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Brief Insights

Mathura Boat Tragedy: Rescue Ops Underway, PM Announces Ex Gratia

Rescue efforts continued on Saturday morning near Keshi Ghat in Vrindavan, after at least ten people died in a boat capsizing incident, officials said. The incident occurred on Friday. The rescue operations are being carried out by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF).

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Mamata Alleges BJP Attempted to Block Her Bhubanipur Candidature

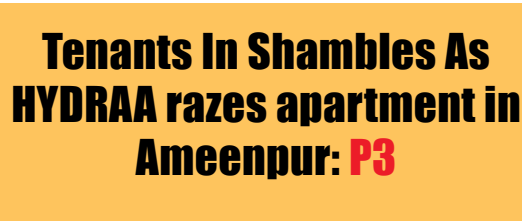
West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday claimed that the BJP tried to get her candidature from the Bhabanipur seat in south Kolkata cancelled by attempting to file two false cases against her, but the bid was foiled by TMC workers and the public. Banerjee, while addressing an election rally at Keshiyari in Paschim Medinipur district, accused the BJP of "forcefully" deleting the names of 90 lakh voters from the electoral rolls during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

"The BJP, with the EC's help, tried to invalidate my candidature from Bhabanipur," she said. Referring to ongoing global tensions, including conflicts in West Asia, he said, "No country in the world is untouched by wars such as those involving Israel; even the United States is facing challenges, but India has accepted these challenges." He advised that people should remain calm and united in the face of any temporary disruptions. "Even if there is some short-

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Rajnath Singh: India Can Handle West Asia Crisis

Rajnath Singh Says India Can Tackle West Asia Crisis as it did COVID-19

NEW DELHI
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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday asserted that India is fully prepared to deal with any emergency situation and has adequate reserves to handle challenges arising from global conflicts. Addressing the annual function of Jan Kalyan Mahasamiti in Gomtinagar here, Singh said, "The country has sufficient reserves to deal with any emergency situation. No need to pay attention to rumours."

Referring to ongoing global tensions, including conflicts in West Asia, he said, "No country in the world is untouched by wars such as those involving Israel; even the United States is facing challenges, but India has accepted these challenges." He advised that people should remain calm and united in the face of any temporary disruptions. "Even if there is some short-



term difficulty, the people of the country need to stand with full strength and patience," he said.

Reassuring citizens, the defence minister said, "As long as our government is in power, no major crisis will arise in the country. We successfully handled COVID, and we are ready to face whatever is happening in West Asia." Citing global assessments, he said, "The World Bank has said that India is capable of dealing with crises." Highlighting the country's economic resilience, Singh stated, "The world is going through a global crisis, but even in this period, India is the fastest-growing economy. This is a matter of pride for us."

Singh praised the devel-

opment works carried out under the "double-engine" governments led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, saying their contributions need no elaboration. "There was a time when Uttar Pradesh was a hub of mafias, but today it has become a hub of saints and seers. Uttar Pradesh was once called a 'BIMARU' state, but now wherever you go, people say that to a large extent it has become an 'Uttam Pradesh' (developed state)," Singh said. Regarding defence manufacturing, Singh announced that the production of the BrahMos missile has started in Lucknow, and the first batch has been handed over to the armed forces. He further mentioned that several ancillary units related to defence equipment are expected to be set up with support from the state government led by Adityanath.

Asha Bhosle admitted to hospital after cardiac arrest



Legendary playback singer Asha Bhosle has been admitted to the Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai after she suffered a cardiac arrest on Saturday. The 92-year-old singer is currently undergoing treatment in the Emergency Medical Services unit.

Breach Candy Doctor Pratit Samdani has shared a statement saying, "Legendary playback icon Asha Bhosale suffered a cardiac arrest on Saturday, April 10 and has been admitted to Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai where she is currently undergoing treatment in the Emergency Medical Services unit." "One of the most influential singers of her time, Asha Bhosle, sang her first song as a playback for the 1943 Marathi drama 'Majha Bal'. Later, she made her Bollywood playback debut, giving her voice to the song 'Sawan Aya' in the Hindi film 'Chunariya', which was released in 1948.

She is known for lending her voice to some noteworthy numbers such as "Chura Liya Hai Tumne Jo.

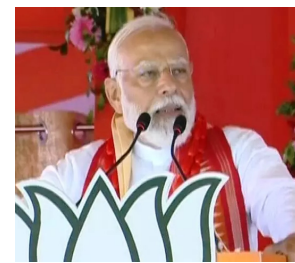
Modi Slams TMC Over Syndicate Raj

The prime minister said the 2026 assembly polls would be a contest between "TMC's fear and BJP's trust"

KOLKATA
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched a blistering attack on the ruling TMC, accusing it of turning West Bengal into a state run by "syndicates", while promising action on atrocities against women if the BJP comes to power. Addressing a rally at Kushmandi in Bangladesh-bordering Dakshin Dinajpur district, Modi said the TMC had "handed over even the game of football to its syndicates", referring to the fiasco during Argentine football legend Lionel Messi's visit to Kolkata last December.

"The entire world watched those shameful pictures. TMC has handed over football, too, to its syndicate," he said. Claiming that the state had become synonymous with lawlessness, Modi said, "In West Bengal, the syndicate is the govern-



ment and the government is the syndicate." The prime minister said the 2026 assembly polls would be a contest between "TMC's fear and BJP's trust". "This battle is to defeat fear and take West Bengal forward with trust. TMC's shop of loot and lies is about to be shut down. Fear will exit West Bengal, making way for trust," he said.

Targeting the ruling party over crimes against women, Modi promised that a BJP government in the state would reopen old cases. "We will reopen the files of every atrocity committed against women under the TMC rule. We will reopen the files of every rape case and ensure accountability in each. This is Modi's guar-

antee," he said. Referring to the rape and murder of a doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, Modi said the people of West Bengal, cutting across club loyalties, had united in protest.

"Mohun Bagan Super Giant and East Bengal fight on the field. But after the RG Kar incident, both stood shoulder to shoulder on the streets. In the same way, West Bengal must unite to teach the TMC government a lesson," he said. Modi also accused the TMC of insulting President Droupadi Murmu during her recent visit to the state.

"By insulting the honourable president, the TMC insulted women, tribals and the people of the country," he alleged. The prime minister said the BJP has "freed tribal communities from the menace of Maoism", accused the TMC of being "anti-tribal", and promised to remove infiltrators from the country.

Delhi Police Arrest Youth with Suspected Terror Links from Bhubaneswar

BHUBANESWAR
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A team from the Delhi Police Special Branch on Saturday apprehended a youth from Bhubaneswar over suspected links with Pakistan-based elements and alleged involvement in anti-India activities. The accused, identified as Delhi resident Sheikh Imran, was picked up from the Unit-6 area of the Odisha capital during a coordinated operation involving central intelligence agencies and local police.

According to sources, Imran had been under surveillance for several months after coming to the notice of Delhi Police due to his suspicious online activities. Investigators tracked his movements and recently traced his location to Bhubaneswar, where he had reportedly shifted nearly six months ago to avoid scrutiny.

Preliminary findings indicate that the accused was actively disseminating anti-India propaganda through social media platforms. He al-

legedly operated an Instagram account under the name "Lashkar-e-Mehedi," which was used to circulate provocative content and influence viewers with extremist narratives. Authorities suspect possible connections with handlers based in Pakistan, though further verification is underway.

Officials stated that digital evidence, including mobile devices and online communication records, has been seized for detailed forensic analysis.

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Women's Reservation Amendment Shouldn't Be Politicized: Shashi

ISLAMABAD
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Ahead of the special three-day Parliament session when the women's reservation law is expected to be amended, Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Saturday said the proposed amendments should not be a political tool that undermines federalism and vitiates the vitality of Parliament. In a post on X, he alleged that the government is convening a "special session" to derive political mileage ahead of state polls with an eye on delimitation before the 2029 general elections.

He also asserted that Congress is committed to a one-third reservation for

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US, Iran Teams in Pakistan for Peace Talks

ISLAMABAD
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Senior U.S. and Iranian leaders were in the Pakistani capital Islamabad on Saturday for negotiations to end their six-week-old war, although Tehran threw the talks into doubt by saying they could not begin without commitments on Lebanon and sanctions. The U.S. delegation, led by Vice President JD Vance and including President Donald Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff and son-in-law Jared Kushner, landed in two U.S. air force



planes at an air base in Islamabad on Saturday morning, where they were received by Pakistan's army chief, Field Marshal Asim Munir, and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar.

The Iranian delegation,

led by parliamentary Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf and Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi, arrived on Friday. These will be the highest-level U.S.-Iran talks since the Islamic Revolution of 1979 and

the first official face-to-face negotiations between the two sides since 2015, when they reached a deal on Iran's nuclear programme. Trump scrapped the nuclear deal in 2018 during his first term in office. That year, Iran's then-Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei - who was killed at the start of the war six weeks ago - banned further direct talks between U.S. and Iranian officials. IRAN HAS 'NO CARDS', TRUMP SAYS Qalibaf said on X that Washington had previously agreed to unblock

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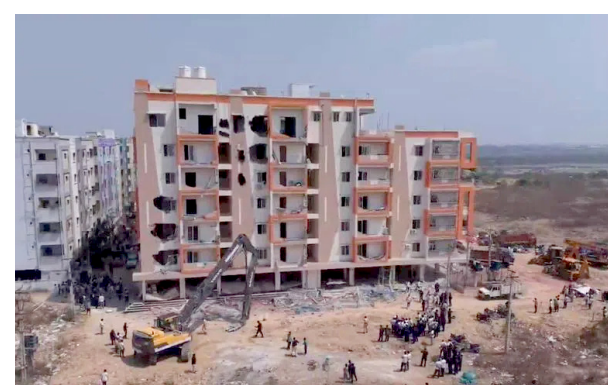
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Residents caught inside as HYDRAA demolishes flats in Ameenpur

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The early hours of a weekend were shattered with heart-rending scenes of mothers clutching infants, elderly and sick residents struggling and wailing, and people scurrying around at Ilapur thanda in Ameenpur municipality when the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) arrived with its full might to demolish residential flats, leaving

scores of families without shelter. Ignoring the affected tenant families pleading for some time to vacate their dwellings, the HYDRAA teams maintained that an advance notice was served to the owner regarding the illegal construction and went ahead with punching holes in the building. A huge force accompanied by bulldozers commenced the demolition at around 9 am and pulled down the wall of one of the houses even when



residents were still inside. The panicked residents were heard urging the officials to stop the demolition for a few hours until they vacated the place.

Several residents, in shock with their valuables still inside their homes being demolished, complained that they were not even alerted about the demolition

until the morning hours. While the residents, deprived of shelter, lamented the lack of information, the HYDRAA officials said notices were served to the owner but he did not communicate the same to the tenants. Enough time was given through advance notices to vacate the place, they insisted. The apartment complex, with three towers and six floors, was spread across 2 acres and 20 guntas and owned by one MA Mukheem. A farmhouse

of Mukheem's brother Hakeem, spread over 40 acres, was also demolished simultaneously and officials, in a statement, said Hakeem failed to remove the structure even after multiple notices. Faced with uncertainty as they were left without shelter, the residents were seen teary-eyed, with some crying out desperately about where they should move. Some residents had infants in their laps while others had bedridden elderly people to take care of.

Revanth Reddy a 'leader who deceived all sections' of society: KTR

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao said that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy would be remembered in Telangana's history as a leader who deceived all sections of society. He asserted that the people of Telangana would eventually reject both Revanth Reddy and the Congress party. Referring to recent municipal elections, the BRS working president said that despite nearly two months of alleged irregularities and misuse of power, the BRS secured victories in Ibrahimpatnam and Kyatanpally municipalities. "Even after BRS won a majority of councillor seats, the Congress party resorted to unethical practices to capture chairman posts, but ultimately justice prevailed," Rama Rao alleged. The BRS working president made these remarks while attending a BRS workers' meeting in Ibrahimpatnam on Saturday. He



simultaneously proposes a new project on the same land outside," Rama Rao charged. He recalled that Bhatti Vikramarka, Seethakka, and Komati-reddy Venkat Reddy had assured farmers during their padyatras that lands would be returned if Congress came to power. However, instead of fulfilling that promise, the government was now planning to acquire an additional 16,000 acres, calling it a "Bharat Future City". This was a "drama" aimed at benefiting the Chief Minister's family members and associates, he charged. The BRS working president further criticised the Congress government for failing to manage existing urban issues. Basic civic problems remain unresolved while grand promises of future cities are being made, he said. Rama Rao questioned the logic behind relocating the proposed fruit market from Koheda, where 178 acres were allocated earlier, to remote areas near Rachakonda hills or beyond Ramoji Film City.

felicitated newly elected Chairpersons, councillors, and Sarpanches. He especially appreciated Prashanth Reddy, son of senior leader Manchireddy Kishan Reddy, for standing firm against alleged harassment by the ruling party and emerging victorious. Launching a sharp attack on the Congress government, Rama Rao accused Revanth Reddy of running a "land scam" in the name of Pharma City. He said that before elections, Congress leaders had promised to return the 14,000 acres of land acquired for Pharma City to farmers, but were now misleading them with the concept of a "Fourth City" or "Future City." "While the government claims in court that Pharma City exists, it

This was an illogical move intended to monetise land, he charged. "The Congress government has expanded the prohibited land list from 16 lakh acres to nearly one crore acres, using it as a tool for "blackmail politics", Rama Rao alleged. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and officials were pressuring Collectors and facilitating illegal land settlements, he accused. He thanked party leaders and councillors, who withstood pressure, false cases, and intimidation to secure the municipal leadership for BRS. "The difficult phase for the party is over and better days are ahead for the State," Rama Rao said. The meeting was attended by senior leaders including Ranga Reddy district president Manchireddy Kishan Reddy, former Minister P Sabitha Indra Reddy, MLA Sudheer Reddy, and Bhuvanagiri Parliament in-charge Kyama Mallesh among others.

AAP Marks Phule Jayanti with Tributes

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The birth anniversary of social reformer Mahatma Jyotirao Phule was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Telangana state office. Party State Working President Burra Ramu Goud attended as the chief guest and paid floral tributes to Phule's portrait. Senior leaders including Mamidi Shetty Shivaji, Kodungal Srinivas, and Rakesh Reddy were also present. Party members on the occasion pledged to take Phule's ideals to every village and continue working for the welfare and rights of common people, especially marginalized communities. Speaking at the event, Burra Ramu Goud hailed Mahatma Jyotirao Phule as a visionary who laid the foundation for social equality and women's education in India. He emphasized that Phule's ideals serve as guiding principles for the Aam Aadmi Party. He reiterated the party's commitment to ensuring quality education and healthcare for all sections of society, particularly the underprivileged. He further stated that under the leader-



ship of Arvind Kejriwal, significant reforms in education and healthcare have been implemented, and similar efforts are being pursued in Telangana. Highlighting Phule's belief that education is the key to the progress of marginalized communities, he said the party would continue to strive for strengthening the education system in the state. The event concluded with party workers remembering Phule's contributions and reaffirming their dedication to spreading his ideology across society, reinforcing social awareness and commitment among the cadre.

CBIT Conducts Parent Teacher Meet for Students

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Wakeup telangana

Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) organized a Parent-Teacher Meeting for B.E./B.Tech II Semester students, focusing on reviewing academic performance, attendance, and overall student development. The meeting provided parents with a comprehensive understanding of their wards' first-semester progress and highlighted the importance of regular attendance, discipline, and consistent academic ef-



fort. Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu addressed the gathering, emphasizing the vital role parents play in supporting students throughout their academic journey. He urged parents to actively engage with faculty and monitor their children's progress to ensure better outcomes. Faculty members presented detailed reports on attendance and academic performance, stressing the need for continuous improvement. Prof. B. Sreenivas Reddy, First Year Engineering In-

charge and Head of the Department of Physics, along with Dr. Swatnam, Head of Mathematics, and Dr. K. Ramesh, Head of Chemistry, shared insights on academic expectations and student responsibilities. Prof. B. Linga Reddy, Director of Student Affairs and Progression, highlighted initiatives aimed at holistic development. The meeting served as an effective platform for interaction, strengthening collaboration between parents and faculty.

Take Government Welfare Schemes to Every Household: Neelam Padma

HYDERABAD
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A district-level executive meeting of the Mahila Congress was held at the MLA camp office in Bhuvanagiri presided over by the District President Neelam Padma Venkat. The meeting was conducted as part of the monthly district review, following the directions of Telangana State Mahila Congress President Errabelli Swarna. State Vice Presidents Krishnaveni, Reshma Begum, and Mounika, who were appointed as district in-



charges, attended the meeting as chief guests. Addressing the gathering, Neelam Padma urged party leaders to take the welfare schemes introduced by the Congress government to every household. She called upon women leaders to counter the anti-people policies of the BJP and BRS. She stated that under the leadership of Chief

Minister Revanth Reddy, the Congress government is committed to women's empowerment and welfare. Highlighting key initiatives, she mentioned free bus travel for women, LPG cylinders at ₹500, and free electricity up to 200 units as major relief measures. Padma further explained that through Mahila Shakti schemes, the government is providing financial assistance to women to establish canteens, own petrol pumps, and operate buses. She emphasized that economic self-reliance of women is

a key objective of the government. She also noted that through programmes like "Indira Mahila Shakti" and "Mahila Unnati," the government aims to create financially empowered women across the state. She directed party members to complete the formation of women's committees at district, mandal, and village levels and work collectively as per the guidance of the state leadership. Padma added that women will be given priority in nominated posts and representation in party committees

Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin Reviews SIR Booth Mapping Work

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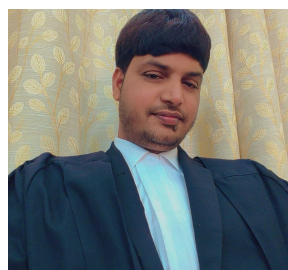
Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin conducted a door-to-door inspection of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) booth-level mapping across the constituency, stressing the need for accurate voter records. During the visit, he reviewed field activities and interacted with Booth Level Officers



(BLOs), who are carrying out mapping based on the 2002 voter list to ensure proper verification and updating of electoral data. Ex-corporators, primary unit presidents,

and party workers are actively supporting officials on the ground, helping residents complete the process and ensuring inclusion of all eligible voters. The MLA urged citizens to cooperate with BLOs and make use of the AIMIM Help Desk for assistance, highlighting that the drive aims to strengthen transparency and inclusiveness in the electoral system.

Advocate Mohd. Taher Appointed as Medical & Health Organiser of Mahabubnagar Bar



The newly elected committee of the Mahabubnagar Bar Association has announced its key appointments. In a significant move, prominent legal professional Advocate Mohd. Taher has been appointed as the 'Medical & Health Organiser' of the Bar Association, recognizing his dedicated services and professional capabilities. Following his appointment, Advocate Mohd. Taher expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Honorable President, General Secretary, all committee members, and senior advocates of the Bar Association. He stated that he is deeply honored by the trust the Association has placed in him and pledged to fulfill his responsibilities with utmost sincerity. Speaking to the media, he added, "I accept this new responsibility as a vital mission. I am committed to dedicating my services toward the health and medical welfare of the legal fraternity. My resolve to serve the dignity of the Association and the well-being of its members remains unwavering." Legal circles in the district, along with friends, family, and social activists, have extended their warm congratulations to Mohd. Taher on his appointment to this prestigious position, wishing him a successful tenure.

Community-Led Initiative Promotes Preventive Healthcare on World Health Day

HYDERABAD
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Residents and morning walkers from Hyderguda, Upparpally, and Attapur under Rajendra Nagar Circle came together on World Health Day to participate in a community walk and take a pledge on preventive healthcare, aligning with the global theme "Together for health. Stand with science." The programme was organised at Pedda Tallakunta Park, Hyder-



guda, and witnessed active participation from local community members including Nalling Ramesh, Mondra Komraiah, K. Harinath, Sahadeva Reddy, and Barla Jangaiah. The initiative also saw the presence of healthcare expert Dr. Rani Koppula, a senior gynaecologist Dr. Rani

Koppula, who addressed participants on the importance of preventive care, early screening, and lifestyle discipline in reducing non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Spiritual and community guidance was provided by Radhakanth Das, temple leader representing International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) Attapur Radhakanth Das, who emphasized holistic well-being through balanced living, mental peace, and community responsibility.

HYDRAA reclaims 861 acres of encroached land in Sangareddy

In a major operation against encroachment of government land, the Telangana government's HYDRAA on Saturday reclaimed 861 acres of government land with a market value worth Rs 15,000 crore in Sangareddy district, officials said. The operation to remove encroachments was conducted in Ameenpur by Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) along with revenue, municipal and police officials with heavy police presence, an official release said. The officials demolished a six-story apartment, besides a swimming pool and a guest house.

Mala Mahanadu Warns Against Ambedkar Jayanti Extortion Racket in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Mala Mahanadu Greater Hyderabad Vice President Vinay Kumar has issued a stern public warning against an alleged extortion racket operating in the name of Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations, targeting developers, government officials, and builders across the city. He urged citizens not to pay any money to individuals demanding donations through intimidation. "No one should fall prey to these threats. Do not pay



blackmailers under any circumstances," he said, stressing that such acts damage the reputation of genuine social organizations. According to Kumar, authentic Dalit associations and recognized societies organize events through voluntary contributions from their own

members and never resort to coercion or illegal collections. The organization has reportedly gathered evidence against certain individuals allegedly involved in such activities, particularly in the Aadhayya Nagar and Ghas Mandi areas. Kumar warned that if the illegal collections continue, the issue will be escalated to the city Police Commissioner for strict action. Reiterating the ideals of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, he called on the public to remain vigilant and uphold values of dignity, justice, and integrity.

Srinivas Goud Alleges Bias, Corruption in Excise Dept

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former minister V. Srinivas Goud has alleged serious injustice in postings, fund allocation, and administrative practices in Telangana, accusing the government of favoring Andhra-origin officials over Telangana employees. He claimed that key positions, including that of Excise Commissioner, were given to officers from Andhra Pradesh, sidelining local officials



and hurting their morale. Goud alleged that the behavior of a senior Andhra officer has led to humiliation of Telangana employees, resulting in severe stress and even health issues, including heart attacks. He cited the case of a sincere officer, Somireddy, who reportedly collapsed due to continuous insults and is

currently undergoing treatment at a private hospital. Another officer, Rizvi, was allegedly forced into retirement under similar circumstances. He further accused the Excise Department of corruption, claiming that Andhra liquor was seized in Kukatpally and later released after bribes were paid, with

funds allegedly reaching the minister's OSD. Goud said such incidents are widespread and reflect systemic corruption. Demanding immediate removal of Excise Commissioner Hari Kiran, he warned that continued neglect of Telangana employees could trigger another agitation. He also criticized the ACB for targeting lower-level staff while ignoring major offenders and called for accountability in appointments and transfers.

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.

Tenants In Shambles As HYDRAA razes apartment in Ameenpur

HYDERABAD
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Scenes of panic and distress spread at KA Residency at Ilapur, after HYDRAA woke up residents just past dawn, told the residents that their apartments were being demolished, and began operations early on Saturday, waking up the residents. Tenants said they were not notified by their apartment management of notices served for the demolition and were shocked to find out their residence was set to be demolished.

The building stood on 2.2 acres of land, and had three towers with around 45 flats. All the flats were rented, and according to residents, nearly 39 flats were occupied at the time of the demolition. Re-counting the timeline of HYDRAA's actions, tenants said that authorities arrived at around 6 am



and began knocking on doors, asking residents to vacate immediately as the structure was to be demolished, and said they had no prior warning. Though multiple notices were reportedly issued to the apartment management earlier, residents claim they were never informed by the management. "We were sleeping when they knocked on our door and told us to leave right away. We didn't even have time to think. I had to pick my baby up and get out of the building immediately, and after they gave more time we began packing whatever we

could," said Rajeev, a tenant. HYDRAA authorities allegedly began breaking the walls of the building even while some people were still inside. Several tenants confronted the officials, claiming family members were still inside the building and the flats, and officials soon halted the process. They then allowed residents a few more hours, until the afternoon, to vacate before resuming the demolition. The sudden eviction left many families stranded. With no time to make arrangements, tenants scrambled to call packers and movers, often paying

as much as `10,000 to shift their belongings. "I don't have that kind of money ready. I had to borrow from a friend just to move my things. I still don't know where my family will go tonight," said a tenant, who requested not to be named. All tenants said that the apartment management never communicated about the notices or the unfolding situation. Another tenant said "We all feel cheated. On Friday night, they told us not to open the door if anyone knocked. I wondered why they asked us not to open the doors, but today at 7 am I realised why. If they knew, why didn't they warn us?" Rahul, a friend of a tenant, said "I am taking all of my friend's belongings to my place to stay there for a few days before her family can find another flat or house to stay in.

Jakora Lift Scheme Nears Completion: Uttam

HYDERABAD
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Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy announced that the Jakora, Chandur, and Chintakunta Lift Irrigation Scheme in Banswada constituency is nearing completion and is being readied for inauguration, marking a significant step toward strengthening irrigation infrastructure in Nizamabad district.

The project, estimated at ₹106.04 crore, is designed to provide assured irrigation to 7,975 acres across Varni, Chandur, and Mosra mandals. The minister stated that water supply is expected to commence from the upcoming Kharif season, ensuring timely and reliable irrigation support for farmers.

Highlighting the project's progress, Uttam Kumar



Reddy noted that although administrative sanctions were granted earlier, the execution gained substantial momentum under the present Congress government. He emphasized that the project's near-completion reflects the government's commitment to expediting key irrigation works and delivering tangible benefits to the farming community.

The scheme features modern infrastructure, including advanced pump houses equipped with state-of-the-art machinery, an extensive network of

pipelines and canals, and an efficient water distribution system aimed at optimal utilization. A successful wet run of the lift systems has already been conducted, confirming the technical readiness and operational efficiency of the project.

In a related development, the minister is scheduled to convene a high-level review meeting at the Secretariat on Sunday with officials and representatives from AFYI India. The meeting will focus on ongoing inspections and restoration efforts at the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages under the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. The developments underscore the government's broader push to strengthen irrigation facilities and support agricultural productivity across Telangana.

Govt Negligence Affected Farmers: Harish Rao

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former minister and Siddipet MLA T. Harish Rao on Saturday alleged that farmers across the State are facing severe hardships due to government negligence, particularly in crop procurement, and demanded immediate corrective measures.

During a visit to the Siddipet agricultural market yard, he interacted with farmers who expressed distress over the delay in procurement of sunflower and maize crops, which, they said, had not been lifted for the past four days. Taking serious note of the issue, Harish Rao spoke to concerned officials over the phone and instructed them to visit the market yard immediately and ensure that procurement operations resume without further delay.

He further pointed out that jowar procurement



centres have not been opened in several districts, including Narayanpet, Adilabad and Nizamabad. Due to the absence of these centres, farmers are being forced to sell their produce at prices below the Minimum Support Price (MSP), leading to significant financial losses. He demanded that the government make all procurement centres operational at the earliest and strictly implement MSP to safeguard farmers' interests.

Raising concerns over the broader agricultural policy framework, Harish Rao said that while the government has been encouraging crop diversification, it has failed to establish a robust system to procure the alternative

crops being promoted. This lack of planning, he said, is creating uncertainty among farmers and discouraging them from adopting new cropping patterns.

The MLA also criticized delays in the release of Rythu Bandhu payments, urging the government to ensure timely financial assistance to farmers. He emphasized that such delays are adding to the financial burden of farmers, especially during critical agricultural seasons.

Additionally, he called for immediate support to farmers who suffered crop losses due to recent hailstorms, stressing the need for compensation and relief measures. Harish Rao also alleged that promises made to Backward Classes under the BC Declaration remain unfulfilled, reflecting what he termed as the government's failure to deliver on its

90 Drug Users Screened at Gandhi Hospital Ahead of De-Addiction Centres

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Gandhi Hospital took for counselling 90 individuals suspected of consuming drugs over two days, prior to the inauguration of the de-addiction and substance intoxication care unit on Saturday. Similar centres will be opened in all districts as well as the Osmania General Hospital and main nodal centre, the Institute of Mental Health. For now, the screening kits to test for consumption of 12 types of drugs are being provided by the EAGLE Force. The individuals were



caught during raids by the EAGLE Force teams. All units have separate wards for men and women. Upon agreeing to undergo counselling, the drug users need to fill legal forms giving consent. They would be given sup-

port medicines, and their families counselled along with the drug user. Upon successful conclusion, they are given a certificate. Health minister Damodar Rajanarsimha inaugurated the unit at Gandhi Hospital as part of

the government's ongoing 99-day Praja Palana - Pragati Pranalika programme. He said substance abuse should be treated as a health issue rather than a social problem.

Dr K. Anupama, incharge head of the psychiatry department said the unit operated under GO 4 issued by the health department. The facilities will have ICU beds. She said the hospital earlier treated substance abusers as walk-in cases at the outpatient department. Gandhi Hospital Superintendent Dr N. Vani, said, "Most of the

patients were sent by the EAGLE Force. "We have got nearly 90 cases by Saturday afternoon, this will increase by the end of the day." EAGLE Force director Sandeep Shandilya said explained that GO 4 gives the substance abuser a chance to sign a petition and take the required medication at the de-addiction centres and later obtain a clear certificate. This will help the consumer avoid a police case. "This is a forward looking GO that does not exist anywhere else to rehabilitate the drug consumer," he said.

Grand Celebration of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule's 199th Birth Anniversary in Mator

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The 199th birth anniversary of social reformer Mahatma Jyotirao Phule was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Mator village of Motakondur mandal on Saturday. The programme was organized under the leadership of village Sarpanch Janne Siddulu in the Village centre. The event began with floral tributes to the portrait of Mahatma Phule, as villagers and local leaders paid their re-



spects. Speaking on the occasion, Sarpanch Janne highlighted the immense contributions of Phule and his wife towards the upliftment of marginalized communities and the promotion of women's education. He noted that Phule dedicated his life to eradicating social evils and superstitions, setting

an example for future generations. He further stated that centuries ago, Phule faced numerous hardships and social resistance while striving to provide education to the underprivileged and women, yet remained steadfast in his mission. His writings and reformist ideas continue to inspire society even today, he added. The Sarpanch called upon the youth to draw inspiration from Phule's ideals and work towards building an equitable and progressive.

BRS leaders inspect venue for KCR public meeting in Jagtial

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Wakeup telangana

BRS leaders on Saturday inspected the venue for the party president K Chandrashekar Rao's public meeting scheduled to be held in Jagtial on April 20. The BRS has decided to organise a huge public meeting to induct senior political leader T Jeevan Reddy into the party fold in the presence of the party chief K Chandrashekar Rao.

The party leaders, including Koppula Eashwar, T Jeevan Reddy, district president K Vid-

hyasagar Rao, MLC L Ramana, MLA K Sanjay, Dava Vasanth and others, examined a place at Mothe.

Speaking on the occasion, Eashwar said that a messy situation has prevailed in the State within a span of two years. Not a single poll promise of the ruling party has been implemented, he said. The Jagtial meeting is going to become an eye-opener for the Congress party, he said and hoped that the BRS would strengthen further in north Telangana with the joining of Jeevan Reddy.

HAL OBC Body Marks Phule Jayanti, Seeks Reforms

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The HAL OBC Employees Welfare Association marked the 199th birth anniversary of Jyotirao Phule with a strong message of social justice, combining tribute with a call for policy reforms benefiting Backward Classes.

The event, led by Association President Ravikumar Mudhiraj, brought together senior HAL officials and employees, where key demands were formally raised before the government. These included removal of the



"creamy layer" in OBC reservations, enhancement of the Non-Creamy Layer income limit to ₹15 lakh, creation of a dedicated Central Ministry for OBC welfare, and a five-year age relaxation for OBC candidates in government

jobs. Chief Guest and HAL Accessories CEO Satyanarayana underscored Phule's enduring impact, stating that the educational and social rights enjoyed today by marginalized communities

and women stem from his pioneering efforts. Hyderabad Avionics ED Ram-mohan Rao, COP Chief Muralikrishna, and Liaison Officer Srihari Rao echoed similar sentiments, highlighting Phule's role in shaping an equitable society.

The program featured traditional tributes, including lamp lighting and garlanding of Phule's statue, followed by participation from key representatives and union members. The large turnout reflected continued commitment to advancing Phule's vision of equality and empowerment.

Phule Ideals Must Guide Leaders: Jampana Pratap

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Calling for a renewed commitment to social justice, Jampana Pratap urged political leaders to follow the ideals of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule during his 199th birth anniversary celebrations. Addressing a gathering organized by the National BC Praja Chaitanya Vedika, he stressed that Phule's vision remains crucial for building an equitable society.

Pratap emphasized that true tribute to Phule lies in



action, not words, urging leaders to uphold values of equality, education, and social reform. He highlighted Phule's pioneering efforts in abolishing caste discrimination, promoting women's education, and

empowering marginalized communities. The event witnessed participation from key leaders, including R. Anand Babu, along with activists and community members. Floral tributes were paid

to Phule, recognizing his enduring legacy in shaping progressive thought. Reaffirming his commitment, Pratap announced support for installing a statue of Phule to inspire future generations. He called on society to carry forward Phule's mission through inclusive policies and grassroots action. The program saw strong participation from BC leaders and social advocates, reflecting continued dedication to Phule's principles of justice and equality.

Rahul Says CAPF Personnel Risk All for Nation But Lack Right to Lead Forces

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said his party stands firmly with Central Armed Police Forces personnel and will put an end to the discrimination they face under the recently notified CAPF law. In a post on Facebook, Gandhi said that even though soldiers of the paramilitary forces put everything at stake to defend the nation, they still don't have the right to lead their own force.

He said once the Congress government comes to power, it will ensure every soldier gets their dues and dignity and that the injustice done to the forces is rectified. "Our soldiers stake everything to defend the nation. Yet, in return for their service and dedication,



CAPF personnel receive neither timely promotions nor the right to lead their own force. "The Congress party and I stand firmly with the CAPF personnel and their families. We will put an end to this discrimination, rectify this institutional injustice, and ensure that every soldier receives their rightful dues and dignity," he said in a post in Hindi.

In the video attached to his post, the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha said this is the biggest issue for

CAPFs. "I don't understand how you can protect an organisation's morale that cannot put its own person in the position of leadership. I think this is ridiculous. These boys are being asked to fight terrorism; they are being asked to fight the Naxals. They are being asked to die, they are being injured, and then we are telling them that we refuse to allow you to run your organisation," he said. "This is why I am very strongly saying that what the government has done is unfair. But I

assure the BSF, CRPF, ITBP, CISF and all the paramilitary forces that I and the Congress party are with you and you should get justice. When our government comes to power, we will provide justice to you, 100 per cent," Gandhi said. The Parliament had recently passed the Central Armed Forces (General Administration) Bill, 2026. The government on Thursday notified the law after President Droupadi Murmu gave her assent.

The law creates a unified legal framework governing personnel across different CAPFs, replacing the current patchwork of separate service-rule regimes for the five central forces. The new Act provides that 50 per cent of the posts will be filled through deputation from the Indian Police Serv-

ice (IPS) in the rank of an inspector general and a minimum of 67 per cent of the posts through deputation in the rank of an additional director general.

The posts in the ranks of special director general and director general shall be filled through deputation only, it says. The opposition had alleged in parliament that the "discriminatory" legislation had been brought in to undermine a Supreme Court ruling. The apex court had, in October last year, dismissed the Centre's plea seeking a review of its 2025 verdict that directed that IPS officers' deputation in the CAPFs up to the level of Senior Administrative Grade should be "progressively reduced" and asked for a cadre review to be carried out in six months.

Mathura Boat Tragedy: Rescue Ops Underway, PM Announces Ex Gratia

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Rescue efforts continued on Saturday morning near Keshi Ghat in Vrindavan, after at least ten people died in a boat capsizing incident, officials said. The incident occurred on Friday. The rescue operations are being carried out by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF). The NDRF teams on Friday retrieved the capsized boat after hours of continuous effort.

Narendra Modi announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) for the next of kin of each deceased, while the injured would receive Rs



50,000. Mathura DIG Shailesh Kumar Pandey said the boat had been retrieved after a four-hour operation. He added that the death toll stood at 10 and post-mortem procedures were nearly complete before the bodies would be sent to their homes. Agra Divisional Commissioner Nagendra Pratap said rescue operations were still underway and that the injured were being treated in hospitals in Vrindavan. He added that five people were still missing. Uttar Pradesh Minister Lakshmi Narayan

Chaudhary termed the incident unfortunate and said pilgrims from Haryana and Punjab were affected after a sudden storm led to the capsizing of the boat in the Yamuna River. He added that 21 people had been rescued safely and were being given free treatment.

Meanwhile, Aam Aadmi Party MLA Kulwant Sidhu met the families of the victims and expressed condolences, noting that some people were still missing. Family members of the victims recounted that their relatives had travelled to Mathura and Vrindavan for a pilgrimage before the tragedy struck. Some said they last spoke to their loved ones shortly before the incident and later learned

Shah: India Not Dharamshala For Infiltrators

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Union home minister Amit Shah made clear on Saturday India was not a "dharamshala" for infiltrators and warned them of eviction from the country including West Bengal after BJP comes to power in the state in this Assembly Election. He also made a second personal attack on Chief Minister and Trinamul Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee, mocking her injuries in the past. The BJP stal-

wart sarcastically suggested she should tie bandages in a bid to look injured this time and play a "victim card" to woo the voters but her attempt would fail. Shah told a BJP poll campaign rally at Onda in Bankura, "Infiltrators pose a danger. They eat away food and jobs which are meant for our youth and poor. Bengal will not allow even one. India is not a Dharamshala. It is our land. Those who grabbed it illegally, will be thrown out." He once again highlighted the im-



portance of the Uniform Civil Code implementation in Bengal, a day after announcing it in his party manifesto. "The Uniform Civil Code (UCC) will be implemented to end appeasement politics in the state," the BJP stalwart pointed out before attacking the TMC for unleash-

ing violence against his party. He alleged that more than 300 BJP workers lost their lives in poll-related violence. "TMC goons think that nothing will happen to them. But they should know now that those who have harassed BJP workers will be held accountable when the BJP comes to power here. TMC goons should stay at home on the poll day. None of them will be allowed to step out to unleash terror or disrupt free and fair polling."

Stalin Confident of Clean Sweep in Tamil Nadu

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

M. K. Stalin expressed strong confidence that the ruling alliance would secure a sweeping victory in the Assembly elections, citing the overwhelming public response witnessed during campaign events. The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)-led alliance had earlier predicted victory in over 200 constituencies. However, Stalin, who is the party's candidate from Kolathur constituency, said the cur-

rent level of public support and crowd turnout now indicates a possible win in all 234 constituencies. He asserted that no Opposition force would be able to defeat them and said the alliance remains unconcerned about its rivals. "The current level of public support and crowd turnout now indicates a possible win in all 234 constituencies. Our Secular Progressive Alliance will win in Tamil Nadu. Regardless of how many parties join hands against us, no one can succeed,"

Stalin said. Responding to a question on his repeated "Tamil Nadu vs Delhi" remark, Stalin alleged that the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) has been "mortgaged to Delhi" and has become subservient to it. "So the fight is between Tamil Nadu and Delhi. It is a matter of concern and disappointment that a Dravidian party has reached such a state," he said. On incidents involving youngsters allegedly engaging in reckless behaviour by following film actors, including Vijay,

Stalin said such accidents are being witnessed across the state. "People are watching this, and they will give a befitting reply," he added. The Tamil Nadu Assembly elections will be held in a single phase on April 23, with counting scheduled for May 4. The main contest is expected between the DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance (SPA), which includes the Indian National Congress, DMDK and VCK, and the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), led by the AIADMK with Bharatiya.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Modi Vows White Paper On TMC Corruption, ₹3,000 Monthly Aid For Women

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Escalating the political heat ahead of the upcoming state polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday promised a rigorous legal crackdown on the Trinamool Congress (TMC) "syndicate." Addressing a massive rally, the PM announced that a BJP-led government would release a "white paper" to provide a comprehensive accounting of alleged corruption under the 15-year TMC regime.



PM Modi took direct aim at TMC's leadership, alleging systemic loot involving ministers and local MLAs. "BJP will bring a white paper to ensure a legal accounting of corruption involving TMC's MLAs, ministers, and syndicates. It will present a full account of the government's 15 years. Under a BJP government, strict action will be taken to stop every such crime," said PM Modi. He also predicted NDA's "huge mandate" in Keralam, adding that the high energy and participation of women at his rallies are clear indicators that

the BJP is "steadily moving towards victory" in West Bengal. "Wherever there is heavy voting and strong participation by women, BJP-NDA has received a massive mandate. In Keralam, the situation is such that both LDF and UDF are not even claiming victory. In Bengal too, BJP is steadily moving towards victory. Your enthusiasm and energy ensure success," said PM Modi. In an effort to consolidate the crucial women's vote--a demographic that has traditionally supported Mamata Banerjee--the Prime Minister made a major financial pledge. "Seeing Bengal's growing support for BJP, TMC is in panic and is misleading people with lies. You can be certain that BJP will shut down their shop of corruption. I have especially come to assure all the sisters and daughters of Bengal that BJP has announced ₹3,000 per month for women," PM Modi said. He accused the TMC of spreading misinformation about BJP's intent to scrap current schemes, asserting that his party would instead strengthen the delivery of benefits by removing middlemen. "Seeing the love of Bengal's people for the BJP, TMC has gone into panic mode. That's why TMC is lying to you. TMC is saying that if BJP comes, this scheme will be stopped, that scheme will be stopped. The truth is that BJP won't stop anything... BJP will only shut down the shop of corruption, stop their (TMC's) loot," he said. The Prime Minister's visit comes as West Bengal prepares for crucial polling on April 23 and 29, with the results set for May 4. The upcoming elections follow the 2021 battle where the TMC secured a landslide 213 seats. However, the BJP's growth from a minor player to 77 seats in the last cycle has set the stage for the current high-stakes confrontation.

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Trump scrapped the nuclear deal in 2018 during his first term in office. That year, Iran's then-Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei - who was killed at the start of the war six weeks ago - banned further direct talks between U.S. and Iranian officials. IRAN HAS 'NO CARDS', TRUMP SAYS Qalibaf said on X that Washington had previously agreed to unblock Iranian assets and to a ceasefire in Lebanon, where Israeli attacks on Iran-backed Hezbollah militants have killed nearly 2,000 people since the start of the fighting in March. He said talks would not start until those pledges were fulfilled. Iran's state broadcaster said the Iranian delegation would meet Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif around noon (0700 GMT) to determine the timing and manner of "possible negotiations". Israel and the U.S. have said the Lebanon campaign is not part of the Iran-U.S. ceasefire, while Tehran insists it is. Qalibaf said separately that Iran was ready to reach a deal if Washington offered what he described as a genuine agreement and granted Iran its rights, Iranian state media reported. The White House did not immediately comment on the Iranian demands, but Trump posted on social media that the only reason the Iranians were alive was to negotiate a deal. "The Iranians don't seem to realize they have no cards, other than a short term extortion of the World by using International Wa-

terways. The only reason they are alive today is to negotiate!" he said. Vance, speaking as he headed to Pakistan, said he expected a positive outcome but added: "If they're going to try to play us, then they're going to find the negotiating team is not that receptive." Preliminary discussions have been separately held by Pakistani officials with advance teams from both sides, sources in Islamabad said. Iran's semi-official Tasnim news agency said these included 70 members from Tehran, including technical specialists in economic, security and political fields as well as media personnel and support staff. About 100 members of an advance U.S. team were in the city, a Pakistani government source said.

Mamata Alleges.....

Banerjee, while addressing an election rally at Keshiyari in Paschim Medinipur district, accused the BJP of "forcefully" deleting the names of 90 lakh voters from the electoral rolls during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). "The BJP, with the EC's help, tried to invalidate my candidature from Bhabanipur yesterday by trying to file two false affidavits against me, but we foiled their game plan," Banerjee, who is contesting against Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari to retain her seat, said without elaborating further. She accused the BJP of "plotting to forcefully capture votes through fraudulent means as they don't have the guts to fight and win the elections democratically." "SIR is a big

scam which will be proved one day," Banerjee added. On BJP's promise to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in West Bengal if voted to power, Banerjee said that through the UCC, the saffron party wants to impose its diktat on the people. "They promised UCC to take away your rights to practise your religious faith and follow rituals as per customs and tradition. By bringing UCC, they want to ensure that all religious practices are the same," she said. "UCC means one BJP, one rule. Why are you bringing in such Bills in Parliament when we are busy with the polls. Once you are not in power any more in Delhi, we will scrap such draconian Bills," she said, adding, "We will not allow its implementation in West Bengal." Accusing the BJP of planning to manipulate EVMs, she said, "They don't want free and fair elections. On the day of counting, they will try to declare the results of those seats first where the BJP will be leading, while seats where the TMC is ahead will be counted slowly." "After that, they would switch off the lights and tamper with the mandate of the people. Don't leave an inch to the BJP. Check the EVMs thoroughly," she added. At another rally in Jhargram, Banerjee alleged attempts to channelise black money during elections. "During elections, they talk about giving 33 per cent reservation for women, but what is the representation of women in their own party? Why did they not implement the promise earlier?" she asked. She claimed that

the TMC had ensured over 37 per cent representation for women, with even 50 per cent participation in several areas. Without naming Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, she said they visit the state only during elections. **Women's.....** He also asserted that Congress is committed to a one-third reservation for women, but the same should be inclusive and fair. Sharing his pictures at the Congress Working Committee (CWC), which met on Friday to take a stand on the proposed amendments to the women's reservation law (Nari Shakti Vandana Adhiniyam), he said, "While the Congress has always championed the 33% quota, and the first to introduce a Bill and pass it in the Rajya Sabha in 2013, the current government's approach raises serious alarms." The meeting came days ahead of the three-day sitting of Parliament, during which the government will bring bills to implement the law before the 2029 parliamentary polls and increase the number of Lok Sabha seats to 816, with 273 reserved for women. "The CWC condemned the government's unilateral and opaque push for amendments without consulting Opposition parties. The party flagged that rushing a delimitation exercise alongside the bill could have dangerous consequences for the democratic balance of our states, particularly in the South and Northeast," he noted.

CRIME

Telangana HC Pulls Up GHMC, HYDRAA Over Mosquito Menace at Saroornagar Lake

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The Telangana High Court took serious note of the unchecked rise in mosquito menace, especially in Saroornagar and LB Nagar, and directed the authorities to take immediate and effective remedial measures. The court directed officials to file a detailed report on the status of cleaning measures undertaken at the Saroornagar lake and other water bodies under their jurisdiction and posted the hearing to April 16.

Justice N.V. Shraavan Kumar, while hearing a writ petition, also directed the municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD) department, the GHMC commissioner, the chief entomologist officer, the superintending engineers

of LB Nagar and Charminar, and HYDRAA officials to take immediate and effective steps to address the water hyacinth menace in Saroornagar lake. Taking note of the photographs on record depicting the extensive spread of water hyacinth in Saroornagar lake, the court questioned HYDRAA on its inaction, particularly when the agency claimed to have been constituted for the protection and beautification of lakes. The court observed that the HYDRAA authorities ought to have inspected the Saroornagar lake.

The order came on a petition filed by D. Keerthi Kiran, a resident of Saraswatnagar Colony, Saibaba, who alleged inaction by authorities despite representations seeking removal of water hyacinth, fogging operations, and

anti-larval measures in the lake. The petitioner contended that unchecked growth of water hyacinth had led to a sharp rise in mosquito breeding, making the locality uninhabitable and posing serious health risks. The court observed that the authorities failed to respond adequately despite repeated complaints and even protests by local LB Nagar legislator D. Sudheer Reddy, wearing mosquito nets and highlighting the issue.

Justice Shraavan Kumar observed that in light of the representation made by the MLA in the form of protest, the authorities ought to have taken immediate steps in addressing the grievances of the local residents. The court ordered the authorities to undertake urgent removal of water hyacinth and ensure restoration and main-

tenance of all water bodies in a clean and hygienic condition, free from mosquito breeding and other harmful organisms.

It directed that the exercise should not be confined to Saroornagar lake alone, but extended to all lakes and water bodies within their jurisdiction of the respondent authorities. The authorities were instructed to conduct intensive fogging operations, implement anti-larval measures, deploy dedicated teams for inspection and monitoring, and carry out regular removal of water hyacinth to prevent recurrence. Highlighting the larger public health implications of the mosquito menace, the court directed the respondents to periodically update it on the steps taken.

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.

Cyber Awareness Drive Held at Aziz Plaza

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In a proactive step to curb rising cybercrimes, the Goshamahal Police conducted a door-to-door cyber awareness campaign at Aziz Plaza and nearby commercial areas. The initiative aimed to educate shop owners and residents on safeguarding themselves against online fraud.

The program was led by Additional DCP Krishna Goud of Golconda Zone and SHO Sravan Kumar of Goshamahal Police Station. Supporting them were Sub-Inspectors Laxmaiah, Arunoday, and a team of Cyber Warriors, who directly interacted with nearly 20 participants.

Officials highlighted key safety measures, including identifying phishing



links, avoiding suspicious calls, and never sharing OTPs or banking details with unknown persons. They also promoted the use of the national cybercrime helpline 1930 for immediate reporting of financial fraud. The campaign reflects the department's continued commitment to strengthening cyber awareness and ensuring a safer digital environment through community-level engagement.

Hyderabad Police Launch Cyber Crime Awareness Drive in Tolichowki

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a proactive step to curb the growing menace of cybercrime, Hyderabad City Police launched a Cyber Crime Awareness Auto Campaign in the Tolichowki Police Station limits. The initiative was inaugurated by DCP Golconda Zone G. Chandra Mohan.

The campaign features a specially equipped auto-rickshaw fitted with a public address system, which will travel across key areas of Tolichowki to educate citizens on cyber safety. Through continuous announcements, the program aims to



alert the public about common online frauds and preventive measures.

Key messages include avoiding suspicious links, safeguarding personal information and OTPs, and

staying cautious about unauthorized remote access applications. Citizens are also urged to report cyber frauds immediately through the 1930 helpline to enable swift action.

The awareness drive witnessed participation from Inspector Ramesh Naik, DI G. Balraj, SI Sathish Kumar, and other police personnel, reflecting a coordinated effort to strengthen public awareness and enhance digital safety at the grassroots level.

The initiative underscores the police department's commitment to preventing cybercrime through community engagement and timely education.

EDITORIAL

CERTIFICATES HELD HOSTAGE, COURT ORDERS SPARK DEBATE

EDUCATION SYSTEM FACES DEEPENING

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The education sector is witnessing growing unrest as students from economically weaker sections face mounting hardships due to fee pressures, pending government reimbursements, and institutional restrictions on release of original certificates. The situation has escalated further following recent interim judicial observations permitting private colleges to recover fees directly from students, raising serious concerns over access to higher education for marginalized groups. Students who secured seats under the convener quota—often after intense academic effort and aspiration for government employment—are now reportedly unable to retrieve their original certificates, with managements withholding documents citing pending fee dues. This practice has left thousands of students in distress and uncertainty about their academic and professional futures. At the core of the crisis lies the long-pending issue of fee reimbursement arrears. According to stakeholders, the state government owes thousands of crores to private educational institutions. The delay in clearing these dues has pushed several colleges to approach the courts, claiming financial distress and op-



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erational difficulties. In a recent development, interim directions from the High Court have reportedly opened the possibility for institutions to collect fees directly from students from the 2026-27 academic year, including from SC, ST, BC, EBC, and minority students who traditionally depend on scholarship and reimbursement schemes. The move has triggered widespread concern among student groups and education advocates. Experts warn that such a shift could adversely impact nearly 14 lakh students who rely on fee reimbursement support for pursuing higher education. Many fear that the ruling, if imple-

mented in its current form, could significantly widen the gap in educational accessibility between privileged and underprivileged sections. Adding to the crisis is the alleged underfunding of the education sector. Despite recommendations by the Telangana Education Commission suggesting allocation of at least 18% of the state budget to education, only about 8.23% has reportedly been allocated in the 2026-27 budget. Critics argue that this shortfall reflects a declining policy priority for public education. Simultaneously, concerns are being raised over the weakening of government school infrastructure and higher education institutions. Reports suggest that several government schools are being closed or merged due to infrastructural challenges, while universities such as Osmania University and Kakatiya University continue to face acute staff shortages. Thousands of teaching and non-teaching posts remain vacant, severely affecting academic quality and research output. Once considered vibrant centres of intellectual and political discourse, these universities are now struggling with declining rankings and reduced academic activity, raising questions about long-term educational planning and investment. Education activists

argue that the crisis is not merely administrative but systemic, driven by prolonged neglect, financial mismanagement, and policy inconsistency. They stress that withholding certificates, delayed reimbursements, and weakening public institutions together form a dangerous combination that threatens the future of students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Civil society voices and education experts have urged the government to immediately release pending reimbursement dues, prevent coercive fee recovery practices, and ensure that students are not denied access to certificates essential for employment and higher studies. They have also called for urgent recruitment in universities, strengthening of government schools, and strict regulation of private institutions to prevent exploitation of students. Failure to address these issues, analysts warn, could lead to widespread unrest among unemployed youth and students, potentially escalating into a major social concern. Education, they emphasize, is not merely a commercial service but a constitutional promise. Any attempt to dilute its accessibility, they argue, risks undermining both social justice and the future workforce of the state.



Harmony Foundation Flags Healthcare Denial to Destitutes Lacking Aadhaar

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Harmony Foundation, a Mumbai-based NGO, has supported the Missionaries of Charity Jeevan Jyoti Ashram in their plea to the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and the government to grant a special concession for sick, destitute and mentally challenged peoples under their care, who are unable to obtain Aadhaar cards due to lack of standard identity documents. Dr. Abraham Mathai, founder-chairman of Harmony Foundation, asserted that denial of Aadhaar cards to such individuals is a violation of their right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. "These abandoned and mentally challenged people cannot be denied access to basic govern-



ment medical treatment because they cannot get Aadhaar cards for lack of residential proof," Dr Mathai, also former chairman of Maharashtra State Minorities Commission, said in a statement. He pointed out the grave humanitarian crisis faced by the inmates at the Missionaries of Charity Jeevan Jyoti Ashram in Kharghar, Navi Mumbai. "At this ashram nearly 30 destitute residents have been repeatedly denied medical treatment in Government hospitals for lack of Aadhaar cards," Dr Mathai noted. These individuals

were brought to the ashram by police or social workers. Many are elderly, mentally challenged or suffering from severe trauma. They cannot recall their names or personal details. Yet, without an Aadhaar card, they are denied basic hospitalization, and vaccination, he said. "This is not a bureaucratic failure alone. It is a systematic exclusion that strikes at the very core of their right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution of India," Dr. Mathai said. He noted that the Supreme Court has consis-

tently held that the right to life includes the right to health, medical care and dignity. "When a destitute person cannot receive treatment because a piece of biometric data is missing, the State fails in its primary duty," Dr Mathai asserted.

Recalling a successful intervention during the COVID-19 pandemic, he said that the then Panvel Collector Ms. Nidhi Chaudhary had taken the bold decision of having an Aadhaar camp at SEAL Ashram in Panvel, near Mumbai, after Dr Mathai pointed out to her that vaccination cannot be denied to destitutes as they too have a right to life as per the Constitution of India. He said that camp enabled many forgotten individuals to obtain their Aadhaar cards. However, he stressed that such compassionate administration must become a permanent

policy, not an exception. However, tragically in recent times the rules have become stricter because of misuse of Aadhaar, and "we appreciate the government for taking strict measures to prevent misuse," he said. However, destitutes and vulnerable groups should be exempted from strict documentation in order to protect and save their lives, Dr Mathai stressed. He urged the UIDAI and the Union government to issue a standing concession for the sick, destitute and mentally challenged persons sheltered at ashrams without proof of address. Dr Mathai has proposed that a simplified, paperless and biometric-only enrolment process be made available at all charitable homes and ashrams free of cost, without mandatory document uploads.

Tourism Buses Idle After Tirupati Ticket Cancellation

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Over 26 buses, ranging from 21 to more than 40 seats, are being operated by the Telangana Tourism Development Corporation, but nearly 50 per cent of them are lying vacant following the cancellation of Tirupati darshan tickets. Officials said that earlier there was a provision to procure around 300 darshan tickets daily, which encouraged passengers to book tourism buses for Tirupati trips. However, with the cancellation of this quota, nearly 12 to 15 buses are now idle. The government is currently in talks to secure at least 100 tickets under the ₹300 darshan category per day. Around 10 older buses are also mostly unused, though efforts are being made to utilise them for events such as marriages and private bookings. The



corporation has around 60 drivers, with two assigned per bus, and those not on driving duty are being deployed at boating locations for technical operations, a senior official said. The idle buses are being looked after from time to time for maintenance. "The assured darshan facility earlier ensured steady bookings, with several buses operating both to and from Tirupati. Now, we are awaiting clarity on ticket allocation," the official added. Despite the setback, buses continue to operate to Tirupati, offering transport and accommodation, with passengers returning after darshan. Within Telan-

gana, buses are being used for local tours covering Golconda Fort, Birla Mandir Hyderabad and Salar Jung Museum. The Nizam heritage tour and boating at Lumbini Park are also popular. Tourism packages to destinations such as Tirupati, Arunachalam, Shirdi, Goa and Bengaluru continue, along with customised travel options. Officials said the buses maintain high safety standards with regular checks and adherence to speed limits, and have recorded zero accidents so far. Partnerships with Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation are also being utilised for combined travel packages.

Tesla Developing Smaller, Cheaper EV in Push Toward Affordable Market: Sources

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Tesla is developing an all-new smaller, cheaper electric SUV, four people familiar with the matter told Reuters. The automaker has contacted suppliers in recent weeks to discuss details of the plan for the compact SUV – which would be a new vehicle and not a variant of Tesla's current Model 3 or Y, the people said. The conversations involved the manufacturing process and specifications for various components, they

said. Three of the people said the compact SUV would be produced in China, and one said Tesla also aims to expand production to the United States and Europe. The car would be 4.28 meters in length, or about 14 feet, two of the sources said. That's significantly shorter than Tesla's top-selling Model Y SUV, which is about 15.7 feet long. The effort follows a decision by Chief Executive Elon Musk to scrap a highly anticipated low-cost EV project in 2024 and pivot

the company to focus on robotaxis and humanoid robots. A key question is whether this latest effort to develop a smaller SUV signals a strategy shift back to mass-market human-driven EVs or whether the new model would align more with Tesla's vision for fully autonomous vehicles. Such a model could potentially serve both purposes, according to one of the people familiar with the new-vehicle project and a Tesla employee with knowledge of its current product philosophy. The



Tesla employee declined to confirm or deny details of any specific vehicle but said, in general, the automaker now aims to build models that would be driverless but offer a human-driven option. While aiming for full autonomy across its lineup, the person said, Tesla realizes many global mar-

kets won't see meaningful adoption – nor regulatory acceptance – of driverless vehicles for years. Preserving the option to build a particular model with or without driving controls could enable more sales and help ensure Tesla can keep its car factories running near capacity, the person said. As Tesla chases a driverless future, some analysts predict a third-straight year of declining sales for the traditional EVs that provide the vast majority of its revenue. So far, Tesla operates a small

number of robotaxis only in Austin, Texas, many with human safety monitors in the passenger seat. Tesla didn't respond to requests for comment about plans for a new vehicle. The four people familiar with the project said it remained in an early development stage. Reuters couldn't determine whether Tesla has given the green light for the car's production. The automaker has a history of starting development on products that end up long delayed or canceled. Tesla showed

off concept vehicles for a Roadster supercar and a Semi freight truck in 2017, for instance, but still hasn't produced the sports car or mass-produced the Semi. Two of the sources said Tesla aims to offer the new vehicle at a substantially lower price than its entry-level Model 3 sedan, which starts at \$34,000 in China and about \$37,000 in the United States. They said Tesla planned to save costs in part by using a smaller battery, which would mean a shorter driving range compared

with 306 to 327 miles for the Model Y. One of the people added that the automaker would also offer a single electric motor instead of two, a performance option on current Tesla models. Tesla also wants to make the car much lighter, this person said, at about 1.5 metric tons compared with about two tons for the Model Y. Three of the people said the new model would be produced at Tesla's Shanghai factory. While the timing remained unclear, the car's production is unlikely.

CBIT Hosts CAT, MBA Career Guidance Session

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An expert talk on "Understanding CAT & Management Opportunities After Engineering" was organized on April 10, 2026, at the SMS Block Seminar Hall of Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT). The session, conducted by the IETE Student Forum of the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering in association with the Industry Institute Inter-



action Cell (IIC) and IMS Learning Resources Pvt. Ltd., aimed to guide students on management career pathways after engineering. The session was led by

Puneet Sharma, Chief Mentor at IMS Hyderabad, who provided a comprehensive overview of the CAT examination, including its structure, preparation strategies,

and time management techniques. He emphasized the importance of analytical, verbal, and decision-making skills for success in management entrance exams and highlighted career opportunities available after pursuing an MBA. The talk also covered key aspects such as MBA specializations, admission processes, profile building, internships, and balancing engineering academics with CAT preparation. Students actively engaged in the interactive

session, gaining clarity on preparation timelines and career planning beyond engineering. The IETE Student Forum expressed gratitude to Principal C. V. Narasimhulu and ECE Head K. Vasanth for their support. Faculty coordinators B. Neeraja and K. Sai Krishna were also acknowledged for their guidance in successfully organizing the event, which strengthened students' awareness of management opportunities.

Venkaiah Naidu Inaugurates CAHOCON 2026 Healthcare Summit

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Former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 10th edition of CAHOCON 2026, India's premier healthcare quality conference, on April 11, 2026. Organised by the Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organizations, the three-day event (April 10–12) has brought together around 2,500 delegates, including over 200 international participants and 20 experts from International Society for Quality in Health Care. The conference features scientific sessions, panel discussions, innovation showcases, and networking platforms focused on patient safety, healthcare quality, accreditation, and digital transformation. A major highlight is the healthcare exhibition with nearly 150 stalls displaying advanced medical technologies, alongside 40 pre-event workshops involving more than 30 hospitals, offering hands-on training and practical insights. In his keynote address, Sangita Reddy of the



Apollo Hospitals emphasised innovation and collaboration in healthcare delivery. Ezequiel Garcia Elorrio delivered the special address, while CAHO leaders including Vijay Agarwal and Lallu Joseph also addressed the gathering. Highlighting key concerns, Venkaiah Naidu called for strengthening healthcare infrastructure, especially in rural areas, and stressed the need for affordable and accessible care. He underscored the importance of public-private partnerships, wider insurance coverage, and the adoption of artificial intelligence to improve diagnostics and patient outcomes. He also advocated preventive healthcare to reduce lifestyle diseases. The inaugural session

witnessed the release of conference publications and the launch of new programmes in healthcare risk management, laparoscopic governance, pharmacy systems, rehabilitation, and patient-friendly administration. CAHO also announced Centres for Quality Promotion and new forums in human resources, infection control, and occupational health. An MoU was signed between CAHO and the Indian Institute of Management Jammu to enhance healthcare management practices. Recognised as South Asia's first ISQua regional conference, CAHOCON 2026 will conclude with CAHO Awards honouring excellence in healthcare quality and patient safety.

Continental Hospitals Hosts Parkinson's Patient Connect Initiative

HYDERABAD
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Continental Hospitals marked World Parkinson's Day with a Patient Connect Initiative, bringing together nearly 200 participants, including Parkinson's patients, caregivers, and leading medical experts, at its Gachibowli facility. The event focused on strengthening patient-family support systems while promoting early diagnosis, multidisciplinary care, and advanced treatment options for Par-



kinson's disease. Neurologists, neurosurgeons, rehabilitation specialists, and nutritionists engaged directly with attendees, offering guidance on disease management, nu-

trition, and therapy. Experts highlighted cutting-edge treatments such as Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS), along with emerging immunotherapies and neuro-modulating ap-

proaches that help manage symptoms effectively. Specialists emphasized that combining medical treatment with rehabilitation—including physical therapy, balance training, and robotic-assisted recovery—can significantly improve quality of life. Founder and Chairman Dr. Guru N Reddy reiterated the hospital's commitment to patient-centric care, noting that each case is evaluated by a multidisciplinary team to create personalized treatment plans. He stressed that continuous engagement

between doctors, patients, and families is key to managing the long-term impact of the condition. The initiative also underscored the importance of lifestyle interventions, cognitive behavioral therapy, and mindfulness practices in addressing anxiety and depression associated with Parkinson's. With world-class rehabilitation facilities, including pool therapy and robotic support systems, Continental Hospitals continues to advance comprehensive care for Parkinson's patients.

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

The fairytale story of Monalisa Bhonsle of Prayagraj Mahakumbh fame has taken an ugly twist with the tribal girl being found to be a minor, leading to registration of FIR against her husband, Farman Khan, in a police station in Madhya Pradesh. A POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) case was filed in the Maheshwar police station in Khargone district, after an investigation by the National Commission for Scheduled Tribe (NCST) led to disclosure that she was around 16 when she married her boyfriend, Farman, in a Kerala temple on March 11 this



year. The birth certificate of Monalisa, recovered from the government hospital records has shown December 30, 2009 as her real date of birth. Accordingly, she was 16 years, two months, and 12 days old at the time of her marriage. Besides POCSO Act, her husband was also booked under various sections of Bharatiya

Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) related to criminal conspiracy and unlawful marriage as well as Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Investigation has suggested that the couple had submitted Aadhaar cards to the authorities of Nainar Deva Temple in Kerala, where the marriage was solemnized

on March 11, as proof of their age to show that they are adults. The marriage was registered at a gram panchayat office in Kerala based on an alleged forged birth certificate, the probe has found. The certificate was issued by the Maheshwar Municipality which mentioned her date of birth as January one, 2008.

The probe by the commission was conducted under the supervision of its chairman Antar Singh Arya. The commission has summoned the director generals of police of Madhya Pradesh and Kerala on April 22 to know the further progress in the probe in the case, sources said. Mon-

alisa is a tribal belonging to the Pardhi community. Her marriage landed in controversy when her father opposed it tooth and nail alleging it a case of love jihad.

The fairytale story of the poverty-stricken tribal girl began when her photograph showing her selling the beads at the Mahakumbh at Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh in 2025 with a captivating smile, went viral on social media, making her an internet sensation overnight. Her story transformed from a chaotic viral moment into a movie career, concluding a dramatic, controversial marriage to her boyfriend of six months in Kerala in 2026.

Director Ameer under fire for remarks on 'Jana Nayagan' leak

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Even as the leak of Vijay's swansong Jana Nayagan has been strongly condemned by top names across industries, filmmaker-actor Ameer has attracted significant backlash for not only viewing the pirated footage of the unreleased film but also publicly discussing it. Celebrities, as well as industry bodies like the Tamil Film Producers Council and the Film Employees Federation of South India have flayed the leak of the film as "unpardonable," "one of the biggest thefts," and "a structural failure that undermines artists and investors."

However, Ameer, on his WhatsApp status, has criticised the film's portrayal of Muslims, writ-



ing, "Even in the leaked footage of Jana Nayagan, Muslims are portrayed as terrorists. Is this your politics? When will this mindset change?" Social media users slammed the director for viewing and discussing content from a major film leak. Earlier, Ameer, reacting to the delay in Censor Board certification for Jana Nayagan, said, "I don't remember any instance where the CBFC said that a film must be

reviewed and decided upon by the Election Commission for certification. If that is the case, we cannot deny, and must accept, that there is a significant political angle hidden in it." Following the leaks, KVN Productions, which bankrolls the film, has issued a statement saying civil and criminal proceedings will be instituted against every offender without exception.

Jana Nayagan Leak Shocks Industry, Says Keyaar

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Veteran Kollywood producer-director Keyaar has expressed deep anguish over the online leak of the much-awaited Tamil film Jana Nayagan. Calling it an "unpardonable offence," he said the entire Tamil film industry is in shock. "The needle of suspicion could point

anywhere — from government agencies to censor authorities or even legal channels, since the film was caught in a legal tangle. It is crucial to enhance security measures and safeguard our creative work," Keyaar said. Recalling past incidents, he pointed out that films have faced similar issues earlier. He cited Jaggubhai,



starring R. Sarathkumar and directed by K. S. Ravikumar, which was leaked online in 2010. He also referred

to Attarintiki Daredi, starring Pawan Kalyan, where nearly 80 minutes of footage surfaced before release,

though the film eventually turned into a blockbuster. Keyaar also voiced concern for producers who have reportedly invested heavily—around ₹400 crore—on the remake of Bhagavanth Kesari. "Even a 25% loss across theatrical, distributor, and OTT revenues would be irreparable," he noted. He further observed that Tamil star Vijay

may not be in a position to compensate the production house KVN Productions, as the actor has already indicated that this could be his final film before entering politics. The impact of the leak was immediate, with KVN Productions reportedly postponing the muhurat of their upcoming Telugu film starring Chiranjeevi and directed by Bobby Kolli,

which was scheduled for April 11. "It's a big project, and work will begin once they resolve the Jana Nayagan issue," he added. Meanwhile, leading stars like Rajinikanth, Kamal Haasan, and Chiranjeevi strongly condemned the leak after clips from the film surfaced online. Rajinikanth termed the situation "deeply distressing," while Kamal

Haasan highlighted systemic lapses that allowed such a breach. Chiranjeevi also took to social media, stating, "The unfortunate leak of #Jananayagan deeply concerns me. Cinema is built on trust, effort, and the collective dreams of many. Such incidents affect all of us. Let us take responsibility to respect and protect cinema."

Sanju Samson's 115 powers CSK to 23-run victory over DC

CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

After three silent outings, Sanju Samson rediscovered his batting range with a fabulous hundred and bowlers' fangs regrew as Chennai Super Kings defeated Delhi Capitals by 23 runs to register their first win of IPL 2026 here on Saturday. Samson (115 not out, 56 balls) and Ayush Mhatre (59, 36 balls) milked 113 runs for the second wicket to power CSK to a competitive 212 for two and the Delhi Capitals stumbled against Jamie Overton's superb spell (4/18) to get bundled out for 189. Tristan Stubbs (60) delayed the inevitable for DC with a gutsy half-century. While it was the super Kings' first win of the season, the Capitals slumped to their second defeat in a row. Chasing 213, Delhi made a bold start, making 61 in just five overs through a fine stand between openers KL Rahul and Patum Nissanka (41).



But the dismissal of Nissanka took some steam away from DC. Nissanka, whose catch was grassed by Khaleel Ahmed off Anshul Kamboj, could not use the let off as he spooned the next ball off the pacer to Dewald Brevis at the edge of the circle.

At 61 for two in 5.2 overs, DC were still in a good position but the Chennai bowlers redrafted their strategy at this stage. Their pacers — Overton, Khaleel and Kamboj — began to bash the ball into the red-soil surface and extracted good bounce,

cramping the DC batters for space to execute their shots effectively. Sameer Rizvi and Axar Patel fell to such deliveries, and Sarfaraz Khan played a big role in the latter's dismissal with a tremendous full-length diving catch at point. They still had David Miller and Tristan Stubbs at their roster to challenge CSK, but Overton's lovely hard-length ball clipped Miller's leg-stump bails to compound the worries for the Delhi side. But Samson was the chief architect of CSK's won-

derful Chepauk night. After being asked to bat first, Samson brought up his first substantial knock in a Yellow jersey, and was involved in an excellent stand with Mhatre, who underlined his massive potential in bold letters, for the second wicket — 113 runs in a little over 11 overs. It was Samson's fourth IPL hundred, the first for CSK and the first one in this IPL season. A big score from Samson was essential for himself and CSK to restore the belief of 'Anbu-den' faithfuls in their team, and he did that on the night with a brilliant innings in front of home fans.

It was the typical Samson innings. The Kerala batter had looked unsure of his feet and field placings in earlier matches this season, but on this instance a familiar Samson returned. The feet, eyes and hands rediscovered their coordination and consequently the shots flowed in all directions off the field. However, skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad failed to accelerate even in Power.

India women's team loses 0-2 to Kenya in FIFA Series 2026 semifinal

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The Indian women's team delivered a mediocre performance, losing 0-2 to lower-ranked Kenya in the semifinal of the FIFA Series 2026 here on Saturday. Martha Emedot (2nd minute) and Tereza Obunya (55th minute) scored for the hosts. The match also saw Indian captain Pyari Xaxa sustain a head injury in the 14th minute. She was taken to the hospital. According to the All India Football Federation (AIFF), she is conscious and receiving medical attention.

Earlier in the day, Australia defeated Malawi 5-0 in the first semifinal. India will now face Malawi in the third-place play-off on April 15, while Kenya will meet Australia in the final on the same day. Kenya dominated the contest, both physically and tacti-



cally. The Harambee Starlets seized control from the outset, using the width of the pitch effectively and imposing themselves physically across the park. Fielding a much-changed team from the Asian Cup campaign, India found it difficult to cope with the pace and intensity of their opponents and failed to create clear attacking moves. Kenya struck early in the second minute. Fasila Omondi surged down the left flank and delivered a dangerous cross into the box.

India goalkeeper Shreya Hooda made contact with the initial delivery but couldn't clear the danger. Martha Emedot reacted quickest to the rebound and slotted home with her right to give the hosts an early advantage. Kenya nearly doubled their lead five minutes later. Once again, Omondi caused problems on the left, sending in another well-directed cross. Shalyne Opisa met it from point-blank range, but Shreya stood tall to deny her with a crucial save.

Kenya continued to pile on the pressure, and Opisa had another opportunity soon after when Leah Andiemba delivered a cross. The Kenyan forward's header, however, drifted inches wide of the target. India's troubles were compounded in the 14th minute when captain Pyari Xaxa sustained a head injury after colliding with Ruth Ingosi during an aerial tussle. Pyari was taken to the hospital. She remained conscious and is currently receiving medical attention. Kenya remained the more composed side in the second half and continued to press forward. Their persistence paid off again in the 55th minute when Airin Madalina released Tereza Obunya with a precise through ball. Obunya made a sharp run between India's defenders before calmly finishing past Shreya to double the lead.

Hyderabad Emerging as Preferred Destination for GCCs: Sridhar Babu



Telangana is aiming to emerge as a global hub for electronics manufacturing, with the state government focused on building an end-to-end ecosystem that goes well beyond device assembly, IT and industries minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu said on Saturday. Addressing an interaction at the Secretariat, he reiterated that electronics manufacturing was a key driver of the state's industrial and economic growth. Congratulating Hyderabad-based Radiant Appliances and Electronics Private Limited for manufacturing 10 million television units, the minister said the milestone reflected the growing strength and maturity of Telangana's industrial base. He highlighted that the state is consciously working towards developing a complete value chain in electronics—from component manufacturing and printed circuit board assembly to advanced technologies such as semiconductor.

Ponguleti Launches ₹2.5 Crore Road Works, Focuses On Welfare



Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Saturday asserted that the Congress government would continue its commitment to the welfare of the poor, regardless of hurdles created by the Opposition parties. He said transparency was being ensured in the selection of welfare scheme beneficiaries, unlike the political favouritism shown by the earlier BRS government. Speaking after laying the foundation stone for road and culvert works between Kotturu and Kachirajugudem in Khammam district, estimated at ₹2.5 crore, Srinivas Reddy criticised the BRS for politicising development works and levelling false allegations against welfare schemes benefiting the poor. He made it clear there was no question of stepping back from implementation, urging BRS leaders to mend their attitude and cooperate with the government.

Highlighting initiatives, he listed 200 units of free electricity to domestic connections, crop loan waivers up to ₹2 lakh, Rythu Bharosa, and a ₹500 bonus per quintal for fine variety paddy. He said the second phase of Indiramma houses would soon be taken up, reminding that 4.5 lakh houses were sanctioned in the first phase.

Hyderabad Among Hottest Cities as Daytime Temperatures Rise Across Country

The IMD forecast that dry weather was likely to continue across Telangana over the next week

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Temperatures continued to rise across the state on Saturday, with several districts crossing 41°C, even as Hyderabad remained comparatively lower but on a steady upward trend. According to data from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) Hyderabad, Endapalli in Jagtial district was the warmest at 41.7°C, followed by Khammam, Mulugu, Nalgonda and Nirmal. Multiple districts saw the mercury remaining above the 40°C mark through the day.

The IMD forecast that dry weather was likely to continue across Telangana over the next week, with the maximum temperature expected to increase by 2



to 3°C in the coming days. No weather warnings have been issued for this period. Statewide, the average maximum temperature stood at 39.5°C, about 0.8°C above normal. Several districts showed a positive departure from normal temperatures, indicating a gradual build-up of heat conditions.

In Hyderabad, the temperature remained lower compared to other dis-

tricts, recording around 38.8°C at Asifnagar. Across the city, most locations recorded between 37.6°C and 38.7°C. The IMD has forecast that temperatures in the city could touch around 39°C to 40°C over the next two days, with partly cloudy skies and hazy conditions in the morning. Data from Telangana Development Planning Society (TGDPs) also showed that northern and eastern

districts were seeing faster increases in temperature compared to the city. Meanwhile, data from Down To Earth's daily heat tracker showed that seven cities, including Hyderabad, recorded above-normal daytime temperatures, while cities like Thiruvananthapuram and Bengaluru saw notable increases, and Chennai recorded a high night-time temperature of 28.5°C. Among these cities, Hyderabad's was the highest day temperature at 37.8°C. With dry weather conditions persisting and no immediate relief expected, heat levels are likely to intensify gradually across Telangana, particularly in districts already crossing the 40°C threshold.

Woman arrested with 870 gm of ganja in Hyderabad

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A woman was arrested for allegedly possessing ganja chocolates by the Prohibition and Excise team at Katedan in Hyderabad on Saturday, April 11.

Jaya was arrested with 870 gram of contraband. She confessed to bringing the chocolates from Bihar. Police also seized her mobile. A case has been registered and further investigations are on.

Two days ago, four people were arrested with 26.8 kg of dry ganja worth Rs 13.41 lakh. The drugs were being transported from Bhadrachalam to Hyderabad.

The accused were identified as Vankudothu Vinod, 27, a driver



from Kasna Thanda village in Khammam Rural, Vallepu Seshikanth, 23, from Hyderabad's Moosarambagh, Pentam Chandrashekar, 20, from Amberpet in Hyderabad, and Bapanapalli Vijaykanth, 23, a salesman from Gohnaka, Amberpet. They procured the consignment from one Koppu Raju of Odisha at Rs 3,000 per kg, totalling Rs 78,000, and were transporting it via Yellandu and Lingala Cross Road before they were intercepted.

'Kisan Nyay Satyagraha' at Bapu Ghat

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Demanding the rollback of the proposed US-India free trade agreement (FTA), activists of the Congress and its youth wing Indian Youth Congress held a 'Kisan Nyay Satyagraha' at Bapu Ghat at Langar Houz on Saturday. The protest, held by the Rangareddy district Youth Congress and led by its president, Nagender Reddy, expressed solidarity with farmers. They described the deal as a nexus between Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Donald Trump and businessman Gautam Adani and said it under-



mined agriculture and termed it as 'against national interest'. All India Kisan Congress state convener Syed Abdul Sami Ather stated that the proposed deal could adversely affect India's agriculture and dairy sectors. He urged the government to safeguard farmer interests and

adopt policies that ensure their long-term security. Rachamalla Siddheshwar, chairman of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Raj Sangathan (Telangana), said the agreement if it came through would sound the 'death knell' to Telangana's farmers. He said that opening of domestic markets to foreign pro-

ducts and allowing imports of agricultural produce would pose a serious threat to the survival of the farmers, who are already struggling.

"For the US farmers there are massive subsidies, modern technology and proper government support. In contrast the Telangana farmer is reeling under debts, rising costs and uncertainty. This isn't competition but an unequal battle being imposed on Indian farmers. Those farmers who have sustained this nation for decades now find themselves in a situation where they must fight merely to earn a livelihood," he cautioned.

TSRTC Staff Honour Phule's Legacy of Learning



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The 199th birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule was marked with reverence at Bus Bhavan, where Telangana State Road Transport Corporation staff paid a grand tribute to the social reformer. Officials, led by Venkanna, garlanded a portrait of Phule and fondly recalled his pioneering services in spreading education to corners of society where literacy had scarcely reached. Venkanna described Phule as a tower-

ing personality who championed education for the marginalised. He highlighted how Phule established the country's first school for girls, educated his wife Savitribai Phule, and demonstrated that social change must begin at home. During an era when learning was restricted to the privileged few, Phule boldly declared, "He who lacks education lacks wisdom." His vision empowered women and disadvantaged communities by making education a potent weapon for equality and progress.

Telangana's Revenue Earnings Increased by 10%: CAG Report

The CAG report also showed showed a sharper rise in expenditure, resulting in widening deficits

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Telangana recorded revenue receipts of ₹1.54 lakh crore in February in 2025-26 fiscal, according to monthly data on state's finances released by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on Saturday. This is up about 10 per cent compared to the same period of 2024-25. The state has so far achieved 67.19 per cent of the Budget estimates for 2025-25. Tax revenues showed strong growth of nearly 12-13 per cent, driven by GST, sales tax and excise collections, whereas non-tax revenues and grants-in-aid registered comparatively slower growth.

It may be recalled that Deputy Chief Minister and finance minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka had on Friday said that the state government had significantly enhanced its revenue collections through the adoption of artificial intelligence (AI), continuous tax monitor-



ing, and improved administrative mechanisms. Bhatti said that modern technological interventions and systematic governance have played a key role in boosting the state's income.

The CAG report also showed a sharper rise in expenditure, resulting in widening deficits. Total expenditure rose at a faster pace, around 6-7 per cent year-on-year to ₹2.17 lakh crore, reaching 82.41 per cent of the Budget estimates. Revenue expenditure was up about 6 per cent to ₹1.68 lakh crore, with interest payments rising by over 8 per cent, salaries by around 3 per cent, pensions by nearly 4 per cent

and subsidy expenditure witnessing a sharper increase of about 11-12 per cent.

Capital expenditure showed a notable expansion of nearly 35 per cent compared to the previous year, reaching over ₹63,000 crore, indicating increased focus on asset creation and infrastructure development. On the receipts side, capital receipts were largely driven by borrowings, which surged by over 30 per cent year-on-year to more than ₹77,000 crore. Loans and advances disbursed also increased significantly by over 190 per cent, crossing ₹14,000 crore during the period.

Hyderabad police conducts cordon and search operation at Mangalhat

HYDERABAD
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A cordon and search operation was conducted by the Hyderabad police at Mangalhat in the city early on Saturday.

The police seized 10 LPG domestic gas cylinders, 7 commercial LPG cylinders, and 79 small LPG cylinders from houses while 41 liters of beer and 8 liters of whiskey were seized from 'belt shops'. The police also seized 15 small cylinders from three



auto-rickshaws, and also 28 two-wheelers were seized as the owners failed to present the documents.

Around 200 policemen under supervision of DCP (Golconda) B Chandra

Mohan participated in the operation in which areas such as Upper Dhoolpet, Tuckerwadi, Lal Bhavan, Jinger Basti, and other surrounding localities were covered.

Six Held in Hyderabad for Dating App Loot Scam

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Six members of a gang allegedly involved in luring and looting people through the dating app 'Grindr' were arrested by Keesara police on Saturday, April 11.

The accused have been identified as Kusuma Karthik, 25, Ram Raja, 28, Kandula Saiteja, 26, Gandla Sravan, 26, Macherla Pawan Kalyan, 25 and Chennakeshava Pavan Kalyan, 25, all res-

idents of Warangal. One more accused, Bablu Singh is currently absconding.

According to the police, the accused would first reach out to the victims through the app, gain their trust, and then take them to isolated locations around Outer Ring Road (ORR). There, they would threaten victims, record their videos on mobile phones to intimidate them, and forcibly rob gold ornaments and cash before fleeing. Their activities

came to light after a victim filed a complaint stating that on April 6, some people took him to Bacharam village in Abdullapurmet, where he was assaulted and robbed of a 16-gram gold chain.

The accused have been booked for a similar offence at Abdullapurmet police station. Kusuma Karthik, Kandula Saiteja and Macherla Pawan Kalyan are habitual offenders with multiple cases against them, police said.

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