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No Delimitation Without Consensus, CM Tells PM

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday wrote separate letters to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and five Chief Ministers from southern India — N. Chandrababu Naidu (Andhra Pradesh), M.K. Stalin (Tamil Nadu), Siddaramaiah (Karnataka), Pinarayi Vijayan (Kerala) and Rangasamy (Puducherry) — proposing a hybrid model for increasing the Lok Sabha seats. In his letter, Revanth Reddy suggested that half of the proposed increase in the Lok Sabha seats be allocated on a pro rata basis and the remaining half be allotted based on the economic contribution of states, such as Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) and other performance indicators. In his letter to the Prime Minister, Revanth Reddy urged the Centre to build a national political consensus on the proposed increase in Lok Sabha seats, while separating



the issues of women's reservation and delimitation. He said the proposal to increase Lok Sabha seats to 850 on a pro rata population basis was the core contentious issue, warning that such a move could disturb the federal balance and politically disadvantage southern states. He informed Modi that the Congress fully supports the immediate implementation of 33 per cent reservation for women in the existing 543 Lok Sabha seats and state Assemblies, without linking it to any increase in the number of seats. Revanth Reddy noted that delimitation can be

carried out as done in the past by redrawing constituency boundaries without altering the total number of seats. He recalled that leaders like Indira Gandhi and Atal Bihari Vajpayee had deferred delimitation for national integration. He argued that southern India has made significant contributions to population stabilisation, public health and human development, in line with national priorities, but now risk being penalised under a population-based seat expansion model. The Chief Minister also pointed to existing financial disparities, stating that states like Telangana

receive less than their contribution to the national exchequer, unlike some northern states, and warned that the proposed changes would add political injustice to ongoing fiscal imbalances. He said a pro rata model would lead to a disproportionate increase in representation for states with higher population growth, effectively rewarding demographic expansion while penalising progress. Drawing from principles highlighted in judicial rulings on balancing reservation and merit, and invoking the ideas of Swami Vivekananda, Revanth Reddy said such a model would ensure fairness, equity and balanced representation for all regions. Stressing the need for inclusive decision-making, the Chief Minister urged the Prime Minister to convene an all-party meeting with representatives from all states to deliberate on the issue and arrive at a consensus.

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Trump, Modi Talk Over Ties, Hormuz For 40 Minutes

We all love you, Trump tells Modi; US is open for India's role

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Amid reports that Pakistan may host the second round of talks between Iran and the United States within the next couple of days, United States President Donald Trump called up Prime Minister Narendra Modi and discussed the situation in West Asia, including the importance of "open and secure" navigation through the Straits of Hormuz. The call, which lasted for nearly 40 minutes, comes a day after the US Navy began a blockade of Iranian ports, following the collapse of the first round of talks between the warring nations in Islamabad last week. On social media platform X, Modi posted, "Received a call from my friend President Donald Trump. We reviewed the substantial progress achieved in our bilateral cooperation in various sectors. We are committed to further strengthening our Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership in all areas. We also discussed the situation in



● Prime Minister Narendra Modi and United States President Donald Trump discussed various bilateral issues and also West Asian war.



- Trump told Modi that all Americans love him.
- The US would welcome Indian role in the West Asian peace talks if it wants.

- The call comes a day after Trump decided to block Iranian ports and Iran threatened to target Gulf ports, which are crucial for India.

West Asia and stressed the importance of keeping the Strait of Hormuz open and secure." US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor termed the latest conversation between the two leaders as "very positive and productive". The call ended with Trump telling Modi, "I just want you to know we all love you", the US ambassador said. Gor said the US would welcome Indian role in the West Asian peace talks but clarified that the matter is "for India to decide" upon. Navigation through the Straits of Hormuz is important for energy-hungry India due to the oil supplies that pass through the Strait of Hormuz in tankers. India has success

fully been in touch with Iran to ensure the continued safe passage of Indian vessels through the Hormuz Straits. In view of the American announcement of a blockade, India had on Monday said it "expects that unimpeded freedom of navigation and global flow of commerce would prevail through the Straits of Hormuz" and reiterated that "de-escalation, diplomacy and dialogue are essential" to resolve the West Asian conflict. Amid escalating tensions, Donald Trump and Narendra Modi emphasized diplomacy, regional stability, and safeguarding global energy routes critical for economic security worldwide.

Mobile Phone Explodes During RGIA Luggage Scan

Panic gripped security officials at RGIA Shamshabad after a passenger's mobile phone exploded while being scanned at the departure section. Airport officials detained passenger Laxman Prasad, who was about to board a flight to Raipur, Chhattisgarh, with the backpack containing the phone. His details were collected for further investigation, police sources said. Airport authorities subsequently instructed air traffic control to hold domestic flights pending clearance. Passengers were required to wait until approval was granted by the au-

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Pakistan Proposes New US-Iran Talks

The Pakistani officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to discuss the matter with the press

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Islamabad has proposed a second round of talks to the US and Iran, Pakistani officials said Tuesday. The Pakistani officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to discuss the matter with the press. US Vice President JD

Vance earlier said negotiations with Iran "did make some progress" while US President Donald Trump said Monday "we've been called by the other side" and "they want to work a deal."

A senior Hezbollah official on Monday said the Lebanese militant group will not abide by any agreements that may result from direct Lebanon-Israel talks set to start Tuesday in Washington. Lebanese officials hope to broker a ceasefire in the Israel-Hezbollah war that has killed at least 2,089 people in Lebanon. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu has said he doesn't want a ceasefire and the goal is Hezbollah's disarmament and a potential peace agreement between Lebanon and Israel.

A US blockade of Iranian ports that began Monday and Iran's threatened retaliation set up an extraordinary showdown posing serious risks for the global economy and raising the specter of a ceasefire collapse and resumed fighting. - Many US Catholics dismayed by Trump's verbal attack on Pope Leo: A majority of U.S. Catholic voters supported Trump in his 2024 presidential.

Govt Proposes to Increase Seats in Lok Sabha to 850

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A bill to "operationalise" 33 per cent reservation to women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies by increasing the strength of the lower house to up to 850 from the present 543 is set for introduction in Parliament on Thursday. To redraw constituencies, the bill seeks to take into account the 2011 Census data. The bill seeks to amend Article 81 of the

After being introduced in Parliament, the proposal will now go through relevant committees and other legal procedures

Constitution. It states that "The House of the People (Lok Sabha) shall consist of not more than 815 members chosen by direct election from territorial constituencies in the states; and not more than 35 members to represent

the Union territories, chosen in such manner as Parliament may by law provide." The expression "population", according to the bill, means the population as ascertained at such Census of which the relevant figures have been published. As of now figures of 2011 Census are available. The government plans to bring a Constitution amendment bill, a bill on delimitation law and an enabling bill

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BJP's Samrat Choudhary Set to Be New Bihar CM

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Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary was elected the BJP legislature party leader on Tuesday, Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said. The BJP, the single largest party in the 243-strong assembly with 89 MLAs, elected Choudhary as its legislature party leader soon after Nitish Kumar, who heads the JD(U) and became a Rajya Sabha MP last week, submitted his resignation to Governor Syed Ata Hasnain as the chief minister.



Chouhan, whom the BJP parliamentary board named central observer for the legislature party leader's election, told reporters, "Samrat Choudhary was unanimously elected as the BJP's legislature party leader." Choudhary, BJP MLA from Tarapur, will be the next CM of Bihar after his election as the NDA legislature party.

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Hyderabad Gets University of London Campus

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's efforts to attract marquee education institutions with global repute to Hyderabad have finally paid off, with the prestigious University of London (UOL) deciding to set up its offshore campus in Hyderabad soon, official sources said. The University of London could be the first among many such international universities which are going to choose Hyderabad for setting up

their international campuses. World-renowned institutions like London Business School, London School of Economics, and King's College, London, are part of the university's constituent colleges. The University of London operates a small institute in Paris that offers very few courses. This makes the upcoming campus in Telangana UOL's first full-fledged offshore university campus in the world.

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Kishan trashes Revanth hybrid plan

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Union coal and mines minister G. Kishan Reddy on Tuesday strongly rebutted Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's proposal for a "hybrid formula" on constituency delimitation — 50 per cent based on population and 50 per cent on economic performance indices — stating that no such model exists anywhere in the world. Noting that reservations typically favour those from economically

and socially backward backgrounds, not high performers, Kishan Reddy challenged Revanth Reddy by asking: Can he justify slashing seats in Adilabad while boosting them in Ranga Reddy and Hyderabad, districts that generate 70 per cent of the state's revenue?

Speaking to reporters in Delhi, Kishan Reddy urged Revanth Reddy not to mislead the public with baseless theories. "If you have the guts, back delimitation — or stay

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Ambedkar Respect Must Be Shown Through Deeds: KTR

The BRS working president said that the party would continue to agitate until the Congress government implements the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe declaration.

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Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the Congress, saying that respect for Dr. B. R. Ambedkar must be demonstrated through action rather than words alone, during Ambedkar Jayanti events at Tank Bund.

He led group to the 125-foot Dr. B. R. Ambedkar statue and paid floral tributes. Speaking to reporters, he said the BRS had built its political foundation on Babasaheb Ambedkar's philosophy of "Educate, Agitate, Organise," and claimed that



the movement for Telangana statehood was guided by the same principles under the leadership of K. Chandrashekar Rao, reiterating that Ambedkar's vision remains central to BRS ideology and asserting that political empowerment of marginalised communities re-

mains a key agenda of the party in Telangana state politics going forward. He said former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had installed the Ambedkar statue and added that the party demonstrated respect through governance decisions, including establishing 1,000

Gurukul schools for Dalit students and naming the State Secretariat after Babasaheb Ambedkar, saying these initiatives reflected constitutional values and social justice priorities of the BRS government during its tenure in the state of Telangana development model itself. He alleged that the Congress government had kept the Ambedkar statue "hostage" since 2024 and was forced to organise state-level Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations only after pressure from the BRS, claiming the Congress administration had ignored key commemorative arrangements and used the event only after political pressure from op-

position voices within the state machinery itself. KTR also criticised the Congress government's farmer welfare scheme, claiming the previous BRS regime provided ₹10 lakh per farmer, while the Congress had promised ₹12 lakh but had "failed to provide even 12 paise" so far, accusing it of failing to deliver promised welfare support to farmers and highlighting he described as widening gaps between promises and implementation on ground. He further said the BRS would continue its agitation until the Congress government implements the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe sub-categorisation declaration.

Ambedkar Jayanti: Jampana Pratap Leads Cantonment Tributes

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Marking the birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap led a series of large-scale commemorative events across Secunderabad Cantonment, drawing strong participation from local residents, leaders, and community groups. The celebrations featured multiple garlanding ceremonies at prominent locations, including New Bowenpally Ambedkar Chowrasta, Bapuji Nagar Chowrasta, Ambedkar Nagar (Third Ward Idgha), and Mahatma Nagar Basti (Sixth Ward). At each venue, tributes were paid to Ambedkar's enduring legacy, with floral offerings and public addresses highlighting his contributions. Addressing gatherings throughout the day, Pratap described Ambedkar as a transformative leader whose vision laid the



foundation for equality and justice in India. He emphasized that Ambedkar's relentless fight against untouchability and social discrimination continues to inspire generations. "Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was not only the architect of our Constitution but also a guiding light for the oppressed and marginalized sections of society," Pratap stated. He called upon citizens, especially youth, to uphold constitutional values and work towards building an inclusive society. The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from grassroots leaders,

activists, and residents, reflecting widespread respect for Ambedkar's ideals. Community members gathered in large numbers at each stop, turning the commemorations into a collective expression of gratitude and remembrance. Organizers ensured smooth coordination of the programs, reinforcing the importance of unity and social responsibility. The day-long tribute concluded with a renewed commitment from attendees to follow Ambedkar's path of justice, equality, and empowerment, keeping his vision alive in public life.

Tourism Stalls Showcase Caravans At Ambedkar Fete

At the iconic 125-ft Ambedkar Statue on NTR Marg, Tank Bund, the tourism department highlighted key initiatives

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The Caravan Tourism stalls of the Telangana Tourism Development Corporation (TGTDC) attracted significant attention from visitors during the 135th birth anniversary celebrations of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar held on Tuesday. The event, organised at the iconic 125-foot Ambedkar Statue on NTR Marg, Tank Bund, turned into a vibrant platform showcasing Telangana's expanding tourism initiatives and cultural heritage.



model, reflecting the state's efforts to encourage private participation in tourism development. The stalls were formally inaugurated by Minister for Excise & Prohibition, Tourism, Culture and Archaeology Jupally Krishna Rao. Senior officials including Vani Prasad, Special Chief Secretary (YAT&C), P. Gouthami, Managing Director of TGTDC, Prof. Arjun Rao, Director of Heritage, and E. Narsimha Reddy, Director of Culture, were also present on the occasion, underscoring the administrative focus on boosting tourism

and cultural promotion in the state. Alongside Caravan Tourism, various other departments including Tourism, Buddhavanam, and Heritage showcased their initiatives. The stalls collectively promoted Telangana as a dynamic and diverse tourism destination, presenting customised travel packages spanning heritage tourism, spiritual circuits, eco-tourism, and leisure experiences. Visitors were guided on how to design personalised itineraries based on their interests, available time, and budget, making travel

planning more accessible and structured. A major highlight was the Buddhavanam project, a spiritual and cultural tourism centre developed with thematic galleries, meditation spaces, and artistic installations. It drew considerable interest from both domestic and international tourists for its immersive representation of Buddhist heritage and philosophy. In collaboration with the Department of Culture, cultural performances were also organised at the venue, showcasing Telangana's rich traditions, folk arts, and commitment to preserving its cultural identity. These performances added a festive and engaging atmosphere to the event. Youth, families, and tourists actively participated in the exhibitions, expressing enthusiasm about exploring Telangana's tourism offerings. Overall, the event successfully promoted the state's tourism vision, highlighting innovation, heritage conservation, and experiential travel as key pillars of growth.

Embrace Ambedkar Path, Fight for Equality: Panduranga Reddy

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The 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated with great reverence at the Telangana Jagruti office, where leaders and members paid rich tributes to the architect of the Indian Constitution. Floral tributes were offered to Ambedkar's statue, marking the significance of his enduring legacy in shaping modern India. State Secretary Dooguntla Naresh, State Student Wing President Ramu Yadav, Medchal



District President Ramidi Venkat Reddy, along with women leaders and Rangareddy District President Kappati Panduranga Reddy, participated in the ceremony and honored the visionary leader. Speaking on the occasion, leaders highlighted Ambedkar's unparalleled contribution

to building the world's largest democracy by providing a strong constitutional framework rooted in justice, equality, and liberty. They emphasized that his relentless fight against caste discrimination and his commitment to uplifting marginalized communities remain a guiding

force even today. Describing him as a national icon beyond caste or community, they reiterated his famous call—"Educate, Organize, Agitate"—which continues to inspire generations, particularly the youth. The speakers further stated that under the guidance of K. Kavitha, Telangana Jagruti remains committed to advancing Ambedkar's vision of social justice and equality, urging young people to follow his ideals and contribute to building an inclusive society.

Grand Celebration of Ambedkar 135th Birth Anniversary in Mator Village

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The 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Mator Village, Motakondur Mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District. On this occasion, Sarpunch Janne Siddulu, Deputy Sarpunch Bairapaka Ramulu, Battipalli Uday, along with ward members, villagers, and youth participated in a large gathering organized in the village. The participants paid heartfelt tributes by garlanding the



portrait of Dr. Ambedkar and remembering his remarkable contributions to the nation. Dr. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, was a great economist and a champion of social justice. He dedicated his life to the upliftment of oppressed and marginalized com-

munities and fought for equality and dignity for all sections of society, including women. Speakers at the event highlighted his vision, ideals, and sacrifices, urging everyone to follow his path in building an equal and progressive society.

Ambedkar Jayanti Not Officially Observed at PR ENC Office, Row Erupts



A controversy has erupted over the alleged failure to officially observe the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar at the State PR ENC office located in Erramanzil, Khairatabad, Hyderabad. Representatives of several Bahujan organizations have strongly condemned the lapse, terming it an insult to the architect of the Indian Constitution. They have demanded that the government take action against those responsible. According to sources, a prior resolution passed during a review meeting at the PR and RWS employees' office, in the presence of the Telangana SC/ST Commission, had mandated the official conduct of Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations. The then ENC had reportedly agreed to this, and a circular was also issued in this regard. In 2025, the celebrations were conducted formally with the participation of the then ENC. However, this year, no such circular was issued in advance, leading to dissatisfaction among employees and community representatives. Critics have expressed concern that the current ENC office staff failed to take the matter seriously. They pointed out that while other official programs are conducted systematically, ignoring Ambedkar Jayanti reflects negligence and disrespect.

MLA Naveen Yadav orders nala fix, speeds works

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Jubilee Hills MLA V. Naveen Yadav on Tuesday undertook an extensive field inspection in Shaikpet Division to address long-pending nala and infrastructure issues, directing officials to take immediate corrective measures. During the visit, he focused on drainage problems affecting residents, particularly at Lakshmi Nagar, where he ordered urgent desilting of the nala clogged with sewage and garbage to restore smooth water flow and prevent health risks. He also reviewed the ongoing construction of a Sports Complex beneath the Shaikpet flyover, instructing officials to expedite works and ensure timely completion. At Harijanawada, the MLA inspected soil lifting and clearing activities, stressing strict adherence to



deadlines to avoid inconvenience to the public. Reaffirming his commitment to the area's development, Naveen Yadav assured that all civic issues would be resolved on priority. The program was attended by government officials, Congress leaders, and local community representatives.

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

Grand Celebration of Ambedkar's 135th Birth Anniversary in Aleru Constituency

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The 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Aleru constituency headquarters. Several Bahujan organizations jointly organized the event and paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue as a mark of respect. On this occasion, Gurraala Anuja, a resident of Mator village working in the Medical and Health Department, was honored



with a memento in recognition of her service. Founder State President of Jambava Rights Protection Committee, Bhairapaka Swamy, also paid rich tributes by garlanding Ambedkar's statue in Aleru. A large number of leaders, activists, and members of the

public participated in the program. Addressing the gathering, Bhairapaka Swamy highlighted that Dr. Ambedkar's contributions towards the upliftment of marginalized communities are unforgettable. He praised Ambedkar as a champion of social justice, equality, and human rights, and recalled his remarkable efforts for women's empowerment, including his progressive stance on the Women's Bill, for which he even sacrificed his position.

Minister Seethakka urges citizens to avoid peak summer hours amid rising heat

Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister D Anasuya on Tuesday appealed to people to avoid venturing outdoors during peak summer hours in view of the rising temperatures, and directed officials to set up drinking water kiosks in major Gram Panchayats and mandal headquarters. In an appeal, the Minister said the State has been witnessing an intense rise in temperatures over the past few days. She urged citizens to take necessary precautions to prevent heat-related illnesses. "People should refrain from stepping out between 11 am and 3 pm. Instead, complete daily activities between 6 am and 10 am and remain indoors thereafter," Anasuya said. In unavoidable situations, she said, people stepping out should cover their heads with caps, towels, or cloth to protect themselves from the heat. She cautioned that failure to take precautions could lead to sunstroke and other serious health complications.

Earn while you learn: Telangana to roll out German-style apprenticeship in junior colleges

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The Intermediate Education department is set to introduce a major reform aimed at transforming government junior colleges (GJC) into skill-oriented learning hubs, enabling students to earn while they learn through structured industry exposure. The initiative focuses on shifting the education system away from purely degree-centric learning toward a more practical, employment-driven model. At the heart of the proposal is the introduction of a German-style dual apprenticeship system. Under this model, intermediate students—especially those in government junior colleges—will spend three to four days a week working in industries relevant to their field of study, while attending classes in college for only



one or two days a week. This system, which has been successfully implemented in Germany for several decades, typically runs for two to three-and-a-half years and combines classroom instruction with hands-on training. A key highlight of this approach is that students will not only gain practical skills but also receive stipends during their apprenticeship period, helping them become financially independent at an early stage. To implement this, colleges will be required to sign formal agreements with companies and industries will

provide structured training and financial support to students. The department has already submitted a detailed proposal to the State government for approval. Alongside the apprenticeship framework, it has also suggested making the curriculum more industry-integrated, ensuring that what students learn in classrooms aligns closely with real-world job requirements. Further strengthening the initiative, there is a plan to link government junior colleges with Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), polytechnic colleges, and

universities, creating a seamless skill development ecosystem. However, this integration may initially be limited to vocational streams. In addition, the department is focusing on upgrading infrastructure in GJCs on a large scale. Plans include the establishment of skill labs, smart classrooms, career guidance cells, innovation labs, maker spaces, and fabrication (fab) labs. Centres of Excellence are also proposed in all 33 districts, with an estimated investment of ₹103 crore. In the first phase, skill labs will be set up in 200 government junior colleges, where students will be trained in essential soft skills and practical competencies. The initiative will later be expanded to the remaining 230 GJCs across the state, ensuring broader access to skill-based education.

Mala Mahanadu Marks Ambedkar Jayanti at Regimental Bazaar

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A grand celebration marking the 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar was held at Regimental Bazaar, where Mala Mahanadu brought together community leaders, activists, and citizens in a powerful tribute to his legacy of equality and social justice. The event, hosted at Government Girls High School, began at 10:00 AM and quickly evolved into a platform for reaffirming commitment to Ambedkar's ideals. Speakers emphasized the continued relevance of constitutional values and called for collective efforts toward building an inclusive society. Delivering the keynote address he highlighted the importance of safeguarding constitutional rights and striving for an egalitarian nation. Dr. Pabathi Srikrishna, National President of Mala Mahanadu,



stressed the need for unity and consolidation within marginalized communities. Advocate Indira underlined the legal protections envisioned by Dr. Ambedkar and urged citizens to remain vigilant in defending them. Prominent leaders including Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Gajjala Nagesh, and Manne Krishank attended as honorary guests, reflecting the wide respect for Ambedkar's contribution to nation-building across political and social spheres. A unique highlight of the event was the active par-

ticipation of families within the organization. Couples such as Dr. S. Sumithra and Kalakanti Arun Kumar, along with several others, coordinated the program, reinforcing a spirit of unity and shared responsibility. Echoing Ambedkar's call to "Educate, Agitate, Organize," speakers urged youth to prioritize education as a path to empowerment. The program concluded with a community lunch, symbolizing social harmony and the breaking of caste barriers.

Ambedkar Jayanti: 500 Women Empowered in Hyderabad

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Marking Ambedkar Jayanti, Dr. K. Narasimhan, founder of the Narasimhan Kannan Foundation, led a large-scale social service initiative focused on uplifting underprivileged communities. The highlight of the program was the distribution of sarees to 500 women in Adarsh Nagar and Sadhana Mandir, reinforcing the message of dignity and empowerment inspired by B. R. Ambedkar. The initiative, organized with support from Youth Congress State Secretary G. Aravind, drew partici-



patation from several Congress and student leaders, showcasing a collective commitment to social welfare. Dr. Narasimhan emphasized that the effort was aimed at translating Ambedkar's ideals of equality, justice, and empowerment into meaningful action on the ground. Earlier in the day,

leaders paid floral tributes at Ambedkar statues in Ward 8, reflecting on his enduring legacy in fighting social discrimination and championing constitutional rights. The event witnessed the presence of NSUI State Leader Abdul Rashid and senior Congress leaders including Nagender, Narender, Jupally Rajnikanth, Gandhi, Srinivas, Sajjad, and Akram Ayat. Local community associations also played a key role in mobilizing support, ensuring the initiative reached those most in need while fostering a spirit of unity and service.

Aleru lights awakening flame for Babasaheb tribute

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The 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution and Bharat Ratna awardee, was celebrated with remarkable enthusiasm and dignity in the Aleru constituency. The event stood as a powerful reflection of his ideals of self-respect, social justice, and equality. The venue was vibrantly decorated with pink festoons and blue scarves, symbolizing unity and renewed social consciousness. People from across the constituency, includ-



ing women and youth, gathered in large numbers to pay floral tributes to Babasaheb, turning the celebration into a historic and emotionally resonant occasion. Recognition to Medical Service On this occasion, Anuja Gurraala resident of Mator Village, who has been rendering commendable services in the Medical and Health Department, was felicitated with a

shawl and memento by Aleru MLA and Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah followed others. Praising her contribution, he stated that such service reflects Ambedkar's vision of building a healthy and empowered society. Inspiring Speeches Highlight Ambedkar's Legacy The event featured powerful speeches by several speakers who brought out the multifaceted legacy of Dr. Ambedkar. They emphasized that he was not just the architect of the Constitution, but also a great social reformer, economist, jurist, and visionary leader.

MLA's Efforts Bear Fruit: A Long-Standing Dream of Uppal Residents Realized



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A major development milestone has been achieved in Uppal constituency, as Bandari Laxma Reddy expressed his happiness over the Telangana Government granting administrative sanction of ₹98 crore for the construction of a permanent office building for the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation. The proposed office will be established in Uppal Bhagayath Layout Phase-III, covering an expansive area of around 10 acres, reflecting the government's commitment to strengthening civic infrastructure. The MLA stated that the new facility will significantly improve administrative efficiency and ensure faster, more effective delivery of civic

services to the public. He further informed that the foundation stone-laying ceremony (Shankus-thapana) will be conducted very soon, with preliminary arrangements already in progress. Expressing gratitude, Bandari Laxma Reddy thanked the State Government, the Chief Minister, and all concerned departmental officials for their support and swift action in approving the project. He also revealed that a detailed site inspection has already been completed. Reaffirming his dedication to Uppal's growth, the MLA emphasized that more such developmental initiatives will be undertaken to transform the constituency into a model urban region.

Chaderghat police bust fake currency racket, one arrested

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The Chaderghat police on Tuesday busted a counterfeit currency racket and caught one person who was allegedly circulating it. According to the police, the man, Ahmed Pasha (33), a resident of Hafeez

Babanagar, collected the fake currency from a person from Gujarat and was circulating it in the market. "In March end, Pasha deposited 10 fake currency notes in the Cash Recycler Machine of Kotak Mahindra Bank, and it was detected by the bank staff. Based on the

source of the currency, the police took Ahmed Pasha into custody. He admitted to having purchased the fake currency in Shadnagar from a person who is from Gujarat," said Khare Kiran Prabhakar, DCP, Charninar zone. Efforts are on to nab the prime suspect in the case.

SC Hostel Student Excels at State Level Essay Competition

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Ambedkar Jayanti, SC Hostel Student, State Level Essay Competition, Telangana, Student Achievement A student from ECIL SC College Girls Hostel has achieved recognition by securing first place in a state-level essay writing competition conducted on the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary. Ananthi Srusheeta, a student of ECIL SC College Girls Hostel, has demonstrated outstanding talent by winning the first prize in the state-level essay writing com-



petition organized as part of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary celebrations. During the Ambedkar Jayanti event, she was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 5,000 along with a certificate of appreciation. The award was presented by Minister Aduri Laxman and Seethakka in recognition of her achievement. Her suc-

cess has been appreciated by Telangana State Child Rights Protection Commission Member Gogula Saritha and officials of the Medchal-Malkajgiri District Scheduled Castes Development Department. They stated that her dedication and hard work are an inspiration to other students. On this occasion, Hostel Welfare Officer Jyothi, Assistant Scheduled Castes Development Officer M. Gopichand, and District Scheduled Castes Development Officer G. Vinod Kumar congratulated Srusheeta and encouraged her to achieve greater success in the future.

Equality First: Dharmendra Yadav Marks Ambedkar Jayanti

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Marking the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Talasani Dharmendra Yadav participated in grand Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations at Adaya Nagar, Ghas Mandi in Sanath Nagar. The event brought together local residents and community leaders to honor Babasaheb's enduring vision of equality and social justice. Addressing the gathering, Dharmendra Yadav emphasized that



Ambedkar's teachings remain a guiding force for governance and inclusive development. He highlighted the Constitution as the backbone of Indian democracy, ensuring dignity and rights for all citizens. The program

began with floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue, followed by a moment of silence. Interacting with youth, Yadav encouraged them to adopt Ambedkar's ideals of "Educate, Agitate, Organize" as a path to

empowerment. Recalling the origins of Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations in Pune, he noted its global recognition, including acknowledgment by the United Nations, as a testament to Ambedkar's universal relevance. Reaffirming his commitment, Yadav stated that true tribute lies in uplifting marginalized communities. The event concluded with cultural programs and slogans of Jai Bhim, reflecting a strong collective resolve to uphold equality and justice.

B. R. Ambedkar Jayanti: Kukatpally Pays Tribute

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On the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, grand tribute programs were held across Kukatpally constituency. Floral tributes were paid at Moosapet, Janata Nagar, Mekalapur, KPHB Colony, Dayaraguda, Y Junction, Balanagar, Ferozguda, Bowenpally and Hasmathpet. Former Union Minister Sarvey Satyanarayana, Bandi Ramesh, Dr. Satyam Srirangam, Bollu Kishan, Dandugula Yadagiri, Gopishetti Raghavender, Thoomu Venu, Mekala Ramesh, Madhu Goud, Mallikarjun Yadav and Krishna Rajput participated. Dr. Srirangam described Ambedkar



as a visionary who guided millions and said his ideals of equality and social justice remain relevant. He stressed that following Ambedkar's path ensures true equality. He added

that under Revanth Reddy's leadership, the government is committed to welfare and development, urging youth to move forward with education, awareness and unity.

Australia Gets Its First Female Army Chief, Susan Coyle

Australia will get its first female chief of army, with the appointment of Lieutenant General Susan Coyle to the post. Coyle, currently chief of joint capabilities, is the first woman to be appointed head of any of the services in the Australian military. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced the appointments of new military chiefs on Monday, ahead of the government unveiling its 2026 statement on defence strategy and investment later this week. The appointments commence in July. The current navy chief, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond, will become the new chief of the Defence Force, replacing Admiral David Johnston. Hammond has commanded submarines and the Australian fleet. He has been chief of navy since 2022.

Hezbollah Rejects Lebanon-Israel US Talks Agreements



BEIRUT
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The Lebanese militant group Hezbollah will not abide by any agreements that may result from the direct Lebanon-Israel talks in the United States, negotiations it firmly opposes, a senior Hezbollah official said Monday. Wafiq Safa, a high-ranking member of Hezbollah's political council, spoke on the eve of the talks expected in Washington between Lebanese and Israeli ambassadors to the U.S. It will be the first time in decades that envoys

from Lebanon and Israel, which do not have diplomatic relations, meet face-to-face in direct talks. "As for the outcomes of this negotiation between Lebanon and the Israeli enemy, we are not interested in or concerned with them at all," Safa told The Associated Press. "We are not bound by what they agree to," he added in a rare interview with international media. He spoke next to a cemetery as an Israeli drone buzzed overhead. Historic negotiations at a sensitive time Lebanese officials are looking to broker a ceasefire in the

Israel-Hezbollah war in the U.S. talks. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, meanwhile, has said the goal is Hezbollah's disarmament and a potential peace agreement between Lebanon and Israel. Shosh Bedrosian, a spokesperson for Netanyahu said Monday that there will be no ceasefire with Hezbollah. Separately, in U.S.-Iran peace talks held last weekend in Pakistan, Iran has sought to include Lebanon in any ceasefire deal of its own with the U.S. Israel and the U.S. have insisted Lebanon would not be a part of it. Hours after Tehran and Washington announced a truce last Wednesday, Israel launched more than 100 strikes across Lebanon, including in densely packed residential and commercial areas of central Beirut. And though the U.S.-Iran talks broke up without an agreement, Safa said Hezbollah has been informed that Iran

"was able to obtain a cessation of attacks" in the entire administrative region of Beirut, Lebanon's capital, including Beirut's southern suburbs — a Hezbollah-strong area known as Dahiyeh. Israeli strikes on Beirut and its southern suburbs have halted since Wednesday but intense fighting has continued in southern Lebanon. Hezbollah's entry into the war Israel and Hezbollah have fought multiple wars since the Iran-backed Lebanese militant group was formed in the 1980s as a guerrilla force fighting against Israel's occupation of southern Lebanon at the time. The latest round began on March 2, two days after Israel and the U.S. launched a war on Iran. Hezbollah entered the fray, firing missiles across the border into Israel. Israel responded with aerial bombardment and a ground invasion. Since then, the war has displaced more than 1 million people in Lebanon.

North Korea's Kim Oversees Navy Cruise Missile Test

SEOUL
Wakeup telangana

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un oversaw new tests of strategic cruise missiles and anti-warship missiles launched from a naval destroyer, state media reported on Tuesday. The weapons tests occurred on Sunday, the state-run Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said, and are the latest in a string of recent missile launches by the nuclear-armed nation. Two strategic cruise missiles each flew for just over two hours, according to KCNA, while the anti-warship missiles flew for 33 minutes. The missiles flew "along the flight orbits set in the sky above the West Sea of Korea and struck the targets with ultra-precision hit accuracy", KCNA said, using its preferred name for the Yellow Sea. The tests were carried out from the Choe Hyon, one of two 5,000-ton destroyers in the North's arsenal, both launched last year as Kim seeks to ramp up the country's naval capabilities. A photo released by KCNA showed a missile in its initial flight stage after being launched from the warship, with an orange flame trailing from its tail. KCNA said Kim was also briefed on planning for the weapons systems of two more destroyers under construction, referred to simply as "Nos. 3 and 4". Kim reportedly "expressed great satisfaction over the fact that the preparedness of our army's strategic action has been strengthened". He reiterated that bolstering the

North's nuclear deterrent was the "most important priority task". - Iran example - North Korea has previously said the Choe Hyon is equipped with the "most powerful weapons", and Kim has made multiple inspections of the vessels in its class since last month. Analysts told AFP that the missile launch aimed to show North Korea's longtime adversary, the United States, that any war would be very different from Washington's conflict with Iran. "The continuation of similar launches fired from a warship is a direct message to Washington that it will effectively cripple a fleet of US warships and air carriers in times of war," Lim Eul-chul, from the Institute for Far Eastern Studies at Kyungnam University, said.

India Sends 13 Tonnes Of BCG Vaccines To Afghanistan



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India on Tuesday said that it has delivered 13 tonnes of Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccines along with related dry material to support Afghanistan's child immunisation efforts against tuberculosis, according to the Ministry of External Affairs. In a post on X, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "India delivers 13 tons of BCG vaccines and related dry material to @MoPH afg to augment Afghanistan's child immunisation programme against tuberculosis." The consignment was sent to Afghanistan's Ministry of Public Health

to augment the country's child immunisation programme against tuberculosis. India has been known to consistently provide humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan, including medical supplies and vaccines, as part of its ongoing support to the Afghan people, even after the earthquake in Afghanistan on April 3. Earlier on April 5, the Ministry of External Affairs said that India had delivered humanitarian assistance to support flood and earthquake-hit Afghanistan. In a post on X, MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said at that time that India delivered humanitarian assistance and

disaster relief (HADR) materials, including kitchen sets, hygiene kits, plastic sheets, tarpaulins, sleeping bags, and more. "India stands in solidarity with the people of Afghanistan and remains committed to extending humanitarian assistance and support during this challenging time," he said. According to the National Disaster Management Authority, heavy rains and floods had destroyed 131 houses and partially damaged 650 others. More than 3,000 jeribs of agricultural land have also been affected. Meanwhile, the Afghanistan government has sharply criticized the United Nations' sanctions

regime following the latest update to listings targeting senior leaders, calling the measures "unreasonable and ineffective." Speaking in response to the move, spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid said the continued use of sanctions reflects a failure of policy and analysis. He argued that repeating such measures "lacks logic" and suggests that international bodies have not properly assessed their impact. Mujahid said the move ultimately harms ordinary Afghans rather than decisionmakers, warning that restrictions placed on individuals extend to government institutions and broader society. The comments came after the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) announced updates to its sanctions list as part of ongoing enforcement efforts. The council's 1988 Sanctions Committee confirmed revisions to identifying details for four senior Taliban officials: Mohammad Hassan Akhund, Abdul Ghani Baradar, Amir Khan Muttaqi, and Hedayatullah Badri.

A Bright Yesterday, a Brighter Tomorrow: CM Stalin

TAMIL NADU
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Our primary objective is to transform Tamil Nadu into a one-trillion-dollar economy by the year 2030. To achieve this goal, numerous economic initiatives are being undertaken under the 'Dravidian Model' of governance. We released the 'Vision 2030' report, which outlines a structured roadmap for achieving our long-term goals. Through Global Investors Meets (GIM) and foreign delegations, we could at-



tract investments exceeding Rs 12 lakh crore. Under 'Vision 2030' significant investments are being drawn into the electronics, automotive components, information technology, footwear, and textile sectors. We have

set targets such as attracting investments worth approximately Rs 18 lakh crore, boosting exports to \$120 billion, and creating 50 lakh new jobs through industrial and infrastructure expansion. A plan will be imple-

mented to transform Tamil Nadu into one of the world's top 20 startup hubs by the year 2035. We have set a goal for Tamil Nadu to emerge as a global hub for electric vehicles (EVs), semiconductor manufacturing and electronics production. This vision extends far beyond mere investment and economics. It has been designed to be implemented across all sectors, encompassing education, human resource development, skill enhancement, rural and urban development.

Opposition Slams 'Missed Deadlines' For Ambedkar Memorial Project

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Opposition parties on Tuesday questioned the delay in completing the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar memorial at Indu Mill, even as the state government asserted that 95 per cent of the work has been completed. Mumbai Congress chief and Lok Sabha MP Varsha Gaikwad said there had been no visible progress and claimed that the government's assurance of completing the project by 2026 had failed. Shiv Sena (UBT)

chief spokesperson Sanjay Raut said Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis should address the public on the status of both the Ambedkar memorial and the proposed memorial of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the Arabian Sea. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Governor Jishnu Dev Varma, Chief Minister Fadnavis, and Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Sunetra Pawar paid tribute to B.R. Ambedkar at Chaityabhoomi in Dadar on his 135th birth anniversary. Criticising the BJP-led Mahayuti

government over delays, Raut said that if the government could not construct memorials for Ambedkar and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, it had no right to invoke their names. He alleged that the state continues to offer only tentative timelines without concrete progress and demanded that the Chief Minister hold a press conference to announce a definitive completion schedule. Gaikwad, who visited Chaityabhoomi to pay tribute, alleged that funds from the social justice de-

partment were being used for the project and questioned whether Ambedkar "belonged to one community". She said the memorial should have been completed by now, allowing Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations to be held at the site. "This government has shown no political will. At times it cites lack of funds, at others different excuses; now it speaks of a shortage of gas cylinders. The truth is the government is not committed to honouring Babasaheb's legacy," she said.

FROM FRONT PAGE

No Delimitation.....

He cautioned that proceeding without addressing the concerns of southern states could lead to widespread opposition, underlining that the matter is crucial to preserving the unity, fairness and integrity of the nation. Revanth called for a united front among southern states against the Centre's proposed pro-rata model for increasing Lok Sabha seats, warning that it would adversely impact their political representation and federal balance. The CM recalled Stalin's earlier initiative in convening the Chennai Delimitation Conclave in March 2025, which had helped stall a population-based model, and alleged that the Centre under Modi is now attempting to achieve similar out-

comes through a pro-rata approach. He stressed that issues such as women's reservation, delimitation, and increase in Lok Sabha seats are separate and should not be conflated, reiterating support for 33 per cent reservation for women and delimitation without increasing seats. Describing the proposed expansion of Lok Sabha seats to around 850 as the key concern, Revanth Reddy argued that a pro-rata system would widen the gap in representation between states.

Kishan Reddy.....

Speaking to reporters in Delhi, Kishan Reddy urged Revanth Reddy not to mislead the public with baseless theories. "If you have the guts, back delimitation — or stay silent. You've flip-flopped

from population-based delimitation to championing GSDP. This is classic Congress tactics, stirring issues to sow confusion. Sensitive matters like this delimitation need solutions, not politics," he said. The Union minister said Revanth Reddy must drop the illogical debate and support the smooth passage of the delimitation Bill. "Whoever wins more seats or becomes an MP will be decided by the people. Increasing seats by 50 per cent equally across all states is a wise move by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he added. Lashing out further by calling Revanth Reddy, the Congress party's new "treasurer", Kishan Reddy mocked the party's leadership. "If Rahul Gandhi is an intellectual, Revanth Reddy is now the super-

intellectual. The Congress has a history of turning tall leaders into peons, attendants, and servants. When Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah visited Delhi, he was denied an appointment for three days," Kishan Reddy alleged.

Govt Proposes to....

"The next census and the consequential delimitation exercise thereafter will take considerable time and thus, delay the effective and dedicated participation of women in our democratic polity. Hence, the objective of the proposed bill is to operationalise one-third reservation for women, including women belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes, in the House of the People and the legislative as-

semblies of the states, the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Union territories through delimitation exercise to be undertaken on the basis of the population figures of the latest published census," says the statement of objects and reasons of the draft Constitution amendment bill.

Mobile Phone.....

Airport authorities subsequently instructed air traffic control to hold domestic flights pending clearance. Passengers were required to wait until approval was granted by the authorities. Following the blast, CISF personnel at the domestic departure counter alerted airport security after spotting the damaged, burnt phone and initially suspected it to

be a bomb, sources disclosed. Authorities immediately checked the bag apart with BD equipment and sniffer dogs. It was later confirmed that the mobile phone had burnt due to a technical fault. Such blasts, though rare, highlight the risks of faulty lithium ion batteries in electronic devices. Airports typically treat any unexplained blast as a potential security threat until verified. RGIA outpost police seized the device and sent it to the Forensic Science Laboratory. Such incidents, though rare, highlight the risks of faulty lithium ion batteries in electronic devices. Airports typically treat any unexplained blast as a potential security threat until verified.

CRIME

Smart Surveillance on Highways: DGP Launches VIDS to Boost Road Safety in Nizamabad

NIZAMABAD
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In a major step towards strengthening road safety, Telangana DGP B. Shivadhar Reddy inaugurated the advanced Video Incident Detection System (VIDS) on National Highway-44 near Chandrayanpally village in Indalvai Mandal of Nizamabad district. The initiative, launched under the 99-day Praja Palana Progress Plan, is designed to reduce road accidents and enhance traffic monitoring through cutting-edge technology. Speaking on the occasion, the DGP emphasized that strict adherence to traffic rules is the only way to prevent accidents and save precious lives.

He urged motorists to compulsorily wear helmets and seat belts, maintain safe distances, and



avoid rash and over-speed driving. He also stressed the importance of defensive driving, especially on highways.

“Every life is valuable. A small mistake on the road can cause irreversible loss to families,” he cautioned, calling on the public to not only follow rules but also create awareness among others. As part of the program, participants took a road safety pledge under the “Arrive Alive” campaign, reaffirming their commitment to responsible driving. The VIDS system uses AI-

lice Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya and other senior police executives, along with project and toll plaza representatives, attended the program. Local public representatives and villagers also participated in large



based analytics and high-definition cameras to monitor traffic round-the-clock without manual intervention.

It can automatically detect violations, track vehicle movements, and assist authorities in swift enforcement, making highways safer and more efficient. Nizamabad Po-

numbers. The launch of VIDS marks a significant advancement in adopting smart technology for public safety, reflecting the police department commitment to protecting lives and ensuring disciplined traffic movement across the district.

High Court Declines Orders on Regular DGP Appointment

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Monday declined to pass any interim orders in a petition concerning the appointment of the Director General of Police (Head of Police Force) for the state, in view of the ongoing process before the competent authorities. Advocate General A. Sudarshan Reddy placed on record before the High Court regarding a communication dated April 11, 2026 by

the Chief Secretary to the government, to take a call for selection and appointment of one of the empanelled IPS officers as DGP, from the three members list sent by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

The empanelled committee recommended a panel of three IPS officers considered suitable for appointment as DGP of Telangana. The proposal is presently under consideration before the competent authority for final selection and appoint-

ment, Advocate General submitted to the court. Recording the submission, the High Court observed that no orders were warranted at this stage and posted the matter to April 27.

During the previous hearing, the Advocate General had informed the court that the panel prepared by the UPSC was received by the state government on March 12 and was under active consideration. He had sought two weeks’ time for a final decision.

Threats From Wife’s Boss Push Mason to Death

A 41-year-old mason, who had migrated with his wife to Maheshwaram for a better life, ended his life after allegedly being threatened by his wife’s employer, who had been sexually harassing her. The victim, Bhukya Ramchand, and his wife, Saritha, were working at a construction site in Rose Garden, Maheshwaram. According to Saritha’s complaint lodged with Maheshwaram police, their employer, Ashannagari Kumar (40), had been sexually and mentally harassing her for several days. She did not disclose this to her husband, fearing disputes and distress.

Tenant farmer ends life over debt

A 25-year-old tenant farmer, who had taken land on lease, died by suicide at Mandapally in Dammappeta 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. Dammappeta police rushed to the spot and shifted the body to the government hospital at Aswaraopeta for post-mortem.

Hydraa Files Complaint Over Forged Notices

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HYDRAA lodged a complaint with Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police against the circulation of forged and fabricated notices falsely attributed to the High Court Chief Justice, the Chief Minister, and the HYDRAA commissioner through social media platforms. In the complaint, R. Sudershan, SP (Admin), stated that a fabricated notice purportedly issued in the name of the Hon’ble Chief Justice of the High Court is being circulated

on social media and digital channels, including a Facebook link. The notice falsely claims that the Chief Justice summoned Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and HYDRAA commissioner A. V. Ranganath in connection with demolition activities undertaken by HYDRAA.

Verification confirmed that no such notice was issued by the High Court. Police said the document

is fraudulent, deliberately created to mislead the public. The acts prima facie attract offences under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for forgery, impersonation, cheating, and criminal conspiracy, besides violations of the Information Technology Act, 2000 concerning misuse of electronic platforms. ASI M. Ravi Shankar said the complaint was received on Monday at 1930 hrs and entered in GD No. 23. An FIR has been registered under Crime No. 2025, with sections of the IT Act and BNS.

Shakthi 2026 Empowers Transgender Police With Dignity

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Radhika Charitable Trust (RCT) organized “Shakthi – 2026” at the Telangana Integrated Command Control Centre, Banjara Hills, focusing on dignity, inclusion, and empowerment of transgender police personnel. The highlight was the distribution of 40 uniform kits, symbolizing pride, identity, and equal opportunity within the police force. Hyderabad



Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar lauded the efforts, noting that 38 transgender personnel are efficiently handling traffic duties and an-

nounced plans to expand recruitment. He appreciated RCT’s continued support and impactful initiatives. Founder

Radhika Reddy Tangu-turu emphasized that the initiative goes beyond uniforms, aiming to restore confidence and reinforce respect for every individual. Senior officials including K. Padmanabhaiah and D. Joel Davis attended, underscoring institutional support for inclusion. Founded in 2010, RCT continues to promote social equity through sustained efforts in community empowerment.

EDITORIAL

WILL MENSTRUAL LEAVE ACTUALLY HELP WOMEN, OR IS IT TOKENISM?

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In November 2025, the state of Karnataka introduced a “menstrual leave” policy. It provides women employees with one paid day off each month, totalling 12 days per year. If not used, the leave cannot be carried over. The policy applies to both the government and the private sector, including IT companies, shops and other workplaces. The Karnataka government’s objective in this policy was “to promote women’s health, morale and workplace productivity, and as a progressive step towards gender-sensitive employment practices and women’s empowerment”.

Industry bodies have challenged the policy, arguing that mandatory paid leave creates a financial burden and questioning its legality when enforced through an executive notification. Additionally, fifteen women professionals in managerial roles from Bengaluru filed a petition in the Karnataka high court regarding the policy, calling it a case of “benevolent sexism”. They argue that mandating menstrual leave could lead employers to view women as less productive or more prone to absence, which might restrict their hiring



and promotion opportunities. It raises concerns under Articles 14 and 21, asserting that disclosing menstrual cycles infringe on privacy and dignity and could expose women to stigma and a hostile work environment.

“Benevolent sexism” involves attitudes and beliefs that seem positive or well-intentioned towards women, but ultimately reinforce traditional gender roles and sustain male dominance. It operates under the false appearance of kindness or protection for women. It depicts women as delicate, nurturing, and in need of men’s guidance and protection. In a related development, the Supreme Court recently declined to consider a plea for nationwide menstrual leave, noting that the issue falls within the legislative domain and warning that mandatory policies could harm women’s careers. Several bills on paid leave have

been introduced over the years. The latest, The Right to Women to Menstrual Leave and Free Access to Menstrual Products Bill 2022, proposed three days of paid leave. It was not enacted. Menstruation in women is a natural process, similar to pregnancy and childbirth. Starting at puberty – usually between ages 8 and 12 – girls experience a menstrual period each month that lasts three to five days. The bleeding occurs when the uterine lining breaks down and sheds, which is normal. This process continues throughout a woman’s reproductive years, except during pregnancy. Many women go about their daily routines during their period, although some experience pain and discomfort and may miss activities during this time. In India and other developing countries, there is limited or inaccurate information about women’s bodies and how they func-

tion. Women are also often uninformed, and due to stigma and taboos, especially in South Asian cultures, they are seen as unclean during this period. In traditional families and many communities, young women are cautioned about the consequences of unwanted pregnancies.

Women feel shame and find it difficult to admit, even to their family members, especially men, that they are on their period. In schools and public places, there are almost no facilities for changing or disposing of sanitary pads. In informal or formal workplaces, it isn’t much different. Will menstrual leave as a policy be helpful? Let’s examine some countries where menstrual leave has been tried. Several Asian countries, including Japan, Indonesia, South Korea and Taiwan, have policies offering paid and unpaid leave for women during their menstrual periods. Spain is the only country that, in 2023, provided women with 3-5 days of paid leave per year. This is merely tokenism. There are alternatives to mandatory leave policies. In workplaces, government or private institutions can offer hygienic, sanitary facilities for women to change and dispose of menstrual



Zen Diamond Expands India Footprint with New Hyderabad Store

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Zen Diamond has strengthened its presence in India with the launch of a new store at Lake Shore Mall, marking a significant step in its expansion across key metropolitan markets. The 800 sq. ft. store brings the brand's signature blend of contemporary design and timeless craftsmanship to Hyderabad, a city known for its rich heritage and evolving aesthetic sensibilities. The launch follows Zen Diamond's successful expansion in Mumbai, Chandigarh, and Bengaluru, reinforcing its strategic focus on high-growth urban centres. Speaking on the occasion, Neil Sonawala said India remains a key growth market for the brand, adding that the Hyderabad store aims to de-



liver an immersive and personalized in-store experience while showcas-

ing a seamless fusion of global design trends and classic artistry. The new

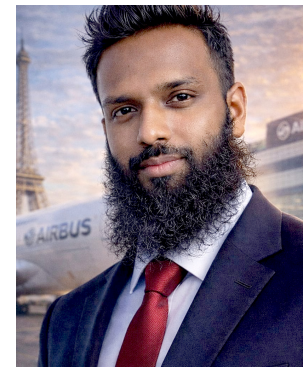
outlet reflects Zen Diamond's refined design language, featuring a grey-toned interior palette enhanced with premium finishes such as fluted panels and stucco textures to highlight its jewellery collections. Known for crafting natural diamond jewellery of exceptional quality, the brand combines innovation with heritage to appeal to modern, discerning consumers. Further enhancing customer experience, Zen Diamond offers a range of luxury accessories, including perfumes, watches, ties, pens, and gold coins, positioning the store as a one-stop destination for gifting and personal indulgence. To mark the launch and coincide with Akshaya Tritiya, the brand has introduced special festive offers, including a complimentary 1.5 grams 24Kt gold coin on

diamond jewellery purchases worth ₹90,000. Customers can also benefit from Zero Cost EMI options, requiring only a 10% upfront payment, along with the "Trade Your Old Gold" program, offering an additional ₹2,400 per gram over prevailing market rates. Founded as a globally recognised fine jewellery brand with over 450 stores worldwide, Zen Diamond entered the Indian market in 2024 with its flagship store in Bandra and has since expanded steadily. Backed by its association with Natural Diamond Council and global ambassador Jennifer Lopez, the brand aims to open 100 stores across India over the next five years, further redefining the country's fine jewellery landscape.

Bridging Aviation and Law: A Journey of Precision, Expertise, and Global Perspective

HYDERABAD
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In an era where specialization often defines careers, Adv. Mohammad Imthiyaz Pasha represents a rare blend of continuity—seamlessly integrating his extensive aviation expertise with an evolving legal practice. With over 15 years of experience in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering, his professional journey is deeply rooted in one of the most precision-driven industries—aviation. Holding a B.Tech in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering, he is a licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer certified by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and EASA, with specialization on Airbus A320 aircraft (IAE V2500, CFM56-5B & LEAP-1A engines). His continued engagement with aviation reflects a sustained commitment to the field, rather than a departure from it. His extensive hands-on experience includes serving as an MCC Engineer with Jazeera Airways, where he played a key role in setting



Adv. Mohammad Imthiyaz Pasha

up Project 145 maintenance operations. In this capacity, he developed strong expertise in Aircraft on Ground (AOG) management, turnaround time optimization, and seamless coordination between scheduled and unscheduled maintenance activities, consistently enhancing aircraft utilization while minimizing ground time. Further enriching his professional journey, his experience with Cognizant provided exposure to global corporate environments and project management practices, strengthening his strategic thinking and understanding of complex organizational systems.

Currently practicing as an advocate before the Telangana High Court and other subordinate courts, Adv. Mohammad Imthiyaz Pasha brings a distinctive interdisciplinary perspective to the legal profession. Notably, he continues to remain actively connected to aviation by pursuing an LL.M in Aviation Law, integrating his technical background with legal expertise in a meaningful way. His academic qualifications—B.Tech (Aircraft Maintenance Engineering), MBA, LL.B, and LL.M (Pursuing), along with PMP certification—reflect a strong commitment to continuous learning and professional growth. His recent visit to Airbus, Toulouse, France, further underscores his engagement with global aviation ecosystems and regulatory frameworks. Adv. Mohammad Imthiyaz Pasha's journey exemplifies how diverse domains can converge to create a forward-looking professional path grounded in discipline, precision, and a global outlook.

AIAVIF Elects New Leadership Team

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The All India Arya Vysya Industrialists Forum (AIAVIF) has elected its new executive committee, with Charugundla Bhavani Suresh taking charge as President and Padakanti Anil Kumar as General Secretary. The announcement was made by former President Pabhisetti Rambabu during a press conference at the Basheerbagh Press Club. As per the election results of the National General Body Meeting,



Erram Balakrishna was elected Vice President, Vamsi Nelanti as Joint Secretary, and Boggari Shivakumar as Treasurer. The newly elected office bearers will serve a two-year term. Speaking on the occasion, Bhavani Suresh highlighted that the

forum represents around 500 Arya Vysya entrepreneurs from states including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, and Maharashtra. He noted that members collectively generate an annual turnover of nearly ₹50,000 crore, contributing significantly to the nation's economy through GST and other taxes. He also emphasized their strong commitment to social responsibility, with nearly ₹100 crore spent annually on CSR initia-

tives. General Secretary Anil Kumar stated that the forum aims to promote women entrepreneurship and groom the next generation of business leaders through structured training programs. He added that AIAVIF plans to expand its membership to 750 and strengthen industrial growth through innovation, global networking, and modern technology adoption, while supporting employment for nearly two lakh people.

CBIT Hosts POSH Awareness Session "SHIELD 2026"

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Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) will host a half-day POSH awareness session titled "SHIELD 2026" on April 16 at its Assembly Hall. The initiative is being organized by Chaitanya Suraksha – Women's Safety Club in association with the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), reinforcing the institute's commitment to creating a safe and inclusive academic environment. The session is designed to raise awareness among students, faculty, and staff about the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act,



2013. It will cover key areas such as women's safety, legal rights, grievance redressal mechanisms, and the responsibilities of institutions in addressing workplace harassment. The program aims to empower participants with knowledge and encourage a culture of respect, dignity, and accountabil-

ity on campus. Expert sessions will be delivered by Sita Reddy from the SHE Team and Shuchi Bajaj, who will provide insights into legal frameworks, preventive measures, and safety practices both within and beyond the workplace. CBIT Principal C. V. Narasimulu, along with senior faculty members, emphasized that such initiatives are essential in fostering awareness and building a secure, respectful campus culture. The program, coordinated by student leaders and faculty, highlights CBIT's dedication to strengthening institutional responsibility and promoting gender sensitivity.

Gen Alpha Drives New Consumer Trends: Rukam Report

HYDERABAD
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Rukam Capital has released its latest report, 'Gen Alpha Decoded: The Consumer-Brand Dynamic', highlighting how Generation Alpha is rapidly reshaping consumer behaviour and brand engagement in India. The study reveals that Gen Alpha already influences up to 80% of household purchase decisions, with 66% actively impacting everyday choices and nearly 50% requesting specific brands, signalling early brand awareness and autonomy. Based on a survey conducted with YouGov covering over 2,000 respondents, including both children and parents, the report underscores the growing digital immersion of this generation. Around 73% of Gen Alpha already own smartphones, while 60% have access to laptops, enabling constant connectivity and exposure to content ecosystems. The findings show that

platforms like YouTube dominate their daily consumption habits, but their influence extends beyond screens. Gen Alpha consumers are highly aware of trends, often associating "coolness" with achievement, peer validation, and social identity. Their preferences increasingly shape choices across categories such as toys, food, fashion, and digital content. Rukam Capital Founder and Managing Partner Archana Jahagirdar stated that this generation is digitally fluent yet deeply influenced by algorithms, micro-trends, and values like sustainability and inclusivity. She emphasized that brands must rely on data-driven insights rather than assumptions to engage this emerging consumer base. The report identifies six key behavioural themes, portraying Gen Alpha as independent, utility-driven, and actively negotiating identity within structured environments, making them a critical force in India's evolving consumption landscape.

Dollar's Era As Global Reserve Currency To Be Over Soon

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The US dollar will cease to be the global reserve currency in the next five to seven years, going by the pace at which countries are de-dollarising themselves. US President Donald Trump's focus on industrialisation is also accelerating de-dollarisation. A digital gold-backed Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) is likely to replace dollar as a reserve currency for global transactions. "Every central bank intervention in the spot market is essentially a dollar asset dumping exercise," says Anindya Banerjee, head of commodity and currency research at Kotak Securities. "If you can't find buyers for your debt, you can't sustain a model of printing money, creating debt, and borrowing at near-zero rates. That's why the game is up." According to Banerjee, the ongoing trend of de-dollarisation is not merely a reaction to the US "weaponising" trade or finance, but a deeper breakdown of the dollar's underlying economic model. Post-Bretton Woods Agreement in 1944, it replaced the British pound as the world's primary reserve currency. To sustain global.

West Asia War May Hit Auto Demand, Raise Vehicle Prices in India: SIAM

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The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has cautioned that the ongoing geopolitical tensions in West Asia could create near-term challenges for India's automobile sector, even as the industry recorded steady growth in FY25-26. SIAM President Shailesh Chandra said the conflict may impact automotive production, input availability, commodity prices, fuel costs, and freight rates, though domestic demand continues to remain strong. He noted that while sales momentum has been positive, external uncertainties could influence cost structures and supply chains in the coming months. According to SIAM, India's automobile sales rose 7.9 per cent year-on-year in FY25-26, reaching 46.43 lakh units. The growth was led by the utility vehicle segment, which increased 11 per cent to 31,05,025 units. The two-wheeler category also performed strongly, with scooters



rising 18.5 per cent to 81,17,945 units, while motorcycles grew 6.6 per cent to 1,30,64,789 units. Despite these gains, the industry is closely watching global developments that could affect production efficiency and input supply. Chandra highlighted that supply chain disruptions linked to the West Asia conflict have already resulted in shortages of key petrochemical inputs such as propane and ethylene. These materials are essential for manufacturing processes, including paint shops and heat treatment operations. He added that cost pressures are emerging across se-

lect petrochemical and raw material segments, leading to increased input expenses for manufacturers. He further pointed out that global logistics conditions have become more volatile due to shipping route diversions and longer transit times, which have pushed up freight costs. In some cases, companies have even resorted to air freight to maintain uninterrupted supply chains. While the industry has so far managed to ensure steady production, Chandra warned that continued escalation in global tensions could intensify pressures on both costs

and operations. Looking ahead, SIAM remains cautiously optimistic about FY27, expecting continued growth across vehicle categories supported by strong domestic demand and stable macroeconomic fundamentals. However, Chandra emphasized that developments in West Asia must be closely monitored, as they could indirectly affect production, commodity prices, fuel costs, freight rates, and broader economic conditions, potentially shaping the industry's growth trajectory in the near term.

Volkswagen Taigun Facelift Launched at Rs 11 Lakh

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Volkswagen, the German carmaker, on Tuesday launched the Taigun SUV facelift at a starting price of Rs 11 lakh with a buyback scheme with residual value of 75 per cent of the ex-showroom price. This will be valid for up to 3 years and 30,000km, and will be applicable to Taigun bookings placed on or before May 31, 2026. "The Taigun has been a cornerstone of our India story," said Nitin Kohli, Brand Director at Volkswagen Passenger Cars India. "Today, with the introduction of the new Taigun, we aim to offer customers the right combination of features, performance, design and safety," he noted. Historically, the higher trims of this SUV have been more preferred and constitute to nearly 60% of the model's sales, even for the new Taigun, we have packaged the variants to ensure our customers avail of the best value at an attractive price proposition, Kohli said. The new SUV is available in six variants: Comfortline, Highline, Highline Plus, GT Line, Topline and GT Plus.

Kriti Sanon reveals strict diet, fitness routine for Cocktail 2



Actress Kriti Sanon, who is gearing up for the release of *Cocktail 2*, has spoken about her preparation for the 2012 cult romantic drama and shared that she was on a "very strict diet" and a "consistent workout routine" to prep for the upcoming film. "Honestly, during *Cocktail*, it was the only time when I was on a very strict diet and a consistent workout routine. And for the first time, I followed a calorie-deficient diet, which had never happened in my life. We were shooting in Italy, in Sicily... and when it comes to food there, it's mostly pizza, pasta, pizza... all of that. And I was like... Ah," Kriti said in a statement.

Earlier, she had revealed the emotional reason behind choosing the film, sharing, "Tere Ishk Mein was so emotionally draining, it had completely emptied me emotionally. I felt I needed something light and fun, and that's when *Cocktail* came my way." Highlighting the importance of balance, Kriti had also shared, "I thought, 'This is it.

This is the space I want to be in.' It's also nice to play characters that are poles apart, to not get too much of the load on you emotionally, because going back-to-back with deeply layered roles can take a toll on you." Kriti shared that she's looking very different from what she has ever looked and it's probably the hottest character that I've done so far. "And I think Homi is someone who has great, great aesthetic visual sense and he's just inherently cool and I think he's brought a cool side to me which I didn't know I had."

The film also stars Shahid Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna. *Cocktail 2* is by filmmaker Homi Adajania. It explores modern relationships amid emotional turmoil. The sequel features new characters facing current challenges while revisiting themes of love, friendship, and heartbreak. This is the first time Rashmika will be seen sharing screen space with Kriti and Shahid. The film is set to bow in cinemas on June 19, 2026.

Taylor Swift leads 2026 American Music Awards with eight nominations

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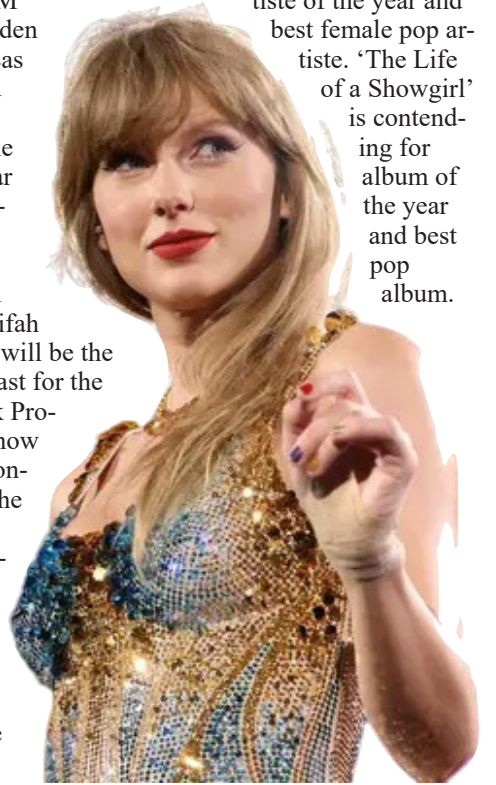
Pop icon Taylor Swift is leading the pack at the American Music Awards with eight nominations. The singer-songwriter has plenty of chances to extend her historic lead even further this year. She leads the race for the 2026 AMAs. Four artists are tied for second place in the nominations tally, with seven nods each, including Olivia Dean, Sombr and Morgan Wallen, reports 'Variety'. Lady Gaga and Alex Warren are close behind that group with six nominations each. Earning five nominations each are current Hot 100 chart-topper Ella Langley, Latin group Fuerza Regida, Leon Thomas and Zara Larson. As per 'Variety', the artists who picked up four nominations are Cardi B,

Justin Bieber, Playboi Carti, Bruno Mars, Tate McRae and Tyla.

This year's telecast will take place on May 25 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, and will air on CBS for the second year after a decades-long run on ABC, with Queen Latifah hosting. It will be the 52nd telecast for the Dick Clark Productions show that was conceived in the 1970s as a populist alternative to the Grammys. Nominations are based on

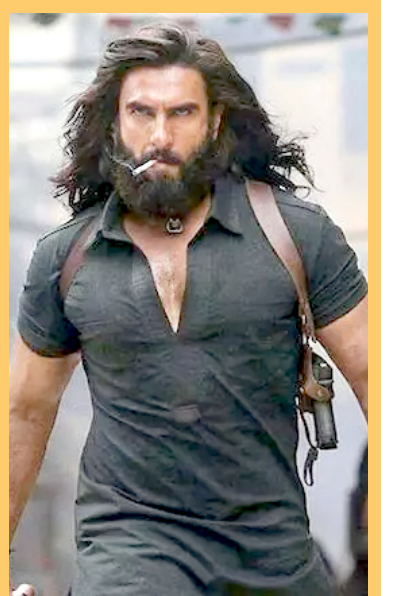
commercial performance, with the public voting on winners via a website and social media.

Taylor Swift is up for artist of the year and best female pop artist. 'The Life of a Showgirl' is contending for album of the year and best pop album.



Ranveer's toned-down look explained

Ranveer Singh seems to have turned subdued, as far as his wardrobe choices go. But informed sources say it's not a matter of changed personal preferences, it's a fallout of the recent controversy regarding his Kantara mimicry. Apparently, Ranveer has been asked by his legal team to tone down his sartorial picks to help modify his impetuous, over-the-top image. A close friend of Ranveer and Deepika reveals, "Ranveer still likes to dress up in multiple colours. But he has been instructed not to do the peacock act in public. You will see him mostly in black and grey suits at formal occasions."



Lucknow Super Giants up against fiery Royal Challengers



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Royal Challengers Bengaluru will rely on their fearsome batting unit to fire again as they look to dismantle an inconsistent Lucknow Super Giants and pull clear of the mid-table logjam in their Indian Premier League match here on Wednesday.

The Royal Challengers are currently third on the table with six points and four other teams are chasing the reigning champions with four points each. The Bengaluru outfit is two points adrift of leaders Rajasthan Royals and a point behind Punjab Kings.

But in reality, no team in this edition of the IPL has driven fear into the hearts of bowlers more than RCB.

Rajasthan's aura has been built around Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's flashing blade, while Punjab has been more solid than flamboyant, building their legacy around calculated chases.

But RCB have fired in unison. They have resembled a battering ram, and it reflects in the strike rates of their top five. Virat Kohli (162), Phil Salt (178), Rajat Patidar (214), Tim David (221) and Devdutt Padikkal (201), have put all comers through the wringer in IPL 2026.

These five batters have combined to smash an astonishing 52 sixes across four matches, the most by any team in this IPL season, taking range-hitting to another level. As a result, they have never scored less than 200 in this IPL so far — an apt reflection of their marauding batting ideology.

King-size Win For Chennai



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The fortress is being rebuilt, brick by brick. Egged on by the vocifer-

ous Chepauk crowd, Chennai Super Kings put on a dominant show and dismantled Knight Riders by 32 runs for their second successive win here at

the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Tuesday. While CSK moved up the table, KKR's season has gone from bad to worse as they're yet to taste success

in five outings. The chase of 193 on a track that slowed down considerably proved to be a daunting task as KKR could only manage 160 for seven. CSK may have dropped three sitters — by Rituraj Gaikwad, Dewald Brevis and Sarafaraz Khan — but their bowlers kept KKR batters on a short leash. Afghan spinner Noor Ahmed did the star turn with a brilliant spell of 3/21.

As Kolkata lost both their openers — Finn Allen and Sunil Narine — within the Powerplay, it took 7.3 overs for them to get past the 50-run mark. Noor then struck off successive deliveries to leave KKR reeling at 85 for five in 11

overs. Cameron Green, the most expensive overseas player at Rs 25.2 crore, was dismissed for a golden duck. The required rate started soaring as KKR needed 108 in 54 balls and then 62 off 18 balls.

Earlier, Super Kings appeared primed for another 200-plus total at home after storming to 72 for 2 — their most productive powerplay of the season — but the innings unravelled into a subdued 192 for five. The shift in momentum owed much to a track that slowed down and also disciplined fight-back from Kolkata, spearheaded by Kartik Tyagi (2/35) and Sunil Narine (1/21).

Javokhir Sindarov wins Candidates faces D. Gukesh

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Uzbekistan's Javokhir Sindarov on Tuesday secured the top spot in the 2026 FIDE Candidates tournament with a round to spare, thus qualifying to challenge India's Gukesh Dommaraju in the World Championship final match later this year.

In the 13th and penultimate round played at Pegoia in Cyprus, Sindarov drew with Dutch Grandmaster Anish Giri to take his tally to 9.5 points, an unbeatable lead over the next-placed opponent. Giri is placed second with 7.5 points, while American Fabiano Caruana and China's Wei Yi are next with 6.5 points. India's lone repre-

sentative in the men's section, R Praggnanandhaa, had a disappointing debut in the Candidates and is placed seventh going into the final round. In other results in the round, only Wei Yi won against Andrey Esipenko, while the rest of the boards ended in draws.



Mangli Files Complaint Against Advocate Subba Rao

Telangana folk singer and actress Mangli, whose real name is Satyavathi Rathod, on Tuesday met city police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar at TGICCC and submitted a written complaint alleging character assassination through propaganda by advocate Subba Rao. She sought stern action against the advocate. Mangli, accompanied by her counsel, requested the commissioner to conduct a thorough probe into the allegations. "Subba Rao is blackmailing my client Mangli by posting morphed videos showing bundles of money and accusing her of involvement in a scam. We have urged police authorities to collect evidence from both parties, as a counter complaint has already been filed with Panjagutta police in the matter of Mangli versus Subba Rao," her counsel told the media. In her complaint, Mangli said, "Subba Rao is spreading baseless propaganda against me." She appealed to the police to take stringent legal action and prevent further circulation of false claims. Police sources confirmed that she requested the commissioner.

Revanth Reddy meets Jagtial leaders, slams Jeevan Reddy's exit

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As the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) prepares for a major public meeting in Jagtial on April 20, political activity in the constituency has intensified. On Tuesday, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy convened a high-level review meeting with senior Congress leaders from the region to assess the party's organisational strength and strategy. The meeting also saw the participation of BRS turncoat MLA Dr Sanjay, adding a new dimension to the evolving political dynamics in Jagtial.

During the review, the Chief Minister addressed recent political developments involving former minister T Jeevan Reddy. He asserted that the Congress party had



never undermined Jeevan Reddy and had consistently respected his seniority and political stature. However, he claimed that despite repeated assurances regarding his political future and that of his family, Jeevan Reddy chose to leave the party due to what he described as personal stubbornness. A Revanth Reddy further alleged that Jeevan Reddy's decision to exit the party at a crucial political juncture had

disappointed long-standing Congress workers who had supported him for nearly four decades. He also accused him of hurting the self-respect of Congress cadres in Jagtial by aligning with BRS leadership under K Chandrashekar Rao. According to him, such moves came at a time when the party was actively working to counter political challenges and safeguard its democratic mandate. The Chief Minister

questioned the justification for opposing a democratically elected government when attempts were allegedly made to destabilise it. He urged local Congress leaders to remain united, evaluate the ground situation carefully, and continue strengthening the party at the grassroots level.

A Revanth Reddy also announced that he would soon visit Jagtial to directly interact with party workers and review constituency-level preparations ahead of the BRS public meeting. He expressed confidence that the party would overcome political challenges through organisational discipline and unity, reinforcing its presence in the region despite shifting local alliances and growing political competition.

Hyderabad Gets University of London Campus

The Lake View Guest House, Hyderabad, has been allotted for the UOL to run its temporary campus in the city

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. The University of London operates a small institute in Paris that offers very few courses. This makes the upcoming campus in Telangana UOL's first full-fledged offshore university campus in the world. Sources said the Lake View Guest House, Hyderabad, has been allotted for the UOL to run its temporary campus in the city. It is learnt that the University of London has initiated the application process with the Uni-

versity Grants Commission (UGC) for starting the academic year in 2027. The university would initiate the construction of permanent campuses in Future City. Besides, state government officials are coordinating with the UK department of business and Trade for facilitating 13 UK-based schools which had recently come forward to establish branch campuses in Hyderabad. The Chief Minister had been showing keen interest in welcoming global universities to Telangana as part of a broader objective to create a world-class knowledge hub. In the next few years, the Revanth Reddy-led government is aiming at building a knowledge hub in Bharat Future City that includes offshore campuses of world-renowned higher educational institutions.

Sudhakar Urges Citizens to Unite and Defend Constitution



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At a commemorative event marking the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Suryanagar on April 14, 2026, Aam Aadmi Party spokesperson Dr. Diddi Sudhakar called upon citizens to prepare for another struggle to safeguard the Constitution and uphold secular values.

The program, organized by the Valmiki Mehter Sangham under the leadership of its president J. Surender, was held near Sundarayya Park. Floral tributes were paid to Ambedkar's portrait, followed by a large-scale food distribution drive benefiting hundreds of underprivileged people. Prominent attendees included Mac-hukuri Venu, S.

Rajender, D. Subhash, D. Anil, S. Shiva, and Rajender Tyson. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Sudhakar highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's pivotal role in shaping India's Constitution and his vision of achieving social equality. He emphasized that public funds must be utilized for people's welfare, ensuring access to education and healthcare as fundamental rights. He noted that India's independence was achieved through the collective struggle of people from all religions and stressed that the nation belongs to everyone. Expressing concern over attempts to weaken constitutional principles, he urged citizens to question divisive politics and remain united in defending democratic and secular ideals.

Ramagundam MLA Remarks Spark Outrage; BRS Files Complaint

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Ramagundam MLA Makkan Singh Raj Thakur's comments became a controversy. Instilling confidence among the party workers, MLA warned of being hacked to death if anybody tries to create trouble for Congress workers. If anybody tries to create trouble for Congress workers when the Minister D Sridhar Babu was not available, the legislator assured that he himself, Minister Adluri



Laxman Kumar and Government Whip Ch Vijayarajana Rao would reach Manthani within two hours and hack them to death. Two ministers Sridhar Babu and Laxman Kumar were present on the dais when Raj Thakur

made these comments. When asked about MLA's comments, Sridhar Babu on Tuesday said that basically, Raj Thakur was quiet. Being the president of district congress party, Raj Thakur made such comments to instill con-

fidence among the party workers. He made such comments when some party workers informed him that they were frequently threatened by some people, Sridhar Babu said. On the other hand, the BRS leaders lodged a complaint with Godavariikhan One Town Police against the MLA. Speaking on the occasion, party leader Vyalla Harish Reddy said that people were alarmed over Raj Thakur's comments. Being an MLA, it was not proper on his part to make

such comments, he opined, and urged the police to take action against Raj Thakur. He made these comments while participating in former speaker Sripada Rao's death anniversary celebrations held in Manthani on Monday. Ramagundam MLA Makkan Singh Raj Thakur's controversial remarks sparked political outrage, with BRS leaders filing a police complaint, demanding action over his alleged inflammatory statements made during a public meeting in Manthani.

Ponnam Asks RTC Unions To Drop Strike Call

Transport minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Tuesday appealed to employees of Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) to withdraw their decision to go on a strike from April 22 and resolve issues through dialogue. Speaking to media persons, the minister said the government was open to discussions with employees on all issues except the merger of RTC with the state government and matters related to trade unions, which he said fall under its purview.

T'gana BJP Attacks Congress on Ambedkar Legacy, Women's Quota

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BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao vehemently refuted Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy claims that delimitation would fuel inequalities between southern and northern states. Addressing the media at the state party office after paying floral tributes on Dr B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary, Rao strongly condemned the Congress' false propaganda on delimitation and the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (women's reservation bill).

Dismissing fears that southern states would lose out, Ramchander Rao clarified that seats would rise proportionately nationwide, ensuring no state loses representation. He stressed that census and delimitation were separate constitutional processes, now being twisted by leaders like Revanth Reddy to mislead people. "Delimitation, frozen by Congress in 1976, remains stuck at 543 Lok Sabha seats based on the 1971 census, despite population



surging to 140 crore. It will follow the 2026 census and likely apply by the 2029 elections," the BJP chief said. Launching a scathing attack, Rao accused Congress of betraying the Indian Constitution's architect while peddling misinformation on delimitation and women's empowerment. Rao alleged Congress obstructed Ambedkar at every turn, blocking his Bombay Presidency election bid, opposing his Constituent Assembly entry as he entered only with Muslim League support and also hesitating to name him as chairman of the Drafting Committee. Jawaharlal Nehru initially resisted, and in letters to CMs

dated 1953 and 1961, called reservations as a threat to the nation. Congress always acted against reservations, Rao said and added that Congress always divides people by caste, religion, and region for votes. Congress defeated Ambedkar twice in elections, denied him the Bharat Ratna—awarded only by a non-Congress government—and now, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration has developed five key Ambedkar sites as "Pancha Teerth" (Five Pilgrimage Sites). True SC/ST empowerment comes from welfare schemes, not symbolism, he asserted. Challenging Congress's credibility on women's rights, he called Indira Gandhi's rise to "dynastic politics," and not as empowerment, citing the Shah Bano verdict reversal and Triple Talaq delay as proof of neglect. Recent rows with women leaders like Simi Rosebell John (Kerala), Angkita Dutta (Assam) and Priyanka Chaturvedi expose a "toxic culture" in Congress ranks, he said.

Ambedkar Jayanti Celebrated in Karwan



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Marking the 135th birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, grand Jayanti celebrations were held in Gudimalkapur and Langer House under Karwan constituency. ALIMM leaders and cadre extended warm wishes to Dalit communities on the occasion.

Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin led the Program, paying floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar and recalling his pivotal role in shaping India's Constitution. The event witnessed active participation from party leaders, including former corporators, primary unit presidents, and dedicated workers.



Ambedkar Jayanti was celebrated in Office Pet Division by the Ambedkar Welfare Association. Congress leader Balling Gautham Goud attended as chief guest and paid tributes by garlanding Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue. Participants remembered his contributions to social justice and equality, and pledged to uphold his ideals and constitutional values.

Lavanya's Poetry Book Unveiled by VC

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The poetry collection "Naaloni Nenu," written by MA Telugu student Gummadi Lavanya, was grandly unveiled at Satavahana University on the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti. Vice Chancellor Professor Umesh Kumar attended as the chief guest and formally released the book. Speaking on the occasion, he said it was खुशी (pleasure) to unveil a student's literary work on Ambedkar Jayanti and encour-



aged students to balance academics with interest in literature and arts. He praised Lavanya's poems for reflecting various social issues and perspectives. The event was attended by the Registrar, principals, Telugu department faculty, and staff. Participants appreciated Lavanya's

sense of social responsibility and her effort to bring her thoughts into a published work. A large number of students, literary figures, and admirers were present and congratulated Lavanya. In her address, Lavanya thanked everyone who supported her in bringing out the book.

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