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Brief Insights

PM Modi And Mamata Are Two Sides Of Same Coin, Alleges Owaisi

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Monday called Prime Minister Narendra Modi and West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee "two sides of the same coin" in his bid to woo the Muslims, who have been aligned to the Trinamul Congress, in the Assembly Election here. Mr Owaisi also defended his decision to break up with his ally Aam Janata

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Massive Traffic Jams As Noida Workers' Protest Turns Violent; 200 Detained

A workers' protest demanding higher wages turned violent across industrial hubs of Noida on Monday, triggering widespread arson, stone pelting and vandalism, while bringing traffic to a standstill along key routes connecting the city to Delhi during peak morning hours. The agitation, which began around 9.30 am in Sector 62, quickly spread to multiple locations including the Phase-2 industrial area, Sectors 60, 63, 84 and the Chilla border. Thousands of workers from various factory units gathered on the roads, raising slogans and blocking arterial routes such as National Highway

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Iran Threatens Ports in Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman as US Declares Blockade

U.S. Central Command announced that it will blockade all Iranian ports beginning Monday at 10 a.m. EDT, or 5:30 p.m. in Iran

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President Donald Trump said the U.S. Navy would swiftly begin a blockade of ships entering or leaving the Strait of Hormuz, after U.S.-Iran ceasefire talks in Pakistan ended without an agreement. U.S. Central Command announced that it will blockade all Iranian ports beginning Monday at 10 a.m. EDT, or 5:30 p.m. in Iran. CENTCOM said the blockade will be "enforced impartially against vessels of all nations." It said it would still allow ships traveling between non-Iranian ports to transit the Strait of Hormuz. Earlier in the day, the United States and Iran ended 21 hours of face-to-face talks in Islamabad without reaching a deal, leaving the fate of the fragile, two-week ceasefire still unclear. The war that has killed thousands of people and shaken global markets has entered its seventh week. Here is the latest: Ships have stopped moving through the Strait of Hormuz, says intelligence firm Lloyd's List Intelli-



gence wrote Sunday that "all traffic" through the Strait of Hormuz stopped after President Donald Trump announced on Truth Social that the U.S. would blockade the waterway. It said two vessels that were leaving the strait turned around after the post. A trickle of traffic had returned to the strait in the days since the U.S. and Iran agreed to pause the conflict. Australia calls for Strait of Hormuz to be open to all Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has called for the Strait of Hormuz to be open and said the United States had not requested Australian help to blockade it. President Donald Trump said the U.S. Navy would swiftly begin a blockade of ships entering or leaving the Strait of Hormuz, after U.S.-Iran

ceasefire talks in Pakistan ended without an agreement. Albanese told Nine Network television on Monday: "We've received no requests, and they've made this announcement overnight and they've done that in a unilateral way. And we haven't been asked to participate." "What we want to see is negotiations continue and resume. We want to see an end to this conflict. We want to see the Strait of Hormuz opened for all. We want to see freedom of navigation as required by international law as well," Albanese added. Planned US blockade isn't as sweeping as Trump vowed. The U.S. military's logistical plans for blockading the Strait of Hormuz appeared to have been scaled down from the sweeping meas-

ures President Donald Trump had earlier threatened. Trump originally wrote on Truth Social that the U.S. would blockade "any and all" ships exiting or entering the Strait of Hormuz. The military, however, says it will still permit passage of ships headed between non-Iranian ports. Iran keeping 21 million barrels of oil in floating storage Samir Madani, the co-founder of Tankertrackers.com, told AP that the monitoring group used imagery from the European Space Agency's Copernicus-2 satellite to identify the types of Iranian oil tankers present in the Strait of Hormuz over the weekend. They identified 10 "Very Large Crude Carrier" supertankers - which can hold 2 million barrels of oil each - and 1 Suezmax tanker - which holds 1 million barrels - in the Gulf of Oman as of Sunday, adding up to 21 million barrels. Iran could be keeping the oil in floating storage to "better regulate exports amid turbulence" or in case of disturbances at Kharg Island, the group said on X.

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Pass Women's Quota in One Voice For 2029 Polls: Modi

Modi will address a national-level Nari Shakti Vandan Sammelan at Vigyan Bhawan in the national capital on Monday

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Ahead of the three-day special sitting of Parliament beginning April 16, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said it was imperative that the 2029 Lok Sabha and Assembly elections be conducted with women's reservation in place and urged all political parties to come together to pass the amendments to 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' in one voice. The Prime Minister, in a letter to the floor leaders of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, asserted that any society progressed only when women had the opportunity to progress, make decisions and, more importantly, lead. He said that for India to realise its vision of becoming a developed nation, it was essential that women play a greater, active role in this journey.

Modi will address a national-level Nari Shakti Vandan Sammelan at Vigyan Bhawan in the national capital on Monday, organised to reinforce the commitment towards greater participation of



women in shaping India's development trajectory. It will also highlight the increasing role of women in governance and leadership from panchayats to Parliament. The Budget Session of Parliament has been extended, and a special three-day sitting has been convened on April 16 to 18. The women's reservation Act will ensure an increase in the number of Lok Sabha seats to 816, of which 273 will be reserved for women.

"After extensive deliberations, we have reached the conclusion that the time has now come to implement the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam in its true spirit across the country. It is imperative that the 2029 Lok Sabha elections and Assembly elections are conducted with women's reservation in place," Modi said the letter dated April 11. Not-

ing that the implementation of the women's reservation Act in 2029 would infuse new energy into India's democratic institutions and strengthen public trust, Modi said that it would also ensure greater participation and representation in governance. "I am writing this letter so that we may all come together in one voice to pass this amendment," he wrote.

The Prime Minister said he was writing the letter so that all parties come together to pass this amendment in one voice during the "historic discussion" that is set to take place in Parliament from April 16. "This special sitting is an opportunity to further strengthen our democracy. It is also a moment to reiterate our collective commitment to moving forward together, taking everyone along," Modi wrote, adding, "I am writing this letter to you with this spirit and purpose." The Prime Minister highlighted that the issue of women's reservation in Parliament and state legislatures has been discussed for decades.

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No Serious LPG Shortage for Auto Component Makers, Assures Government

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The government on Monday said that there is no serious LPG supply shortage for auto component manufacturers. The government is in touch with auto industry body, auto component manufacturers association (ACMA) to ensure an adequate gas supply and prevent any supply chain disruptions, according to a senior official from the ministry of heavy industries. "Re-

garding supply chain issues, the ministry is in constant touch with the automobile industry and is making appropriate efforts to address them. The government has also advised the industry to use cleaner fuels, such as electric furnaces and PNG, wherever available," said additional secretary in the ministry of heavy industries, Hanif Qureshi, while addressing an inter-ministerial briefing here on the recent developments in West Asia. "LPG is used in the

component manufacturing industry, and the government is in touch with ACMA and the industry associations. We are taking all measures to ensure that adequate supply is there, along with the Ministry of Petroleum, and no serious shortages have been reported. In fact, if we look at the production base of March, then about 15 to 16 per cent increase in the production of vehicles took place in the month of March," Qureshi said.

Shah: Did's Fall 'Written On Wall', Our CM In WB To Be Non-TMC

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi projected himself as the BJP candidate for all the 294 seats of the West Bengal Assembly going to the polls, Trinamul Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee called him an "outsider". She also wondered whether Modi wished to Chief Minister of Bengal. In that case, Banerjee suggested, Modi must step down as Prime Minister. She told a poll campaign rally at Suri in Birbhum on Monday, "How can you say this? Which post will you take, PM or Bengal CM? You are an outsider in Bengal!"

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Revanth Wants GDP-Linked Delimitation

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy points out Centre is planning to increase the existing 543 Lok Sabha seats by 50 per cent, adding 272 seats. If the increase was carried out on a pro-rata basis, LS seats in southern states would rise from 130 to 195. In the northern states, 413 seats at present would increase to 621. The difference would rise to 208 seats. Delimitation was carried out thrice in the past, with the Lok Sabha seats increased to 520 in



Revanth Reddy Proposes Hybrid Model for Lok Sabha Delimitation: P2

1967, 542 in 1976, and 543 with the addition of a

seat for Sikkim. Southern states effectively implemented family planning measures, resulting in lower population growth, unlike in the north. Then-PM Minister Indira Gandhi imposed a freeze on seat redistribution for 25 years to maintain regional balance and prevent population-based disparities. Constitutional amendment introduced in 2001 under then-Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee extended the freeze on delimitation until 2026.

As a result, in 2009, Telangana was allocated 17

Lok Sabha seats and Andhra Pradesh 25 seats. Gap between Kerala (20 seats) and Uttar Pradesh (80 seats) currently 60 seats, it would widen to 90 seats. Kerala seats will rise to 30, Uttar Pradesh to 120. Gap between Telangana and Uttar Pradesh will widen to 94 seats. Southern states with 130 seats, would have 195, non-southern states with 413 seats will go up to 621. Smaller northern states such as Punjab and those in the Northeast could also lose political relevance.

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Asha Bhosle Laid to Rest with Full State Honours in Mumbai

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India bid adieu to one of its most celebrated singers, as the final rites of Asha Bhosle were performed with full state honours in Mumbai on Monday. Political leaders, family members and thousands of fans gathered in large numbers to bid her a final farewell. Flags at Maharashtra government offices flew at half-mast. The cremation took place at the Shivaji Park crematorium, where her son,

Anand Bhosle, lit the pyre and performed the final rites in a solemn atmosphere. Siblings Usha Mangeshkar and Hridaynath Mangeshkar were present during the last rites.

A sea of people gathered on the streets of Mumbai to bid a final farewell as Bhosle's mortal remains, draped in the Tricolour, were carried from her residence to the Shivaji Park Crematorium in a flower-decorated chariot. Her body was placed in a glass casket draped in the In-



dian tricolour. Adorned with white and yellow flowers, the hearse also featured a large photograph of the singer wearing a traditional

Maharashtrian 'nath.' A ceremonial police salute was also held. Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis, State Deputy Chief Ministers

Eknath Shinde and Sunetra Pawar, MNS chief Raj Thackeray paid their last respects to the singer. The city witnessed an emotional outpouring as fans, admirers and members of the music and film fraternity came together to honour one of India's greatest voices. Though Bhosle's family had requested fans to refrain from large gatherings at the cremation site, the queue at Shivaji Park stretched for several hundred metres. Many held placards and photographs paying tribute to

the singer. Earlier in the day, Bhosle's mortal remains were kept at her residence in Lower Parel in the morning. Fans and well-wishers were allowed to pay their last respects during a public viewing at her residence. Members of the music fraternity, artists and politicians visited to pay their respects. Veteran actor Asha Parekh, composer A. R. Rahman and cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar were among them who paid

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Revanth Proposes Hybrid Model for LS Delimitation

CM Revanth Reddy proposes hybrid delimitation model combining population and GSDP, warns against imbalance and demands nationwide consultations before implementation.

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A. Revanth Reddy on Monday proposed a “hybrid model” for the upcoming delimitation of Lok Sabha constituencies, calling for a balanced approach that combines population-based allocation with economic performance indicators. Addressing a press conference, the Chief Minister suggested that 50 per cent of the proposed increase in Lok Sabha seats be allocated on a pro-rata population basis, while the remaining 50 per cent be distributed based on each state’s Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) contribution over the past 10 to 25 years. He cautioned that relying solely on population data from the 2011 Census for seat allocation would create serious regional imbalances, disproportionately benefiting northern states while marginalising southern states. Such an approach, he



warned, could lead to a “major disaster” in the long term by weakening national unity. Terming the BJP-led Centre’s reported proposal for a blanket 50 per cent increase in Lok Sabha seats based purely on population as a “dangerous move,” Revanth Reddy said it would tilt political power heavily towards a few populous states. He argued that this would render southern and smaller states politically irrelevant despite their significant contributions to the national economy. Reiterating the Congress party’s support for women’s reservation, he clarified that the party opposes any delimitation

formula that depends solely on population growth. He urged the Centre to wait for updated data from the 2027 Census and undertake a comprehensive consultation process before implementing changes ahead of the 2029 general elections. Explaining his proposal further, the Chief Minister drew a parallel with the Supreme Court’s 50 per cent cap on reservations, suggesting that a similar principle could be applied to seat allocation. He argued that states contributing more to the country’s economy should be rewarded with fair political representation. He remarked that while

southern states have evolved into “economic capitals,” northern states have become “political capitals,” warning that the proposed model would allow the latter to dominate national decision-making. This, he said, would leave southern states with little influence in determining the country’s political leadership. Calling for equitable treatment, Revanth Reddy proposed that southern states be given special consideration in seat allocation, similar to northeastern states and Union Territories, where representation is not strictly population-based. He also emphasised that southern states have already conveyed their strong opposition to population-based redistribution to Narendra Modi, asserting that they would not accept a formula that diminishes their political voice. The Chief Minister demanded that the Centre convene an all-party

meeting, constitute an expert committee, and hold discussions in state Assemblies before finalising any delimitation proposal. He stressed that the issue goes beyond politics and directly impacts the country’s future and unity. Criticising Union ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay, he said even leaders from southern states within the BJP would lose relevance under the proposed system dominated by northern states. He further alleged that the Centre has not adequately represented southern states in key Union Cabinet portfolios in recent years. Revanth Reddy concluded by urging the Centre to engage all stakeholders—including political parties, state governments, and civil society—before introducing any legislation on delimitation, ensuring a fair and inclusive process that safeguards the country’s federal balance.

BRS turncoat MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy slams Congress government

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Another turncoat MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy has expressed strong displeasure over the State government’s failure to release funds for the Siddapur reservoir project and the manner in which he was being treated by Ministers.

The Banswada MLA, who got elected on a BRS ticket and later switched loyalties to the Congress, has of late been exposed to classic indifference from officials and the Congress leadership, and now realisation seems to have dawned on him that he was being sidelined.

The senior-most MLA in the State staged a protest at the reservoir site on Sunday night and criticised the government, particularly Ministers, for not responding to his repeated appeals.

A video of his telephonic conversation with a senior Irrigation Department official has gone viral on so-



cial media, in which he is seen expressing frustration.

“Is the government functioning or not, I fail to understand. I am a senior MLA and have raised this issue with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy nearly 20 times,” Srinivas Reddy said. Despite the irrigation official urging him to withdraw the protest, he remained firm.

“When I served as a Minister, officials would respond to my calls even at midnight. Government orders used to be issued in minutes. But in this Congress government, even MLAs’ calls are not being answered,” he complained.

Later, addressing his supporters, the MLA objected

to the attitude of certain Ministers. “At this age, should I have to plead for funds and project approvals?” he asked.

He warned that continued neglect could lead to the project falling into disrepair, with wild vegetation taking over and no initiative to revive it in the future.

Referring to delays in bill clearances, he said contractors were abandoning works midway, while others were reluctant to take up new projects.

The Siddapur reservoir was initiated during the previous BRS regime, with a significant portion of work already completed. However, progress slowed after the Congress came to power, reportedly due to multiple factors, including shortage of funds.

Interestingly, TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud acknowledged the financial constraints. “There are certain issues. Pocharam is a senior leader keen on development.

Medigadda repairs - Reality check turmps political attacks

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The apparent sudden revival of interest to rehabilitate the Kaleshwaram project barges at Medigadda, Sundilla and Annaram may have as much to do with the realisation that tens of thousands of crores of rupees spent on the project are lying waste since October 2023, when the problems at the barges came to light, as it has to do with the fact that the Medigadda barrage is still the best bet for making the most of Godavari water for the rest of Te-



langana. It may be recalled that condition of the barges faced a torrent of political criticism from the Congress both in the run-up to the last Assembly elections, and after the formation of government: The party used the sinking of one of the blocks at Medigadda, and leaks at Sundilla and Annaram, to beat the BRS with. These fail-

ures of the barges were also the prompt for the Congress government to revive the Dr B.R. Ambedkar Pranahita-Chevella project with plans to build a new barrage on the Pranahita river at Tummidihatti and bring water from there to Sundilla barrage — upstream of Medigadda — and use the rest of the existing Kaleshwaram lift irrigation

scheme (KLIS) system — for pumping water from Godavari to other parts of the state.

Sources said during the series of discussions in the government on the way forward — an exercise that picked up pace over the past month after the NDSA practically slammed the government for going slow on the repairs — one of the points that came up was the availability of water at Tummidihatti on the Pranahita, and at Medigadda that lies well after the confluence of Pranahita and Godavari rivers.

Road Safety Awareness Programme Held at Mator Village

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A road safety awareness programme was conducted in Mator Village with the slogan “No Helmet - No Entry”. “Speed thrills but kills”, highlighting the importance of responsible driving and strict adherence to traffic rules. The programme was presided over by Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Janne Siddulu, along with Deputy Sarpanch Bairapaka Ramulu. Ward members, the Panchayat Secretary, youth, and local residents actively participated in



the awareness campaign, reflecting strong community involvement. During the event, speakers emphasized key safety measures to prevent road accidents. They stated that wearing helmets is compulsory for two-wheeler

riders and seat belts must be worn while driving cars. Participants were warned about the dangers of over-speeding, unsafe U-turns, and reckless overtaking, which often lead to fatal accidents. Special focus

was given to speed breaker precautions, urging drivers to slow down and remain alert. Bike riders, especially those traveling on highways, were advised to stay cautious and attentive at all times. The gathering promoted the message “Arrive early, drive slowly”, encouraging people to value life over speed and avoid rash driving. As part of the programme, all participants took an oath to follow traffic rules, avoid high-speed driving, wear helmets, and ensure road safety for themselves and others.

Jampana Pratap Offers Tirumala Prayers for Devotees' Prosperity

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Sri Venkateswara Temple: Former Cantonment Board Vice Chairman Jampana Pratap Reddy offered prayers at the sacred shrine on April 13, seeking health, happiness, and prosperity for devotees across the country. Accompanied by family members Jampana Vidya-vati, Pawan, Lavanya, and Rishith, he participated in



darshan at the temple managed by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams. Speaking after the visit, Pratap expressed deep faith in Lord Venkateswara Swamy, revered as the “Kaliyuga God,” known for fulfilling devotees’ wishes

and removing hardships. He said his prayers focused on the well-being and protection of pilgrims visiting Tirumala. The visit reflects the continued devotion of public representatives who seek divine blessings not only for personal peace but also for the welfare of society. TTD officials ensured smooth arrangements, reinforcing Tirumala’s reputation as a spiritual beacon for millions.

Uttam Launches His Campaign in Tamil Nadu



Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy appealed to Tamil Nadu voters to beat back the BJP’s attempts to make inroads into the state in the elections on April 23. Campaigning in Singanallur constituency near Coimbatore on Monday, on first day of his campaign in Tamil Nadu, the minister, flanked by local Congress and DMK workers, addressed a packed public meeting. In a pointed attack on the BJP-AIADMK alliance, Uttam Kumar Reddy declared that the two parties were competing to attack the secular fabric of Tamil Nadu. “BJP should not be allowed into the state,” he said, while warning that any foothold gained by the saffron party would undermine the state’s progressive ethos.

Uttam Kumar Reddy made a special mention of the DMK cadres, thanking them for their cooperation, coordination and seamless teamwork on several key issues. He reiterated the DMK-Congress alliance’s ambitious election promises, urging voters to judge the alliance on its commitment to deliver tangible welfare. The minister reiterated that the promises would be fulfilled without fail. He said the DMK-Congress alliance would take up recruit of 10,000 women and they would be inducted into the state police forces strengthening law enforcement and women’s empowerment.

PS Market Police Ignite Road Safety Revolution with 'Arrive Alive' Grama Sabha

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In a proactive initiative to enhance road safety, the PS Market Police Station launched Day 1 of the “Arrive Alive” programme with a dynamic Road Safety Grama Sabha. Led by DI S.M. Basheer Ahmed and S.I.A. Naresh, the event united residents, local leaders, and workers to promote accident-free roads through collective responsibility.

A core Road Safety Committee was formed along with sub-committees



comprising 8-9 members, including three women to ensure inclusivity. Participants took a road safety oath, pledging responsible driving, pedestrian awareness, and vigilance.

To ensure continuous coordination, a dedicated WhatsApp group was created for real-time updates and hazard reporting. Officers also addressed civic issues like

potholes and open manholes, directing GHMC staff for immediate repairs.

With active participation from GHMC teams, Anganwadi teachers, vendors, and Peace Committee members, the initiative emphasized community-driven efforts, setting a strong foundation for safer roads in the PS Market area.

Govt Clears ₹98 Crore for Malkajgiri Municipal Office

The government gave approval for ₹98 crore to build a permanent office for the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) here on Monday. According to the government order, the office building will be constructed at Uppal Bhagayat Layout Phase III, on land covering Survey No.s 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 276, 278, 279 and 280. The land, around 10 acres, was allotted earlier for this purpose. Officials said the proposal came from the MMC commissioner, who informed the government about the requirement for a permanent office. Earlier, the corporation was allowed to function from a temporary office at Tarnaka.

Mala Mahanadu Chief Slams Motkupalli, Seeks Fair Dalit Representation

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Mala Mahanadu National President G. Chennaiyya launched a strong attack on senior leader Motkupalli Narsimhulu, accusing him of monopolizing political power for over three decades and neglecting opportunities for other Dalits.

Addressing a press meet in Lakdikapool, Chennaiyya warned that the community would no longer remain silent if “poison is spilled on malas,” alleging that Motkupalli failed to step aside even after multiple terms as MLA. He questioned why younger Dalit aspirants were denied chances despite Motkupalli holding power for years.

Chennaiyya emphasized that political parties prioritize performance and commitment, stating that only active and capable leaders secure electoral tickets. He also highlighted what he termed as hy-



pocrisy, pointing out that leaders like G. Vivek Venkataswamy and Bhatti Vikramarka rose through hard work and sacrifice, yet Motkupalli remained silent on such examples.

The remarks come amid growing calls within Dalit groups for equitable political representation in Telangana. Chennaiyya concluded by asserting that Dalits seek fair opportunities rather than prolonged dominance by a few individuals.

Hafsa Begum Scores 997, Emerges State Topper

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Hafsa Begum has emerged as one of the State Rank 1 achievers in the Intermediate Second Year 2026 examinations, scoring an outstanding 997/1000 in the BiPC stream and bringing laurels to MS Education Academy. Her exceptional performance places her among the highest scorers in the state, contributing to the institution’s strong results this year, where 55 students secured 990+ marks. The results reflect



the academy’s consistent academic excellence among the 9.97 lakh students who appeared for the exams statewide.

Hafsa, who joined MS Education Academy in Class 8, credited her success to continuous re-

vision, self-assessment, and the support of her teachers and family. “I am grateful to Allah and everyone who guided me,” she said, highlighting the role of a disciplined study routine.

A key turning point in her

journey was the Heavenly Heart Scholarship, an initiative supporting students who lost their fathers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The program provided her with stability and encouragement during a challenging phase. Looking ahead, Hafsa is preparing for NEET with the aim of securing an MBBS seat in her first attempt. Her achievement adds to the academy’s legacy of producing state toppers and stands as an inspiring example of resilience and determination.

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.

Fuel & LPG Supply Stable In Telangana : OMCs

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Oil marketing companies (OMCs) said that demand for petrol and diesel had moderated and was now comparable to pre-war levels. LPG refill bookings had also declined significantly, as panic-driven bookings by consumers had fallen considerably. Currently, approximately 2.18 lakh domestic LPG cylinders are being delivered daily in Telangana, as compared to the pre-war average of 2.15 lakh cylinders per day, the OMCs said and declared it sufficient to meet current demand. According to the state-level coordinator for OMCs, the supply situation was being closely monitored and necessary measures had been under-



taken to streamline logistics and expedite deliveries. OMCs were in continuous coordination with the state government to address operational issues and ensure smooth and uninterrupted supply of petrol, diesel, and LPG. The Central and state governments were also promoting piped natural gas (PNG) as a convenient, safe, and efficient alternative cooking fuel. "PNG services are avail-

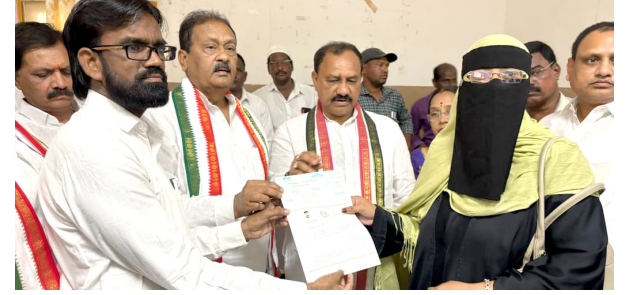
able in Hyderabad, Medchal, Sangareddy, Choutuppal, Nalgonda, Warangal, Khammam, Shadnagar, Ramagundam, and other selected towns. Efforts are underway to expand PNG connectivity to additional urban and semi-urban areas in the state," the officials said. Meanwhile, civil supplies commissioner M. Stephen Raveendra conducted a review meeting in coordi-

nation with Nikhil Chakravarthi, director of industries, alongside representatives from OMCs and hotel associations. Officials deliberated on overall supply and distribution of commercial LPG from the depots. It was observed that there is a noticeable lag in delivery in some sectors. The review also focused on the overall requirement to the industrial sector, including industrial fabrication and foundries. To curb artificial scarcity, Raveendra announced a zero-tolerance policy against any illegal supply or black marketing of commercial LPG. A stern warning was issued that those found bypassing the official system and purchasing cylinders through illegal or unauthorised channels will face severe legal consequences.

Shabbir Ali assures full support to Haj pilgrims

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Government Adviser Mohammed Ali Shabbir on Monday reaffirmed that the Congress government would extend full support to Haj pilgrims from Telangana, ensuring smooth, safe and spiritually fulfilling arrangements, including special assistance in Mecca. He was speaking after inaugurating a Haj training camp organised by the Kamareddy District Haj Society at Devunipalli. The session witnessed large participation, with pilgrims receiving detailed guidance on rituals, travel procedures, accommodation and safety precautions. Religious scholars explained mandatory practices and addressed possible challenges during the pilgrimage. Special arrangements were made for



women, while interactive sessions helped clarify pilgrims' doubts. Shabbir Ali stressed that the government considers people's issues as its own and is committed to providing timely assistance. He assured that all necessary facilities and support services would be made available to pilgrims both in Telangana and during their stay in Mecca. Earlier, at a programme in Nizamabad, Shabbir Ali along with PCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud distributed welfare benefits and CMRF cheques. Financial assistance of Rs

5.91 crore was provided under Shaadi Mubarak and Kalyana Lakshmi schemes to over 500 beneficiaries, while Rs 32 lakh under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund was given to 54 individuals. He said welfare remains a priority despite financial constraints, highlighting that these schemes ease the burden on poor families. Mahesh Kumar Goud noted that the government is fulfilling promises through initiatives like free bus travel, subsidised LPG, and free electricity, ensuring people-centric governance.

Jallianwala Bagh: A Tragedy Written in Blood that Shaped India's Freedom

Jallianwala Bagh Massacre: Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Remembered as Brutal Colonial Atrocity That Sparked India's Freedom Struggle and National Awakening

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April 13 remains one of the darkest days in India's history, carrying a deep sense of sorrow and remembrance. The brutal massacre that took place in 1919 at Jallianwala Bagh stands as a shocking example of the cruelty of British colonial rule and a major turning point in India's struggle for independence. **The Rowlatt Act: A Trigger for Nationwide Protests** After World War I, the British government introduced the controversial Rowlatt Act, which restricted basic civil rights. The Act allowed authorities to arrest individuals without trial, leading to widespread anger across the country. Protests and demonstrations began to rise as people opposed this unjust law. **April 13, 1919: The Day of the Massacre** On the occasion of Baisakhi, thousands of people gathered peacefully at Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar. Without any warning, British officer Reginald Dyer entered the area with armed troops and ordered them to open fire on the un-



armed crowd. For nearly ten minutes, continuous firing took place, leaving hundreds dead and many more injured. The ground was surrounded by high walls with very few exits, trapping people inside and making escape almost impossible. **A Scene of Horror** The situation quickly turned into a nightmare. In an attempt to save their lives, many people jumped into a well inside the garden. Official records reported 379 deaths, but historians believe the actual number was far higher, possibly exceeding 1,000. A Turning Point in the Freedom Movement The massacre shocked the entire nation and strengthened the demand for independence. Rabin-

dranath Tagore gave up his knighthood in protest against British actions. Mahatma Gandhi lost faith in British rule and launched the Non-Cooperation Movement, which became a major step in the freedom struggle. **Remembering the Sacrifice** Today, Jallianwala Bagh remains a place of remembrance. The bullet marks on the walls and the Martyrs' Well continue to remind visitors of the sacrifices made by innocent people for the freedom of the nation. The Jallianwala Bagh massacre is not just a historical incident; it is a warning about the dangers of misuse of power. The freedom we enjoy today is the result of the sacrifices made by those martyrs.

TMREIS Colleges Shine in Intermediate Results Students Secure Top Scores

NIZAMABAD Wakeup telangana

TMREIS Junior Colleges in Nizamabad district have delivered remarkable results in the Intermediate examinations for the academic year 2026, achieving an overall pass percentage of 90% and reaffirming their academic excellence. Students from 23 TMREIS junior colleges, including 13 boys' and 10 girls' institutions, performed exceptionally well across both first and second year examinations. In the first year, Mohammed

TELANGANA MINORITIES RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SOCIETY Intermediate First Year Toppers List - 2025-26 Nizamabad Dist.

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Intermediate Second Year Toppers List - 2025-26 Nizamabad Dist.

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Habeebuddin (MPC) secured 465/470 marks, while Safa Tahreem (BPC) emerged 438/440 marks, emerging among the top performers at the

state level. In the second year, Mohammed Yaseen (BPC) achieved 994/1000 marks, while Basreera Areeb (MPC) secured 993/1000

marks, setting impressive benchmarks. Several other students also excelled with top scores, reflecting consistent academic strength. Officials stated that 7 colleges recorded a 100% pass rate, while 10 colleges achieved over 90% results. A significant number of students secured A-grade and above 90% marks, highlighting the strong academic standards maintained by the institutions. Authorities and education officials appreciated the dedication of students, the commitment of faculty,

and the disciplined learning environment. They emphasized that TMREIS colleges continue to provide quality education while preparing students for higher academic and competitive opportunities. Parents and guardians expressed satisfaction over the outstanding performance and acknowledged the role of teachers and management in guiding students toward success. Admissions are ongoing, and students are encouraged to take advantage of the facilities provided by TMREIS institutions.

Karwan MLA Reviews Civic Works with GHMC Officials

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin held a series of review meetings with senior Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation officials, including Commissioner M. Karnan, to address pending civic issues in the constituency. During the discussions, priority was given to preparing fresh estimates for BT and VDCC roads, intensifying nala cleaning and desilting ahead of the monsoon, and ensuring timely maintenance of street lighting. The MLA



also stressed strict action against encroachments on footpaths to improve pedestrian safety. A follow-up meeting was conducted with Golconda Zonal Commissioner Mu-

kund Reddy, along with officials and the Assistant Commissioner of Police, to review implementation strategies and expedite ongoing works across Karwan.

BRS leaders inspect venue for KCR public meeting in Jagtial

HYDERABAD 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.

BC Leaders Demand Sub-Quota for Women

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Prominent Backward Classes (BC) leaders staged a protest at the Martyrs' Stupa, Gun Park, demanding a dedicated sub-quota for BC women within the proposed 33% Women's Reservation Bill, warning that lack of representation would further marginalize them. Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud, Legislative Council Opposition Leader Madhusudana Chari, former MP V. Hanumantha Rao, along with BC JAC leaders and activ-



ists, participated in the demonstration. Addressing the gathering, speakers criticized the Union government, alleging that despite Narendra Modi being projected as a BC leader, backward classes continue to be politically underrepresented. They claimed that BCs constitute nearly 80 crore of India's 140 crore pop-

ulation, yet lack institutional support such as a dedicated BC ministry. The leaders also raised concerns over the ongoing caste census, accusing the Centre of excluding BCs by counting only SC and ST families. They demanded the inclusion of a separate column to ensure accurate enumeration, warning that flawed data

could weaken reservation policies and fail legal scrutiny, citing past setbacks in states like Bihar, Punjab, and Karnataka. Emphasizing the urgency, speakers said without a specific sub-quota, BC women would struggle to secure legislative seats, despite benefiting from reservations in local bodies. The leaders urged nationwide participation in a protest scheduled in Delhi on April 16, calling it a decisive step toward securing justice and political representation for BC women.

Karate Belt Grading Ceremony Held at Narayanguda

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A Color Belt Grading and Award Ceremony was successfully conducted by G.V.R Karate Academy on Tuesday morning at its premises in Narayanguda, with 31 students participating in the event. The ceremony witnessed the distribution of belts and certificates to successful candidates by Shri Chitti Sridhar, Sports Convener of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Telangana, who attended as the chief guest. The program highlighted the achievements of students who



successfully cleared various grading levels in karate. Addressing the gathering, Shri Chitti Sridhar emphasized the importance of karate training for individuals across all age groups, particularly students and youth. Stressing the significance of physical fitness, he remarked that "Health is Wealth," add-

ing that a strong and disciplined youth contributes to enhancing the nation's prestige. He also underlined that karate training not only strengthens the body but also builds self-confidence, mental resilience, and emotional stability. He further noted that students represent the future of the nation and must be

equipped with both physical and mental strength to face challenges in life. The event reflected the academy's commitment to holistic development through martial arts training. G.V.R Karate Academy Director Dr. G.S. Gopal Reddy, along with black belt holders Narsing Rao, Kareem, Amrutha Reddy, Shiny, and Dwaitha, were present at the event. Parents of the participating students and other attendees also witnessed the ceremony, applauding the students' dedication and achievements.

Massive Traffic Jams As Noida Workers' Protest Turns Violent: 200 Detained

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A workers' protest demanding higher wages turned violent across industrial hubs of Noida on Monday, triggering widespread arson, stone pelting and vandalism, while bringing traffic to a standstill along key routes connecting the city to Delhi during peak morning hours. The agitation, which began around 9.30 am in Sector 62, quickly spread to multiple locations including the Phase-2 industrial area, Sectors 60, 63, 84 and the Chilla border. Thousands of workers from various factory units gathered on the roads, raising slogans and blocking arterial routes such as National Highway 9, a crucial corridor linking Delhi with western Uttar Pradesh.

Over 200 people were detained in the protests, the police said. As the protests intensified, sections of demonstrators torched vehicles, including police vehicles, damaged public



property and pelted stones. The police said the situation escalated in pockets of Phase 2, where vehicles were set ablaze, and a police vehicle was vandalised. Teargas and mild force were used at some locations to disperse the crowds.

The unrest paralysed traffic across Noida and at Delhi's entry points, leaving thousands of commuters stranded for hours. Long queues of vehicles stretched for kilometres at the Chilla border, DND flyway and along NH-9. Office-goers, students and even ambulances were

caught in the gridlock. According to officials, the protest was driven by long-pending demands for wage revision, with workers seeking parity with neighbouring Haryana, where minimum wages were recently increased. Protesters alleged low salaries, non-payment of overtime and poor working conditions.

"Even after working 12-hour shifts, we earn Rs 11,000-Rs 15,000, which is not enough to sustain a family," said one worker. Women workers alleged irregular wage practices

and demanded better pay and facilities. The protests came a day after the Uttar Pradesh administration announced measures to improve labour welfare, including mandatory double overtime pay and timely wages. However, workers said these assurances had not translated into immediate relief.

The authorities said heavy police deployment has been made across affected areas in Gautam Buddh Nagar, with senior officers monitoring the situation on the ground. "The situation is under control and being continuously monitored. Efforts are being made to counsel workers and maintain peace," the police said. Security was also tightened at Delhi's borders, with additional personnel, barricading and strict vehicle checks to prevent any spillover of unrest. Officials said they were in constant coordination with their Uttar Pradesh counterparts. The traffic police issued advisories, diverting vehicles from key

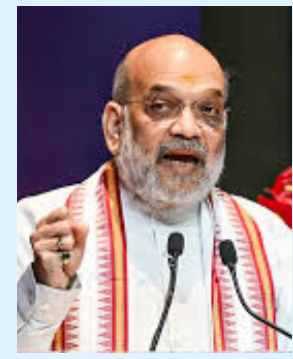
stretches and urging commuters to use alternate routes such as the DND flyway and NH-24. While movement was gradually restored in some areas by the evening, congestion persisted at several points. "We have been stuck for over an hour with no movement," said an office commuter. Another commuter said it took him nearly two hours to reach Delhi. Several people took to social media to highlight the chaos, with many complaining about the lack of timely diversions. Officials said dialogue with the workers is ongoing, even as the scale of disruption underscored growing unrest in industrial belts over wages and working conditions. The violence erupted a day after the Uttar Pradesh government announced a series of measures aimed at strengthening labour welfare, including mandatory double overtime pay and timely wages for workers in Gautam Buddh Nagar. District magistrate Medha Roopam on Sunday

Shah: Didi's Fall 'Written On Wall', Our CM In WB To Be Non-TMC

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi projected himself as the BJP candidate for all the 294 seats of the West Bengal Assembly going to the polls, Trinamul Congress supreme Mamata Banerjee called him an "outsider". She also wondered whether Modi wished to Chief Minister of Bengal. In that case, Banerjee suggested, Modi must step down as Prime Minister. She told a poll campaign rally at Suri in Birbhum on Monday, "How can you say this? Which post will you take, PM or Bengal CM? You are an outsider in Bengal!"

The Chief Minister alleged, "Ask him why he has failed to give two crore jobs annually. He talks about generating employment in Bengal while he has taken away



jobs in UP, Bihar and Rajasthan. In your regime, unemployment grew by 40 per cent while we reduced unemployment by 40 per cent. We have generated two crore employment so far." "You said that Bengal is a factory of infiltrators. But your government, on record, said that there are only around 2m000 infiltrators in Bengal. You have given citizenship to those who came in 2025. However, you are forcing those, who have been staying here for ages, to prove their citizenship." Targeting the PM's monthly radio pro-

gramme, Banerjee argued, "In the guise of 'Mann Ki Baat', students are being manipulated in Central government schools. Labourers from Bengal are hired in other states for their skills. We too have 1.5 crore migrant labourers here. We don't torture them. You bring in people from Bihar and UP to fill your programs. Those people who attend your rallies are not voters of Bengal. They are outsiders." She also trained guns on UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath who had campaigned in the state on Sunday. "The CM of UP has said that bulldozer action will take place here as well. What do you mean? I don't believe in bulldozer action. I believe in humanity. We respect all religions and celebrate every festival. Don't teach us religion," Banerjee said.

Retail Inflation Rises to 3.4 pc in March: Govt Data

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

Retail inflation inched up marginally to 3.4 per cent in March compared to 3.21 per cent in the preceding month, mainly due to uptick in certain food items, amid the ongoing West Asia crisis, according to government data released on Monday. The food inflation, based on the consumer price index (CPI), was estimated at 3.87 per cent in March as against 3.47 per cent in February. The retail inflation released by the National Statistics Office

(NSO) is based on a new series with a base year 2024.

The March CPI remains below the Reserve Bank's median target of 4 per cent. High inflation was noticed during March in gold and silver jewellery, coconut (copra), tomato, and cauliflower. On the other hand, inflation was in negative in onion, potato, garlic, arhar dal, and chickpeas, according to the NSO data. The CPI was at 1.65 per cent in 'electricity, gas and other fuels' segment during March as against 1.52 in the preceding month. In-

flation rates for rural and urban segments are 3.63 per cent and 3.11 per cent, respectively. Housing inflation rate for March 2026 was 2.11 per cent. Highest inflation was in Telangana at 5.83 per cent and the lowest in Mizoram at 0.66 per cent. Commenting on CPI data, ASSOCHAM President Nirmal K Minda said the government's approach to manage prices by keeping petrol and diesel rates unchanged, despite a sharp rise in international crude oil prices, is highly commendable.

The RBI has also sup-

ported economic activity by maintaining a stable repo rate, he added. ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said the CPI inflation rose slightly to 3.4 per cent in March over February, indicating a mild initial impact of the West Asian crisis on the headline number. "The sequential uptick in year-on-year inflation was driven by food and electricity, gas and other fuels groups, with the latter reflecting the impact of the West Asia crisis across LPG and alternate fuels," she said. NSO collects real-time price data.

PM Modi And Mamata Are Two Sides Of Same Coin, Alleges Owaisi

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Monday called Prime Minister Narendra Modi and West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee "two sides of the same coin" in his bid to woo the Muslims, who have been aligned to the Trinamul Congress, in the Assembly Election here. Mr Owaisi also defended his decision to break up with his ally Aam Janata Unnayan Party founder Hu-



mayun Kabir after two videos, leaked by TMC last week, showed the latter demanding ₹1000 crores from BJP to "fool" Muslims and split their votes in the polls. In his first rally after the collapse of the alliance with Mr Kabir's outfit, the AIMIM chief told a poll campaign rally of his party at Raghunath-

gunj in Murshidabad, "As soon as the video surfaced, I ended it (alliance) because the Majlis will not tolerate the bargain of the Muslims in Bengal." Referring to Ms Banerjee's previous stint in the NDA, he alleged, "Tell me didn't she and TMC side with the BJP? Didn't they help BJP win the Dum Dum Lok Sabha seat? Modi and Mamata are two sides of the same coin. They are like brothers and sisters." Mr Owaisi, who further

attacked the TMC chief for calling him vote katua (vote splitter) while helping BJP to grow in the state, even threatened to organise Chakka Jam in Kolkata soon over the OBC reservation for the oppressed Muslims of Murshidabad. Mr Kabir however claimed, "AIMIM state president Imran Solanki and other leaders have secretly decided to ensure TMC victory at Jangipur and Raghunathgunj in exchange of ₹20 crores."

Mamata Says She Is Fighting Alone as 19 States, Centre Unite Against Her

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday claimed that 19 states and the Centre have come together to counter her, and that she is single-handedly fighting for the common people. The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance has governments in 19 states of the country. Addressing a rally at Suri in Birbhum district, the TMC supreme said the BJP won't be able to win the West Bengal elections using forces from Delhi. "The Trinamool Congress will secure over 226 seats in the West Bengal assembly elections," she said. Banerjee also alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' programme is being telecast to influence young minds. "They (BJP) are distributing money... They have transferred everyone (bureaucrats and policemen) to other states so that nobody can catch them. Money, drugs, arms and voters are being smuggled into West Bengal. Voters are being brought in trains and buses from Bihar to cast their votes. "A total of 19 states and the cen-



tral government have come together against me... I am enough for them. I will continue my fight for the common people because I do not think I am alone. I have the blessings of the public," she said. The TMC chief took a swipe at Modi, asking whether he wanted to become the chief minister of West Bengal, in response to his remark that he was the candidate in all the seats. Banerjee said Modi's statement that he was the candidate in all 294 assembly seats mirrored her own oft-repeated assertion during election campaigns since 2021. The PM, while addressing a rally in Siliguri on Sunday, said he was the "BJP's candidate across all constituencies" in West Bengal. "If Modiji says he is the candidate in 294 seats, then he should resign as prime minister and say he wants to be the chief minister of West Bengal. Let him seek votes for all the constituencies," she said.

"First, decide whether you want to be the prime minister of the country or the chief minister of West Bengal. You are an outsider here. Handle Delhi first, then think about West Bengal," she said. Banerjee attacked Modi over employment promises, asking, "What happened to his earlier promise of providing two crore jobs?" "When we try to fill vacancies, cases are filed in courts to stall recruitment. Now they are talking about jobs. Do not try to mislead the people of West Bengal," she said. The TMC supreme also criticised Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' programme, alleging that it was being used to influence children. Referring to comments made by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who had on Sunday said that bulldozers would roll in West Bengal, Banerjee hit back, asserting that her government does not believe in such an approach but in one based on love. "We do not believe in a bulldozer policy. We believe in a policy of love," she said. Banerjee also cautioned people against accepting money from the BJP.

Iran Threatens.....

They identified 10 "Very Large Crude Carrier" supertankers - which can hold 2 million barrels of oil each - and 1 Suezmax tanker - which holds 1 million barrels - in the Gulf of Oman as of Sunday, adding up to 21 million barrels. Iran could be keeping the oil in floating storage to "better regulate exports amid turbulence" or in case of disturbances at Kharg Island, the group said on X. Kharg island, which the U.S. struck during the war, is home to a terminal through which Iran exports most of its oil. Iran's foreign minister claims US tanked productive talks Writing on X, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Iran had negotiated with the U.S. in "good faith" for an end to the war. "But when just inches away from "Islamabad MoU", we encountered maximalism, shifting goalposts, and blockade," he wrote, using an acronym for "memorandum of understanding." He then echoed earlier threats from Iranian officials. "Good will begets good will. Enmity begets enmity." US Central Command to blockade Iranian ports U.S. Central Command has announced that it will begin a blockade of Iranian ports on Monday at 10 a.m. ET. CENTCOM said the blockade would be "enforced impartially against vessels of all nations" entering or departing Iranian ports and coastal areas. It said it would still allow ships traveling between non-Iranian ports to transit the Strait of Hormuz. In its statement, CENTCOM said the blockade would in-

clude all Iranian ports. It said it would give more information to commercial vessels before the start of the blockade. Lebanese Red Cross says Israeli drone strike hit their unit, killing a paramedic The Lebanese Red Cross said Sunday another paramedic was lightly wounded in the attack in the southern Lebanese town of Beit Yahoun. At least 87 medical workers in Lebanon have been killed in Israeli strikes since the beginning of the war between Israel and the Hezbollah militant group, according to the country's health ministry. Middle East security expert says Trump has little leverage in the Strait of Hormuz Andreas Krieg, a senior lecturer in security studies at Kings College London, said Sunday that Trump's plan to use the U.S. Navy to block the Strait of Hormuz is unrealistic. "We should bear in mind that the Americans have a much lower threshold of pain than the Iranians," Krieg said.

BRS may revert to....

In 2023, members of Parliament across party lines came together to support the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam. He added that during those deliberations the timing of its implementation was also touched upon, and there was a broad consensus that the provisions of this historic law should become effective at the earliest. "Leaders from many parties were of this view. In the recent past, we have held consultations with experts on this subject. We have sought suggestions and guidance from those well-versed in consti-

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tutional matters. We have also engaged in dialogue with political parties," Modi wrote. "Since all political parties have expressed the desire to increase women's representation in politics for a long time, this is the right time to turn that aspiration into reality." From space to sports, from the armed forces to start-ups, India's daughters are making an impact in every field. With their hard work and determination, they are proving their capabilities," Modi wrote. The Prime Minister said the women represent nearly half of the country's population. The reservation for women in Parliament and state Assemblies is a strong step towards enhancing their participation in the political domain. Referring to September 20 and September 21, 2023, when the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha respectively passed the women's reservation law, Modi wrote, "I consider that day an important and inspiring milestone in India's parliamentary journey. Several members of Parliament contributed to the discussion on the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam.

Asha Bhosle Laid.....

The city witnessed an emotional outpouring as fans, admirers and members of the music and film fraternity came together to honour one of India's greatest voices. Though Bhosle's family had requested fans to refrain from large gatherings at the cremation site, the queue at Shivaji Park stretched for several hundred metres. Many held placards and photographs paying tribute to the

singer. Earlier in the day, Bhosle's mortal remains were kept at her residence in Lower Parel in the morning. Fans and well-wishers were allowed to pay their last respects during a public viewing at her residence. Members of the music fraternity, artists and politicians visited to pay their respects. Veteran actor Asha Parekh, composer A. R. Rahman and cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar were among them who paid their last respects to the legendary singer at her residence, Casa Grande, in Lower Parel. Other noted personalities, including Mumbai Mayor Ritu Tawade, Sudesh Bhosale, Tabu and NCP leader Supriya Sule, were also seen offering their condolences to the bereaved family. Actors Jackie Shroff, Riteish Deshmukh, Renuka Shahane, Ranveer Singh, Aamir Khan, Vicky Kaushal, Padmini Kolhapure and Rakesh Roshan also paid their tributes. Veteran stars Helen, Poonam Dhillon, and Meenakshi Sheshadri were also in attendance. The Maharashtra cabinet paid homage to the iconic artiste at its weekly meeting. Addressing the cabinet, CM Fadnavis said that Asha Bhosle had herself proposed the idea of setting up a dedicated music institution. He added that the government would take concrete steps to realise her vision. The veteran singer passed away on Sunday at the age of 92 at Breach. Candy Hospital, bringing to a close an extraordinary career that spanned more than eight decades. She had been battling multiple health issues and passed

CRIME

Rampant Illegal Sand Mining Along Godavari River Raises Serious Concerns

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Illegal sand transportation has once again intensified in the riverbank villages of the Godavari in Balakonda constituency, particularly in Ergatla mandal. The affected villages include Tadapakallu, Domachanda, and Gummira, where large-scale illegal sand extraction and storage activities are being carried out without restraint. According to local information, nearly 100 trips worth of illegally mined sand have been stockpiled in Domachanda village, while around 40 trips have been stored near a temple in Gummira village. In Tadapakallu, sand is being continuously transported and stockpiled along the road leading towards Bhattapur village. The sand is reportedly being

transported in heavy vehicles to other districts, both during the day and at midnight, generating huge illegal profits. It is reported that just two days ago, following a media report highlighting the dangers posed by illegal sand mining, local authorities had instructed those involved to temporarily halt operations. However, these instructions have been openly ignored, and illegal activities have

resumed at full scale. Local residents allege that despite having complete information about these activities, officials from various departments, including revenue and police, are deliberately turning a blind eye. Accusations have been made that lower and mid-level officials are complicit, allowing such operations to continue unchecked. Further allega-

tions suggest that in order to create a false impression of enforcement, a small quantity of sand—around 20 trips—is occasionally seized and later redistributed under housing schemes, effectively benefiting the same individuals involved in illegal mining. The public strongly believes that the involvement and inaction of certain officials, along with political pressure, have enabled this ongoing illegal activity, resulting in significant loss to government revenue. Residents are demanding that the District Collector take immediate and serious action by initiating a comprehensive inquiry into the matter. They believe that such an investigation will expose the extent of irregularities and bring those responsible to justice.

Three injured in explosion at Jalavihar RO water plant

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

Tenant farmer ends life over debt

A 25-year-old tenant farmer, who had taken land on lease, died by suicide at Mandapally in Dammapeta mandal of Bhadradi-Kothagudem district on Sunday, reportedly due to financial distress. The victim, Adapa Narsimha Rao alias Chanti, had leased 130 acres to cultivate maize. Police said he suffered heavy losses as the crop yield fell below expectations. Struggling with debt and depression, he took the extreme step at his home in the early hours of Sunday. He leaves behind a wife and two children. Dammapeta police rushed to the spot and shifted the body to the government hospital at Aswaraopeta for post-mortem.

Arrive Alive Phase-IV Launched to Boost Road Safety Awareness

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The "Arrive Alive" road safety awareness programme entered its fourth phase as part of the Public Governance-Progress Action Plan, scheduled to be conducted from April 13 to April 18, 2026. The first day of the programme was held at RP Pump, Trimulgherry X Roads, under the jurisdiction of the Trimulgherry Traffic Police Station. The initiative was carried out under the supervision of DCP (Traffic-1), Malkajiri, Rahul Reddy, IPS, and led by ACP G. Shankar Raju of the Tri-

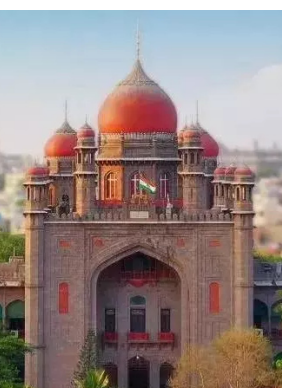


mulgherry Division. The programme focused on promoting responsible driving habits and enhancing awareness about road safety among commuters. As part of the campaign, motorists were administered a road safety pledge. To ensure smooth conduct of the event and pre-

vent inconvenience to the public, road repairs, including filling of potholes at the location, were completed in advance. Reserve Inspector I.V. Ramanayya, along with traffic sub-inspectors and law and order personnel, actively participated in the programme.

Plea Seeks Permit for Public Hearing

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court admitted a writ petition complaining of inaction of authorities in permitting a public hearing for a proposed common biomedical waste treatment facility in Hanamkonda district. The panel of Justice K. Lakshman and Justice B.R. Madhusudhan Rao was hearing a writ petition filed by Clean Harbors India, questioning

the failure of the Telangana Pollution Control Board and other authorities to act on its application submitted in March 2026, seeking

permission to conduct a public hearing as part of the environmental clearance process. The petitioner contended that despite submitting applications and representations in March 2026, the authorities failed to act on the request to initiate the public consultation process. It was argued that such inaction was illegal and contrary to the applicable guidelines governing biomedical waste management facilities, besides violating princi-

ples of natural justice. The petitioner contended that the project had received in-principle approval and terms of reference from the competent authorities in 2022, and the denial of permission to proceed with the public hearing was obstructing the environmental clearance process. Taking note of the submissions of the petitioner counsel, the Court issued directed the respondent authorities to file counter.

EDITORIAL

FROM SOCIAL OPPRESSION TO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP: AMBEDKAR'S JOURNEY

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The life of B. R. Ambedkar stands as a powerful testament to resilience, intellect, and an unwavering commitment to justice. Born in 1891 into the socially marginalized Mahar community, Ambedkar experienced severe caste-based discrimination from an early age. He was often denied basic rights such as access to drinking water and proper seating in school, highlighting the harsh realities of social oppression in colonial India. Despite these adversities, Ambedkar pursued education with remarkable determination. His academic journey took him to prestigious institutions such as Columbia University and the London School of Economics, where he earned multiple degrees in eco-

nomics, law, and political science. This global exposure shaped his intellectual framework and strengthened his resolve to challenge social inequality. Ambedkar's leadership emerged through his active role in advocating for the rights of the oppressed. A significant example is the Mahad Satyagraha, where he led thousands to assert their right to access public water sources, symbolizing a direct challenge to caste-

based exclusion. He also founded journals like Mooknayak to raise awareness and mobilize marginalized communities. His transition from a social reformer to a national leader became evident when he was appointed as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Indian Constitution. In this role, Ambedkar ensured the inclusion of provisions that guaranteed equality, fundamental rights, and

protection against discrimination. His emphasis on justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity laid the foundation for modern India's democratic framework. His life continues to inspire generations to stand against injustice and strive for inclusive progress. *The Writer is a Assistant Professor of English at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology, Gandipet.*



Are humans training AI, robots to take away their factory jobs?

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A viral video showing factory workers wearing head-mounted cameras while performing routine tasks has sparked intense online debate over the purpose of the footage and its potential link to artificial intelligence (AI) development. The clips, believed to be from a garment manufacturing unit, depict rows of employees with small cameras strapped to their foreheads, capturing their work from a first-person perspective. The unusual visuals quickly triggered speculation across social media platforms, with many users questioning whether the recordings are being used to train AI systems. A widely discussed theory suggests that such "ego-



centric" video data—captured directly from a worker's point of view—could help machines learn complex manual tasks, including fabric handling and stitching, through imitation. Supporters of this view argue that the approach represents a growing trend in industrial automation, where human movements are recorded and translated into machine learning models. By analyzing detailed hand movements and workflows, AI-powered

robots could potentially replicate the same tasks with precision, extending beyond garment factories into multiple sectors. However, the video has also ignited concerns about worker awareness and consent. Several social media users expressed discomfort over the possibility that employees may not fully understand how the data collected from them is being used. Critics described the practice as exploitative, sug-

gesting that workers might be unintentionally contributing to technologies that could eventually replace their jobs. One widely shared reaction claimed that workers were effectively being made to "train their own replacements," highlighting anxieties about job security in the age of automation. The sentiment reflects broader fears about the impact of AI on labour-intensive industries, where repetitive tasks are increasingly vulnerable to technological disruption. On the other hand, some observers defended the potential use of such technology, emphasizing the need for industries and workers alike to adapt to rapid technological advancements. They argued that integrating AI into manufacturing processes

could improve efficiency, reduce errors, and create new opportunities, even as traditional roles evolve. Beyond the immediate debate, the footage has drawn attention to larger ethical questions surrounding workplace surveillance, data ownership, and labour rights. Experts note that the collection of first-person data from workers raises critical issues about privacy, informed consent, and the extent to which employees have control over how their data is utilized. As the video continues to circulate, it underscores the growing intersection between human labour and artificial intelligence, prompting renewed discussions about transparency, fairness, and the future of work in an increasingly automated world.

Rupee Falls 65 Paise As Oil Spikes, Dollar Strengthens

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The Indian rupee on Monday depreciated 65 paise against the dollar, recording its deepest drop in a fortnight as oil prices spiked to above \$102.8 per barrel and demand for safe-haven dollars rose after US President Donald Trump ordered a blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. Traders said that with banks mostly closing out their excessive speculative and arbitrage positions in the forex market (as per RBI's April 10 deadline) to unwind long dollar positions, supportive dollar flows for the currency dried adding to the pressure on the rupee. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 93.28 to a dollar, it made a low of 93.41 and a high of 93.28 before finally closing at 93.37 compared to its previous close of 92.72 on Friday, a fall of 65 paise. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the



greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was higher by 0.32 per cent at 98.75. Over the month so far, overseas investors have net sold more than \$6.5 billion worth of local stock and bonds, adding to March's \$13.6 billion outflow. Ritesh Bhansali, deputy chief executive officer at Mecklai Financial said, "Crude prices have spiked 8 per cent to \$102-103 per barrel, global equity markets are down, and investor sentiment remains negative. The Rupee's performance is inversely proportional to the oil prices. Right now, the Brent crude price that you are seeing is the future prices on the exchange and not

the price of physical oil. Brent Crude's actual cost is at \$ 120-130 per barrel." "Till the time we do not see a de-escalation between the US and Iran, physical Brent Crude prices will continue to be quoted at a premium which will have a direct impact on the rupee. We expect the rupee to gradually depreciate to 94 per dollar in the short term in absence of a truce between US and Iran," added Bhansali. Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities, said, "The downward pressure on rupee stems from a spike in crude oil prices after President Trump ordered a blockade of the Strait of Hormuz.

Sensex, Nifty plunge 1 pc as US-Iran talks collapse, fuelling West Asia conflict fears

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Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty closed nearly 1 per cent lower on Monday, April 13, as the failure of US-Iran negotiations heightened concerns of a prolonged conflict driving crude oil prices sharply higher. The 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 702.68 points or 0.91 per cent to settle at 76,847.57.

During the day, it dived 1,681.93 points or 2.16 per cent to 75,868.32. The 50-share NSE Nifty plunged 207.95 points or 0.86 per cent to end at 23,842.65. From the 30-Sensex firms, Maruti, Inter-Globe Aviation, Bajaj Finance, Reliance Industries, Tata Consultancy Services and HDFC Bank were the biggest laggards. ICICI Bank, NTPC and Axis Bank were



the winners. The US and Iran failed to reach a peace deal at their historic 21-hour talks

in Pakistan, leaving the fate of a tenuous two-week ceasefire in doubt, with both sides

attempting to hold each other responsible for the collapse of the negotiations. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, jumped 7.73 per cent to USD 102.6 per barrel. In Asian markets, South Korea's benchmark Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225 index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended lower, while Shanghai's SSE Composite index settled mar-

ginally higher. European markets were trading lower. "Markets continue to derive limited support from last week's ceasefire framework, which remains intact for now and is encouraging selective buying interest along with a buy-on-dips approach. This comes despite an initial negative reaction to the breakdown of US-Iran peace talks and the announcement of a US

naval blockade in the Strait of Hormuz, which pushed crude prices above USD 100/bbl," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited, said. Elevated oil prices are raising concerns around inflation, currency stability, and broader macro balances, thereby weighing on overall sentiment, Nair added. US markets

ended on a mixed note on Friday. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) turned buyers on Friday as they bought stocks worth Rs 672.09 crore, according to exchange data. On Friday, the Sensex jumped 918.60 points or 1.20 per cent to settle at 77,550.25. The Nifty climbed 275.50 points or 1.16 per cent to end at 24,050.60.

Disha Book Signing at Hyderabad's Inorbit Mall

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A special book signing event for Disha: The Ultimate Direction by Dr. Ddharanikota Ssuyodhan will be held at Crossword Bookstore in Inorbit Mall, bringing together readers, professionals, and thought leaders for an engaging literary interaction. The novel, widely known as the Disha Book, is a gripping crime thriller that delves into themes of justice, gender, and morality. It follows Inspector Rithika Murthy, a deter-



mined police officer investigating crimes against women, gradually uncovering deeper layers of systemic corruption and

ethical conflict. The narrative raises critical questions about justice, institutional failure, and individual courage, mak-

ing it both a compelling story and a socially relevant work. The event will feature Col. Rajeev Bharwan as Chief Guest, a leadership mentor who now focuses on resilience and mindset training. Joining as Guests of Honour are Ashok Vir, a veteran entrepreneur known for contributions to manufacturing and skill development, and Gautam Vir, a dynamic business leader driving innovation and global growth. Dr. Ssuyodhan, a seasoned legal professional with over two decades of

experience, is widely recognized for his work in preventing sexual harassment. He has conducted more than 1,000 training sessions and awareness programs, contributing significantly to public discourse and policy awareness. The event offers attendees an opportunity to interact with the author and distinguished guests, gain insights into the book's themes, and engage in meaningful discussions on justice, leadership, and societal change.

India Gets Highest Repressive Tax Recommendations From IMF: Oxfam

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Despite the gap between the rich and poor increasing in recent times, India received the highest number of regressive tax recommendations from the IMF, finds Oxfam. Only 3 per cent of the more than 1,000 tax recommendations made by the IMF to different governments in recent years focus on taxing wealth and income from wealth. Oxfam examined the IMF's tax advice to 125 countries between 2022 and 2024. Despite the rapid growth of extreme wealth—billionaire wealth has surged by 81 per cent since 2020—just 30 of 1,049 tax recommendations focus on net wealth taxes and the taxation of income from wealth, namely capital

gains. About 52 per cent of tax advice to high-income countries was progressive—advising higher tax rates on higher income levels to reduce inequality. On the other hand, 59 per cent of tax advice to low- and lower-middle-income countries was regressive—flat or declining rate that disproportionately burdens lower-income individuals. IMF tax advice to Canada and the United States was overwhelmingly progressive, while advice to South Asia was by far the most regressive, followed by Latin America and the Caribbean, and sub-Saharan Africa. India received the highest number of regressive recommendations. In the past 25 years, the gap between the richest 1 per cent and the poorest 50 per cent has grown in

twice as many low- and middle-income countries that received mostly regressive IMF tax advice (25 percent) than in those that received mostly progressive advice (11 percent). "As billionaire fortunes grow at extraordinary speed, the IMF's silence on taxing extreme wealth is increasingly untenable," said Kate Donald, Head of Oxfam International's Washington DC Office. "The Fund is reinforcing a system in which ordinary people—already strangled by rising prices—are forced to shoulder the brunt of taxes. Meanwhile, vast concentrations of obscene wealth remain largely untaxed. Serious fiscal reform should start with those most able to contribute," she said.

High QCO Testing Costs Detrimental To MSMEs

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High testing costs to obtain Quality Control Orders for intermediary products is becoming a barrier for MSME importers. High BIS compliance costs under QCOs favour large importers and may force smaller importers to shut shop. Without reform, India's QCO framework risks becoming a protectionist compliance barrier benefiting only deep-pocketed firms, finds GTRI. "A BIS-rec-



ognised laboratory charged a Vietnamese supplier \$605 or about Rs 57,000 per sample to test ordinary industrial screws. For 29 samples, the total testing bill came to \$17,545, or around Rs

16.5 lakh," it said. The charges arise under the Foreign Manufacturers Certification Scheme (FMCS) of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), under which foreign manufacturers of products covered by India's Quality Control Orders (QCOs) must obtain BIS certification before exporting to India. The process requires foreign suppliers to appoint an Authorised Indian Representative, submit technical documents, undergo BIS factory inspections,

provide samples for testing at BIS-approved labs, and secure a BIS licence before exports can commence. India has rapidly expanded QCO coverage across hundreds of product categories in recent years. While the policy aims to improve product quality and consumer safety, GTRI warns that the pace of expansion has outstripped testing infrastructure and created significant compliance bottlenecks. "This whole mechanism of foreign cer-

tification is a newly brought out license raj, wherein rent seeking has seeped into every level of the system. Any product under QCO should be brought only after proper due diligence of the domestic production vs demand vs idle capacity," said Shaunak Rungta, Central Executive Committee Member, FISME India. "Large firms may survive such compliance costs. MSME importers will simply shut shop," GTRI said.

Sayonara, Asha Tai: Legendary singer cremated with full State honours at Mumbai's



Abhi Na Jaao Chhodkar..." The strains of that wistful song played in the background at the Shivaji Park crematorium on Monday as hundreds of people gathered inside – and outside – to bid music legend Asha Bhosle a final sayonara. A gun salute rang out as the last rites of Bhosle, perhaps the last of the singing greats who ruled the soundwaves for decades and still do, were held in accordance with Hindu rituals and with full State honours at Mumbai's iconic Shivaji Park. Her son Anand performed the rituals. 'Asha Tai', as she was affectionately known, passed away on Sunday, April 12, at the age of 92 due to multi-organ failure following a cardiac arrest. She had been admitted to Breach Candy Hospital a day earlier as she was suffering from extreme exhaustion and a chest infec-

tion. The Maharashtra government accorded the veteran singer a State funeral, a tribute reserved for those who have made monumental contributions to the nation. The ceremony mirrored the farewell given to her elder sister, the late Lata Mangeshkar, at the same historic ground. Her mortal remains were kept at her residence in Lower Parel, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm to allow fans and celebrities to pay their last respects. Thousands of emotional fans lined the streets of Mumbai as the funeral procession made its way to Dadar. At around 5 pm, amid a somber atmosphere, she was cremated with a 21-gun salute and a guard of honour by the Maharashtra Police.

Political leaders including Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Ministers

Eknath Shinde and Sunetra Pawar, Ministers Chhagan Bhubal, Ashish Shelar, Bharat Gogawale, Sanjay Shirsat, MNS chief Raj Thackeray and Shiv Sena UBT MP Anil Desai, were among those who were present at the funeral to pay their final respects.

Further, Bollywood superstars including Amir Khan also attended the cremation. They expressed their profound grief over the loss of the "most versatile voice" in music history. "Deeply saddened by the passing of Asha Bhosle Ji. Her extraordinary musical journey, spanning decades, enriched our cultural heritage and touched countless hearts across the world," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his condolence message. From the film industry, stars including Shah Rukh Khan,

AR Rahman, and Hema Malini shared heartfelt tributes, describing her as an "irreplaceable pillar" of Indian cinema.

With a career spanning over eight decades, Asha Bhosle's statistics are as staggering as her talent. Recognised by the Guinness World Records as the most recorded artist in music history, with over 12,000 songs, she mastered everything, from classical ghazals and soulful melodies like 'Dil Cheez Kya Hai' to high-energy pop hits like 'Dum Maro Dum'.

She was also a recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, Padma Vibhushan, and two National Film Awards. The void left by Asha Bhosle's passing is immense, but as her fans often say, she will live forever through the timeless magic of her voice.

Pakistani artistes pay tribute to Asha Bhosle, call her voice a gift to the world

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"Goodbye the Queen, you'll be missed forever as your voice was never just India's, it was a gift to the entire world," reads one of the heartfelt tributes by Pakistani actors and singers to legendary singer Asha Bhosle. "This is not just a loss for one country, but for music itself," Film and TV Actor Imran Abbas said in a social media post. "There was no one like her, and there never will be," he added.

Recalling his first meeting with her, Abbas said: "I still remember the first time Asha Bhosle called me from Singapore through a common friend. What began as a simple conversation turned into a bond filled with warmth, laughter, and her unforgettable playful pranks." "Your voice was never just India's, it was a gift to the entire world. Even here in Pakistan, we loved you just as deeply as anyone, anywhere," he added.

Singer-actor Ali Zafar, who also worked in Indian films, called her an incredible artist. "An unmatched voice. Pure versatility. Asha Bhosle Ji's work will continue to inspire generations. Such voices don't fade with time. They become a part of it. Rest in peace," Zafar said.

Film actress Reema Khan called

her "a melody that never fades and an emotion woven into the soul of music." Calling it the "end of an era," Reema praised Bhosle's remarkable versatility and ability to "move seamlessly from lively cabaret numbers to deeply expressive ghazals, with a voice that carried unmistakable warmth and character."

Actor Adnan Siddiqui, who also worked in a Hollywood film, paid tribute to the Indian legend, saying her voice "had a way of filling even the quietest moments with something devastatingly human". "Today, it seems that silence feels heavier. Thank you for the emotions you gave us, the memories you became and the magic you left behind. You'll always be heard, somewhere, somehow," Siddiqui said.

RJ Anoushey Ashraf shared a note on artists travelling between Pakistan and India when things weren't so complicated. "Today, as we say goodbye to Asha Bhosle, it reminds me how deeply her voice lived in all our homes, on both sides," she said.

Filmmaker Meher Jaffri joined the outpouring of grief by sharing a tribute featuring the timeless song 'Dil Cheez Kya Hai', calling Bhosle "a true legend whose voice became the soundtrack of countless lives across generations."

Debutants Dhamaka: Sunrisers Hyderabad stun Rajasthan Royals by 57 runs

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Ishan Kishan's brilliance (91, 44b, 8x4, 6x6) and a sensational first over by debutant fast bowler Praful Hinge, who struck thrice, helped former champions Sunrisers Hyderabad rediscover winning ways with a 57-run win against Rajasthan Royals in the IPL league match at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium here on Monday. The 24-year-old Praful Hinge from Vidarbha first prised out Vaibhav Suryavanshi (0) with a short ball, then saw in-form Dhruv Jurel (0) play on to the stumps before forcing Lhuandre Pretorius (0) to pull one straight to deep square-leg (3/1), triggering celebrations in the stands.

Chasing 217, Royals were rocked by Hinge. There was more trouble as debutant pacer and Impact Sub, 21-year-old Sakib Hussain of Bihar, forced Yashasvi Jaiswal (1) to slash straight to deep



point in the second over. Hinge struck again in the third over, forcing captain Riyan Parag (4) to nick to slip, making it 5/9. Though Ravindra Jadeja (45, 32b, 5x4) and Donovan Ferreira (69, 44b, 7x4, 3x6) put on a fighting 118-run stand for the sixth wicket off 72 balls before Sakib broke the partnership by deceiving Ferreira with a slower one, they only delayed the inevitable. Royals were bowled out for 159 in 19 overs. Sunrisers' gamble of rest-

ing Jaydev Unadkat and Harshal Patel worked as Hinge and Sakib, who took four wickets each, raised the bar with a terrific show. Earlier, Ishan Kishan led from the front to help Sunrisers score 216 for six in 20 overs after being put in to bat, even as opener Abhishek Sharma was dismissed for a first-ball duck by Jofra Archer. At the other end, Ishan whipped Archer to the fine-leg fence and then pulled for a huge six in the same over.

Later, Royals captain and off-spinner Riyan Parag induced Travis Head (18) to hit straight to long-on, making it 55/2 in 6.5 overs.

Heinrich Klaasen (40, 26b, 1x4, 3x6) lofted Ravi Bishnoi over long-on and, in the same over, Ishan swung one into the stands to reach his half-century (55, 30b, 2x4, 5x6). Sunrisers were 88 for two at the halfway stage.

Ishan continued to dominate, hitting Tushar Deshpande for three fours and a six in the 11th over. He then targeted Archer for three fours in the 13th over. But in the next over, Ishan missed a century when Sandeep Sharma dismissed him, taking a difficult skier off a mistimed pull.

Nitish Kumar Reddy chipped in with another handy contribution (28, 13b, 4x6), pulling Deshpande for a six and then hitting three sixes in the 18th over off Sandeep before edging one from

I can be the best player in the world, says Ayush Shetty

NEW DELHI
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Ayush Shetty expressed pride and optimism after clinching silver at the Badminton Asia Championships, calling it a "great tournament" that boosted his belief of becoming "the best player in the world," while acknowledging disappointment in the final and crediting Shi Yu Qi as the better player on the day.

"I think it was a great tournament for me... really happy with the way I played throughout. I had really tough matches, but happy with the way I pulled through all of them. As for the final, a bit disappointed... I wanted to finish on a high note, but credit to Shi Yu Qi, he was the better player. Grateful for the silver," Shetty told IANS.

The 20-year-old Indian, ranked 25th in the world, suffered an 8-21, 10-21 loss against reigning world cham-



pion Yu Qi in the final at the Ningbo Olympic Center. With his silver medal finish, Ayush became the first Indian men's singles player since HS Prannoy in 2018 to earn a podium finish at the continental championship. Ayush's win over defending champion Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand in the semi-final made him just the second Indian men's singles player, and third overall, to enter the Badminton Asia Championships final. A win

in the final would have seen him emulate Dinesh Khanna, who became men's singles champion in 1965. "This tournament gave me a lot of confidence that I can be the best player in the world. The next one would be the Thomas Cup... really excited, and we'll try our best to bring the trophy home. Beating the best players gives confidence, but I need to work on beating them consistently. Going forward, the target is to be more con-

sistent and play at this level regularly," he added.

Earlier, PV Sindhu heaped praise on Ayush Shetty, calling him a generational talent after the youngster stormed into the final of the Badminton Asia Championships with a stunning victory over World No 1 Kunlavut Vitidsarn.

"It feels really great when players like PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy appreciate you... I've always looked up to them."

Telangana may get normal rainfall despite weak monsoon forecast



While the overall performance of the South West Monsoon-2026 is forecast to be 'below normal' for the country, Telangana and other South Indian states might escape the brunt of deficit rainfall, the Long Range Forecast (LRF) released by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday indicated. In a silver lining for the region, the IMD's probabilistic spatial data indicates that the South Peninsular India region, including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, shows a stronger signal for normal to above-normal rainfall.

The IMD report says that while emerging El Nino conditions in the equatorial Pacific typically suppress rainfall across Central and North India, a 'buffer' is expected for the South Indian states.

A positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is forecast to develop towards the end of the monsoon season, which could trigger intense late-season spells across Telangana and neighbouring states.

Much work awaits to get Medigadda back into shape



The ultimate salvation of the Medigadda barrage, the most damaged of the three Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS) barrages, could lie in what could tantamount to a huge undertaking with the option of constructing diaphragm walls – huge cement concrete walls going deep into the river bed and protect the foundations – being considered as the only possible option to ensure long term safety of the structure.

The barrage was built on a design that rests on contiguous secant piles which form a cut-off wall. This was supposed to protect the barrage from possible under-the-foundation erosion but failed to do that, something that the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) had pointed out. Now, amidst hectic consultations with experts, design consultants, and irrigation engineers, it has emerged that Medigadda, if it is to be saved, will need diaphragm walls along its length, and this option is learnt to have come up for discussion at a high-level meeting chaired by irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Sunday.

It is learnt that AFRY India, the design consultant for rehabilitation designs for Medigadda, was of the opinion that ultimately, only a diaphragm wall would save the barrage. Sources familiar with Medigadda's engineering designs, said that such a wall could go fairly deep, some 40 metres or so, once the geophysical and geotechnical test results are available.

Citizens Urge HYDRAA to Act Against Land Encroachments

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The persistent issue of encroachments on public spaces, government lands, and roads once again came to the forefront during the Prajavani programme conducted by the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Monitoring Agency (HYDRAA) on Monday. A total of 46 complaints were received from citizens across various parts of the city, highlighting widespread illegal occupation and unauthorized constructions.

Residents from multiple localities raised serious concerns about the misuse of land designated for public purposes. Among the prominent complaints were from Jagadamba Colony and BDL Colony in Bagh Hayathnagar, located near the Hyderabad-Vijayawada National



Highway. The residents alleged that certain individuals had erected temporary sheds on a key connecting road between the two colonies, built a wall obstructing access, and were collecting rent from occupants. Officials indicated that action is likely to be initiated soon.

In another case, members of the Ameempur Village Industrial Employees Housing Cooperative Society reported that open spaces within their layout were being encroached upon, with illegal construction of roads and buildings underway. Similar grievances were echoed by residents of Kalyanpuri in Uppal East, where a G+2 structure was allegedly constructed within a park area belonging to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

Encroachment issues were also reported from Neeladri Colony Phase 2 in Turkayamjal municipality and Jai Jawan Colony in Kapra. Petitioners from these areas claimed that land earmarked for

roads and parks had been unlawfully occupied and converted into residential structures.

Further complaints emerged from Bourampet village in Dundigal municipality of Medchal-Malkajgiri district, where residents alleged that government land was being encroached upon and construction activities were ongoing without authorization. The Prajavani programme served as a platform for citizens to directly voice their grievances to HYDRAA officials, who assured that appropriate action would be taken after verification. The recurring nature of such complaints reflects growing public concern over the protection of community spaces and the need for stricter enforcement against illegal encroachments in and around Hyderabad.

SSC Public Exam results 2026 likely in first week of May

HYDERABAD
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Results of the SSC Public Examinations 2026, which concluded with major subjects on Monday, will be declared in the first week of May. The Directorate of Government Examinations (DGE) that holds the Class X exams has already concluded Telugu, Hindi, English and Mathematics answer scripts evaluation.

Evaluation of physical science and biology science answer scripts will be completed on or before April 16. The answer scripts of the social studies examination held on Monday will be evaluated from April 17 to 23. The Directorate has already commenced the processing of results of



subjects that have been evaluated. "If everything goes by the schedule, the results will be declared in the first week of May," said the DGE sources.

Meanwhile, 5,18,297 students registered for the social studies examination and 5,16,915 appeared in 2,676 centres set up across the State.

The OSSC Main language paper-I and SSC vocational course examination will be held on April 15 and OSSC Main language paper-II is scheduled for April 16.

KCR remembers Ambedkar on eve of birth anniversary

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao paid rich tributes to Dr BR Ambedkar on the eve of his birth anniversary on April 14. He recalled Ambedkar's role as the architect of the Constitution and a champion of social justice.

In a statement, Chandrashekar Rao described Ambedkar as a visionary who fought for equality beyond caste, religion and gender, and laid the foundation for a just and inclusive society. He said the Constitution framed by Ambedkar continues to guide India's social, political and economic systems.

He recalled that Telangana State was created through Article 3 of the Constitution. He credited Ambedkar for strengthening the federal structure of the country.

The former Chief Minister said the previous BRS government drew inspiration from Ambedkar and launched initiatives to pro-



mote social equity. He said schemes like Dalit Bandhu were aimed at empowering Scheduled Caste communities by providing financial assistance and encouraging them to become entrepreneurs. He added that measures were also taken for the welfare of Backward Classes and women, along with the implementation of the SC/ST Sub-Plan.

Chandrashekar Rao recalled the construction of the State Secretariat named after Ambedkar and the installation of his 125-foot statue in Hyderabad as symbols of respect to his legacy. He stressed that true tribute to Ambedkar lies in continuing efforts towards social justice and upliftment of marginalised communities.

Massive Crackdown On Food Adulteration: Hyderabad Police Seize 129 Tonnes Of Fake Goods

HYDERABAD
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City police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said the Hyderabad Food Adulteration Surveillance Teams had registered 117 cases across the city and seized around 129.34 tonnes of adulterated food items since February and added that the police were working to stopping adulteration of food which was destroying the health of citizens. "Food adulteration is a pest on society. It is taking away the lives of the citizens. The process of making Hyderabad adulteration free should



be considered as a holy great yagna and all the staff should work with dedication," Sajjanar said, speaking during a visit to the H-FAST office set up at Begum Bazaar. He reviewed its performance and inspected the specially set up premises.

Sajjanar spoke with field staff and inquired about the challenges and obstacles they faced and promised quick resolution for their problems.

The commissioner ordered strict action against the counterfeiters who are playing with people's

lives. He said that he is moving forward with a well-planned plan in constant coordination with the food safety authorities. Sajjanar presented certificates of appreciation to 108 police personnel for their performance. He said no one should engage in illegal activities and strict departmental action would be taken in case of indiscipline. Present at the event were task force DCP Gaikwad Vaibhav Raghunath, who heads H-FAST, Additional DCP Ande Srinivasa Rao, inspectors of various zones.

Mega Awareness Meet on Food Safety Held at Begum Bazar

Hyderabad Kirana traders with police and FSSAI to boost food safety, hygiene awareness, and ensure regulatory compliance in Begum Bazar.

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The Hyderabad Kirana Merchants' Association organized a mega public awareness and coordination meeting in association with Telangana Police, H-FAST, and FSSAI officials at Begum Bazar on Monday. The initiative aimed to promote food safety, hygiene, and regulatory compliance among traders and shop owners. During the meeting, members of the association highlighted the issues faced by shopkeepers and reiterated their commitment to working closely with Telangana Police in ensuring public safety.

Officials from H-FAST and FSSAI conducted awareness sessions, educating traders on food safety standards, hygiene practices, and compliance requirements as per FSSAI norms. Task Force DCP Vaibhav Gaikwad addressed the gathering and clarified the doubts raised by shop owners regarding enforcement procedures and compli-



ance guidelines. Senior police officials, including Additional DCP Ande Srinivas Rao and DCP (Law & Order) G. Chandramohan, also participated in the program.

Other officials present included H-FAST Inspector Renjith, ACP Goshamahal Sudarshan, SHO Goshamahal B. Sharavan Kumar, SHO Afzalgunj Mohan Rao, and SHO Begum Bazar Bharat. From FSSAI, National Director Balu Naik attended the meeting and emphasized the importance of maintaining food safety standards.

The association was represented by its office bearers, including Honorary Secretary Avinash Devda, President Damodardas Vijaywargiya, Vice Presidents Mahesh Gupta and Ramesh Bhati, Joint Secretary Arvind Patel, Treasurer Kamal Jain, and several other members and senior businessmen. A large number of traders and community members participated in the program, making it a successful awareness initiative aimed at strengthening coordination between authorities and the business community.

Transgender Traffic Cops Receive Uniforms In Push For Inclusion

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City police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar distributed 40 uniform kits to transgender police personnel, marking a symbolic moment of inclusion within the Telangana police. The event was organised by Radhika Charitable Trust (RCT) on Monday. Sajjanar said he had worked with the trust as Cyberabad commissioner. He noted 38 transgender personnel were managing traffic duties on city roads. "Leading life as a transgender person is not easy. Yet for the past two years they have been performing their duties effi-



ciently and with dedication," the commissioner said. He also mentioned one Shiny who was working with Deloitte. "We are looking forward to recruiting more transgender personnel in the near future," he said. Radhika Reddy Tanguturu, founder of RCT, said the vent 'Shakthi' was not just about distributing uniforms, it was

about restoring confidence, building pride, and sending a strong message that every individual deserves respect, opportunity, and dignity. "Today, as transgender personnel proudly wear these uniforms, they carry not just a role, but a powerful symbol of change and acceptance."

RTC JAC announces strike from April 22 in TG

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A strike call has been given in the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC), with the RTC Joint Action Committee (JAC) announcing that employees will go on strike from April 22.

The JAC on Monday stated that it had already issued strike notices on

March 13, but there has been no response from the government or RTC management so far.

Expressing disappointment over the lack of action, the JAC urged the State government to take immediate steps to avert the strike.

According to JAC Vice Chairman Thomas Reddy, a total of 32 demands have been placed before the government and man-

agement. Key demands include the merger of RTC with the State government, conducting elections for labour unions, and ensuring salaries and benefits on par with government employees. The JAC further warned that if their demands are not addressed, the strike will proceed as planned, potentially affecting public transport services across the State.

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