. Mahender, Additional Superintendent of Police, Medak District, who lauded student participation and sportsmanship. Representatives of Sri Vishnu Educational Society, including Secretary Aditya Vissam and Joint Secretary Sai Sumanth, highlighted the pride of hosting consecutive national competitions in 2024, 2025, and 2026.



Students of MIT World Peace University, Pune; receiving the First prize at the final day of the 19th Edition of the prestigious mBAJA SAEINDIA 2026, Hosted by BAJA SAEINDIA in association with B. V. Raju Institute of Technology, at BV Raju Institute of Technology, Narsapur, Hyderabad, today.

During the valedictory, Dr. Sanjay Dubey, Principal, BVRIT, noted this

marked the college's third time hosting national-level BAJA competitions.

He emphasized the institution's commitment to core engineering educa-

tion and student employability, under the leadership of K. V. Vishnu Raju, Chairman, Sri Vishnu Educational Society. Distinguished guests including Mahesh Babu, Managing Director, Olecra; Dr. G. Nagarajan, President, SAEINDIA; Shuhei Koyen, HIPPI Advisor; and Shrawan Kumar, Bharat Petroleum appreciated the teams and the event's successful organization. Organizing Committee Chairman Balraj Subramanian and Advisor Dr. K.C. Vora expressed gratitude to all

stakeholders, especially BVRIT, for flawless execution. Event Convener Ali Sayed and Joint Convener Dr. Vemula Murali Krishna, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, BVRIT, oversaw smooth conduct of static and dynamic events. Winners of BAJA SAEINDIA 2026: First Prize: MIT World Peace University, Pune – ₹1,50,000 Second Prize: KLE Technological University, Karnataka – ₹1,00,000 Third Prize: D Y Patil

College of Engineering, Kolhapur – ₹75,000 Vehicle Stability (Second Prize): Vishnu Engineering College for Women – ₹20,000 Vehicle Manufacturing Excellence (First Prize): Vishnu Engineering College for Women – ₹40,000 Vehicle Computer Aided Engineering (First Prize): Vishnu Engineering College for Women – ₹30,000 Dr. Muthu Lagu, BVRIT, received the Dronacharya Award – BAJA SAEINDIA 2026 for outstanding mentorship.

String Metaverse Taps Sai Kotha Venkata for Global AI Agents

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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with nearly 19 years of experience managing large-scale, mission-critical systems, will guide the company on technology architecture, AI deployment strategies, and enterprise-scale infrastructure for its AI-native financial platform.

The company plans to establish a Singapore-based entity, led by Executive Director Mr. Krishna Mohan Meenavalli, to develop an "Agentic Workforce Platform" capable of deploying thousands of specialized AI agents globally. Key focus areas

include tokenization of real-world assets, AI-driven risk management, high-frequency trading, capital-efficient automated strategies, agent-to-agent commerce, and autonomous enterprise operations. String Metaverse's Canada-based fintech platform, String Payx, will support global agentic payment rails and programmable transactions. Proposed ownership of the Singapore entity is

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

Vedantu Students Shine in JEE Main 2026 from Andhra Pradesh & Telangana

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Vedantu students from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana delivered outstanding results in JEE Main 2026 Session 1, with 118 students scoring above the 90th percentile. Leading the region's achievers is Sahil B, who secured 99.72 percentile, followed by Bhaskarabatl Sai Aditya (99.51 percentile) and DM Ashwath (99.34 percentile). Overall, three students scored above 99.5 percentile and ten crossed the 99 percentile, reflecting consistent high performance. The results underscore Vedantu's growing academic momentum in the region, where it currently operates 17 Learning Centres across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, now completing their second full academic cycle. These centres leverage Ved, Vedantu's AI-powered personal learning system, to enhance personalised learning. Features such as Smart Clickers allow teachers to track student responses in real time and identify learning gaps in-

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JEE Main 2026 Session 1 Results from Andhra Pradesh & Telangana

99.72 PERCENTILE Sahil B

99.51 PERCENTILE Sai Aditya

99.34 PERCENTILE DM Ashwath

99.15 PERCENTILE Aditya

99.07 PERCENTILE Dhruv

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98.71 PERCENTILE Bhaskarabatl

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98.39 PERCENTILE Aditya

stantly. Outside the classroom, students use Ved AI for customised academic guidance and InstaSolve for 24x7 doubt resolution through questions, videos, notes, and quizzes. "Seeing our students perform at this level is both inspiring and energising," said Anand Prakash, Co-founder & Head of Academics, Vedantu. "These results reflect persistence, discipline, and the strength of our integrated model of technology and teaching excellence." Congratulating students and teachers, Vamsi

Krishna, Co-founder & CEO, Vedantu, added: "These outcomes demonstrate confidence built over years and potential unlocked through mentorship. With continued expansion plans, our goal is to scale personalised learning access across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and India." Vedantu's blend of technology-driven learning and expert mentorship continues to set benchmarks in competitive exam preparation, empowering students to excel at national-level assessments.

Ramadan Energy Boost: Top Sehri Foods

By Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head of Dietetics, Max Healthcare

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Ramadan is a month of reflection, spirituality, and fasting from dawn to dusk. For mothers, students, and working professionals, maintaining energy throughout the day can be challenging. The key lies in a well-planned Sehri with slow-releasing, nutrient-dense foods. Avoid fried or overly sweet items that spike energy temporarily but lead to fatigue and dehydration later. **Top 5 Sehri Foods for**



Sustained Energy:
1. **California Almonds** – Rich in Vitamin B2, E, magnesium, and phosphorus, almonds provide steady energy. Soak overnight or blend into smoothies to maintain consistent energy throughout the day.

2. **Oats** – Packed with complex carbohydrates and fibre, oats release energy slowly, keeping you full and reducing afternoon tiredness. Prepare with milk or plant-based alternatives for added nu-

trition.
3. **Eggs** – High-quality protein and essential amino acids in eggs support muscle health and lasting satiety. Enjoy boiled, scrambled, or in a vegetable omelette.
4. **Greek Yogurt with Seeds** – Protein-rich yogurt paired with chia or flaxseeds adds fibre and healthy fats, promoting digestion and keeping you active.
5. **Bananas** – Natural sugars, potassium, and fibre in bananas provide quick, balanced energy and help maintain electro-

lyte levels during fasting. **Sehri Tips:** Combine complex carbs, protein, healthy fats, and micronutrients for optimal energy. Thoughtful food choices not only support physical activity but also enhance focus, mood, and overall well-being during Ramadan. By choosing nutrient-rich staples like almonds, oats, eggs, yogurt, and bananas, you can enjoy a more energised, active, and comfortable fasting experience.

Vijay-Rashmika Share Their Joy With Fans

The wedding of Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna has captured hearts across India, turning a private milestone into a nationwide celebration. Fondly referred to as "VI-ROSH" by fans, the couple is expressing their joy by sharing it with admirers through a heartwarming initiative: distributing sweets and food across the country on March 1.

Rashmika Mandanna took to social media to express gratitude, affectionately calling fans "the beautiful people of this country." She highlighted how their supporters have been an inseparable part of their love story, adding that celebrating the wedding with them brings immense happiness. Her message resonated



widely, generating an outpouring of love and excitement from fans across India. As part of the celebrations, trucks loaded with sweets and food will travel through multiple states and cities, ensuring that the joy of the VIROSH wedding reaches people far and wide. Free

food distribution programs are also scheduled at various locations, transforming the couple's personal milestone into a shared festival of love and gratitude.

The wedding has already sparked a social media frenzy, with fans posting emotional messages, con-

gratulatory notes, and heartfelt tributes. From Instagram stories to Twitter feeds, the nationwide reaction shows how deeply Vijay and Rashmika's journey has connected with admirers.

By combining their personal celebration with acts of generosity, the couple has made their union a truly inclusive event. The VIROSH wedding is not just about the couple's happiness—it symbolizes the bond they share with fans who have supported them through their careers. Through this gesture, Vijay and Rashmika are ensuring that their special day becomes a collective celebration, remembered not only for their love but also for the warmth and joy they have shared with the nation.

Vishnu Vinyasam Hurriedly Released Amid Leak Threats

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Piracy appears to be making a worrying comeback, once again putting filmmakers under pressure. The makers of the recent film Vishnu Vinyasam were forced to advance its release after facing serious leak threats, revealed lead actor Sree Vishnu. This revelation has shocked many in the industry. Speaking at a promotional event, Sree Vishnu disclosed that the film was leaked when it was only half-complete. "The movie got leaked midway, and the piracy gang that obtained it began blackmailing us. We were constantly on edge. Because of this, we had no choice but to advance the release date, which led to an unexpected clash with other films," he said. The actor also revealed that complaints were filed



with the Film Chamber and Cyber Crime Police. However, the team chose not to make the issue public earlier, believing that publicizing it would only worsen the damage. Producer Sumanth Naidu echoed similar concerns, revealing that the leaked content was circulated via WhatsApp. "When I heard about the leak, my body literally shivered. I worried about my future, especially with my daughter's marriage coming up," he said emotionally. He later added that their son discovered the leak

originated from a unit member who shared the film without properly locking the content, resulting in severe repercussions for the team.

On a lighter note, Sree Vishnu addressed the inside jokes in Vishnu Vinyasam referencing Mythri Movie Makers and Geetha Arts. Clarifying that they were not meant to criticise, he said, "Those jokes are actually praises. I'm doing my next films with their banners anyway, so I treated it as free promotion," he joked.

Renu Desai Slams Netizens for Vulgar Comments, Warns of Legal Action

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Actress and filmmaker Renu Desai, the former wife of actor-politician Pawan Kalyan, has come down heavily on netizens for posting vulgar and demeaning comments against her on social media. In a strongly worded video message, Renu expressed her anger and warned of serious consequences for those crossing the line. React-

ing to obscene messages such as, "What is your rate for a night?", Renu said she was deeply disturbed and questioned how people could stoop so low. "I was in Kashi, wearing devi robes and fully covered. How dare you ask such disgusting questions about someone dressed like that?" she fumed.

Calling out the mindset behind such comments, Renu added that people who do not even have



money for their next meal are shamelessly asking her such questions online. "This is not right. Stop this nonsense immediately," she warned. Renu clarified that she is a normal citizen and urged fans and social media users to keep their comments within limits. "Just because I work in films doesn't give anyone the right to make nasty remarks. Having a phone doesn't give you unlimited freedom," she said.

The actress also revealed that she plans to approach the police and lodge a formal complaint to curb this growing negativity and harassment on social media. She went on to issue a stern warning, saying she would not hesitate to confront offenders by reaching out to their families and asking them if this is how they raised their sons. "I am not an MLA or a government servant, and I have no con-

nection to you. Many people on social media are frustrated, unhappy, and deeply depressed—both men and women. How easily people hate others without any reason," she remarked. Renu concluded by stating that no one has the right or basic decency to post such vulgar comments and urged her friends and fellow women to also approach the police to put an end to this toxic behaviour online.

South Africa Beat Plucky Zimbabwe Ahead Of New Zealand Semi-final

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

South Africa survived a brilliant all-round show by Zimbabwe captain Sikandar Raza to record a five-wicket win Sunday that means they remained unbeaten at the T20 World Cup ahead of a semi-final against New Zealand on Wednesday. After Zimbabwe scored 153-7 in New Delhi, South Africa survived an early wobble. Dewald Brevis hit 42 off 18 balls as the 2024 runners-up reached 154-5 in 17.5 overs.

"It's exciting. Really exciting. A semi-final in Kolkata against New Zealand," said South Africa captain Aiden Markram. "The boys will be up for it. It's still 40 overs of good cricket needed and we need to give it that respect." Raza, who was named



player of the match, earlier hit 73 and then took 3-29 with his off-spin for Zimbabwe, who had stunned Australia and co-hosts Sri Lanka in the group stage to reach the Super Eights.

"My immediate reflection is that I shouldn't be here. I've never got a man of the match for losing the game, but I can hold my head high," said Raza. "The way the boys have played the whole tournament, I know we took a bit of beating in the previous two games,

but I think with each beating came a valuable lesson. I think we have improved with every game that we have played." Raza struck on the third ball of the South African chase to send back Quinton de Kock caught behind for a duck.

Raza bowled Markram for four in the next over. Ryan Rickelton was hit on the helmet by a bouncer from Brad Evans and took five minutes to recover. He then lifted Evans for two

straight sixes in the next over before the bowler had him caught for 31. Brevis and David Miller, who hit 22, put on 50 before two more quick strikes from Zimbabwe. Blessing Muzarabani dismissed Miller and Raza removed Brevis. Tristan Stubbs (21) and George Linde (30) then put on an unbeaten 53 to steer their side to the target. After choosing to bat, Zimbabwe lost the in-form opener Brian Bennett, who hit an unbeaten 97 in the defeat by India, for 15. Raza reached his fifty off 29 balls before falling to left-arm Kwena Maphaka, caught by Miller off a leading edge. Clive Madande boosted the total with 26 not out off 20 balls at the end. Maphaka took 2-21 from his four overs and Corbin Bosch 2-40.

Secret Missile Sanju Takes India To Semis

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

Sanju Samson steered India into the semifinals of the T20 World Cup with an innings to remember on Sunday night. The opener's unbeaten 97 weighed much more than a ton and tore down the West Indian total of 195 for 4 that had looked scary and threatened to knock India out of the competition. Samson dropped anchor and built crucial stands with his mates right down the order before seeing India through to the Last Four stage, in which they will play England in Mumbai on Thursday. His 50-ball knock contained 12 boundaries and four sixes.

It was fitting that the batter from 'God's Own Country' did it at the Eden Gardens, which turned India's paradise. Kerala's Sanju crafted an innings that held



India together, steadied the ship before it cruised into the knockout stage of the tournament. The City of Joy simply erupted. Samson was Eden's Adam. The 31-year-old was ice cool even as the team suffered setbacks in the form of wickets. He first put on a 58-run stand with skipper Suryakumar Yadav (18) for the third wicket after the hosts had slipped to 41 for 2. Samson then raised 42 for the fourth wicket with Tilak Varma (27) which sta-

bilised the innings before a 38-run partnership with Hardik Pandya (17) put the hosts within touching distance before sealing the five-wicket win with a six and a four in the last over. Earlier, the West Indies rode on fine stands in the opening and closing stages of their innings to post a near-200 total. They were also helped by some poor fielding from the hosts who dropped three catches and conceded 11 extras (including 10 wayward wides).

Openers Shai Hope and Roston Chase put on 68 for the first wicket to lay the platform before Rovman Powell and Jason Holder were involved in a stand of 76 for the unbroken fifth wicket to propel the Caribbeans to a big total.

Powell and Holder turned the heat on India with some fierce hitting, slamming 70 in the last five overs. The 16th over bowled by Arshdeep proved too costly for India as 24 runs came off it — Powell showed scant respect for the left-arm pacer, thumping him for two sixes and a boundary. No.5 Powell powered 34 off just 19 balls, smashing three boundaries and two sixes while Holder's 37 came off 22 deliveries, two of which went crashing to the boundary and three sailed comfortably over it.

AIMIM chief slams Khamenei assassination as unlawful, immoral act



All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) President Asaduddin Owaisi strongly condemned the assassination of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, calling it an immoral and unlawful act. Owaisi took to X to express his condolences and questioned the timing of the attacks, noting that Iran-US talks were underway in Geneva.

He said, "Trump-Israel's attacks on Iran are absolutely condemnable. More than 200 people have died, including 108 in a girls' school strike." He urged that all attacks on Iran be stopped immediately.

Addressing the ongoing Pakistan-Afghanistan conflict, Owaisi criticized both nations' actions, stating, "Israel's attack on Iran and Pakistan's on Afghanistan show that Israel and Pakistan are forces of aggression and mischief in their respective neighbourhoods."

The AIMIM chief also invoked the words of poet Mohammed Iqbal, quoting: "Mout Ki Lekin Dil-e-Dana Ko Kuch Parwa Nahin, Shab Ki Khamoshi Mein Juz Hangama-e-Farda Nahin. Mout Ko Samjhe Hain Ghafil, Ikhtitam-e-Zindagi Hai Ye, Sham-e-Zindagi, Subah-e-Dawam-e-Zindagi." Owaisi's comments come amid heightened regional tensions and underscore his call for restraint and dialogue.

City Mourns Martyrdom of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

People from all religions and castes mourn the martyrdom of Ayatollah Khamenei in Hyderabad



Security tightened at US, Israel diplomatic offices in Hyderabad amid protest fears

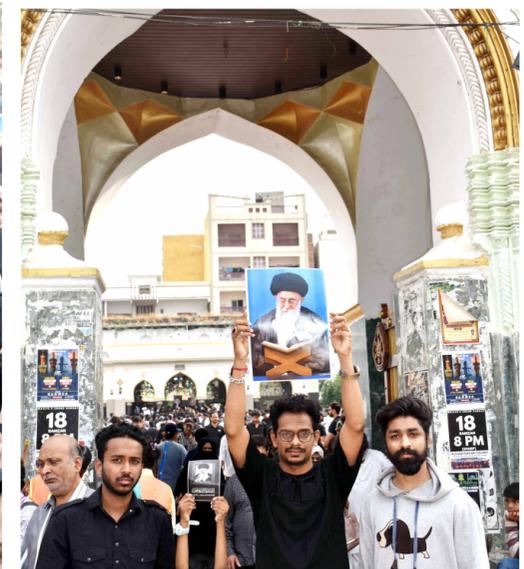
The central intelligence agencies on Sunday, March 1, sounded an alert and asked the states and Union Territories to scale up security around the diplomatic offices of the United States, Britain and Israel across the country, including Hyderabad. The alert was issued anticipating protests in view of the killing of the Supreme leader of Iran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and the bombing of cities in Iran by US and Israel forces since Saturday, February 28. Additional security measures were initiated in New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, and other cities. In Hyderabad, the police beefed up the security at the US Consulate Hyderabad at Nanakramguda. Additional police personnel were deployed outside the consulate building to prevent any untoward incidents.

The higher officers of the Cyberabad police visited the building and reviewed the security arrangements inside and outside the building. The additional security arrangement follows a big protest in the Old City of Hyderabad on Sunday afternoon.

HYDERABAD

Wakeup telangana

Thousands of people from multiple communities joined a protest rally organized by Tanzeem-e-Jaffery in Hyderabad's Old City on Sunday, mourning the reported martyrdom of Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, in alleged US and Israel airstrikes. Hundreds of Shia Muslims gathered near Purani Haveli, raising slogans against the United States and Israel while expressing grief and solidarity. The demonstration remained peaceful, with mourners offering prayers and paying tribute. Police were deployed to maintain law and order. Local social worker Syed Saleem, who described himself as Khamenei's "biggest fan and follower," addressed the crowd, saying, "Ayatollah Khamenei is not dead. He lives on in our hearts," drawing loud cheers from attendees. Members of the Shia, Sunni, and Punjabi communities also took part, praising Khamenei as a "great leader" and a "true Muslim" who stood firm against America and Israel. The rally highlighted cross-community support and the strong reverence for Khamenei



among local residents, with participants calling for unity and continued remembrance of the Iranian leader. By evening, people also congregated along Mir Alam Road, where traffic movement was disrupted due to the gathering. Thousands later participated in a candlelight march after dusk, paying tribute to the Shia leader. Reacting to the incident, Dr Nisar Hussain Hyder Agha of All India Shia Majalis-e-Ulema-Wa-Zakireen said the killing symbolised extreme oppression and cruelty, calling it a historic turning point and stating that those responsible would not es-

cape justice. Leaders from All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) also expressed solidarity. AIMIM MLA Mir Zulfeqar Ali stated that Israel would face consequences and said that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would be held accountable for his actions. He also claimed that former US President Donald Trump and Netanyahu would ultimately fail in their objectives. Meanwhile, police authorities maintained heightened vigilance across sensitive areas of the Old City to ensure law and order, deploying additional personnel and closely monitoring the situation.



Hundreds of people gathered in Darushifa on Sunday to protest following reports of the martyrdom of Iran's Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei. The protest was attended by Kul Hind Tanzeem-e-Alavi President Advocate Mir Qurram Ali, AIMIM MLC Riyazuddin Hassan Affendi, BRS leader Mohd Lateef Sharfeen, Fasal Khan, Advocate Rayaz Mansoori, Ahmed Ali, and other prominent

TGSRTC reduces fares for Metro Deluxe and AC Metro buses

The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has decided to reduce fares by Rs 5-10 for Metro Deluxe and AC Metro buses to improve occupancy levels. The revised fares will be applicable for three months starting from March 1.

"As the Mahalakshmi scheme is not applicable to these buses, and the fares are slightly higher, people are reluctant to choose them, we have introduced the fare reductions to see if occupancy levels improve. Further decisions will be taken based on the response," TGSRTC's Chief Traffic Manager Sridevi told.

Fares for journeys up to 2 km will remain the same at Rs 15 for Metro Deluxe and Rs 20 for AC Metro while fares for longer journeys will be reduced by Rs 5-10. The revised fares are expected to benefit thousands of commuters in the summer months.



Hundreds of people gathered in Nampally on Sunday midnight to protest following reports of the martyrdom of Iran's Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei. The protest was led by Nampally MLA Majid Hussain, MLC Riyazuddin Hassan Affendi, along with several MIM workers, and saw the participation of a large number of youth.

Satpal Singh Khalsa Praises Khamenei

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad witnessed a large protest with members of Shia, Sunni, and Punjabi communities expressing their views following reports of Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's death.

During the gathering near Purani Haveli, Satpal Singh Khalsa, a member of the Punjabi community, praised Khamenei as a "great leader" and a "true Muslim" who stood firm



against the United States and Israel. He described the Iranian leader as a role model who "never bowed down to America and Israel" and accepted mar-

tyrdom with courage. Satpal, a lifelong believer of Ahlulbayt (a.s.), comes from a family that has long observed traditions linked to Ashoorkhan, with his parents performing mannat (prayers) for his birth. He noted the family's deep respect and strong ties to Shia communities. The protest highlighted solidarity among Hyderabad's diverse religious communities in expressing their opinions on international events affecting the

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