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### Brief Insights

**Pope Says Trump's Threat To Destroy Iranian Civilization Is 'Truly Unacceptable'**

Pope Leo XIV said Tuesday that U.S. President Donald Trump's threat to destroy Iranian civilization was "truly unacceptable" and said any attacks on civilian infrastructure violate international law. In some of his strongest comments yet against the war, the American pope urged Americans and

**"Rahul Baba, We Will Not Let Assam Be Infiltrator-Dominated": Amit Shah**

Union home minister Amit Shah on Tuesday launched a frontal attack on the Congress, positioning the upcoming Assam Assembly elections 2026 as a decisive battle over identity, security, and governance. Addressing a large gathering at Patharkandi in Barrak Valley, Mr Shah asserted that they are committed to protect Assam's demographic and cultural character at all costs under BJP leadership. Accusing the Congress of encouraging illegal infiltration for electoral gains, Mr Shah warned that such practices threaten the livelihoods of indigenous com-



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# Whole Civilisation Will Die, Trump Warns Iran

US warns Iran to open oil chokepoint or face complete demolition of key infrastructure by deadline

**HYDERABAD**  
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U.S. President Donald Trump has warned that a "whole civilization will die tonight," but said Iran still has time to capitulate ahead of a deadline set for 8 p.m. in Washington. The American leader issued the stark threat Tuesday, about 12 hours ahead of his deadline for Iran to agree to a deal that includes reopening the Strait of Hormuz or face punishing strikes. Trump on Monday threatened to blow up every bridge and power plant in Iran, an action that would be so far-reaching that some experts in military law said it could constitute a war crime. Trump said that he's "not at all" concerned about committing war crimes as he continues to threaten destruction.

Two Dead In Attack On Rail Bridge In Central Iran: Regional Official  
Two people were killed in a US-Israeli attack on a



rail bridge in the central Iranian city of Kashan, a regional official told state media on Tuesday. "A few minutes ago, the American-Zionist aggressor attacked the Yahya Abad railway bridge in Kashan city," a senior regional security official in Isfahan province, Akbar Salehi, was quoted as saying by Iran's IRNA news agency. "Two people were martyred and three others were injured in this attack," he added. Strikes rocked Tehran on Tuesday with Iran showing no sign of backing down as a US deadline loomed for it to reopen the Strait of Hormuz or have its civilian

infrastructure "decimated", according to President Donald Trump. The US leader has warned that unless Tehran allows free passage through the strategic oil chokepoint by midnight GMT, the United States will unleash what he called the "complete demolition" of Iran's critical infrastructure. "I'm terrified and so should everyone else in the country be," university student Metanat, whose classmate died two weeks ago in an attack, told AFP. The 27-year-old, who declined to give her last name, said as far as Trump's ultimatums are concerned, "some people think they are a joke", but

she added: "Death is not a joke." Iran's ambassador to Pakistan, which is mediating between Iran and the United States, said Tuesday on X that efforts to end the war were "approaching a critical, sensitive stage", without giving details.

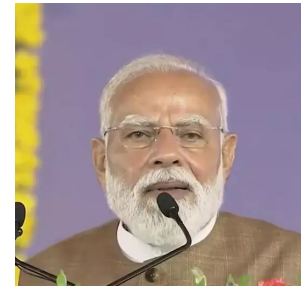
More than five weeks into the war, the Iranian army has dismissed what it called Trump's "arrogant rhetoric and baseless threats", saying they would not hinder its operations. Brushing aside accusations that such strikes would constitute war crimes, Trump at a press conference warned that "every bridge in Iran will be decimated" and "every power plant in Iran will be out of business, burning, exploding and never to be used again" if a deal is not reached. Iranian pensioner Morteza Hamidi said he has seen Trump back down too many times to take his words seriously: "We are now numb to his threats," he told AFP.

# India achieves nuclear boost with breeder reactor: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday announced that indigenously designed and built 500 megawatt Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam has attained criticality — which means that it is producing more nuclear fuel than it consumes. This makes India only the second country to run breeder reactors after Russia. Criticality means the start of controlled fission chain reaction: In the PFBR, it means producing more nuclear fuel and electric power. The PFBR runs on a mix of Plutonium-239 (the 'fire') and Uranium-238 ('the breeding ground'). This mix fires atomic particle (neutrons) at a 'blanket' of Thorium-232, converting it into Uranium-233 that can be used for Stage 3 nuclear reactors. Several countries including the US and China have failed to achieve this so far. "It is a decisive step towards harnessing our vast thorium reserves in the third stage of the programme," Modi posted on his X handle, congratulat-



ing scientists and engineers. The fast breeder reactor (FBR) is the cornerstone on which India's nuclear energy policy rests. It is part of the three-stage nuclear programme laid out by Homi J. Bhabha in 1954, which seeks to overcome lack of uranium reserves in the country by harnessing abundant thorium reserves. India, according to an estimate, has one-fourth of the world's thorium reserves.

As per the department of atomic energy (DAE), the technology development and design of PFBR was indigenously done by the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research. Anil Kakodkar, former secretary of the DAE, said that the "historic" development was very important from the point of view of India's energy security. In view of India's dependency on other

countries for fossil fuels, the move assumes significance, especially at a time when the crisis in West Asia has impacted the supply of oil and natural gas, he said.

Unlike other nuclear reactors, the fast breeder reactor not only produces energy but also produces fuel, Kakodkar said. This is why it is called a 'breeder reactor', he added. According to the DAE, the PFBR uses Uranium-Plutonium Mixed Oxide (MOX) fuel. The core of PFBR is surrounded by a blanket of Uranium-238. Fast neutrons convert fertile Uranium-238 into fissile Plutonium-239, enabling the reactor to produce more fuel than it consumes. The reactor is designed to eventually use Thorium-232 in the blanket. Through transmutation, Thorium-232 will be converted into Uranium-233, which will fuel the third stage of India's nuclear power programme. K.N. Vyas, former secretary of the DAE, said the development was significant as the technology involved is very advanced.

# 91 Lakh Names Deleted From Bengal Electoral Rolls After Judicial Scrutiny Under SIR

**KOLKATA**  
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The Election Commission (EC) has deleted a total of 90,83,345 voter names in the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral roll ahead of the April 23-29 Assembly polls in West Bengal. The total number of voters has been reduced to 6,77,20,728 from 7,66,37,529, according to data released by the poll panel early on Tuesday. The figure of around

90.83 lakh deleted names includes 27,16,393 voters who were declared 'ineligible' after the adjudication of 60,06,675 cases with 'logical discrepancies'. The EC had published multiple supplementary lists in the last few weeks.

The highest number of voter deletions come from districts dominated by Muslims and Matuas who are Hindu migrants from Bangladesh. A Trinamul Congress delegation is expected to meet the EC in New Delhi on

Wednesday over the huge exclusion of voters' names. Earlier, the EC had removed 63,66,952 names, which comprise a major part of the 90.83 lakhs deleted, and marked another 60.06 lakhs as 'adjudicated' in its final voters' list published on February 28 at the end of the second phase of the SIR that covered the hearings of the voters. Before that, around 58.20 lakh names were omitted in the first phase of the SIR.

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# Fresh Tension In Manipur After Two Minors Killed In Bomb Blast

Two siblings were killed in an explosion suspected to have been triggered by Kuki militants in Bishnupur district of Manipur, and three civilians were killed and several injured after CRPF personnel opened fire to disperse a crowd reportedly that allegedly attempted to storm the security forces camp to protest against the attack. Curfew was clamped in Bishnupur, where the attack took place at about 12 noon. The Manipur government suspended mobile internet for three days across five districts. The two children — a five-year-old boy and a six-month-old baby girl — were

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# Revanth Sees Massive Win For UDF In Kerala

**KERALA**  
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday said that there is a clear wave in favour of the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) in the Kerala Assembly elections and predicted a two-thirds majority for the alliance. Revanth Reddy undertook an extensive campaign in Kerala on the final day of campaigning even as the 'letter war' between him and Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan over



the performance of the Telangana and Kerala governments continued for the second consecutive day.

Seeking to wind up the duel with what he termed his "final response", Revanth Reddy raised pointed questions on the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government's claims on poverty eradication, allegations of corruption and the use of

"outdated data" to assess Telangana's performance. Addressing a series of roadshows, Revanth Reddy said he had highlighted the failures of Vijayan's tenure and remarked that the 120-month rule of the Kerala Chief Minister had become symbolic of governance failures, adding that Vijayan's time to step down was nearing. He reiterated that the UDF would secure a two-thirds majority and promised governance on the lines of former chief minister Oommen Chandy.

Revanth Reddy criticised the lack of opportunities in Kerala, stating that educated and skilled youth were migrating abroad for employment, leaving behind a population largely comprising the elderly and children. He termed the trend unfortunate and assured that, if voted to power, the UDF would create employment opportunities within the state, replicating Telangana's model of development, infrastructure expansion, job creation and promotion of self-employment.

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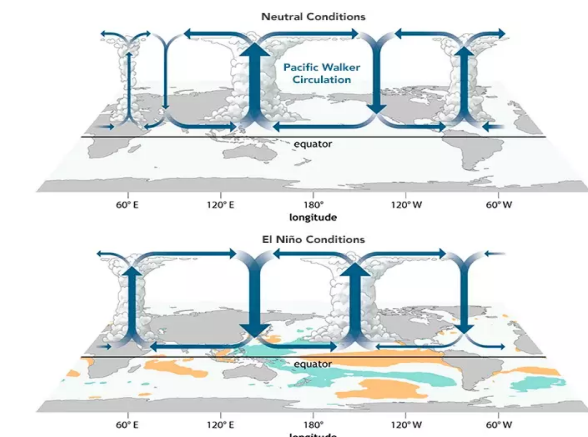
# Super El Nino Sets Pacific Churning, Indian Monsoon Under Cloud

**NEW DELHI**  
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A 'Super' El Nino is on the cards this year that could disrupt the crucial life-giving southwest monsoon over India and also result in increased heat over much of India. This is the result of the warming of sea surface waters of the Pacific Ocean. Coinciding with the latest El Nino forecasts from international weather agencies and research institutions, Skymet, a private weather

forecaster in India, on Tuesday said the country could see a below normal monsoon, or poorer rains. For now, according to Skymet, the El Nino impact is expected to be felt in the second half of the June-September monsoon season, but the jury is still out on this.

"There are strong indications that the impacts of El Nino could be felt from June onwards. The only question is how individual months will be impacted," Dr Akshay Deoras, a research scientist at the Na-



tional Centre for Atmospheric Science & Department of Meteorology, University of Reading, UK, told. "When the El

Nino occurred in 2015, June was wet but then it started getting dry. Will it be like this year, or different will become clearer in

another couple of weeks with updated weather models providing more clarity. For now, the threat is real. The chance of El Nino is almost 100 per cent," Dr Deoras said.

If there was some uncertainty during February, when scientists started talking about this year's El Nino, that has now been replaced with certainty. All the climate models predict a strong El Nino. Back in 2014 too, El Nino started forming but it failed as there was not enough 'response' in

the atmosphere. But despite that being the case, India received less than normal rain that year. "This year," Dr Deoras said, "the atmosphere is 'talking' through the Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) with the Pacific Ocean. This connection is going to become stronger by the end of this month." The MJO is a major eastward moving tropical atmospheric disturbance, that influences El Nino by triggering westerly ocean wind bursts, that can re-

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## Democracy Being Murdered in Telangana: Harish Rao

**HYDERABAD**  
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T. Harish Rao, former minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader, on Tuesday strongly criticised the Congress government after police allegedly stopped him from meeting farmers and addressing the media near Shamshabad Police Station. He accused the administration led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of eroding democratic values in Telangana.

Calling the situation alarming, Harish Rao said democracy was being "murdered" in the state. He recalled that the Congress had promised "democracy" as its seventh guarantee but is now, he



alleged, suppressing opposition voices and restricting their outreach to the public.

The BRS leader condemned the police action, stating that preventing opposition leaders from meeting farmers reflects an authoritarian approach. He pointed out that BRS legislators were earlier suspended from the Assembly for raising public issues and said the government has now esca-

lated its actions by blocking field-level interactions.

"Arresting us for trying to meet farmers is sheer authoritarianism," he said, adding that the current regime is marked by barricades, restrictions and police interference. According to him, such measures indicate a government that fears both public scrutiny and the grievances of farmers. Raising concerns over

land acquisition, Harish Rao objected to the government's move to acquire fertile multi-crop agricultural lands for industrial purposes. He demanded immediate withdrawal of the notification, asserting that the BRS would continue its protest until farmers' interests are protected.

He further accused the Congress government of failing to fulfil its promises, particularly the implementation of six guarantees within 100 days. Describing the government as "bogus," he alleged that every section of society—including farmers, women, students and the elderly—has been misled.

Harish Rao also criticised Revanth Reddy personally, stating that a gov-

ernment which suppresses dissent, demolishes houses of the poor and fails to address public concerns lacks moral legitimacy. He claimed that growing public dissatisfaction is visible across Telangana.

Alleging that the Congress has lost public trust, he said people are prepared to give a strong response in the next elections. He predicted that the party would face severe electoral setbacks. Concluding his remarks, Harish Rao expressed confidence that Telangana would return to welfare-oriented and accountable governance under the leadership of K. Chandrashekar Rao, stating that people are awaiting a shift back to people-centric rule.

## Ziaguda abattoir closure sparks worker protests

**HYDERABAD**  
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Workers and daily labourers who depend on Ziaguda Abattoir for their survival are up in arms against the municipal authorities for shutting down the facility, depriving them of their livelihood.

On Tuesday, groups of labourers protested against the GHMC and the Congress Government for shutting down the Ziaguda Kamela, located under the Karwan constituency, for the past eight days.

Expressing concern over the loss of income, the workers raised slogans against the State government and blamed Chief Minister, A Revanth Reddy for their present plight.

Supporting the cause of



the protesting workers, including a large number of vendors involved in the sale of meat directly at the slaughterhouse, TRSV leader Gellu Srinivas Yadav and other BRS leaders from the Karwan constituency visited the facility and interacted with them.

Setting Sunday as the deadline for authorities to reopen the abattoir, Gellu Srinivas Yadav maintained that BRS would continue to stand by the poor. "If the Zia-

guda Kamela is not reopened by Sunday, we will personally take charge and ensure that the poor labourers can resume their businesses within the slaughterhouse premises," he said.

The TRSV leader, on the occasion, also announced that in the coming days, a massive protest, featuring all the affected workers, would be organised at the GHMC headquarters.

## CBIT Hosts Talk on Wastewater Tech, Research Careers

**HYDERABAD**  
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The Department of Chemical Engineering at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) organized an invited talk for third-year students on April 7, 2026, focusing on scientific research, innovation, and technology transfer for real-world applications. Dr. Nivedita Sahu, Principal Scientist at CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT), delivered the keynote address on advancements in waste-



water treatment technologies.

She emphasized that effective translation of research into practical applications can drive economic growth and generate employment through collaborative

projects. She also highlighted the importance of hands-on learning, interdisciplinary exposure, and research engagement to prepare students for industry demands. Dr. M. Shyam Sunder, Technical Officer at CSIR-IICT, ex-

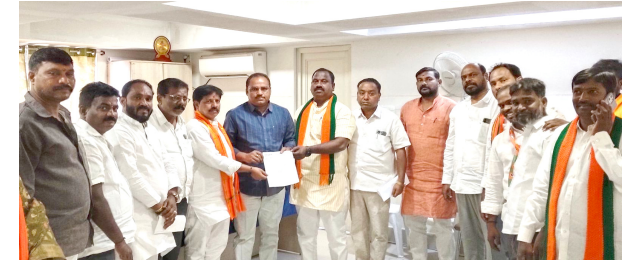
plained internship opportunities in premier research institutions.

He detailed the progression of research from laboratory scale to industrial production, helping students understand how innovations evolve into large-scale applications. The interactive session saw active student participation and discussions on research careers. Coordinated by Prof. M. Mukunda Vani and Dr. Naga Prapurna, the event successfully inspired students to pursue research-driven career paths.

## Allegations of Irregularities in SIR Process Raised in Chandrayangutta

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Wakeup telangana

In a significant development, concerns have been raised over the alleged lack of transparency in the SIR (Special Intensive Revision) process within the Chandrayangutta constituency. Local leaders have accused certain BLO (Booth Level Officer) officials of failing to conduct the process in a fair and accountable manner. According to reports, some BLO officers allegedly shared their official login credentials, including IDs and passwords related to the



SIR process, with activists of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM). It is further claimed that these activists have been informally managing the SIR-related activities, raising serious questions about procedural integrity. When questioned, certain BLO officers reportedly admitted over phone conver-

sations that they had provided their credentials to AIMIM workers approximately four days prior. This revelation prompted immediate action from local leadership. Under the leadership of Bhagyanaagar District President Niranjan Yadav, a delegation met the concerned VRO (Village Revenue Officer) of Chandrayangutta and

submitted a formal memorandum. The delegation demanded strict legal action against those BLO officers who allegedly neglected their official duties and allowed unauthorized individuals to handle sensitive electoral processes. Leaders present during the memorandum submission included Edla Pandarinath and Puppala Srinath (General Secretaries), along with M. Shekhar, Kamati Mahesh, Srikanth Reddy, Rajesh, Venu Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Satish, Mahender Reddy, Sudhakar, Madhusudan, and several others.

## Banswada hospital wins state recognition for excellence in maternal care

**NIZAMABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

In recognition of outstanding performance on the occasion of World Health Day, the State Government honored Banswada Government Hospital for its exceptional contribution to public healthcare.

The hospital was selected as the Best Performing Hospital for recording the highest number of institutional deliveries, showcasing its strong commitment to maternal and child



healthcare services. At a special state-level event held on Tuesday, the award was presented by Honorable Minister for Medical and Health, Sri Damodar Raj Narasimha.

The honor was received by District Coordinator of Health Services (DCHS) Dr. Vijay Bhaskar Reddy along with the Hospital Superintendent.

This achievement stands as a testament to the dedication and continuous efforts of the medical staff in ensuring safe deliveries and quality healthcare services. It also reflects the growing strength of government hospitals in delivering reliable and accessible medical care to the public.

## NHRC Forwards Complaint on Delhi University Students, Seeks Action



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.

## Collector Cracks Down on Irregularities at SSC Exam Centre

**NIZAMABAD**  
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Nizamabad Collector Ms. Ila Tripathi carried out a surprise inspection at the SSC examination centre at Sacred Heart Academy School, Borgam (P), Mophal Mandal, on Tuesday. She reviewed the overall conduct of exams, checked student and staff attendance, and verified whether question papers were opened as per protocol. Details regarding the secure transportation of question papers from the strong room, including police escort arrange-



ments, were also examined. The Collector inspected essential facilities like drinking water and first aid to ensure student welfare. She directed Chief Superintendent Mr. Ramesh to conduct examinations smoothly without any lapses. Taking a strict stance, she ordered zero tolerance towards malpractice and instructed officials to prevent copy-

ing at all levels. She also made it clear that mobile phones are strictly prohibited inside the examination centre and warned of severe action against any violations. The visit underscores the district administration's firm commitment to fair, transparent, and disciplined conduct of SSC examinations.

## 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,

## Dedication to Party Ideology Key to Nation Building

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Urban MLA Mr. Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta called upon party workers to rise above individual interests and work with complete dedication to the party's ideology. He was speaking at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Urban Training Programme held at Vijayalakshmi Garden in Nizamabad. The MLA described party membership as a privilege and urged cadres to uphold its values with discipline and commitment. He emphasized that strong ideological grounding and continuous effort from workers are essential for strengthening the organization. Highlighting national initiatives, he stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" is



transforming India into a self-reliant nation by promoting local industries, boosting manufacturing, and creating employment opportunities. He said programs like "Vocal for Local" and "Make in India" are accelerating economic growth and reducing dependency on imports. He also pointed to the rapid expansion of premier institutions, noting the increase in IITs and AIIMS as examples of progress in education and healthcare sectors. According to him, these developments reflect a focused approach towards nation building.

District President Dinesh Kulachari stressed the importance of regular training sessions, stating that they equip party workers with updated knowledge and skills to meet evolving challenges. He encouraged active participation in such programs. The event began with the hoisting of the party flag and was attended by senior leaders, including National Turmeric Board Chairman Palle Gangareddy, State Secretary Ms. Sravanthi Reddy, State Leader Medapati Prakash Naidu, District General Secretary Mr. Pothankar Lakshminaray.

## BC Women Seek 50% Sub-Quota in Reservation Bill

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Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud has demanded that 50% of the proposed 33% women's reservation be earmarked for Backward Class (BC) women, warning that without a sub-quota, the benefits would largely go to upper caste women. Speaking at a round table meeting organized by the BC Joint Action Committee (JAC) at a hotel in Kacheguda, he stressed that around 16.5% of total seats



should be reserved specifically for BC women to ensure equitable representation. The meeting was attended by several leaders, including former MP V. Hanumanth Rao and BC JAC representatives. Leaders pointed out

that BCs constitute nearly 50-52% of Telangana's population, yet BC women remain severely underrepresented in legislative bodies.

They asserted that implementing the Women's Reservation Bill without a

BC sub-quota would deepen existing inequalities. The participants also demanded the establishment of a dedicated ministry for BC welfare at the Centre, along with adequate budget allocations. Additionally, they called for inclusion of BC families in caste-based census enumeration, similar to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).

The meeting concluded with a strong warning that continued neglect of BC representation could lead to intensified protests.

## Bomb threat email triggers panic at AIR station in Hyderabad



Panic prevailed for some time at the All India Radio (AIR) station in Hyderabad after a bomb threat email was received on Tuesday. As per information available, the sender had informed them in the mail of planting a total of 13 chemical bombs in the premises and would soon blow them off. On receiving information from the AIR authorities, the police, along with bomb disposal squads and Dog Squad, reached the spot and took up intensive searches. The staff was advised to remain cautious as security teams carried out thorough inspections. However, the staff breathed a sigh of relief only after confirmation that no explosives were found. The police are investigating. Efforts are on to identify and nab the sender of the hoax mail.

## War of words escalates between Revanth Reddy and Vijayan as Keralam campaign ends

**HYDERABAD**  
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A sharp exchange between Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his Keralam counterpart Pinarayi Vijayan escalated on Tuesday, with both leaders trading letters and remarks as campaigning in Keralam drew to a close. The war of words, which began over governance claims and performance comparisons, turned personal as the day progressed. Vijayan objected strongly to what he described as insulting language. "Political differences are natural, but expressing strong disagreement through personally insulting remarks is an attitude I reject," Vijayan said in a letter to Reddy. He maintained that the Left Democratic Front government remained accountable to the public at all times and



that its progress reports were transparent. He also dismissed Revanth Reddy's claims as lacking factual basis. Later in the evening, Revanth Reddy issued what he described as his final response through a post on X. He said he had maintained restraint in criticising the Keralam government but accused Vijayan of lowering the tone of the exchange. "I chose to remain respectful in my criticism. You have used language that does not reflect that standard. I will not respond in the

same manner," Revanth Reddy said, adding that Vijayan would be treated with full respect during any visit to Telangana. Responding to references made by Vijayan to the NITI Aayog SDG Index 2023-24, Reddy argued that the data reflected the final phase of the previous government's tenure, which ended in December 2023. He urged Vijayan to assess the Congress government's performance over its 28-month period instead. Highlighting Telangana's economic indicators, the Chief Minister

said the State's GSDP for 2024-25 stood at Rs 16.12 lakh crore, with a growth rate of 10 per cent. He also cited RBI data to claim that per capita income had reached Rs 3.87 lakh, surpassing several southern States, including Keralam. He further challenged Vijayan to present achievements specific to his tenure. Raising questions on governance in Keralam, Revanth Reddy referred to the gold smuggling case and alleged irregularities linked to the Sabarimala temple, asking why those issues remained unresolved. The latest exchange followed remarks attributed to Vijayan earlier in the day at a press conference in Kannur, where he reportedly responded sharply saying, "Dash mone Revantha, the reply for you is coming soon."

## 16 corporations in Telangana fail to spend even a rupee

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A few corporations and federations under the Congress government's rule have secured a dubious distinction of failing to spend even a single rupee, besides lacking functional offices and staff. After the Congress government came to power in the State, budget estimates for 33 corporations and federations were pegged at Rs 14,521.98 crore. Of these, Rs 3,198.07 crore was released in the last two-and-a-half years and only Rs 305.60 crore were utilised, the State government admitted during the Budget session in the Assembly. Strikingly, of the 33 corporations and federations notified, 16 have failed to utilise even a single rupee from the amount released to them so far. The Valmiki/Boya Cooperative Societies Federation Lim-



ited, which received Rs 25 crore, did not spend any of the amount. Similar is the case with Bhatraja Cooperative Societies Federation, Krishna Balija Poosala Cooperative Societies Federation, Medara Cooperative Societies Federation, Vishwabrahmin Cooperative Societies Corporation, Mudiraj Cooperative Societies Corporation, Munnuru Kapu Cooperative Societies Corporation, which utilised zero rupees from the Rs 25 crore released to each. Even the BC Corporation, which had a budget allocation of Rs 1,370 crore, was released Rs 295.09 crore in the last

two-and-a-half years. But it utilised only Rs 6.02 crore. Similarly, the MBC Corporation used only Rs 0.99 crore out of the Rs 101.70 crore released. This apart, the State government has notified 33 welfare corporations, federations and special welfare board. Of these, only 16 corporations and federations have functional offices and staff. The government has appointed nine chairpersons out of the 22 corporations, reflecting the state of affairs. Poor Fund Utilisation

- Rs 14,521.98 crore earmarked in Budget for 33 corporations and federations under Congress govt
- Of this, govt released Rs 3,198.07 crore over two-and-a-half years
- Total expenditure stood at only Rs 305.60 crore
- Several federations, including Valmiki/Boya, Bhatraja, Medara received Rs 25 crore each

## Kavitha Alleges Centre Weakening MGNREGA, Hits BJP MPs' Silence

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K. Kavitha, President of Telangana Jagruti, on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the BJP-led Central Government, accusing it of deliberately weakening the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and threatening rural livelihoods across the country. Addressing recent policy changes, Kavitha alleged that the Centre is attempting to dilute the scheme's legal foundation by reclassifying it from a statutory "Act" to a "program." She warned that such a move would strip the scheme of its enforceable legal protections, making it easier for the government to scale it down or even scrap it in the future without judicial accountability. "The removal of legal backing is a calculated step to deny rural citizens their right to demand work," she said, terming the move "anti-poor" and a direct assault on one of



India's most crucial social security measures. Citing Telangana as an example, Kavitha pointed to a steep decline in employment generation under MGNREGA. She noted that workdays in the state dropped from nearly 14 crore in 2021-22 to around 7 crore in the previous year, effectively halving opportunities for rural workers. According to her, this reduction reflects the Centre's shrinking commitment to the scheme and has severely impacted millions dependent on it for survival. Kavitha also raised concerns about the precarious conditions of Field Assistants, who play a key role in implementing

the scheme at the grassroots level. She demanded immediate job security, legal recognition, application of labour laws, and guaranteed minimum wages for these workers. Turning to the political front, Kavitha questioned the silence of Telangana's eight BJP Members of Parliament. She urged them to take a stand and pressure the Centre to restore adequate funding and protect rural employment rights. "BJP MPs must stop being silent spectators and fight for the livelihoods of rural families," she asserted, calling for accountability and urgent intervention to safeguard the interests of the poor.

## Tripura Secures ₹2500 Cr Investments at Hyderabad Roadshow

**HYDERABAD**  
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The Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Tripura, hosted the Destination Tripura - Business Meet 2026 Investors' Roadshow in Hyderabad at Vivanta by Taj, Begumpet, as a precursor to the upcoming Destination Tripura: Business Conclave 2026. The roadshow attracted investors, industry leaders, and institutional stakeholders, resulting in 50 Letters of Intent (LoIs) and MoUs worth over ₹2,500 crore across diverse sectors,



marking a significant boost to Tripura's investment outreach. Senior officials highlighted Tripura's growing industrial potential, improved connectivity, and investor-friendly ecosystem. Shri Kiran Gitte, IAS, Secretary, Industries & Commerce, emphasized the government's commitment to strengthening Ease of Doing Business through policy reforms, simplified procedures, and time-bound approvals. He encouraged businesses to explore long-term partnerships, citing the state's un-

tapped opportunities and skilled workforce. Dr. Deepak Kumar, IAS, Director, Industries & Commerce, presented sector-specific opportunities spanning IT and digital services, healthcare, tourism, agri and food processing, rubber, bamboo, renewable energy, real estate, and manufacturing. He also outlined incentives, land availability, and end-to-end facilitation support for investors. The programme featured detailed presentations and audio-visual showcases of Tripura's infrastructure growth and industrial

strengths. It concluded with one-on-one business-to-government (B2G) meetings, enabling direct engagement between investors and senior government officials. The Hyderabad roadshow strengthened Tripura's engagement with southern India's business ecosystem and reinforced its positioning as an emerging hub for sustainable and inclusive industrial growth. The initiative sets the stage for the Destination Tripura: Business Conclave 2026, scheduled to be held in Agartala on May 14-15, 2026.

## World Health Day rally promotes preventive healthcare

**NIZAMABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Marking World Health Day, the District Medical and Health Department organized an awareness rally at the Dubba Urban Primary Health Centre in Nizamabad. The rally was flagged off by Dr. Kavitha Reddy, State Chairman of the Indian Institute of Health and Family Welfare Governing Council, along with DMHO Dr. B. Rajashree. Participants marched through nearby areas raising slogans on health, hygiene, and disease



prevention. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kavitha Reddy highlighted government efforts to strengthen public healthcare and stressed the importance of awareness among pregnant women on nutrition and anemia prevention.

An awareness session was later held at the DMHO office, where Dr. Rajashree emphasized immunization, maternal and child care, cleanliness, and healthy lifestyles to prevent diseases like diabetes, hypertension, heart ailments, and cancer. Tuberculosis screening through chest X-rays was also conducted as part of the TB Free India campaign. The program was attended by senior health officials and staff, making it a meaningful initiative to promote public health awareness.

## Kalyana Lakshmi Cheques Distributed in Chandrugonda



**CHANDRUGONDA**  
Wakeup telangana

In a key welfare initiative, MLA Jare Adinarayana distributed Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak, and Chief Minister's Relief Fund cheques to beneficiaries at the Rythu Veditka in Chandrugonda mandal on Tuesday. Beneficiaries expressed gratitude to the Telangana Congress government for sanctioning substantial funds in a short period. They extended spe-

cial thanks to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. The event was attended by MPDO Ashok, revenue staff, housing officials, SI Shivarama Krishna, local public representatives, Congress leaders, party workers, and beneficiaries, highlighting strong participation and support for the welfare programs.

## Ambedkar Jayanti Dry Day Demand in Telangana

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The National Ambedkar Sena has urged the Telangana government to declare April 14, observed as Ambedkar Jayanti, a statewide "Dry Day" by shutting down all liquor outlets in honor of B. R. Ambedkar. The appeal was made during a media interaction at Sangam Karya Layam in Gun Foundry, where State General Secretary G. Kamal Kumar said the move would uphold the dignity and solemnity of



the occasion. He stressed that restricting alcohol sales on the birth anniversary of the Bharat Ratna awardee would ensure peaceful and respectful observance across the state. Kamal Kumar confirmed that a formal peti-

tion will soon be submitted to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, seeking immediate action. The request is backed by members of the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Babu Jagjivan Ram Jayanthiyusava Committee, who have ex-

tended their support to the demand. "We are confident the government will respect public sentiment and voluntarily issue orders for closure of liquor shops on this historic day," he said. The campaign is being led by National President Manney Sridhar Rao, State President Taluka Rajesh, and other senior members including Praveen, Kadaram Vinay, Punya Banu Prakash, Pramodh, and Naresh. The organization has vowed to intensify efforts until an official directive is issued.

## Nizam VII's Backs Iran, Calls for Peace Amid Crisis

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Raunaq Yar Khan, extended support to Iran during ongoing turmoil, urging peace, stability, and humanitarian cooperation. During a visit to the Iranian Embassy in Hyderabad on April 7, he expressed concern over the crisis and condemned violence, including reports of 165 students killed in a school blast. Leading a delegation that included social representatives and educationists, the Nizam made a mone-



tary contribution as a gesture of solidarity with the Iranian people. The team met the embassy's representative in charge in the absence of the Consul General and emphasized the importance of protect-

ing civilians and restoring normalcy. The embassy official acknowledged the complexities of the situation, highlighting concerns over misinformation and external interference, and

stressed the need for dialogue and truth-based engagement to achieve stability. Recalling earlier diplomatic interactions, the Nizam referred to his meeting with Iranian Consul General H.E. Hamed Ahmadiyeh during Iran's 47th anniversary celebrations in Hyderabad, underscoring cordial bilateral relations. He noted that India-Iran ties span centuries, rooted in shared culture, language, and heritage, and reiterated that peace and cooperation remain essential for the region's future.

# Iranians brace for possible devastation as Trump's deadline looms

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

United States President Donald Trump says daily life could be different for more than 90 million Iranians on Wednesday, after his deadline for Tehran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz expires. Trump says that Iran's electricity, bridges, and other critical infrastructure will be bombed if it does not open the vital waterway, despite the deliberate targeting of civilian infrastructure being a violation of international law.

In the last hours before the 8pm US Eastern Time (23:00 GMT) deadline approaches, Iranians are left to worry about the consequences of attacks that Trump has threatened would be the death of "a whole civilisation". "We all know he's crazy enough to do it. He doesn't care as long as he believes it serves his interest," a resident of Tehran said about Trump. The US president has been making apocalyptic threats as



the war on Iran, which began with joint US and Israeli strikes at the end of February, expands. "I've been smoking more and haven't been sleeping well over the past few nights," he told Al Jazeera, asking to remain anonymous due to security concerns. He also said he has been preparing for potential blackouts over the coming days through what limited action can be taken. That includes charging phones, laptops and

power banks, using household appliances like washing machines, and buying essentials like bread and flour in preparation for a few potentially difficult days. Water pumps would also stop if power goes out, so some Iranians have been filling up water drums and buying bottled water, which has increased considerably in price since the start of the war as the country battles chronic inflation that predated the conflict. Long-lasting

power cuts will also lead to suffering for the sick and disabled, including people who need refrigeration for essential medicines, or those who need electricity to charge vital medical equipment. Over the past weeks, prices have also shot up for all electrical devices, particularly electricity generators, ranging from smaller and more silent ones that can power a few gadgets and appliances to larger and noisier fuel-hungry alternatives that

may be able to sustain a small home for short periods of time. A resident of a city in the northern province of Gilan told Al Jazeera that he bought an electricity generator with a 25-litre (6.6-gallon) capacity to power up a water pump and a few other essentials for a hotel-apartment run by his family. "It works to alleviate some concern, but I had to spend virtually everything we earned over the Nowruz holidays on it," he said, adding that the devices have become hard to find as goods can no longer be imported due to the war. Milad Alavi, a journalist based in Karaj, said the past few days have already been difficult. The city, which lies close to Tehran, was the location of a major US-Israeli strike on the B1 bridge on April 2, which killed at least 13 people and wounded more than 90 others.

# Rajnath Warns Pak Def Minister For His Hit-Threat To Kolkata

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Giving a strong warning to his Pakistani counterpart Khawaja Asif for his recent threat to hit Kolkata during any fresh conflict across the border, defence minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday asserted that only the almighty have the knowledge about how pieces the neighbouring country would break into if it dares to set its eyes on West Bengal. Mr Singh, who campaigned for BJP candidates at Barrackpore in North 24 Parganas of West Bengal for the Assembly Election here, also observed that the Pak defence minister should not have made such provocative comments and reminded him



of his country's fate in the Liberation War of 1971. Mr Singh told the media during a roadshow, "Pak defence minister should not forget that his country was broken into two pieces 55 years ago for trying to set its eyes on Bengal in 1971. One part became Bangladesh while another remained Pakistan. If this time, they try to repeat the same thing, the future will be." Responding to the allegation by Trinamul Congress supremo and chief minister Mamata Banerjee and her MP nephew Abhishek

Banerjee about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence to the threat, Mr Singh said, "I'm commenting on it as defence minister. What else is required? It's not mandatory for everyone to talk about it. Pak defence should not have made such statements because they already suffered the consequences. Only god knows how many pieces will Pakistan break into if they eye Bengal this time." Earlier, Mr Singh, while addressing a party rally, labelled TMC as 'Total Misrule and Corruption'. He alleged that the TMC rule has pushed Bengal backwards while other states moved to progress. Referring to the recent Malda incident, Mr Singh pointed out.

# Over 10,000 Indian Flights to West Asia Cancelled Amid War

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The government on Tuesday said that over 10,000 flights by Indian carriers to West Asia have been cancelled since the war broke out in the region. The move of the government comes at a time when widespread closures of key transit corridors have forced airlines to suspend or reroute services, particularly on long-haul routes to Europe and North America, according to a senior civil aviation ministry.

"On average, Indian carriers used to fly about 300 to 350 flights daily to the Middle East (both ways put together). Today that number has come down to 80-90. That takes the total (flights cancelled by Indian carriers) since the beginning of the situation, that is from February 28, to over 10,000," Asangba Chuba Ao, joint secretary in the ministry of civil aviation, said at a news briefing on West Asia developments. The conflict, which started with the US and Israel attacking Iran and Tehran's sweeping retali-

tion, has led to airspace closure or severe restrictions in several countries across West Asia, including Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, and the UAE. "This has led to "unprecedented disruption in global aviation networks and international connectivity," he said, adding that flights, especially to Europe and North America by Indian carriers, have to take longer routes, which has increased travel time and associated cost. Meanwhile, airline regulator directorate general of civil

aviation (DGCA) has temporarily relaxed pilot flight duty time limitation (FDTL) for long-haul flights, a senior official said on Tuesday. "The DGCA move is aimed at ensuring pilot availability for smooth operations," Chuba said. Under this relaxation, permissible flight time and duty periods have been extended (for example, flight time increased to around 11.5 hours), enabling airlines to manage longer routes caused by airspace restrictions and geopolitical tensions.

# Pope Says Trump's Threat To Destroy Iranian Civilization Is 'Truly Unacceptable'

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Pope Leo XIV said Tuesday that U.S. President Donald Trump's threat to destroy Iranian civilization was "truly unacceptable" and said any attacks on civilian infrastructure violate international law. In some of his strongest comments yet against the war, the American pope urged Americans and other people of good will to contact their political leaders and congressional representatives to demand they reject war and work for peace. "Today as we



all know there was this threat against all the people of Iran. This is truly unacceptable," Leo said as he left his country house in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome. He was referring to Trump's threat that a "whole civilization will die tonight" if Iran fails to meet his latest deadline to strike a deal that includes reopening the Strait of Hormuz. Leo recalled his Easter

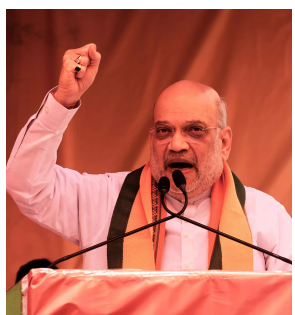
appeal for peace and to reject war, "especially a war which many people have said is an unjust war, which is continuing to escalate, and which is not resolving anything." He invited all people of good will to contact their political leaders and congressional representatives to remind them that attacks on civilian infrastructure are "against international law" and also are a "sign of the hatred, the division, the destruction human beings are capable of, and we all want to work for peace." In recent weeks, his-

tory's first U.S.-born pope has escalated the tone of his opposition to the U.S.-Israeli war in Iran after initially issuing muted appeals for peace and dialogue. Last week for the first time, Leo publicly named Trump in saying he hoped the U.S. president was truly "looking for an off-ramp." The Vatican has a tradition of diplomatic neutrality and it is rare for a pope to name a political leader or country specifically in a critical way. But the war in Iran has nudged even a reserved pope to break with typical protocol.

# "Rahul Baba, We Will Not Let Assam Be Infiltrator-Dominated": Amit Shah

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Union home minister Amit Shah on Tuesday launched a frontal attack on the Congress, positioning the upcoming Assam Assembly elections 2026 as a decisive battle over identity, security, and governance. Addressing a large gathering at Patharkandi in Barrak Valley, Mr Shah asserted that they are committed to protect Assam's demographic and cultural character at all costs under BJP leadership.



already identified the infiltrators. Now, the time has come to weed them out, one by one," he said, adding that infiltration would be completely stopped if BJP-led governments are in power across Assam, West Bengal, and Tripura. Mr Shah stressed that a coordinated political alignment across Assam and neighbouring states would be key to tackling cross-border infiltration. He argued that if BJP-led governments are in power in Assam, West Bengal, and Tripura simultaneously, stricter enforcement mechanisms would ensure that infiltration is brought to a halt. Highlighting the proposal to rename Karimganj as Shribhumi, Mr Shah said that such initiatives reflect the party's commitment to preserving regional heritage, while alleging that Congress lacks sensitivity toward local traditions. Mr Shah also questioned Rahul Gandhi's connection to Indian cultural ethos, accusing that Con-

gress leadership is disconnected from the sentiments of the people in the region. He asserted that the BJP is committed to "protecting 'Jaati' (community)", Maati (land) and 'Bheti' (foundation) in Assam". Pointing out that the BJP changed the name of Karimganj to Shribhumi, but "how will those with roots in Italy know what the significance of the name change is?" He reminded, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared both Assamese and Bengali as classical languages." Turning to policy matters, Mr Shah also defended the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), arguing that it is aimed at providing refuge to persecuted minorities, while accusing Congress of opposing the legislation for political convenience. He further alleged that Congress governments weakened Assam's safeguards by repealing earlier legal provisions and introducing laws that made it harder to detect and deport illegal migrants. He was referring to Illegal Migration Determination by Tribunal Act which was scrapped by the Supreme Court. "A 'parivartan' (change) is inevitable in West Bengal. Once the BJP comes to power in the state, all infiltrators from Assam, Tripura and Bengal.

# Super El Nino.....

"This year," Dr Deoras said, "the atmosphere is 'talking' through the Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) with the Pacific Ocean. This connection is going to become stronger by the end of this month." The MJO is a major eastward moving tropical atmospheric disturbance, that influences El Nino by triggering westerly ocean wind bursts, that can result in strengthening warm water conditions in the Pacific. One of the strongest El Nino's was in 1997, when the surface temperature in the Pacific Ocean rose by more than 2°C Celsius. Earlier, the Oceanic Nino Index (ONI) system was in place that was used to measure sea surface temperatures (SSTs), but this system has been replaced by the new Relative Oceanic Nino Index (RONI) index. As per the new index, in 2015, after El Nino overcame its 2014 'failure', the SST over the Pacific was peaking at 2.4°C. "Until last year, the temperature measurement system was different and now RONI is the standard," he said. "Any SST over 2°C will result in a strong El Nino. This is the right time for Indian states to start planning for any eventuality, especially for agriculture sector. June and July are the sowing months, and we have the 2015 example when the monsoon started off well in June and then petered off. Will it be like that this year too? We will know with more certainty by the end of this month," Dr Deoras said. This year, El Nino is expected to

peak just after June, making it into a 'super event', a rare occurrence. Under El Nino, the Pacific Ocean warms up. This disrupts normal oceanic wind patterns, pushing rain clouds during the monsoon period away from India. It takes the rain rains to places where this period would otherwise be typically drier. Models from European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration USA, Bureau of Meteorology Australia point to a strong El Nino this year. In Spanish, the term means Little Boy, a name given by South American fishermen in the 1600s who noticed periods of unusually warm water in the Pacific Ocean. Though the full name they gave was El Nino de Navidad, because El Nino typically peaks around December, when Navidad (Christmas) is celebrated.

**Fresh Tension.....**  
Curfew was clamped in Bishnupur, where the attack took place at about 12 noon. The Manipur government suspended mobile internet for three days across five districts. The two children — a five-year-old boy and a six-month-old baby girl — were killed and their mother was injured in what was a likely rocket attack in Tronglaobi village. The attack, allegedly carried out by suspected Kuki armed miscreants, triggered widespread outrage and renewed tensions in the region. In protest against the killings, a large mob gathered and stormed a CRPF

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camp in Bishnupur. The situation quickly escalated, prompting CRPF personnel to open fire in an attempt to disperse the crowd. Eyewitnesses said that the crowd, angered by the incident, accused security forces of sheltering armed groups and attempted to storm the camp. In Moirang, large groups assembled at the police station, while roads were blocked and tyres set on fire in protest. Demonstrations were also reported from Pangei and Mantripukhri in Imphal East, as well as from Lilong and along Tiddim Road, including Hodam Leirak. Protesters demanded justice for the victims, as normal life was disrupted in several areas. The internet shutdown applies to Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Kakching and Bishnupur districts, according to a Home Department order issued on April 7. Authorities said that the move was necessary to curb the spread of "disinformation and false rumours" and prevent activities that could disturb public order.

**91 Lakh Names.....**  
The EC is now left with only 22,163 'adjudicated' voters whose names have been sorted out but are yet to get the 'e-sign' of the judicial officers. Once the fate of these names is declared, the total number of voters, which stands at around 6.77 crores now, is expected to change. Among the districts, North 24 Parganas has witnessed the highest number of exclusions at 12,60,096, which includes 3,25,666 which were earlier 'adjudicated'. It is followed by South 24 Parganas

(10,91,098 including 2,22,929 'adjudicated'), Murshidabad (7,48,959 including 4,55,137 'adjudicated'), Howrah (5,95,916 including 1,32,152 'adjudicated'), Nadia (4,87,565 including 2,08,626 'adjudicated'), Hooghly (4,68,939 including 1,20,813 'adjudicated') and Malda (4,59,530 including 2,39,375 'adjudicated'). Murshidabad topped the tally of districts with the highest number of deletions of 'adjudicated' voters. While all these districts have a vast Muslim population, some of them, like North 24 Parganas and Nadia, are strongholds of the Matuas, a community of Hindu migrants from Bangladesh. Trinamul Congress supremo and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and her MP nephew Abhishek Banerjee tore into the BJP and the EC over the record number of deletions. Mamata Banerjee, who addressed poll campaign rallies in North 24 Parganas and Nadia, alleged, "Around 90 lakh voters have not found their place in the electoral roll. Among them, 58 lakhs were deleted in the first phase. That chapter is yet to open. I will not allow them to set up detention camps." Reaching out to the Matuas, she also claimed, "Countless legitimate voters have been deleted from Bagda, Bongaon and Gaighata. I visited Bongaon after the deletion of voters' names. Even 300 people associated with Missionaries of Charity found themselves out of the voters' list. Names of monks of Bharat Sevashram Sangha and Belur Math too have been deleted.

CRIME

Shadow Politics in Ramgopalpet: Self-Styled BJP 'Leaders' Accused of Extortion and Administrative

HYDERABAD  
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Tension is brewing in the Ramgopalpet Division as allegations of "shadow leadership" and administrative interference surface against local BJP members. Reports indicate that certain individuals, claiming authority in the absence of an elected representative, are allegedly harassing local property owners and exerting undue pressure on GHMC officials. The "Office Summons" Culture The controversy centers around a prominent local figure who recently joined the BJP under the banner of "serving a purpose, not a goal"—a statement originally made during an address to the Arya Vysya Abhyudaya Sangam at Paradise. However, local stakeholders suggest the reality on the ground is far from

public service. A owner of a new construction project in Ramgopalpet expressed significant distress after receiving relentless calls from this "shadow leader," demanding an immediate meeting at his private office. "Owners are getting fed up," one source stated. "People thought the era of political headaches was over, but these individuals are acting with overconfidence, claiming they are the de facto leaders until a new one is officially elected." Administrative Interference: GHMC Under Pressure The reach of these self-styled leaders reportedly extends into the local government machinery. Lower-level GHMC officers have allegedly expressed concerns regarding constant instructions being issued by these political workers. Under the guise of "wel-

fare programs," these individuals are reportedly directing municipal staff to act on their whims, creating an atmosphere of fear among developers and residents in the Ramgopalpet Division. Social Activists Vow to Intervene The situation has caught the attention of prominent social activists and senior political veterans in the city. A senior leader, speaking on the condition of anonymity, sent a stern warning to those targeting developers: "We will not sit idly by while developers are targeted. Do not be afraid; we will see to it that these actions are reported to the highest authorities." A Call to the High Command As the atmosphere in Ramgopalpet turns "tough" for local businesses and builders, there is a growing demand for the BJP High Command

to intervene. Local observers suggest that the party leadership must investigate the "local cattle" (low-level cadres) to understand how these self-proclaimed leaders are operating and whether their actions are tarnishing the party's image ahead of future administrative shifts. Highlights of the Ramgopalpet Crisis: Targeting Developers: New construction owners report harassment and "summons" to private offices. Shadow Governance: Individuals acting as leaders before official appointments or elections. Officer Coercion: Low-level GHMC staff allegedly forced to obey unofficial political instructions. Social Activism: Local leaders and activists preparing a formal complaint to the party high command.

EDITORIAL

DIVERSITY WORKS JUST FINE IN ALL 4 POLL-GOING STATES

HYDERABAD  
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This is election season. Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Assam and one Union territory (Puducherry) are in poll mode. Four political parties/coalitions are competing to retain power. That is proof that one nation and multiple ruling parties work in a democracy that is large, diverse and evolving. Contrary to the idea that "one nation-one party" is the ideal model to speed India into "Viksit Bharat" by 2047 under the stewardship of Narendra Modi and his BJP, these states' development story signals that diversity is even better. In Tamil Nadu, the DMK led by M.K. Stalin is contesting a mixed and confused bag of competitors to retain power; in Kerala, run by the CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Alliance under two-term CM Pinarayi Vijayan, it's up against the Congress-led United Democratic Front in the edgiest contest in this season. In West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee and her Trinamul Congress are battling to retain power for the fourth time against the BJP. In Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma hopes to retain power for the BJP for the second term. In two states, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, the BJP is not the principal challenger; the Congress is the lead party of the alliance against the reigning LDF and is part of the DMK alliance. In Assam, the Congress in coalition with regional parties is the principal challenger to the ruling BJP. In West Bengal, the Con-



gress and CPI(M) are struggling to reinvent themselves, while the BJP hopes to move up from the official opposition to ruling party. That is, the BJP is three of the four states, is a challenger and not the dominant party. States run by parties opposed to the BJP have done well, challenging the "double-engine sarkar" vision as the speediest route to development. DMK-run Tamil Nadu is ranked number three among India's richest states; its per capita income in 2024-2025 in nominal terms was Rs 3.62 lakhs, that is 1.77 times higher than the national average. Its growth rate is faster than the national rate. Kerala, now ranked seventh among the richest states, declared itself free of extreme poverty, the first state to do so. Per capita income in 2024-25, as per RBI data, was Rs 3.08 lakhs, and its growth rate is eye-popping near 10 per cent, substantially higher than the national rate. The growth and wealth created in these two states, that means poverty is in decline, along with a population also in decline as its standards of living have improved, confirming the truth that economic theorists uncovered about the link between education, income and population,

contradicts the idea that a "double-engine sarkar" model is the only alternative. Accused of corruption and bad governance, with ED show-cause notices on chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan, former finance minister Thomas Isaac and others, political leaders across Kerala have complained of ED action during the 2020 local body elections, the 2021 Assembly polls and the 2024 Lok Sabha elections: "It is a political game." Raids by ED in Tamil Nadu against the State Marketing Corporation TASMAR provoked retired Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai to remark: "How can a corporation commit an offence? The ED is crossing all limits." The 2026 Assembly elections are a contest between perceptions and realities. Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have all complained about the timing and intentions of ED and other agencies in carrying out raids, arrests, interrogations and investigations. On the one hand, there is a narrative that states ruled by regional, often dynastic parties, are corrupt, where money meant for the people are siphoned into bank accounts of political leaders, affecting development and wealth creation and income redistribution; and on

the other, there are facts pointing to the growth and wealth in the economies of these states. The near obsessive attention that West Bengal and its politics gets has also framed how it has fared in development terms under the 15-year Mamata Banerjee government and the 34 uninterrupted years under the Left Front, led by Jyoti Basu for the first 23 years and then Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee for 11 more years. The narrative, outlined by the Congress and elaborated by the BJP, is West Bengal's decline is due to bad policies under bad leadership. Its decline since the 1960s as one of three top industrialised and rich states has added substance to the story. It is usually help up as an example of what can go wrong in a state that was once rich, but is now poor; which is a fact. The packaging, however, covers up the details of why, West Bengal, despite being in decline, is still ranked sixth, in terms of contribution to the Gross National Product, which is not great compared to its glorious past, but not bad, given the steady decline in investments and industrialisation that it has experienced. Its per capita income is lower than the national average. Oddly, West Bengal's growth in terms of GST is above the national average and ranks eighth in GST collections. Assam, the only state representing the magical transformation that is to be expected of a "double-engine sarkar", is not among the top ten in GST collections.

Fun with air pump ends friend's life

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

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  
Wakeup telangana

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken cognizance of a complaint concerning students of the University of Delhi,\* and has forwarded the matter to the concerned authorities for appropriate action. The complaint was filed by Mr. Sabavath Kalyan, Law Student, University of Delhi and was placed before the Commission on April 7, 2026. Upon examination, the NHRC directed that the issue be \*transmitted

to the competent authority for necessary action. The Commission has instructed the concerned authority to take appropriate steps within eight weeks, while also ensuring that the complainant/victim is associated with the process and informed about the action taken. A copy of the complaint has been officially forwarded for further proceedings as per the directions of the Commission. The case has been registered as Case No.823/30/0/2026, and the NHRC's intervention underscores the impor-

NHRC Forwards Complaint on Delhi University Students, Seeks Action Within 8 Weeks

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The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken cognizance of a complaint concerning students of the University of Delhi,\* and has forwarded the matter to the concerned authorities for appropriate action. The complaint was filed by Mr. Sabavath Kalyan, Law Student, University of Delhi and was placed before the Commission on April 7, 2026. Upon examination,



the NHRC directed that the issue be \*transmitted to the competent authority for necessary action. The Commission has instructed the concerned authority to take appropriate steps within eight weeks, while also ensuring that the complainant/victim is

associated with the process and informed about the action taken. A copy of the complaint has been officially forwarded for further proceedings as per the directions of the Commission. The case has been registered as Case No.823/30/0/2026, and the NHRC's intervention underscores the importance of addressing student-related grievances and safeguarding their rights within higher educational institutions.

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.

Telangana HC Grants Interim Stay on GST Levy for Extra Neutral Alcohol

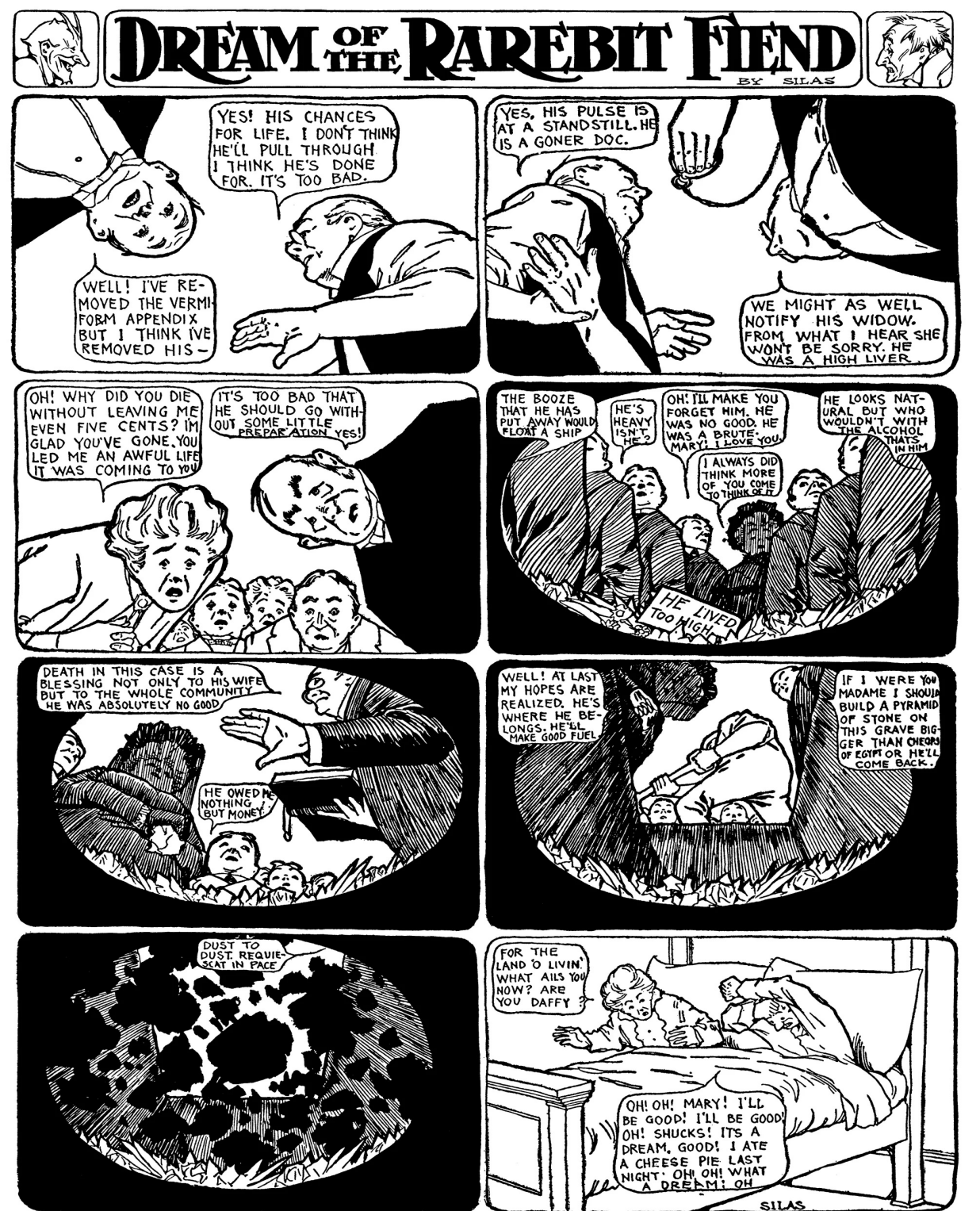
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A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court granted an interim stay on a showcase notice proposing levy of GST on supply of extra neutral alcohol (ENA) to liquor manufacturing units. The panel, comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin, was hearing a writ petition

filed by Radical Bio Organics challenging the notice issued in December, along with the final audit report. The impugned notice proposed the levy of GST on ENA supplied to bottling units for the period between April 2022 and March 2024. The petitioner contended that ENA, primarily used as a base for the manufacture of alcoholic liquor for human

consumption, fell outside the ambit of GST under the regime governing tax on alcohol. Counsel contended that under the constitutional framework, particularly the division of taxing powers between the Union and the States, alcoholic liquor for human consumption was expressly kept outside the purview of GST. He contended the transaction was subject to

Value Added Tax (VAT) under the Telangana VAT Act. Imposition of GST in addition to VAT, it was argued, would not only be contrary to settled taxation principles but would also impose an undue financial burden on the industry, affecting pricing and market stability. The petitioner emphasized that such classification is artificial and contrary to law.



# Gold Falls Rs 600, Silver Rs 2,000 as Iran Tensions Rattle Markets

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Gold and silver prices declined sharply in the national capital on Tuesday amid rising geopolitical tensions and investor caution ahead of a deadline set by Donald Trump regarding the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. According to the All India Sarafa Association, silver prices fell by Rs 2,000, or nearly 1 per cent, to Rs 2,40,000 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes), down from the previous close of Rs 2,42,000 per kg. Gold of 99.9 per cent purity also slipped by Rs 600, or 0.4 per cent, to Rs 1,53,200 per 10 grams, compared to Rs 1,53,800 in the last trading session. Market experts attributed the de-



cline to heightened uncertainty in global markets following escalating tensions between the United States and Iran. Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, stated that bullion prices came under pressure after Trump issued a fresh ultimatum warning Iran of

possible military strikes targeting critical infrastructure if the key maritime route is not reopened. Iran, however, rejected the ultimatum and continued its offensive actions on energy assets across the Middle East, further intensifying geopolitical risks. Trump's

strong remarks on social media, warning of severe consequences if negotiations fail, have added to market anxiety and triggered cautious trading behavior among investors.

Globally, the trend was mixed. Spot gold prices edged higher to USD 4,659.16 per ounce, indicating some safe-haven demand, while silver prices declined nearly 1 per cent to USD 72.14 per ounce, reflecting weaker industrial sentiment. Analysts noted that while gold typically benefits during crises, the current volatility and profit-booking limited its gains in domestic markets. Meanwhile, crude oil prices surged amid fears of supply disruptions. West Texas Inter-

mediate (WTI) crude rose 3.08 per cent to USD 115.87 per barrel, while Brent crude increased by 1 per cent to USD 110.80 per barrel in New York trading.

The spike in oil prices has further contributed to uncertainty across commodity markets. Experts believe bullion prices will remain highly volatile in the near term as investors closely monitor developments in West Asia, fluctuations in crude oil, and upcoming US macroeconomic data. The evolving geopolitical situation is expected to play a decisive role in determining the direction of precious metal prices in the coming days.

# Government may seek revised bids for IDBI Bank

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The government may ask for revised financial bids from two potential buyers of IDBI Bank as their original bid amounts were lower than the reserve price fixed for the strategic sale of the lender, sources said.

"The IDBI Bank strategic sale is in the technical evaluation stage," a senior official said.

Amidst the West Asia crisis, the government is banking on disinvestment and asset monetisation to garner resources and create fiscal space for measures to shield the economy from the global uncertainty, officials said.

After over three years of pursuance, the strategic sale of IDBI Bank had reached the final stage of financial bid, and the government does not want to restart the process again to avoid further delay. The government and LIC were together looking to sell 60.72 per cent in IDBI Bank and had floated an Expression of Interest (EoI) in October 2022. Financial bids came on February 6.

After that, the government set the reserve price for the strategic sale. The financial bids for the IDBI Bank strategic sale, however, came in lower than the reserve price set by the inter-ministerial group on disinvestment headed by secretaries in the finance

ministry.

Following that, the strategic sale of IDBI Bank hit a roadblock.

Sources said that the government has now restarted work to take forward the IDBI Bank strategic sale to a logical conclusion. Prem Watsa-led Fairfax and Emirates NBD are reported to have put in bids for the strategic sale of IDBI Bank.

Currently, the government and state-owned LIC together hold a 94.71 per cent stake in IDBI Bank. The government owns 45.48 per cent, and LIC holds 49.24 per cent in the lender. Of this, the government and LIC are looking to sell 60.72 per cent in IDBI Bank.

# Air India CEO Campbell Wilson Resigns, Exit Planned for 2026

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Campbell Wilson, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Air India, has resigned from his position, with the airline confirming that he will continue in the role until a successor is appointed and takes charge. The airline stated that Wilson had informed Chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran of his intention to step

down as early as 2024, allowing ample time to ensure a smooth leadership transition. Since then, he has focused on stabilizing the organization and strengthening its leadership team ahead of the planned change in 2026. In a message to employees, Wilson said the timing was appropriate to hand over leadership as Air India prepares for its next phase of growth. He highlighted that the



four years since privatization have been transformative, marked by the merger of four airlines, a shift from public to private sector prac-

tices, and a comprehensive overhaul of leadership, workforce, and operational culture. He also underscored major operational achieve-

ments, including modernization of systems, introduction of up-graded products and services, and the addition of over 100 aircraft to the fleet. The airline has nearly completed the interior refit of legacy narrowbody aircraft, while deliveries of widebody planes with newly designed interiors are already underway.

Wilson noted that with these foundational changes largely in place

and a brief gap before large-scale aircraft deliveries from a nearly 600-plane orderbook begin in 2027, it is the right moment to pass the baton. He described his tenure as an honor and said he would remain a strong supporter of the airline and its workforce. Chairman Chandrasekaran praised Wilson's leadership, acknowledging his role in steering the airline through a complex

transformation period. He also pointed to external challenges such as post-Covid supply chain disruptions, delays in aircraft deliveries, and broader geopolitical headwinds, noting that Wilson and his team demonstrated resilience and unity in navigating these issues. Separately, Air India announced a fare increase ranging between ₹300 and ₹900, following the govern-

ment's decision to cap the rise in domestic Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices at 25 per cent. The move is expected to partially offset rising operational costs faced by airlines. Wilson's exit marks the end of a crucial phase in Air India's revival journey under the Tata Group, as the airline now prepares for its next stage of expansion.

# Literature becomes 'content' in reel culture

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The digital age has given unprecedented speed and breadth to forms of expression. Today, every person has a platform at their fingertips—a platform where they can instantly reach millions. This democratization is a significant achievement in itself. But with every power comes a responsibility. Unfortunately, this balance of responsibility often seems to be disturbed, especially when the objective becomes popularity rather than expression. Reel culture is a prime example of this imbalance. The race to create impact in a few seconds of video has made expression quick, concise, and often superficial. Literature, which fundamentally demands patience, depth, and contemplation, is finding itself at odds in this culture of instant consumption. Incomplete lines, out-of-context quotes, and artificial expressions—all of these are turning literature into a "product" whose sole purpose is to attract attention. Today, "going viral" has become the yardstick for success. This mindset has affected the creative process. Writers now write based on whether their content will immediately resonate with people, rather than whether the idea is



meaningful to society. As a result, flashiness has replaced depth, and performance has replaced empathy. This trend is not only unfair to literature but also impacts the intellectual level of society. The primary purpose of literature is not merely entertainment. It is a mirror of society, reflecting its realities and exposing its contradictions. Kabir attacked social evils through his couplets, Tulsidas conveyed the message of faith and dignity, Premchand exposed the reality of society, and Mahadevi Verma gave words to the subtleties of emotion. The works of all these authors have stood the test of time because they possessed depth, honesty, and social commitment. In contrast, a large segment of society today views literature as merely a medium of presentation.

Performance is increasingly prioritized over the beauty of the words. Poems presented on Reels are often neither original nor deeply meaningful. They are created solely to captivate viewers for a moment and prompt a "like" or "share."

Another worrying aspect of reel culture is the decline in decency of expression. The quality of language, clarity of diction, and dignity of presentation—all these elements are crucial components of any literary expression. But when these are ignored, the form of the literature becomes distorted. Sometimes, the situation is so severe that the essence of the original work is completely altered.

The debate over costumes and visual presentation has also intensified. It must be acknowledged that freedom of expression is a right of every individual, but every right comes with dignity and responsibility. When presenting a serious subject like literature, a balance and decency are required. Unfortunately, this balance is often lost in the mere attempt to grab the audience's attention, compromising the seriousness of the literature.

However, it's equally important not to view this situation from a simplistic perspective. Social media has provided a platform

for many talented creators who previously couldn't access the traditional publishing system.

Today, even people from small towns and villages are sharing their work and gaining recognition. This is a positive change that cannot be denied. In fact, the problem isn't the medium itself, but rather its use. Reels can also be an effective medium if used to present meaningful literature. Some creators are doing a good job in this direction—they maintain depth while remaining brevity and forcing viewers to think. This shows that, with the right intentions, any medium can become a powerful tool for disseminating literature. What's needed is a balanced approach. We should neither dismiss reel culture completely nor accept it uncritically. Instead, we need to understand how this medium can be used to enhance literature.

The role of educational institutions is crucial in this context. If students are made aware of the depth of literature and its social role from an early age, they will not be influenced by merely superficial content. Literary organizations and forums should also use digital media to promote quality content and provide creative guidance.

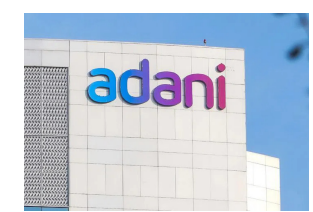
# AGEL bond sale dispute: Adani Group seeks dismissal of SEC lawsuit in US court

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In a key development, Gautam Adani, the Adani Group Chairman, and his nephew Sagar Adani have asked a court in the US to dismiss a lawsuit brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) against them. They argued though their lawyers that the case falls outside the US jurisdiction and fails to establish any wrongdoing.

The defendants are seeking dismissal of the case in full and said they are prepared to appear for a pre-motion conference if required. Adanis said in a pre-motion letter that the SEC's claims over a 2021 bond sale by the group's renewable energy arm, Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL), are "legally flawed" on multiple grounds.

They argued that the court lacks personal jurisdiction, saying neither had sufficient contacts with the US or direct involvement in the bond offering. The filing contended that the SEC's case is impermissibly extraterritorial,



noting the securities were not listed in the US, the issuer is Indian, and the alleged misconduct occurred entirely in India. In September 2021, AGEL conducted a \$750 million bond offering pursuant to SEC Rule 144A and SEC Regulation S, which are registration exemptions for private resales to qualified institutional buyers (QIBs) and non-US sales. AGEL sold these bonds outside the US through an agreement to non-US underwriters, who then resold the Notes to QIBs. A fraction of those resales is alleged to have been made to "investors in the United States".

AGEL was not a party to these transactions, the lawyers said in a letter. The grounds for dismissal also include the SEC's failure to state a claim on the basis that the defendants are neither based in the US nor conduct activ-

ities there that would grant the court jurisdiction and the alleged actions involve non-US entities outside the scope of US law.

Even if the claims are accepted at face value, the complaint fails to establish any actionable legal violation or meet the threshold required to proceed. The cited statements are neither materially false nor misleading and with no direct involvement in the offering, the defendants cannot be held liable, according to the letter.

Lawyers also stated the SEC complaint does not allege that Gautam Adani approved the issuance, attended key meetings, or directed any activity at US investors.

Citing US Supreme Court precedent, the defendants said the SEC failed to show any "domestic transaction", a requirement for applying US securities laws. The filing argues that statements cited by the SEC—relating to ESG commitments, anti-corruption practices, and corporate reputation—amount to non-actionable "puffery".



## T'gana allows absorption of PG doctors into DME

The State government on Tuesday issued orders permitting the absorption of PG (Post Graduate) qualified doctors into the Directorate of Medical Education (DME). According to Memo No.1160/A/2026-1, dated April 2, 2026, the Health, Medical and Family Welfare (A) Department has accorded permission to the DME to integrate PG doctors currently serving under the Directorate of Public Health and Family Welfare and the Commissioner, Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad (TVVP). The decision stipulates that permission is granted for doctors who are qualified in their respective specialities. The absorption will take place as and when the medical professionals become fully qualified and have formally submitted their willingness to join the DME. The administrative action follows specific recommendations from the Director of Medical Education (DME). The decision to absorb PG qualified doctors into the DME is expected to streamline the placement of specialists within teaching hospitals and medical colleges across Telangana. Following the development, the Telangana Public Health Doctors Association (TPHDA) thanked the State government for the decision.

## TGHRC orders release of Singur water to Ghanapur anicut in Telangana

The Telangana Human Rights Commission (TGHRC) has ordered the state government to immediately release 0.30 Thousand Million Cubic Feet (TMC) of water from the Singur dam in Sangareddy district, so that the standing crops in 20,000 acres of Medak district could be irrigated in their final stage before the Rabi 2026 harvest. TGHRC Chairman Justice Dr Shameem Akther, took serious note of the non-release of irrigation water to farmers cultivating lands under the Ghanapur Anicut of Medak district, where the standing paddy crop was at a critical stage and faces imminent damage. Observing that such inaction adversely affects the farmers' right to livelihood, dignity, and food under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the Commission, exercising its powers under Section 18(c) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, directed the Chief Secretary of Telangana to immediately direct the concerned authorities to release the final spell of 0.30 TMC of water from Singur Project to Vanadurga Project (Ghanapur Anicut) for a period of 12 days. The Commission has also called for a compliance report to be submitted by April 30, 2026. Presently, the storage of Singur Project is 13.72 TMC as on Tuesday, April 6, as against its maximum storage capacity of 29.92 TMC. The storage capacity for dead storage level is 1.01 TMC, and the capacity at Minimum Draw Down Level (MDL) is 16.558 TMC. While the Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of Singur Project is 523.60 metre, its dead storage level is 511 metre, and the minimum draw down level (which is the level which has to be maintained) is 520.50 metre.

## BRS sets 72-hour deadline on Nadargul land row, warns of direct action

BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar has issued a 72-hour ultimatum to officials over the Nadargul land dispute, demanding removal of fencing and blue sheets on 373 acres. He accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy of misusing their positions and engaging in irregularities.

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RS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar on Tuesday issued a 72-hour ultimatum to officials over the Nadargul land issue, warning that the party would step in if authorities fail to act. He demanded the immediate removal of fencing and blue sheets on 373 acres of disputed land. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan on Tuesday, Praveen Kumar urged the authorities to retain 50 acres under the Land Ceiling Act and take over the remaining 325 acres, clearing all alleged encroachments by Congress leaders.



"If the government does not respond within 72 hours, we will take direct action," he said. He accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy of misusing power and getting involved in large-scale land irregularities in multiple places across the State. He challenged the Revenue Minister to present documents for public scrutiny if the Nadargul lands belong

to companies owned by his family members. Praveen Kumar said the officials were not taking action despite clear legal provisions under the Land Ceiling Act. He said the Nadargul land, valued at nearly Rs 7,000 crore, could be used for welfare, housing, loan waivers, education, and employment, rather than being diverted for private gain. BRS MLC Dasuju Sravan backed the charges, stating that thousands of acres across Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy districts were being looted. He asserted that the Nadargul land was government property, citing a High Court ruling. He questioned how the offi-

cial allowed fencing, despite the matter pending in the Supreme Court. Sravan demanded action against those involved, alleging administrative inaction and political backing for land encroachments. He said the Congress turned Telangana into an ATM for the AICC, by encroaching thousands of acres of land in Kothwalguda, Manasa Hills, Vattinagulapalli and Nadargul. He warned the officials against aiding these real estate encroachments, which could land them in trouble after the Congress government's term expires in two-and-a-half years.

## Hyderabad Cybercrime Police registers 330 FIRs, refunds 2.55 cr in March

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The Hyderabad Cybercrime Police received 3,081 complaints in March this year, resulting in 54 first information reports (FIRs) being registered at the Cybercrime Police Station and 276 FIRs registered with Zonal Cyber Cells. A total of 24 accused were arrested from across India and over Rs 2.55 crore was refunded to the victims. Gaming fraud emerged as the most common case, followed by investment and matrimonial frauds. In one of the gaming fraud

cases, a victim lost over Rs 26 crore after being lured through a fake online platform, the police said in a release. Out of the reported losses of Rs 4.40 crore, Rs 1.59 crore was recovered in March, with investment fraud and digital arrest scams reporting the highest losses. Meanwhile, cyber patrol officials removed 129 fake social media profiles running illegal betting advertisements to prevent further fraud. Awareness initiatives like Cyber Simba also played a key role in spreading awareness and reducing daily complaints from 80 to 60.

## Parents Queue Up For Admission At Nalgonda Govt School



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Parents in Nalgonda are making a beeline to get their children enrolled at Komatireddy Pratheek Reddy Government High School at Bottuguda in Nalgonda after it was shifted to a new building with modern amenities. The new building, which spread in 2,500 square yards, consists of 36 air conditioned classrooms, digital boards, smart teaching with Artificial Intelligence computer lab and digital library. The building was con-

structed by Komatireddy Pratheek Reddy Foundation with Rs 8 crore. The school was named after roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy's son Pratheek Reddy, who died in a road accident at Outer Ring Road in December 2011. The school has 250 students and admit 350 more in this academic year. School headmaster Ramakrishna said 3,000 applications have received for admission. He said students would be selected based on the merit.

## ADB seeks HYDRAA Commissioner's suggestions on Musi rejuvenation

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Representatives from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) met Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) Commissioner AV Ranganath on Tuesday, April 7, for his suggestions on Musi rejuvenation. They inquired about the restoration of lakes in Hyderabad and discussed the benefits to the Musi from the restoration of Golusukattu lakes. The HYDRAA Commis-



sioner said that the Golusukattu lakes (chain-link lakes built during the Kakatiya dynasty) could significantly reduce flood risks, similar to how Osman Sagar structure helps control floods on the upper reaches of the Musi River. He pointed that several water bodies in Hyderabad are connected to the river, and if a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) is set up at every lake and

wastewater is treated locally, it would prevent Musi River pollution. The meeting was attended by Coastal, River, and Port expert Jean Henry, Senior Water Resources Expert Alexia Michaels, Senior Public Management Officer Anne Orquiza, Senior Adaptation Solutions expert Okju Jiang, and Associate Project Officer of the Indian Resident Mission Pradipekumar Pandey, along with other ADB representatives.

## US-India forum explores investment opportunities in TG

The Chief Secretary provided a comprehensive overview of Telangana's growth trajectory, noting that despite being India's youngest state, it is one of the country's fastest growing.

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A high-level delegation from the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum met Telangana Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao at the State Secretariat on Tuesday, April 7, to explore investment opportunities across key sectors and strengthen economic collaboration between India and the United States. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary presented a comprehensive overview of Telangana's rapid growth trajectory. He emphasized that despite being one of India's youngest states, Telangana has emerged as one of the fastest-growing economies in the country. Backed by a strong Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) and rising per capita income, the state's development has been driven by sustained investments from both the government and private sector players. Highlighting the state



capital, Hyderabad, Rao described it as the pharmaceutical capital of India and a pioneer in the field of information technology. He noted that the city's long-standing legacy of major public sector undertakings has played a crucial role in fostering innovation and nurturing a vibrant startup ecosystem, particularly in the defence and aerospace sectors. The Chief Secretary further pointed out that Hyderabad has become a preferred destination for Global Capability Centres (GCCs), attracting multinational corporations seeking strategic expansion. The city is also home to several nationally reputed educational insti-

## Hyderabad court orders drunk drivers to hold placards as 'punishment'

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A Hyderabad court on Tuesday, April 7, disposed of 27 drunk driving cases, awarding imprisonment to four people and community service to nine others. All of the offenders had been booked by the Santoshnagar Traffic Police in the past week. The ones ordered to perform community service were asked to display awareness placards at a



traffic junction for one day. Three second-time offenders, however, were awarded three days of imprisonment and one person who had been caught for the third time was awarded 10 days of im-

prisonment. Hyderabad Traffic Police has informed that drunk driving checks are being intensified during both day and night and strict legal action is being taken against all violators.

## Hyderabad Absorbs 5.68 mn sq.ft in 3 Months

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Hyderabad recorded office leasing of 5.86 million square feet in the first quarter of 2026, marking a historic high for a single quarter, driven by strong demand from Global Capability Centres, according to Knight Frank India. Office transactions grew 48 per cent year-on-year from 4 million sq. ft. in Q1 2025, making the city the second-largest market for office space absorption among eight major cities in the country. Average

rents rose eight per cent to Rs.77.5 per sq. ft. per month, while new completions stood at 2.3 million sq. ft., indicating steady supply. Global Capability Centres (GCCs) accounted for 43 per cent of total leasing, absorbing 2.5 million sq. ft., up 53 per cent from 1.6 million sq. ft. in the same period last year. Third-party services firms leased 1.7 million sq. ft., contributing 29 per cent of total transactions, the highest among eight cities. Flex workspace absorption surged to 1.42

million sq. ft. in Q1 2026 from 0.26 million sq. ft. a year earlier, with large enterprises, particularly GCCs, driving demand. "GCCs remain the dominant occupiers of the office spaces in Hyderabad. Other office occupier profiles expanding also helped. The strong demand-supply office real estate dynamics has led to considerable rise in rental value of office assets in the city," said Joseph Thilak, national director - occupier strategy and solutions (Hyderabad and Chennai).

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