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WINDOWS



Trump announces trade deal deal with India, cuts tariffs
WASHINGTON: The United States and India have agreed to a trade deal, US President Donald Trump said on Monday after a phone call with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, announcing a cut in reciprocal tariffs and deeper economic cooperation. Trump said the US will reduce its reciprocal tariff on Indian goods to 18 per cent from 25 per cent, under the new agreement, in a bid to strengthen bilateral trade ties. In a post on his social media platform Truth Social, Trump described Modi as 'one of my greatest friends' and said the deal includes commitments by India to reduce its own tariffs and non-tariff barriers, and to buy more American goods, particularly in energy, technology and agriculture. The announcement also referenced India's potential shift away from Russian oil purchases, part of broader discussions that touched on geopolitical issues including the Russia-Ukraine conflict. The agreement marks a significant development in US-India economic relations amid ongoing negotiations over trade and tariff barriers that have dominated interactions between the two countries.

Sports Ministry keen to revive Formula 1 in India

NEW DELHI: The Sports Ministry is keen to bring Formula 1 back to the Buddh International Circuit soon and has already initiated dialogues with the track authorities to revive the race last held in India in 2013. According to a ministry source, Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has already visited the circuit in Greater Noida and held talks with officials from Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority, the state run body which took control of the facility from the owners – the now bankrupt Jaypee Group. Adani is in fray to buy the troubled Jaypee Group and once that happens, the whole process of trying to get the race back in India may gain momentum. What is clear for now is that the central government wants the high-profile sport to return to the country. The India round was held for three seasons from 2011 to 2013 before being dropped from the Formula 1 calendar due to tax and bureaucratic issues.



Iran President orders restart of nuclear talks with US



For the past 75 years, all budgets were life changing. They just didn't change mine

CM readies for war with Centre over 'zero funds'

Tells TG Cong MPs to raise Budget injustice issue in Parl

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HYDERABAD

THE state government is bracing to launch a fight against the Union government for not announcing any new projects to Telangana and not allocating funds that are required in the Union Budget 2026-2027 presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday.

Taking a serious note of Centre's 'deliberate' indifference towards the state, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy instructed CMO officials and Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao to prepare a report on the Centre's allocations and seek early clearance of the pending projects.

Officials said that the Chief Minister will hold a high-level meeting to deliberate on the Union Budget,



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will meet some Union ministers in New Delhi after the municipal elections and appraise them of the status of the pending projects in the state and seek allocation of Central funds

its impact on the state's development and the financial condition.

"The state government was hopeful that the Centre would give approvals to pending projects like including Metro Rail phase-2, Musi rejuvenation project and funds for development works," officials said. They

pointed out that a special team was analysing the budget and subsequently taking stock of the findings vis-a-vis challenges facing the state due to Centre's delay in approving projects.

The Chief Minister was planning to hold a meeting with Congress MPs from Telangana and instruct

them to raise the issue of injustice meted to the state in the budget session of the parliament. A memorandum would also be submitted to the union ministers demanding fair allocation of funds.

Sources said that Revanth Reddy would meet some union ministers in New Delhi after the municipal elections and appraise them of the status of the pending projects that is putting a heavy burden on the state exchequer.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka is preparing a report in consultation with the state finance department to seek more funds from the Centre and complete the pending projects this year. The budget preparation meetings would also take into consideration the poor allocations to the state.

RAHUL GANDHI VS RAJNATH SINGH IN LS

Massive showdown over ex-army chief's memoir

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NEW DELHI

A major political row erupted on Monday as Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi sought to quote in the Lok Sabha from an unpublished "memoir" of former army chief M M Naravane on the 2020 India-China conflict to attack Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, evoking a backlash from BJP leaders who accused him of misleading the House and belittling the armed forces.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla disallowed Gandhi from raising the issue, but he did not relent and several Opposition leaders also rallied behind him. The House was adjourned twice and later for the day amid uproar as heated



exchanges took place between the treasury and Opposition benches.

While Gandhi said the government is "afraid" of a line that he wants to quote from the book and asserted that he would state that line in the Lower House, the BJP alleged that the Congress leader undermined the dignity of Parliament and hurt the morale of the Indian soldiers with his false accusations, in defiance of Speaker Om Birla's ruling.

The ruling party's leaders, including ministers, asked Gandhi to stop "speaking the language of anti-India elements".

Speaking with reporters, Gandhi claimed that he was not being allowed to quote from Naravane's unpublished book in the Lok Sabha because it indicts Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for "letting down" the army during the 2020 conflict with China. **Continued on Page 7**

PARL BEGINS DEBATE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

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ICC mulls suspending Pak as T20 WC 'India boycott' row deepens



NEW DELHI/ISLAMABAD

HOURS after the Pakistan government announced that the cricket team of the country will not play against India in the upcoming T20 World Cup, the ICC has warned to reconsider the stance,

making the board aware of the long-term implications they might face as a result of boycotting the high-profile fixture.

The ICC issued a warning that the boycott could lead to punitive sanctions, including its suspension.

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'Corrupt' KCR can't be father of Telangana: CM

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CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday launched a scathing attack on former chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao, strongly countering claims of some BRS leaders who project KCR as 'Father of Telangana state'.

Referring to certain leaders projecting themselves as freedom fighters, Revanth Reddy said it was inappropriate to compare them with Mahatma Gandhi. "When minor police notices are issued, they ask whether notices can be served on the 'Father of the Telan-



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy addressing the Ravi Narayana Reddy National Award function in Hyderabad on Monday

gana state'. Gandhiji sacrificed power and ultimately gave his life to the bullets of evil men. What sacrifices has this self-proclaimed father of the state made?" he asked.

Speaking after presenting Ravi Narayana Reddy

National Award to Justice B Sudharshan Reddy here, the Chief Minister said there was no Telangana activist who did not face hardships during the Bharat Rashtira Samithi regime. **Continued on Page 7**

Air India grounds flight after fuel switch moves from 'run' to 'cutoff'

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NEW DELHI

AN Air India Boeing 787 Dreamliner was grounded after its left fuel control switch failed to stay in the 'run' position twice and moved to 'cutoff' during engine startup, an airline spokesperson said.

The flight AI 132 came from Heathrow to Bengaluru on Monday.

"We are aware that one of our pilots has reported a possible defect on the fuel control switch of a Boeing 787-8 aircraft," the Air India



spokesperson said. "After receiving this initial information, we have grounded the said aircraft and are involving the OEM to get the pilot's concerns checked on a priority basis," the spokesperson said, referring to the original equipment manufacturer, ie, Boeing. **Continued on Page 7**

MUSK, TRUMP, PRINCE ANDREW & BILL CLINTON

Epstein files reveal hidden ties

NEW YORK

A massive tranche of three million pages of previously sealed Jeffrey Epstein documents has brought elite figures back into the spotlight. Some of the people named always maintained that they barely knew him; many others stated that they were repulsed by him from the start.

The latest files, including emails, letters and travel records, revealed Epstein



kept close ties with Hollywood stars, politicians, and industry leaders, even after he had been convicted of sex crimes in 2008.

Elon Musk, Howard Lutnick, and Richard Branson are among those now under scrutiny. **Continued on Page 7**

POLITICKLE by MANJUL



Revised IBC Bill in 2nd half of budget session: FM

NEW DELHI: The Union government is likely to bring in the revised Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) Amendment Bill when Parliament re-assembles for budget session after recess, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday, signalling progress on the long-pending overhaul of India's insolvency framework.

"The select committee has submitted its report, and it is expected to be taken up in Parliament in the latter half of the current session after the House reconvenes following the recess," Sitharaman told the media during a post-budget briefing.

The remarks indicate that the government is preparing to move ahead with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025, after factoring in the recommendations of the parliamentary panel.

HMDA rakes in Rs 1,000 cr from high-rise permits

103 HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS GIVEN PERMISSION IN 2025; TELLAPUR, KOKAPET HOTSPOTS

- ▶▶ Developers opting for high-rises due to unlimited FSI
- ▶▶ Adverse impact on infra, power, water resources likely

K CHANDRASHEKAR
HYDERABAD

THE high-rise buildings in the city are filling the coffers of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) as it has raked in over Rs 1,000 crore in the last one year thanks to the permissions being given liberally



to such constructions. Of late, the HMDA has even given permission to buildings with 50 to 70 floors. During the year 2025 alone, 103 high-rise buildings were

given permission compared to 64 in the year 2024. According to official data, the areas such as Tellapur, Gandipet, Narsingi, Kokapet and others which were small

List of recent high-rise permits

Area	Height of skyscraper (meters)	No of Floors
Kokapet	206.75	59
Tellapur	158.4	50
Kollur	119.7	39
Kollur	134.35	37
Bachupally	108.06	35
Kokapet	105.3	23

villages until recently, have turned into hot destinations for high-rise buildings in the city. The top high-rise buildings for which permissions have been given, include a

skyscraper with 70 floors in Osman Nagar near Tellapur and a high-rise with 63 floors in Kokapet with height going over 215 meters (the project is in preliminary

approval stage and likely to get completed by 2029). According to a senior official in the Municipal Administration & Urban Development (MA&UD), the permissions for such high-rise buildings are given based on the width of the road, traffic assessment and other infrastructure. A senior official said that if the road width is more than hundred feet, the permission for a high-rise building is given. The official said that based on this phenomenon, permission for high-rise was given in Abids area. **Continued on Page 7**