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Iran Targets Israel, Kuwait After Trump Gives Deadline for Deal

Iran launched missiles and drones at Israel and Kuwait early Sunday, a day after President Donald Trump said the Islamic republic had 48 hours to cut a deal or face "all Hell".

Kuwait and Israel said their air defences were responding to the latest attacks from Iran, part of the war that erupted more than a month ago with US-

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Pope Leo Marks First Easter As Pontiff With Call For Hope

Pope Leo celebrated his first Easter Mass as pontiff with a call Sunday to exercise hope against "the violence of war that kills and destroys," saying "we need this song of hope today" as conflicts spread around the world.

With the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran in its second month and Russia's ongoing campaign in Ukraine, Leo has repeatedly called for a halt in hostilities. In his Easter homily, the pope singled out those who wage war, abuse the weak and prioritize profits.

Leo, the first U.S.-born pope, addressed the faithful from an open-air altar in St. Peter's Square

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Judicial Infrastructure Not Optional but Essential: CJI Surya Kant

CJI says judiciary-executive alignment brings Constitution alive at Telangana High Court event

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Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Surya Kant lauded the state government's efforts for its "positive" and "progressive" approach in demonstrating its keenness to develop the judiciary of Telangana. Describing the upcoming complex to house the Telangana High Court as one of the best facilities in the country, the CJI said that high-quality judicial infrastructure was a necessity for a functional democracy.

The CJI, who laid the foundation stone of Zone-II of the High Court complex in Rajendranagar, along with Chief Minister



A. Revanth Reddy and High Court Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh, stated that strengthening judicial infrastructure was not optional but extremely essential for state governments across the political spectrum. "A High Court that operates from scattered premises and congested buildings is a court whose daily function depends on arrangements it does not control. This

hundred-acre campus in Hyderabad will transform that. Courtrooms, administrative offices, archives, residential infrastructure, and training facilities will be grouped on a single self-contained site," he noted.

Telangana High Court's Chief Justice Singh also appreciated the continuous cooperation of the state government and the Chief Minister. "Under

Revanth Reddy's leadership, the state government has accorded administrative sanction of ₹2,583 crores for the construction of the new High Court building, demonstrating a strong commitment to strengthening judicial institutions and ensuring responsiveness to the needs of the judiciary," said Justice Singh. He also recalled how the state government, over the past six months, took significant steps to expand judicial infrastructure across the state, including the laying of foundation stones for nine new District Court complexes, encompassing the Poocho Act and Family Courts, in the newly formed districts.

New High Court A Temple Of Justice For Poor And Oppressed, Says Revanth

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Sunday likened the Telangana High Court complex coming up on a 100-acre parcel of land at Budvel in Rajendranagar to the temple of justice which would serve the poor, the weak, the voice-

less, and the oppressed for the next 100 years. He said the High Court will become an icon and a functional lifeline for society and democracy. Revanth Reddy was speaking at an event organised to lay the foundation for the Zone-II (residential and auxiliary facilities) of the upcom-

ing complex. The foundation stone was laid by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, and High Court Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh at Rajendranagar. Revanth Reddy said that the government was building not only one of the largest High Court

buildings in India, but a benchmark of modernity and excellence in public infrastructure. He said it was a red-letter day for Hyderabad, as the government was taking a step to create a monument for the next century, a crucial pillar for public life.

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PM Modi Blames TMC Govt For Malda Hostage

The situation got so bad that the SC had to intervene. Everyone is witnessing how TMC has become busy in taking out a funeral procession of the legal system: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has accused the Trinamul Congress government in West Bengal of "sponsoring" the confinement of seven judicial officers on special intensive revision (SIR) duty by a violent mob protest over large scale deletions of 'adjudicated' voters' names for logical discrepancies in Malda last week. He also described the unprecedented incident as Mahajangal Raj. Mr Modi's blame on chief minister Mamata Banerjee's party came days after the arrest of an AIMIM leader Mofakkerul Islam along with his aide Akramul Bagani by the criminal investigation department of the state police from Bagdogra Airport in Siliguri for masterminding the fierce agitation during which the judges were held hostage by the protesters for nine hours in a road blockade on April 1.

Though the National Investigation Agency has taken over the probe in the incident on the order of Election Commission



following a Supreme Court directive, TMC link is yet to come to light however. Mr Modi, who addressed an Assembly Election campaign rally of BJP in Coochbehar of North Bengal on Sunday, alleged, "This Nirmam Sarkar doesn't care about any constitutional body. The entire country was shocked to see how judicial officers were held hostage in Malda two-three days ago."

He claimed, "Imagine, what kind of government and system is this where judges and constitutional process aren't even safe? How can the safety of the people of Bengal be expected from them? What happened in Malda was not only the audacity of TMC but was also Mahajangal Raj sponsored by this Nirmam Sarkar. TMC tries to throttle the constitutional bodies when the

noose of law gets tighter." The PM added, "The situation got so bad that the SC had to intervene. Everyone is witnessing how TMC has become busy in taking out a funeral procession of the legal system." TMC hit back at him immediately for lying about the Malda incident. Party MP of Durgapur Kirti Azad said, "Modiji, why are you lying? Your B and C teams were involved in the Malda unrest. AIMIM man was caught." He pointed out, "We don't have administration with us since the Election Commission transferred all officers. The officer who has been made a police observer in Malda is the husband of the candidate who contested polls in Purnea. You did this with his help." Mr Modi further argued that the TMC has been opposing the SIR tooth and nail and Citizenship Amendment Act to protect the voting rights of the infiltrators who made a 'demographic change' in the state. He linked them to appeasement politics by TMC for the votebank of a particular community.

Iran-US War Is Hindering Food And Medicine Aid Reaching To The World

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Aid groups are warning that the war in the West Asia has upended their ability to get food and medicine to millions of people around the world in need, and that the suffering will deepen if the violence continues. Not only has the conflict cut off vital shipping routes, creating a global energy crisis, it's also disrupting supply chains for aid groups, forcing them to use costlier, more time-

consuming routes. Key pathways such as the Strait of Hormuz have been effectively shuttered and routes from strategic hubs such as Dubai, Doha and Abu Dhabi have also been impacted. Transport costs have spiked with higher fuel and insurance rates, meaning less supplies can be delivered with the same amount of money. The World Food Program says it has tens of thousands of metric tons of food heavily delayed in transit. The International Rescue

Committee has \$130,000 worth of pharmaceuticals intended for war-torn Sudan stranded in Dubai and nearly 670 boxes of therapeutic food meant for severely malnourished children in Somalia stuck in India. The U.N. Population Fund says it's delayed sending equipment to 16 countries.

Steep U.S. cuts to foreign aid already had hobbled many aid groups, who say the war is exacerbating the problem.

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Iran Claims Destroying Several US Aircraft During Pilot Rescue Mission

Several aircraft were destroyed during the U.S. mission to find a stranded airman in Iran, the Revolutionary Guards said on Sunday according to Tasnim news agency. "During a joint operation (Aerospace, Ground Force, Popular Units, Basij and Police command), enemy aircraft were destroyed," the group said after Iran's police command announced an American C-130 plane had been downed in the south of Isfahan. The spokesperson of Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, the unified command of the Iranian armed forces, said the downed aircraft included a C-130 military transport plane as well as two Black Hawk helicopters.

Centre removes three Telangana districts from LWE list

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The Centre has removed three Telangana districts —Mulugu, Asifabad and Bhadradi-Kothagudem—from the list of left wing extremist (LWE) affected districts, following Union home minister Amit Shah's announcement in Parliament that the country had become Naxal-free.

Only Bhadradi-Kothagudem has been retained in the less-serious "legacy and thrust" category along with 34 others in the country. In Andhra Pra-

desh, the Centre took out five districts from the LWE category and included Alluri Sitarama Raju district in the "legacy and thrust" category. The neighbouring state may press for inclusion of Polavaram district in the thrust category as the newly-carved out district had areas which were earlier in the Maoist-hit ASR district.

Though the re-categorisation was done to project the wiping out of Maoist extremism and lesser threat it posed now, the agencies involved in anti-Maoist operations cau-

tioned against lowering guard, for it could lead to a resurgence. "There should not be any change in the status on the ground in terms of policing as well as development drive," a senior police official in Telangana, who played active role in ensuring the surrender of several top-ranking Maoists, told.

Sources said the surrender of leaders who formed the intellectual layer in the movement was by and large secured but the militia was still present in the field. Thousands of people identified

as militants by the security agencies have not yet surrendered, which the officials felt was an area of concern. "They are trigger-happy and could re-organise, may be in smaller groups or may act as mercenary groups," another official said adding that a constant thrust on development was very essential to avoid resurgence.

The erstwhile Manmohan Singh-led Central government had launched the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) and identified districts in all the Maoist-af-

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Trump threatens 'hell' for Iran over Hormuz Strait as deadline approaches

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United States President Donald Trump has threatened to attack civilian infrastructure inside Iran, including bridges and power plants, if the Strait of Hormuz is not re-opened by his stated deadline of Monday.

Trump made the threat in an expletive-laden social media post on Sunday, in which he repeated previous threats to pummel vital infrastructure across Iran. "Tuesday will be Power Plant Day, and

Bridge Day, all wrapped up in one, in Iran. There will be nothing like it!!! Open the F***** Strait, you crazy b*****, or you'll be living in Hell — JUST WATCH! Praise be to Allah," Trump said in a Truth Social post.

On March 26, Trump set a 10-day deadline for Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, a key shipping route for the global energy market, where traffic has ground to a halt since the US and Israel first attacked Iran on February 28.

He told Fox News on



Sunday that Iran was currently negotiating with the US and that he believed the two could reach a deal before the deadline.

Iranian officials have slammed Trump's threats and promised to retaliate for any attacks on their infrastructure.

"Once again, the US president openly threatens to destroy infrastructure essential to civilian survival in Iran," Iran's mission to the United Nations said in response to Trump's threats.

"The international community and all states have legal obligations to prevent such atrocious acts of war crimes. They must act now. Tomorrow is too late," it added.

Seyyed Mehdi Tabatabaei, deputy for communications at the Iranian president's office, also stated that the strait would

only be reopened following the payment of reparations for damages caused by the war. He said those payments would come in the form of transit fees through a "new legal regime" around the strait, consistent with previous Iranian statements that it may seek to translate its control over the strait into a system whereby ships passing through pay a fee even after the war ends. Tabatabaei dismissed Trump's threats as a sign that the US has "resorted to obscenities and nonsense out of sheer desper-

ation and anger". The US president has frequently repeated that Iran is seeking a deal to end the war and that fighting will end soon since the conflict began. Iran has stated that it is not seeking to end the war and has vowed to step up escalation across the region if its infrastructure is targeted.

Throughout the war, US officials have threatened Iran with overwhelming violence if it does not capitulate to US demands. Last week, US Secretary

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Telangana opens fiscal year with aggressive borrowing plan, sparks concerns

Telangana plans to borrow Rs 18,900 crore in the first quarter of 2026-27 as part of a Rs 73,383 crore borrowing programme. Experts warn that early market borrowing and rising debt could strain the State's fiscal discipline and internal resource mobilisation

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The Telangana government began the 2026-27 financial year with an aggressive borrowing plan, seeking to mobilise Rs 18,900 crore in the first quarter alone, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) borrowing calendar. The early move to tap markets sparked concerns over the State's rising dependence on debt to sustain expenditure.

For the current fiscal, the State projected borrowings of Rs 73,383 crore. Within the current quarterly plan, the government already initiated borrowings for April, proposing to raise



Rs 3,900 crore through RBI auctions on Tuesday. This includes Rs 2,000 crore via 17-year securities and Rs 1,900 crore through 30-year bonds, signalling the Congress government preferring long-term debt instruments at the very outset of the financial year. The front-loading of borrowings came notwithstanding a sharp overshoot in the previous financial year. In 2025-26, Telangana

raised Rs 85,840 crore which is nearly 59 per cent above its budgeted borrowing target of Rs 54,009 crore. Pointing to trends from the previous year, financial experts fear a pattern of exceeding targets and increased stress on revenue generation. They pointed out that such reliance on market borrowings, especially early in the financial year, might affect liquidity pressures and re-

strict internal resource mobilisation.

The Congress government already raised Rs 3.47 lakh crore including Rs 1.62 lakh crore FRBM loans and another Rs 1.54 lakh crore non-FRBM loans in the last 29 months. Comparatively, the previous BRS government raised Rs 3.5 lakh crore of outstanding debt (FRBM loans) and another Rs 1.47 lakh crore of government-guaranteed (non-FRBM) loans over a decade.

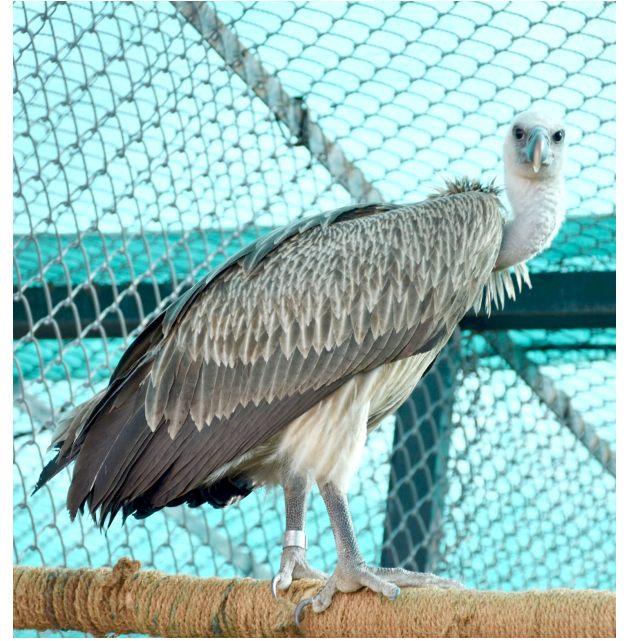
Experts stated that despite steady increase in debt, the State government was using the borrowings for routine expenditure including welfare commitments

and contract payments, rather than asset creation. They cautioned that regular dependence on loans to meet recurring obligations was a sign of weakening fiscal discipline and suggested that State government take immediate measures before the situation spirals down further. Growing Burden Budget borrowings for 2026-27: Rs 73,383 crore Borrowing plan for April-June 2026: 18,900 crore Borrowings for 2025-26: Rs 85,840 crore against projected Rs 54,009 crore Borrowings for 29 months of Congress rule: Rs 3.47 lakh crore

Student Adopts Vulture at Hyderabad Zoo

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A Class 10 student, Havisha Jain of Pebble Creek Life School, adopted a vulture for a period of one month at Nehru Zoological Park, contributing Rs. 10,000 towards its maintenance under the zoo's animal adoption programme. The initiative was taken on the occasion of her uncle Prani Mitra Reddish Hagirdar's birthday, known for his commitment to animal protection. Havisha visited the zoo along with her grandfather Kanthilal Shah, cousins and friends, and handed over the cheque to Assistant Curator B. Laxman. Speaking on the occasion, Havisha said she was inspired by her grandfather and her cousin brother Chinmay Siddharth Shah, who had earlier adopted several



animals including a tiger, cheetah, peacock, monkey and nocturnal birds at a young age. She stressed the importance of protecting vultures, noting that their population has significantly declined over the years. Quoting her grandfather, she said vultures were once com-

monly seen but are now on the verge of extinction. Notably, Havisha funded the adoption using her personal savings, including money received during birthdays and festivals, reflecting her commitment towards wildlife conservation.

Indiramma House-Warming Ceremony Held at R. Itikyala Village

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A house-warming ceremony was conducted successfully at R. Itikyala village in Regode mandal following the completion of an Indiramma house allotted to Begari Shankaraya. The event reflects the government's continued commitment to providing permanent housing to economically weaker sections. The programme was organized as per the directions of Telangana Health Minister C. Damodara Raja Nar-simha. The ceremony began with traditional rit-



uals, after which the family formally entered their new house in the presence of public representatives and villagers. Speaking on the occasion, village Sarpanch Vemula Aparna Santosh Kumar stated that the Indiramma housing scheme

is playing a key role in improving the living standards of poor families. She said the government is focused on ensuring that every eligible beneficiary receives a permanent house. Senior Congress leader Venkatrao Patil highlighted that

development works in the village, including housing, roads, and drinking water facilities, are progressing steadily. Congress party president Eshwarappa mentioned that owning a house is a lifelong dream for many poor families, and such schemes are helping to fulfill that aspiration. The event was attended by Vice Sarpanch Uppari Anjaneyulu, along with local leaders Kashinath Swamy, Shivakumar Patel, Vadla Shivakumar, Eetam Krishna and others. A large number of villagers participated in the programme and extended

Disha Law Firm Hosts Inspiring Punjagutta Blood Camp

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Disha Law Firm, Punjagutta, successfully organized a Blood Donation Camp on April 5, 2026, on the occasion of Founder Nageshwar Rao Pujari's birthday, reaffirming its commitment to social responsibility and community welfare. The initiative witnessed an encouraging response from advocates, staff members, well-wishers, and local residents who came forward to donate blood and support this life-saving cause. Held at the firm's prem-



ises from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, the camp was conducted in a well-organized and hygienic environment under the supervision of qualified medical professionals. The medical team was led by Senior Resident Dr. Puspaja and the team from NIMS Blood Bank, ensuring that all necessary

safety protocols were followed for a smooth and secure donation process. The primary objective of the camp was to address the continuous demand for blood in hospitals and emergency situations while also spreading awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation. The or-

ganizers reiterated the powerful message that "one blood donor can save up to three lives," encouraging more people to adopt this noble practice. The event saw active participation from members of the legal fraternity along with enthusiastic youth and first-time donors, reflecting a growing sense of civic responsibility. The initiative also emphasized the importance of maintaining updated records of blood groups among personal contacts to facilitate quicker response during emergencies.

Nizamabad remembers Babu Jagjivan Ram's legacy on his 119th Jayanti

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On the occasion of the 119th birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram, a commemorative program was held in Nizamabad to pay homage to the legendary leader. The event was marked by heartfelt tributes, with leaders recalling his immense contributions toward uplifting the oppressed and advocating for equality and social justice.

His enduring vision and commitment to inclusive development were remembered as guiding principles for today's society. Prominent dignitaries,



including Nizamabad MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana, Mayor Uma Rani Ramesh, the District Collector, Telangana State Minority Chairman Tariq Ansari, and Agriculture Commissioner Gadugu Gangadhar, attended the program

and offered their respects. Speakers at the event emphasized the relevance of Babu Jagjivan Ram's ideals in the present day and called upon citizens to uphold his values by working towards unity, fairness, and social harmony.

BRS Leader Nayeem Imran Placed Under House Arrest Following "Chalo Hyderabad" Call



In a preventive move by the police, BRS District Minority Leader Nayeem Imran was placed under house arrest at his residence today. The action follows the "Chalo Hyderabad" protest call given by the BRS party to condemn the alleged illegal arrest of Huzurabad MLA Shri Padi Kaushik Reddy. Constitutional Rights Being Violated: Nayeem Imran While under house arrest, BRS leader Nayeem Imran lashed out at the state government, labeling the police action as undemocratic and unconstitutional. Key statements from the leader: "Placing me under house arrest to stop us from joining the 'Chalo Hyderabad' rally is a direct violation of our constitutional right to protest. This is a move to suppress the voice of the opposition." "Khabardar Revanah Reddy! You cannot stop our struggle or dampen our spirits through these illegal arrests and house detentions." He further added that the BRS party will not be intimidated by such tactics and will continue to fight against the government's "anti-democratic" policies.

Ambedkar Mission Hosts Grand Gnana Mala Event

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District wrestler A. Venkat Prasad is recovering after undergoing surgery for an ankle fracture sustained during the Khelo India Tribal Wrestling Championship in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, and is currently resting at home.

TCC General Secretary and District Wrestling Association Honorary President Naga Seetharamulu visited him and expressed confidence in his speedy recovery, urging him to return stronger and bring laurels to the district. Venkat Prasad had displayed remarkable performance in the championship, winning two rounds dominantly before suffering the injury during the quarterfinal bout. He has consistently excelled at national-level events, including university wrestling championships, Federation Cup,



and SAI senior competitions, earning multiple medals and recognition. Praising his achievements, Seetharamulu said Venkat Prasad has brought pride to the district and hoped he would soon resume training and continue his winning streak. District Wrestling Association General Secretary P. Kashi Hussain, Vice President Adinarayana, coaches, and senior players were also present.

Telangana advances SA-II exams for Classes I to IX

The School Education department on Thursday advanced the Summative Assessment (SA)-II examinations, which will now commence on April 8. Earlier, the exams for Classes I to IX were scheduled to be held from April 10. The department rescheduled the SA-II exams in view of the Telangana Open School Society's SSC and Intermediate Public Examinations. The SA-II exams, as per the revised schedule, will conclude on April 18. All Regional Directors of School Education and District Educational Officers have been asked to issue necessary instructions to schools regarding the rescheduling of the SA-II examination timetable.

Hyderabad Mahila Leader Boddu Vasanthi Honored

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Hyderabad City Mahila President Boddu Vasanthi was felicitated during a visit to a leading robotics engineering company in Balanagar, marking a notable interaction between social leadership and the technology sector. She was honored with a ceremonial shawl and bouquet by CEO Shivaram and Meghana in recognition of her contributions to community empowerment. Vasanthi, an MBA graduate and former member of the All India Scheduled Caste Rights Protection Society (AISCRRPS), has been widely acknowl-



edged for her efforts in promoting women's leadership and social advocacy across Hyderabad. The event was attended by senior Dalit leader Madhyala Prabhakar, programmer Jahnavi Dasym, and senior operator Pushpa Kumar, reflecting a blend of social and industrial representation. A resident of Kamsari

Bazar, New Bowenpally, Vasanthi's journey from grassroots activism to city-level leadership was highlighted as an inspiration for aspiring women leaders. Organizers extended their congratulations and lauded her continued commitment to inclusive growth and empowerment.

New Bowenpally Pays Tribute to Babu Jagjivan Ram

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The 119th birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram was observed with reverence across Secunderabad Cantonment on Sunday, with a major commemorative event held at New Bowenpally. Former Cantonment Board Vice-Chairman Jampana Pratap led the tributes, garlanding statues and portraits of the Dalit icon at multiple locations including New Bowenpally, Chinna Thokatta, Nakkalapally, San-



jeevayya Nagar, and Bapuji Nagar. The programmes witnessed active participation from Congress leaders and local residents. Addressing gatherings, Pratap described Jagjivan

Ram as a champion of social justice who dedicated his life to the upliftment of marginalized communities. He highlighted Babuji's pivotal role in India's freedom struggle and his long-standing

service in the Union Cabinet, particularly in strengthening agricultural and labour sectors. Calling upon youth to follow his ideals, Pratap said Jagjivan Ram's vision of equality continues to inspire social and political efforts today. Senior leaders including Muppidi Madhukar, Ajith Kalyan, Karan Singh, Sampath, Srikanth, D.M. Ashok Kumar, Ravi Prabhakar, Venkatesh, Nithyanand, Jajula Kranthi, Seetharam Varaprasad, Mukesh Yadav and Harikrishna attended the programmes.

Grand Tributes to Babu Jagjivan Ram on His 119th Birth Anniversary at Nirjapula Village



On the occasion of the 119th birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram, grand tributes were paid at Nirjapula village under Vatapally Mandal by senior BRS leader Education Institutes groups M. Veerareddy and party cadres on Sunday. Addressing the gathering, Veerareddy elaborated on the illustrious political career of Jagjivan Ram, stating that he was one of the tallest leaders in Indian politics who dedicated his life to the upliftment of the downtrodden and marginalized sections. He recalled that Jagjivan Ram played a significant role in India's freedom struggle and later served the nation in several key portfolios including Defence, Agriculture, and as Deputy Prime Minister.

Harish Rao demands immediate action against Rs 7,000 crore land scam in Nadergul

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Senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao on Sunday levelled serious allegations against the Congress government, accusing it of facilitating a massive ₹7,000 crore land encroachment in Nadergul. He demanded immediate intervention from Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, along with action by HYDRAA and other authorities, including demolition of illegal constructions and arrest of those responsible. Addressing the media after a meeting with affected farmers at Telangana Bhavan, Harish Rao claimed that around 373 acres of prime government land in Survey No. 613 (new 119) had been illegally occupied, de-



spite clear rulings by the Telangana High Court affirming the land as government property. He alleged that companies linked to the family of Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy were involved in the encroachment. He warned that if the government fails to act, BRS leaders would visit the site and remove illegal structures themselves. Harish Rao further demanded restoration of land rights to nearly 600 farmers who, he said, had been cultivating the land for gen-

erations but were now denied access.

The BRS leader alleged that farmers were being intimidated through deployment of bouncers, destruction of borewells, and filing of false cases. "Women farmers are being threatened and offered money to vacate their lands," he stated, accusing authorities of siding with encroachers instead of protecting public assets. Detailing the case, Harish Rao said the land was illegally sold in 2016 by a private individual despite restrictions under the Land Ceiling Act.

The Kandukur RDO had declared these transactions invalid and added the land to the prohibited list on the Dharani portal. This decision was later upheld by both single

and division benches of the High Court in October 2022, which also directed criminal proceedings against the accused. The matter is currently pending before the Supreme Court of India without any stay.

He also highlighted environmental concerns, stating that parts of the land fall under the Full Tank Level and buffer zone of Lachamma Kunta, with feeder channels allegedly destroyed. Criticizing HYDRAA, he questioned its selective action, alleging that it targets weaker sections while ignoring influential encroachers. Reiterating his demand, Harish Rao urged the government to act swiftly to protect public land and ensure justice for affected farmers.

Kavitha slams govt, Calls for 'Save Singareni' movement

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At the Save Singareni round table meeting held in Banjara Hills, Kalvakuntla Kavitha strongly criticized the Congress government and Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka over policies impacting Singareni workers. Kavitha termed the proposed inquiry into dependent jobs as unjustified and questioned why the government is not probing corruption in contracts and financial dealings. She alleged large-scale irregularities, citing audit reports that point to heavy losses within the organization. She demanded immediate clearance of ₹47,000 crore dues pending to Singareni and raised concerns over controversial agreements, including a lithium refinery deal and a solar project, calling for transparency



and accountability. Highlighting the hardships faced by coal workers, she emphasized that risking lives daily in hazardous conditions deserves recognition, not enquiry. She called for filling vacant posts, restoring medical systems, and

extending tax relief to workers. Warning of strong action, Kavitha announced that Telangana Jagruthi would fully support labour unions and, if needed, launch a massive protest to protect Singareni and its workforce.

Traditional Indian Coolers to Keep You Hydrated This Summer

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Before modern beverages like iced lattes and mocktails took over, Indian households relied on simple, time-tested drinks to beat the intense summer heat. Designed not just for refreshment but also for cooling the body, aiding digestion, and maintaining energy levels, these traditional coolers continue to hold relevance even today. At the heart of Indian summers are drinks that are easy to prepare, use seasonal ingredients, and deliver both taste and health benefits. Among the most popular is panakam, a South Indian cooler made with jaggery, dry ginger, pepper, and cardamom, known for its ability to restore energy and regulate body temperature. Similarly, aam panna, prepared from raw mango pulp mixed with sugar, cumin, black salt, and mint, is widely consumed to prevent heatstroke and provide instant relief from scorching conditions. Regional favourites like



phalsa sharbat and kokum sharbat offer a perfect balance of sweet and tangy flavours while naturally cooling the system. Phalsa berries, when mashed and mixed with water, sugar, and black salt, create a refreshing drink ideal for peak summer, while kokum, soaked and blended with sugar and cumin, is a staple along India's coastal belt for its cooling properties. For digestion and hydration, drinks like jaljeera and chaas remain household essentials. Jaljeera, a spiced mix of cumin, mint, tamarind, and lemon, is known to stimulate appetite and improve digestion. Chaas, made by diluting

curd with water and adding salt, cumin, and herbs, acts as a probiotic that keeps the gut healthy and the body hydrated. Classic options like nimbu pani or lemon soda continue to be go-to refreshments due to their simplicity and instant cooling effect. Meanwhile, sattu sharbat, popular in North India, stands out as a protein-rich drink that not only cools the body but also keeps one full and energised for longer periods. Traditional drinks such as bael sharbat, made from wood apple pulp, are valued for their gut-friendly and cooling benefits. Thandai, a rich blend of milk, nuts, and aromatic spices, offers both nourishment and a refreshing experience when served chilled. Despite changing trends, these traditional Indian summer drinks remain unmatched in their ability to naturally combat heat while promoting overall well-being, proving that age-old wisdom still holds strong in modern times.

Jagjivan Ram's 119th Birth Anniversary Observed with Tributes to His Political Legacy

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The 119th birth anniversary of Jagjivan Ram, one of India's most prominent freedom fighters and social reformers, was observed with great respect at the Engineer-in-Chief (ENC) office of the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department SC ST Employees welfare association at Erram Manzil, Hyderabad.

The event was organized by the PR Engineering SC/ST Employees Welfare Association. The program was led by Association Honorary President Koramoni Balachander. Senior officials including Superintending Engineer Mothku Bhoomanna, Executive Engineer Durga Prasad, Deputy Engineer Ashok, Assistant Engineer Yadadri, and other staff members participated and



paid floral tributes. Addressing the gathering, speakers elaborated on Jagjivan Ram's remarkable political journey and enduring legacy. Born in Bihar, he emerged as a key leader in India's freedom movement and later became a towering figure in independent India's

Minister, he was instrumental during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971, which led to the creation of Bangladesh. They also noted his long association with the Indian National Congress, through which he rose to national prominence. Later, he played a key role in the formation of the Janata Party and served as Deputy Prime Minister of India. His political career spanned several decades, during which he consistently worked for democratic values and inclusive governance.

He was elected to Parliament multiple times and remained one of the most experienced and longest-serving parliamentarians in the country. Speakers highlighted that Jagjivan Ram held several crucial portfolios in the Union Cabinet, including Defence, Agriculture, Labour, and Railways. He played a significant role during the period of the Green Revolution in India, contributing to agricultural reforms that strengthened the nation's food security. As Defence

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Hyderabad Gears Up for Grand Party Foundation Day & Union Minister's Visit

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An urgent preparatory meeting was held in Hyderabad under District President Niranjan Yadav to organize the Party Foundation Day celebrations on April 5 and 6, along with a workshop for active members and workers. The meeting also focused on arrangements for the visit of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar to the IS Sadan Division. Leaders discussed detailed plans to ensure



smooth execution and large-scale participation. Key attendees included District General Secretaries Edla Pandarinath, Srinath, and Bokka Madhusudan, along with State Senior Citizen Convener Subhash Chander Ji and several senior leaders and local representatives. The leadership empha-

sized unity, coordination, and active involvement from all cadres. They expressed confidence that the upcoming celebrations and the Minister's visit will be conducted successfully, showcasing the party's organizational strength and enthusiasm at the grassroots level.

Ambedkar Mission Hosts Grand Gana Mala Event



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The Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mission, Lothkunta, Alwal, celebrated its 161st week Gana Mala programme with enthusiasm, highlighting social justice and equality. Chief guest Manne Srinivas, Ambedkarite and BJP spokesperson, urged youth to follow Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's ideals and work for upliftment of oppressed

communities. A bike rally was held to pay floral tributes to Babu Jagjivan Ram on his 117th birth anniversary at Bolarum and Risala Bazar. Advisor Ramesh Kamala announced a training centre launch on April 12, 2026, offering skill development courses. Leaders and members reiterated commitment to advancing Ambedkar's mission and empowering marginalized sections.

NCD Screening Camp at Mator Village - PHC Motakondur

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In an effort to strengthen public health services at the village level and promote preventive healthcare, a Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Screening Camp will be organized at Mator village under Motakondur mandal on Monday, April 6, 2026. The program is being conducted as part of the government's Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika initiative. The special medical camp is aimed at identifying and supporting in-

dividuals suffering from hypertension (BP) and diabetes (sugar)—two major lifestyle-related diseases that are increasingly affecting rural populations. Early detection, regular monitoring, and timely medical advice will be the key focus areas of this programme. According to officials, the camp will be conducted at the Mator Gram Panchayat office premises from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A team of healthcare professionals will be available to carry out free screening tests, including blood pressure

checks and blood sugar level testing. Based on the results, patients will be provided with medical counselling, prescriptions, and guidance on diet and lifestyle management. Residents from all villages falling under the Sub-Centre Mator jurisdiction are urged to participate in large numbers and utilize the free medical services. Special emphasis has been laid on reaching vulnerable groups, elderly citizens, and those who have not undergone regular health check-ups. The authorities have directed all ASHA (Accredited Social

Health Activist) workers to play an active role in mobilizing patients. They have been instructed to identify individuals with BP and diabetes symptoms, create awareness at the household level, and ensure that patients are brought to the camp without fail. Participation of all ASHA workers has been made compulsory to ensure effective implementation of the program. Health officials stated that such camps are crucial in rural areas where awareness about non-communicable diseases is still limited.

Bansilalpet Hosts Grand Babu Jagjivan Ram Jayanti

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Wakeup telangana

Bansilalpet witnessed grand celebrations on Sunday as Congress leaders and local residents came together to mark the birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram, paying rich tributes to his enduring legacy of social justice and equality. The main events were held at CC Nagar and Jabbar Complex, drawing a large turnout and reflecting strong community participation. Prominent Congress leaders including YM Vijay Kumar, MP Sunil Kumar, Rajashekhar, Ma-



hesh, Sri Hari, Sunil, CP Shanker, and Niranjan attended the programme and addressed the gathering. They highlighted Babu Jagjivan Ram's significant role in India's freedom struggle and his lifelong commitment to uplifting

marginalized communities, urging youth to carry forward his vision of inclusive governance. Speakers emphasized that Babuji's ideals remain highly relevant in today's socio-political landscape, particularly in promoting

equality and social harmony in diverse urban centres like Hyderabad. "Babuji's fight against injustice is our guiding light," said MP Sunil Kumar, calling for unity and collective responsibility. The event featured cultural performances, speeches, and a tribute march, creating a vibrant and patriotic atmosphere. Organizers described the large turnout as a testament to Babu Jagjivan Ram's lasting influence, with Bansilalpet emerging as a key hub for community-driven civic and commemorative events.

Iran Targets Israel, Kuwait After Trump Gives Deadline for Deal

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Iran launched missiles and drones at Israel and Kuwait early Sunday, a day after President Donald Trump said the Islamic republic had 48 hours to cut a deal or face "all Hell". Kuwait and Israel said their air defences were responding to the latest attacks from Iran, part of the war that erupted more than a month ago with US-Israeli strikes that triggered retaliation by Tehran. The war has spread conflict throughout the Middle East and convulsed the global economy. Iran's forces maintain a tight grip on the Strait of Hormuz shipping lane -- a vital conduit for oil and gas -- and strike economic targets in Gulf neighbours they see as linked to the US-Israeli



war effort.

The economic strikes are also going the other way. An Israeli or US strike on a petrochemical hub in the southwest of Iran killed five people Saturday, according to the deputy governor of Khuzestan province. "Remember

when I gave Iran ten days to MAKE A DEAL or OPEN UP THE HORMUZ STRAIT," Trump wrote Saturday on Truth Social, referring to an ultimatum issued on March 26. "Time is running out -- 48 hours before all Hell will reign (sic) down on them."

Iran's central military command rejected the ultimatum, with General Ali Abdollahi Aliabadi saying Trump's threat was a "helpless, nervous, unbalanced and stupid action". Echoing Trump's language, he warned that "the gates of hell will open

for you". Trump later posted a video showing explosions lighting up a night sky along with text that said: "Many of Iran's Military Leaders...are terminated, along with much else, with this massive strike in Tehran", without specifying when it took place. - Search for airman - Tehran said Friday it had shot down an F-15 warplane and US media reported United States special forces had rescued one of its two crew members, with the other still missing. Iran's military also said it downed a US A-10 ground attack aircraft in the Gulf, with US media saying the pilot of that plane was rescued. Washington has yet to publicly acknowledge either of the shootdowns and has provided no updates on efforts to find the missing airman, whom Iran is also

hunting. The local Mehr news agency on Saturday quoted the deputy governor of Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad province, Fattah Mohammadi, as saying the search for the airman involved "popular forces and tribesmen alongside military forces and is still ongoing". He added that "last night, people fired at enemy helicopters with rifles and did not allow them to land". Images posted on social media and verified by AFPTV showed Iranian police firing at a US helicopter in southwestern Iran as US forces searched for the airman. - Bushehr nuclear plant - A strike near Iran's Bushehr nuclear plant on Saturday killed a guard and led Russia, which partly constructed the facility and helps operate it, to announce it was evacuating.

PM Modi Set to Launch BJP's Bengal Poll Campaign From Cooch Behar

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Cooch Behar on Sunday to launch the BJP's campaign for the West Bengal Assembly elections, a senior party leader said. Modi is scheduled to address a 'Bijoy Sankalpa Sabha' at the historic Ras Mela grounds around noon, marking the start of the party's intensified outreach in north Bengal. During the rally, Modi is expected to outline the party's vision for a "developed West Bengal," highlight issues raised in the BJP's recently released 'people's charge-sheet' against the ruling TMC government in the state, and focus on governance, law and order, and alleged corruption. Elections to the 294-member West Bengal

Assembly will be held in two phases - on April 23 and 29. Votes will be counted on May 4. The BJP leader said Modi's address will set the tone for the party's campaign narrative, emphasising a "fear-free" environment and restoration of public trust in institutions. The April 5 rally will be followed by a series of public meetings, roadshows, and organisational programmes by senior BJP leaders across the state ahead of the polls. Modi had last visited the state on March 14 to address a rally at Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata and inaugurate development projects worth around Rs 18,680 crore, marking the culmination of the party's Poriborton Yatra.

US Cancels Green Cards, Visas of Iran-Linked Nationals

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The Trump administration has revoked the green cards or US visas of at least four Iranian nationals connected to the current or former Iranian government, including two who have been detained by immigration authorities and are to be deported. The latest actions were taken just this week when Secretary of State Marco Rubio determined they were no longer eligible for either lawful permanent resident status, or to enter the United States. The steps

follow a move late last year in which the visas of several diplomats and staffers at Iran's mission to the United Nations were also revoked. In a statement on Saturday, the State Department said the niece and grand-niece of former Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps chief Qassem Soleimani, who was killed in a US airstrike near the Baghdad airport in 2020, had been arrested late Friday by immigration agents after Rubio revoked their green cards. "Hamideh Soleimani Afshar and her daughter are now in the custody of US

Immigration and Customs Enforcement," the statement said, adding that Afshar's husband has also been banned from entering the United States. Afshar and her daughter had been living a "lavish lifestyle" in Los Angeles for many years while publicly supporting the Iranian government and anti-American attacks, according to the statement. She is "an outspoken supporter of the Iranian regime who celebrated attacks on Americans and referred to our country as the 'Great Satan,'" Rubio said in a post on X. "The Trump administration will

not allow our country to become a home for foreign nationals who support anti-American terrorist regimes." The Iranian mission to the UN had no comment Saturday. Afshar and her daughter are just the latest Iranians to have their legal status in the US rescinded by Rubio, who recently revoked the visas of Fatemeh Ardeshtir-Larijani, an academic and the daughter of Iran's former national security adviser Ali Larijani who was killed in a US-Israeli airstrike last month. Her husband, Seyed Kalantar Motamedi.

West Asia Crisis Tempers Home Price Growth

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The ongoing Middle East war had a predictable impact on the Indian real estate market. Housing sales in the first quarter witnessed a downward trend against the preceding quarter. Latest ANA-ROCK Research data indicates that Q1 2026 saw a 7 per cent drop in sales across the top 7 cities against Q4 2025. Approximately 1.01 lakh units worth Rs 1.51 lakh crore were sold in Q1 2026 in the top cities, in contrast

to approx 1.08 lakh units worth Rs 1.60 lakh crore in Q4 2025. However, given the low housing sales base in the corresponding period last year, Q1 2026 marked a 7 per cent annual rise in sales across the top 7 cities. Back in Q1 2025, approx. 93,280 units worth Rs 1.42 lakh crore were sold in these cities. Thus, housing sales value is down by 5 per cent quarter on quarter but have risen 6 per cent annually. City-wise, MMR and Bengaluru accounted for

48 per cent of total sales in this quarter. Interestingly, Chennai recorded the highest (18%) quarterly drop in housing sales, but also saw the highest yearly gain of 31 per cent. Meanwhile, new launches across the top 7 cities saw a limited quarterly growth of 2 per cent in Q1 2026 against the previous quarter, and a 26 per cent yearly rise - from 1.23 lakh units in Q4 2025 to approximately 1.26 lakh units in Q1 2026 and over one lakh units back in Q1 2025.

Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) and Bengaluru saw the maximum new supply in Q1 2026, accounting for 51 per cent of the total new launches across the top 7 cities. While MMR saw new supply increase by 6 per cent on a quarterly basis, Bengaluru saw a 7 per cent jump in the period. Chennai, NCR, Kolkata and Pune saw a quarterly decline in new supply by 28 per cent, 17 per cent, 10 per cent, and 9 per cent, respectively.

Pope Leo Marks First Easter As Pontiff With Call For Hope

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Pope Leo celebrated his first Easter Mass as pontiff with a call Sunday to exercise hope against "the violence of war that kills and destroys," saying "we need this song of hope today" as conflicts spread around the world.



With the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran in its second month and Russia's ongoing campaign in Ukraine, Leo has repeatedly called for a halt in hostilities. In his Easter homily, the pope singled out those who wage war, abuse the weak and prioritize profits. Leo, the first U.S.-born pope, addressed the faithful from an open-air altar in St. Peter's Square flanked with white roses, while the steps leading down to the piazza where the faithful gathered were filled with spring perennials, symbolically resonating with the pope's message of hope. The pontiff implored the faithful to keep their hope in the face of death, which lurks "in injustices, in partisan selfishness, in the oppression of the poor, in the lack of attention given to the most vulnerable. "We see it in violence, in the wounds of the world, in the cry of pain that

rises from every corner because of the abuses that crush the weakest among us, because of the idolatry of profit that plunders the earth's resources, because of the violence of war that kills and destroys," he said. He quoted his predecessor Pope Francis in warning against falling into indifference in the face of "persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty," because "it is also true that in the midst of darkness, something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit." He will later deliver the traditional "Urbi et Orbi" message - Latin for "to the city and the world." Christians in the Holy Land were marking a subdued Easter Traditional ceremonies at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, revered by Christians as the traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, were scaled back under an

agreement with Israeli police. Authorities have put limits on the sizes of public gatherings due to ongoing missile attacks. The restrictions also dampened the recent Muslim holy month of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr holiday, as well as the current week-long Jewish festival of Passover. On Sunday, the Jewish priestly blessing at the Western Wall - normally attended by tens of thousands - was limited to just 50 people. The restrictions have strained relations between Israeli authorities and Christian leaders. Police last week prevented two of the church's top religious leaders, including Latin Patriarch Pierbattista Pizzaballa, from celebrating Palm Sunday at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. On Tuesday, the pope had expressed hope that the war could be finished before Easter.

New High Court.....

Revanth Reddy said that the government was building not only one of the largest High Court buildings in India, but a benchmark of modernity and excellence in public infrastructure. He said it was a red-letter day for Hyderabad, as the government was taking a step to create a monument for the next century, a crucial pillar for public life. "We believe all pillars of democracy must work with mutual respect and avoid confrontations. Hence, we give highest respect not only to all verdicts and judgments, but to various observations and feedback," he underlined. "When we formed government in December 2023, one of our first decisions was to create the new High Court complex at Rajendranagar. Across the state, we are working on several new projects for 49 courts and many residential quarters in various towns and districts. As I said, we believe it is the duty of the executive to provide the infrastructure to the judiciary so they can help give the fastest, best justice," the Chief Minister noted. Revanth Reddy said building the High Court was one of the greatest opportunities provided to him, unlike earlier Chief Ministers, under whose tenure this could not be materialised. "Many governments and Chief Ministers in the past could have taken up this project. But for some reason, it was left for my government to undertake this noble task. We knew that the current High Court, a building of great historical sig-

nificance, was no longer able to support the needs of all stakeholders physically. For this reason, we took this decision to build a new High Court almost immediately after we took charge," Revanth Reddy explained.

Centre removes.....

Sources said the surrender of leaders who formed the intellectual layer in the movement was by and large secured but the militia was still present in the field. Thousands of people identified as militants by the security agencies have not yet surrendered, which the officials felt was an area of concern. "They are trigger-happy and could re-organise, may be in smaller groups or may act as mercenary groups," another official said adding that a constant thrust on development was very essential to avoid resurgence. The erstwhile Manmohan Singh-led Central government had launched the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) and identified districts in all the Maoist-affected states to take up a massive infrastructure drive to increase mobility to inaccessible areas. The Centre extended funds to build roads and communication network besides supporting welfare schemes. "Post bifurcation and re-organisation of districts in Telangana, seven districts were initially included in the LWE category which were later reduced to three," the official explained, adding that the state governments, irrespective of the party in power, continued to support the specialised anti-extremist wing Greyhounds which in turn

trained the local and special branch police. Maintaining the balancing act, the successive governments since 2004 put focus on implementing welfare programmes on saturation mode.

Iran-US War Is.....

Steepest U.S. cuts to foreign aid already had hobbled many aid groups, who say the war is exacerbating the problem. The United Nations says this is the most significant supply chain disruption since COVID, with up to a 20% cost increase on shipments and delays as goods are rerouted. And the war is creating new emergencies, such as in Iran, and also in Lebanon where at least one million people have been displaced. "The war on Iran and disruption to the Strait of Hormuz risk pushing humanitarian operations beyond their limits," said Madiha Raza, associate director for public affairs and communications for Africa for the International Rescue Committee. Even when the fighting stops, the shock to global supply chains could continue to delay lifesaving aid for months, she said. The war has forced organizations to find new ways to transport goods, with some bypassing the Strait of Hormuz and the Suez Canal and rerouting vessels around Africa, adding weeks to the delivery. Others are using a hybrid of methods, including land, sea and air, increasing costs. Jean-Cedric Meeus, chief of global transport and logistics for UNICEF, said his agency is using a mix of land and air routes to

send vaccines to Nigeria and Iran in order to get them there in time for the vaccination campaigns, but the costs have soared. Before the war, UNICEF sent vaccines to Iran by plane directly from vendors around the world. Now it's flying the vaccines to Turkey and driving them into Iran, which has increased costs by 20% and has added 10 days to the delivery time, he said.

Trump threatens.....

Throughout the war, US officials have threatened Iran with overwhelming violence if it does not capitulate to US demands. Last week, US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth threatened to send Iran "back to the Stone Age". US-Israeli strikes have already targeted civilian infrastructure and facilities, including bridges, schools, healthcare facilities, and universities. Experts have warned that some of those strikes could constitute war crimes. Asked if he was concerned about the impact of targeting infrastructure such as bridges and power plants on Iran's civilian population, Trump told the Wall Street Journal that he was not. "No, they want us to do it," he said during an interview, adding that Iranians are "living in hell". Trump also declined to offer a timeline for the end of the war, stating only that "I will let you know pretty soon". The US president has said that he will hold a news conference in the White House on Monday. Trump also offered additional details about the operation to locate.

FROM FRONT PAGE

CRIME

AQ Square Realtors Rebut Harish Rao, Cites 2015 SC Order Confirming Private Ownership

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AQ Square Realtors Pvt. Ltd on Sunday said that the Supreme Court had turned down the state government's ownership claims over 373.22 acres of land in Survey No. 613 in Nadergul on the city outskirts, and confirmed title in favour of private parties way back in 2015. Reacting to former minister T. Harish Rao's allegations that AQ Square Realtors and a few other companies belonging to revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy had encroached on government land, the company, in a statement, said the minister's son Harsha Reddy had ear-



lier served as additional director but had resigned in January 2023. The company also maintained that it erected blue sheets around the property in 2021, when the BRS was in power. According to the statement, the land belonged to one Raja Shiva Raj Bahadur and a civil suit, OS No. 155 of 2005, was filed for declaration of title and perpetual in-

junction against state government but the same was dismissed by the trial court. The private parties challenged the trial court order in the High Court which in 2011 confirmed title in favour of Shiva Raj. The state government filed appeal in the Supreme Court, which dismissed it in favour of the legal heirs of Shiva Raj. The company also dis-

missed the contention that the land should have been taken over by the state by invoking provisions of land reforms Act. The Land Reforms Act cannot be applied to the said land because it was recorded as "pot kharab" (unfit for agriculture) and that it fell in the urban agglomeration. The matter was subjudice till 2015, it pointed out. The government cannot take possession of the land as the Supreme Court recognised the possession of the private parties and dismissed the review petitions filed by the state government, it said. The High Court also directed the state government to comply with the SC order, said the statement.

Philanthropists donate funeral vehicle to Kolanoor village in Peddapalli

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Philanthropists have donated a hearse (Vaikunta Ratham) for use in Kolanoor village of Odela mandal. A villager, Kanneboina Odelu, who got an idea of donating a funeral vehicle to the village, took the initiative to complete the project by forming Madhava Seva Samithi. A total of 38 philanthropists including senior physician and chairman of Daram Charitable Trust Dr Daram Raghu Raman had donated for the purchase of the funeral vehicle. The vehicle

was presented to villagers in a programme held in the village on Sunday. On the occasion, villagers felicitated all the 38 donors. Expressing happiness at participating in the funeral vehicle presentation programme, Raghu Raman said that the vehicle would help the villagers to perform final rites in a dignified manner. Village sarpanch Palle Kanakaiah announced that if necessary, he would provide his own tractor to perform final rites. Vice-Sarpanch Pakala Sampath Reddy, Kala-konda Raji Reddy, Pakala Karunakar Reddy.

Siddipet DCC chief, 42 Congress workers booked over attack on Gajwel MLA camp office

HYDERABAD
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Gajwel police registered a case against Siddipet District Congress Committee (DCC) President Tumukunta Aknsha Reddy and 44 other Congress workers on the charge of attacking Gajwel MLA camp office. Following the attack on the MLA camp office on Saturday, BRS leaders led by Vanteru Prathap Reddy filed a complaint at Gajwel police station. The police registered an FIR against the Congress workers on the same night. However, the police made

it public on Sunday while the BRS was preparing to enforce Gajwel town bandh on Monday. The attack on the MLA camp office drew criticism from all quarters as former Chief Minister and leader of the opposition K Chandrashekar Rao was representing the constituency in the assembly. Meanwhile, the police are still examining the video footage of the incident. The police may file cases against more Congress workers if they are found to be involved in the attack.

Family disputes drive woman Sarpanch to die by suicide in Nirmal

A woman Sarpanch died by suicide following family disputes at Masaipet village in Kaddampeddur mandal on Friday. Kaddampeddur SI Sai Kiran said that Durgam Laharika (31), wife of Rajesh ended her life by consuming pesticide following a tiff with her husband. Differences cropped up between the couple for a long time. Elders of the two families tried to resolve the issues, but the couple continued to fight repeatedly. The exact reason for her drastic step is yet to be ascertained. Hailing from Narsapur village, Laharika was married to Rajesh 14 years ago. The couple has a son and daughter. Laxmi, mother of Laharika lodged a complaint with the police. A case of abetment to suicide was registered

No Entry Without Helmet In 42 Mahbubabad Villages

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

District superintendent of police P. Shabarish has announced full helmet compliance in 42 selected gram panchayats and 13 municipal wards under the 'Our Village - Our Responsibility' road safety initiative launched on April 2 in Mahbubabad district. According to the police, the campaign focused on improving rural road safety and reducing accident risks. As part of the programme, villagers or-

ganised motorcycle rallies wearing helmets to promote compliance. Village entrances in several places now display banners stating 'No Entry Without a Helmet', installed voluntarily by local representatives. Speaking to , Shabarish said, "Out of 42 villages so far 38 villages announced that they are strictly following helmet rule in their respective villages. A helmet is not just an accessory but a life-saving shield that prevents families from falling into emotional and finan-

cial ruin due to sudden road fatalities." Police said the programme also includes security measures. A total of 58 solar-powered CCTV cameras have been installed in 20 villages for surveillance and crime monitoring, including action against ganja. The district police plan to extend the helmet enforcement and surveillance model to additional villages in the next phase as part of community policing measures.

SATVEN Sets Up Summer Water Kiosk in Begumpet

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A Mineral Water Kiosk (Chalivendram) has been established at Ashok Bhopal Chambers, Begumpet, by Sathyam Venture Engineering Services (SATVEN) to provide free drinking water to the public during the peak summer season. The facility will remain operational from April 3 to June 15, 2026, offering much-needed relief to commuters and pedestrians in the area. Traffic ACP Trimulgherry Division G. Shankar Raju and SATVEN CEO Srinivasa Rao



Vadlamudi attended the inauguration as chief guests. Speaking on the occasion, G. Shankar Raju highlighted the importance of such initiatives as temperatures continue to rise, noting that both public and private organizations are stepping forward to support citizens facing heat-related challenges. He

appreciated SATVEN for consistently organizing the service at the same location every year, except during the past three years when it was discontinued due to the pandemic. With its resumption this year, the initiative aims to once again serve the community effectively. Citizens have been encouraged to utilize the

facility and stay hydrated during the ongoing summer season. They argued that detaining leaders without allowing protests undermines the principles of democracy. On the other hand, the police have defended their actions, maintaining that such measures are essential to prevent escalation and ensure public safety. With tensions continuing to simmer, the political atmosphere in the state remains charged, and further developments are expected in the coming days.

EDITORIAL

STATE OF THE UNION | CHOKEPOINTS AND TYRANNY OF GEOGRAPHY IN GLOBALISED ERA | MANISH TEWARI

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In an age defined by globalisation, digital connectivity and complex supply chains, it's easy to believe geography has receded in importance. The reality is quite the opposite. Physical geography, particularly narrow maritime chokepoints, continues to exert a powerful influence over global trade and geopolitics. This is the "tyranny of geography": the notion that geography both influences and constrains human behaviour. Nowhere is this more visible than in the world's key maritime chokepoints. These are the narrow waterways through which much of global trade passes. They include the Strait of Hormuz, the Malacca Strait, Bab el-Mandeb, and the Bosphorus. They are not only important waterways; they are also weak spots in the global supply chain. But the important point is that these chokepoints aren't isolated. They are interconnected. So, if one is threatened, the entire global supply chain is threatened.

What is a chokepoint? A chokepoint is not just a constricted waterway but also a strategic bottleneck. Its importance lies in that there are few viable alternatives. The world's geography dictates that global trade routes must pass through these constricted waterways: so, they are essential but also very vulnerable. One such waterway is the Strait of Malacca, which provides a passage between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. The Strait of Malacca is one of the world's

most important shipping routes; handling nearly one-quarter of global trade. However, the waterway is plagued by major problems of navigational difficulties due to shallow water and heavy congestion. Ships beyond a certain draft cannot pass fully loaded and have to take a longer route via the Sunda or Lombok Strait.

The Strait of Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb are not constrained by geography so much, but are very vulnerable to security risks. These waterways are important because of the high volume of global trade and oil that passes through them. Bab el-Mandeb (linking the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean) handles roughly 10-12% of global trade and around 8-9 million barrels of oil per day. Nearly 20% of global oil trade passes through the Strait of Hormuz, making any disruption a systemic risk for energy markets. When tensions rise in these regions, shipping is rerouted, insurance premiums spike, and global markets react almost instantly.

The term "tyranny of geography" embodies a key concept that countries must conduct their affairs in accordance with physical constraints. A good example of this is Russia, which, despite its size, has limited warm-water ports. Russia's principal outlet to global commerce is through the Bosphorus and Dardanelles, which are in Turkey. Other ports, in the Baltic or Far East, are restricted by seasonal ice conditions or distance. In this case, geography determines Russia's strategic weakness. Similarly, Chinese maritime strategy is

limited by chokepoints such as Taiwan, while India's energy security is very dependent on unimpeded passage through the Strait of Hormuz. These are not policy issues that can be readily adjusted, rather they are geographical constraints that must be managed. The significance of modern chokepoints lies in their interconnectedness. The global maritime system is a closely integrated system: disruptions in one location quickly ripple outward. For instance, if a problem arises in the Strait of Hormuz, oil tankers will be diverted to an alternative route, like going around the Cape of Good Hope. This will increase transit times and fuel consumption, thus raising freight rates and insurance premiums. This will, in turn, contribute to inflation and supply chain disruptions. Similarly, if there is congestion or closure in the Malacca Strait, ships will be diverted to alternative routes such as Sunda or Lombok. Although these routes allow for larger ships, they will increase distances, time, and operational risks. In this sense, chokepoints are less like isolated bottlenecks and more like interconnected arteries in a circulatory system. A blockage in one will raise strain everywhere. The economic consequences of chokepoints' disruption are significant. The economic significance of maritime transport is such that it accounts for over 80% of global trade volume. Even if the disruption is small, the economic fallout will be major. In the case of energy trade, even the threat of disruption of



Delay in loan waiver leaves many weavers in distress in Telangana

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A year after the Congress government announced a waiver of weavers' loans up to Rs.1 lakh, many beneficiaries are still waiting for relief. Delays in scrutiny and shortage of funds have slowed the process.

In March 2025, the government issued GO Ms No. 56 to implement the scheme. Handlooms and Textiles Minister Tummalala Nageswara Rao said Rs.33 crore was sanctioned for the initiative.

The scheme covers loans taken by weavers between April 1, 2017, and March 31, 2024. Beneficiaries were asked to clear any amount above Rs.1 lakh to qualify for



the waiver. Despite this, many weavers are struggling to get their applications approved. Committees set up at the district level are responsible for verifying claims. These panels include the District Collector and officials from the Handlooms department.

Around 18,000 weavers are estimated to have taken loans, mainly to set up looms and buy raw materials. Most loans

were obtained through cooperative societies and banks.

According to CITU State Secretary Kurapati Ramesh, the scrutiny process has been slow. Applications are cleared only after committee approval, which has caused delays.

Officials are verifying the authenticity of each loan. Some applications have been rejected on the grounds that loans were

used for personal needs. In many cases, the delay is linked to lack of funds, he alleged.

Ramesh also claimed that although Rs.33 crore was announced, only about Rs.20 crore has been released so far. A significant portion of this amount is yet to be used, as applications remain pending.

He further criticised the government for not allocating sufficient funds for the scheme in the budget, questioning its commitment to weavers. Workers union oppose education and welfare departments' plans to procure cloth from private companies. Meanwhile, the Telangana Powerloom Workers union has opposed plans by the education and wel-

fare departments to procure cloth from private companies. This year, the departments have not placed orders with the Telangana State Handloom Weavers' Cooperative Society (TGSCO) for school uniforms, bed-sheets and other items. Usually, TGSCO passes these orders to weavers for production.

The union said cooperative societies depend on such orders for survival. If departments move to private procurement through tenders, it would severely impact weavers' livelihoods.

Ramesh said several weavers are already under financial stress, and some have taken extreme steps due to lack of work.

OPEC+ moves to stabilise oil market amid West Asia crisis

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In their collective commitment to support oil market stability amid the West Asia crisis, the eight OPEC+ countries — Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, the UAE, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria and Oman — on Sunday decided to implement a production adjustment of 206 thousand barrels per day in May — from the 1.65 million barrels per day additional voluntary adjustments announced in April 2023.

The countries met virtually on Sunday to review global market conditions and outlook.

"This Adjustment will be implemented in May 2026. The 1.65 million barrels per day may be returned in part or in full subject to evolving market conditions and in a gradual manner," OPEC said in a statement.

The countries will continue to closely monitor and assess market conditions, and in their continuous efforts to support market stability, they reaffirmed the importance of adopting a cautious approach and retaining full flexibility to increase, pause or reverse the scale out of the voluntary production adjustments, including reversing the previously implemented voluntary adjustments of the 2.2 million barrels per day announced in November 2023.

The eight OPEC+ countries also noted that this measure will provide an opportunity for the participating countries to accelerate their compensation.

The eight countries reiterated their collective commitment to achieve full conformity with the Declaration of Cooperation, including the additional voluntary production ad-

justments that will be monitored by the Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee (JMMC). They also confirmed their intention to fully compensate for any overproduced volume since January 2024.

The countries also expressed concern regarding attacks on energy infrastructure, noting that restoring damaged energy assets to full capacity is both costly and takes a long time, thereby affecting overall supply availability.

They stressed that any actions undermining energy supply security, whether through attacks on infrastructure or disruption of international maritime routes, increase market volatility and weaken the collective efforts under the DoC to support market stability for the benefit of producers, consumers, and the global economy.

India OMCs to pay discounted rates to refiners amid fuel price freeze

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In a first since fuel price deregulation, Indian state-run oil marketing companies will pay refineries a discounted price for petrol, diesel, aviation turbine fuel (ATF) and kerosene to limit mounting losses from a self-imposed freeze on retail fuel prices, sources said.

The oil marketing companies (OMCs) on March 26 fixed rates for petroleum products that are at a discount of up to Rs 60

per litre to their imported cost, two people with direct knowledge of the matter said. The discounted rates, which are applicable with effect from March 16, will hit standalone refiners such as MRPL, CPCL and HMEL the most.

Oil prices have risen from about USD 70 per barrel before the Middle East conflict to over US\$ 100, but retail petrol and diesel prices in India have remained unchanged, forcing OMCs to absorb the impact.



With no immediate end to the conflict in sight, OMCs have decided to fix a discount on the refinery transfer price (RTP) — the internal price at which refineries sell fuel to mar-

keting arms — to effectively pay refineries less than the import-parity cost of the fuels like petrol and diesel.

For the second half of March, a discount of Rs 22,342 per kilolitre (Rs

22.34 per litre) was fixed on diesel to bring down the RTP of Rs 85,349 per kl to Rs 63,007 per kl.

For the first fortnight of April, the discount on diesel has been fixed at Rs 60,239 per kl to lower RTP from Rs 146,243 per kl to Rs 86,004 per kl.

On ATF, the RTP has been slashed to Rs 76,923 per kl from Rs 127,486 per kl after considering a discount of Rs 50,564 per kl.

The RTP for kerosene after a discount of Rs 46,311 per kl has been

fixed at Rs 77,534 per kl from Rs 123,845 per kl, they said.

Indian Oil Corp, Bharat Petroleum Corp and Hindustan Petroleum Corp did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The discounted pricing would prevent refiners from fully passing on higher crude costs through RTP, forcing them to absorb part of the impact of elevated global oil prices.

While integrated state-run firms such as Indian Oil Corporation Ltd

(IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) can offset part of the hit between refining and marketing operations, standalone refiners that rely on market-linked RTP for revenue could face a sharper margin squeeze, they said.

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL), Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL) and HPCL-Mittal Energy Ltd (HMEL) — which have negligible re-

tail presence and sell most of the petrol and diesel produced to the three OMCs — would be the most hit by the move.

The changes would also impact refiners like Nayara Energy and Reliance Industries Ltd if the discount on RTP is also implemented for private refiners, sources said.

The two private refiners sell a bulk of their production of petrol and diesel to OMCs, who own and operate 90 per cent of the over 1 lakh petrol pumps in the country.

Incor Assures Lake City Delivery, Forms Buyer Committee

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In a significant outreach to address customer concerns and accelerate project completion, Incor has reaffirmed its commitment to deliver the Lake City project, announcing a structured engagement model with homebuyers through a newly formed Joint Customer-Builder Committee. During an interactive meeting with Lake City customers, the company openly acknowledged the delays that have impacted buyers and expressed regret over the inconvenience caused.

However, it emphasized that the project remains a top priority and its delivery is "non-negotiable." Incor stated that all its operational focus, financial resources, and execution teams are firmly aligned toward completing the development without further setbacks. Providing an update on construction



progress, the developer highlighted that Towers A and B have reached structural completion, with Tower A nearing the handover stage. These milestones, the company said, are clear indicators of ongoing work and sustained investment in the project, even amid challenges.

A key outcome of the meeting was the announcement of the Joint Customer-Builder Committee, aimed at fostering transparency and

strengthening communication between the company and homebuyers. The committee will serve as a formal platform for regular updates, independent quality checks, and tracking of defined construction milestones. Incor believes this initiative will help eliminate uncertainty, reduce misinformation, and build greater trust among stakeholders.

Addressing the reasons behind the delays, the company pointed to a

combination of external factors. These include disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic during the initial stages, regulatory hurdles, changing market conditions, and the spread of partial or inaccurate information. Incor noted that such challenges affected buyer sentiment and slowed down sales, which in turn impacted funding cycles linked to construction progress. Despite these obstacles, the company reiterated that

its long-term vision for Lake City remains intact. The project is envisioned as a premium lakeside township designed to offer quality living and long-term value to residents.

Incor also called on customers to actively participate in the newly established committee, stating that collaborative efforts and streamlined communication would play a crucial role in expediting the delivery process. It emphasized that aligned dialogue between the developer and buyers can significantly improve execution efficiency. A company spokesperson concluded, "We understand the real impact delays have on our customers' lives and remain fully committed to delivering on our promise. Through greater transparency and cooperation, we are confident of completing Lake City and fulfilling the vision shared with our customers."

Luxury Salon Brand Havana Opens Third Outlet



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Premium luxury salon brand Havana The Salon has expanded its presence with the launch of its third outlet at Kokapet, Hyderabad, marking its first franchise location and a significant milestone in its growth journey.

The grand inauguration witnessed the presence of key dignitaries including Members of Parliament Konda Vishweshwar Reddy and Raghunandan Rao, along with former MLA Baaji Reddy Gowardhan. Popular television anchor Shiva Jyothi also attended the event. An elegant fashion walk featuring professional models added vibrancy

and glamour to the launch celebrations. Strategically located at Kokapet, one of Hyderabad's fastest-growing premium residential hubs, the new outlet aims to extend Havana's signature experience to a broader clientele.

The brand is known for its tropical-inspired ambience that blends relaxation with sophistication, offering an immersive and refined beauty and wellness experience. Established in 2021 with its first outlet in Indiranagar, Bengaluru, Havana quickly built a reputation for quality-driven, experience-led services.

Its expansion to Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad further strengthened its position in the premium salon seg-

ment, attracting clients seeking personalized and high-end services.

Havana specializes in advanced hair styling and colouring, skincare treatments, makeup, and nail services, all delivered through a consultation-led approach tailored to individual needs.

The Kokapet outlet represents the beginning of its franchise expansion model as the brand eyes growth across major cities in India. Founder Vidhata Munukuntla stated that Havana will continue to focus on consistency, quality, and a premium customer experience as it scales its footprint nationwide.

Vijay Deverakonda posts with 'I love you Jayamma' message for Rashmika

Actor Vijay Deverakonda on Saturday penned a special birthday wish for his wife and actress Rashmika Mandanna, with an "I love you" public.

The dotting husband marked his wife Rashmika's first birthday post marriage to him with a creative video montage inspired by their upcoming film Ranabaali.

Sharing the video on his social media account, Vijay wrote, "I love you Jayamma :)" referring to Rashmika's character in the Ranabaali.

The video montage offers a glimpse into Rashmika's difficult yet smooth transfor-



mation from her real self into 'Jayamma'. The video begins with Rashmika being greeted by the

movie's team followed by her meeting with them over the character look. One frame of the

video shows her studying the look while another shows getting into costume. The actress is seen donning her traditional attire, jewellery, and a big bindi that establishes her as Jayamma.

Throughout the video, Rashmika's soid transformation into her character from the olden era is beautifully put together. It is followed by title cards that read, "Celebrating the strength of Ranabaali" and "Happy Birthday Rashmika Mandanna."

The final video clip from the montage also shows a visual of Vijay and Rashmika lying together

and setting the screens on fire. Talking about Ranabaali, the movie features Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna in lead roles. The movie will be the couple's first movie to release post their marriage in February this year.

Reportedly, Rashmika will be seen essaying the role of a strong, rooted character of Jayamma.

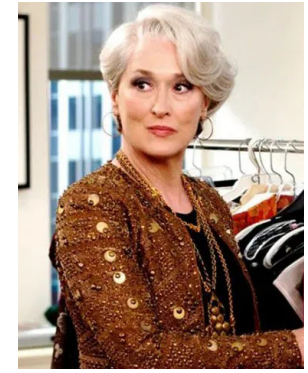
Vijay will be seen in a rugged, intense role in the movie. Talking about the lovebirds, Rashmika and Vijay tied the knot in February this year at a lavish set-up in Udaipur.

Meryl Streep says Nichols, Eastwood inspired her 'The Devil Wears Prada' role

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Hollywood actress Meryl Streep has cleared the air around her portrayal of her character in 'The Devil Wears Prada'. 20 years after 'The Devil Wears Prada' debuted, fans have long speculated that her icy, commanding fashion editor character, Miranda Priestly, was inspired by Anna Wintour, reports 'People' magazine. However, during an appearance on 'The Late Show with Stephen Colbert', the actress revealed that that wasn't the case at all. Instead, the Oscar winner said she drew inspiration from two Hollywood heavyweights, Mike Nichols and Clint Eastwood.

She said, "I was basically imitating Mike Nichols



that whole time. If Mike Nichols and Clint Eastwood had a baby, it would be Miranda Priestly". As per 'People', she said that Nichols' directing style helped shape the character's tone on set. "The command on the set. And Mike would do it sort of with a sly humor. People take it as mean, but it's funny. I think it's funny", she added. Clint Eastwood, meanwhile, inspired a quieter kind of authority. She said, "Clint would never

raise his voice. He would direct and people had to lean forward to hear what he was saying". While she hasn't told Clint Eastwood about the connection, the actress shared that Nichols knew, and loved it. "I told Mike, and he was thrilled", she said.

Nichols, who is known for films like 'The Graduate', 'Working Girl' and 'Catch-22', worked with the actress on several projects, including 'Silkwood', 'Heartburn' and the HBO miniseries 'Angels in America'. Clint Eastwood is known for his signature "one-take" directing style on films like 'American Sniper', 'Million Dollar Baby' and 'Mystic River'. He has also worked with the actress on 'The Bridges of Madison County'.

Bhanupriya Feels Sidelined Despite Legacy, Says Shanti Priya



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Veteran actress Bhanupriya is reportedly distancing herself from the film industry, citing a lack of meaningful roles and recognition despite her long and celebrated career. The concern was brought to light by her sister, actress Shanti Priya, who revealed that Bhanupriya feels she is no longer being offered the respect she

has earned over decades of contribution to cinema. In an interview, Shanti Priya shared that Bhanupriya personally expressed her disappointment. Having spent over 40 years in the film industry and acted in more than 270 films, the senior actress believes that the roles being offered to her in recent times are not well-designed or substantial. Despite winning several awards and build-

ing an enviable body of work, she feels her talent and experience are being underutilized. As a result, Bhanupriya has chosen to step back rather than accept roles that do not align with her stature. Bhanupriya was one of the leading actresses of the 1980s and 1990s, enjoying immense popularity across South Indian cinema. She shared screen space with top stars like Chiranjeevi,

Nandamuri Balakrishna, Venkatesh Daggubati, and Akkineni Nagarjuna, carving a niche for herself among the top heroines of her era. Known for her expressive acting and exceptional classical dance skills, she earned admiration from audiences and critics alike. Her performances in films such as Sitaara and Swarnakalam stand as milestones in her career, highlighting her

depth and versatility as a performer. Over the years, she transitioned into character roles, continuing to make an impact. Notably, she played a mother's role to Prabhas in Chatrapathi and appeared in a significant role in Mahanati. Her situation has now sparked a broader conversation within the film industry about how veteran actors are valued in contemporary cinema. Many be-

lieve that artists with such rich experience deserve more substantial and respectful roles rather than being sidelined. Bhanupriya's stance reflects a growing concern among senior actors about the lack of opportunities that match their legacy, raising questions about how the industry can better honor and utilize its seasoned talent.

Rishabh Pant guides LSG to win over Sunrisers Hyderabad

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By his own standards, Rishabh Pant was certainly not at his best.

But, the Lucknow Super Giants captain stayed out there till the end to play what turned out to be a match-winning knock (68 n.o., 50b, 9x4) as his team scored a five-wicket win against former champions Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL league match at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium here on Sunday.

Chasing 157, LSG was off to a decent start, scoring 37 in 4.4 overs before Mitchell Marsh (14) pulled pacer Malinga straight to a fielder in the deep. But, his partner Aiden Markram was in his elements, striking well (45, 27b, 6x4, 2x6). His six off left-arm pacer Jaydev Unadkat over mid-on was a treat to watch before spinner Shivang Kumar got the better of him.

But, Pant battled on at one end. He picked two fours in one over, one over covers and a pull to the mid-wicket fence off left-arm spinner Shivang



Kumar. It was not as if LSG was racing away to a comfortable win as the spin duo of Harsh Dubey (4-0-18-2) and Shivang Kumar (4-0-30-1) was equal to the task.

Nicholas Pooran (1) was run out thanks to a smart effort by wicketkeeper Ishan Kishan. Abdul Samad (16, 12b, 2x4) looked good but did not stay till the end.

With nine needed in the last over off Unadkat, Pant hit three fours to give the finishing touch with one ball to spare and five wickets in hand, to the delight of his teammates and the management. Klaasen, Nitish shine

Earlier, a superb fifth-wicket partnership of 116 off 63 balls between Heinrich Klaasen (62, 41b, 5x4, 2x6) and Nitish Kumar Reddy (56, 33b, 3x4, 5x6) pulled Sunrisers Hyderabad, put in to bat, out of trouble and helped the team set a challenging target of 157.

The tried and trusted pacer Mohammed Shami rocked the opposition with a superb opening spell of 3-0-7-2, sending back the dangerous openers, first Abhishek Sharma and then Travis Head, both deceived by the splendid change of pace on off-stump. Then, the other pacer Prince Yadav cleaned up

Sunrisers captain Ishan Kishan with one that swung back sharply from the off-stump to stun the near-capacity crowd (11/3 in 3.3 overs).

Leg-spinner Digvesh Rathi saw Liam Livingstone caught behind by captain Rishabh Pant when the batter failed to connect the scoop properly in the eighth over (26/4). The home team scored its lowest-ever score in the powerplay (22/3). But thereafter, it was the Nitish and Klaasen show, with the former being the first to break the shackles with some lusty blows, including a six over long-off off Prince.

No doubt, Klaasen was lucky on 19 to see deep mid-wicket fielder Mukul Chouhary fail to latch on to a difficult running catch to his right near the boundary off left-arm spinner M Siddharth in the 13th over. But, he showed his class soon, pulling nonchalantly Prince Yadav into the stands and then hitting four fours off pacer Avesh Khan in the 14th over.

Dr. Satyam Highlights Role of Sports at GPL Tournament Grand Finale

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The grand closing ceremony of the Gavar Premier League (GPL) Cricket Tournament, organized by Sri Gauri Gavar Seva Sangham, was held with great enthusiasm at Loyola College Grounds. PCC Member and TPCC Official Spokesperson Dr. Satyam Srirangam, who attended as the chief guest, underscored the importance of sports in shaping a disciplined and focused youth. He stated that sports foster unity, com-



petitive spirit, and contribute significantly to both physical fitness and mental well-being. "Sports guide youth towards a positive and healthy lifestyle while building character and sportsmanship," he remarked. Dr. Sriran-

gam urged students to develop an interest in sports from an early stage and stay away from negative influences. He also appreciated the initiatives of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for promoting sports through

dedicated funding. He distributed trophies to the winning teams, while players, organizers, and spectators participated enthusiastically, making the event a memorable celebration of sportsmanship.

Kausar Mohiuddin Reviews SIR Work in Karwan

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AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin conducted a door-to-door inspection of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) booth-level mapping across Karwan constituency, reviewing progress and voter verification. BLOs are carrying out

mapping based on the 2002 voter list to ensure accuracy.

AIMIM leaders, ex-corporators, unit presidents, and workers are actively supporting the exercise

on the ground. Residents are urged to cooperate with BLOs and utilize AIMIM help desks for guidance and inclusion.



Mudhiraj Community Demands BC-A Status; Protest Call Intensifies



The Palamuru University BC Students' Association has intensified its demand to reclassify the Mudhiraj community from BC-D to BC-A, alleging neglect of promises made by the Congress government. The call was made during the release of a protest poster for the "Chalo Gandhi Bhavan" program at Palamuru University. Association President Tayappa Mudhiraj stated that despite assurances in the Kamareddy BC Declaration to shift the Mudhiraj community—one of the largest BC groups—into the BC-A category, the government has failed to act. He said this delay is leading to significant injustice, particularly for Mudhiraj youth in education and employment opportunities, while also impacting their socio-economic and political standing. He further highlighted issues faced by traditional fishermen, alleging corruption and lack of access to licenses and welfare schemes without paying bribes. Tayappa demanded transparency in the fisheries department and strict action against misuse of funds. Among other demands, he called for the immediate construction of a Mudhiraj Bhavan in Kokapet, proposing it be named after Panduga Sayanna.

Uttam Directs Extended Wetting for Rabi Crops



Irrigation minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy directed officials to take urgent measures to ensure that Rabi crops were provided water, crucial in the final stages of growth. He emphasised the importance of optimum utilisation of available water in all irrigation projects for the purpose. In a series of emergency review meetings held on Sunday, Uttam Kumar Reddy also made it clear that chief engineers would be directly responsible for using whatever water was available in the most optimum manner. He laid down two clear priorities: Ensure no standing crop dries up; and protect remaining water reserves for drinking water needs. He also stressed the importance of launching a comprehensive drive for desiltation and desedimentation of tanks and reservoirs. Under the Nagarjunasagar left canal, crops in its 6.3 lakh acre ayacut were extended irrigation support so far. Much of the harvest operation is over, Uttam Kumar Reddy noted. "Wherever crops are in need of wetting, irrigation should be provided without fail," he declared and ordered officials to fill all the tanks to meet the drinking water needs before the canals are closed for the season. He directed the officials to complete the repairs on the Jurala project on war footing. The project storage stands at 1.66 tmc ft, with an estimated 0.5 tmc ft from Narayanpur regenerated water expected to add to the project level. A potential 0.5 tmc ft shortfall was likely if flows do not arrive in time, said officials. One TMC of water was arranged from Karnataka last year.

Hyderabad Police Book AIMIM Leaders After Encroachment Clash

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Hyderabad police have registered cases against Rahmath Baig and his supporters following a confrontation during an anti-encroachment drive conducted by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation in the city. Former AIMIM corporator Sahil Akbar was arrested and sent to judicial remand on Sunday, April 5, in connection with the



incident. A case has also been booked against Baig. According to police, the

FIR was filed based on a complaint by constable Dheeraj Tiwari, who alleged that Baig, Akbar, and others obstructed officials and manhandled police personnel during bandobast duty along the Laad Bazar-Puranapul stretch. Tiwari claimed he was grabbed by the collar, pushed forcefully, and fell, resulting in a fracture to his right hand.

The clash erupted as locals, along with AIMIM leaders, protested against

the civic body's intensified demolition drive across all six zones of Hyderabad. In the Charminar Zone alone, authorities removed 52 encroachments, including 17 permanent and 35 temporary structures. The enforcement drive is part of GHMC's broader effort to clear illegal constructions and ease congestion in key heritage and commercial corridors of the Old City.

State Govt Clears Multiple Projects Ahead of Pipri Meeting

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The state government has issued multiple GOs granting administrative sanction for development works worth hundreds of crores over the past two days, including the Pipri irrigation project, two Young India Integrated Residential Schools at Mudhole and Boath, restoration of the Triveni Sangamam project, and development and beautification of the Nagoba temple at Keslapur. The sanctions have come ahead of the scheduled visit of Chief Minister A. Revanth



Reddy to Pipri in Bajarathnour mandal of Adilabad district on April 6, to mark the third anniversary of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka's padayatra.

The meeting is being held under the Praja Palana Pragati Pranaika programme.

Motorists Puzzled as Traffic Police Conduct One-Way Trial Run Around KBR Park

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Many motorists appeared puzzled during the experimental two-hour trial of one-day traffic on roads adjacent to the KBR Park at Jubilee Hills on Sunday, despite the wide publicity given for the event which began at 11 am. Traffic police were examining the possibility of implementing one-way traffic on the roads to facilitate the construction of a steel flyover and an underpass as part of the Hyderabad City Innovative & Transformative Infrastructure (H-CITI) project. City police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar personally oversaw the experiment on Sunday.

Traffic police personnel and volunteers holding sign boards helped the motorists find their way. The one-way movement



will be on Jubilee Hills checkpost to NTR Bhavan and from NTR Bhavan to Basavarakam cancer hospital. Additionally, there are no U-turn or right turn anywhere around KBR Park. An official stressed that the trial run was only for Sunday; regular traffic movement will be restored from Monday.

Officials said the findings from the trial run will be analysed and shared with GHMC officials for further action. Based on the feedback and improvements, another trial run will be conducted after providing prior information to the public. An official said that the trial showed a few points with more than usual fric-

tion due to the one-way, on the stretch from Basavarakam to Agrasen statue and BRS Bhavan including the Venkatagiri and Jubilee Hills Road No. 5 Metro Station. If one-way further being imposed, there will be slight repairs to the roads.

Joint commissioner of police, traffic, Joel Davis said that the traffic pattern will be analysed, videos were also shot using drones and the videos too will give insights to further decide on the possible changes. Sajjanar explained that officials had studied the roads and traffic flow for a month before drafting the experiment. "We will look into traffic issues, and will study further with the current insights. There will be further changes and full fledged restrictions will be in place."

M. Venkaiah Naidu Presents TSPJA Photojournalist Awards in Hyderabad



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Former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the Best Photojournalist Awards at the TSPJA Awards function held at the Telangana Media Academy Auditorium, Nampally. Telangana Media Academy Chairman K. Srinivas Reddy was also present. TSPJA President A. Gangadhar and General Secretary K. N. Hari, along with senior photojournalists, dignitaries, and award-

ees, attended the event. Speaking on the occasion, Naidu praised photojournalists for their crucial role in capturing real-time events and preserving history through visuals. He highlighted their contribution to strengthening democracy and raising public awareness. The function celebrated excellence in photojournalism, with several professionals being honoured for their outstanding work in the field.

West Hyderabad Drives Up Water Tanker Demand

Water tanker demand surges in west Hyderabad amid summer shortage



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With the onset of summer, the western parts of Hyderabad are facing an acute water shortage, leading to heavy demand for water tankers in the region. According to the water board, nearly 70 per cent of water tankers are being booked from and supplied to the western areas, with demand concentrated in Kondapur, Gachibowli, Banjara Hills, Madhapur, Manikonda, Miyapur, Pragathi Nagar, Kukatpally and Hitec City.

Long queues of tankers could be seen at water filling stations in the western part of the city, while those in other areas re-

ported normal activity. HMWS&SB data also indicated that 15 of the 84 filling stations, all located in the western region, accounted for the highest demand. The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) is currently operating between 8,000 and 8,200 tanker trips every day, as against its total capacity to supply up to 13,000 tankers per day. Officials said demand levels in March remained comparable to the same period last year.

According to HMWS&SB records, more than 2.38 lakh tanker trips were made in March. Of these, over 60 per cent were booked

through Metro Customer Care (MCC), 48,000 through non-MCC channels, and 14,800 tankers were supplied to slum areas. Tankers can be booked through the MCC number 155313 or via the HMWS&SB Consumer Services mobile application. An HMWS&SB official said preparedness had reduced concerns over delivery delays but flagged misuse of the board's logo by private operators.

"Some private tanker owners were illegally displaying the official logo, creating the false impression that the water supplied is by the water board," said an HMWS&SB official. "Recently, a private tanker with the HMWS&SB logo was seized, and a criminal case was booked against the operator," he added. The official said drinking water should be booked only through Metro Customer Care (MCC) number 155313 or the HMWS&SB Consumer Services mobile application

Leaders Pay Tribute to Babu Jagjivan Ram



Ministers and leaders from various political parties, including Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, Telangana Ministers Vivek Venkataswamy and Damodar Raja Narasimha, and former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, paid floral tributes to Babu Jagjivan Ram on his 119th birth anniversary at Basheer Bagh in Hyderabad.

Hyderabad police uncover new drug trafficking network using domestic staff

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In a significant development in the ongoing crackdown on drug trafficking in the city, police authorities have uncovered a new modus operandi adopted by African drug peddling gangs and local drug peddlers. Probe into recent drug cases has indicated use of domestic workers, watchmen and personal assistants employed at the residences and offices of prominent individuals to mask their operations and avoid detection. The network functions by routing communication

and transactions through the phone numbers and bank accounts, particularly UPI IDs of these employees. This strategy allows the main handlers to remain under the radar while continuing to supply narcotics for private consumption and weekend parties. According to police sources, recent investigations have revealed that demand is often communicated to major suppliers based in cities such as Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Goa. The drugs are then routed through a chain involving sub-peddlers and courier services before reaching the end

users. "In many recent cases, deliveries were made not directly to the consumers but to their aides or household staff, further distancing the actual buyers from the illegal trade," said a senior official from the Hyderabad Eagle Team. During the analysis of seized mobile phones, police reportedly came across contact details linked to several individuals, including small-screen actors. However, investigators clarified that there is no evidence so far to suggest direct delivery of narcotics to these personalities.

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