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India Concerned Over Civilian Deaths in Lebanon

India is "deeply concerned" by reports of civilian casualties in Lebanon, the Indian foreign ministry said on Friday, two days after Israel's worst bombardment in its war with Lebanon killed more than 300 people. Israel invaded Lebanon last month in pursuit of Hezbollah after the group

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Bihar Assembly Gets Bomb Threat, Search Underway: Police

The Bihar Legislative Assembly on Friday received a bomb threat through email, police said. Speaking to PTI, Sachivalay-1 Sub-divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Anu Kumari said, "We received information that an email containing bomb threat was received by Bihar Legislative Assembly officials. Police are thoroughly inspecting the premises." Bomb and dog squad teams have been deployed, and an intensive search is underway, she said. The assembly had received a similar threat on March 13, which, however, turned out to be a hoax.



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Congress Links Women Bill Timing With State Polls

NEW DELHI
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The Congress on Friday launched a sharp attack on the BJP-led government, accusing it of attempting to push through far-reaching electoral and constitutional changes under the cover of women's reservation while subordinating both democratic norms and national interest to electoral expediency. Signalling an aggressive political pushback, the Congress announced that it will convene a meeting of the Opposition parties to forge a united strategy ahead of the upcoming Parliament session. From warning of "grave consequences" of a hurried delimitation exercise to flagging concerns over India's foreign policy direction amid global tensions, the Opposition party outlined a multi-pronged offensive at the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting as key legislative and political battles loom. Chairing a meeting, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge accused the government of convening a special Parliament sitting be-



tween April 16 and 18 with the "sole intention" of deriving political mileage. He alleged that the proposed constitutional amendment Bill was being pushed in "utmost haste" to enable the BJP to claim credit ahead of ongoing Assembly elections, particularly in politically crucial states. At the centre of the political storm was the BJP government's proposed roadmap to implement the women's reservation law alongside a sweeping delimitation exercise that could alter India's electoral architecture. Kharge alleged that the move to link women's reservation with delimitation and expansion of legislative seats was being rushed through without adequate consultation, warning that

such steps could have "profound" and "long-term" consequences for the country's democratic framework. The Congress fears that the proposed changes, reportedly including a 50 per cent increase in Lok Sabha seats from 543 to 816, with 273 reserved for women, are being advanced without transparency. Kharge pointed out that the Opposition has not received any formal proposal from the government and had instead had to rely on public statements and writings, including those by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to piece together the plan. Calling delimitation a matter requiring "very deep deliberation", Kharge warned that re-

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Delimitation Will Make Southern States Irrelevant, Says Revanth

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday said he had conveyed his serious concern over the BJP-led government at the Centre's proposal on delimitation of constituencies to increase Lok Sabha seats by 50 per cent uniformly across all states. Speaking at the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting held in New Delhi, Revanth Reddy said such a move could be politically disadvantageous to southern states. In an informal chat with mediapersons after the CWC meeting, Revanth Reddy termed the proposal as "anti-South India" and cautioned that it could allow non-southern states to determine who comes to power at the Centre, leaving southern states with a diminished role. Revanth Reddy said southern states were already suffering financially due to reduced grants from the Centre and warned that the latest delimitation formula would result in political losses as well. "The delimitation formula is discriminatory. It is in favour

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BJP Promises Fish, UCC For W. Bengal

Offers monthly allowance to women, jobless

KOLKATA
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Union home minister Amit Shah on Friday unveiled BJP's Sankalp Patra (manifesto) with 15 promises, titled Bhoy Noy Bhorosa (Support, Not Fear), to target the three term-rule Trinamul Congress for the April 23 and 29 West Bengal elections. The list of 15 Bhorosar Shopoth (pledges of support) includes Uniform Civil Code (UCC) implementation, modernisation of fisheries to connect with Bengalis' fascination for Machh-Bhat (fish and rice), a ₹3,000 monthly allowance each for the women and unemployed which are double of what TMC has started providing, and eviction of infiltrators, a key agenda of the BJP.

Among others were White Paper on corruption and law and order breakdown under 15-year-rule TMC, end of syndicate and "cut-money" culture, one crore new jobs, clearance of dearness allowance and 7th pay



commission for state government employees, women safety and empowerment with 33 per cent reservation in government jobs, rejuvenation of old tea gardens and a Vande Mataram museum. Reading out them at the launch, Shah compared the TMC-rule with kaal ratri (dark night) and duh swapna (bad dreams) and hoped for its end this time. Urging the voters to exercise their rights without fear, he also sounded confident about BJP getting an 'absolute majority' to form government. On the UCC plan, the Union home minister said, "It will be implemented within six months after BJP comes to power here so that all citizens will come under the same law." Asked to explain, he said, "Our Constitution respects each and every

religion. But tell me which one is appeasement — if a man marries four times or a man marries once? UCC ends appeasement. It is the recommendation of the Constitution, not ours. Irrespective of what Mamataji does, UCC will be implemented wherever BJP is in power in the country." Shah also vowed to turn Bengal into Ram Rajya after BJP formed government, saying, "This concept of good governance was proposed by Mahatma Gandhi himself during the freedom struggle. If Mamata didi can not even implement it, she should not worry because she does not have time left in her hand. From May 5, we will ensure Ram Rajya is established here." He assured that the state would have a robust son of the soil as the Chief Minister from his party but did not disclose the name. Taking a potshot at the speculation about the succession plan in the TMC, the Union home minister observed, "We aren't a dynastic party.

Telangana Is A Maoist-Free State: DGP

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Director-General of Police B. Shivadhar Reddy on Friday said that Telangana was now a Maoist-free state, following the surrender of 42 cadres, and appealed to the top Maoist Muppala Laxman Rao alias Ganapathi to lay down arms and surrender. Speaking at the press conference, the DGP announced that 42 Maoist cadre members surrendered before the Telangana police along with 36 firearms and 800 grams of gold, among them Sodi Malla, alias Keshal or Nikhil, in-charge of the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PGLA), and a member of the Dandakaranya special zonal committee (DKSZC). "Out of the total 42 surrendered cadres, 21 were from the PGLA, 11 from the Telangana State Committee (TSC) and 10 from the DKSZC," the DGP said. While 41 of the surrendered Maoists were from Chhattisgarh, 23-year-old Kunjam Idumal alias Mahendar belongs to Telangana's Mulugu district. "After the surrender of all the leaders of the Maoists' Telangana state committee, the remaining cadre have been



neutralised, and the TSC of Maoists no longer exists," the DGP said. "Telangana is now totally free from the armed formations of Maoists." "In 2023, we had 125 Telangana-native Maoists across different positions. Now, there are five members. Ganapathi, central committee member Pasanuri Narahari alias Santosh, state committee members Jade Ratna Bai alias Sujatha and Vartha Shekhar alias Mangthu and area committee member Rangaboina Bhagya alias Rupi are active. I am appealing to them to lay down their arms, surrender and join the civil society", the DGP added.

Voter Lists Shrink by 6 Crore After SIR in 12 States,

The combined voters' list of nine states and three Union territories has shrunk by nearly 6.08 crore following the completion of the SIR exercise on Friday. Now, following Uttar Pradesh coming out with its final electoral roll, the second phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voters' lists has been completed. The final electoral rolls of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Puducherry, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Goa have been published.

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AIMIM Ends Alliance with Kabir's Party, To Contest Bengal Polls Solo

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The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimceen (AIMIM) on Friday severed its ties with Humayun Kabir's Aam Janata Unnayan Party (AJUP) after a viral video purportedly showed him demanding money from the BJP to split Muslim votes for the West Bengal Assembly elections. The MIM said it will now



contest the West Bengal Assembly elections alone. The controversy began after the Trinamul Congress leaked two sting videos showing AJUP founder Humayun Kabir purportedly demanding ₹1,000 crore from the BJP to "fool the Muslims" to

split their votes. The overnight development came as a major boost for TMC as the alliance was forged to target its Muslim vote-bank in Murshidabad and other districts apparently to help BJP in the polls. This was also the ruling party's first pre-poll strike against its opposition. The AIMIM in a post on its social media handle said the remarks attributed to Kabir raised concerns over the dignity and integrity of Muslims and that it could not be associated with such statements. "Humayun Kabir's revelations have shown how vulnerable Bengal's Muslims are. That AIMIM cannot associate with any statements where integrity of Muslims is brought into question. As of today, AIMIM has withdrawn its alliance with Kabir's party. Bengal's Muslims are one of the poorest,

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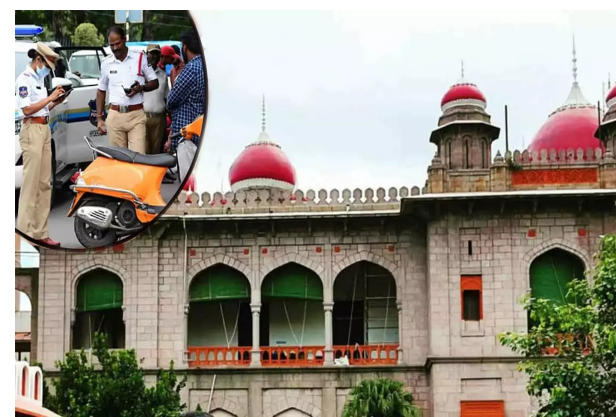
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Drunk Driving Gives No Right To Cops To Seize Or Detain Vehicles: HC

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The Telangana High Court has once again clarified that police authorities do not have the power to seize or detain vehicles solely on the ground that the driver was found under the influence of alcohol. In 2021, the High Court had laid down comprehensive guidelines governing police action in drunk driving cases. The court had made it clear that while a person found

intoxicated must not be allowed to drive, the vehicle itself could not be seized merely on that ground. Justice E.V. Venugopal was on Friday dealing with a writ petition filed by Jangati Vijay, who sought the release of his SUV seized by the Alwal traffic police on July 10, 2025. The vehicle was taken into custody after the driver, identified as Sai, allegedly drove it in a drunken condition. Immaneni Rama Rao, petitioner's counsel, con-



tended that the seizure was illegal and contrary to the legal position settled by the High Court and the guidelines laid down by the apex court.

He argued that the police lacked authority to seize vehicles in such circumstances and sought the release of the vehicle. The state submitted that

the driver was involved in more than three drunk driving cases and that the petitioner had knowingly allowed him to use the vehicle. It was pointed out that neither the petitioner nor the driver had approached the authorities with relevant documents since the vehicle was taken into custody. After hearing both sides, the court relied on the 2021 judgment, which laid down comprehensive guidelines governing how the police must

deal with drunk driving cases. The court emphasised that if a sober and licensed person was present, the vehicle should be handed over to such an individual. In cases where no such person was available, the police may temporarily keep the vehicle in safe custody. The vehicle must be released to the owner or an authorised person upon production of valid documents such as a registration certificate, identity proof, and a driving licence.

'Revanth Reddy must go, KCR must return,' says T Jeevan Reddy

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Former Minister T Jeevan Reddy attacked the Congress government alleging centralised power, failure to deliver on key promises, and a growing disconnect with public sentiment. He held the Congress high command responsible for the situation. Speaking to the media after an extended meeting with BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao, Jeevan Reddy said the Congress high command had lost its grip over Telangana, with decision-making concentrated in the hands of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. "Earlier, Chief Ministers functioned in line with the PCC. Now, the PCC merely implements what the Chief Minister dictates," he remarked, describing the current functioning as unilateral and dictatorial. Intensifying his attack on the Congress government, Jeevan



Reddy criticised it over its failure to ensure employment to youth. "They promised three lakh jobs in two years including two lakh in the first year and one lakh in the second. They claimed to have filled over 67,000 posts, but only about 17,000 jobs have been delivered under Congress rule. What happened to the rest?" he asked. The former Minister accused the Congress government of not releasing its 25 per cent share and wasting Rs 278 crore released by the Centre towards SC and ST fee reimbursement. "Now, students and their parents from marginalised sections are

being forced to pay fees. Isn't it the government's failure?" he asked. He said the Congress government failed to fulfil its electoral assurances, leading to growing public disillusionment. As a result, he said a slogan was gaining traction among people. "Revanth Reddy must go, KCR must return," he added. Clarifying his political move, Jeevan Reddy said his decision to join the BRS was driven by public interest rather than personal ambition. "If my intention was to secure posts, I could have joined BRS long ago when the party was in power and KCR extended the invitation in 2014 itself. Instead, I became the sole voice of the Congress in the Legislative Council. But now, I am joining to fight for the people because Congress has failed to honour its promises," he asserted, pointing out that he was quitting the ruling party to join the opposition. The senior leader who recently

ended his decades-long association with the Congress, also accused the Telangana Congress leadership of mishandling internal issues and shifting blame onto the All India Congress Committee (AICC). "TPCC ignored issues raised by me within the party forums and now is trying to blame AICC which is wrong. If I received the party ticket 14 times, it was because of my own capability, but not at the mercy of the State Congress leaders," he declared. Jeevan Reddy indicated that he would soon organise a public meeting in Jagtial to formalise his entry into the BRS. He also predicted significant political changes in the coming months, citing a clear shift in public mood against the ruling party. While sharply critical, he added that the Congress government should at least utilise its remaining tenure to work in the public interest, rather than attacking those raising voices for the people.

Doma Parameshwar Appointed as DCC General Secretary of Mahbubnagar

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In a significant move to strengthen the party's grassroots presence, Sri Doma Parameshwar Garu has been officially appointed as the General Secretary of the District Congress Committee (DCC), Mahbubnagar. The appointment order has brought a wave of enthusiasm among the party cadre. Known for his dedicated service and strong leadership, Parameshwar Garu is expected to play a crucial role in the upcoming organizational activities. Speaking on the occasion, he ex-



pressed his gratitude to the party leadership and vowed to work tirelessly for the welfare of the people of Mahbubnagar. Local leaders and supporters congratulated him on this new responsibility, calling it a well-deserved recognition of his hard work.

Cooling Water Facility Inaugurated at Bommalamaram Office

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In view of the rising summer temperatures, a cooling drinking water facility (Chalivendram) was inaugurated at the Bommalamaram Mandal Parishad office to provide relief to the public visiting the premises. The facility was inaugurated under the supervision of MPDO D. Shyamala. A large number of people visit the office daily for their personal and official works and are often exposed to the scorching heat. Keeping their convenience in mind, arrangements have been made to provide safe and cool



drinking water within the office premises. Speaking on the occasion, MPDO D. Shyamala stated that providing basic amenities to the public is a priority and ensuring access to drinking water during the summer season is essential. She urged visitors to make use of the facility.

Sri Ganesh Urges Congress Leaders Prioritize Service Over Status

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Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh convened a meeting with newly appointed members of the Secunderabad District Congress Committee (DCC) at his residence on Friday, emphasizing grassroots strengthening and party unity. The interaction followed the recent appointments finalized by the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee, bringing together a mix of experienced leaders and emerging organizers. Among those



present were Nagineni Saritha (District Spokesperson), Balwanth Reddy (Vice President), Dhana-lakshmi (General Secretary), and district secretaries Murali, Kiran, Hari Krishna, and Sunil. Congratulating the appointees, Sri Ganesh un-

derlined that leadership roles demand accountability and dedication rather than symbolic status. He urged them to prioritize cadre welfare and remain committed to strengthening the party at the grassroots level. Outlining a clear strategy,

the MLA highlighted the importance of coordination between district and booth-level workers, collective action to address public concerns, and focused leadership to support Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Reinforcing the Congress party's people-centric approach, Sri Ganesh called on leaders to stay accessible and responsive. The newly appointed members assured their full commitment, pledging to actively work towards organizational growth and public service.

Hyderabad Plans Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel 150th Anniversary Celebrations

HYDERABAD
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Bharat Bharati organized a high-level preparatory meeting in Secunderabad on Friday to plan grand celebrations for the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, scheduled for May 31, 2026, in Hyderabad. The meeting, held at Taj Tri Star from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, focused on strategic planning, coordination, and collaboration to ensure a large-scale and meaningful tribute to the "Iron Man of India," whose historic role in uni-



fying the nation continues to inspire generations. Vinay Patrale, Working President of Bharat Bharati, emphasized the importance of commemorating Patel's legacy with dignity, national pride, and wide-

spread public participation. Speakers also highlighted that Hyderabad's integration into the Indian Union through Operation Polo remains a defining chapter, reflecting Patel's firm and decisive leadership.

Coordinator Sanjay Ganathe stated that the initiative aims to honor Patel with the respect and scale he truly deserves, ensuring that his contributions reach younger generations. The meeting was attended by Chief Guest Ramchandra Rao along with key participants including Virender Goud, Ram Krishna, Vijay Surana, Ale Bhaskar, and other Bharat Bharati members, all expressing strong commitment to making the anniversary celebrations a grand success.

Valmiki Nagar Row: Ambedkar Statue Removal Sparks Outrage



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Tensions flared in Valmiki Nagar after Cantonment Board officials allegedly removed the statue of B. R. Ambedkar during a late-night operation, triggering protests and sharp reactions from the Dalit community. State SC/ST Commission Chairman Bakkinna Venkataiah inspected the site and directed officials to reinstall the statue at its original location by Monday, warning of strict action under the SC/ST (Prevention of

Atrocities) Act if they fail to comply. He also ordered the police to conduct an immediate inquiry. Residents and local organizations staged protests, raising slogans of "Jai Bhim" and submitting a memorandum to the Cantonment Board demanding urgent action. With the CEO unavailable, the petition was handed over to the Office Superintendent. Protesters termed the removal an attack on dignity and constitutional values. The statue, installed years ago with community consent, had stood without controversy. Locals alleged it was removed without notice under the cover of darkness, leaving the area tense. The community has demanded immediate reinstatement, criminal action against those responsible, and a public apology, warning of intensified agitation if ignored.

Drinking Water Vending Machine Lies Idle at Sangareddy Collectorate



An Aqua Pure drinking water vending machine installed at the District Collectorate premises for public convenience has remained non-functional and locked for a long time, causing serious inconvenience to visitors. Every day, hundreds of people visit the Collectorate for various official and personal works, including applications, grievance submissions, certificates, and other administrative services. Many of them come from rural areas and spend long hours waiting in queues under the open sky. With the arrival of peak summer in April, temperatures have begun to soar, making access to safe drinking water not just a necessity but a basic requirement. In such extreme weather conditions, lack of drinking water facilities can lead to dehydration, fatigue, and even health complications, particularly among elderly visitors, women, and children. Visitors expressed concern that the drinking water vending machine, which was installed to ensure clean and affordable water, is lying unused behind locked grills. They pointed out that during the scorching heat, even a small facility like this can provide great relief and comfort to the public.

Appeal for Resolution of RTC Workers' Issues

HYDERABAD
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All Faiz Welfare Society President Jahangir Baba has expressed happiness over the recent Dearness Allowance (DA) hike for RTC employees and thanked the State Chief Minister and Transport Minister for the decision. At the same time, he urged the Central and State Governments to resolve the long-pending issues of RTC workers on a priority basis. Speaking at a meeting held on Friday at the society's district office, he



said RTC employees are facing severe financial difficulties due to low salaries. He demanded the merger of TG RTC with the government to ensure better job security and service conditions. He also called for implementation of an 8-hour duty system, increase in

Telangana increments, and immediate release of pending dues including PRC arrears for 2021-2025. He further demanded regularization of contract employees and revival of RTC workers' unions. Jahangir Baba stressed promotions for employees who completed 25 years of service and requested special attention to RTC workers. He also sought tax exemption for RTC as a public service organization. Society secretary Mohammad Yacoob, Mahaboob Ali, and others attended the meeting.

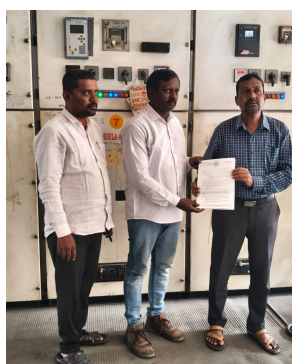
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Power Infrastructure Issues Raised With Officials

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Acting under the leadership of Mynampalli Hanumantha Rao, a delegation on Saturday submitted a representation to the Electrical DE and SE of the Moulali Electrical Division seeking urgent action on power infrastructure problems affecting several colonies in the Malkajgiri area. The team urged officials to replace overhead electric wires passing above residential houses and remove old, rusted iron poles, installing new poles in their place. They explained that the existing poles are not aligned with



the newly constructed CC roads, causing obstacles and delays in ongoing development works. The issue particularly concerns areas in Kourkour, including Harijan Basti, Mahadevpur, Kindhi Basti, and Bharat Nagar in the 189 Division

of Yaprul. Residents have been facing inconvenience due to outdated infrastructure and the misalignment of electric poles with the new road layouts. On the occasion, Mynampalli Hanumantha Rao submitted a formal letter and also held a direct discussion with the Electrical DE and SE, requesting them to complete the required works before the onset of the monsoon season. Senior Malkajgiri Congress leader and social activist Tudimella Mallikarjun, along with Kiran and Raj Kumar, were also present during the representation.

Bandi Vinay Targets Blackmail Rackets in Kukatpally

HYDERABAD
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Social activist Bandi Vinay has issued a stern warning to extortionists operating in Moosapet and Kukatpally, urging landlords and developers to resist blackmail and approach legal authorities directly. He announced that he would escalate the issue to vigilance and enforcement agencies if the harassment does not stop immediately. Highlighting a rise in complaints, Vinay said



local middlemen and self-styled "fixers" are exploiting property owners by offering illegal "protection" from civic authorities or threatening to file complaints over alleged violations. He warned

that such tactics are causing financial loss and unnecessary legal complications for innocent citizens. Calling for awareness, Vinay advised developers not to succumb to fear. "Educated citizens must rely on legal channels. Submit representations to the GHMC Zonal Commissioner and file police complaints instead of paying money to these intermediaries," he said. Taking the matter forward, Vinay confirmed

that he is submitting a formal complaint regarding activities in Moosapet and Kukatpally circles. He also issued a direct challenge to those involved, stating that he is committed to eliminating such networks. Reaffirming his stance, Vinay said he would involve Special Operations Teams and vigilance authorities to ensure strict action, emphasizing zero tolerance toward organized extortion targeting the public.

Lakes, Roads, Parks In City Get Facelift

The lakes in Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) are getting a facelift with tenders floated to remove water hyacinth from all lakes. Ensuring proper functioning of the underground drainage system will also be taken up to prevent pollution. In addition to preventing sewage, solid waste dumping into lakes and drains will also be stopped, according to CMC officials. Other works proposed include addressing potholes and patchwork on the main road connecting Medchal Highway to Ayodhya crossroads, and clearance of litter on both sides of the Medchal Circle stretch along the National Highway. The CMC has also begun identifying large open spaces for the development of outdoor sports complexes and theme parks. An inspection was carried out on Friday with sites in Medchal Circle being examined.

Pranam Day Care Centre: A Haven for Senior Citizens in Sangareddy

HYDERABAD
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A dedicated space for the well-being and social engagement of elderly citizens, the Pranam Day Care Centre in Sangareddy district is emerging as a model initiative, offering care, companionship, and health support for people aged above 60 years. Pranaam centre established on January 12, 2026, at the premises of Mahila Praangam in Sangareddy, the Pranaam Day Care Centre provides a safe and welcoming environment exclusively for senior citizens. The centre operates daily from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and witnesses an encouraging footfall of around 50 elderly visitors every day. The initiative, jointly organized by the Red Cross and the State Government department, aims to promote healthy aging



by creating a space where senior citizens can spend their time productively while also enjoying social interaction. Speaking to Wakeup Telangana Bureau, Mr Gattu Ravinder, a retired employee, appreciated the initiative, stating that the centre serves as an excellent platform for senior citizens to come together, interact, and overcome loneliness. The centre provides nutritious and traditional food items such as Raagi Jaava, Murruma Mix, and Ambali to participants during morning and evening

hours, ensuring their dietary needs are met with a focus on health. In addition to food, the facility offers access to all major newspapers, encouraging reading habits among the elderly. Separate rooms have been arranged for indoor games and recreational activities including chess, carroms, and table tennis, promoting both mental agility and physi-

cal activity. Healthcare support is another key feature, with regular medical check-ups available for attendees. The centre is efficiently managed by a dedicated team, including Superintendent Deepa, Nurse Sharrada, Multi-Task Staff member Jai Sree, and Cook Supriya, who ensure smooth daily operations and care for the visitors. Overall, the Pranaam Day Care Centre stands as a commendable initiative, significantly contributing to the welfare and happiness of senior citizens in the Sangareddy district.

BRS lodges complaint seeking action against alleged encroachment of 373 acres in Nadargul

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The BRS leaders lodged a formal complaint with Rangareddy district authorities, alleging encroachment of 373 acres of government land in Nadargul. A delegation led by BRS deputy floor leader P Sabitha Indra Reddy met Additional Collector Chandra Reddy at the Collector's office and sought action against alleged illegal encroachments by Congress leaders in Survey No. 673. In their complaint, the BRS leaders said that the alleged government land, which nearly 600 farmers have been cultivating for several generations, was being encroached upon, with bouncers and private personnel restricting access. They also alleged destruction of borewells,



eviction of cultivators, and erection of corrugated sheet structures on the land against which a case was currently pending in the Supreme Court. Despite complaints to local officials, including the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), they said no action was initiated. Addressing the media on the occasion, Sabitha Indra Reddy pointed to a surge in land encroachments under the present Congress government. She said even after the High Court and the Su-

preme Court recognised the land as government-owned, the authorities concerned failed to initiate action against alleged violations. MLC Dasoju Sravan suspected a collusion between officials and the Congress leaders to claim stakes in the government lands worth Rs 7,000 crore. He also accused real estate companies, belonging to the family of Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, of active involvement in the encroachments.

Kavitha alleges massive irregularities in GHMC, warns of ED complaint

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Telangana Jagruti President Kalvakuntla Kavitha launched a strong attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, alleging large-scale corruption in GHMC and HMDA through nomination-based contracts, bypassing the mandatory tender system. She stated that contracts worth over ₹1,148 crore have been allotted to close associates without transparency, violating financial rules. Kavitha demanded that all such contracts be scrapped immediately and future works be carried out strictly through open tenders. Highlighting labour issues, she alleged that thousands of skilled workers are being underpaid, with salaries reduced from ₹23,000 to ₹13,000, calling it a serious injustice. She also accused officials of corruption in plantation works, procurement, and civic activities. Kavitha



further alleged that HMDA lands worth ₹35,000 crore were sold without contributing to Hyderabad's development, while real estate developers are being pressured to pay illegal commissions. She warned that if this "blackmail and extortion" does not stop, her party will approach the Enforcement Directorate with evidence. On the Kaleshwaram project, she said repairs should benefit farmers, not serve as a means for commissions, and accused the government of neglecting irrigation, leading to drying up of vast agricultural lands. Criticizing the BJP's approach to the Women's Reservation Bill, Kavitha said using

2011 census data is unfair and demanded implementation only after the 2027 census, along with a sub-quota for OBC women. She urged women, especially from backward classes, to prepare for a larger struggle. Kavitha also issued a strong warning to Nizamabad MP Arvind over his remarks, stating that such comments will not be tolerated. She announced that preparations for the party's formation day meeting on April 25 are underway with 21 committees and 500 volunteers coordinating arrangements. She reiterated that if the government fails to curb corruption, the issue will be escalated to central agencies.

Resolve Water Board Employees' Issues Immediately: Union Leaders Urged

HYDERABAD
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Leaders of the Telangana Water Board Employees' Union have urged the management to address long-pending issues faced by employees and workers without delay. A delegation led by Union President Mogulla Raji Reddy, who is also the State Vice President of INTUC, submitted a memorandum to Water Board Managing Director K. Ashok Reddy at the board office on Friday. The union highlighted several key demands, including the immediate release of retirement gratuity and other benefits to retired or deceased employees' families. They also called for the provision of maximum



medicla claim corporate health cards under NPS/CPS schemes for all employees. Among other demands were the distribution of uniform dress to employees across all levels, promotions for Junior Technical Officers (QAT) to Assistant Technical Officers, and the filling of vacant Junior Technical Officer posts. The

union further stressed the urgent need to recruit last-grade staff in maintenance divisions, noting that a shortage of line staff has significantly increased the workload on existing workers. The leaders also demanded the immediate release of cash incentives announced during the board's foundation

day celebrations and called for the prompt conduct of recognized workers' union elections. Responding to the concerns, Managing Director K. Ashok Reddy assured the delegation that efforts would be made to resolve the issues at the earliest. He reportedly promised that uniforms and cash incentives would be provided within a week. Speaking on the occasion, Mogulla Raji Reddy stated that the INTUC-affiliated Telangana Water Board Employees' Union has been actively engaging with the government and management to resolve employee issues. He noted that several concerns, including general transfers, overtime allowances, and promotions, had

already been addressed recently. He further appealed to employees to extend full support to the INTUC-affiliated union in the upcoming recognized union elections and ensure its victory with a strong majority. Prominent leaders present at the meeting included INTUC State General Secretary Yeragoni Naganna Goud, Union General Secretary Raghavender Raj, Water Works Employees' Union Telangana President K. Raj Reddy, General Secretary E. Chandrasekhar, and other members such as M. Raja, Syed Hashim, K. Anand Reddy, M. Ram Chander, B. Narsing Rao, B. Shankar Prakash, Srinivas Yadav, and C. Raju Mahesh.

Equal Pay Demand for Mission Bhagiratha Workers Gains Momentum in Telangana

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Leaders of the Telangana RWS and Mission Bhagiratha Outsourcing/Contract Workers & Employees Union have demanded "equal pay for equal work" for nearly 16,000 workers engaged in rural water supply schemes across the state. INTUC State Vice President Mogulla Raji Reddy and State General Secretary Yeragoni Naganna Goud raised the issue dur-



ing a meeting at the Jal Soudha office in Hyderabad. Along with union representatives, they submitted a memorandum to Engineer-in-Chief Kripakar Reddy. The leaders alleged that outsourcing and contract workers, who ensure 24x7 water supply services, are

being paid inadequate wages despite their critical role. They urged the government to implement Supreme Court guidelines on wage equality and ensure salaries are disbursed through the proposed outsourcing corporation, safeguarding workers' rights and livelihoods.

Sahil Akber Felicitated as AIMIM Ghansi Bazar Incharge

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Sahil Akber was felicitated on his appointment as AIMIM Ghansi Bazar Incharge at the residence of Mr. Mujeeb Lala and Mr. Najeeb in Misri Gunj. The event witnessed the presence of several respected community members and well-wishers, who gathered to extend their support and best wishes. Among those present were senior AIMIM party leaders Mr. Zafar, Mr. Ayub Nawab, Mr. Jado, Mr. Ehtesham Qadri, Mr. Irfan Maccawi, Mr. Imran Pasha, Mr.



Ghouse, and Mr. Fahim. The gathering reflected strong community unity and confidence in Sahil Akber's leadership, with attendees expressing hope that he will work dedicatedly towards the development and welfare of the Ghansi Bazar area.

Raunaq Yar Khan Honoured at Spanish Diplomatic Dinner

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H.H. Raunaq Yar Khan, 9th Nizam of the Asaf Jahi Dynasty, was accorded a place of honour at a prestigious diplomatic dinner hosted by Spain's Ambassador to India, H.E. Juan March Antonio, at the Spanish Residence in New Delhi on Wednesday evening. The event was organised in honour of H.E. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), and brought together prominent figures



from diplomatic, cultural, and public spheres. Raunaq Yar Khan was seated to the right of the High Representative, underlining the importance of his presence at the gathering.

The formal sit-down dinner featured carefully curated seating arrangements designed to encourage meaningful dialogue on international cooperation, cultural exchange,

and global harmony. The event served as a key platform for strengthening diplomatic relations and fostering collaboration among global stakeholders. In a notable development, H.H. Raunaq Yar Khan was requested to continue his stay at the residence and extend invitations to relevant individuals to further advance constructive discussions initiated during the evening. The gathering highlighted the growing emphasis on dialogue-driven diplomacy and cross-cultural engagement in addressing global challenges.

Sanitation Issue Near Shivaji Nagar Cremation Ground to Be Resolved Soon

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In a significant development for residents of Shivaji Nagar (Uppuguda - Jangammet Division), authorities have taken concrete steps to address a long-standing sanitation and infrastructure issue near the cremation ground located beside the bridge. For several months, the presence of an open garbage dumping point adjacent to the cremation ground had led to serious concerns. During daily waste collection and transportation by GHMC sanitation teams, portions of the cremation ground's



boundary wall were gradually damaged. Over time, this resulted in the premises being affected by accumulated waste, causing distress to the local community. Recognizing the gravity of the situation, community representatives Mr. Edla Pandarinath

(General Secretary, Bhagyanagar District) and Mr. Kandadi Suresh Kumar (Executive Member, Telangana State SC Morcha) brought the issue to the attention of Rajendranagar Zonal Commissioner, IAS officer Mr. Anurag Jayanti. Responding promptly, the

Commissioner sanctioned funds amounting to ₹5.30 lakh for the reconstruction of the cremation ground's boundary wall and the installation of a new main entrance gate. The Engineering Department has already initiated the tendering process, and work is expected to commence shortly under the supervision of the assigned contractor. This proactive intervention is expected to restore the dignity and cleanliness of the cremation ground, ensuring a more respectful environment for the community while also improving overall sanitation in the area.

Tempest Advertising doubles its impact at the IAA Olive Crown Awards 2026

Hyderabad
Wakeup telangana

India's advertising industry rarely engages with the material consequences of the immaterial. At the IAA Olive Crown Awards 2026, Tempest Advertising won two honours in the Press Unreleased category, the agency reflects a broader shift, where sustainability is framed through systems and consumption, not sentiment. Its Gold-winning entry, "Al the Water Demon", exposes an irony at the heart of AI. Marketed as frictionless, it relies on infrastructure that consumes vast amounts of water, much of which evaporates. The campaign frames this as invisible extraction: users generate prompts; data centres draw water. By making this link visible, it reveals not neglect, but a gap between usage and awareness. Abhishek Jana,



Senior VP & Branch Head, Bangalore said: "The issue is not excess, but unawareness, an absence of association between digital actions and their physical cost. The corrective lies in creating awareness of the environmental impact of using AI." The creative force behind this campaign includes: Copy: Yesu Muthu, Sr. Copywriter, Art: Laxmikant Ameenagad, Executive Creative

Director (Art), Creative Direction: Raghavendra Bhat, Sr. Creative Director (Copy), Project Management: Zubair Khan, Manager- Brand Strategy, Strategy: Abhishek Jana, Senior VP & Branch Head, Bangalore. The second Silver-winning entry, "Surmai" (Silver), addresses an ongoing depletion. The word "SUR-MAR-GAI" is shaped like the fish itself. The viewer first

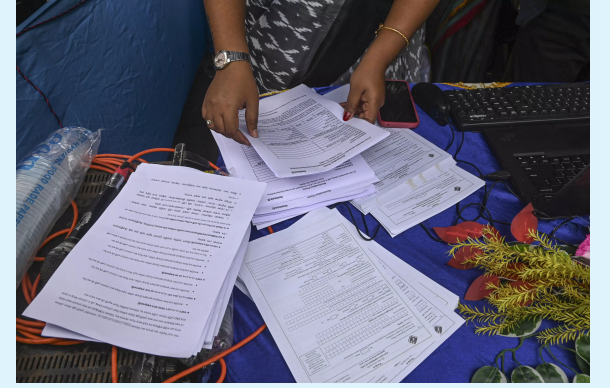
sees the form; only on reading does the message emerge: the fish is gone. Speaking on the win, Sanjay Shindgikar (VP & Branch Head, Pune) said: "We are delighted this campaign has been recognized at the IAA Olive Crown Awards 2026. What began as a last-minute thought by our copywriter, Deepak, became a resounding campaign, encouraging for the team and the pur-

poseful creativity we believe in." The team behind the campaign includes: Copy: Deepak Sonavane, Sr. Copywriter, Creative Direction: Sanjay Kamble, Sr. Creative Director, Design: Prashant Ambilgikar, Sr. Graphic Designer, Leadership: Sanjay Shindgikar, VP & Branch Head, Pune. These campaigns by Tempest, does not merely raise awareness, but closes the distance between action and consequence. Tempest Advertising, founded by Mr. Turab Lakdawala, is built on 27+ years of insight-led, impactful communication that continues to drive both creative excellence and business growth. With a strong presence across Hyderabad, Pune Bengaluru, and Mumbai, Tempest remains focused on creating work that not only builds brands but also sparks meaningful conversations.

Voter Lists Shrink by 6 Crore After SIR in 12 States, UTs

NEW DELHI
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The combined voters' list of nine states and three Union territories has shrunk by nearly 6.08 crore following the completion of the SIR exercise on Friday. Now, following Uttar Pradesh coming out with its final electoral roll, the second phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voters' lists has been completed. The final electoral rolls of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Puducherry, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Goa have been published. According to data shared by the chief electoral officers of these states and the Election Commission (EC) over the last few months, the combined



electoral rolls of these states and Union territories stood at around 51 crore when the SIR exercise was announced on October 27 last year. After the SIR, the combined voter list stands at around 44.92 crore -- a reduction of 6.08 crore. While the exercise, which kept the EC in the news, was completed in Bihar earlier, its second phase in the above-mentioned 12 states and Union territories, with nearly 51 crore electors, has now been completed. The remaining 40 crore electors will be covered

in 17 states and five Union territories when the SIR kicks off in those places, most likely after this month's polls to five assemblies. In Assam, a "special revision", instead of the SIR, was completed on February 10. Due to a variety of reasons, the SIR exercise in the nine states and three Union territories has seen frequent tweaking in schedules. Like Bihar, political parties have approached the Supreme Court, challenging the exercise in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

National Safe Motherhood Day Observed at Fernandez Hospitals

Hyderabad
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On the occasion of National Safe Motherhood Day, which is observed on 11 April every year, Fernandez Hospital reiterated its commitment to ensuring that every woman experiences a safe, respectful, and supported journey through pregnancy and childbirth. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Tarakeswari Surapaneni, Chief Medical Director, Fernandez Hospital, emphasised that safe motherhood extends far beyond the moment of



birth. "Safe motherhood is not just about childbirth; it is about supporting women through every stage of their journey. At Fernandez, this care often begins even before pregnancy, through pre-pregnancy counselling that helps women prepare for a healthy start," she

said. At Fernandez Hospital, maternity care is designed to be continuous and collaborative. During pregnancy, women receive personalised care from multidisciplinary teams comprising obstetricians, professional midwives, and specialists in obstetric medicine. This integrated approach ensures that both low-risk and high-risk pregnancies are managed with equal attention, expertise, and sensitivity. The hospital strongly advocates for natural birthing and midwife-led care, creating an environment that supports

physiological birth. At the same time, it ensures that advanced medical support such as a dedicated Obstetric ICU and specialised neonatal teams is readily available whenever needed, providing a seamless balance between natural care and clinical safety. Dr Tarakeswari further highlighted the importance of care beyond delivery. "Our responsibility does not end with birth. Post-pregnancy support, including specialised clinics for mothers, is an essential part of ensuring long-term health and well-being.

India Concerned Over Civilian Deaths in Lebanon

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

India has expressed deep concern over reports of civilian casualties in Lebanon, following intense Israeli bombardments that reportedly killed over 300 people. The statement came from India's foreign ministry on Friday, highlighting the country's consistent position that the protection of civilians must remain a top priority in any conflict situation. The escalation comes amid on-

going hostilities involving Israel and the militant group Hezbollah. Israel launched military operations in Lebanon last month after Hezbollah fired into Israeli territory, reportedly in support of Iran. The broader conflict has drawn international attention, particularly as tensions between Israel and Iran continue to intensify. India emphasized the importance of adhering to international law and respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations. The

foreign ministry reiterated that all parties involved must act responsibly to prevent further harm to civilians and avoid escalation in the already volatile region. India shares close diplomatic and strategic ties with Israel, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi having visited the country shortly before the conflict escalated. Despite these ties, India has maintained a balanced stance, calling for restraint and prioritizing humanitarian

concerns. Recent Israeli strikes have also put pressure on a fragile two-week ceasefire reportedly brokered between the United States and Iran. The situation remains tense as both nations prepare for discussions in Islamabad aimed at resolving their differences. The developments underscore growing instability in the region, with global powers closely monitoring the situation and urging de-escalation to prevent a wider conflict.

Qatar Will Remain Reliable Energy Supplier To India: Energy Minister Tells

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Qatar will remain a reliable energy supplier to India, its energy minister Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi said during talks with Indian oil minister Hardeep Singh Puri in Doha, as both sides called for stability in global markets amid ongoing West Asia tensions, according to the government. Issuing a statement, the government also said that Puri, on a two-day visit to Qatar from April 9-10, conveyed a message of solidarity from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Qatar's leadership, following the outbreak of conflict in the region. "Both sides welcomed the two-week ceasefire announced on April 8 and stressed the need for an early end to disruptions in global energy supplies. They also emphasised the importance of "unimpeded freedom of navigation and the global flow of commerce," it said. In line with the government's pre-emptive steps, ONGC chairman and CEO Arun Kumar Singh, on Friday, also said that as the world scrambles to recover from the biggest energy shock in decades triggered by the West Asia conflict, India should be cautious about relying on



traditional supply assumptions, particularly its proximity to the Middle East for sourcing oil and gas. Puri's visit comes as New Delhi seeks to secure energy supplies amid heightened geopolitical tensions that have disrupted global fuel trade flows. Qatar is India's single-largest supplier of LNG and LPG, providing 45 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively. As the Middle East crisis led to an energy crisis in several importing countries, including India which had to prioritise supply of gas, Singh also said that the Middle East is nearest to us and therefore all their resources can be accessed easily. "We should take it with a pinch of salt. A shifting global order and rising geopolitical tensions are undermining long-held assumptions about energy security," Singh said at the Energy Security con-

clave organised by oil regulator PNGRB. "A paradigm shift has happened. If the world gets more and more de-globalised, we will have more and more problems. India's high-energy import dependence makes it especially vulnerable in an increasingly fragmented world. For the next 30-40 years, if you have multiple powers, then you have an everyday war of supremacy," he said. After the US and Israel attacks on Iran on February 28, Qatar's giant LNG export facility was struck, leading to the shutdown of production and a declaration of force majeure on gas exports, including to India. India relies on imports to meet about half of its natural gas demand and roughly two-thirds of its LPG needs, a fuel widely used for household cooking, with the bulk of supplies sourced from West Asia.

Owaisi-Kabir

Calling delimitation a matter requiring "very deep deliberation", Kharge warned that redrawing constituencies alongside expanding seats could fundamentally reshape political representation across states. He reiterated that the Opposition had urged the government to convene an all-party meeting after April 29 once polling in West Bengal concluded to enable a meaningful and informed discussion. The government's refusal to heed this demand, he alleged, underscores its focus on "narrative-building and electoral gains" over democratic consensus. Echoing the stance, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the core issue was not women's reservation per se, something the party has long supported, but the opaque and potentially disruptive delimitation process tied to it. He confirmed that Kharge would soon convene a meeting of the Opposition leaders, likely ahead of the Parliament session beginning April 16, to chalk out a coordinated response. Ramesh dismissed the urgency shown by the government, remarking that "heavens are not going to fall" if discussions are held after ongoing elections. He alleged that the timing of the Parliament session is aimed at influencing voters in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and described the move as an attempt to divert attention from pressing governance issues. The Congress also raised concerns about the timing of the session itself, noting that many members of Parli-

ment are currently engaged in election campaigning. Kharge termed the move a "violation" of the model code of conduct and went further to question the neutrality of the Election Commission, alleging that it appears to function as a "subordinate office" of the Central government, an assertion that significantly escalates the party's criticism. While opposing the government's move on the women's reservation law, the Congress sought to reclaim its legacy on women's empowerment, asserting that it has consistently championed reservation for women, from local bodies to Parliament. Mr Kharge recalled that the party had long demanded immediate implementation of the women's quota and had pushed for a special Parliament session to pass the legislation back in 2023.

Congress Links.....

"The delimitation formula is discriminatory. It is in favour of bigger states and against smaller states like Telangana. This may lead to conflict between bigger and smaller states," he cautioned. The Chief Minister suggested that the Lok Sabha seats in states should be increased based on the respective state economies and GDP growth rates. He also sought that the delimitation exercise be taken up only after the completion of the Census 2027 exercise in March 2027. Revanth Reddy opined that a uniform 50 per cent increase in seats across all states appeared to be a "conspiracy" by the BJP to secure power at the Centre without de-

pending on southern states, where it lacks a strong ground presence.

He said the proposal would further deepen the north-south divide, pointing out that northern states such as Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan, which already have a higher number of Lok Sabha seats, would gain disproportionately more seats compared to southern states. He noted that the strength of the Lok Sabha would increase from 543 to 816, along with a proportional increase in seats in all state legislative assemblies. Revanth Reddy pointed out that currently, out of 543 Lok Sabha seats, southern states account for only 130 seats, while non-southern states hold 413. With a 50 per cent increase, southern states would have 195 seats out of 816, while non-southern states would command 620 seats. "In this scenario, who will give value to the southern states? With a 50 per cent seat hike, southern states will become politically irrelevant," he remarked.

AIMIM Ends.....

"Humayun Kabir's revelations have shown how vulnerable Bengal's Muslims are. That AIMIM cannot associate with any statements where integrity of Muslims is brought into question. As of today, AIMIM has withdrawn its alliance with Kabir's party. Bengal's Muslims are one of the poorest, neglected and oppressed communities," the party said. Later, Kabir had denied the allegations and called the video a conspiracy, saying the clip from

December 19 was being made viral now for political reasons. He also claimed the video was AI-generated and said he would approach the High Court, and blamed a wider political plot against him. It added, "Despite decades of secular rule, nothing has been done for them. AIMIM's policy in contesting elections in any state is so that the marginalised communities have an independent political voice. We will be contesting the Bengal elections independently and will have no alliance with any party going forward." AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi also repeated the statement. Finding himself dumped, Kabir said, "I always respect Mr Owaisi personally. I have nothing to say about his decision. He is free to decide anything. On March 25, we forged the alliance to fight jointly, AIMIM at 14 seats and AJUP at 182 seats. Now my party will fight for its seats alone." Kabir repeated his claim that the controversial videos were fake and AI-generated to malign his image in a conspiracy by TMC supremo and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, her MP nephew Abhishek Banerjee and their party's political consulting firm, I-PAC and also threatened to sue them. Asked about the videos, Union home minister Amit Shah at his press conference claimed, "You aren't aware of Mamataji's capabilities. She can create 2000 such videos. Kabir and BJP are North pole and South pole. We never gel."

FROM FRONT PAGE

CRIME

189 Rowdy-Sheeters Test Positive for Drugs

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In a major crackdown on drug abuse, the Hyderabad Police Commissionerate has revealed that 189 rowdy sheeters tested positive for narcotics following a special drive conducted across the city. Acting on the directives of Police Commissioner V. C. Sajjanar, special teams from the Task Force and the Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing carried out extensive medical screening of identified offenders.

The initiative targeted rowdy sheeters, habitual troublemakers, and individuals previously in-



Osmania General Hospital, Gandhi Hospital, and the Government Hospital for Mental Care. Authorities confirmed that a total of 239 individuals underwent testing at these facilities. Of them, 189 persons tested positive for drug consumption, indicating a significant prevalence among repeat offenders and known suspects.

Following the tests, those who were found positive were provided counselling by qualified psychiatrists. The sessions focused on educating individuals about the harmful physical, psychological, and social impacts of drug abuse, while also em-

phasizing the importance of rehabilitation and recovery. Officials stated that necessary legal action is being initiated against those who tested positive, in accordance with existing laws.

The Hyderabad Police and H-NEW reiterated their dual approach of strict enforcement and rehabilitation, aiming to curb drug-related activities while offering support to individuals willing to reform. Task Force Deputy Commissioner of Police Vaibhav Raghunath Gaikwad urged citizens to stay away from drugs and contribute towards building a safe, healthy, and drug-free society.

EDITORIAL

HIGH VOTER TURNOUT DENOTES HOPE

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Assembly elections in Kerala, Puducherry, and Assam once again highlight a defining strength of Indian democracy — robust voter participation. Despite varying political contexts and administrative processes, all three regions recorded strong turnout figures, underscoring citizens' continued faith in the electoral system.

Kerala, long known for its politically aware electorate, registered a voter turnout of 78.27 per cent. This marks an improvement over the 74.06 per cent recorded in 2021, but the increase fell short of expectations. The state had undertaken a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, during which 24.61 lakh names were removed. These included deceased individuals, duplicate entries, and voters who failed to submit enu-



meration forms. The clean-up exercise was expected to significantly boost turnout percentage, yet the rise was limited to just four percentage points. Additionally, urban areas in Kerala saw a decline in voter participation, pointing to growing voter apathy and insufficient mobilisation efforts in cities.

In sharp contrast, Puducherry recorded a historic turnout of 89.87 per cent — the highest in its electoral history. This surge is particularly notable given that 9.55 lakh names were deleted from the rolls during the SIR process. The impressive participation reflects a combi-

nation of efficient electoral management, intense political competition, and strong grassroots campaigning. It demonstrates how administrative reforms, when combined with active political engagement, can energise the electorate.

Assam presents yet another interesting case. Unlike Kerala and Puducherry, the state did not undertake a Special Intensive Revision ahead of the elections. Nevertheless, it recorded a turnout exceeding 85 per cent, surpassing its previous election cycles. Assam's performance suggests that voter enthusiasm

is often driven more by the strength of political issues and public sentiment than by procedural changes alone. The higher turnout compared to Kerala reinforces the idea that voters are more likely to participate when they feel directly connected to the stakes of the election.

Taken together, these trends reaffirm a crucial reality: Indian voters remain deeply committed to the democratic process. Even in the face of challenges such as adverse weather conditions and sporadic incidents of violence, citizens have stepped out to cast their votes. While concerns like urban disengagement persist, especially in states like Kerala, the overall picture is encouraging. The electorate continues to recognise that active participation is essential for ensuring accountability and strengthening democracy in India.

Three injured in explosion at Jalavihar RO water plant

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Three persons were injured in a major explosion which occurred at a water supply RO (Reverse Osmosis) plant in Jalavihar on PVNR Marg on Wednesday.

According to information available, the blast took place inside the RO plant that supplies drinking water. The impact of the explosion was so severe that equipment at the facility was blown apart and heavily damaged.

Three staff members identified as Appulu Naidu,

Anji and Laxman working at the plant suffered serious injuries and co-workers immediately rushed them to nearby hospitals for treatment. While Appulu Naidu and Anji were shifted to Gandhi Hospital, Laxman was admitted to a private hospital in Somajiguda. Doctors have reportedly stated that one of the injured was in critical condition.

On receiving information, the police officials reached the spot and they suspect that excessive pressure buildup in the RO filter or compressor unit may have caused the explosion.

Lokayukta Flags Illegal Floor at Niloufer Chat Property

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Lokayukta has taken a serious view of the lack of action of GHMC Jubilee Hills officials, alleging that they were in cahoots with those carrying out unauthorised constructions and allowing the work to continue despite status quo orders issued by the Telangana High Court. Upa Lokayukta Jagjeevan Kumar directed the civic authorities to submit the report over the alleged unauthorised construction of

a terrace floor at property bearing 8-2-685/P2, Road No. 12, Banjara Hills, in which 'Niloufer Chath', a multi-cuisine restaurant, was run by the Café Niloufer group.

The Upa Lokayukta was dealing with a complaint filed by U. Chandra Shekar against the inaction of the deputy commissioner of GHMC, assistant city planner of the town planning section of Jubilee Hills circle in allowing the construction despite of the status quo orders by the High Court and allowing for commercial

Three Scribes Held For Extorting Gas Delivery Boy

Police have arrested three scribes who posed as vigilance officials and extorted ₹50,000 from a gas delivery agent in Filmnagar two days ago. According to police, the accused intercepted M Shiva Kumar while he was delivering LPG cylinders at MRCA Lane, Filmnagar. Claiming to be vigilance officers from the civil supplies department, they accused him of collecting an additional ₹1,000 from a customer.

The trio showed videos and threatened to file a case against him, demanding ₹60,000 to avoid arrest. They forcibly transferred ₹50,000 from the victim's phone through UPI payment before escaping. Based on Shiva Kumar's complaint, police examined CCTV footage and identified the accused.

Mahabubnagar SP Reviews Arrive Alive Road Safety Drive

MAHABUBNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Mahabubnagar District SP convened a meeting with local police officers after a statewide video conference led by Telangana Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna, IAS, and DGP Shivadhar Reddy, IPS, on the implementation of the 'Arrive Alive' road safety program under Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika. The initiative will be taken up as a 99-day action plan, with an intensive drive scheduled from 13 April to 18 April 2026 across the state.

During the conference, senior officials stressed reducing road accidents through strict enforcement of traffic rules, compulsory helmet and seatbelt usage, and enhanced public awareness on road safety. Following these directions, the SP instructed officers to effectively implement the program in their respective ju-



risdictions and work towards a measurable decline in accident rates through sustained enforcement and community participation.

The SP also emphasized active community engagement to build long-term safety habits among citizens. The meeting was attended by Additional SP NB Ratnam, DSP Venkateshwarlu, DCRB DSP Ramana Reddy, Vertical DSP Balaji, DCRB Inspector Narsimlu, One Town Inspector Appayya, Mahabubnagar Rural CI Gandhi Nayak, and officials at the District Police Headquarters Conference Hall.

HC Grants Interim Relief to IPS Officer Abhilasha Bisht

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Friday granted interim relief to senior IPS officer Abhilasha Bisht, permitting her to continue serving in Telangana pending adjudication of her challenge in related to cadre reallocation to Andhra Pradesh. A division bench comprising Justice P. Sam Koshy and Justice Narsing Rao Nandikonda passed the order while hearing a writ petition filed by Bisht. The petition challenges a January 2025 decision of the Union government reallocating her to the Andhra Pradesh cadre, a move that was upheld by the



Central Administrative Tribunal in 2026. The petitioner argued that the Centre had acted on inaccurate information despite seeking a certified seniority list, and altered her position without issuing prior notice or affording her an opportunity to be heard. Such action, she submitted, violated

the principles of natural justice and was influenced by extraneous considerations. In addition to challenging the Central Administrative Tribunal's order dated January 9, 2026, Bisht also questioned subsequent proceedings issued by the Centre and communicated through the Telangana government. She has sought restoration of her seniority in the 1994 batch of transferee IPS officers and continuation in the Telangana cadre.

Taking note of her submissions, the High Court granted interim protection, allowing her to remain in Telangana until further orders. Further hearing was adjourned to July 1.

Sensex, Nifty Rebound as Bank Stocks Drive Early Gains

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Indian equity benchmarks staged a strong recovery in early trade on Friday, supported by a sharp rally in banking stocks and positive global market cues. The 30-share BSE Sensex surged 630.08 points to 77,261.73, while the NSE Nifty climbed 203.6 points to 23,978.70, reflecting renewed investor optimism after a recent volatile session. The upward momentum was primarily driven by heavy buying in banking and financial stocks. Axis Bank, State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finserv, and Bajaj Finance emerged as the top gainers among the Sensex constituents, contrib-



uting significantly to the index's gains. The strength in financial stocks indicated continued confidence in the sector's earnings outlook and credit growth prospects. However, gains were partially capped by weakness in select heavyweight technology and pharma stocks. Sun Pharma, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services

(TCS), HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra, and Titan traded in the red, reflecting selective profit booking and cautious sentiment in export-oriented sectors. In global markets, sentiment remained broadly positive. Brent crude oil prices edged up 0.20% to USD 96.11 per barrel, keeping energy markets in focus amid ongoing geopolitical devel-

opments. Asian markets traded higher, with South Korea's Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225, Shanghai's SSE Composite, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng all posting gains. US equities also closed in positive territory in the previous session, further boosting risk appetite across global markets. Market experts noted that optimism in US markets, driven by continued rally in the Dow, along with improving sentiment in Asia, has been supported by hopes surrounding the fragile US-Iran ceasefire. However, analysts cautioned that global sentiment remains highly event-driven and sensitive to geopolitical developments, particularly those affecting crude oil

prices. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) remained net sellers, offloading equities worth ₹1,711.19 crore on Thursday. In contrast, Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) provided strong support by purchasing stocks worth ₹955.90 crore, helping to cushion market declines. Despite Thursday's sharp fall—where the Sensex dropped 931.25 points to close at 76,631.65 and the Nifty fell 222.25 points to 23,775.10—the market has entered a “wait and watch” phase. Analysts suggest that near-term direction will depend on three key triggers: geopolitical developments, crude oil price movements, and FII flows.

India resilient but risks loom: PL Asset

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

India's resilient macroeconomic backdrop and strong domestic liquidity have so far shielded equities from global geopolitical and energy market shocks, according to PL Asset Management, though the firm warns that rising global risks could quickly alter the outlook. PL Asset Management notes that while Indian equities remain supported by robust growth, strong consumption, and steady institutional inflows, external headwinds such as higher crude oil prices, currency weakness, and tighter global financial conditions could pressure fiscal balances, inflation, and corporate earnings. Escalating geopolitical tensions and disruptions in energy supply routes, particularly risks around the Strait of Hormuz, have

raised concerns over India's import bill and inflation trajectory, even as GDP growth remains strong at 7.8% and manufacturing continues to expand at double-digit rates. The firm expects trade agreements, infrastructure spending of ₹12.2 lakh crore, and ongoing reforms to support medium-term growth, while inflation remains within the RBI tolerance band, giving policymakers flexibility on interest rates and monetary management. However, the report cautions that markets are likely to remain volatile and event-driven, with valuations, flows, and liquidity conditions playing a decisive role, making disciplined asset allocation and selective positioning essential in the current environment. Despite near-term volatility, PL Asset Management

reports continued outperformance across its strategies, with disciplined, data-driven investing helping generate consistent alpha, while diversified portfolios such as AQUA and MADP delivered strong risk-adjusted returns supported by value, low volatility, and gold allocations. Overall, the firm believes India's structural growth story remains intact, supported by domestic demand, capex revival, and stable policy conditions, but emphasizes that investors should remain cautious as global risks around energy, geopolitics, inflation, and currency volatility could intensify, making risk management, diversification, and selective investing critical for sustained long-term portfolio performance over time stability focus going forward outlook.

ISDE India 2026 Advances Esophageal Cancer Care

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (ISDE) India Edition 2026, jointly hosted with the Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital & Research Institute, was inaugurated at The Westin Hyderabad, Madhapur by Nandamuri Balakrishna, marking the first time the global conference is held in India and coinciding with

BIACH&RI Silver Jubilee. The two-day event on April 10-11 brings over 150 global oncologists from countries including USA, Canada, Japan, Singapore, and Australia, focusing on minimally invasive, organ-preservation and targeted therapies for esophageal cancer, a major global health burden with rising incidence in India. It also highlights the launch of an Esophageal Cancer Study Group and major infrastructure ex-

pansion, including a proposed 500-bed Basavatarakam Cancer Hospital in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, scheduled for 2028. Experts emphasized risk factors such as tobacco, alcohol, very hot beverages, diet, obesity, GERD, and regional practices like smoked meat consumption. India reports a national incidence of about 6.5 per 100,000 population, with higher rates in men and hotspots in Kashmir and the North-East, where cases are up



to seven times higher. The conference underscores growing collaboration between Indian institutions and global partners to improve early detection, precision treatment, and survival outcomes.

Leading experts including Prof. Lorenzo Ferri (ISDE, McGill University), Dr. C.S. Pramesh (Tata Memorial Hospital), and international faculty from Japan, Singapore, Australia and the USA

stressed the importance of precision medicine, minimally invasive surgery, and region-specific research. Prof. Ferri noted that esophageal cancer is highly aggressive but treatable through global collaboration and knowledge sharing, while Dr. Pramesh highlighted India's national cancer network of over 400 centres treating 8.6 lakh patients annually under Ayushman Bharat. He also announced the upcoming Esophageal

Cancer Study Group to strengthen India-specific research and improve outcomes globally. The conference marks a significant step in positioning India as a global hub for esophageal cancer research and advanced oncology care, fostering international collaboration and improved patient outcomes through innovation and shared expertise. Additional emphasis was placed on minimally invasive techniques, robotic esophagectomy, Endosco-

pic Submucosal Dissection (ESD), and integration of translational research for precision oncology. The event, coinciding with BIACH&RI's 25-year Silver Jubilee, also reinforces India's role in affordable, high-quality cancer care and medical tourism, with experts noting cost advantages compared to Western countries and growing international patient inflow to Indian cancer centres said senior health officials.

ISDE India Edition 2026 Inaugurated in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (ISDE) India Edition 2026 was inaugurated in Hyderabad by Nandamuri Balakrishna, Chairman & Managing Trustee of NBTRMCF, at The Westin Hyderabad, Madhapur. For the first time, this prestigious global conference is being hosted in India, marking a significant milestone in the country's growing leadership in oncology and esophageal cancer research. The two-day event, held on April 10-11, also coincides with the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital & Research Institute, highlighting 25 years of dedicated service in cancer care, research, and medical excellence. Jointly organized by ISDE and Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital & Research Institute, the conference has brought together more than 150 leading oncologists, surgeons, and researchers from across the world, including participants from Canada, Japan, Singapore, Australia, and the United States. The primary objective of the



gathering is to enhance global collaboration in esophageal cancer treatment, research advancements, and surgical innovation, while also encouraging academic exchange among international experts. Speaking on the occasion, Balakrishna described the event as a historic achievement for India in the field of global oncology. He highlighted the institution's 25-year journey in delivering accessible, affordable, and non-profit cancer care, emphasizing its strong integration of clinical practice with research and innovation. He noted that India's growing clinical expertise and patient volume have positioned the country as an emerging leader in

global medical discussions. Trust Board Member Nara Brahmani underlined the founding vision of Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital, inspired by NT Rama Rao, to ensure equitable cancer care for all, regardless of social or economic background. She said the Silver Jubilee represents not just a milestone, but a renewed commitment to empathy-driven innovation and inclusive healthcare. She further emphasized the need for future collaborations to transform oncology care in the coming decades. Medical experts including Dr. T Subramanyeswara Rao, Prof. Lorenzo Ferri, and Dr. C S Pramesh stressed the importance of inter-

national collaboration in improving outcomes for esophageal cancer, a highly aggressive and often late-diagnosed disease. They noted that strong institutional leadership and knowledge sharing are essential for advancing global standards of treatment. The conference also focused on risk factors such as tobacco use, alcohol consumption, GERD, poor nutrition, and regional dietary habits, with higher incidence reported in parts of India including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, the North-East, and Kashmir. Treatment approaches discussed include surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, targeted therapy, immunotherapy, and minimally invasive and robotic techniques. With participation from global experts, the event showcases advancements like robotic esophagectomy, endoscopic procedures, and translational research. Organizers stated that the conference will strengthen international partnerships, drive innovation, and significantly improve patient outcomes, further establishing Hyderabad as a major hub for oncology excellence and medical research.

Grand Launch of Hi-Life Summer Trends Expo

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The grand launch of the “Hi-Life Exhibition – Summer Trends Special” was held in Hyderabad, marking the opening of one of India's largest fashion, luxury, and lifestyle exhibitions. The three-day event is being hosted from April 10 to 12, 2026 at the HICC Convention Centre at Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre, attracting fashion enthusiasts, designers, celebrities, and shoppers from across the region. The exhibition showcases a wide range of summer fashion, festive collections, bridal wear, jewellery, and designer lifestyle products under one roof. The event was inaugurated in the presence of renowned actress Nidhi Agerwal, along with several celebrities and prominent guests from the fashion industry. With over 350 designers participating, the exhibition presents curated collections featuring



summer trends, floral designs, vibrant hues, wedding specials, couture wear, accessories, and luxury lifestyle products. Organizers highlighted that the showcase aims to bring together top national and international fashion labels for a premium shopping experience. Speaking on the occasion, Hi-Life Exhibition MD & CEO Aby Dominic said the brand has consistently positioned itself as one of the most preferred platforms for luxury and lifestyle exhibitions in India. He noted that the Summer Trends Special edition offers an exclusive opportunity for visitors to explore wedding wear, festive fashion, bridal collections, jewellery,

and designer wear all in a single destination. He added that the event reflects evolving fashion preferences and seasonal trends. Hi-Life Exhibition has earned recognition as one of the country's leading fashion exhibition brands, known for its curated designer collections and large-scale participation. The Hyderabad edition is expected to draw significant footfall over the three days, offering a premium experience for shoppers and fashion lovers alike. The exhibition continues to strengthen its presence as a major fashion and lifestyle destination, blending luxury, creativity, and contemporary style trends.

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Vijay's 'Jana Nayagan' makers warn of legal action over leaked clip

Pointing out that downloading, viewing, storing, forwarding, sharing, uploading or circulating leaked content through any medium constituted a criminal offence, the makers of actor Vijay's last film 'Jana Nayagan' on Friday advised members of the public not to engage in any manner with the leaked content from their film as any person found involved would face immediate legal action.

In a statement which it shared on its social media timelines, KVN Productions said, "We, KVN Productions LLP, are the Producers and exclusive copyright owners of the cinematograph



film 'Jana Nayagan'. It has come to our notice that certain scenes and clips from the said film and in some cases, most of the film have been illegally accessed, copied and circulated by unidentified persons, posing a serious threat of digital piracy."

The production

house further said, "We hereby notify that downloading, viewing, storing, forwarding, sharing, uploading or circulating of such leaked content through WhatsApp, Telegram, Instagram, Facebook, X, YouTube, websites, torrents or any other medium constitutes a criminal offence and a

violation of copyright laws."

Pointing out that every digital action was traceable, the production house informed the public that it had already initiated necessary investigations including forensic investigations and complaints against persons involved and that it was actively identifying all others in the chain of circulation.

"Strict civil and criminal proceedings will be pursued against every offender without exception. The public is hereby strictly advised not to engage in any manner with such leaked content. Any person found involved shall face immediate legal action at their own risk as to con-

sequences. If you receive such content, do not open, store, or forward it. Delete it immediately," the production house advised.

For the unaware, a five-minute clip, believed to be from actor Vijay's eagerly awaited last film 'Jana Nayagan', was allegedly leaked and is now doing the rounds on social media, much to the disdain of its makers.

The leaked clip, which contains Vijay's introductory scene and a portion of a song, triggered concern and anger in the film industry, with several producers and directors expressing solidarity with the makers of 'Jana Nayagan'.

Lady Gaga, Doechii release new track 'Runway'

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Singers Lady Gaga and Doechii have released a new single, "Runway", which will feature in "The Devil Wears Prada 2".

Gaga and Doechii shared the news with a collaborative post on their respective Instagram handles on Friday. It featured the poster with the title of the track.

"Runway w/ @doechii @ladygaga Out Now | 'The Devil Wears Prada 2'," read the caption.

The track is co-produced by Andrew Watt alongside Bruno Mars, Cirkut, and Dernst "D'Mile" Emile II. Watt also co-wrote the song with Gaga, Mars, Doechii, Cirkut, D'Mile, and Jayda Love. "The Devil Wears Prada 2" is directed by David Frankel and written by Aline Brosh McKenna.



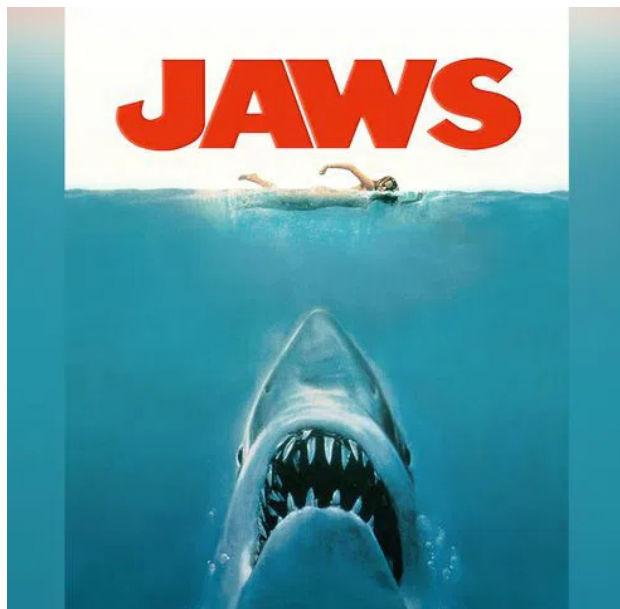
The film is set to release on May 1 and features Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway and Emily Blunt. It is a sequel to the 2006 film with the same title, which went on to earn over USD 300 million at the global box office.

The first film revolved around Andy Sachs (Hathaway), a smart but fashion-clueless journalism graduate who moves to New York City with dreams of becoming a serious writer. Desperate for work, she lands a job as a

junior personal assistant to Miranda Priestly, the cold and tyrannical editor-in-chief of the elite fashion magazine Runway.

The second film will follow Streep's character, Priestly, navigating the decline of traditional print media, forced to face off against her former assistant, Emily Charlton (Blunt), who is now a high-powered luxury group executive controlling vital advertising funds. Gaga will also have a cameo in the film.

Steven Spielberg's 1975 blockbuster 'Jaws' returning to big screen in India



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

A 4k restored version of Steven Spielberg's 1975 classic "Jaws" will be re-released in select theatres at PVR INOX on April 17, the cinema chain announced on Friday.

Considered one of the defining genre films in cinema history, "Jaws" and set the benchmark for the Hollywood summer blockbuster. Five decades later, the

film continues to hold a special place in popular culture with its story of a killer shark terrorising a beach town during the July 4th holidays.

The film, still remembered for its masterful storytelling, score, and edge-of-the-seat tension, was the highest grossing film upon its release, a record that was broken by "Star Wars" two years later.

With its return in 4K restoration, "Jaws" re-

gains its intended visual and sonic depth. The vastness of the open sea, the subtle tension of its unseen menace, and its iconic sound design come alive with renewed clarity, offering audiences a rare opportunity to engage with the film as it was originally envisioned, PVR INOX said in a release here.

The re-release is part of PVR INOX's ongoing re-release strategy

to bring back iconic films on the big screen. "Jaws" is also part of "Auteurs Curation" at PVR INOX, an initiative celebrating filmmakers who have shaped the language of cinema.

From Anurag Kashyap's "Dev D" to Steven Spielberg's "Jaws" the line-up will feature several landmark titles, with more announcements to follow in the coming weeks.

Niharika Bijli, Lead Strategist, PVR INOX Limited, said, "We are constantly looking at ways to enrich our programming. The return of 'Jaws' is a testament to the growing audience appetite for immersive, high-impact storytelling. It's a film that comes alive in a theatre, where sound, scale, and shared anticipation elevate the experience," she said. Spielberg's "Jaws" was based on the 1974

novel by Peter Benchley and featured Roy Scheider as police chief Martin Brody, who teams up with marine biologist (Richard Dreyfuss) and a professional shark hunter (Robert Shaw) to hunt a man-eating great white shark that attacks beachgoers at a New England summer resort town.

Benchley and Carl Gottlieb wrote the script.

Double Dhamaka: Sooryavanshi and Jurel power RR to 6-wicket win against RCB

GUWAHATI
Wakeup telangana

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi proved one can better the best by playing another astonishing innings — a 26-ball 78 with seven sixes — to set up an easy six-wicket victory for Rajasthan Royals against defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the IPL here on Friday.

While most 15-year-olds across the country were sweating over their 10th board exams results, this teenager from Bihar's Samastipur spent the evening hitting a 15-ball fifty as a victory target of 202 was achieved by Royals in just 18 overs. Dhruv Jurel (81 not out off 43 balls), enjoying his best IPL season with the willow, played a number of graceful shots but when Sooryavanshi is on song, everyone else is compelled to become a bridesmaid or a bystander, getting a first-hand dosage



of what brilliance looks like.

Sooryavanshi continued to put the reputation of world famous international bowlers at stake with his amazing bat speed and timing. The chubby cheeked teenager had toyed with Jasprit Bumrah's ego in an earlier game and Friday was comeback man Jos Hazlewood's turn to get butchered. Hazlewood, a red ball

doyen, bowled a perfect delivery close to his body cramping Sooryavanshi for room. To his horror, he found the young boy just heavily chopping the delivery for a boundary. The next two deliveries were boundaries over mid-on and then he fetched the Aussie's pace off delivery from outside the off-stump to dispatch into the square leg stands. The best shot however was a snap hit — where

he just whipped a yorker length delivery from seamer Abhinandan Singh into the gallery — just a bit wide of long-on.

Every shot that he hit left the crowd yearning for more. Who could have possibly imagined that he took only 15 balls to score 74 of his 78 runs in fours (8) and sixes (7).

A wily bowler like Bhuvneshwar Kumar was treated with utter disdain as he added a staggering 108 runs for the second wicket in just 6.1 overs with Jurel. Even Jurel feasted on below-par Abhinandan, who had gone for 24 in one of his overs.

Critics are always sceptical about "second season blues" when it comes to newcomers but Sooryavanshi, just like his cricketing philosophy, is out there to change the popular perceptions.

His first season as a 14-year-old was an exceptional one.

India women begin FIFA Series campaign against Kenya

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Thirty-two days after their AFC Women's Asian Cup campaign drew to a painful end, the Indian women's national team will begin a new chapter with renewed vigour at the FIFA Series 2026 Kenya. The Blue Tigresses will face the hosts in their opening game on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the Nyayo National Stadium in Nairobi, Kenya, at 19:30 IST.

The disappointment of missing out on the knockout stage has not fully faded for the players, but they are well aware that the end of one chapter is the beginning of the next, and that is the main motivation ahead of the four-team friendly tournament.

Crispin Chettri, who is once again at the helm of affairs as the head coach of the Blue Tigresses, stressed, "The idea is to start building for the future already. For the next AFC Women's Asian Cup 2029 qualifiers and the 2031 World Cup qualifiers. We have to



begin now."

Chettri led India to qualification for the Asian Cup last year, and was assistant to Amelia Valverde during the final tournament.

"I think the expectation from everyone was that we should at least reach the quarter-finals from the group stage. Even the players had that expectation, so I think they are a little low at the moment," said Chettri. India arrived in Nairobi on April 7 and have had two training sessions so far, with another to go on Friday before the game against the hosts.

"Mentally, the players are much more prepared now. When they take to the training pitch, they are only focused on preparing for the next

game," Chettri added.

The conditions have also aided the team's early preparations. "Yes, the training conditions are good. The weather is really pleasant, around 26 to 27 degrees. It is very good weather to train in," said Chettri, reflecting on the first two sessions in Kenya.

The FIFA Series, featuring India, hosts Kenya, Malawi, and Australia, offers a compact competitive structure despite being a friendly tournament. India will face Kenya in the second semi-final, while Australia take on Malawi in the first at 16:30 IST. The winners will meet in the final, and the losing teams will contest the third-place play-off on

April 15. It is the first time the Indian women's national team will play a match in Africa.

Beyond results, the tournament also serves a clear strategic purpose, which is preparation for the SAFF Women's Championship 2026, set to be held in Goa from May 25. Squad selection has therefore been shaped with both immediate readiness and long-term development in mind. Chettri has opted for a younger, evolving group, with several senior players unavailable due to injury and rehabilitation. The average age of the 22-member travelling squad to Kenya is only 22.8 years. From the 26 players who were part of the Asian Cup, 17 were picked by Chettri for the current window. Among the rest, goalkeeper Panthoi Chanu Elangbam and defender Sweetie Devi Ngangbam are recovering after suffering injuries in the last Asian Cup game against Chinese Taipei, while defender Sanju, midfielder Sangita Basfore, and forwards Grace Dangmei

DA Hike Announced For RTC Staff

In a major benefit for TGSRTC employees, transport minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar on Friday announced a 2.1 per cent hike in dearness allowance (DA), effective from the current calendar year 2026. The DA has been raised from 50.7 per cent to 52.8 per cent, with retrospective effect from January 1, 2026. The decision will impose an additional monthly financial burden of ₹2.82 crore on the RTC. The government will disburse arrears for the past three months through supplementary bills, to be paid over three consecutive months. Officials noted that the government had previously increased the DA by 2.1 per cent in July 2025. Following the implementation of RPS-2017 in May 2024, no DA arrears remain pending. Minister Prabhakar and RTC MD Y. Nagi Reddy also held a meeting with regional managers to review pending works and directed officials to expedite development initiatives. The organisation's priorities include upgrading hospital facilities, facilitating compassionate appointments, reinstating employees removed from service, and undertaking new recruitments to ease workloads. Cost-cutting measures and procurement of new buses are also under way.

SHE Netra Teams Launched for Women's Safety in Hyderabad

To safeguard the dignity and privacy of women against the threat of hidden cameras, the Hyderabad police launched a powerful new initiative—'She Netra' Teams. These specialized units are dedicated to detecting and neutralizing hidden surveillance in public and private spaces such as hotels, malls, hostels, educational institutions, and commercial complexes. The Hyderabad police deployed seven 'She Netra' teams, with one dedicated team for each of the seven zones in the city. These teams have undergone a comprehensive two-phase training program on the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and the technical operation of sophisticated camera detection equipment. In a program held at the Old Commissionerate Office in Basheerbagh on Friday, Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar formally handed over the advanced camera detector kits to these special teams. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner emphasized that the department would take stringent action against individuals or entities found installing hidden cameras in trial rooms, hospitals, hotels, or hostels. "We are integrating advanced technology with rigorous field inspections. These seven teams will conduct frequent and surprise raids across the city to ensure no woman's privacy is compromised," stated the Commissioner. According to Sajjanar, establishments are solely responsible for ensuring that their premises, especially private areas, are free of hidden cameras. The management found guilty of negligence or involvement in installing hidden cameras will face severe criminal charges. The Commissioner warned that violating institutions and responsible employees would be blacklisted. Every organization must appoint a 'Customer Safety In-charge' to act as a nodal.

Deakin University, Aikyam Ink MoU to Boost AI Skilling, Innovation

The MoU was signed at the Telangana Secretariat, marking a significant step in strengthening global-local collaboration in emerging technologies and future workforce development

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Deakin University in Australia and Telangana government through AikamTM, today formalised a landmark partnership with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to advance collaboration in applied artificial intelligence (AI), skilling, research, and innovation. The MoU was signed at the Telangana Secretariat, marking a significant step in strengthening global-local collaboration in emerging technologies and future workforce development. The agreement was exchanged between Profes-



sor Iain Martin, President and Vice-Chancellor, Deakin University, and Phani Nagarjuna, Founding CEO of AikamTM, alongside senior representatives from both organisations. Reaffirming Telangana's strategic vision for global leadership in frontier technologies, Special Secretary, ITEC Department Bhavesh Mishra said:

"This partnership reflects Telangana's continued commitment to building a future-ready innovation ecosystem anchored in responsible and inclusive AI." "By collaborating with leading global institutions like Deakin University, we are strengthening our capacity to translate advanced research into real-

world impact across different sectors of governance. This MoU reinforces our vision for positioning Telangana as a global hub for frontier technologies and talent development." The MoU establishes an overarching framework for long-term cooperation between Deakin and AikamTM, Telangana's flagship innovation entity designed to position the State as the world's AI proving ground. At the core of this collaboration is a shared vision to harness artificial intelligence for real-world impact at scale, with a strong focus on public good, economic growth, and workforce transformation.

Mohammed Azharuddin takes action against salary cuts for minority staff

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Minister for Minorities Welfare & Public Enterprises Mohammed Azharuddin has taken action against salary cuts of minority teachers and staff in the state. The issue that is being faced by nearly 5,000 outsourced teaching and non-teaching employees working in minority institutions was highlighted by Minority Association State President MD Yakub Pasha. Following it, the minister directed the Minority Welfare Department to ensure that no unfair salary cuts are

made. The minister also instructed State Minority Secretary Shafiullah to personally examine the issue and take steps. The secretary has been asked to work with departments and institutions to make sure that salaries are paid in full and on time without any deductions. The directions also include reviewing and restoring EPF and ESI benefits for outsourced staff. The minister said that the government is committed to the welfare of minority communities and will not allow any actions that harm their livelihoods.

Telangana HC directs GHMC to extract cost of demolition from developer

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court has asked the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to extract the cost of demolition from the developer itself, with citizens approaching the court questioning the use of public money to demolish illegal structures. Justice NV Shrivani pronounced the orders on Tuesday, April 7, while hearing a writ petition filed by Dacheppally Chandrababu, who had flagged the unauthorised construction of a temple arch on a public road in

Tarnaka. According to the petitioner, he had first noticed the illegal construction by Shree Durga Pochamma Devasthanam on February 27 and posted about it on the social media platform X, expecting action from municipal authorities. However, no action was taken and finally, a complaint was filed on the GHMC Mobile App on March 15. Still, the respondent (GHMC) failed to act on the complaint within one week as per the law enacted under the TG-bPASS Act, 2020, the petitioner alleged. The counsel for the petitioner said that if the

GHMC were to simply demolish the structure, the developer would build it back up, since the cost of demolition is borne by the municipal authority using public money. Hence, GHMC must extract the cost of demolition from the offender, the petitioner's counsel suggested. In response, counsel appearing for GHMC stated that they had submitted a show cause notice to the temple on February 13, and after the petitioner's complaint on the app, a speaking order was issued on March 28, asking the temple to remove the unauthorised construction within 15

days, failing which the demolition will be carried out by the GHMC and the cost will be extracted from the temple. After hearing submissions from both parties, the High Court disposed of the petition, while directing the GHMC to give a fair hearing to both the petitioner and the temple, check relevant documents and take a decision in four weeks. The court added that if the allegations made by the petitioner are found to be true, the GHMC shall take appropriate action and any expenses incurred must be recovered from the Devasthanam.

Cybercrime Police Arrest Two, Recover ₹41 Lakh

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Cybercrime Police Malkajgiri successfully solved two cybercrime cases between April 5 and April 10 and arrested two offenders. The investigation showed that the cybercrime network had links across India. The accused helped in transferring cheated money through multiple accounts. The account was linked to 211 cases reported on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal. The victim in the case was added to WhatsApp groups that promoted stock trading tips. The group admins and a support team called "FISD PRO" convinced him to invest using a trading app. After showing small profits and allowing a partial withdrawal, the victim was encouraged to invest Rs 41,62,000. The app later showed fake high returns. When he tried to withdraw money, he was asked to pay a large commission.

He lost Rs 41,56,000. The victim was identified as Chamala Balakrishna Reddy from Jaipuri Colony, Nagole. In another case, the police found that fraud money was transferred to an account holder in Outhullapur. The police team arrested an accused who supported job fraud by acting as a mule account holder and transferring money to other related accounts. According to the police, the fraud started when the victim's son was contacted on WhatsApp on October 5, 2024, with a fake job offer in a Pune-based company. The accused collected Rs 3,00,000 initially and later cheated the victim by sharing fake documents and false promises. The victim transferred more money in several transactions between October 2024 and January 2025. Even after receiving a total of Rs 4,75,000, the accused did not provide the promised job or refund the money and continued to demand more payments.

Ranganath Orders Removal of Silt from Drains

Ranganath advised that if any house gates are obstructing the removal of silt from channels anywhere then it needs to be removed under unavoidable circumstances and that work should be completed immediately without causing any hassle

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

HYDR Commissioner AV Ranganath here on Friday suggested that the residential colonies would not flood during monsoon if the silt accumulated in drainage and flood canals is completely removed. He advised that if any house gates are obstructing the removal of silt from channels anywhere then it needs to be removed under unavoidable circumstances and that work should be completed immediately without causing any hassle. Only then the obstacles to the flow be cleared, he stated. Ranganath inspected the ongoing desilting works in the city at the field level. He visited areas such as Rahmatnagar, Krishnanagar, Ameerpet, Gayatrinagar, and others, and spoke with locals. He inquired about how the desilting works are being carried out in the drainage channels and flood canals. Similarly, he discussed with the locals where problems arise during the monsoon season, the reasons for them, and



the possible solutions, and gave instructions to the officials. He requested representatives of local colony welfare associations to create WhatsApp groups division-wise for areas like Krishnanagar, Ameerpet, etc., to provide him with regular updates on how the desilting works are progressing. "You are the ones who face troubles during the monsoon. You know very clearly where the problems are. You also know the causes of those problems and their solutions. If you pass that information to officials, we will take action to resolve them," the Commissioner said. He inspected the removal of large quantities of silt at the Vanten in Rahmatnagar. Similarly,

he noticed that dirty roads are forming in Krishnanagar even during the summer. He suggested that there should be clarity on how the silt removal is being done every hundred meters. He said that if all the silt is removed now, there will be no obstacles to flood flows during the monsoon. "If any issues arise anywhere in the ongoing desilting works even if additional manpower is needed, if you bring it to our attention immediately, we will arrange it," he instructed the GHMC and Water Board officials. He said that DRF staff will stand behind residents and cooperate to ensure the works proceed without hindrance.

Hyderabad police arrest habitual burglar, Rs 5.2 lakhs recovered

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad police arrested a habitual house burglar on Friday, April 10, recovering gold ornaments and mobile phones worth Rs 5.2 lakhs. Sirangi Buchaiah (49), on April 5, lodged a complaint at the Mailardevpally Police Station in Hyderabad stating that at around 12 am, some offenders broke into his house and stole gold jewellery, cash, and mobile phones. Following the complaint, a case under Section 331 (4) (house trespass or house breaking), 305 (theft) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita was registered. According to police, 24-year-old Shaik Shabbir, who works as a car mechanic, reportedly roams the streets at night and targets houses with open doors. After stealing



the valuable items from the house, he sells them to live a comfortable life. The police officials seized multiple gold items, including a 9.8 gram gold ring, a 3.7 g gold ring, a 4.8 g gold traditional South jewellery, 18 g gold, an Oppo mobile phone, and an iPhone worth Rs 5,20,000. A resident of Guntur district, the accused has been involved in multiple theft cases in Andhra Pradesh as well. Police are producing the accused, Shabbir, before the court to seek judicial remand.

Telangana Inter Results to be Declared on April 12

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Board of Intermediate Education said it would announce the Intermediate Public Examinations (IPE) results on April 12. The results to be released by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy following which the results will be made available on

tgbie.cgg.gov.in website. The board in a statement said it had completed evaluation of 56 lakh answer scripts across 20 spot camps. The answer scripts of candidates who scored lowest marks were scrutinised. In the spot evaluation the answer scripts were re-verified by the examiners and scrutinisers in four categories:

0-10 marks, 25-35 marks, 50-60 marks and 90-100 marks. A total of 9,97,075 students had registered for exams including 4,89,126 first year students and 5,07,949 second year. The examinations were conducted from March 25 to March 8 in 1,495 centres.

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