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The fourth edition of 'Ramayana Kalpavriksham,' presented by Shankaranand Kalakshetra and Natyarambha, featured a galaxy of performances, talks.

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Years back, every village and settlement had a lake—protected by a raised embankment, a katta. The lake was not merely a water body but a living institution. Its embankment was guarded by local deities.

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**'Trump spoke with Modi'**
**Claims Ambassador Gor**

NEW DELHI: US President Donald Trump spoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday. US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor wrote in a post on X, with a cryptic "stay tuned". This came soon after the US President posted a photograph of India Gate on Truth Social, with the message: "India's beautiful triumphal arch, our will be greatest of all (sic)." The cryptic posts come at a time when ties have chilled between the two countries. India and the US have been unable to sign any sort of agreement on trade, despite almost a year of negotiations.

The two sides were close to a deal in July last year, which fell through. The negotiations have continued since, but there seems to be little movement for a conclusion at the moment. Also on Monday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar left for the US, where he is set to hold a bilateral meeting with his American counterpart Marco Rubio and meet other senior officials on Tuesday and Wednesday. He will also attend the critical minerals ministerial convened by the Secretary of State.

**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 Yanauma 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**


# CM readies for war with Centre over 'zero funds'

Tells TG Cong MPs to raise Budget injustice issue in Parl

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**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**

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,

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-à-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 Vikaramarka 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.

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



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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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Speaking after presenting Ravi Narayana Reddy

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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. Chandrashekhar Rao, strongly countering claims of some BRS leaders who project KCR as 'Father of Telangana state'.

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## MUSK, TRUMP, PRINCE ANDREW & BILL CLINTON Epstein files reveal hidden ties

NEW YORK



Elon Musk, Howard Lutnick, and Richard Branson are among those now under scrutiny.

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

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## 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

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to such constructions.

Of late, the HMDA has 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

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approval stage and likely to get completed by 2029).

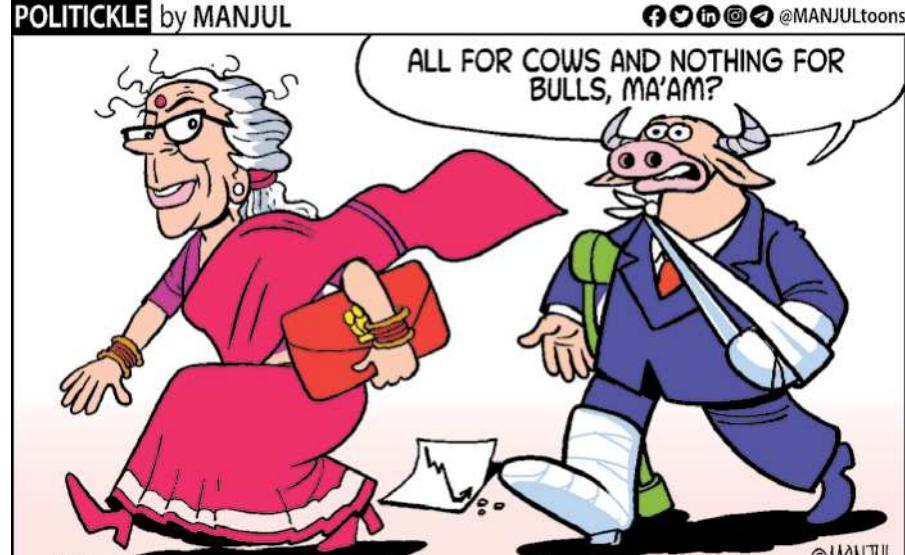
According to a senior official in the Municipal Administration & Urban Development (MA&UD), the permissions for such high-rise buildings are given based on the width of the road, traffic assessment and other infrastructure.

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.

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## 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.

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