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### Brief Insights

#### India, Bangladesh Pledge to Normalise Ties After 18-Month Downturn

External affairs minister S. Jaishankar on Wednesday held talks with Bangladesh foreign minister Khairul Rahman and reiterated India's desire to engage constructively with the new government in Bangladesh and further strengthen bilateral ties. The foreign minister assured that visa norms for Bangladeshis, particularly for medical

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#### Women's Bill Gets Cabinet Nod, Set For 2029 Rollout

The Union Cabinet is learnt to have cleared on Wednesday draft bills which seek to implement the Women's Reservation Act before the 2029 parliamentary polls and increase the number of Lok Sabha seats to 816 with 273 reserved for women. Sources privy to the development said a meeting of the Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the draft bills for the amendments to the law, Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, commonly known as the Women's Reservation Act.

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## Tehran celebrates as Iran, US agree to two-week ceasefire

Iran hailed the ceasefire as a 'victory', crediting national unity and patience for securing US negotiation agreements

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Celebrations have erupted in Tehran following news of a two-week ceasefire agreement that will allow for peace negotiations between the United States and Iran.

Iran has accepted the temporary cessation of hostilities, with talks scheduled to begin on Friday in Pakistan, after United States President Donald Trump announced he would suspend military operations if Tehran fully reopened the Strait of Hormuz. Iran's foreign minister confirmed that safe passage through this critical waterway will be coordinated with Iranian armed forces during the two-week period.

The breakthrough came after Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif urged Trump to extend his negotiation deadline and called on Iran to restore access to the strait.

Iranian officials are portraying the ceasefire as a "victory", claiming their preconditions for negotiations have been accepted



by the US. They assert that Trump's acknowledgement of progress on major points of contention validates Iran's position. Government representatives are telling citizens that this outcome stems from national unity, patience, and military strength during the conflict.

The officials note that the initial US-Israeli strategy — attempting to collapse the Iranian government through targeted assassinations of leadership — failed. The subsequent weeks of conflict have, in their view, demonstrated Iran's capability to sustain military operations and

defend itself indefinitely. In contrast, Trump characterised the agreement as a "total and complete victory. 100 percent. No question about it," in a brief telephone interview with the AFP news agency shortly after announcing the deal. He added that Iran's uranium stockpiles would be "perfectly taken care of" under the terms, and acknowledged China's role in facilitating the negotiations. Despite the truce, Democratic lawmakers say they will continue to pursue Trump's impeachment, citing his "genocidal" and "unhinged" rhetoric towards Iran.

#### India welcomes Pakistan-brokered Iran-U.S. ceasefire, stresses dialogue and diplomacy

India on Wednesday welcomed a temporary ceasefire between the US and Iran, hoping the halt in fighting "will lead to lasting peace" in the Middle East. "We welcome the ceasefire reached and hope that it will lead to a lasting peace" in the region, said a statement by India's External Affairs Ministry.

"As we have continuously advocated earlier, deescalation, dialogue and diplomacy are essential to bring an early end to the ongoing conflict," it said. Stressing that the conflict has already "caused immense suffering to people and disrupted global energy supply and trade networks," the ministry said: "We expect that unimpeded freedom of navigation and global flow of commerce would prevail through the Strait of Hormuz."

The ceasefire was announced by Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who said the US and Iran, along with their allies, have agreed to halt fighting across all conflict zones, including Lebanon.

## Revanth Seeks CSR Funds For Edu, Health

Revanth Reddy appreciated commitments made by the Raheja Group and Ramky Group, which pledged '50 crore each, and the Yashoda Foundation, which committed Rs 10 crore towards education

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A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday called on corporate companies to allocate a significant portion of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds towards local development, emphasizing that businesses must give back to the regions that support their growth with strong infrastructure.

During a meeting with corporate representatives at his residence in Jubilee Hills, the Chief Minister highlighted that nearly 44 per cent of the state's student population is concentrated in Hyderabad. He stressed the need for shared responsibility between the government and private sector to ensure access to quality education.

To streamline CSR activities, Revanth Reddy announced the appointment of a Principal Secretary dedicated to coordinating CSR initiatives. This move aims to facilitate effective utilization of funds in priority sectors such as education, healthcare,



water resource management, skill development, heritage conservation, and environmental protection.

The Chief Minister appreciated the commitments made by major corporate groups. The Raheja Group and Ramky Group pledged ₹50 crore each, while the Yashoda Foundation committed ₹10 crore specifically towards educational initiatives. He emphasized that CSR spending should produce measurable and impactful outcomes, aligning with the state's development goals.

Reiterating the government's focus areas, Revanth Reddy noted that education, healthcare, and water conservation remain top priorities, while also encouraging companies to contribute to other sectors

based on their expertise and interest.

Corporate representatives present at the meeting welcomed the initiative, stating that they had not previously been engaged in such a structured manner regarding CSR utilization. They expressed willingness to actively support school education, healthcare services, and heritage conservation projects.

Representatives from Raheja Foundation, Ramky Foundation, Yashoda Hospitals, Megha Group, Apollo Hospitals, Kamineni Hospitals, the Indian Green Building Council, and NAADAM Foundation, along with senior government officials, attended the meeting.

## Telangana HC Defers Verdict on KCR, Harish Pleas on Ghose Panel Report

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The Telangana High Court has deferred the pronouncement of its verdict on a batch of petitions filed against a report submitted by the Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose Commission on the Kaleshwaram Irrigation Project to April 22. The writ petitions against the report were filed by former chief minister and BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao, former ir-

rigation minister T. Harish Rao, former chief secretary Shailendra Kumar Joshi (retd.) and senior IAS officer Smita Sabharwal. A two-judge Bench, comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin, reserved the orders on March 12 and said that the judgment would be pronounced on April 8. Though the cases were listed before the bench for the judgment, the court postponed the verdict to April 22. The Jus-

tice P.C. Ghose Commission was established by the Telangana government on March 14, 2024, to investigate alleged irregularities in the planning, design, and construction of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP)

The commission submitted its 665-page report to the state government on July 31, 2025, where it held former Chandrasekar Rao responsible for serious lapses in the project's execution.

#### Khera Moves Telangana HC for Anticipatory Bail

Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera has approached the Telangana High Court seeking anticipatory bail, requesting protection from arrest in connection with a case registered by Assam Police at the Guwahati crime branch. Khera has been booked on charges including providing false information, forgery, cheating, criminal intimidation, and criminal conspiracy, following allegedly defamatory remarks against Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's wife, Riniki Bhuyan Sharma. At a recent press conference in Delhi, Khera alleged that Riniki holds multiple foreign passports, prompting the police action.

## BRS Handed Over State Govt's Land to Others, Says Ponguleti

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Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Wednesday turned tables against the Bharat Rashtra Samithi top leadership, which he said had grossly compromised on the state's interests concerning the controversial Nadurgul lands on the city outskirts. "Contrary to the successive govern-



ments' stand that the lands belong to state, the BRS government registered Nadurgul lands in favour of private companies in 2014 and even got the lands mutated in their name in 2016," the

minister said at a press conference here.

"It was our government which took steps to protect government interests by filing counter-affidavits in the ongoing court cases, while the previous government deliberately avoided legal fights to help private parties," he added. The revenue minister, who was in thick of controversy over the last few

days on alleged illegal metal crushing and forced eviction of a family from a parcel of land in Vattinagulapally besides Nadurgul, went all out against the three top leaders of BRS — K. Chandrasekar Rao, K.T. Rama Rao and T. Harish Rao — who according to him were indulging in mudslinging to protect their own financial inter-

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## Owaisi-Kabir Alliance Threatens To Split TMC's Core Muslim Vote Bank

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As Trinamul Congress supremo and West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee seeks to fend off a saffron surge in her state, an effort is underway to split open her core support base -- the 27 per cent Muslim vote. Leading the charge is the joint alliance of AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi and Humayun Kabir's Aam Janata Unnayan Party (AJUP). The alliance is targeting Muslim-dom-

inated areas, including Dinajpur, Malda and Murshidabad -- one of the main bastions of the TMC -- among other Muslim-dominated pockets in the state.

Other outfits vying for Muslim votes are the Indian Secular Front (ISF), the Left and the Congress. This could help the BJP, which has not only unleashed the Central machinery to conduct a "free and fair" election but has also launched a militant nationalistic campaign to consolidate the Hindu



vote bank. What could also add to the BJP's advantage is Humayun Kabir's move to build a Babri Mosque at Bel-

danga in Murshidabad district. Reports from the state indicated: "Trucks carrying bricks and cement arrive almost daily",

and "videos of supporters carrying bricks on their heads are rapidly spreading across social media, transforming the under-construction mosque into a political symbol". When contacted a West Bengal BJP leader hoped: "Such communal and anti-Hindu activities could trigger a counter-consolidation among Hindus in the BJP's favour."

To make matters worse for the TMC, reports indicate that the majority of the 91 lakh voters deleted during the Special Sum-

mary Revision (SIR) in the state were Muslim. It was learnt that the highest number of deletions occurred in the Muslim-dominated district of Murshidabad. Reports stated that of the 1,101,145 voters marked under adjudication, 455,137 voters were found ineligible." Ms Banerjee said that the SIR targeted "Muslims, Matuas, Rajbongshis... among others". She said that the Election Commission deleted voters as if

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# MLA Naveen Yadav Distributes Smartphones to 76 Anganwadi Teachers

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Jubilee Hills MLA V. Naveen Yadav on Thursday distributed smartphones to 76 Anganwadi teachers from the Khairatabad Zone, aiming to strengthen grassroots service delivery through digital tools. The distribution took place at the Congress Party office in Yousufguda under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) initiative.

The MLA said the move would significantly enhance the efficiency of Anganwadi services by enabling real-time data entry and monitoring. He noted that each device comes preloaded with two key applications—the State Government’s Nutrition Health and Tracking System and the Central Government’s Po-



shan Tracker—designed to improve child health surveillance and maternal care.

Highlighting the importance of the initiative, Naveen Yadav stated that Anganwadi workers play a crucial role in society, particularly in ensuring the well-being of children and pregnant women. “Providing modern tools



like smartphones will empower them to perform their duties more effectively and ensure accurate

and timely reporting to officials,” he said. With these devices, Anganwadi teachers will be

able to digitally record child nutrition data, track the health of beneficiaries, and streamline communication with higher authorities. The initiative is expected to reduce manual paperwork and enhance transparency in welfare delivery.

During the event, ICDS supervisors Bharathi Rathnam, Ramya, Lova Kumari, Saritha, and Jyothi felicitated the MLA with a shawl, expressing their appreciation for his continued support to Anganwadi staff. The program was attended by local Congress Party leaders, Anganwadi teachers, and officials from the ICDS department, marking a step forward in the government’s efforts to modernize welfare services at the grassroots level.

# Safaa Bait-ul-Maal Expands Ghusl Service

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Safaa Bait-ul-Maal has announced the expansion of its Mobile Ghusl Service – Aakhri Safar with the launch of two new fully equipped vans, aimed at improving last-rites support for the Muslim community across Hyderabad and Secunderabad. The new vehicles will be inaugurated on April 9, 2026, after Zuhr prayers at Toli Masjid, Karwan East.

The initiative, launched in September 2021, has already facilitated burial rites for 9,120 deceased individuals. However, rising demand due to rapid urbanisation and shrinking residential spaces has necessitated expansion. Speaking to the media, President Maulana Ghyas Ahmed Rashadi emphasized that the service ensures dignified ghusl and



kafan arrangements at the doorstep, regardless of a family’s financial status.

Each new van is equipped with a 200-litre water tank, geyser, shower system, bathing platform, drainage setup, kafan kits, and sanitation facilities, enabling efficient and hygienic funeral preparations. General Secretary Maulana Fasihuddin Nadvi highlighted key operational challenges, including a shortage of trained assistants—especially women—along with traffic congestion and limited space in homes. Secretary Maulana

Mohammad Musaddiq Al-Qasmi noted that the additional vans will significantly reduce response time and expand outreach.

Describing the service as a humanitarian duty, Vice President Mufti Abdul Muhaimin Azhar Al-Qasmi stated that the initiative supports grieving families during critical moments. Treasurer Maulana Naseem-ul-Haq Nadvi Qasmi added that each van costs around ₹45 lakh, urging donors and institutions to contribute toward sustaining and scaling the service.

# Adilabad to get a defence-civil enclave airport

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An airport for defence will be built at Adilabad in Telangana, which will have an enclave for civil operations, Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu said on Wednesday. While the defence already has an airstrip with 360 acres in Adilabad, the Civil Aviation Ministry has asked the state government to acquire another 450 acres for building the airport. The proposed airport will be a major facility with a run-



way capable of handling Airbus A320 aircraft. A decision in this regard was taken at a meeting in New Delhi attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Ram Mohan Naidu, and Union Minis-

ter for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy. Adilabad MP G. Nagesh, MLA Payal Shankar, officials from the Defence Ministry, Airports Authority of India (AAI), and the state government

also attended the meeting. Ram Mohan Naidu told media persons after the meeting that the Defence Ministry had already stated it has no objection to the development of an airport in a joint venture with the AAI. “Now moving beyond and recognising the strategic importance of the site, the Ministry of Defence has decided to have a training facility for defence. They will develop the airport, and for civil operations, they will provide an enclave,” he said.

# YISU Launches Industry-Linked Courses, Digital Learning Platform

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Young India Skills University (YISU), Telangana, has launched industry-integrated undergraduate programs and its AI-powered Digital Learning Universe at IIT Hyderabad, Gachibowli. The initiative aims to equip students with practical skills and improve employability through direct industry collaboration. Admissions are now open for B.Tech in Applied Life Sciences and B.Sc in Cardiovascular Sciences,



with selection based on an entrance test and interview. The B.Tech program, developed with companies like Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories,

Hetero, and Bharat Biotech, emphasizes hands-on training after the first semester. The B.Sc program, in partnership with AIG Hospitals, offers

real-time clinical exposure under medical experts. Vice Chancellor V.L.V.S.S. Subba Rao stated that all courses are designed in line with industry needs to bridge the gap between academics and practical application. The university also introduced a Digital Learning Universe powered by Tutorials Point, offering around 75 AI-driven courses across technology, soft skills, and emerging fields. Annual fees are set at approximately ₹1.75 lakh for B.Tech and ₹1 lakh for B.Sc programs.

# Dasoju Sravan Slams Revanth, Praises Kerala Model

**NIZAMABAD**  
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A strongly worded statement criticizing Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and praising Kerala’s development model was posted by BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan Kumar. In his remarks, Sravan alleged that “fake propaganda” and publicity stunts cannot overshadow truth, asserting that the people of Kerala are too aware to be misled. He took aim at what he described as “curated publicity,” claiming it lacks substance



and fails to match real governance outcomes. Highlighting Kerala’s achievements under Pinarayi Vijayan, Sravan emphasized that the state’s progress is built on decades of collective effort and stands as a national role model. He

also lauded K. Chandrashekar Rao for shaping Telangana’s growth through long-term vision. Sravan concluded that enduring legacies, not short-term political theatrics, define true leadership and public trust.

# KTR to meet Jeevan Reddy, invite him to join BRS

BRS working president KT Rama Rao is set to meet former Minister and veteran politician T Jeevan Reddy, who recently quit the Congress. The meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, gained significance amid speculation of Jeevan Reddy joining the BRS. Rama Rao will first meet BRS leaders and elected representatives from the erstwhile Karimnagar district at the R&B Guest House in Karimnagar around noon, before heading to Jagtial. He is scheduled to meet Jeevan Reddy at the latter’s residence at around 2.30 pm, where he is expected to formally invite him to join the BRS. Senior BRS leaders and elected representatives are likely to accompany him. Sources said Rama Rao had already spoken to Jeevan Reddy over the phone on Wednesday, following discussions with party chief K Chandrashekar Rao. The move is seen as part of the BRS’ efforts to strengthen its base in the region by inducting senior leaders.

Jeevan Reddy who is a seasoned politician, recently resigned from the Congress citing differences with the leadership and is now weighing his options. Party insiders indicated that modalities of his entry into the BRS have largely been finalised and he is likely to formally join the party.

# United Voice for Farmers: Kisan Nyay Satyagraha

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In a strong show of solidarity with the farming community, a Kisan Nyay Satyagraha was held today in Nizamabad district, highlighting the urgent need to protect farmers’ rights and strengthen the agricultural sector. Nizamabad Mayor Umarani Ramesh actively participated in the program and stressed that farmers are the backbone of the nation, calling for immediate attention to their issues and chal-



lenges. The event was attended by several key Congress leaders, including District Congress President, State Urdu Academy Chairman, State General Secretary Ram Bhoopal, State Disciplinary Committee Member Ramakrishna, City Congress President, and NUDA Chairman

Kesh Venu. During the protest, leaders raised concerns over the ongoing struggles faced by farmers and demanded fair policies, better price support, and timely assistance from the government. They emphasized that sustained efforts and united movements are essential to bring justice and long-term relief to the farming community. The program concluded with a collective pledge to continue fighting for farmers’ welfare and to ensure that their voices are heard at every level.

# 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.

# Parvathi Wins ‘Dalitha Ratna’ at Ravindra Bharathi Event

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Reddimalla Parvathi was conferred the prestigious ‘Dalitha Ratna’ award at a grand ceremony held at Ravindra Bharathi, marking the 119th birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram. The event was organized by the Telangana State Celebrations Committee to honor contributions to social justice and Dalit empowerment.



and Ganta Dayanand, recognized for grassroots leadership and youth mobilization. Expressing gratitude, Parvathi said the recognition strengthens her commitment to equality, invoking the ideals of B. R. Ambedkar. The event featured cultural programs and tributes, reinforcing Telangana’s continued focus on social equity and empowerment.

Parvathi, State Women’s President of Telangana State Dalitha Sena and Ramabai Malala President, received the top honor for her dedicated work in advancing women’s rights and uplifting marginalized communities. The award was presented by Dr. J.B. Raju, National Chairman of Telangana State Dalitha Sena, along with Working Chairman Allibili Mahender. Other awardees included E. Narsimha

# Three Decades of Service by Al Faiz Welfare Society

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The Al Faiz Welfare Society, under the leadership of its president Mohammad Jahangir Baba, has been dedicated to humanitarian service for more than three decades, with a strong focus on education, food support, and social welfare for the underprivileged sections of society. Founded with the noble objective of serving humanity without any profit motive or political affiliation, the organization has consistently worked to uplift marginalized communities. Over the years, it

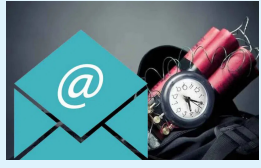


has provided notebooks, educational materials, and other essential resources to poor students belonging to both minority and non-minority groups. Jahangir Baba, through his personal contributions and commitment, has played a crucial role in sustaining and expanding these welfare initiatives.

In its ongoing efforts to combat hunger, the society operates food distribution centers across Mahabubnagar, ensuring that needy individuals have access to free meals. The organization has also actively participated in disaster relief work, extending support to flood-affected families in Krishna by supplying clean drinking water, clothing, blankets, and food items during times of crisis. Beyond these initiatives, the society contributes to public health and welfare by distributing fruits in government hospitals and advocating for free educa-

tion and healthcare for economically weaker sections. It also works to create awareness about government welfare schemes, health programs such as polio immunization, and the importance of education among the masses. With the support of a committed team of members, the Al Faiz Welfare Society continues its journey of selfless service, resilience, and dedication—uplifting lives, empowering communities, and raising its voice for justice, employment opportunities, and minority rights.

**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.

## BRS counters Minister Ponguleti's claims over land and mining rows, demands his resignation

**HYDERABAD**  
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The BRS shot back at Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and demanded his immediate resignation over involvement of private companies belonging to his family in alleged irregularities in mining and land disputes. Pointing to conflict of interest, the party leaders said the Revenue Minister had no moral right to continue in the post. BRS whip KP Vivekananda sought to know why Srinivasa Reddy did not respond to BRS deputy leader T Harish Rao raised the issue of alleged illegal mining by Raghava Constructions. He said the Minister who fled from the session and made his Cabinet colleagues respond in the Assembly, was making baseless statements to deflect at-



ention, to hide the multiple violations of the private company. He ridiculed that while Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy denied any link between the Minister and Raghava Constructions, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy's latest remarks suggested otherwise. "This raises serious questions and warrants his resignation," he said. In a pointed counter, BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar accused Srinivasa Reddy of acting like a representative of private firms rather than a Revenue Minister. He alleged that companies such as Raghava Constructions

and Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited, were plundering public resources, and questioned whether the State was being run in their interest. On the Nardargul land issue, he said the Congress government failed to protect disputed lands despite visible encroachments. He said signboards of private firms appeared and disappeared overnight, and questioned why the Revenue Department did not act when fencing with blue sheets was put up around the disputed land. He also asked why the police or revenue officials did not initiate action

when private bouncers were deployed to guard the government land. "The Revenue department itself gave notices to Raghava Constructions over illegal mining at Kothwalguda. The Revenue Minister who admitted that his son Harsha and other family members run the company, could allow such violations and then dismiss the violations as mere allegations by the opposition," he asked. He also raised concerns over alleged intimidation in Vattinagulapalli, stating that private individuals were threatened and that a police officer who registered a case was later transferred. He said no case has been registered despite the FIR filed in the case over a year ago. He demanded the Minister to clarify on his family's alleged links to entities involved.

## Nagender Raju Rises Through Congress Grassroots Ranks

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Dundigalla Nagender Raju, a senior leader of the Indian National Congress in Telangana, is being recognized for his steady rise through student and youth politics, reflecting years of disciplined grassroots work within the party structure. Currently associated with the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee, Nagender Raju's political journey spans nearly two decades of organizational involvement. His career began in student politics, where he served as NSUI City Vice President in Hyderabad, followed by his role as Youth Congress Vice President. Over time, he advanced to become a Senior Congress Vice President, marking a consistent upward trajectory within the party. Born on June 30, 1973, in



Takkara Basthi, Secunderabad, he belongs to the B.C. Kurma community. He pursued his education at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University and has remained deeply aligned with Congress ideology and cadre-based politics. Nagender Raju has also played an active role in electoral politics, contributing to the party's campaigns during the 2004

and 2009 Assembly and Parliamentary elections. His work during these crucial political phases highlights his commitment to strengthening the party at the grassroots level. Apart from political activities, he has been involved in several social service initiatives. He organized blood donation camps on the birth anniversaries of prominent leaders such as B. R. Ambedkar, Jagjivan Ram, Indira Gandhi, and Rajiv Gandhi, reflecting a blend of political commitment and public service. From student activism to senior leadership roles, Dundigalla Nagender Raju's journey underscores the importance of sustained grassroots engagement in shaping political leadership within the Congress party.

## Telangana turned into Congress ATM: Kavitha

**Telangana turned into Congress ATM, Revanth silent on Modi, fails farmers, Jagruti to launch grassroots movement, Says Telangana Jagruti President Kalvakuntla Kavitha**



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Hyderabad, April 2026: Kalvakuntla Kavitha launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, alleging that Telangana has been turned into an "ATM" for the Congress party to fund elections across the country. She accused the government of neglecting public issues and prioritizing political interests over public welfare. Speaking at the Telangana Jagruti office in Banjara Hills, Kavitha said April 25, 2026, would mark a turning point in the state's politics, promising a new people-centric political culture. She announced that Telangana Jagruti

would unveil a comprehensive agenda prepared with inputs from international experts, built on three pillars — questioning authority, fighting for public issues, and resolving people's problems. The event also saw Gongalla Ranjith Kumar, President of the Nadi-gadda Hakkula Porata Samithi, join Telangana Jagruti along with nearly 1,000 supporters from Jogulamba Gadwal district. Welcoming them, Kavitha called for an end to decades-old "Gadi" politics in Gadwal and stressed the need for grassroots-driven activism over contractor-led politics. Kavitha criticized both the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS, alleging failure to address

key public concerns. She asserted that Telangana Jagruti is emerging as a credible platform for people's voices and will intensify outreach through padyatras and village-level engagement. She further accused the Chief Minister of failing to implement promises like Rythu Bharosa and complete farm loan waivers, while claiming he misleads people in other states. Raising water concerns, she questioned his silence on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decisions, warning that Upper Bhadra's national project status could impact Tungabhadra water availability in the undivided Mahabubnagar district.

## Bridging politics for progress : MP Arvind speeds up Kandukurthi

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Kandukurthi is witnessing a renewed push towards development as MP Dharmapuri Arvind takes decisive steps to strengthen infrastructure and improve public facilities in the region. Demonstrating a collaborative approach, the MP met State Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, putting aside political differences to focus solely on the village's growth. This joint effort has led to the approval of a new road connecting the Maharashtra National Highway to the Smruti Mandir in Kandukurthi. The project is expected to enhance connectivity,



reduce travel difficulties, and contribute to the overall development of the area. Arvind is personally monitoring the progress to ensure timely completion and quality standards. In another major development, the Navipet-Kandukurthi road is set to undergo much-needed repairs, improving transportation and supporting local trade and daily commuting. Adding to the village's growing importance, the Keshava Smruti Mandir is scheduled for inauguration on the 11th of this month, with RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat expected to attend. The event is likely to bring wider recognition to Kandukurthi and strengthen its cultural and spiritual identity. Looking ahead, MP Arvind is also focusing on the construction of a VIP ghat in

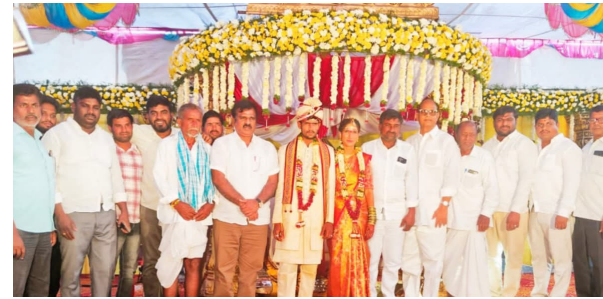
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## Former MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran Attends Wedding Ceremony in Nirjapla Village

**SANGAREDDY**  
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The wedding ceremony of Rajinikanth, son of Boyini Suraiah from Nirjapla village in Vatpally mandal, was celebrated with great enthusiasm and grandeur. Former MLA of Andole constituency, Chanti Kranthi Kiran, attended the marriage ceremony as a chief guest and extended his heartfelt blessings to the newlywed couple. Speaking on the occasion, he wished the couple a



happy, prosperous, and successful married life. Several senior leaders of the BRS party, including Jaipal Reddy, former VARM president, along with mandal senior leaders M. Veera Reddy,

Gopal Reddy, Narender Reddy, Sarpanch Mohan, Deputy Sarpanch Kish-tayya, Yadaiah, Gopal, Sangameshwar, Khaja, Anjaneyulu, and others were present at the event.

## Hindu Sammelan on April 26 in Raghavendra Basti



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

As part of the centenary celebrations of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), a Hindu Sammelan will be held on April 26 in Raghavendra Basti. To organize the event, a committee has been formed at Sri Malabar Bagh Shivalayam

under the leadership of President Sri Gurram Bojjayya Pantulu. Sri Gundu Sreekanth has been appointed as General Secretary, and Sri Rachha Sreekanth as Treasurer. Committee members and local representatives attended the meeting and expressed their commitment to making the event a success.

## Telangana Gymnasts Win Second Place Overall

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Gymnastics Team delivered an impressive performance at the Level-wise Boys & Girls Gymnastics Competition 2026 held at The Gymnastic Academy, Delhi, clinching the 2nd Place Overall Championship. The team brought home a remarkable 25 silver medals and 2 bronze medals, showcasing excellence across multiple categories. The competition featured events including table vault, uneven bars, balance beam, and floor exer-



cise, with strong participation from Telangana athletes across various levels. In Level 1 (Girls), participants included Hiya Yadav, Pranavi Shah, Zeka Nawaz, Ayesha Siddique, Aadhya Kapoor, and Meher Agarwal.

Level 1 (Boys) saw performances by Anshul Yadav, Adwaith Akula, Advait Chanduri, Vidith Golla, N. Sidwik Reddy, and Reyansh Rao. In Level 2 (Girls), athletes such as Manvi Reddy, Myra Mandava, Ananya

Reddy, Krishna Jain, Krythya Koirala, Varnika Reddy, Rianna Reddy, Aarnavi Chanduri, Eesha Kriti, and Amuktha competed, while Level 2 (Boys) featured Chokkarapu Loukya Virat. Higher levels included Inara Rukmini (Level 3 Girls), Simone Pestonji (Level 4 Girls), and Khushi Rai (Level 6 Girls). At a felicitation event held on Wednesday at Kalpataru by Vandana Badruka Institute, Hyderabad, A. Priyanka, an international gymnast, national champion, and judge, congratulated the team for their achieve-

## Mudiraj Community Calls 'Chalo Gandhi Bhavan' Protest on April 10

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Mudiraj community has announced a major protest under the banner of Mudiraj Chaitanya Vedika, scheduled for April 10 at 11:00 AM at Gandhi Bhavan, demanding justice, recognition, and equitable opportunities. With the slogan "Hello Mudiraj - Chalo Gandhi Bhavan," the movement is rapidly gaining traction across Telangana. The call for protest was made during a press conference at Osmania University, where community



leaders, intellectuals, students, and youth voiced concerns over what they termed as long-standing neglect despite the community's substantial population. Leaders cited survey data indicating that the Mudiraj community constitutes nearly 16% of the Back-

ward Classes (BCs) in Telangana, with an estimated population of 45-50 lakh. Other caste enumeration figures suggest their numbers exceed 26 lakh, making them one of the largest BC groups in the state. Despite this demographic strength, leaders alleged

underrepresentation in political, economic, and welfare sectors. Key issues raised include the Kokapet land controversy, alleged irregularities in fisheries department funds, and lack of transparency in addressing allegations against public representatives. Calling the protest a "fight for dignity and rightful share," organizers said several BC and Bahujan groups are likely to extend support, potentially amplifying the movement's impact across the state.

# Iranians breathe a 'ceasefire' sigh of relief as all sides claim victory

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The mental strain of living under daily bombardment has been partially lifted in Tehran and much of Iran as all parties to the war with the United States and Israel claim victory after a ceasefire was announced. Some traffic has returned to the streets of the Iranian capital during daylight on Wednesday, the first day of a two-week ceasefire agreed between Iran and the US with mediation from Pakistan. Negotiations aimed at reaching a long-lasting agreement are expected to begin in Islamabad on Friday. But Tehran, home to more than 10 million people, is still far from its usual commotion after being targeted by several thousand munitions since February 28. Air defence systems were activated for short periods several times since the ceasefire was announced overnight, but there were no reports of impacts or any official ex-



planation for the activations. People across Tehran, from young men and women huddling in vibrant cafes downtown to families sitting in parks, were debating whether the ceasefire would hold and what the future could hold in store for them. "Looks like the ceasefire will continue. I heard the Israelis are opening up their airspace more," a young man said, referring to an announcement by Israeli authorities that flights will resume from

Ben Gurion Airport. Others, however, were more pessimistic, especially after two critical islands off southern Iran were attacked on Wednesday morning, hitting oil facilities. It is unclear who was behind the attack. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said it shot down a drone in the southern province of Fars. Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait and Bahrain also reported attacks on their territories by missiles and drones from Iran with Ira-

nian state television confirming this was in retaliation for the post-ceasefire oil attacks. Tehran said it was ready to restart military operations if attacked again. On Tuesday, Iranians had been worried about the targeting of critical civilian infrastructure, such as power plants and bridges after a threat earlier in the day from US President Donald Trump to end "civilisation" in a country with one of the world's oldest civilisations, dating back more than five millennia. The ceasefire was announced shortly before the midnight GMT deadline that Trump had set for an agreement to be reached to avoid US forces carrying out his threat. The Israeli military did, however, intensify its attacks in the hours preceding the ceasefire, hitting electricity outposts, bridges and the railway network. Warplanes also struck the Iranian Aluminium Company in Arak, damaging the country's

largest aluminium production facility. The Israeli army also extensively bombed Iran's steel factories and petrochemical companies on Tuesday, putting them out of commission in an effort to impose more pressure on the already strained Iranian economy and population of more than 90 million. Even after the ceasefire, Israel continued attacking Lebanon, killing more than 250 people in a devastating day of attacks on Wednesday. Israel said it was targeting Iran's ally Hezbollah, but civilian locations across Lebanon were hit. Trump hailed what he described as a decisive victory against Iran while announcing the ceasefire, but Dan Caine, his top general, emphasised that the deal only signifies a pause and combat operations could start once again if no final deal is reached. The US military said it struck 13,000 targets across Iran in less than six weeks of war.

# White House says Trump's 'red line' against Iran nuclear enrichment remains

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The White House has said that the United States continues to reject any uranium enrichment inside Iran, reiterating that US President Donald Trump did not agree to a "wish list" submitted by Tehran. Trump's spokesperson, Karoline Leavitt, suggested on Wednesday that the 10-point proposal put forward by Iran as the basis for a ceasefire in the US-Israel war on Iran differs from the proposal published by the government in Tehran. That plan said the US would accept Iran's right to enrich uranium as well as sanctions relief and a permanent end to the attacks on Iran. "The president's red



lines, namely the end of Iranian enrichment in Iran, have not changed," Leavitt said. Domestic uranium enrichment has been a major sticking point in previous talks between Tehran and Washington. While Iran says it is not seeking nuclear weapons, it insists on enriching its own uranium as a national right. The Trump administration, however, has been pushing for dismantling the Iranian nuclear programme altogether. After more than 38 days of

war, Washington and Tehran announced a two-week ceasefire that will see the US stop its attacks and Iran reopen the Strait of Hormuz, whose closure at the outset of the conflict sent energy prices soaring. Leavitt said Iran's initial 10-point proposal was "literally thrown in the garbage" by Trump's team, but Tehran later put forward a revised plan. "The idea that President Trump would ever accept an Iranian wish list as a deal is completely absurd," she said. "The president will only make a deal that serves in the best interests of the United States of America." Trump said late on Tuesday that the Iranian proposal was a "workable basis on which to negotiate".

# BJD's Sasmit Patra Resigns As Rajya Sabha Leader

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

In a significant political development, Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leader Sasmit Patra on Wednesday resigned as the party's parliamentary leader in the Rajya Sabha, a move that has intensified speculation about internal discord within the regional outfit. According to party sources, Patra submitted his resignation to BJD president Naveen Patnaik amid growing pressure from a section of the

party's Members of Parliament seeking a change in leadership in the Upper House. The demand for his removal is learnt to have gathered momentum on the day newly elected BJD MP Santrupt Misra took oath in the Rajya Sabha. Sources indicated that several MPs formally conveyed their concerns to the party leadership, urging a reshuffle in parliamentary positions. The BJD currently has six members in the Rajya Sabha. Patra had been serving as the parliamen-



tary party leader since 2022 and was seen as a key figure in articulating and coordinating the party's stance in the Upper House. With his resignation, attention has now turned to his potential successor. Political circles are abuzz with speculation, with first-time MP Santrupt Misra emerging as a fron-

trunner for the role. However, there has been no official confirmation from either Patra or the BJD leadership on the resignation or the appointment of a new leader. The development has triggered fresh debate over internal dynamics within the party and could have implications for its parliamentary strategy in the coming session. Notably, three newly elected members from Odisha were sworn in to the Rajya Sabha on April 6. Misra's entry marks his debut in parliamentary politics.

# Centre Restores Commercial LPG for Industries

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Soon after Iran and the US agreed to a conditional two-week ceasefire, the Centre on Wednesday restored commercial LPG supply to a wider set of industrial sectors, subject to a defined sectoral cap, asking the states to operationalise the decision. Besides, the government also increased the allocation of natural gas to urea plants as supply improved after disruptions due to the Middle East crisis. The



move of the government comes after observing the fact that supply constraints due to the shortage of liquefied natural gas linked to the Iran war forced some urea manufacturers to shut their plants ahead of the monsoon planting season. The government has also reaffirmed that domestic LPG supply remains nor-

mal across the country. In a communication to states, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas also directed the states that industries including polymer, agriculture, packaging, paints, steel, metal and glass will be eligible to receive up to 70 per cent of their pre-March 2026 bulk non-domestic LPG consumption. "The allocation, however, will be capped at an overall sectoral limit of 0.2 TMT per day," the ministry said. The Centre also indicated that priority in allocation

should be given to industrial units where LPG is required, and it cannot be substituted by natural gas. The directive further expanded the eligibility to some key sectors such as pharma, food, polymer, agriculture, packaging, paint, uranium, heavy water, steel, seed, metal, ceramic, foundry, forging, glass and aerosol etc. "These units will also be entitled to receive up to 70 per cent of their pre-March consumption levels, within the same overall cap," the ministry said.

# Over 100 Killed After Israel Hits Central Beirut, Citing Iran Truce Exclusion

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Israeli strikes hit several commercial and residential areas in central Beirut without warning on Wednesday, hours after a ceasefire was announced in the US-Israeli war with Iran. Lebanon said at least 112 people were killed and hundreds were wounded in what was one of the deadliest days in the latest Israel-Hezbollah war. US President Donald Trump told PBS News Hour that Lebanon was not included in the deal because of the Lebanese militant Hezbollah group. When asked about Israel's latest strikes, he said, "That's a separate skirmish." Israel had said the agreement does not extend to its war with the Iran-backed Hezbollah, although mediator Pakistan said it does. The fleeting sense of relief among Lebanese after the ceasefire announcement turned into panic with what Israel's military called its largest coordinated strike in the current war, hitting more than 100 Hezbollah targets within 10 minutes in Beirut, southern Lebanon and the eastern Bekaa Valley. Black smoke towered over several parts of the seaside capital, where a huge number of people



displaced by war have taken shelter. Explosions interrupted the honking of traffic on what had been a bustling, blue-sky afternoon. Ambulances raced toward open flames. Apartment buildings were struck. Associated Press journalists saw charred bodies in vehicles and on the ground at one of Beirut's busiest intersections in the central Corniche al Mazraa neighbourhood, a mixed commercial and residential area. Using forklifts, rescue workers removed smoldering debris and sifted through ruins for survivors. There was no sign of Hezbollah launching strikes against Israel in the first couple of hours after the attacks. In response to the attacks on Lebanon, Iran later Wednesday said it will once again halt the movement of oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz, the country's state-run media reported.

Central Beirut has been targeted before, but not by so many strikes at once and in the middle of the day. Israel had rarely struck central Beirut since the outbreak of the latest Israel-Hezbollah war on March 2 but has regularly struck southern and eastern Lebanon and Beirut's southern suburbs. Lebanon's Minister of Social Affairs, Haneed Sayed, in an interview with The Associated Press condemned Israel's wide range of strikes, calling it a "very dangerous turning point." "These hits are now at the heart of Beirut... Half of the sheltered (internally displaced people) are in Beirut in this area," she said, adding that she had just driven by areas hit. She said Lebanon's government is ready to enter into negotiations with Israel for an end to hostilities, an offer that the Lebanese president previously made.

## Owaisi-Kabir .....

Ms Banerjee said that the SIR targeted "Muslims, Matuas, Rajbongshis... among others". She said that the Election Commission deleted voters as if "picking and removing lice from hair". A Kolkata-based public policy research organisation, the Sabar Institute, also reported that "a total of 2,826 names have been deleted from the electoral rolls in Nandigram in the supplementary lists... Of these, 2,700 are Muslims". Muslim voters are expected to play a crucial role in deciding the fate of candidates in at least 40-45 of the total 294 seats. The impact of the SIR deletion and Owaisi-Kabir's alliance could possibly be felt in Malda, Murshidabad, Uttar Dinajpur, Birbhum, Nadia, Howrah, Cooch Behar, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas. Incidentally, of the 190 candidates fielded by the Congress, 63 are Muslims, and the TMC, contesting in almost all the seats, has fielded 42 Muslims. Speaking to this newspaper, a senior TMC leader claimed that "any opportunistic alliance, mainly to aid and abet the BJP, will have no impact", and said the BJP's Bihar experiment "might not work in Bengal". He pointed out that, unlike Bihar, West Bengal's substantial Muslim population is spread across urban pockets and rural belts. "It is far more dispersed than Bihar", he said. He added: "This particular spread would make it difficult for the Kabir-Owaisi alliance to

cause any major dent in the TMC's Muslim vote bank". The deletion of names from the Matua community on the electoral lists could also hit the BJP hard. In 2021, the Matuas among other refugee communities played a crucial role in helping the BJP secure 77 Assembly seats in the state. The SIR exercise has reportedly left the community seething. "This is not a good sign", a BJP minority leader pointed out.

## Fresh Tension.....

The revenue minister, who was in thick of controversy over the last few days on alleged illegal metal crushing and forced eviction of a family from a parcel of land in Vattinagulapally besides Nadurgul, went all out against the three top leaders of BRS — K. Chandrasekhar Rao, K.T. Rama Rao and T. Harish Rao — who according to him were indulging in mudslinging to protect their own financial interests. "The CID probe ordered by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will not only prove my innocence but also uncover the large-scale corruption by the BRS leaders," he said. The minister, who was repeatedly prevented by his ministerial colleagues from intervening in the debate during the budget session on the same issues, made his version known in the press conference that he addressed along with ministers Ponnampalabharathi, D. Seethakka and a couple of MPs and MLAs. Calling Chandrasekhar Rao as "Sakuni", Rama Rao as "Drama Rao" and Harish Rao "Abaddala

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Rao", the minister said the three leaders were unable to stomach the successful administration of the Congress government were indulging in mudslinging not only against him, but also others, including Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Ponguleti further said that the BRS leaders coerced a "mega" infrastructure company in recent days into striking a deal after publishing stories in Chandrasekhar Rao family-owned newspapers. "Once Harish was also assured of his share by the company, he diverted the issue by dragging my family name," said Srinivas Reddy. Over the Vattinagulapally land issue, the minister maintained that there was a property dispute among members of one Shah family. BRS leaders have converted the family dispute into a political issue to protect the interests of their pet company, My Home Group, which entered into a development agreement with one of the family members.

## 91 Lakh Names.....

While a Constitution amendment bill will tweak the Adhinyam, another ordinary bill will amend the Delimitation Act — to pave the way for redrawing of constituencies. The Centre has extended the budget session of Parliament and a three-day sitting will be held from April 16 to 18, where the amendment bill is expected to be passed. The provision to provide 33 per cent reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies was brought by amending the Constitution in 2023, but it would have come

into effect after the completion of the delimitation exercise on the basis of the 2027 Census. Therefore, it was expected to come into force only in 2034 if the present law remains as it is. According to the broad contours of the available information, the number of Lok Sabha seats would be increased from the present 543 to 816, with 273 seats reserved for women. The reservation will also be done on a "vertical basis" with seats allocated for SCs and STs. The redrawing of the constituencies will be done on the basis of the 2011 Census rather than the proposed 2027 Census. **91 Lakh Names.....** The foreign minister assured that visa norms for Bangladeshis, particularly for medical and business visas, will be eased in the coming weeks. During the first visit as the foreign minister of Bangladesh under the new regime, Mr Rahman reiterated the request to extradite former Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina and her home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, saying they have been awarded the death penalty by the International Crimes Tribunal. In his meeting with Mr Jaishankar, Mr Rahman thanked the Indian government for apprehending the suspected killers of student leader Shaheed Osman Hadi. Both sides agreed that the arrested individuals will be returned to Bangladesh in accordance with the procedures laid out in the extradition treaty between the two countries.

CRIME

# DGP Reviews Projects, Asks For Timely Completion

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

B. Shivadhar Reddy, Director General of Police, along with G. Sudheer Babu, conducted an inspection of the ongoing construction of the Police Commissionerate Office at Fab City on Wednesday. The visit aimed at reviewing the progress of works and ensuring timely completion of the key infrastructure project in Rangareddy district. During the inspection, the senior police officials assessed multiple aspects of the construction, including civil structures, electrical installations, drinking water facilities, and drainage systems. They closely examined the quality of work and the pace at which the project is progressing. Ex-



pressing satisfaction over the ongoing works while also stressing urgency, the DGP directed officials and engineers to adhere strictly to the project timelines. He emphasized that the Commissionerate Office must be equipped with all necessary facilities to ensure smooth and efficient policing operations. "The infrastructure should be designed to provide a

comfortable working environment for police personnel, while also ensuring easy accessibility for the public visiting the office," B. Shivadhar Reddy stated during the review meeting. Officials were instructed to accelerate the remaining works without compromising on quality. The engineering teams were also advised to maintain high standards at

every stage of construction and ensure all essential services are completed as per specifications. Later, the officials visited the government-allotted land at Meerkhanpet, where discussions were held regarding the master plan for permanent buildings and future expansion of police infrastructure. The visit highlighted the government's focus on strengthening law enforcement facilities in the rapidly developing region. The inspection underscores the commitment of the police department to modernize infrastructure and improve service delivery, ensuring better public interface and operational efficiency in the Future City policing jurisdiction.

EDITORIAL

# DIVERSITY WORKS JUST FINE IN ALL 4 POLL-GOING STATES

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

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 TASMACH 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. Its per capita income, despite its vertiginous Gross State Domestic Product achievements exceeding the national average in the past ten years, is low, putting in the same bracket as West Bengal, which is 21 in the rankings. Reports quoting the RBI indicate Assam is the fastest growing state economy in the country, with 45 per cent growth in the last five years. This is a miraculous transformation that chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and indeed the Prime Minister have attributed to good governance and the "double-engine sarkar" formula.

## Three injured in explosion at Jalavihar RO water plant

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Three persons were injured in a major explosion which occurred at a water supply RO (Reverse Osmosis) plant in Jalavihar on PVNR Marg on Wednesday. According to information available, the blast took place inside the RO plant that supplies drinking water. The impact of the explosion was so severe that equipment at the facility was blown apart and heavily damaged. Three staff members identified as Appulu Naidu,

Anji and Laxman working at the plant suffered serious injuries and co-workers immediately rushed them to nearby hospitals for treatment. While Appulu Naidu and Anji were shifted to Gandhi Hospital, Laxman was admitted to a private hospital in Somajiguda. Doctors have reportedly stated that one of the injured was in critical condition. On receiving information, the police officials reached the spot and they suspect that excessive pressure buildup in the RO filter or compressor unit may have caused the explosion.

## HMWSSB raids SR Nagar, seizes illegal water motors

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

The vigilance wing of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) conducted raids in SR Nagar and seized illegal motors. According to a press release, some consumers were tapping the water board sources by installing illegal motors and drawing water, an activity that is illegal and led to low-pressure supply for

others. On Wednesday, in SR Nagar, residents informed water board vigilance officers about motors being attached to taps in SRT Colony. Officials inspected during water supply hours and confiscated seven motors that were found illegally attached to pipelines. Officials said action would be taken against consumers caught attaching motors to their taps and the motors would be seized.

## 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.

## SP D. Janaki Distributes Sunglasses to Traffic Police Amid

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

In response to rising summer temperatures, District SP D. Janaki, IPS, distributed sunglasses to traffic police personnel at the District Police Headquarters on Thursday. The initiative, held in the SP's chamber, aimed to protect frontline staff from harsh sunlight while on duty. The sunglasses were sourced from the Telangana State DGP Store and handed over directly to



traffic personnel. Addressing the staff, the SP emphasized the importance of health and safety during extreme weather conditions. She noted that traffic police, who spend long hours on roads managing

vehicles and ensuring public safety, are particularly vulnerable to heat-related issues. The distribution drive is part of efforts to support their well-being and maintain efficiency in duty.

## Two Arrested with Ganja in Sujathanagar, One Absconding

VISHAKAPATNAM  
Wakeup telangana

In a significant anti-narcotics operation, Sujathanagar Sub-Inspector Ramadevi and her team arrested two individuals for possessing banned ganja on Wednesday evening around 3:35 PM. Acting on credible information, the police apprehended the accused at an open plot near Dhanvanthari College in Vepalagadda. The arrested individuals have been identified as Shaik Samad Yakub Pasha, a resident of Drivers Colony, Chatakonda, Kothagudem, and Kuduruboyina Narasimha Rao, a native of Degalamadugu village in Sujathanagar mandal. During the



operation, police seized 151.6 grams of ganja worth Rs. 7,580 along with two mobile phones from their possession. Chunchupally Circle Inspector R. Venkateswarlu took up the investigation and formally arrested the accused. They were later produced

before the Kothagudem court and remanded to judicial custody. Police also identified another Accused, Kiran alias "Donga Kiran," a resident of Sheshagiri Nagar, Kothagudem, who is currently absconding. Efforts are underway to trace and apprehend him. Authorities reiterated that the purchase, sale, consumption, and transportation of ganja are punishable offenses under the law. Officials assured that any information shared by the public regarding narcotics activities will be kept strictly confidential. Circle Inspector Venkateswarlu commended SI Ramadevi and her team for their swift and effective action in curbing illegal drug activities.

**DREAM OF THE RAREBIT FIEND**  
BY SILAS

Panel 1: A man in a suit looks distressed. "YES! HIS CHANCES FOR LIFE. I DON'T THINK HE'LL PULL THROUGH I THINK HE'S DONE FOR. IT'S TOO BAD." "WELL! I'VE REMOVED THE VERMIFORM APPENDIX BUT I THINK I'VE REMOVED HIS..."

Panel 2: The man looks shocked. "YES, HIS PULSE IS AT A STANDSTILL. HE IS A GONER DOC." "WE MIGHT AS WELL NOTIFY HIS WIDOW. FROM WHAT I HEAR SHE WON'T BE SORRY. HE WAS A HIGH LIVER."

Panel 3: The man is surrounded by people. "OH! WHY DID YOU DIE WITHOUT LEAVING ME EVEN FIVE CENTS? I'M GLAD YOU'VE GONE, YOU LED ME AN AWFUL LIFE IT WAS COMING TO YOU!" "IT'S TOO BAD THAT HE SHOULD GO WITH OUT SOME LITTLE PREPARE AHEAD!" "THE BOOZE THAT HE HAS PUT AWAY WOULD FLOAT A SHIP!" "HE'S HEAVY!" "OH! I'LL MAKE YOU FORGET HIM. HE WAS NO GOOD. HE WAS A BRUTE!" "HE LOOKS NATURAL BUT WHO WOULDN'T WITH THE ALCOHOL THAT'S WITH HIM!" "I ALWAYS DID THINK MORE OF YOU GONE TO THE..."

Panel 4: The man is in a state of despair. "DEATH IN THIS CASE IS A BLESSING NOT ONLY TO HIS WIFE BUT TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY HE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO GOOD." "HE OWED ME NOTHING BUT MONEY!" "WELL! AT LAST MY HOPES ARE REALIZED. HE'S WHERE HE BELONGS. HE'LL MAKE GOOD FUEL!" "IF I WERE YOU MADAME I SHOULD BUILD A PYRAMID OF STONE ON THIS GRAVE BIGGER THAN CHEOPS OF EGYPT OR HE'LL COME BACK."

Panel 5: The man is lying in bed, looking thoughtful. "FOR THE LAND O' LIVIN' WHAT AILS YOU NOW? ARE YOU DAFFY?" "OH! OH! MARY! I'LL BE GOOD! I'LL BE GOOD! OH! SHUCKS! IT'S A DREAM, GOOD! I ATE A CHEESE PIE LAST NIGHT. OH! OH! WHAT A DREAM! OH!"

# ESMA Jewellery Opens First Exclusive Store in Hyderabad

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

ESMA Jewellery, a fast-growing contemporary silver jewellery brand, has launched its first exclusive retail store in Jubilee Hills, marking a significant milestone after seven years of building a strong customer base across India and overseas.

Located at Road No. 36, the 2,500 sq. ft. store was inaugurated on Tuesday at 10:30 AM in the presence of chief guest Dr. Preeti Reddy, Vice Chancellor of Malla Reddy Vishwavidyalayam. The launch signals the brand's transition from online platforms and curated exhibitions to a permanent physical retail presence in one of Hyderabad's prime locations.

The new store has been designed as an immersive jewellery destination, combining elegance with accessibility. Reflecting ESMA's brand philoso-



phy, the space blends traditional aesthetics with modern retail design, offering customers a premium yet welcoming shopping experience.

Founded by Sireesha Rao, ESMA Jewellery has earned the trust of over 10,000 customers through its handcrafted collections in 92.5 sterling silver. The brand is known for combining

Indian heritage-inspired designs with contemporary styles, often enhanced with gold plating and high-quality stones.

Speaking on the occasion, founder Sireesha Rao said the store represents the brand's journey from exhibition stalls to a dedicated retail space, adding that customers have played a central role in ESMA's growth

and success.

The inaugural collection at the Hyderabad store features a wide range of designs, from minimal everyday wear such as necklaces and earrings to bold statement pieces including bangles and occasion jewellery. The collection aims to cater to modern women seeking authenticity, craftsmanship, and versatility.

Hyderabad, known for its deep-rooted appreciation of jewellery, has been a key market for ESMA through exhibitions and online sales. The brand's entry into the city with a standalone store is positioned as a "homecoming," offering customers a more personalised and curated shopping experience.

With this launch, ESMA Jewellery aims to strengthen its footprint in the retail segment while continuing to celebrate India's rich artisanal traditions through contemporary silver jewellery.

## Flying Embers: Poetry, Art, and Feminist Voice Unite

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Dahakte Angaray (Flying Embers) by Jameela Nishat emerges as a powerful confluence of poetry, translation, and visual art, offering readers a layered and immersive cultural experience. The collection, enriched by translations from Uma Damodar Sridhar and evocative artwork by Katharina Holstein-Sturm, stands as a significant contribution to contemporary literary and artistic expression.

The book reimagines the tradition of the Muraqqa, reminiscent of the iconic collaboration between Mirza Ghalib and Abdur Rahman Chughtai, as well as later artistic tributes by Sadequain. Each poem is transformed twice—first through careful English translation and then through visual interpretation—creating a seamless



dialogue between word and image.

At its core, the collection explores themes of feminism, identity, mortality, and resistance. The poems move from darkness and despair to hope and resilience, weaving narratives of a mother's love, a daughter's faith, and the enduring human spirit. The work also reflects influences of social and intellectual figures like Maqdoom Mohiuddin, K. Balagopal, and Soghra Mirza.

Despite the complexity of bringing together three distinct creative voices, the book maintains a cohesive vision. The collaboration results in a unified, thought-provoking work that bridges literature, art, and translation. Echoing the philosophy of Muhammad Iqbal on artistic creation, Flying Embers reaffirms that true art transcends boundaries, offering both reflection and inspiration across generations.

## CBIT NSS Blood Donation Camp Sees Massive Participation



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A two-day blood donation camp organized by the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), in association with the Lions Club of Jubilee Hills, commenced on April 8 at the CBIT campus, drawing an overwhelming response from students and staff.

On the opening day, a total of 225 voluntary donors participated in the camp, showcasing a strong commitment to social responsibility and community welfare. The initiative witnessed enthusiastic involvement across the campus, with both students and faculty stepping forward to contribute to the life-saving cause.

The blood donation drive aims to raise awareness about the

critical importance of voluntary blood donation and its role in saving lives during medical emergencies. To ensure donor safety, qualified medical teams were deployed at the venue, conducting proper health screenings and maintaining strict hygiene standards throughout the process. Participants were also provided with necessary guidance and post-donation care.

NSS Faculty Coordinator Dr. Sreedhar commended the donors for their selfless service, emphasizing that such initiatives reflect the power of youth in driving positive social change. He noted that active student participation in humanitarian efforts helps build a compassionate and responsible society. Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu praised the NSS unit and the Lions

Club for successfully organizing the camp. He highlighted that such programs not only address immediate healthcare needs but also instill enduring values of empathy and civic responsibility among students.

Organizers reported that the response on the first day has set a positive tone for the second day of the camp. NSS coordinators and Lions Club representatives

have appealed to more students and staff to come forward and donate blood, further strengthening the initiative's impact.

The ongoing camp stands as a testament to CBIT's dedication to community service and humanitarian values, reinforcing the institution's role in promoting social awareness alongside academic excellence.

## Oil Drops, US Futures Rise on Iran Ceasefire Deal

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Oil prices plunged below \$100 a barrel and Asia markets and U.S. stock futures jumped after the U.S. and Iran agreed to a two-week ceasefire that includes the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 rose 4.8% and South Korea's Kospi gained 5.6%. Futures for the S&P 500 advanced 2.3% as of 9:30 p.m. EDT, while Dow futures rose 2%. Futures for U.S. crude oil sank 14.3% to \$96.83 a barrel and Brent crude oil, the international standard, dropped 13.3% to \$94.74. Oil prices had spiked because the war snarled the production and transportation of crude in the Persian Gulf. Much of that oil exits the gulf through the Strait of Hormuz to reach customers around the world, but Iran had blocked it to enemies.

Late Tuesday, Trump said he was holding off on his threatened attacks on Iranian bridges, power plants and other civilian targets. Iran's foreign minister said passage through the strait would be allowed for the next two weeks under Iranian military management. The dramatic moves in prices are just the latest swings to



hit financial markets since late February because of constantly shifting signals about when the conflict may end. Even with word of a ceasefire, neither Iran nor the United States said when it would begin, and attacks took place in Israel, Iran and across the Gulf region early Wednesday.

Earlier, U.S. stocks swung sharply during regular trading as uncertainty about the war with Iran increased after Trump had threatened that a "whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again" if Iran does not meet his deadline at 8 p.m. Eastern time to open the Strait of Hormuz. The S&P 500 fell as much as 1.2% but stocks rallied

at the end of trading after Pakistan's prime minister urged Trump to extend his deadline for another two weeks and asked Iran to open up the strait for the same amount of time. The S&P 500 erased all its losses and ended with a modest gain of 0.1%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dipped 85 points, or 0.2%, and the Nasdaq composite added 0.1%. They're the latest swings to hit financial markets since late February because of deep uncertainty about when the fighting may end. Oil prices were likewise shaky. The price for a barrel of benchmark U.S. crude to be delivered in May briefly climbed above \$117 before settling at

\$112.95.

Oil prices have spiked because the war has snarled the production and transportation of crude in the Persian Gulf. Much of that oil exits the gulf through the Strait of Hormuz to reach customers around the world, but Iran has blocked it to enemies. The worry in markets has been that a long-term disruption will keep oil prices high for a long time and send a painful wave of inflation crashing through the global economy.

Trump kept traders on edge by making a series of threats to blow up Iranian power plants only to delay several times. The average price for a gallon of regular gasoline across the United States has leaped to \$4.14, according to AAA. It was below \$3 a couple days before the United States and Israel launched attacks to begin the war in late February. In the bond market, Treasury yields eased on word of a potential cease-fire. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 4.24% from 4.30% earlier Tuesday. That's still well above its 3.97% level from before the war, and the rise has pushed up rates for mortgages and other loans going to U.S. households and businesses, which slows the economy.

## Hyundai Resuming New Palisade SUV Sales After Finalizing

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Hyundai Motor said on Tuesday it is lifting a halt on sales of recalled 2026 Palisade SUVs after finalizing a fix

for a power seat issue that resulted in the death of a two-year-old girl in Ohio. The Korean automaker said it finalized a software update for 2026 model year Palisade and Palisade Hybrid vehicles equipped with second- and third-row power seats in Limited and Calligraphy trims. The automaker halted sales in mid-March and recalled 68,500 Palisade SUVs following the death. Once dealers complete the software update, they can resume sales.

The software update makes a series of changes, including requiring the tailgate to be open to use the seat stow function, while folding and stowing controls within the infotainment screen have been dis-



abled. It requires press-and-hold operation of seat and cargo-area fold switches and has updated detection logic to improve occupant and object recognition. Hyundai also recalled 58,000 Palisade Hybrid sport utility vehicles in South Korea. Local media reports said the automatic seat collapsed on the child sitting in the third row of a Palisade SUV. Hyundai has said it is investigating what happened.

Hyundai reported that two passengers of Palisade SUVs in South

Korea were injured late last year in incidents potentially tied to an issue with the automatic seats. The automaker said earlier it had reports of four injuries in the U.S. linked to the power seat issue. Palisade was Hyundai's top-selling SUV in South Korea last year. In its recall, Hyundai said the second- and third-row powered seat assemblies may not respond to contact with an occupant or object as intended during activation of some functions.

## Deepika Padukone Gives Befitting Reply to Trolls Over Her 'Silence' on Dhurandhar 2

**D**hurandhar: The Revenge has been garnering praise from the Bollywood celebrities ever since its release in theatres on March 19. However, the alleged silence of Deepika Padukone, wife of Ranveer Singh, on the film's success has been a point of discussion among the fans of the couple. Deepika Padukone has now broken her silence regarding the ongoing chatter on the internet and highlighted her support for husband Ranveer Singh and Dhurandhar after she skipped the sequel's screening in Mumbai. Taking to her Instagram han-



dle, Deepika Padukone commented on a reel on social media which highlighted her absence at the Dhurandhar 2's screening and asked if "her silence was a delivery statement or is it the internet reading too much into celebrity social media silence?" Deepika has addressed the long-pending discussion

with a befitting reply in the comment section of the post.

Taking to the comment section, Deepika wrote, "The latter my friend... P.S. I watched it way before any of you did. Now who is the joke on?" While the netizens came in support of her, saying, "Have you forgotten she stays with him?" Ranveer

Singh and Deepika Padukone are a prominent Bollywood power couple who married in 2018 after dating since 2013, following their collaboration in Goliyon Ki Raasleela Ram-Leela. Renowned for their on-screen chemistry in films like Bajirao Mastani and Padmaavat, they welcomed their first child, daughter Dua, in September 2024. 'Dhurandhar: The Revenge', the sequel to last year's 'Dhurandhar', has shown remarkable performance at the box office. The critics and moviegoers have been praising the performance of Ranveer Singh in the film.

'Dhurandhar' franchise marks Aditya Dhar's second directorial venture after his National Award-winning debut 'Uri: The Surgical Strike', which starred Vicky Kaushal. The second features a powerful lineup including Arjun Rampal, R Madhavan, and Sanjay Dutt, with a cameo appearance by Yami Gautam. In the first part, Akshaye Khanna played a key role as gangster Rehman Daka. The film's music, including the track 'Aari Aari' composed by Shashwat Sachdev in collaboration with Bombay Rockers, has also contributed to its popularity among audiences.

## Rajamouli's Varanasi: Epic Time-Travel Plot Leaked

Recently, the plot of Varanasi has been making rounds on social media



**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Director SS Rajamouli's upcoming film Varanasi is one of the most awaited movies of Indian cinema. With exactly one year left until its release (on April 7, 2027), anticipation is steadily building. The film features superstar Mahesh Babu in the lead role. Although the first glimpse was released last year, the makers have kept most

details under wraps. Recently, the plot of Varanasi has been making rounds on social media. Reportedly, a VFX firm working on the film revealed key points about the story. A website named Cine Site, which is associated with Varanasi, added a filmography section that included a synopsis: "A Shiva devotee embarks on a perilous quest across time to uncover a lost cos-

mic artifact of immense power. As he pieces together ancient secrets hidden through centuries, he realises the truth behind his mission—the very force that set him on this path is a calculating mastermind with a vision of absolute global domination." The film is written by Vijayendra Prasad. It also features Prithviraj and Priyanka Chopra in key roles.

## Fans Will Be Ones Suffering If They Hurt Themselves In Pursuit Of Stars: Rajinikanth



**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

Fans should not forget that they are the ones who will suffer, not their idols, if they hurt themselves in the pursuit of their stars, superstar Rajinikanth said on Wednesday. He was commenting particularly on the extreme risks fans of actor-turned-politician Vijay are taking to get close to him during the campaign trail. Speaking to

reporters at the Chennai airport, Rajinikanth appealed to the youth, urging them to prioritise their education and physical health.

Replying to a query about how, fans, often in the rush to be near Vijay, during his political campaigns, put themselves in harm's way, Rajinikanth said they have to be "careful". Despite the tragic incident at Karur, where 41 people died in a stampede, in Vijay's

rally, it is a common sight to see the actor-politician's fans throwing themselves in front of his vehicle during his rally, putting themselves at risk. Seven people were injured on Wednesday at Thoothukudi when the bikes they were travelling on collided while they were following Vijay's convoy. The incident took place on the Thoothukudi-Nellai four-lane highway. "Youth must be very

careful. If they get hurt, the hardship is theirs alone. They must prioritise their safety," Rajinikanth replied to reporters. He further emphasised the importance of the student phase of one's life, noting that education should be the sole focus for those in their formative years. "If you miss this time meant for studies, you will suffer greatly later in life. Your entire thoughts and focus must be on

your education," he added. The 'Jailer' star also delivered a strong message against substance abuse, warning that addiction does not just destroy the individual but ruins the lives of their parents and family members. "Do not become a slave to these habits. It will make your life and your family's life hell. If you have friends who lead you toward such things, stay far away from

them," he advised. On the professional front, the actor shared updates regarding his upcoming film, noting that approximately 20 per cent of the shooting remains. When questioned about a highly anticipated collaboration with fellow veteran Kamal Haasan, Rajinikanth said details regarding the project and its script reside with the directors and production offices.

## Gujarat Titans hold nerve to clinch thriller against Delhi Capitals

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Gujarat Titans secured their first win of the season following a roller coaster last over as a rampaging David Miller's momentary indiscretion cost Delhi Capitals dearly in an IPL match here on Wednesday. Miller refused the single off the penultimate delivery of the final, bowled by Prasidh Krishna, underlining his lack of trust in partner Kuldeep Yadav. Prasidh bowled a pace-off slower, which Miller missed, and Jos Buttler, having taken one glove off, broke down the stumps before Kuldeep could make it. Delhi Capitals finished agonisingly short on 209 for 8 in pursuit of 211. Jos Buttler (52 off 27) returned to his ballistic ways with a six laden half century before captain Shubman Gill (70 off) and Washington Sundar (55 off 32) powered Gujarat Titans to 210 for four. Rahul (92 off 52) and Patum Nissanka (41 off 24) provided an ideal platform for Delhi Capitals with a 76-run stand off 49 balls.



However, Rashid Khan struck thrice in the middle overs to wrest the momentum from the Delhi Capitals.

Titans had all under control until the 19th over, with the home needing 36 off the last two overs. It was a tough ask, but with Miller (41 not out off 20) returning to the centre after treating his finger in the dressing room, there was hope.

Miller singlehandedly brought back Delhi Capitals in the game with a couple of cracking sixes and a four in a 23-run penultimate over from Mohammed Siraj. With the majority of Titans pacers proving expensive on the night, the experi-

enced Prasidh Krishna was left to defend 13 off the last six balls. Vipraj Nigam departed after a four off the first ball, leaving Miller with 8 to get off the last three balls.

What followed was a mammoth hit over long-off that almost sealed the deal for the Delhi Capitals. Such was Miller's state of mind that he refused a single on the penultimate ball, and that proved to be decisive in the end.

With 2 needed off the final ball, Prasidh went for a slow bouncer that was not connected by Miller, who went for the run, leaving Kuldeep Yadav short of his crease.

The review was called for a wide but it was deemed a fair delivery, leaving Miller disappointed. It was the first loss of the season for Delhi Capitals in as many games, while Titans finally logged home full points in their third attempt.

Earlier, Buttler smashed five sixes at the Kotla. Four of those maximums came off medium pacer Mukesh Kumar (2/55 in 4 overs), who had an off day after starring in the previous game against the Mumbai Indians.

Buttler went hard at Mukesh in the fifth over of the innings, collecting 23 runs via three hits that went all the way. One was over fine leg after he shuffled across the stumps, the second was a massive strike that reached the top tier of the "Gautam Gambhir Stand" and three balls later, he targeted the extra cover region.

Buttler's onslaught helped Delhi Capitals reach 68 for one in the powerplay. He was dismissed against the run of play, off a long hop from Kuldeep Yadav.

## Green Set To Resume Bowling Role As KKR Seek Balance Boost

**KOLKATA**  
Wakeup telangana

Cameron Green is expected to resume bowling duties for Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in their IPL 2026 clash against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) at Eden Gardens on Thursday, in what could provide a timely boost to a side struggling with team balance due to multiple injury setbacks. According to ESPNcricinfo, Green, who has not bowled in IPL 2026 so far, had begun the tournament as a specialist batter following guidance from Cricket Australia due to a lower-back injury. However, with more than 10 days having passed since the initial advisory, the Australian all-rounder is now understood to be ready to return to bowling in a competitive match. "Cameron has a lower-back injury, which is being managed, but requires him to abstain from bowling for a short period," Cricket Australia had said on March 30. "Cameron is currently rebuilding his



bowling loads in India with a view to return in around 10-12 days' time." KKR's combination has been heavily impacted in the early stages of the tournament. The franchise has had to deal with the absence of key bowlers, with Mustafizur Rahman unavailable due to instructions from the BCCI even before the season began. Injuries to Harshit Rana and Akash Deep further depleted their pace resources, while Sunil Narine

missed the previous match due to illness and Varun Chakaravathy was sidelined with a hand injury. Green's absence as a bowling option has compounded these issues, leaving KKR short on all-round balance. His return to bowling is expected to ease some of that pressure as the team looks to register its first win of the season after two defeats and a wash-out. The 26-year-old's form with the bat has

also been under scrutiny. Having been bought for a record Rs 25.20 crore at the IPL auction, the highest ever for an overseas player, Green has managed scores of 18, 2 and 4 in three innings, raising questions about his role in the batting order.

"One of those dismissals has been a run out [against SRH], not a part of his fault. Still, he's missed out twice. There's a bit of panic, he's not looking the same as the past," Aaron Finch had told ESPNcricinfo about his countrymate on Tuesday. "Remember when he was at the top of the order for MI - how he had a totally different intent. He was imposing at No. 3 twice and No. 4 once this season, but with his all-round role set to expand, KKR will hope the Australian can rediscover both rhythm and confidence in the crucial encounter against LSG.

## 50 sheds removed in Malkajgiri anti encroachment drive

The Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) conducted an anti-encroachment drive from Malkajgiri X Road to Anand Bagh Chowrasta on Wednesday, April 8. According to Assistant City Planner VB Srinivas Rao, around 50 temporary sheds were removed. The demolition was conducted in the presence of the police. Local vendors protested and sought time from officials, but the drive continued. The corporation is planning to conduct another anti-encroachment drive on Friday. No money to pay my children's fees: Distraught vendor A female vendor whose sheds were among the 50 removed is still reeling from what happened. "They came around 9:30 am and started removing at once. We begged them to give us time, but they did not listen. Everything is ruined. I have not eaten anything since morning. I am forced to beg," she said. "They have destroyed everything. I need to pay Rs 10,000 as rent. I have no money to pay for my children's school fees. Their exams are about to begin in two months. What should I do? Where should I go? I am helpless," she said. She said 20-25 police personnel came and dragged them out. "They have destroyed everything. our dools, colourful pots, deepam.... everything is lost," she said.

## 1,400 shops in Hyderabad's 2BHK colonies to be auctioned from April 9

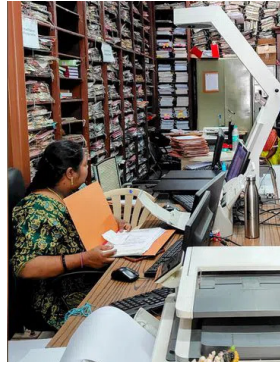
Over 1,400 shops situated across 36 2BHK housing colonies in Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, and Sangareddy districts will be auctioned starting April 9. The shops, ranging from 60 to 400 square feet, have been constructed within residential colonies to cater to daily needs and promote local business activity. Notifications have been issued by the respective District Collectors. As part of the first phase, auctions for 273 shops in eight colonies of Rangareddy district will be held on April 9 and 10. In the second phase, 77 shops in 10 colonies located in Hyderabad will be auctioned on April 15 and 16. Similarly, 892 shops located in 12 colonies in the Medchal-Malkajgiri district will be auctioned on April 15 and 17. On April 15, 18 and 21, 372 shops located in six colonies of Sangareddy district will be auctioned off. The shops are being auctioned on an "as is, where is" basis, with minimum prices fixed lower than prevailing market rates. Interested bidders can visit the colonies, identify suitable shops, and register for the auction by submitting the required Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) at the concerned Revenue Divisional Office before 11 am on the scheduled auction dates. The revenue generated from the auction of these shops will be utilised exclusively for the development and maintenance of the respective colonies. The auction proceeds will be maintained as a corpus fund, and the income generated, along with monthly maintenance contributions from residents, will be used for maintenance of common areas such as lighting, lifts, and borewells.

# Secunderabad Cantonment Board resumes digitisation of land records

The Secunderabad Cantonment Board has restarted digitisation of records after 10 years. Over 20,000 files will be scanned to preserve defence land data, improve access, and reduce disputes. The project is expected to be completed within six months.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

For the second time, the Secunderabad Cantonment Board has decided to take up an exercise to digitise the records, documents, maps and Board resolutions. The last digitisation of records, including maps and drawings, was carried out in 2015 and after a gap of 10 years, the process has now started again in Secunderabad Cantonment. A senior SCB official said the SCB completed the first phase of the digitisation process with the consent of the Ministry of Defence and has now decided on its own to digitise the remaining years of records.



The digitisation matter came to discussion as one of the agenda items in the Cantonment Board meeting held in February, where the members were informed about the project by the SCB chief executive officer, Arvind Kumar Dwivedi. The CEO explained to the Board that tenders were floated and out of four,

one bidder has been qualified. The bidder, Thrinaina Informatics Pvt Limited, quoted Rs 10.40 lakh for digitising over 8 lakh pages. The CEO also stated that from 2015 onwards, a substantial number of files, approximately 20,000 files, remain undigitised, of which 5,300 were building plans, 12,800 were assessment/mutation files and other miscellaneous files. When president, Cantonment Board Brigadier, S Rajeev, who chaired the Board meeting, enquired about timeframe for completion of digitisation and scanning work, the CEO stated that the bidder has to complete the process within six months and

would be extended for the additional time as scanning large maps and drawings takes more time. Regarding the benefits of the exercise, a senior SCB official told 'Telangana Today' that digitisation of records would ensure preservation of precious defence land records for a long time and ensure their easy retrieval by the users. The digitisation also aims to protect against land disputes, especially in the context of identifying and auditing land in the 40 sq km Cantonment area. Meanwhile, scanning of physical records and digitisation is being carried out at a brisk pace at SCB's record room located within the Cantonment Board office.

## Helipad Work Begins for Hyderabad-Somasila-Srisailam Helicopter Tourism Circuit

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Helicopter service linking Hyderabad with Somasila and Srisailam is set to begin in the second week of June, when Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is expected to inaugurate the new tourist initiative. Officials said helipad construction is underway at Somasila, while landing permissions and other regulatory clearances are still awaited. The project is being implemented by the Telangana Tourism Development Corporation in coordination with EaseMyTrip through its EasyDarshan platform. According to officials, the introductory price has been fixed at '99,000 per person for the first two months. Each helicopter will have six seats, and four helicopters are planned for deployment. Officials said the service will begin with one heli-

copter, and more aircraft will be added depending on demand. Retired Army pilots will operate the flights. The four-day package is aimed at high-end spiritual tourism. On arrival in Hyderabad, passengers will be put up at five-star hotels, including Park Hyatt Hyderabad, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Hyderabad Banjara Hills, Taj Krishna and The Park Hyderabad. The next day, passengers will fly to Somasila and stay at Mrugavani Resort. The itinerary includes a visit to the Lalita Someswara Swamy Temple, a holy dip in the Krishna River and boating. From there, passengers will travel by helicopter to Srisailam to visit the Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple and the Bhramaramba Devi Temple. Accommodation will be arranged at Raghavendra Grand Srisailam or a similar hotel.

# TGDA Revamps Vaidya Bhavan, Offers Stay for Visiting Doctors

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Government Doctors Association (TGDA) has renovated Telangana Vaidya Bhavan in Hyderabad at a cost of nearly ₹70 lakh to provide accommodation for doctors visiting the city on official assignments. The facility was inaugurated on Wednesday by Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha and Principal Secretary (Health) Dr Christina Z. Chongththu. Speaking on the occasion, TGDA president Dr B. Narahari said the association regained possession of the building in 2024 following a legal



Telangana Minister for Medical and Health Damodara Raja Narasimha inaugurated the Telangana Vaidya Bhavan, the new office of the Telangana Government Doctors Association (TGGDA), in Koti, Hyderabad. Health Secretary Christina, Commissioner Dr. Sangeetha Satyanarayana, TGGDA President Dr. Narahari, General Secretary Dr. Lalu Prasad Rathod, along with several government doctor representatives, were present.

battle, after which elections were conducted. He said contributions from doctors starting at ₹1,000 helped raise close to ₹70 lakh, of which over ₹60 lakh was spent on renovation and the remaining on

infrastructure development. The facility has seven rooms and is intended for short-term stays by visiting doctors, particularly those coming as examiners or on official duty. The association has fixed a tariff of ₹1,500 per day per person. Dr Narahari said the accommodation is fully booked for the next two weeks, with several medical professionals scheduled to visit the city. The facility provides basic amenities, including rooms, beds and television, while food can be arranged separately.

## Omar Khan Extends Birthday Wishes to Ali Musqati

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Senior BRS leader Mr. Ali Musqati was greeted with warm birthday wishes on his special day, as prominent social worker and activist Mohammad Omar Khan met him to extend heartfelt congratulations. During the meeting, Khan conveyed his best wishes for Musqati's continued happiness, good health, and long life. The interaction reflected mutual respect and admiration, highlighting Musqati's influence and standing within the community and political circles. Omar Khan also offered prayers, seeking blessings from Almighty Allah to grant Musqati



strength, prosperity, and enduring well-being. The occasion was marked by a spirit of goodwill and appreciation, with well-wishers expressing hope that Ali Musqati continues to serve society with dedication and commitment in the years ahead.

# Banjara Lake Polluted by Sewage, HYDRAA Steps In

Locals have also alleged that the Taj Banjara Hotel has encroached on the path to the Kattamaisamma Temple, blocking access.

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Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) Commissioner AV Ranganath, on Wednesday, April 8, inspected the Banjara Lake located on Road No 01 in Banjara Hills, which has turned into a foul-smelling dump, according to locals. MLA Danam Nagendar accompanied him. During the inspection, the HYDRAA Commissioner noted that the water body was being polluted by sewage and plastic waste carried from upstream. He asked for a comprehensive report to be prepared regarding the protection of government land on the upper part of Banjara Lake and the rejuvenation of the lake. Warning of strict action against constructions that block canals and cause flood risks, the Commissioner assured that the lake will be preserved without encroaching on



residential areas. He said a transparent inquiry will be conducted by summoning both complainants and encroachers, and lake development works will commence as soon as permission is received from the government. Apart from this, locals have also alleged that the Taj Banjara Hotel has encroached on the path to the Kattamaisamma Temple, blocking access. The Commissioner also inspected Prajanavi's complaints that four to five ponds, including Ongoni Kunta, Kanakayya Kunta, Marrivanka Kunta, and Errakunta, located in the vicinity of Mamidipally, Shamshabad, have vanished. Locals had also complained that residential areas are being inundated during the rainy season because flood canals connecting these ponds are being occupied or arbitrarily blocked, leaving nowhere for rainwater to flow. He assured the locals that a meeting would be arranged with encroachers and if they did not comply, HYDRAA would directly intervene and remove the encroachments.

# TGDA Revamps Vaidya Bhavan, Offers Stay for Visiting Doctors

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

## Hyderabad Old City residents celebrate Middle East ceasefire

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As the Middle East tensions still linger on despite a two-week ceasefire between the United States, Israel and Iran, residents of Hyderabad's Old City celebrated the announcement by distributing sweets on Wednesday. Locals in Darulshifa expressed relief and happiness after several weeks of death and destruction in the region. "We are happy that tensions are reducing. We pray this ceasefire



leads to lasting peace," said a local resident. The war, which began on February 28, has now entered its sixth week, killing more than 5,000

people across nearly a dozen countries, including over 1,600 civilians in Iran, according to official and human rights estimates.

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