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Brief Insights

LS, RS Reject Opposition Bid to Get CEC Out

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Chairman C.P. Radhakrishnan on Monday rejected separate notices moved by the Opposition seeking removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. The notices, submitted on March 12, 2026, were signed by 130 Lok Sabha MPs and 63 Rajya Sabha members, alleging partisan conduct, obstruction of electoral

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Gas Supplies To Fertiliser Plants Raised To 90%: Centre

The government on Monday said that natural gas supplies to fertiliser plants have been raised to about 90 per cent of their requirement after oil companies procured liquefied natural gas (LNG) from spot market as part of a broader set of measures to manage fuel availability amid disruptions linked to the Strait of Hormuz situation. With the war in West Asia disrupting energy flows from the Gulf nations, the government initially restricted gas supply to fertiliser (urea) plants to about 60 per cent of the requirement. It was scaled up to 75-80 per cent through alternative ar-

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Citing the Central government's freeze on altering the boundaries of the administrative units till Census was completed on March 31, 2027, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday said that the state government will send all requests and demands for the reorganisation of districts, revenue division and mandals to the judicial commission for consideration after March 31, 2027. Addressing a public meeting as part of Praja Palana Pragati Pranalika at Pipri village in Bazarhathnoor mandal of Adilabad district, the Chief Minister said that the foundation stone for the proposed Adilabad Airport would be laid on June 2, coinciding with Telangana Formation Day. He said the airport at Adilabad would immensely improve connectivity in the backward district, which has long suffered from poor transport facilities. He added



that the state government had held a series of meetings with the Centre and secured sanction for the airport. Revanth Reddy said that the state government would revive the long-pending Pranahita-Chevella project at Tummidihatti and ensure its early execution. The Chief Minister laid foundation stones for development works worth '1,259 crore in the undivided Adilabad district. These include lift irrigation projects, restoration of tanks, and three Young India Integrated Residential Schools to be set up at Mudhole, Boath and Nirmal. He vowed to complete all pending irrigation

the government was inviting opposition leaders to public meetings irrespective of party lines, a practice not seen in the past decade. He emphasised that development works were being sanctioned even in constituencies represented by opposition parties, ensuring that people do not suffer based on their electoral choices. Welfare schemes, he said, were being implemented across all constituencies to provide relief to citizens. Recalling his earlier political struggles, Revanth Reddy said he had staged protests in Nirmal as the TPCC president and organised the Indravelli Dandora against the then BRS government. Outlining a comprehensive vision for Adilabad, he said the tribal-dominated backward district would be developed into a hub for industry, education and tourism. Land acquisition was progressing rapidly for the establishment of a university in Adilabad, and the foundation stone would be laid soon.

CM Naidu Unveils Jaladhara Mission, 100-Day Action Plan For Water Security

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has stressed the need for collective efforts to conserve water and utilise it efficiently for sustainable development. Highlighting the significance of water conservation, the chief minister stressed the need to "stop flow of water, store available water and convert stored water into sustainable reserves." He said the government has been implementing several steps, including construction of check dams, farm ponds, percolation tanks, and large-scale desilting of canals and reservoirs. These efforts, he noted, have contributed to a steady improvement in groundwater levels across the state.

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Iran Ceasefire Proposal Not Good Enough: Trump

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US President Donald Trump said Monday that a proposed 45-day ceasefire with Iran was a "very significant step" but "not good enough" for him to sign, as Iranian officials vowed to keep fighting. Talk of a ceasefire came as the US and Israel struck targets across Iran, including major petrochemical facilities, while time ticked down to Trump's Tuesday deadline for Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz or face attacks on its civilian in-

rastructure. Meanwhile Iran continued missile and drone attacks around the region. Trump said intermediaries between the US and Iran "are negotiating now" on improving the ceasefire proposal, which US media reported was being mediated by Pakistan, Egypt and Turkey. "It's not good enough, but it's a very significant step," he told reporters at the White House. Trump added that

he would still go through with his threat against civilian targets if a deal is not reached. Iran's IRNA state news agency said Tehran "has rejected a ceasefire and insists on the need for a definitive end to the conflict" in a message relayed to America via Pakistan. Neither Trump nor IRNA named any specifics of the proposed ceasefire. Iran's military would "continue the war as long as the political authorities see fit", army spokesman Mohammad Akraminia told the ISNA news agency.

Medicos Flag Quality Of Education In Uzbekistan

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Indian students, including several from Hyderabad and other parts of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, are raising concerns over the quality of medical education and living conditions in Uzbekistan, one of the popular destinations for MBBS aspirants. Students highlighted a range of problems, including the lack of proper resources and providing poor facilities. A student studying in a medical

academy in Tashkent said, "My experience was nothing but nightmarish. Teachers barely speak English, and classes often lack proper teaching. We are literally forced into self-studying, and have little to no guidance from the faculty." Several other students online also spoke up about accommodation issues. They said that the campus has very little hostel maintenance, almost always run in unhygienic conditions and university authorities always lack response.

Some claimed that administrative support is weak and grievances are often ignored. Uzbekistan is one of the popular hubs for MBBS education due to its low fees and easy admission process. According to the data released by the National Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan, more than 16,300 Indians went to Uzbekistan for education between January and November of 2025, accounting for nearly 43.81 per cent of the total foreign students in the country.

India's National Medical Commission (NMC) has also flagged procedural and compliance issues in admissions to some Uzbek medical universities, advising students to verify institutions carefully before enrolling. The Commission called out Bukhara State Medical Institute (BSMI), Samarkand State Medical University (SSMU), Tashkent State Medical University (TSMU) and TIT Institute of Medical Sciences, Bangalore, an offshore campus of TSMU Termez Branch.

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Nine Cops Get Double Death For Double Murder In Custody

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The Madurai additional district and sessions court on Monday awarded double death sentences to nine convicts in the sensational Sathankulam father-son custodial murder case, terming the crime one that had "shaken the conscience of society". Pronouncing the judgment, judge G. Muthukumar said the punishment must be commensurate with the gravity of the offence. He

observed that had the Madras High Court not taken up the case suo motu, the matter might have been buried even before the bodies of Jeyaraj and Benniks were laid to rest. The prosecution case was that the Sathankulam police in Thoothukudi district took Jayaraj and Benniks into custody on June 19, 2020, for allegedly keeping their mobile phone shop open beyond permitted hours by violating Covid-19 lockdown restrictions. They both succumbed to grievous in-



juries sustained during brutal police torture. The CBI, which investigated the case, produced several witnesses who included three eye witnesses. Noting that the custodial killings constituted a

grave violation of human dignity, the judge held that life imprisonment would not serve as an adequate deterrent to the police force. He further recorded that both the Union and the state governments had sought the maximum punishment for the accused. The judge observed that the unarmed victims were subjected to prolonged assault throughout the night in the police station with the clear intention of killing and held that the convicts need not be given any

scope for reformation. The prime accused, inspector Sridhar, was sentenced to double death penalty along with additional two prison terms of seven years under various sections and fined Rs 84.10 lakh. The remaining eight convicts — sub-inspectors Balakrishnan and Ragu Ganesh; head constables, Murugan, Samidurai and Muthuraj; and constables Chelladurai, Thomas Francis and Veyilmuthu — were also awarded double death sentences.

Proceedings against one of the accused, a special sub-inspector Pauldurai, abated as he had died during the course of the trial. Observing that the custodial murders had uprooted the very foundation of the victims' family, the judge directed that the total fine of Rs 1.40 crore be paid as compensation to the bereaved family. The court further ordered that in the event of non-payment, the properties of the convicts be attached to ensure that the compensation is realised.

Gen Z uprising will mark Congress downfall in Telangana: RS Praveen Kumar

BRS leader RS Praveen Kumar predicted a Gen Z-led uprising against the Congress government in Telangana, alleging anti-youth and anti-farmer policies, and urged students to lead a statewide movement against alleged irregularities and governance failures. AP news updates

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Amid rising discontent among youth, BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar predicted a Gen Z uprising against the Congress government in Telangana, triggering a major political shift. He called on young people to lead a statewide movement to dethrone what he termed an exploitative regime. "Gen Z is not just a demographic. It is an explosive force that will protect Telangana. A backlash similar to developments in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka is inevitable in Telangana," he said, citing youth-led political up-



heavals abroad. Addressing students at Telangana Bhavan during an induction programme for youth from Kalwakurthy, Praveen Kumar accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of pursuing anti-farmer and anti-student policies. He alleged large-scale land and financial irregularities under the current Congress regime. Referring to an eviction

drive at Velugumatla in Khammam district, he said poor families were forcibly displaced at the behest of Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. "Despite deployment of 4,000 police personnel, along with bulldozers, and demolition of over 600 houses, a young woman, Salomi, resisted

and became a symbol of youth defiance," he said. He urged students to draw inspiration from such incidents and oppose alleged attempts to encroach government land worth Rs 7,000 crore in Nadergul and divert funds from the proposed Rs 1.5 lakh crore Musi River project. Praveen Kumar also criticised the government's education policies, questioning delays in fee reimbursement and neglect of poor students. He contrasted this with the previous BRS regime under K Chandrashekhara Rao, which strengthened public education. "Instead of clearing Rs 10,000 crore

fee reimbursement dues, the Chief Minister is promoting private institutions charging lakhs in fees by inaugurating them," he said. He accused the government of dismantling welfare measures, including reservations in government contracts, which were harming marginalised communities. He said administrative apathy led to 128 student deaths in residential schools during the two-year Congress rule. Several student leaders and youth activists joined the BRS at the event, which was attended by former MLAs Jaipal Yadav, Methuku Anand and other senior leaders.

Ex Minister Srinivas Goud lashes out at the ruling party

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"We will not tolerate the luring of our corporators... set your own house in order," warns Srinivas Goud. News Bulletin Script Political temperatures have soared in Mahbubnagar as former minister Srinivas Goud launched a scathing attack on the ruling party. He made sensational allegations, claiming a conspiracy is underway to lure BRS corporators with bait to force a party switch. (Key Points for Voice Over): The Luring Game: Srinivas Goud fumed that the local MLA and other leaders are dangling "positions and money" to entice our corporators. He expressed anger over the bait of Market Chairman and MUDA Chairman



posts. Neglect of Development: He questioned how the administration claims they don't have 50,000 rupees for motor repairs in divisions, yet spend 30-40 lakhs on personal chambers. He criticized the focus on defections instead of bringing special funds for development. He advised the police not to interfere in politics at the behest of the MLA. He urged them to act according to the law, warning of serious consequences otherwise.

We Cooperated, But...: He reminded that they supported the unanimous election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the sake of the Corporation's development, but questioned why their own party leaders are now being targeted. "Corporators will not be intimidated by threats... if you don't change your ways, we will demand answers openly," Srinivas Goud issued a strong warning to the treasury benches.

Drone Pilot Training Concludes at PJTSAU, Certificates Distributed

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A six-day Drone Pilot Training Program successfully concluded at Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. The program was organized by the PJTSAU Drone Academy with the objective of enhancing technical skills among youth and promoting the use of drone technology in agriculture and allied sectors. The training program was conducted under the authorization of the Directorate General of Civil



Aviation (RPTO Authorization No. 41/2023, November 2024) and covered ROC Category-1 Rotorcraft (Medium). Participants received comprehensive training in drone operations, safety protocols, and practical appli-

cations in agriculture through hands-on sessions. During the valedictory function, certificates were distributed to all participants who successfully completed the Remote Pilot Course. The program witnessed

enthusiastic participation from candidates representing various districts across Telangana. The training was conducted under the supervision of Central Coordinator P. Saraswati, with expert guidance from instructors Mallikarjun, K. Aakash Reddy, and Rishi. Administrative support was provided by Gouse Heera Shaik. The program was overseen by Dr. T. Kiran Babu, Accountable Manager & Scientist (Plant Pathology). Dr. C. Sudhakar, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) and ROAD Instructor, also played a key role in the training.

NCD Screening Camp Inaugurated by Janne at Mator Village

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A Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Screening Camp was successfully organized and inaugurated on Monday at Mator village under Motakondur mandal, aiming to strengthen rural healthcare services and promote preventive health awareness. The camp was formally inaugurated by Sarpanch Janne Siddulu, along with Deputy Sarpanch Bairapaka Ramulu and ward members. Medical department staff including Dr.



Vijay, Parvathamma, Narasiah, and Vijaya Rani actively participated in the programme. Local ASHA workers and village-level employees also took part in organizing and conducting the camp. The programme was con-

ducted under the government's Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika (99 Days Programme) initiative. The main objective of the camp was to identify and support individuals suffering from hypertension (BP) and diabetes (sugar), which are increasingly affecting rural populations. The focus was on early detection, continuous monitoring, and providing timely medical advice. The camp was held at the Mator Gram Panchayat office premises from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A team of healthcare professionals conducted free screening tests, including blood pressure and blood sugar level checks. Based on the results, patients were provided with medical counselling, prescriptions, and guidance on diet and lifestyle changes.

Banjara voices take center stage as Kavitha builds new political platform

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In a significant political outreach, Telangana Jagruthi President Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Monday convened a meeting with influential Banjara leaders, signaling a focused effort to bring marginalized voices into the mainstream of state politics. The meeting, held at the residence of retired Additional DGP DT Naik in Hyderabad, comes in the backdrop of Kavitha's plans to launch a new political party on the 25th of this month. The interaction centered on understanding the aspirations, chal-



lenges, and expectations of the Banjara community in Telangana. Kavitha emphasized the need to correct longstanding gaps in political representation, pointing out that the absence of Banjara leaders in key decision-making roles marks a concerning shift from the past. She assured that her upcoming political initiative would adopt a more inclusive ap-

proach, ensuring equitable opportunities and representation for the community. Highlighting the importance of collective leadership, Kavitha invited Banjara intellectuals, officials, and youth to actively shape the party's vision. She encouraged those willing to step into public life to come forward and be part of the political movement.

KTR invited as chief guest for Entrepreneur India Idea Awards 2026



BRS working president KT Rama Rao has been invited as the chief guest for the Entrepreneur India Idea Awards 2026, scheduled to be held in Bengaluru on April 15. He will also address the gathering, which comprises over 300 leading entrepreneurs, investors, creators and business leaders from across the country. The ceremony is aimed at honouring visionary leaders, innovative startups and changemakers who are shaping India's entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem. In their invitation, the organisers said Rama Rao's leadership and his significant contributions towards promoting technology, innovation and economic growth during his tenure as IT and Industries Minister of Telangana inspired numerous entrepreneurs nationwide. They stated that his insights would inspire the next generation of young entrepreneurs and industry stakeholders. His participation is also seen as recognition of Telangana's progressive policies in innovation, startup ecosystem development and industrial growth during the BRS regime.

BJP's 46th Foundation Day Celebrated in Mator

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The 46th foundation day of the Bharatiya Janata Party was celebrated with enthusiasm in Mator village under Motakondur mandal. Party leaders and workers marked the occasion by hoisting BJP flags at several places and reaffirming their commitment to strengthening the party at the grassroots level. The programme was led by village unit president Janne Anil Kumar, along with local leaders Bandru Seenu, Jampala Seenu, Janne Beerayya, Bolikonda Mathayya,



Janne Sathayya, and Janne Srisailam, among others. Addressing the gathering, Anil Kumar urged party cadres to actively participate in the upcoming MPTC and ZPTC elections. He emphasized the need to expand party membership, take local grievances to the concerned authorities, and remain ac-

cessible to the people. Leaders also noted that all decisions would be taken in accordance with the party high command. On the occasion, speakers reflected on the ideological and historical roots of the party. They recalled that the origins of the BJP can be traced back to the formation of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh in 1951. The party was founded under the leadership of Syama Prasad Mookerjee, following discussions with M. S. Golwalkar, the second Sarsanghachalak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

Electrician murdered over financial dispute

An electrician was murdered at Wadi e Saleheen, in city outskirts over some financial issues. The victim Mohd Nazeer, alias Nabbu, (22), resident of Wadi e Saleheen under Balapur police station area went out of the house to discuss some issues with a group of persons who include Fahad and three others. During the discussion the four people stabbed Nazeer with knives and hit on his head with bricks resulting in his death on the spot. Soon after on information the Balapur police reached the spot and after preliminary investigation shifted the body to mortuary. DV Prabhakar Reddy, ACP Adibatla said that four persons Fahad, Dastagir,

BJP Marks 46th Foundation Day with Flag Hoisting

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On the 46th Foundation Day of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), celebrations were held in Uppuguda Division, reflecting the party's journey from just two seats in 1980 to ruling in 22 NDA states today. A flag hoisting ceremony took place at Shakti Kendra under Booth No. 159 in Krishna Reddy Nagar and Ashok Nagar. The event was led by Bhagyanagar District BJP Vice President Jalagam Chiranjeevi along



with booth presidents. Senior leaders Mamidi Krishna and Vidyasagar Sahu, District Treasurer Ponna Srinivas, booth committee members, and local residents participated enthusiastically.

The program highlighted BJP's growth, strong grassroots presence, and commitment to strengthening the organization at the local level while celebrating its remarkable achievements.

Five-State Poll Results Signal Strong Public Trust in Development-Driven Governance: Prof. Yuddaveer

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The recent election outcomes across Assam, West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry signal a notable trend in India's political landscape, reflecting growing public confidence in development-focused governance. The results highlight the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) emphasis on efficiency, long-term planning, and measurable



outcomes. This shift is closely associated with the leadership of Narendra Modi, whose governance model prioritizes transformation and policy-driven growth. Complementing this is the organizational strength of

Nitin Nabin Sinha, whose grassroots engagement has expanded the party's reach and effectiveness. Yuddaveer Katta, a professor and alumnus of Indian Institute of Technology Madras, described the results as a validation of performance-based governance. He emphasized that voters are increasingly assessing governments through tangible results, similar to scientific evaluation. Across these states, progress in infrastructure,

digital services, and welfare delivery has strengthened public trust. Initiatives in financial inclusion, healthcare, and rural development have had strong grassroots impact, while technology-driven transparency has enhanced credibility. Overall, the results indicate that citizens value stability, clear leadership, and measurable progress, reinforcing a broader shift toward development-driven governance in India.

Grand Felicitation for Retired Deputy Executive Engineer Rolla Prabhakar



A grand retirement felicitation ceremony was held in honor of Shri Rolla Prabhakar, Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub Division, Piltam, who retired from his service on March 31, 2026. He also served as the In-charge of Alladurg during his tenure. The event took place at a private function hall, where family members, colleagues, and well-wishers gathered to celebrate his long and dedicated service. Several prominent district-level officials attended the function, including District ZPP CEO Yel-lalaih, DRDA official Srinivas Rao, Superintending Engineer (PR) Medak Region Thummalapally Jagadeeshwar, and DPRE Narsimulu. In addition, DEEs, AEEs, AEs, staff members, and other officials were present in large numbers. Speakers at the event appreciated Rolla Prabhakar's commitment, sincerity, and valuable contributions to the Panchayat Raj.

KT Rama Rao urges youth to become job creators amid AI threat

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao called on Indian youth to transition from job seekers to job creators, while cautioning that Artificial Intelligence (AI) could significantly disrupt global employment. He stressed the urgency of continuous upskilling.

Speaking at a 'Fireside Chat' at Columbia University following his address at the Columbia Business School's annual conference, Rama Rao emphasised the need for entrepreneurial ambition and adaptability. "Youth should not merely remain job seekers, but must aspire to become job creators," he said, urging students to pursue innovation with courage and determination. Pointing to the challenges



posed by AI, the former Minister warned that the technology could impact millions of jobs in the coming years. "This threat is real and imminent. Governments and societies are not fully prepared," he said, citing recent layoffs in global tech firms, including Oracle, as an early indicator of the shift.

He stated that while India made rapid strides in physical and digital infrastructure over the past decade by adopting technologies like 3G, 4G and

5G ahead of many nations, it now stands at a crossroads. "India can no longer rely on copy-paste models. We must innovate and chart our own path," he said.

On the startup ecosystem, Rama Rao called Hyderabad a model, attributing its success to strong institutional support, incubators, co-working spaces and mentorship networks for the emergence of startup unicorns. He also emphasised that entrepreneurship required not just government

schemes, but a robust ecosystem to nurture innovation and scale businesses.

Addressing unemployment, the BRS working president said India's demographic dividend is both a boon and a bane. He argued that job creation alone is insufficient without a skilled workforce, and advocated stronger public-private partnerships in sectors such as infrastructure, clean energy, life sciences and food processing.

He also encouraged students to embrace failure as part of the journey to success and to think beyond incremental gains. "Dream big, stay resilient, and seize global opportunities," he said.

The session witnessed participation from students, academics and members of the Indian diaspora.

Fee Reimbursement Row Sparks Student Protest

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BRSV State Secretary Naram Prashanth strongly criticized the Congress-led state government, alleging that it is working in tandem with corporate colleges to undermine the education of poor students. Addressing the media at Osmania University, he claimed that the government is deliberately weakening the fee reimbursement system, thereby placing a heavy financial burden on economically weaker sections.

Prashanth accused the government of maintaining silence in the High Court during an important hearing involving 15 corporate colleges. He questioned why the government's legal counsel failed to argue on behalf of students and alleged that this silence enabled colleges to collect fees directly from stu-



dents. According to him, this reflects a covert understanding between the government and private institutions.

He expressed concern that students from SC, ST, BC, and minority communities would be severely affected if such policies continue. He warned that poor families may once again be forced to sell their assets, including land and valuables, to afford education, pushing them deeper into financial distress.

The BRSV leader also targeted the government for allegedly going back

on its election promises. He said assurances given to students during the Elections are now being ignored, leaving many struggling to continue their education.

Prashanth cautioned that rising dissatisfaction among students could lead to widespread protests and political consequences. He asserted that the student community would intensify its fight until justice is delivered and the fee reimbursement system is fully protected, ensuring equal educational opportunities for all sections.

Cantonment MLA Assures Relief to Displaced Small Traders



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Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh has extended assurance and support to small traders in the Jubilee Bus Station area who were left struggling after their shops were demolished by Cantonment Board authorities. He visited the affected site on Monday following appeals from the displaced families and reviewed their situation.

The traders, who had been running small businesses in the area for several years, lost their livelihoods after officials removed their shops with a promise to construct a new commercial complex at the same location. Authorities had assured that the new shops would be allotted to the same vendors. However, the delay in starting construction has pushed many families into financial hardship, leaving them without any steady source of income.

During his visit, Sri Ganesh interacted with the affected traders and listened to their grievances. Many expressed concern over the uncertainty surrounding the project and the lack of progress, which has severely impacted their daily lives.

Responding to their concerns, the MLA



assured that he would take up the issue with the Cantonment Board CEO and urge officials to begin construction work at the earliest. As an immediate relief measure, he promised to facilitate temporary arrangements for the traders to resume their businesses at the same location until the new complex is built.

He also stated that he would coordinate with traffic police officials to ensure that these temporary shops do not cause inconvenience to commuters in the busy area. Emphasizing the importance of protecting small livelihoods, Sri Ganesh assured continuous follow-up with authorities until a permanent solution is achieved. The traders expressed hope that his intervention would bring quick relief.

Anurag University Celebrates "SYNERGY - 2K26" Annual Day with Grandeur

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Anurag University celebrated its Annual Day "SYNERGY - 2K26" with great enthusiasm and grandeur, bringing together students, faculty, and distinguished guests. The mega event witnessed the participation of over 10,000 students, reflecting the university's vibrant academic and cultural environment. The event was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Palla Rajeswar Reddy, Chairman of Anurag Institutions and MLA, who ap-



preciated the university's commitment towards quality education and holistic development.

The function was presided over by Vice Chancellor Dr. Archana Mantri, who emphasized the importance of innovation, research, and academic excellence in shaping fu-

ture leaders. A major highlight of the event was the awards ceremony, where meritorious students were honored for their outstanding achievements. Academic toppers from various streams such as Engineering, Pharmacy, Management, Medicine, Agriculture, and Nursing

received awards. Students who secured prestigious NPTEL Gold Certificates were also recognized. Faculty members were felicitated with NPTEL Faculty Star Awards and acknowledged as exemplary mentors for their contribution to student success.

The university also honored students and faculty members for excellence in sports, cultural, literary, NCC, and NSS activities, showcasing a strong focus on overall development beyond academics. Adding entertainment to the grand

celebration, renowned singer Manisha Erabathini delivered a lively musical performance with popular Bollywood and Tollywood songs, creating an energetic atmosphere. Several dignitaries including CEO Mrs. Neelima, Associate Vice President (Strategy) Mr. Anurag Palla, and Deans of various departments attended the event. The program was efficiently coordinated by Dr. K. Srinivasa Chalapathi and Dr. Tara Singh Thakur. The Annual Day celebrations at Anurag University success-

Courtesy meeting highlights civic commitment and Minority Welfare in Nizamabad

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In a gesture of mutual respect and coordination, Nizamabad Mayor Smt. Kuragayala Uma Rani Ramesh met Telangana State Minorities Commission Chairman Tariq Ansari at his residence in Nizamabad on Monday.

The meeting took place following an invitation from the Chairman, where he warmly congratulated the Mayor on taking charge of her new role and felicitated her with a



shawl and flower bouquet. During the interaction, special appreciation was expressed for the arrangements made by the Municipal Corporation during the holy month of

Ramzan, ensuring smooth conduct and necessary facilities for the public. The discussion also focused on key aspects of urban development and strengthening welfare measures for minority communities in the city.

Both leaders emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts to ensure inclusive progress and better civic services. The meeting reflected a positive approach towards addressing public needs and enhancing development initiatives in Nizamabad.

Financial assistance distributed to transgender beneficiaries in Kamareddy



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Under the Economic Rehabilitation Scheme for the financial year 2025-26, two units have been sanctioned to transgender beneficiaries in Kamareddy district. District Collector Ashish Sangwan distributed cheques worth ₹75,000 each to two transgender individuals

on Monday. The beneficiaries expressed happiness and gratitude, stating that the government's support would provide them with much-needed financial stability and encouragement. District Welfare Officer Smt. A. Prameela and Superintendent Arun Bhaskar were also present during the programme.

Godbole Takes Charge, Vows SC Rights Protection

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Advocate Amrapali Godbole has been appointed National Secretary of the All India Schedule Caste Rights Protection Society, reaffirming a strong commitment to protect Scheduled Caste (SC) rights and uphold constitutional safeguards. The announcement was made during a large gathering at B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan on April 6.

Speaking at the event, Godbole emphasized that the organization would ac-



tively pursue legal interventions and grassroots campaigns to counter any threats to SC rights. She invoked the vision of B. R. Ambedkar, stating that the Constitution's core values must be preserved at all costs.

National President Raju Ustad, along with activist Amrapali Babita, echoed

similar concerns, highlighting growing challenges around reservation policies and social justice. They called for unity and vigilance among communities to resist discrimination and ensure equal rights.

The meeting, held under the theme "Protection of Schedule Caste Rights

and Save the Constitution," drew hundreds of participants, including activists, legal experts, and community leaders. Speakers stressed the need for coordinated national efforts to strengthen SC protections.

Looking ahead, the organization announced plans for expanded outreach, including protests, awareness drives, and legal action across India. With new leadership in place, the society aims to intensify its mission of safeguarding SC rights nationwide.

Nizam VII's legacy remembered, Official silence questioned

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As the 140th birth anniversary of His Exalted Highness Nawab Sir Mir Osman Ali Khan Bahadur, Nizam VII is observed on April 6, the absence of official recognition by the Telangana Government has drawn sharp attention. A ruler known for his secular outlook and inclusive governance, Nizam VII played a pivotal role in shaping Hyderabad State's progress. His contributions spanned education, healthcare, irrigation,



infrastructure, and public welfare—many of which continue to benefit people even today. Despite such a lasting impact, the lack of formal commemoration has raised concerns among citizens and historians alike. Observers warn that neglecting to officially mark such occa-

sions risks fading public memory of a leader who championed equality and social welfare. Nizam VII firmly believed in treating all communities alike, promoting harmony and inclusive development. His tenure also saw the expansion of accessible education, particularly for

the underprivileged. Following Hyderabad's integration, he served as Rajpramukh before stepping down voluntarily. Adding to his legacy, his reported donation of 5,000 kilograms of gold to the Government of India remains one of the largest individual contributions in history. There is a strong appeal for the Telangana Government to officially commemorate April 6 each year in honour of Nizam VII, ensuring that his legacy continues to inspire future generations.

Iran Rejects US Peace Plan Ahead Of Deadline

NEW DELHI
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Hours ahead of US President Donald Trump's much awaited news conference on the Iran war, the Iranian side has once again hardened its position. According to a report by Iran International, Iran has not been favourable to the US 15-point plan, with the Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei calling the peace talks plan "extremely ambitious and illogical". Iran has drafted its response to proposals conveyed through mediators and will announce it when necessary, the foreign ministry spokesman said on Monday, according to Iran International.

Esmail Baghaei said negotiations could not take place under threats, warning that US threats to tar-



get infrastructure would amount to war crimes. He added that Iran's focus remained on defending the country amid ongoing attacks, while diplomacy continued alongside military efforts, as reported by Iran International. Meanwhile, the United States and Iran have received another plan to end hostilities, which could come in

effect on Monday and result in the opening of the Strait of Hormuz, sources familiar with the proposals told Reuters. As per the report by Reuters, the framework has been put together by Pakistan and exchanged with Iran and the US overnight, the source said, noting a two-tier approach with an immediate ceasefire

followed by a comprehensive agreement. "All elements need to be agreed today," the source said, adding that the initial understanding would be structured as a memorandum of understanding finalised electronically through Pakistan, which as per the Reuters report, is the sole communication channel in the talks. Ac-

ording to the report, the proposal would see a ceasefire to take effect immediately, reopening the Strait of Hormuz, with 15-20 days to finalise a broader settlement. The deal, tentatively dubbed the "Islamabad Accord," would include a regional framework for the strait, with final in-person talks in Islamabad, Reuters noted. While there was no immediate response from the American and Iranian officials, Pakistan's foreign office spokesperson Tahir Andrabi declined to comment. These critical developments point to perhaps another escalation in the volatile situation in West Asia. Trump's Tuesday deadline looms ahead but the Iranian side shows no sign of backing down even as multiple nations attempt to broker some sort of peace.

Israel Kills Head of IRGC Intelligence, Says Defense Minister Katz

NEW DELHI
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Defence Minister Israel Katz announced on Monday that the Israel Air Force assassinated the chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' Intelligence Majid Khademi as he threatened to hunt down the Iranian leaders "one by one". In an address following a situational assessment meeting with Israel Defence Forces (IDF) Chief of Staff Lt Gen Eyal Zamir and senior military officials, Katz said, "The (Iranian) Revolutionary Guards shoot at civilians and we eliminate the heads of terrorists." "Iran's leaders live with a sense of persecution. We will continue to hunt them down one by one," the Israeli minister



warned. Israel will continue to attack Iran's vital infrastructure to weaken its economic backbone and missile manufacturing capabilities, he said. "We struck hard at the steel infrastructure and the petrochemical industry - and today and every day the continuation will come," Katz said. Khademi entered the role of IRGC intel chief several months ago, following the killing of his predecessor Mohammad Kazemi by Israel during the June 2025 war. Israel has assassinated several

senior Iranian officials, including Supreme Leader Ayatollah Syed Ali Khamenei, who was killed in the opening salvo launched by the Jewish state and the US on February 28. Meanwhile, local media here reported that frantic diplomatic efforts were underway to negotiate a ceasefire following US President Donald Trump's threats to bomb Iran's vital infrastructure if a deal is not made by his Tuesday deadline. Trump told the news website Axios on Sunday that his envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner were holding "intense negotiations" with the Iranians, but if a deal wasn't made to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, he was "blowing up everything."

Congress May Reconsider Baramati Withdrawal After FIR

MUMBAI
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The Maharashtra Congress on Monday said it may consider withdrawing from the Baramati Assembly by poll if a first information report (FIR) is registered in connection with the plane crash that killed former Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar. After the NCP (SP) and Shiv Sena (UBT) decided to back Sunetra Pawar's candidature, the Congress has unilaterally announced its own nominee for the by-poll. Ms. Pawar filed her nomination

papers on Monday. The by poll was necessitated by the death of sitting NCP MLA and then Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar in a plane crash in the constituency on January 28. The Congress has fielded its state unit secretary Akash More against Deputy Chief Minister Sunetra Pawar. State Congress spokesperson Atul Londhe said the BJP must clarify its stand on registering an FIR in the Ajit Pawar accident case if it wants the Congress candidate to consider withdrawing. "Following the circumstances of Ajit-

dada's death, his family felt an inquiry was necessary. Deputy Chief Minister Sunetra Pawar herself demanded a CBI probe. What happened to the reminders sent about this? Rohit Pawar moved from pillar to post trying to file an FIR and ultimately succeeded only in Karnataka. Is this your sensitivity?" he said. "Even today, our candidate and the Congress maintain that the FIR should be filed here in Maharashtra, in Baramati. Only then can any such consideration arise, and only then will your real

stance become clear," the Congress spokesperson added. Mr. Londhe also questioned the BJP's objections to a contest in Baramati while citing precedents where the ruling party had fielded candidates in similar circumstances. "Didn't an election take place in Nanded after the death of Vasantrao Chavan? Wasn't there a bypoll in Mangalvedha following the death of Bharat Bhalke? There are several such examples — the BJP has always acted according to its political convenience," he said.

SUV Breaches Delhi Assembly, Hits Speaker's Car

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A security breach was reported at the Delhi Legislative Assembly on Monday after an SUV forced entry into the premises and rammed into the vehicle of Speaker Vijender Gupta. Police said the vehicle, driven by a masked man, entered through Gate No. 2 around 2 pm, broke past barriers and proceeded towards the Speaker's office, where a bouquet was placed before the driver fled. At the time of the in-



cident, the Speaker was inside his chamber. Officials said the accused also attempted to run over security personnel during the intrusion. According to police, the white vehicle bearing a UP-26 (Pilibhit) registration number approached

from the Delhi University side at high speed and breached the gate, where security deployment was limited. The accused has been identified as Sarabjit Singh, 37, a resident of Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh. Senior officers, including Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golchha and Special Commissioner (Law and Order) Ravindra Yadav, visited the spot and supervised the probe. Three persons have been detained and are being questioned. Police said Singh had travelled from Pilibhit and was not stay-

ing in Delhi. Bomb disposal and dog squads carried out searches of the premises, and forensic teams examined the bouquet. No explosives were found. The vehicle was intercepted near Roop Nagar around 4.15 pm after alerts were issued across the city and neighbouring states. Police have registered a case at Civil Lines police station under sections related to attempt to murder, criminal trespass and damage to public property. The motive is under investigation.

Shah Talks Development at Pondy Rally

NEW DELHI
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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday announced a series of development initiatives for Puducherry, promising to transform it into a fully developed region if the NDA is re-elected, while launching a strong political attack on the INDIA bloc. Addressing an election rally at Thirukkannur in the Mannadipet Assembly constituency, Shah said the NDA government is committed to strengthening Puducherry's economy through industrial expansion and strategic initiatives.



as a growing manufacturing destination. On employment, Shah claimed that the unemployment rate in Puducherry has significantly declined under the NDA government. He accused the previous Congress administration, led by former Chief Minister V. Narayanasamy, of leaving the Union Territory in a weakened economic condition. According to him, the NDA government has worked to reverse that trend through policy support and investment-driven growth. Shah also announced welfare measures targeting key voter groups, particularly in rural areas. He promised that women farmers would be provided livestock support to enhance their income and strengthen rural livelihoods. He said such initia-

tives are aimed at empowering women and improving economic stability at the grassroots level. Taking a dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Shah criticised his remarks on rising fuel prices. He claimed that the high petrol and diesel rates cited by Rahul Gandhi were actually from Pakistan, drawing laughter and applause from the audience at the rally. Emphasising the need for political stability and continuity in governance, Shah urged voters to support the NDA in the upcoming elections. He reiterated that only a stable government backed by the Centre can ensure sustained development and welfare in Puducherry, positioning the alliance as the best option for the region's future growth.

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The advisory stated that many students reported that universities are admitting students beyond the intake capacity, the institutes not offering hands-on training and not teaching subjects in English, and several other violations which are violating the Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate (FMGL) Regulations of 2021. Authorities also said that some students filed complaints about admissions being issued to people who have not cleared their NEET exams, and clarified that NEET qualification is mandatory to get admitted, and urged students to not jeopardise their future by trying to bypass these requirements. The Indian Embassy of Uzbekistan in Tashkent, in another advisory, urged students to conduct thorough verification of their education consultants before heading to the country.

CM Naidu Unveils....

The CM unveiled a 100-day action plan focused on water conservation, styled as Jaladhara, and launched a dedicated mobile application aimed at strengthening water security and empowering water users associations at Yadiki in Anantapur district on Monday. Addressing a mammoth gathering, he said the initiative would enable better monitoring, community participation and efficient utilisation of water resources at the grassroots level. He noted that Andhra Pradesh occupied the top slot in micro-irrigation, with an investment of

₹1,031 crore. Due to drip irrigation initiatives, Rayalaseema has emerged as a horticulture hub and stands as one of the leading horticulture zones in the country. The state, he said, requires around 1,300tmc of water annually, including 547tmc for Kharif, 343tmc for Rabi, 158tmc for drinking purposes, and 28tmc for industrial use. Despite seasonal demands, efficient water management has helped maintain reservoir storage at about 65 per cent even after the cropping cycles. Naidu criticised the YSRC for its stand on Amaravati as the state capital. "Out of 50 parties in Parliament, 49 supported Amaravati. Only YSRC betrayed the state," he alleged. The programme saw enthusiastic participation from the public, with the people raising slogans in support of Amaravati as the state capital. Tadipatri MLA JC Asmith Reddy and others presented the Amaravati shield to the CM on the dais. Naidu also emphasized "the importance of transparency and accountability" in governance. He presented constituency-wise progress reports before the public and reviewed the performance of various departments. Officials were instructed to improve efficiency, while an assurance was given that the government would extend full support for developmental initiatives.

LS, RS Reject.....

The notices, submitted on March 12, 2026, were signed by 130 Lok Sabha MPs and 63 Rajya Sabha members, alleging partisan

conduct, obstruction of electoral fraud investigations and disenfranchisement. In separate orders, both presiding officers declined to admit the motions under Article 324(5) of the Con-

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stitution, read with relevant provisions of the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968, and other applicable laws. A notification issued by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat said the Chairman, after examining all aspects, refused to admit the motion under powers vested in him. A similar notification from the Lok Sabha Secretariat stated that the Speaker had also declined to admit the motion after due consideration. Reacting to the decision, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said, "We know what happened to the last Chairman of the Rajya Sabha who accepted a petition moved by Opposition MPs". His remarks were seen as a reference to former Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar. Opposition parties have accused the Chief Election Commissioner of favouring the ruling party during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Under the law, the removal of a Chief Election Commissioner follows a process similar to that of a Supreme Court or High Court judge, requiring proof of misbehaviour or incapacity.

Trump threatens.....

With the war in West Asia disrupting energy flows from the Gulf nations, the government ini-

tially restricted gas supply to fertiliser (urea) plants to about 60 per cent of the requirement. It was scaled up to 75-80 per cent through alternative arrangements. "Gas supply has been raised to 90 per cent of their six-month average consumption from April 6 using spot procurement, Sujata Sharma, joint secretary in ministry of petroleum and natural gas, said at a news briefing here. While LNG supplies from Qatar remain suspended, Indian firms are buying from alternate suppliers in the US, Australia and Russia. These additional supplies have led to increase in quota for different sectors, she said adding gas supply to other industrial and commercial sectors, including city gas distribution (CGD) networks, will be increased by an additional 10 per cent from Monday. Priority sectors continue to receive protected supplies, including 100 per cent supply to domestic piped cooking gas and CNG for transport. "Cooking gas LPG supplies from the Gulf countries continue to be impacted but supplies to domestic household for cooking are being fully met," she said, adding that the LPG supply continues to be affected by the prevailing geopolitical situation but no dry-outs have been reported at LPG distributorships. "Domestic LPG cylinder deliveries remain normal, with over 18 crore cylinders delivered to households since March 1, 2026. Allocation of commercial LPG, used by hotels and restaurants, to states has been increased to about 70 per cent.

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HC Issues Notices to Govt Over Land Acquisition Dispute for ORR-RRR Radial Road

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The Telangana High Court has sought an explanation from the state revenue authorities and other metropolitan bodies over a dispute concerning land acquisition for a proposed greenfield radial road project from the ORR at Meerkanpet to the Regional Ring Road at Amangal in Rangareddy district. Hearing a writ petition filed by Annepu Jangaiah along with 30 landowners, Justice N.V. Shrivani directed notices to the principal secretaries of revenue and municipal administration and urban development departments, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, and the Ranga Reddy district collector as well as the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority

and the Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited. The petition challenged a land acquisition notification issued in late December 2024 for the development of a radial road intended to link the ORR with the proposed RRR by acquiring around 554.34 acres. The project covers a significant stretch passing through several villages, including Kurmida, Kadthal, Mudwin and Amangal. According to the petitioners, their land admeasuring over 61 acres, had been included in the acquisition process without following

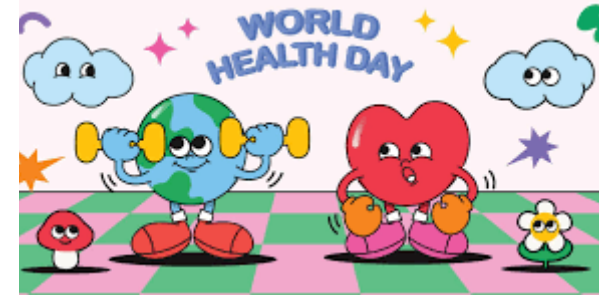
due procedure. They alleged that the authorities did not comply with mandatory provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, particularly those governing preliminary notification, hearing of objections, and determination of compensation. A key grievance the petitioners raised was that their objections to the acquisition were rejected without granting them a personal hearing, despite the fact that the "urgency

clause" was not invoked. They also questioned the validity of subsequent proceedings and urged the court to quash the acquisition notification and declare the exercise unconstitutional. Advocate-General A. Sudershan Reddy, appearing for state, submitted that out of the 554.34 acres being acquired, only around 200 acres were in dispute and compensation was awarded to properties located in 26 acres. Urging the court to not stay the land acquisition proceedings, the A-G submitted that the court may take an undertaking from the government that the petitioners shall not be dispossessed of their land till a compensation award was passed. Recording the submissions, the court posted the matter for further hearing.

EDITORIAL

WORLD HEALTH DAY
TELANGANA'S HEALTH REFORMS STAND OUT

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On World Health Day, Telangana has a meaningful story to tell. Good health is not just about hospitals, doctors or medicines. It is about giving every person—whether in a village or a city—the chance to live a healthy and dignified life. In that sense, the healthcare push now being seen in Telangana under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, with Health Minister Damodara Rajanarasimha driving it on the ground, deserves serious attention.

At a time when many governments speak about welfare in slogans, Telangana is trying to make healthcare a visible public guarantee. One of the clearest examples is Rajiv Aarogyasri. The government has increased the free treatment limit from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh per family per year, with ₹1,140 crore allocated this year. This is not just a financial decision; it is a lifeline for poor and middle-class families who often fear that one major illness can push them into debt. It sends a strong message that healthcare must protect families, not bankrupt them.

The government is also focusing on employees, pensioners and their families through a redesigned Employee Health Scheme. Digital health cards are being planned for around 23.51 lakh beneficiaries. This reflects a modern and practical approach. The larger digital health vision is even more ambitious: Telangana is working to build unified

digital health profiles for nearly 2 crore citizens by integrating records from public health facilities. If implemented well, this can make treatment faster, smoother and more accountable.

What stands out most is that the government is not limiting health policy to treatment alone. It is moving toward early detection and prevention. The Women Wellness Profiling Programme is a first-of-its-kind large-scale digital health profiling initiative for women. That is a major step, because women often ignore their own health while taking care of their families. Similarly, the Bala Bharosa programme for children aged 0 to 5 years focuses on early screening of developmental delays and disabilities through anganwadis, followed by medical care and treatment. These are the kind of quiet reforms that can change lives for years.

Telangana is also responding to the rise in lifestyle diseases. Around 50 lakh patients are receiving treatment through Non-Communicable Disease clinics for conditions like diabetes, hypertension and cancer. Cancer care itself has been decentralised in an important way. Chemotherapy is now available at district-

level centres, including in remote places like Mulugu and Narayanpet, reducing the need for patients to travel to Hyderabad. Nearly 2,000 patients are already being treated at district cancer care centres.

The same humane thinking is visible in dialysis services. With 16 new dialysis centres added in the last two years, Telangana now has 102 centres serving over 15,000 patients, while vascular access services are also being expanded beyond Hyderabad.

Long-term healthcare needs long-term investment in institutions and manpower, and here too the Revanth Reddy government has moved with purpose.

Nine new government medical colleges have become operational, adding 450 MBBS seats and increasing government MBBS seats from 3,690 to 4,140. PG seats have also increased, while 16 new nursing colleges and 28 new paramedical colleges have been established. Since December 2023, nearly 19,768 health department posts have been completed, are under progress, or are in the pipeline. This matters because healthcare cannot improve with buildings alone; it needs doctors, nurses, technicians and staff.

Infrastructure is also being strengthened in a major way. The new Osmania Hospital building, Warangal Health City, three new

TIMS institutions, and a super-specialty hospital in Mancherla show that the government wants advanced care to spread beyond traditional urban centres. At the same time, 14 new PHCs and 9 secondary hospitals have been sanctioned, proving that access at the local level remains a priority.

Equally important is the government's focus on food safety, drug control and emergency response. Around 17,000 food safety raids have been conducted in two years, mobile testing labs have been launched, and action is being taken against adulteration. The Drug Control Department has carried out massive inspections, seized counterfeit medicines and cracked down on quacks and spurious drugs. Meanwhile, 213 new ambulances have been launched, reducing emergency response times in rural and tribal areas.

Of course, healthcare is never complete in one term, and implementation will remain the real test. But on World Health Day, one thing is clear: under Revanth Reddy's leadership and with Damodara Rajanarasimha's focused execution, Telangana is trying to move healthcare from promise to presence. That is not just administration. That is governance with humanity. (The Writer is a Policy Analyst).

Fun with air pump ends friend's life

HYDERABAD
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A 22-year-old worker, Pavan Kumar, allegedly died after a co-worker pumped high-pressure air into his anus at a packing unit in Shadnagar, police said on Monday. The victim was a gas-filler at Vijaya Neha Pvt Ltd in Kishannagar. Following the incident, Kumar collapsed and started bleeding from the mouth and nose. The police said the factory management reported the incident to the police who shifted the victim to the Osmania General Hospital. Doctors told police the compressed air caused severe internal injuries, in-

cluding pneumothorax and pneumomediastinum, and ruptured his intestines, leading to bleeding from the mouth and nose. The victim, a native of Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, was a resident of Yelliketam in Farooqnagar, Rangareddy district, and had been working at the firm for seven months. Shadnagar station house officer K. Seetharam said a case of culpable homicide has been registered against the co-workers involved. Three persons were into custody for questioning, and two had been detained. Police informed the victim's father Amar Lal and the body was sent to Uttar Pradesh.

Car driver arrested for wife's murder

HYDERABAD
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Midjil police of Mahbubnagar district have arrested one M. Chandrashekar who reportedly murdered his newly-wed wife and staged her death as suicide. They had been married eight months ago. Police said Chandrashekar, on the night of April 3, was alleged to have murdered Sridevi at their house in Polkampally, Moosapet mandal. He placed the body in a gunny bag, carried it on his bike to nearby fields and hung it from a tree, said Midjil

sub-inspector Venu. Later, Chandrashekar phoned Sridevi's brother claiming she had ended her life, the SI added. Chandrashekar fled afterwards, and the police tracked him down and arrested him. Chandrashekar, a car driver, and Sridevi, a nurse, had married eight months ago against their parents' wishes. Police recovered the knife used in the crime. Lokesh and the woman checked into a hotel in Adagutta under KPHB limits. After some time, Lokesh asked her to step out to get food. When she returned to

Three Scribes Held For Extorting Gas Delivery Boy

Police have arrested three scribes who posed as vigilance officials and extorted ₹50,000 from a gas delivery agent in Filmnagar two days ago. According to police, the accused intercepted M Shiva Kumar while he was delivering LPG cylinders at MRCA Lane, Filmnagar. Claiming to be vigilance officers from the civil supplies department, they accused him of collecting an additional ₹1,000 from a customer. The trio showed videos and threatened to file a case against him, demanding ₹60,000 to avoid arrest. They forcibly transferred ₹50,000 from the victim's phone through UPI payment before escaping. Based on Shiva Kumar's complaint, police examined CCTV footage and identified the accused.

Police Seized 14 Cattle Shifted To Goshala, Counter Cases Against Gau Rakshaks And Transports Booked

HYDERABAD
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Alleged 'go rakshaks' early on Monday intercepted a truck transporting 14 cattle at the ORR Exit 14 at Tukkguda and attacked the driver. Following complaints, police seized the cattle worth Rs 6 lakh, shifted them to a goshala and booked cases against both parties. According to the Pahadishareef police, the truck was heading towards Mallapally when the activists intercepted it and

attacked the driver. Pahadishareef station house officer B. Lakshmi Narayana Reddy said the police registered cases under the Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act

against the driver and his associates. They also booked a case of causing hurt under 115 BNS against the activists. Both cases were under investigation, the SHO said

Pocso court sentences youth to seven years

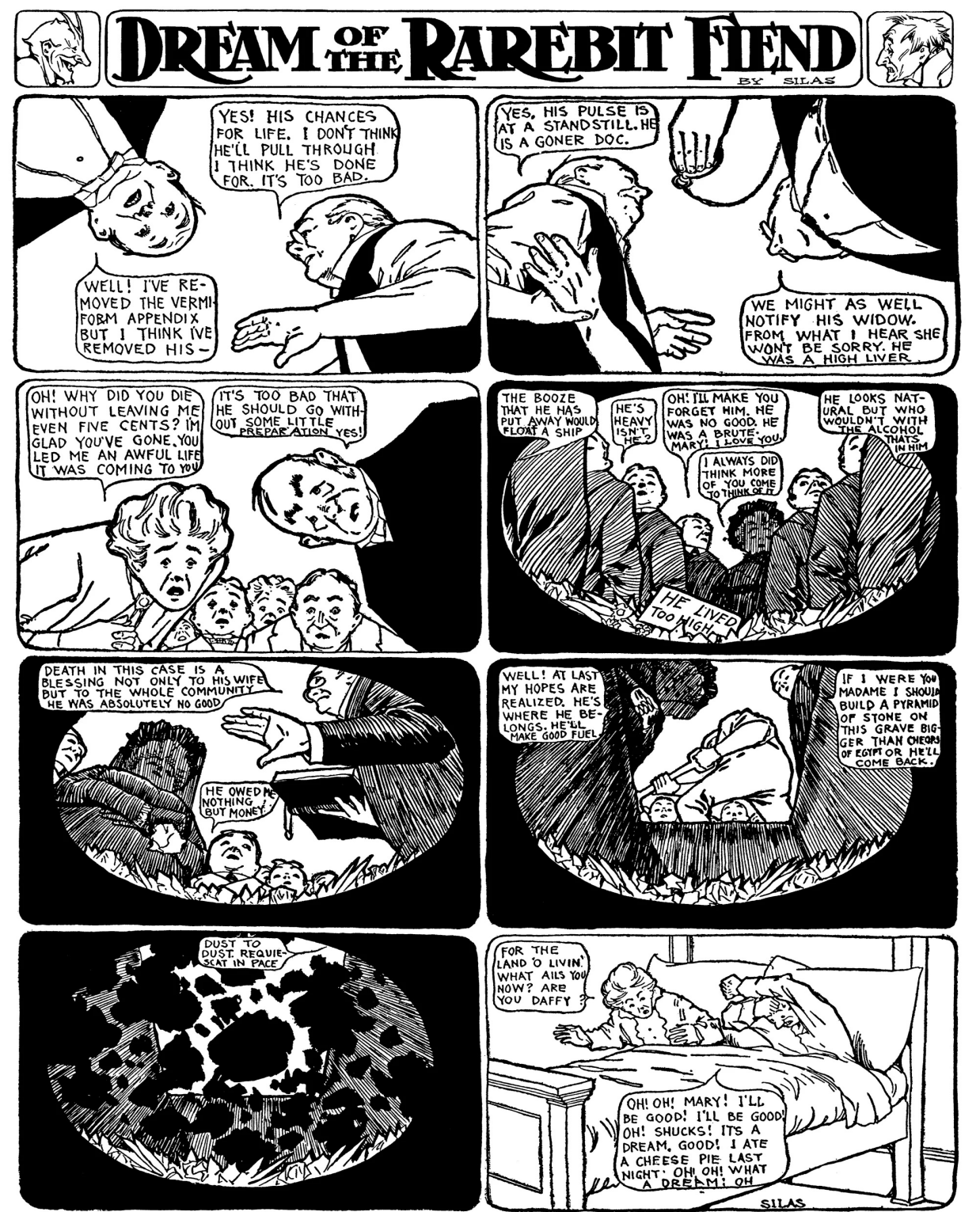
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A fast-track court under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act in Medak district has sentenced a 20-year-old man to seven years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹1 lakh for abducting a minor girl by luring her with false promises. According to officials, the incident took place in August 2020 within the limits of Narsapur police station. The accused allegedly deceived

a Class 10 student and took her away, prompting her family to lodge a complaint with the police. Based on the complaint, a case was registered, and a detailed investigation was launched. During the course of the investigation, police collected substantial evidence and recorded statements from key witnesses. The investigating officer ensured that all material evidence, including testimonies and supporting documentation, was properly compiled and presented before the court to

establish the involvement of the accused. During the trial, the public prosecutor argued the case effectively, highlighting the sequence of events and the evidence gathered by the police. Authorities also ensured that the victim received necessary legal and emotional support throughout the proceedings, helping her testify with confidence. Witnesses were examined in court, and their consistent testimonies played a crucial role in strengthening the prosecution's case. After

carefully evaluating the evidence and arguments, the fast-track POCSO court found the accused guilty of the charges. The court subsequently awarded seven years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹1 lakh. Police officials lauded the coordinated efforts of the investigation and prosecution teams, stating that their diligence and commitment were instrumental in securing justice for the victim in this case.



Sensex and Nifty extend gains for third straight session

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Indian equity markets ended higher for the third consecutive session on optimism surrounding a potential de-escalation in tensions between the US and Iran, lifting investor sentiment across sectors.

The benchmark Nifty rose 1.12 per cent or 255 points to close at 22,968.25, while the Sensex gained 787 points, or 1.07 per cent, to settle at 74,106.85.

From a technical standpoint, experts said that Nifty is approaching the immediate resistance level near 23,000, which continues to act as a key hurdle.

"A sustained move above this level may open the path for further



upside towards 23,200," an analyst stated.

"On the downside, immediate support is now placed in the 22,800-22,750 zone, which earlier acted as resistance and has now turned into a support area, followed by a stronger base around the 22,550 level that served as a demand zone

during the session," a market expert said. The rally was driven by reports suggesting that both the US and Iran have received a proposal aimed at ending hostilities.

According to these reports, a two-stage deal is being considered, with a final ceasefire agreement potentially taking shape

within 15 to 120 days. The proposal reportedly includes provisions related to nuclear curbs and sanctions relief, with an "Islamabad Accord" being discussed as part of the framework.

Investor sentiment improved on expectations that easing geopolitical tensions could stabilise global markets and reduce uncertainty, particularly in energy prices and capital flows.

Among individual stocks on the Nifty, Trent, SBI Life Insurance Company, and Titan Company emerged as the top gainers, reflecting broad-based buying interest. The broader market also mirrored the positive trend, with the Nifty MidCap index rising 1.52 per cent and the Nifty

SmallCap index gaining 1.29 per cent.

Sectorally, construction and banking-related indices led the gains. The Nifty Construction Durable index outperformed its peers, while the Nifty PSU Bank and Nifty Bank indices also saw notable buying.

However, the Nifty Oil and Gas index lagged the broader market, possibly due to volatility in crude oil prices amid ongoing geopolitical developments.

Analyst said that the market momentum remained upbeat as investors tracked global cues and developments around the proposed diplomatic resolution, which could play a key role in shaping near-term market direction.

Libya's oil output hits highest level in over a decade

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Libya's oil production has risen to about 1.43 million barrels per day, the highest level recorded in over a decade, Chairman of Libya's National Oil Corporation Masoud Suleiman announced.

Suleiman on Sunday (local time) said during a meeting that oil sales revenue for February exceeded 2 billion US dollars and was fully transferred to the state treasury without any deductions, a first in years. He also noted that domestic fuel supplies remain stable despite global crises, and that maintenance work on the Al-Sharara oilfield's export

pipeline has been completed, with production back to normal levels.

Suleiman stressed that maintaining and increasing output depends on power grid stability and improved production efficiency. Oil and gas exports are Libya's main revenue source but have been repeatedly disrupted by conflict and political instability. The Al-Sharara oilfield, the largest in the country, is located some 900 km south of the capital, Tripoli, with a capacity of over 300,000 barrels of crude oil daily.

Earlier on April 4, the head of Libya's Presidential Council, Mohamed Al-Menfi, instructed that no new deals be made concerning already devel-

oped oil fields in the country, reports said. The instruction to Masoud Suleiman, chairman of the National Oil Corporation (NOC), confirmed Saturday by the Presidential Council's media office, prohibits all forms of agreements in this regard, including contractual arrangements, Al-Ahrar TV reported.

Menfi also requested immediate reports to the Council on the legal, technical, and economic procedures and back-grounds of any previous deals. The move is intended to strengthen protection of Libya's national economy and secure optimal returns from its strategic oil resources, said reports.

RBI MPC meet begins amid inflation concerns, rate cut pause likely

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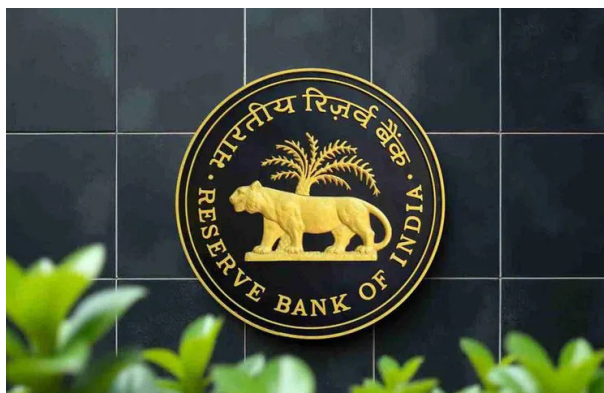
The Reserve Bank's rate-setting panel on Monday started its three-day brainstorming session on the first bi-monthly monetary policy of the fiscal amid expectations of a status quo on the benchmark lending rate in view of apprehensions of a spike in inflation due to ongoing West Asia crisis.

The decision of the six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), headed by Reserve Bank

Governor Sanjay Malhotra, will be announced on Wednesday.

The RBI has cut rates by a total of 125 basis points since February 2025, marking its most aggressive easing cycle since 2019. It last reduced the rate by 25 basis points in December and maintained its status in its last meeting in February.

According to experts, the MPC members will take into account the continuing geopolitical tensions in West Asia, volatility in commodity prices and



sharp currency movement, hitting the value of the domestic currency.

They noted that while retail inflation has moved closer to the RBI's me-

dium-term target of 4 per cent, the recent surge in global crude oil prices has raised concerns about potential second-round effects on domestic prices,

particularly fuel, transportation, and core inflation components.

As per estimates, every USD 10 increase in crude prices per barrel stokes inflation by up to 0.60 per cent. Crude prices, which were in the USD 60 per barrel vicinity for a long time, have hardened to over USD 100 since the start of the conflict in late February.

Additionally, the rupee has depreciated by over 4 per cent since the war, which has consequences for pushing up import in-

flation.

Experts are also of the view that the central bank will retain its current policy-neutral stance in the upcoming review, reflecting a preference to maintain flexibility amid evolving inflation dynamics and global uncertainties.

The tone of the policy is expected to remain cautious and watchful, with policymakers likely to highlight upside risks to inflation from volatile crude oil prices and geopolitical tensions.

Economists further said liquidity conditions, transmission of past rate changes, and financial market stability will remain key considerations for policymakers.

The RBI is also expected to closely monitor currency movements, capital flows, and bond market dynamics while calibrating its policy stance. The government has asked the Reserve Bank to maintain retail inflation at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side for another five years ending

March 2031.

India, it may be recalled, adopted the inflation-targeting framework in 2016 and the six-member MPC was given the mandate to maintain annual inflation at 4 per cent until March 31, 2021, with an upper tolerance of 6 per cent and a lower threshold of 2 per cent. The framework has been retained since then.

According to the latest data, retail inflation in the country rose to 3.21 per cent in February from 2.74 per cent in the preceding month.

World Health Day 6th April

Pulmonologist Dr. Aravind Sai Kalinga Stresses Prevention and Health

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On the occasion of World Health Day observed on April 6, leading pulmonologist Dr. Aravind Sai Kalinga called upon people to prioritize health over wealth and adopt preventive healthcare practices for a better future. Speaking in line with the global message promoted by the World Health Organization, Dr. Kalinga emphasized that health is not merely the absence of disease but a complete state of physical, mental, and social well-being. Highlighting the current health scenario, he pointed out the growing burden of lifestyle-related diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, heart ailments, and stress-induced dis-



orders. He also raised concern over the increasing cases of respiratory illnesses, attributing them to factors

like air pollution, smoking, and lack of awareness. "Health is not built in hospitals; it is shaped at home through our daily habits," Dr. Kalinga stated. He underlined the importance of maintaining a balanced diet, ensuring proper sleep, staying physically active, and managing stress effectively. Stressing the significance of preventive care, he noted that simple lifestyle changes such as regular walking, avoiding tobacco, and periodic health check-ups can significantly reduce the risk of serious illnesses. Dr. Kalinga also highlighted the need for health equity, stating that access to quality healthcare should be a fundamental right for every individual, irrespective of their socio-economic

background. "Good health must not remain a privilege of a few but should be accessible to all," he said. He further added that healthcare professionals have a crucial role not only in treating diseases but also in educating the public, promoting awareness, and encouraging healthier lifestyles. Addressing the public, Dr. Kalinga urged citizens to take responsibility for their own health. "Small changes today can lead to a healthier tomorrow," he remarked. On this occasion, he called upon everyone to take a pledge to care for their physical and mental well-being, as well as contribute towards building a healthier community. "Because a healthy society is the foundation of a strong nation," he concluded.

CBIT Launches SAHA-2026 for Student Emotional Wellness



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Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) has launched "SAHA-2026," a week-long stress management programme aimed at promoting emotional wellness among first-year students, in line with the Ministry of Education (MoE) and UGC's "TeleMANAS" initiative. The programme, running from April 6 to April 10, 2026, focuses on supporting students' mental health through structured, activity-based sessions on campus.

The event was formally inaugurated by Principal Dr. C. V. Narsimhulu, who underscored the importance of balancing academic responsibilities

with emotional well-being. He urged students to prioritize self-care, adopt effective time management strategies, and build resilience to cope with academic pressures.

Director of Student Affairs Dr. B. Linga Reddy highlighted the growing need for such initiatives in today's demanding academic environment and commended the efforts of student organizers for creating a supportive platform. Faculty Coordinator for first-year students Dr. B. Sreenivas Reddy and Public Relations Officer Dr. G. N. R. Prasad also appreciated the initiative, noting its potential to positively influence students' holistic development. Assistant Director of Student Affairs Dr. Nagendranath encouraged active partici-

pation from students throughout the programme.

The sessions are being conducted by faculty experts Dr. M. Chandrashekar and Dr. Bunty Roy, who are engaging students through interactive discussions, talks, and activities such as Bingo-based learning exercises. These sessions are designed to make mental health conversations more accessible and engaging. "SAHA-2026" has been ideated and organized by Faculty Coordinator Dr. Naga Prapurna, along with a team of student coordinators including Pranav Botta, Yashaswini, Harshini, Chris Martin, Abhisatwik, Shreenik, Spandana, and Amrita.

ICMAI Hyderabad Honours Top Students at Skill Training Valedictory

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The Hyderabad Chapter of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) honoured meritorious students during the valedictory session of its Advanced Skill Training Programme held at Institute of Engineers (India). Students who secured top ranks and outstanding



marks in ICMAI examinations were felicitated, marking the successful completion

of the December 2025 batch training. Chief Guest P. V. Arun Kumar, General Manager (F&A) at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, emphasised professional excellence and the evolving role of cost accountants, urging students to upgrade skills in line with industry demands.

The event was presided over by Khaja Jalal

Uddin, alongside key dignitaries including Kirti Gupta and other senior members. Top performers such as Deepansh Agarwal, Cheekatla Suguna Chandrika, and Munirathi Deepak Sai were recognised.

The programme concluded with strong participation from members and students.

Akshay Kumar talks about the power of an officer's uniform: Spine seedhi ho jaati hai!

In a recent interaction on the quiz reality show Wheel of Fortune, host and Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar captivated the audience with a deeply moving reflection on his experience of portraying men in uniform.

Akshay spoke candidly about the profound emotional and psychological transformation that comes with wearing an officer's uniform. Reflecting on the sense of discipline and pride it instills, he shared, "Ek baat main sab se zaroor kehna chahunga... jab aadmi uniform pehenta hai na, apne aap reedh ki haddi ko ek akad mil



jaati hai. Mujhe nahi pata kya hai aap suit peheno, akad nahi milegi. Lekin jab aap uniform pehente ho, reedh ki haddi mein pata nahi kahan se woh josh aata hai... tadak kar ke seedhi ho jaati hai." Drawing a compari-

son with his on-screen portrayal, Akshay added that even donning a costume uniform for a role brings about a noticeable shift in posture and mindset. "Jaise main Rustom film ke andar khada tha...

mujhe nahi lagta main hamesha aisa khada ho sakta hoon. Woh nakli uniform thi, lekin uniform ki baat hi alag hoti hai." Looking back at one of his finest movies, Akshay fondly recalled a powerful

line from his film Rustom, a performance that also earned him a National Film Award for Best Actor.

Sharing the dialogue with conviction, he said, "Ek line mujhe abhi bhi yaad hai... meri uniform meri aadat hai, jaise saans lena. Apne desh ki raksha karna, yeh jhijhak ke bina, nishwarth apna farz nibhana... mujhe abhi bhi saari lines yaad hain."

Talking about Rustom, the movie that released in 2016, saw Akshay essaying the role of a naval officer. The movie also starred Ileana D'Cruz and Esha Gupta in the leads.

Ananya Panday's 'Chand Mera Dil' gets release date in May



NEW DELHI
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"Chand Mera Dil", featuring Ananya Panday and Lakshya in the lead roles, is set to release in theatres on May 22.

The film is directed by Vivek Soni and is produced under Karan Johar's banner Dharma Productions.

The makers shared the news with a post on social media on Monday, which comprised a series of film posters.

"Presenting a love story where... life happens faster than love."

"Chand Mera Dil" in cinemas 22nd May, 2026," read the caption.

The film marks the first collaboration for Panday and Lakshya, who made his acting debut with "Kill" in 2024, which was produced by Dharma Productions and Sikhya Entertainment.

The actors re-shared the posters of the upcoming film on their respective social media handles.

Panday's latest work is "Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri", which was released in 2025 and featured her alongside Kartik Aaryan. She will next feature in the second season of "Call Me Bae", which will stream on Prime Video.

Lakshya starred in Aryan Khan's directorial debut series "The Ba***ds of Bollywood". It was released in September 2025 and featured the actor in the role of Aasmaan Singh.

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.

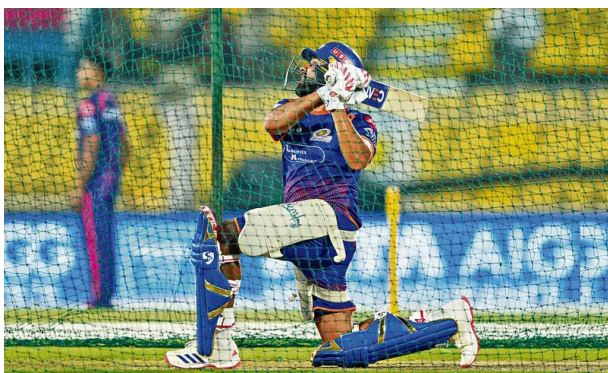
Mumbai Indians hope for Pandya boost against Rajasthan

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Mumbai Indians will hope that skipper Hardik Pandya regains full fitness when they face a confident Rajasthan Royals unit, which will be keen to extend its early-season momentum in their IPL clash here on Tuesday. Pandya, a key figure in the side, missed MI's previous outing due to illness, and his absence proved crucial in their six-wicket defeat to Delhi Capitals on Saturday. While India T20I skipper Suryakumar Yadav stepped in to lead and ensured continuity, MI missed Pandya's all-round abilities on a tacky surface.

His absence also forced a rejig in the combination. Deepak Chahar, drafted in for the game, delivered a tidy spell, but the decision to bring in pace all-rounder Corbin Bosch in place of seasoned left-arm pacer Trent Boult backfired, with the South African leaking runs.

Pandya has since travelled with the squad and returned to the nets, offer-



ing hope of a comeback as MI look to recalibrate their approach after the loss.

Shardul Thakur, who started with the ball in their opening game, was expensive in the last outing, while the ever-reliable Jasprit Bumrah has been economical but is yet to open his account this season.

In the spin department, Mitchell Santner justified his selection ahead of Afghan mystery spinner AM Ghazanfar and is likely to retain his place.

The MI bowlers, however, will need to raise their game against a Rajasthan top order that has been in excellent form so far.

Openers Yashasvi Jaiswal and teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi have provided explosive

starts, with Dhruv Jurel then building on the momentum.

New skipper Riyan Parag is yet to make a significant contribution with the bat but will take confidence from his leadership, particularly his tactical decisions at the death that guided the Royals to a thrilling win over Gujarat Titans.

Among the bowlers, Tushar Deshpande and Ravi Bishnoi have been impressive. Bishnoi has emerged as the joint leading wicket-taker with five scalps from two matches, marking a strong turnaround after a challenging 2025 season during which he worked on multiple aspects of his game.

Deshpande, meanwhile, showcased his death-bowling skills by success-

fully defending 10 runs in the final over against the Titans, conceding just four with a series of pinpoint yorkers.

With Mumbai, currently sixth on the points table, seeking to bounce back and second-placed Rajasthan riding a wave of confidence, the contest's result could hinge on how effectively MI's bowlers handle the Royals' in-form top order.

Squads: Rajasthan Royals: Riyan Parag (c), Dhruv Jurel, Donovan Ferreira, Lluandre Pretorius, Ravi Singh, Aman Perala, Shimron Hetmyer, Shubham Dubey, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ravindra Jadeja, Sam Curran, Adam Milne, Brijesh Sharma, Jofra Archer, Kuldeep Sen, Kwena Maphaka, Nandre Burger, Ravi Bishnoi, Sandeep Sharma.

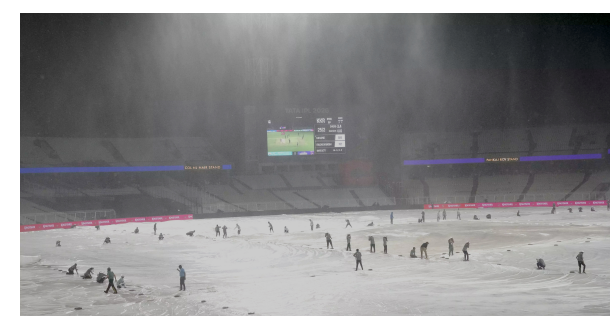
Mumbai Indians: Hardik Pandya (c), Quinton de Kock (wk), Danish Malewar, Robin Minz (wk), Ryan Rickelton (wk), Sherfane Rutherford, Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, Atharva Ankoekar, Raj Bawa,

Rain Forces Abandonment of KKR's Match Against PBKS

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Kolkata Knight Riders bagged their first point of the season after the IPL match against Punjab Kings was abandoned after a combination of heavy rains and wet outfield made the play impossible to resume here on Monday. When the initial round of rain fell on Eden Gardens, the KKR were struggling at 25 for 2 in 3.4 overs. The proceedings never restarted from the time despite the cut-off time getting moved up to 11.14pm.

The PBKS too received a point and moved atop the table for the time being with five points from three games. The Kolkataans now have one point from three matches, ahead of Gujarat Titans and Chennai Super Kings who are yet to open their account. Incidentally, the fixture between KKR and PBKS here during IPL 2025 was also called off because of rain. KKR have a third home match in a row, facing Lucknow Super Giants on Thursday



but rain is predicted on that day too.

Cutting back to the day's match, rain and winds lashed the venue from 9 pm, gradually turning into a thunderstorm. The wind was so heavy that the unique 'hanging' Eden press box supported by iron beams shook under the gale force, resembling an 'earthquake'.

The drizzle finally subsided around 10.30pm, prompting the ground staff to spring into action and remove the covers. The pitch and outfield appeared largely intact with no significant seepage, although a few puddles had formed near the boundary lines due to water runoff from the covers after they were peeled off.

An inspection followed with on-field umpires Abhijeet Bengeri and J Ma-

looked tentative against the left-armed, edging and missing more than once, before Bartlett finished the job in the next over in a fine display of swing and seam. Allen had a couple of close shaves -- beaten on the edge and nearly undone by a yorker that he somehow dug out for four -- but his luck ran out soon. Attempting an inside-out drive to a length ball outside off, he could only manage a faint nick. Promoted to No. 3 ahead of Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Green, the highest-paid overseas player at Rs 25.20 crore, continued his miserable outing having earlier managed scores of 18 (against Mumbai Indians) and 2 (Sunrisers Hyderabad). Bartlett struck again with a similar back of a length delivery in the channel, swinging away inducing another loose poke. With Bartlett breathing fire and KKR firmly on the back foot, Rahane and Raghuvanshi began to rebuild before steady drizzle halted the proceedings at 7.45pm. With Eden Gardens equipped with full ground

danagopal assessing conditions. The Cricket Association of Bengal president Sourav Ganguly too checked the firmness of the ground and after a lengthy discussion with KKR skipper Rahane and his Punjab counterpart Shreyas Iyer the match was called off at 11pm. On a day when KKR were without both their frontline spinners -- an well Sunil Narine and an injured Varun Chakravarthy -- their decision to bat first seemed to have backfired spectacularly.

Hyderabad House in Delhi is Telangana's Pride, Says Nizam's Kin

Hiymat Ali Baig, great grandson of the seventh Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan, on Monday demanded that the Centre give due recognition to the historical value of the Hyderabad House — the edifice in the Capital where the country's foreign dignitaries — in New Delhi. Baig also urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to take up the matter with the Centre as the building remained the pride of Telangana and was of historical significance.

"I request that the Hyderabad House in Delhi, a treasured symbol of pride for Telangana, be formally recognised as belonging to our state. This unique palace was gifted by my great-grandfather, Mir Osman Ali Khan, to the Indian government. Now transformed as a guest house has welcomed world leaders from around the globe, including Bill Clinton, Gordon Brown, Theresa May, and Vladimir Putin," he noted. Pointing out that all world leaders have admired its exquisite architecture and grandeur, he said urged the government to instal a commemorative plaque and portrait of the Nizam, along with a marble inscription detailing its legacy, near the entrance of the Nizam's Delhi residence, which was built between 1921-1931.

De-addiction center opened in Cherlapally Central Prison



Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla inaugurated the Nivrutti De-addiction Centre at the Cherlapally Central Prison, Hyderabad, on Monday, and called substance abuse a serious social and public concern. Addressing the gathering, the Governor hailed the state government's efforts to curb substance abuse with the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan and praised the Telangana Prisons Department for adopting a reform-oriented approach.

Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Soumya Mishra, said 2,915 inmates have been screened for substance abuse, of whom 590 underwent the World Health Organisation-Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test (WHO-ASSIST) and received counselling and treatment.

The Governor visited the Prisoner Agricultural Colony (PAC), Cherlapally, where he interacted with inmates and reviewed agricultural and vocational programmes. He shared moments from his political life where he was imprisoned several times. "Being in a jail environment gave me a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by inmates and prison staff," he said.



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Musi river project consultation flawed, Hyderabad activists tell Deputy CM

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Two activists have written to Telangana Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, who chairs the Cabinet Subcommittee on Musi Rejuvenation, raising concerns about the transparency and adequacy of the state government's ongoing public consultation process on the project, and demanded that key project documents be placed in the public domain before feedback is sought.

In their letter, routed through Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president and MLC Bomma Mahesh Goud, advocate Dr Lubna Sarwath and heritage activist Sanghamitra Mallik pointed out that the government had invited public suggestions for the Musi Riverfront Development Project by April 15 without releasing any scientific study report, detailed project report (DPR), preliminary project report (PPR) or hydrological and ecological assessments for the public to base their feedback on.

"In the absence of a PPR or DPR or scientific study reports, the public are clueless on what document feedback and suggestions are being sought," the letter released on Monday, April 6, said.



The activists also flagged that right to information (RTI) applications filed with the Musi River Development Corporation Limited (MRDCL) seeking the PPR, DPR and a keyhole markup language (KML) file defining the river's boundaries and buffer zone remain unanswered to date.

Among their key demands, the two sought the immediate publication of all project reports and study documents on the MRDCL website, an extension of the public feedback window from 15 days to at least 45 to 60 days and the expansion of

submission modes beyond the single email address currently provided, to include post, courier, WhatsApp and other channels. They also noted that no official notification about the consultation process had been issued, with the public learning of it only through media reports. "We seek a democratic, transparent and accountable procedure of good governance practices with the scientificity that the restoration of Musi demands. Nothing short of this is acceptable for us Telanganites," the letter stated.

The letter was copied to water conservationist and Ramon Magsaysay Awardee Rajendra Singh, social activist Medha Patkar of the Narmada Bachao Andolan and academics Dr Santosh Mehrotra and Prof Sandeep Pandey, also a Ramon Magsaysay Awardee.

State Govt Proposes Three-Bin Waste Segregation System

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The municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD) department has proposed a three-bin waste segregation system for the city, including CURE area in Hyderabad, to separately collect wet, dry and hazardous waste under the new Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules 2026. The proposed system ex-

pands on the SWM 2016 framework, which was limited to urban areas, by bringing gram panchayats, gated communities and agricultural regions under its ambit. Officials said the move is aimed at improving waste segregation and processing at the source.

The 2026 rules introduce specific guidelines for horticulture and agricultural waste, including collection mechanisms,

composting and a ban on open burning, which were not clearly defined in the earlier rules. Bulk waste generators have been clearly defined under the new rules as entities with a floor area of 20,000 square metres or more, water consumption of 40,000 litres per day or more, or waste generation of at least 100 kg per day. These include government departments, public sector units, institutions, com-

mercial establishments and residential societies. Under the extended bulk waste generator responsibility, such entities are accountable for the waste they generate. The rules also provide for environmental compensation based on the 'Polluter Pays' principle in cases of non-compliance, including operating without registration, false reporting or improper waste management practices.

BJP Marks 47th Foundation Day, Eyes Telangana Power

BJP's vote share increasing in Kerala: Ramchander Rao

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Former Bandaru Dattatreya on April 6 asserted that the rise of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from just two Lok Sabha MPs in 1984 to ruling at the Centre and across multiple states reflects the party's steady growth and public trust. Speaking at the BJP's 47th foundation day celebrations in Hyderabad, he expressed confidence that the party would form the government in Telangana in the 2028 Assembly elections. Recalling the period of the Emergency in India imposed by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Dattatreya described it as a "second freedom struggle" and spoke about his imprisonment along with leaders of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). He noted that the formation and victory of the Janata Party in the 1977 elections came as a surprise during those turbulent times.

He said ideological differences within the Janata



Party later led to its collapse, particularly over the issue of dual membership with the RSS and the Bharatiya Jan Sangh. According to him, leaders chose to remain with the RSS, which eventually led to the formation of the BJP. He urged party workers to prioritize the nation over personal interests and work selflessly.

Meanwhile, BJP Telangana president N Ramchander Rao alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was favouring the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimen (AIMIM) through administrative decisions, including changes linked to the Greater Hyderabad Mu-

nicipal Corporation (GHMC). He also criticised policies such as the Hyderabad Industrial Land Transfer (HILT) and HYDRAA, alleging they could displace the poor. Rao highlighted that the BJP's vote share was increasing in Kerala and expressed optimism about improved performance in upcoming Assembly elections there. He also predicted electoral gains in Tamil Nadu and reiterated confidence that the BJP would eventually come to power in Telangana. Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy marked the foundation day by hoisting the party flag at his residence in Kachiguda.

Ganapathi Is Likely to Be in Nepal

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Muppala Lakshman Rao alias Ganapathi, the most wanted Maoist leader in the country, appears to be in Nepal, according to police sources. The chances of tracing Ganapathi have become brighter after his son Srinivasa Rao, nine days ago, released an emotional audio asking for him to surrender. Addressing his father from his hometown, Birpur of Jagtial district, Srinivasa Rao said, "Daddy, since I

opened my eyes, I have never seen or spoken to you, not even on the phone." He broke down while speaking and asked Ganapathi to come back. "I want to spend the rest of my life with you. Our villagers are eagerly waiting for you to return home. I will propose to the government to withdraw cases against you." Ganapathi, said to be an expert in strategic guerrilla warfare (GAF) attacks, was last seen years ago with his wife Jayde Ratna Bai alias Sujatha,

whose whereabouts are not known. In 2018, it was reported that Ganapathi, then general secretary to the central committee, resigned from the party citing health issues. After that, he cut off communication, even with his wife Ratna Bai, brother Ramachandra Rao, and senior cadres. He reportedly went to the Philippines for medical treatment for a few months and was never seen again in Telangana and other Maoist-affected states.

AP, Telangana RTCs Clash over Bus Bhavan

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A the dispute between the AP and Telangana road transport corporations over ownership and usage of the Bus Bhavan near RTC crossroads here flared up with senior APSRTC officials alleged that Telangana authorities tried to occupy portions of the A Block, which they said belongs to the Andhra Pradesh corporation, without consent. They said the move was linked to plans to house commercial tax offices in the premises. The building, shared between APSRTC and TGSRTC, is divided into A Block and B



Block, each measuring 62,500 sq ft. TGSRTC officials said the decision was based on directions from the Chief Secretary to accommodate Telangana commercial tax offices, adding that the issue was later brought under control. TGRTC employee unions also opposed the move, stating that the RTC building should not be handed over for other government uses when several corporation-related issues remain unresolved.

Hyderabad's Mohammed Firoz felicitated for saving minor girl from assault



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A local youth, Mohammad Firoz, was felicitated by Hyderabad City Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar on Monday, April 6, for saving an eight-year-old girl in distress.

On April 1, an auto driver named Salim from Mehdiapatnam Hills Colony reportedly lured the girl into his auto after her school ended with false promises. He took her to a secluded area in Golconda and subjected her to inap-

propriate behaviour. While leaving a nearby mosque, Firoz heard the minor crying from inside the parked auto and intervened. He confronted Salim and spoke to the girl, who tearfully said the auto driver was behaving indecently. Salim promptly fled the scene, abandoning the girl in the secluded area. Firoz immediately contacted the girl's father with the information provided on the ID card to inform them of their daughter's whereabouts.

Hyderabad Police nabs two Odisha suppliers, local peddler in drug bust

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The Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (HNEW) arrested three persons and seized four kilograms of ganja worth Rs 2.5 lakh on Saturday, April 4. Those arrested include two suppliers, G Rakesh alias Rebel, 25, a bike mechanic, and Vijay Kumar, 21, a construction worker, both from Malkangiri district in Odisha, and a local

peddler, Kotha Tirumala Reddy, 27, a driver from Borabanda. A scooter and three mobile phones were also seized. According to the police, Tirumala Reddy, who turned to drug peddling after his fish aquarium business collapsed in 2024, sourced ganja from the two Odisha-based suppliers and sold it to local consumers at a markup, accepting payment in cash and through UPI. The suppliers, in turn,

procured the consignments from an absconding accused identified only as Chotu, operating from Odisha. On some occasions, Tirumala Reddy travelled to the Odisha border to collect the contraband. On other occasions, the suppliers delivered it directly to Hyderabad. A case has been registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act at the Borabanda Police Station.

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