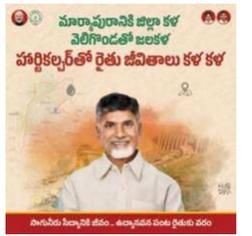
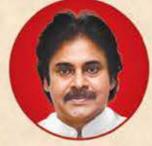


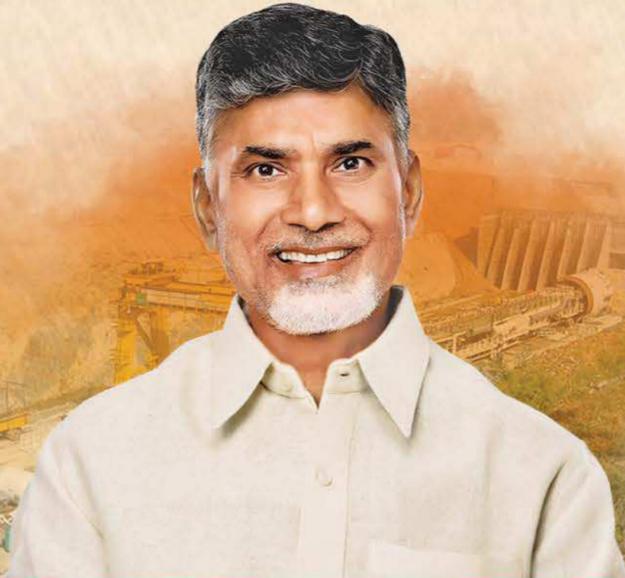
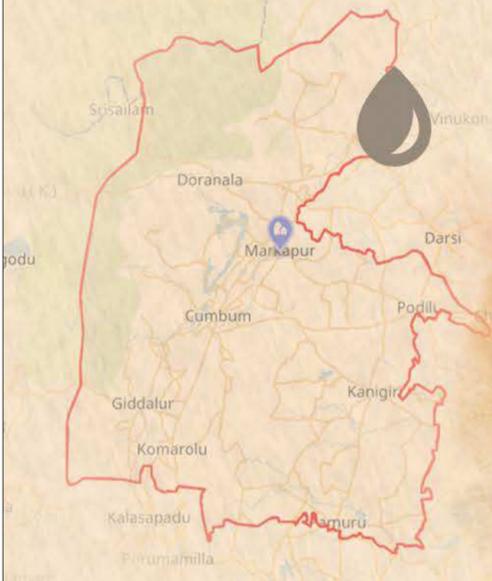
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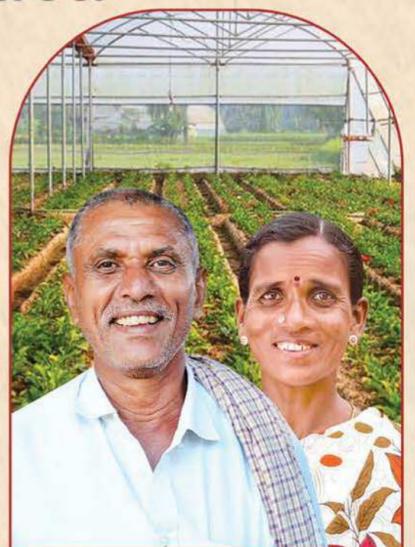
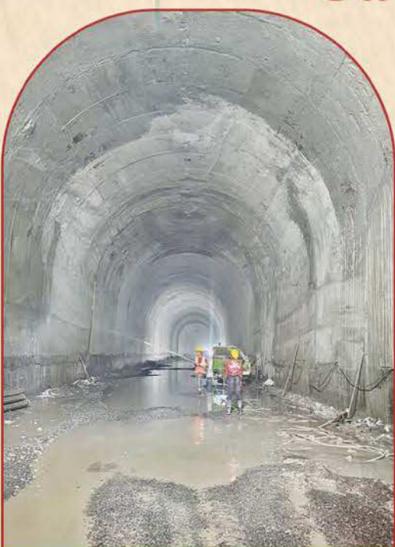
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తేదీ : 25-02-2026 | సమయం : మధ్యాహ్నం 2 గంటలకు



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Transport Minister Ponnab Prabhakar launches Meeeva Me ticket app for digital bus services in Hyderabad on Tuesday

Transport Minister launches Meeeva Me Ticket app for digital bus services

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

THE Telangana State Road Transport Corporation has integrated its bus ticketing services with the Meeeva Me Ticket mobile app. Transport Minister Ponnab Prabhakar launched the application on Tuesday to enable passengers to book tickets and obtain bus passes directly through their smartphones. This system integrates Online Passenger Reservation System services for long-distance and intercity travel.

Through this app, a total of 1,710 OPRS services are now available, including 450 air-conditioned and 1,260 non-AC services. On average, 13,000 seats are booked daily for destinations such as Bengaluru, Tirupati, and Warangal. The platform also allows commuters to renew monthly passes within Greater Hyderabad. Available fares include Rs 1,400 for City Ordinary, Rs 1,600 for Metro Express, and Rs 1,800 for Metro Deluxe passes. Additionally, Green Metro Luxury AC passes cost Rs 2,200 while Pushpak AC passes are priced at Rs 5,000. This digital shift aims to provide a more convenient experience for the thousands of travellers using TGSRTC services every month.

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Details of the Tender Notices of S.C. Railways can be seen on our website: www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

No. B/S/G Tender Notice/27-28/2025-26 Dt: 23.02.2026

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following work up to 15.30 hrs on Dt: 18.03.2026.

S.No.: 01 Tender No. & Date: SCR-BZA-SNT-E27-OT-2025-26 Dt: 23.02.2026 Name of the work: Carrying out Telecom works in connection with COP shelters, Platform surface, Circulating area, Modular Toilets, Provision of waiting halls and Escalators over multiple stations on Vijayawada division for period to one year. Tender value (₹): 7,31,59,218.90 EMD (₹): 515800 Completion Period: 12 Months

S.No.: 02 Tender No. & Date: SCR-BZA-SNT-E28-OT-2025-26 Dt: 23.02.2026 Name of the work: Vijayawada Division: S&T arrangements in connections with Provision of CCTV Surveillance Cameras in C&W Depots of CDO/BZA, MTM, NS, GOA & WD/BZA Tender value (₹): 2,18,97,598.00 EMD (₹): 259500 Completion Period: 12 Months

Date of closing and timing: Time 15.30 hrs Date 18.03.2026

1. Tender conditions / other particulars such as the details of the name of works in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria, etc. are available in the Tender documents published on the website at www.ireps.gov.in.

2. The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in, before the date of tender closing to note any changes / corrigenda for any tender.

3. The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the Office of Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom), S.C. Railway Vijayawada.

4. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.

Divisional Railway Manager (S&T), Vijayawada

e-Tender Notice Nos. C/E/29/Elec/M/SC/41 & 42/PA/OT/2025-26 Dt: 23.02.2026

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the given below work up to 15.00 hours on 16.03.2026

S.No.: 01 e-Tender No.: 01/PA/OT/2025-26 etender No.E-M-SC-41/OT-2025-26 Name of work: Secunderabad Division Electrical Maintenance Department - (i) Provision of Ballast less track and quick watering arrangements for Road No. 1 & Road No.3 at Bidar Railway Station (ii) Provision of Ballast less track and Quick watering system for Loop Line-1at PRLI (iii) Sirpur Kagaznagar - Provision of Ballast less track for Road 5 and Quick watering system between Road 5&6 at Sirpurkaganagar Railway Station (iv) Provision of Ballast less track and Quick watering system for Loop Line-1 at KFRM - Electrical Arrangements. Tender Value (₹): 8,02,43,401.00 EMD (₹): 5,51,200.00 CTF (₹): 0.00 Completion period: 6 Months

S.No.: 02 e-Tender No.: 02/PA/OT/2025-26 etender No.E-M-SC-42/OT-2025-26 Name of work: Secunderabad Division Electrical Maintenance Department - Schedule A - Provision of Lighting Arrangements on Extended Platforms Over SC Division. Schedule B - CHZ - Development/Improvements to Station Building, circulating area on 2nd entry side and Provision of COP for full length on PF1 2&3 in lieu of terminal station facilities at Charlapally - Electrical Arrangements. Tender Value (₹): 3,85,20,131.40 EMD (₹): 3,42,600.00 CTF (₹): 0.00 Completion period: 6 Months

Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at www.ireps.gov.in which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer (M), Secunderabad

e-Tender Notice Nos. C/E/29/Elec/M/SC/43/PA/OT/2025-26 Dt: 23.02.2026

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S.No.: 01 e-Tender No.: 01/PA/OT/2025-26 etender No.E-M-SC-43/OT-2025-26 Name of work: Secunderabad Division Electrical Maintenance Department - Replacement of existing old water tanks along with staging at BTRN, CDNR, HTC, BRBD, GDO, SEM, NAW and CT stations under Sr.DEN/West/SC jurisdiction. - Electrical arrangements. Tender Value (₹): 46,26,285.00 EMD (₹): 92,500.00 CTF (₹): 0.00 Completion period: 6 Months

Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at www.ireps.gov.in which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer (M), Secunderabad

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer, A2550 TRD, Hyderabad

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Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer (M), Secunderabad

CENTRE PUSHES FOR AVIATION INFRA DEVT IN TELANGANA

- Union Minister of Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy meets Union Minister of Civil Aviation K Ram Mohan Naidu
- Joint review of airport projects in Warangal, Adilabad and Pedapalli

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD/HYDERABAD

UNION Minister of Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy met Union Minister of Civil Aviation K Ram Mohan Naidu in New Delhi Tuesday. The two leaders conducted a comprehensive review of ongoing and proposed airport projects across the state, with a focus on Warangal, Adilabad and Pedapalli.

The ministers emphasised the importance of regular review meetings to ensure timely progress and quick resolution of challenges. This collaborative approach aims to accelerate the pace of development and



Union Ministers G Kishan Reddy and K Ram Mohan Naidu hold a review meeting on Telangana's aviation infrastructure development in New Delhi on Tuesday

strengthen connectivity in Telangana. In Warangal, land acquisition has been successfully completed, with 953 acres earmarked for the airport. Plans include a 2,500-metre runway, and the design and scope of work are being finalised. The foundation stone is expected to be laid in July 2026, marking a major milestone in the project.

Meanwhile, in Adilabad, land acquisition for terminal and infrastructure facilities is yet to begin.

However, the Ministry of Defence has agreed to allow usage of its existing land for the runway. Discussions are ongoing between the Ministries of Civil Aviation and Defence to finalize modalities for joint usage of the airport.

At Pedapalli, 980 acres have been identified for the project. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) is currently conducting a feasibility study to assess the viability and scope of development. UMs Kishan Reddy and K Ram Mohan Naidu held at review meeting on the Telangana Aviation Infrastructure Development in New Delhi on Tuesday.

OPERATION OCTOPUS: 104 HELD IN PAN-INDIA CYBER FRAUD BUST

Hyderabad Cyber Crime cracks down on ₹127 crore scam network across 16 states

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

THE Hyderabad police dismantled a fraud syndicate operating across multiple states. The police arrested 104 individuals and seized large quantities of cash and digital equipment. The operation code-named 'Operation Octopus' was spearheaded by the Cyber Crime wing.

DCP Cybercrimes V Aravind Babu executed a coordinated operation with 32 Special Teams comprising seasoned investigators across 16 Indian states in a span of 10 days. The teams launched a massive crackdown on cybercrime syndicates operating across the country, targeting networks involved in online investment scams, trading frauds and digital arrest schemes.

Following an intensive investigation into the rise of such frauds, the Cyber Crime Police identified a nexus of 151 bank accounts used to siphon off victims' funds.

This includes 86 mule account holders, 17 account suppliers/aggregators, and one banking official. The accused are linked to 1,055 cyber fraud cases registered across India, involving a total fraud amount

of approximately Rs 127 crore. Police seized 204 mobile phones, 141 SIM cards, 152 bank passbooks, 234 debit/credit cards, 26 laptops, 56 corporate/firm stamps, and a cash of Rs 36 lakh.

The Cyber Crime teams were simultaneously deployed to legitimate hotspots of cybercrime located in Maharashtra, Delhi, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttarakhand and Odisha.

'Operation Octopus' is an ongoing initiative, and the investigation is progressing to dismantle the higher echelons of these syndicates.

Cyber Crime police advise the citizens that if you suspect you have been a victim of cyber fraud, immediate action is crucial and call National Helpline 1930 immediately to report the fraud. Lodge a formal complaint via the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal at www.cybercrime.gov.in.

Visit the nearest Cyber Crime Police Station or your local police station to file an FIR. Citizens can also utilise the C-Mitra initiative to facilitate the filing of e-FIRs conveniently.



Free RTC travel for Inter students

HYDERABAD: With the Intermediate Public Examinations 2026 scheduled from February 25 to March 13, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has permitted all male candidates with valid bus passes to travel free of charge to and from their examination centres within the Greater Hyderabad Zone.

According to TGSRTC, male candidates showing their hall ticket and a valid concessional bus pass will be allowed to travel free of cost, irrespective of the distance and origin/destination mentioned on the bus pass. Meanwhile, on Tuesday, Transport Minister Ponnab Prabhakar held a review meeting with senior officials at the Secretariat to discuss RTC bus operations. Ponnab Prabhakar has directed TGSRTC officials to take all necessary steps to ensure that students writing Intermediate and upcoming 10th grade exams do not face any difficulties. With the exams commencing on Wednesday and the 10th grade

exams beginning on March 14, RTC officials have confirmed that arrangements have been made to deploy extra buses during the morning and afternoon periods of the exams.

The Minister has directed officials to implement measures ensuring that buses transport students from rural areas to examination centres smoothly. Furthermore, he mentioned that arrangements have been made to drop students off at the examination centre according to their hall tickets, ensuring that buses will stop at the examination centre regardless of designated stops. He instructed that this information should be informed to RTC conductors and drivers via each depot manager. The Minister expressed his hope that students will take advantage of this service, perform well in their exams, and secure good marks without experiencing undue stress. Ponnab Prabhakar encouraged students to utilise their hall tickets to disembark at their preferred stops.

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPALITY DEVARAKADRA MUNICIPALITY MAHABUBNAGAR DIST. (TS)

E-Procurement Tender Notice
Tender for Construction of Storm water drains at various locations in Devarakadra Municipality Est cost of Rs 5,00,00,000 & Development of Main Road (Drains along the road, CC Roads, footpath, parking Beautification and Land scaping etc., under ROB in Devarakadra Municipality Est cost of Rs 10,00,00,000, have been called on "e" procurement platform Bid Document Download Start Dt: 25.02.2026, 10:30 AM, Bid Document Download End Dt: 06.03.2026, 3:30 PM. Further details can be seen @ e-procurement market place i.e. <https://tender.telangana.gov.in> Office inviting bids Commissioner, Devarakadra Municipality, Telangana State. Ph. 7331109837, 9347102284. Sd/-COMMISSIONER, DEVARAKADRA MUNICIPALITY

GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Date: 24-02-2026
NIT No. Name of the Work Estimate Amount Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids Name & Address of Officer
TENDER No. 06/EEC/17/JIP/GHMC/2025-26 For 02 Works "Supply, Filling & Spreading of Good Gravel for Masjid in view of Ramzan Festival-2026" at Ward-63, Shaheen Nagar, Circle-17 Jalpally, Shamshabad Zone, GHMC & Supply, Filling & Spreading of Good Gravel for Masjid in view of Ramzan Festival-2026 at Ward-64, Pahadshahar, Circle-17 Jalpally, Shamshabad Zone, GHMC. 4.00 Lakhs 28-02-2026@ 03:00 PM Sri. K. Srinivas, Executive Engineer, Jalpally Circle-17, GHMC
For further details can be seen at e-procurement @ <http://www.tender.telangana.gov.in> Sd/-Executive Engineer Circle-17, Jalpally, GHMC
DIPR.R.O. No.: 15923-PP/C/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt: 24-02-26

FORM NO. 16
[See Regulation 34(3)]
BY ALL PERMISSIBLE MODES

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1) 3rd Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad 500001

RC/13/2025 19-02-2026
WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER RULE 48 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993
UCO BANK Versus SRI JERPLA RAMJEE
To, (C.D.) SRI JERPLA RAMJEE, S/O. SRI REDDY JERPLA, AGED MAJOR, OCC. DOCTOR, H.No.3-22/4, STREET NO.11, VENKATESHWARA COLONY, SAROORANAGAR-500035 Also At: FLAT NO. 301, SRI SAI COMPLEX, ROAD NO.5 VADEHI NAGAR, VANASTHALI PURAM, HYDERABAD-500070.
Also At: H.No. 7-3-49, MN/27/1, MALLIKARJUNA NAGAR, BLOCK NO. 2, ROAD NO.7, SAGAR RING ROAD, NEAR POCHAMMA TEMPLE, BAIRAMALGUDA, YASHODARA NAGAR, HYDERABAD-500079
(C.D.) SMT. RAMAVATH BHAGYA LAKSHMI, W/O. SRI JERPLA RAMJEE, AGED: MAJOR, OCC. SERVICE, H.No. 3-22/4, STREET NO. 11, VENKATESHWARA COLONY, SAROORA NAGAR, RANGAREDDY DISTRICT, HYDERABAD-500035
Also At: FLAT NO. 301, SRI SAI COMPLEX, ROAD NO. 5, VADPHI NAGAR, VANASTHALI PURAM, HYDERABAD-500070.
Also At: H.No. 7-3-49/MN/27/1, MALLIKARJUNA NAGAR, BLOCK NO. 2, ROAD NO.7, SAGAR RING ROAD, NEAR POCHAMMA TEMPLE, BAIRAMALGUDA, YASHODARA NAGAR, HYDERABAD-500079.

Whereas (C.D.) SRI JERPLA RAMJEE JERPLA have failed to pay the sum of Rs.1,00,33,534.98 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Three Thousands Five Hundred Thirty Four And Paise Ninety Eight Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 10.80 % w.e.f. 01.10.2024 till realization and costs of Rs 159100 (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Nine Thousands One Hundred Only) payable by you in respect of Certificate No. RC/13/2025 drawn up by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1)
Whereas (C.D.) SRI JERPLA RAMJEE JERPLA was ordered by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1) who had issued the Recovery Certificate dated 29/08/2025 in OA/401/2024 to pay to the Certificate holder Bank /F.I. 10033534.98 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Three Thousands Five Hundred Thirty Four And Paise Ninety Eight Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 10.80 % w.e.f. 01.10.2024 till realization and costs of Rs 159100 (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Nine Thousands One Hundred Only), and whereas the said has not been paid.

2. It is ordered that you the Certificate Debtor as set forth are hereby prohibited and restrained until further order of the undersigned from transferring or charging the under mentioned property, in any way, and that all persons be, and that they are hereby prohibited from taking any benefit under such transfer or charge.

3. You are required to appear before the Recovery Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1) on 28/03/2026 at 10-30 A.M. to take notice of the date to be fixed for settling terms of proclamation of sale.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
PROPERTY DETAILS
Property Type IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Detail Of Property AS PER THE ANNEXURE
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 19/02/2026.
FORM-16 ANNEXURE
R.P NO.313/2025 IN O.A NO.401/2024

SCHEDULE "A" (Description of the Application Schedule Properties/Secured Assets)
I. Details of the Immovable property mortgaged by Sri Jerpla Ramjee S/o Sri Reddy Jerpla, the Defendant No. 1 in favour of the Applicant Bank (Regd. Sale Deed Doc. No. 6354 of 2019 dated 06-10-2010)
All that piece and parcel of the Eastern Part of the Plot bearing Survey No. 27/1Part, admeasuring 308 Sq. Yds equivalent to 257.51 Mrs, situated at Ward No. 7, Block No. 2, adjacent to Mallikarjuna Nagar, Bairamalguda Village, Saroornagar Revenue Mandal, under GHMC L.B. Nagar Circle, Ranga Reddy District, Registration District R.O. Ranga Reddy East at L. B. Nagar and bounded by: North - Neighbour's House & Passage (12) Wide Road; South - 25 Wide Road including 5' Set Back; East: Passage (15) Wide Road and West: Western Part of the same Plot II. Details of the Immovable property mortgaged by Sri Jerpla Ramjee S/o Sri Reddy Jerpla, the Defendant No. 1 in favour of the Applicant Bank (Regd. Sale Deed Doc. No. 7072 of 2010 dated 09-11-2010)
All that piece and parcel of the Western Part of the Plot admeasuring 180 Sq. Yds or 150 48 Sq. in Survey No. 27/1Part, situated at Ward No. 7, Block No. 2, adjacent to Mallikarjuna Nagar, Bairamalguda Village, Saroornagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy, District, under PMC L.B. Nagar Circle, Registration District Registrar Office, Ranga Reddy East at L.B. Nagar and bounded by: North: Neighbour's House & Passage (12) Wide Road; South - 20 Wide Road including 5' Set Back East: Eastern part of Open Land and West: Neighbour's Plot in survey No. 27/1

(RECOVERY OFFICER)

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA Revenue (LA) Department FORM-VII

(See sub-rule (1) of rule - 25 and section - 19(1) of the Act, 20/2013

The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act, 2013

COLLECTOR/ADDITIONAL COLLECTOR/ LAND ACQUISITION OFFICER & SUB-COLLECTOR

DECLARATION

No. G/1358/2025 Date: 24.02.2026

No. G/335/1/2025 Date: 16.02.2026

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana / Collector, Nalgonda that a total of Ac. 30.38 3/4 gts of land is required in the Wadapally Village of Damacherla Mandal in Nalgonda District for Public purpose, namely, acquisition of land for Construction of New Four Lane CC Road from Yadadri Thermal Power Station to Narketpally - Adanki - Medarametta Road (SH-2) bypassing Thallaveerappagudem and Damacherla Villages from Km 0/0 to Km 11/6.

Therefore declaration is made that a piece of land measuring, more or less Ac. 30.38 3/4 gts of standard measurement, under acquisition for the above said project in the Wadapally Village of Damacherla Mandal in Nalgonda District whose detailed description is as following under acquisition.

SCHEDULE

Village: Wadapally Mandal: Damacherla District: Nalgonda

Sl No.	Survey No. sub-Division No.	Type of Land	Area Under Acquisition (Ac.gts)	Name of the Patta/ R/ or S/o or W/o	Details of Structure on the Land
1	2	4	5	7	8
1	18	2	Dry Patta	00-25 1/4	Indian Cemen Pvt Ltd. -
2	23	2	Dry Banchara	03-25 00	Indian Cemen Pvt Ltd. -
3	117	2	Dry Patta	01-04 1/4	Indian Cement Pvt. Ltd. -
4	4	2	Dry Patta	00-30 1/4	Boddu Sambhaiah S/o. Sadulu -
5	5	2	Dry Patta	00-30 1/4	Boddu Srinivasulu S/o. Sadulu -
6	6	2	Dry Patta	00-30 1/4	Boddu Ramaiah S/o. Sadulu -
Total:- 03-15 00					
7	118	2	Dry Patta	00-09 00	Indian Cemen Pvt Ltd. -
8	120	2	Dry Patta	01-08 3/4	Indian Cemen Pvt Ltd. -
9	9	2	Dry Patta	00-20 1/4	Railway Line (existing) -
Total:- 01-28 00					
10	125	2	Dry Patta	00-36 3/4	Indian Cement Pvt. Ltd. -
11	143	2	Dry Patta	00-38 1/2	Indian Cement Pvt. Ltd. -
12	144	2	Dry Patta	00-21 3/4	Indian Cement Pvt. Ltd. -
13	145	2	Dry Patta	00-01 00	Indian Cement Pvt. Ltd. -
14	154	2	Dry Patta	03-01 00	Indian Cement Pvt. Ltd. -
15	155	2	Dry Patta	00-09 00	Indian Cement Pvt. Ltd. -
16	165	2	Dry Patta	00-35 3/4	Kedia Distilleries -
17	166	2	Dry Patta	00-06 3/4	Indian Cement Pvt. Ltd. -
18	18	2	Dry Patta	01-10 1/2	Kedia Distilleries -
Total:- 01-17 1/4					
19	180	2	Dry Patta	00-17 00	Vemula Laxamma W/o. Bhaskhar Rao -
20	20	2	Dry Patta	00-17 1/4	Vemula Vijay W/o. Anuram -
Total:- 00-34 1/4					
21	181	2	Dry Patta	00-16 00	Bayya Gangarama W/o. Sadaulu -
22	22	2	Dry Patta	00-16 1/4	Bayya Sadaiah S/o. Lingaiah -
Total:- 00-32 1/4					
23	185	2	Dry Patta	00-03 3/4	Vemula Laxamma W/o. Bhaskhar Rao -
24	24	2	Dry Patta	00-03 3/4	Vemula Vijay W/o. Anuram -
25	25	2	Dry Patta	00-01 1/2	Kola Narasimha Rao S/o. Venkateswarlu -
26	26	2	Dry Patta	00-24 1/2	Indian Cement Pvt. Ltd. -
Total:- 00-33 1/2					
27	188	2	Dry Patta	00-22 3/4	Kotika Kondiah S/o. Venkateswarlu S/o. Venkateswarlu -
28	28	2	Dry Patta	00-04 00	Lottapally Naga Sadaamma W/o. Venkaiah -
29	29	2	Dry Patta	00-26 3/4	Kotika Venkateswarlu S/o. Sathaiiah -
Total:- 01-13 1/2					
30	208	2	Dry Patta	00-01 00	Bellamkonda Sushila W/o. Srinu -
31	31	2	Dry Patta	00-01 00	Vakili Venkateswarlu S/o. Koteswararao S/o. Venkateswarlu -
32	32	2	Dry Patta	00-09 1/2	Gaddam Venkanna S/o. Malliah -
33	33	2	Dry Patta	00-07 1/4	Kasani Durgamma W/o. Malliah -
34	34	2	Dry Patta	00-02 1/4	Kasani Durgamma W/o. Malliah -
Total:- 00-21 00					
35	209	2	Dry Patta	00-01 3/4	Gundu Sadaulu S/o. Gurvaiah -
36	36	2	Dry Patta	00-02 00	Canal -
37	37	2	Dry Patta	00-17 3/4	Un known -
38	38	2	Dry Patta	00-06 3/4	Kasani Durgamma W/o. Malliah -
39	39	2	Dry Patta	00-03 1/2	Kasani Varalakshmi W/o. Gopiah -
40	40	2			



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Aishwarya Sakhua on meeting herself without 'filters or performance'
Aishwarya was a Miss India finalist in 2006. From 2010 to 2012, she starred in the TV show 'Saas Bina Sasural'.

The rise and fall of El Mencho
In Milenio Cartel, El Mencho started as a member of the assassin squad that protected the drug lord Armando Valencia Cornelio ("El Maradona"). On 12 August 2003, his boss was arrested by Mexican authorities.

iQOO launches 15R; Co sees good demand in India
iQOO, the specialised mobile brand from Vivo stable, on Tuesday launched iQOO 15R in India as it eyes more young professionals' user base in the country.

What recruiters will truly seek from 2026 data science graduates
Core technical skills remain essential, but expectations have advanced. Python and SQL are baseline requirements rather than differentiators.

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TG to take up Medigadda repair works in summer

Uttam monitoring finalisation of designs

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THE state government is likely to take up the repairs of the three damaged barrages under the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project - Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla before the onset of this year's monsoon.

Following the recent assurances by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy that the Kaleshwaram project would be functional soon, the Irrigation Department has expedited review of the technical study reports and National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) recommendations. The department also speeded up designs for the three damaged barrages.

Officials said that the Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS), Pune, has already submitted its site inspection report along with a schedule of works for all three barrages. Testing works are under progress at Annaram and Sundilla barrages, while rehabilitation designs are to be prepared shortly.



Uttam monitoring finalisation of designs. The government's priority is to restore the barrages, for which independent, highly qualified technical institutions and consultants have been engaged. The CWC has advised that designs be prepared by well-qualified and experienced technical experts, which they will vet, approve, and guide through execution.

The selected consultant will use CWPRS data to prepare detailed designs and cost estimates for restoring all three barrages. The Irrigation Minister has made it clear that the designs prepared by the consultants would be vetted by the CWC before execution begins.

"Work on rehabilitation will commence as soon as the water recedes and the final approvals are received from the CWC. Our goal is to ensure technical integrity, accountability, and full recovery of public assets". Officials said that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has instructed the authorities to comply with the recommendations made by the NDSA, while undertaking repairs of the barrages.



PM Modi's 2nd visit to Israel set to upgrade strategic ties

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will undertake a two-day visit to Israel beginning Wednesday to shore up bilateral defence and trade cooperation amid the ongoing tensions in the Middle-east including deteriorating ties between the US and Iran. Modi's engagements will include his address to Israel's parliament, wide-ranging talks with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu and a meeting with President Isaac Herzog. "This visit will reaffirm the deep and long-standing strategic partnership between the two countries and will present an opportunity to review the common challenges as well as realign efforts towards achieving their shared vision for a robust partnership between two resilient democracies," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said. It is learnt that boosting overall defence and security cooperation will be a major area of discussions during delegation level talks between the two prime ministers on Thursday.

Devuji, 3 other top Maoists surrender to TG police

DGP Shivadhar Reddy says top hierarchy of Maoist party has collapsed

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TELANGANA DGP B Shivadhar Reddy on Tuesday said the top hierarchy of the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist) collapsed, as four top Maoist leaders, including Thippiri Thirupati alias Devuji, key strategist and Central Committee Member, surrendered to the Telangana police.

The other surrendered top Maoists included Malla Raji Reddy alias Sangram, Bade Chokka Rao alias Damodar and Nune Narsimha Reddy alias Ganganna. They are



DGP B Shivadhar Reddy, SIB IG B Sumathi, Addl DGP Vijay Kumar and Mahesh Bhagwat along with four surrendered Maoists Devuji, Sangram, Damodar and Ganganna at a press meet in Hyderabad on Tuesday. Photo: Ch Prabhu Das

rendered before the Telangana police, and this marked a major step toward peace and the strengthening of security efforts in the state. On Sunday, they surrendered before the Telangana police, and this marked a major step toward peace and the strengthening of security efforts in the state.

STOCK MARKET CRASH

Investors lose ₹3L cr as Sensex plunges 1,069 points



MUMBAI: Frontline indices, the Sensex and the Nifty 50, suffered strong losses on Tuesday as investors booked profits across sectors, tracking weak global cues.

The Sensex crashed 1,069 points, or 1.28%, to end at 82,225.92, while the NSE counterpart Nifty 50 fell 1.12% to close at 25,424.65. The mid- and small-cap indices also ended in the negative territory, but they still outperformed the benchmarks. The BSE 150 MidCap Index slipped 0.40%, while the BSE 250 SmallCap Index fell 0.76%. Investors lost Rs 3 lakh crore as the overall market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms fell to Rs 466 lakh crore from Rs 469 lakh crore in the previous session.

Officials said that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has instructed the authorities to comply with the recommendations made by the NDSA, while undertaking repairs of the barrages.



Indian exporters set to gain as US customs rolls out 10% global tariff

It's lower than Trump's threatened 15% levy

WASHINGTON/NEW DELHI

INDIA products clearing US customs from Tuesday onwards will be subject to 10% duties instead of 50% when the contracts were negotiated, opening doors for some kind of a relief even for cargoes on seas.

While immediate windfall will be for the importer who would have to pay 40% less

tariffs, some of it may be passed on to Indian sellers. "Many exporters had an understanding with the buyers while negotiating contracts at a very thin margin or even loss that benefit from change in duties would be shared with them too," CEO and Director General of Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) Ajay Sahai said. Continued on Page 7

No full land resurvey in Telangana even as Andhra braces for 2nd one

TG farmers express concern over delay in resurvey

KOLISHETTY VENKATESHWARLU HYDERABAD

While Andhra Pradesh is gearing up to undertake its second comprehensive land resurvey, Telangana is yet to begin its first full-fledged survey since the formation of the state over a decade ago!

During the 71st Independence Day celebrations on August 15, 2017, at Golconda Fort, then Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) announced a comprehensive land resurvey, describing it as the first such exercise since the 1936 survey conducted under the Nizam's rule. He



said the initiative would curb corruption and resolve land disputes.

However, the exercise was largely confined to what the government termed "comprehensive land records

portal. He stated that fixing precise coordinates for agricultural lands would prevent encroachments and boundary disputes. Despite these announcements, a full resurvey did not materialise. Critics allege that disputes and informal settlements increased after the portal's introduction.

The Congress party made the Dharani portal a major election issue in 2023. Leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, promised to scrap the portal. After coming to power, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy replaced Dharani with a new platform named 'Bhu Bharathi'. Continued on Page 7

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Cabinet raises raw jute MSP to ₹5,925

NEW DELHI: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Narendra Modi, has approved a Rs 275 per quintal increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of raw jute for the 2026-27 marketing season, reinforcing income support for jute farmers. The MSP for raw jute (TD-3 grade) has been fixed at Rs 5,925 per quintal, ensuring a margin of 61.8 per cent over the all-India weighted average cost of production. The pricing decision remains aligned with the government's policy of fixing MSP at a minimum of 1.5 times the cost of production, as outlined in Budget 2018-19.

Kerala is now Keralam

Union Cabinet okays renaming the state

NEW DELHI

THE Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved a proposal to alter the name of the state of Kerala to 'Keralam' and initiated the constitutional process required to amend the First Schedule of the Constitution for renaming the state.

The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Following the



approval, the President of India will now refer the proposed Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 to the Kerala Legislative Assembly to seek its views under Article 3 of the Constitution.

The change has its origins in a unanimous resolution passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly on June 24, 2024, requesting the Union government to modify the State's name from 'Kerala' to 'Keralam', the matter being the name used in the State's native language, Malayalam. Under Article 3 of the Constitution, parliament has the power to alter the name of an existing State by law. Continued on Page 7

POLITICKLE by MANJUL
I CAN'T TAKE YOUR CALL RIGHT NOW. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR MESSAGE AFTER THE BEEP
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SHIRTLESS PROTEST

YIC chief arrested

NEW DELHI: Youth Congress president Uday Bhanu Chib was arrested on Tuesday after questioning in connection with T-shirt protest at the 'India AI Impact Summit', immediately inviting criticism from the Congress with Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi calling the police action "proof of dictatorial tendencies and cowardice". The Youth Congress leader, who the police claimed was the 'main conspirator and mastermind', was picked up for questioning on Monday afternoon for the second time in connection with the protest at Bharat Mandapam on the last day of the AI summit. Police have already arrested seven Youth Congress activists, including three from Gwalior on Monday in the case. Police also claimed that Chib's associates raised "anti-national slogans" and "tried to incite riot-like situations" at the venue. They also claimed Chib did not cooperate with the probe and did not disclose names of other co-accused and the source of printing T-shirts used in the protest. Continued on Page 7

MAKING WATER FROM AIR

A Nobel laureate makes Modi's vision a reality

NEW DELHI

IN October 2020, during a virtual interaction with Danish wind energy giant Vestas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggested that wind turbines could suck moisture from the air to generate clean drinking water.

Fast-forward to February 2026, and science has achieved that very goal through the work of a Nobel laureate.

As first reported by The Guardian, the Nobel laureate has unveiled an industrial machine that harvests

water from the driest air on Earth.

Professor Omar Yaghi, the 2025 Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry, has turned the tide with his company Atoco, a California-based deep-tech firm specialising in atmospheric water harvesting and carbon capture using atomic-scale precision.

Put simply, Yaghi has built a company that creates molecular traps to grab water and carbon directly from the sky with extreme accuracy. By using a breakthrough called reticular



Nobel laureate Prof Omar Yaghi, the pioneer of reticular chemistry, whose invention harvests clean water from the world's driest air

chemistry, the Nobel laureate is transforming what was once a subject of political mockery into a vital life-

line for a thirsty planet. The heart of this breakthrough lies in reticular chemistry, a discipline that involves

stitching together molecular building blocks into expansive, crystalline structures known as Metal Organic Frameworks (MOFs).

Think of these as the world's most advanced molecular sponges, but instead of cleaning a kitchen counter, they are designed to soak up invisible gases and moisture from the air. Their internal architecture is so intricate that a single gram of the material, which is hardly the weight of a paperclip, possesses an internal surface area large enough to cover several

football fields.

These are nano-engineered materials, which means scientists have designed them at a scale 1,00,000 times smaller than the width of human hair. At this microscopic level, they can build custom-made chemical pockets that act like tiny rooms specifically sized to fit water molecules.

Unlike traditional atmospheric water generators (AWGs) that rely on energy-intensive cooling to reach the dew point, Yaghi's materials use adsorption.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL
Not a 'naked protester'... A Dalal Street player

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CPM calls for state-wide protests over Kommera incident

BC Commission visits Kommera to probe Mallanna Jatara attack

THE Telangana State committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) has called for State-wide protests on Wednesday condemning the alleged attack on a Dalit Rajaka family in Kommera village.

In a statement, CPM State secretary John Wesley alleged that members of an upper caste attacked the family and prevented them from entering a local temple. He claimed a young man was detained and tortured for three hours. During the assault, a two-month-old infant was allegedly kicked, leading to the baby's death.

The CPM leader further alleged that police failed to provide protection to the victims. Instead of registering a com-

plaint based on the victims' version, cases were reportedly booked against them while accepting complaints from the

attacker. The party demands immediate justice for the family and strict action against the perpetrators and negligent officials. This incident has sparked significant outrage across the region over the treatment of marginalised communities.

Ranga conducted a field visit following reports that Ganesh and Monika belonging to the Backward Classes community were allegedly attacked during the fair.

The District Collector and Superintendent of Police briefed the commission on steps taken after the incident came to light and assured that appropriate action would be

taken. Commission members paid floral tributes at the baby's grave and observed two minutes of silence. They also interacted with the affected family members to understand the background of the incident and later held a detailed discussion with district officials to ensure accountability and prevent such incidents in the future.

On the other hand, key Telangana leaders, including CM A Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Irrigation

VH ramps up lobbying for Rajya Sabha seat

HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD

Telangana Congress senior leader V Hanumantha Rao (VH) is intensifying his lobbying to secure a Rajya Sabha ticket under the BC quota. Sources say VH may travel to Delhi on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. In a recent meeting, he reportedly appealed to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for support, and the CM is said to have responded positively.

Meanwhile, TPC Working President T Jagga Reddy is already in Delhi, urging the party high command to allocate one Rajya Sabha seat to either VH or Jetti Kusuma Kumar.

On the other hand, key Telangana leaders, including CM A Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Irrigation



Senior Congress leader V Hanumantha Rao (left) and A Revanth Reddy share a cordial moment as VH presents a bouquet during discussions over Rajya Sabha seat prospects

Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, and TPCC Chief B. Mahesh Kumar Reddy may fly to Delhi once invited by the

party high command to finalise candidates for the Rajya Sabha elections on March 16. Sources suggest the high command may also take opinions over

phone rather than in-person meetings.

According to tradition, Telangana leaders are likely to receive a call from the AICC Central Election Committee (CEC), the body responsible for finalising party candidates for Assembly, Lok Sabha, and Rajya Sabha elections. If called, CM, DCM, AICC in-charge, TPCC chief and CEC member N Uttam Kumar Reddy would participate in the deliberations.

The official notification for the Rajya Sabha elections will be issued on February 26, with the last date for submitting nominations on March 5. Scrutiny of nomination papers will take place on March 6, and the last date for withdrawal of nominations is March 9. The elections are scheduled for March 16.

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<p>CHANGE OF NAME</p> <p>I, B SWAPNA Spouse of Service No. JC 736815Y No/Sub Bochu Balaihar, R/o. 5-5/2/73, Ground floor, Telephone Colony, VTC & PO: Boduppal, Dist: Medchal Malkajgiri, Telangana-500092 have changed my name from B SWAPNA to BOCHU SWAPNA vide affidavit dt: 24-02-2026 before M B Santosh Kumar, Advocate and Notary, Secunderabad. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, SURI SEKHARA REDDY YENNA, S/o. CHANDRA SEKHAR REDDY YENNA, R/o. F.NO.502, P.NO.511B, 512, Sai Raghavendra Nivas, Mathrusrinagar, Miyapur, Hyderabad-500049, Telangana have changed my name as SURI SEKHAR REDDY YENNA. (TH_JS)</p> <p>I, USHA YENNA, W/o. SURI SEKHAR REDDY YENNA, R/o. F.NO. 502, P.NO. 511B, 512, Sai Raghavendra Nivas, Mathrusrinagar, Miyapur, Hyderabad-500049, Telangana have changed my name as USHA REDDY YENNA. (TH_JS)</p> <p>I, Sudhakar Jogu S/o Ilaiah Jogu R/o H.No. 6-10/2, Viharka Colony, Medipally, Ghatkesar, K.V.Rangareddy Telangana 500098, have changed my name from Jogala Sudhakar S/o Jogala Ilaiah to Sudhakar Jogu S/o Ilaiah Jogu for all purposes. (TH_JS)</p> <p>I, Keshav Kolahala S/o Sathyanarayan C/o. HNO: 30-100/18, Divya Arcade, Vinayak Nagar, K.Puram, Hyd, TS-56 My Father Name Change As Keshav Kolahala S/o Kolahala Sathyanarayan Chari (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, KOLA YESUBU R/o. P. NO:760, SY NO:11, SERLINGAMPALLY, AYYAPPA SOCIETY, MADHAPUR, CYBAD- R.R. Dist, 500081, TS Changed My Name As KOLA YASHWANTH S/o. KOLA MARIADASA (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, LAXMI SUJATA MUTYALA R/O PNO: 38, 39, 40, FNO: G-2, GREEN HABITAT, SIRI ENCLAVE NIZAMPET, Medchal -500090, TS Changed My Name As LAXMI SUJATA VEMURI D/O. VENKATA NARAYANA VEMURI (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, Kanukati Padma W/o. 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For all purposes. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, GOUSIYA SULTANA R/O H.NO.1-10-165, KALA NAGAR STREET, METPALLY Post & Mandal, JAGTIALY Dist-505325, TG. Have changed my name from GOUSIYA BEGUM. to GOUSIYA SULTANA W/o. MOHAMMAD RAHEEMUDDIN. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, Irfana,(old name), W/o.Shaik Mohammed Mastan, R/o.4-10-6/8/9/nr, Jalal Baba Nagar 9 number, Attapur, Hyderguda, Rajendranagar, R.R Dist, TS, changed my name as IRFANA BEGUM (new name). (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, MUNAWAR MEENAZ W/o. SHAIK JAVED R/O. 11-3-284 MAHMOODGUDA Near AKBAR HOTEL LANE Warasiguda Sec'bad- 500006. TS Changed My Name As SHAIK MUNAWAR MINAAZ W/o. SHAIK JAVED (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, FATEMA D/o. ZULFEQAR ALI R/o. H.No. 1-33-196/A, TAHERI MANZIL, RTC Colony Trimulgherry Sec'bad Hyd TS -500015. Changed my name as FATEMA SHAH W/o. IDRIS SHAH (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, MOHAMMED CHAND PASHA S/o. 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Changed My Name As SAROJINI PALLA W/O. SRINIVAS PALLA. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, ANITHA GANGULA, R/o. P.No. 196, ADITYA NAGAR, ROAD NO: 12, NEW HAFEEZPET, MIYAPUR, CYBAD-R.R Dist - 500049. TS Changed My Name As PADMA PRIYA GORLA W/o. VENKATA SURESH GORLA. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, PALLE RAJENDAR (OLD NAME) R/O H.NO. 1-22, MADDIPADAGA, KADDAM, PEDDUR, DIST NIRMAL, 504202, TS. I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AS PALLE RAJENDAR REDDY (NEW NAME) S/O. PALLE NAGANNA. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, Lankapalli Dass, R/o.5-117/2, Plot No. 455, Indra Nagar, Boduppal, Medchal Malkajgiri Dist-500092, TS have changed my name from DASU to LANKAPALLI DASS S/o. Lankapalli Venkatratnam for all purposes (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, ANSARI MARIYAN SULTANA W/o. SYED ADIAZ (New Name) R/O:1-31-595, RAJIV GANDHI NAGAR, KHANAGUDA, Cybae-Medchal-015, TS. changed my name from ANSARI MARIYAN SULTANA ASRAR AHMED (Old Name) to ANSARI MARIYAN SULTANA W/o. SYED ADIAZ (New Name) for all purposes. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, NOORJAHAN (OLD NAME) R/O H.NO. 3-9-50/5B, ASHOK NAGAR, MALLAPUR, KAPRA, MEDCHAL, 500062, TS. I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AS SYED NOORJAHAN (NEW NAME) W/O SYED JAFFAR SHAH. (TH_44949)</p>	<p>CHANGE OF NAME</p> <p>I, LAKSHMI R/O H/O 9-1-35 BARLIPIT CENTRAL, KOTHAGUDEM, BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM DIST TG HEREBY CHANGED MY NAME AS ADUSUMALLI LAKSHMI W/o. ADUSUMALLI BHUPATHI RAO (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, Service No. JC 736815Y No/Sub BOCHU BALAIHAH of 72 Inf DoU, C/o.56 APO hereby declare that my daughter name is to be changed from B MAUNAMRUTA to BOCHU MOUNAMRUTHA. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, Ranajit Kr Biswas, Father of Jc 782800P, No Sub, Sukanta Biswas, R/o, Dist: Nadia, West Bengal, changed my name from Ranajit Kr Biswas to Ranajit Kumar Biswas vide Affidavit No. 284737 dt. 20.02.2026, before Medchal-Malkajgiri Court, Telangana. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, Drogati Devi, Mother of No. 17025730P, CFI, Dharmendra Kumar Rawani, R/o, Dist: Dharwad, Jharkhand, changed my name from Drogati Devi to Drogati Devi Affidavit No. 284760 dt.23.02.2026, before Medchal-Malkajgiri Court, Telangana. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, GUTHULA BHAVANI W/o MOHAMMAD HANEEF, C/O D.No: 2-291, Mahmoody Colony, Kothapet, Balapur, K.V.Rangareddy, Telangana -500005 announcing that previously my name was called as GUTHULA BHAVANI (old Name), but here in after my name is MARYAM (New Name). This is for all records. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, THOTA YESHWANTH, R/O. 14-6-290, Chudi Bazar, Begum Bazar, Nampally, Hyderabad -500012, T.G., Changed My Name as THOTA YESHWANTH KUMAR, S/O. THOTA NARSING RAO (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, Mohammed Ajaz Ahmed S/o. Mohammed Ibrahim R/o. H No 4-26-70/8/3/1, Suleman Nagar, MM Pahadi, Rajendranagar, RR -500052, TS have changed my name as MOHAMMED ADJAZ for all purpose (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, A. VIDYALAXMI W/o A. SATYANARAYANA REDDY (Old Name) R/O H.No. 12-136/P, Gajularamaram Road, Shapur Nagar, Qutubulapet Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri Dist-500055, T.S. have changed my name as ADLA VIDYALAXMI W/o ADLA SATYANARAYANA REDDY (New Name) (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, NEMA RAM S/O. NANDRAM, R/O Adulapalle (M), K.V. Rangareddy (Dist) TG-501510. I shall henceforth be known. Changed name as NEMICHAND S/o. NANDRAM. For the all future purpose. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, Ruksar Begum Mohammed Shafi Uddin, W/o Mohammed Shafi Uddin, R/o. 5-1-10/6/A, Shanthi Nagar, Sangareddy, Dist, TG. Passport No.1113968. Has changed my name from Ruksar Begum to Ruksar Begum Mohammed Shafi Uddin for all purposes. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, Shaik Mahmood pasha shaik, S/O. Shaik Hayath Pasha, R/O. Hno. 19-20-21/P, Saba Colony, Uppala Guda, VTC, Manikonda, Pin.500089. Changed my name as Shaik Mehmood Pasha. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, MADHURI BOLLAMPALLI W/O. PHANI KUMAR TIRRE R/O. HNO: 8-5-210/87888, FLAT NO. 102, VAISHNAVI NOVAS, SAKRISHNA COLONY, OLD BOWENPALLY, HYDERABAD-500011. TS changed my name from MADHURI TIRRE to MADHURI BOLLAMPALLI W/O. PHANI KUMAR TIRRE for all purposes (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, NARAYANULA VINOD KUMAR S/O NARAYANULA SRINIVASULU R/O. HNO: 8-4/5, GREENHILLS HOUSING COLONY, BAHADURPALLY, CYBERABAD-MEDCHAL-500043. TS changed my name from NARAYANULA VINOD to NARAYANULA VINOD KUMAR S/O NARAYANULA SRINIVASULU for all purposes (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, YENEPALLI RAMA DEVI W/O. YENEPALLI SRINIMANARAYANA R/O. 4-3-14Q/MTIC POSP & 66P, MAZDOOR RTC COLONY, ANMAGAL, HAYATHNAGAR, RACHAKONDA-RANGAREDDY-501505. TS changed my name from YENEPALLI RAMA DEVI to YENEPALLI RAMA DEVI W/O. YENEPALLI SRINIMANARAYANA for all purposes (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, YENEPALLI SRINIMANARAYANA S/O. YENEPALLI RAMAKRISHNA R/O. 4-3-14Q/MTIC POSP & 66P, MAZDOOR RTC COLONY, ANMAGAL, HAYATHNAGAR, RACHAKONDA-RANGAREDDY-501505. TS changed my name from YENEPALLI SRINIMANARAYANA to YENEPALLI SRINIMANARAYANA S/O. YENEPALLI RAMAKRISHNA for all purposes (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, BILLAKANTY HARISH S/O Billakanty Radha Krishna Murthy R/O, 4-9-8/1, Bramanavathi Mahabub Nagar TS, 509001, Change My Name As BILLAKANTY HARISH S/O, Billakanty Radha Krishna Murthy (TH_02978)</p>	<p>CHANGE OF NAME</p> <p>I, 'AYISHA' R/o H.No.18-13-8/N/36, Noori nagar, Bandlaguda, Chandrayan gutta, Hyderabad, TG., changed my names as MANGAT KANNANTODI AYESHA W/o ELAMBILASSERI HASSAN. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, KEESARA SURABHI W/o JANNAPUREDDY MANI REDDY R/o 3-6-174, Flat no 101, Susheel's Residency, Hyderguda, Hyderabad. Telangana 500029 have changed my name to KEESARA SURABHI REDDY. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I SYED ABUL AMER HASHMI, S/O SYED ABUL MUSTAFA ALI HASHMI R/O. HNO 22-3-384, KAMAN ELCHI BAGH, MOR ALAM MANDI, HYDERABAD - TG. IN MY ICSE & ISC UID 6921683 MEMO & GRADE MEMO MY NAME AND MY FATHER NAME MENTIONED, WHICH IS CHANGED TO SYED ABUL AMER ALI HASHMI, S/O MUSTAFA ALI HASHMI. (TH_44949)</p> <p>I, SANKARI PRADHAN is legally Spouse of No. JC-782850A, Rank-18 SUB, Name-SUBSANKAR BHUNIA, residing at Vill-Kendua, Po-Jamalalchampur, Teh-Contai, Dist- Purba Medinipur, WB. I have to change my name from SANKARI PRADHAN to SANKARI RANI BHUNIA for all purpose vide affidavit dated: 24/02/2026. (TH_JS)</p>
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LOST

I, Vedantam Kalyani W/o Late V.L. Prasad, R/o H.No.1-41, Prabhat Nagar Cly, Chaitanyapuri, Dilusukhnagar, Hyd. I was travelling from Dilusukhnagar to Chaitanyapuri along with my son on bike I lost my Original Sale Deed Document No.10697 of 1987. If Anyone found Cont: 9490754079. (TH_44949)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Katta Mamatha, wife of Katta Srinivasa Rao, resident of Flat 804, block-c, Fortune one apartments, road no :12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad -500034, hereby declare that I have reverted to my maiden name Mamatha Nallamala from Katta Mamatha and shall hereafter be known as **Mamatha Nallamala** for all purposes. (TH_44949)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Venkata Reddy Allipuram S/O Ram Reddy Allipuram R/O H. No. 269/3RT, Sanjeeva Reddy Nagar, Ameerpet, Dist. Hyderabad (Telangana) have changed my name to **SUKUMAR REDDY ALLIPURAM** forever. (TH_TM RAO)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ELANGBAM SHARATCHANDRA, NO. 13004569Y OF ASSAM REGT.165 INF BN(TA), S/O ELANGBAM BROU, RESIDENT OF HIYANGLAM MAKHA LEIKAI THOUBAL DISTRICT, MANIPUR -795103. HAVE CHANGE MY SON'S NAME AND DOB FROM ELANGBAM SACHIN, DOB: 14/03/2015 TO ELANGBAM SACHIN DOB:05/10/2016 VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 06/02/2026 BEFORE THE OATH COMMISSIONER, KAKCHING, MANIPUR. (TH_SHIVA KUMAR)

CHANGE OF NAME & DOB

I, Service No-JC-785023H, Rank-Nb Sub, Name-Purushottam Kumar R/o VIII-Husena Raghav, PO-Balukaram, Teh-Hajipur, District-Vaishali, PIN-844113, State-Bihar, I have changed my Father Name from **ARJUN KUMAR MISHRA to ARJUN MISHRA** and also date of birth changed from 22/10/1962 to 01/01/1957 add in my service documents vide affidavit date 24 Feb 2026 before G Ramchander Advocate Secunderabad. (TH_02978)

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONCLAVE INAUGURATED AT T-HUB



Lee Lambert (4th from left), Founder of PMP, USA, inaugurated the prestigious Project Management Conclave 2026 at T-Hub, Hyderabad. He was joined by (L-R) Kamal Raj, student volunteer; Rohit Jyoti, student volunteer; Surya S, key volunteer & wife of Visakh R J; Visakh R J, Globally Recognized Book of Records Holder & PMP Trainer and Hariakuttan Kochukunju, Past President, PMI Kerala Chapter

LVPEI LAUNCHES KALATHUR GLAUCOMA INSTITUTE



Dr Prashant Garg (extreme left), Executive Chairman of LVPEI; Dr GN Rao (2nd from left), Founder Chairman of LVPEI; Dr G Chandra Shekar (3rd from left), Vice Chair Emeritus of LVPEI; Dr Sirisha Senthil (2nd from right), Head of Kalathur Venugopal Reddy Glaucoma Institute, along with the Kalathur family, inaugurate the Kalathur Venugopal Reddy Glaucoma Institute at LV Prasad Eye Institute, Kallam Anji Reddy Campus, in Banjara Hills

Fee reimbursement: Eatala blasts Cong govt for turning deaf to pleas

HYDERABAD: Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender launched a scathing attack on the Congress government during a meeting organised by BC student associations, intellectuals, and SC/ST groups at Somajiguda Press Club on Tuesday. He accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of running a stone-hearted government that has lost all sense of humanity, pointing specifically to the fee reimbursement crisis that has driven students to suicide.

Rajender said that despite repeated appeals by opposition leaders and student unions, the government

has remained entirely unmoved. He stressed that fee reimbursement arrears are not merely an issue for college managements but a matter of survival for lakhs of parents and students. If the government does not respond, Telangana society will revolt, he warned.

The BJP leader alleged that the Chief Minister is selling public lands to raise funds for Delhi, while a land mafia has grown around him, similar to the previous KCR regime. He cited the Ellamabanda land case, where government land worth Rs

7,000 crore was allegedly handed over to private interests, while fee reimbursement dues of Rs 9,000 crore remain unpaid. Rajender criticised the government for demolishing the huts of poor people while protecting land brokers, and accused officials of acting like slaves to political bosses. He said democracy has been reduced to a façade, with power centralised in the Chief Minister's office.

He further condemned the neglect of retired employees and contractors, who are driven to desperation due to unpaid bills while brokers thrive.

IHM-HYD STUDENTS SHINE AT LITTLE INDIA FOOD FEST



Students of the Institute of Hotel Management Hyderabad (IHM-H) served up refreshing beverages at their vibrant stall during the Little India Food Fest, held at the IHM-H campus in DD Colony.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF CGHS



Dr Rajendra P Joshi, Additional Director General, DGHS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, and Dr Rohini Prathaban, Additional Director, CGHS Hyderabad, light the ceremonial lamp during the Golden Jubilee celebrations in Hyderabad. Retired and serving staff were felicitated in recognition of their dedicated service

Int'l fruit market approved; ruling panel thanks CM

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THE ruling party welcomed the Cabinet's approval for establishing an international-level fruit market at Koheda, calling it a major boost for farmers and traders. As a mark of gratitude, Gaddi Annaram Agricultural Market Committee Chairman Chiluka Madhusudhan Reddy, along with traders and farmers, anointed a portrait of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy with fruit juices.

The delegation later met Ibrahimpatnam MLA Mal Reddy Ranga Reddy to convey their thanks. Madhusudhan Reddy said 239 acres in Survey No 167 at Koheda had been officially allocated, reaffirming the



Leaders, traders and farmers gather at the Gaddiannaram Fruit Market on Tuesday to express gratitude to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy after Cabinet clears 239 acres for the proposed international fruit market at Koheda

government's commitment to farmers. He alleged that negligence by the previous regime had caused losses to farmers and traders.

Describing Congress as a farmer-friendly government, he thanked Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao and Pongulati Srinivas Reddy, Advisor Vem Narender Reddy, MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, and other leaders for their support.

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Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar receives a replica of the Goddess during his visit to Bhagyalakshmi Temple near Charminar on Tuesday

City's Bhagyalakshmi Temple will be developed, a la Golden Temple: Bandi

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UNION Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar declared that the Bhagyalakshmi Temple near Charminar is "very powerful" and vowed that once the BJP comes to power, it will be developed on the lines of Punjab's Golden Temple.

Addressing the media, along with corporators and councillors from Karimnagar parliamentary constituency, on Tuesday, he said the blessings of Mahashakti and Bhagyalakshmi Amma had enabled the BJP to withstand conspiracies and secure the mayor's post in Karimnagar.

Sanjay emphasised that his visit was to fulfil vows and

seek divine strength, noting that the temple has always been a source of protection for Hindus in the Old City. He accused the Congress and BRS governments of failing to respond to repeated attacks on temples across Telangana, including incidents at Mutyalamma Temple in Secunderabad, Bhoolakshmi Temple in Santosh Nagar, Pedamma Temple in Banjara Hills and Shamshabad temple.

He alleged that perpetrators were being shielded while innocent Hindus were targeted with false cases and arrests. Warning the police to stop illegal detentions, he demanded immediate action against those responsible,

particularly MIM-linked groups. He pledged to visit Banswada to stand as a "protective shield" for Hindus if authorities failed to act.

Highlighting his 1,640 km-long Praja Sangrama Yatra, Sanjay said it was completed with divine blessings despite government attacks. He criticised the Congress regime for neglecting welfare promises, failing to deliver pensions, unemployment benefits, and employee dues, while prioritising vote-bank politics. Sanjay asserted that the BJP would contest the GHMC elections with the twin agenda of Hindutva and development, promising to expose Congress and MIM's failures across Hyderabad.



BJP state unit president N Ramchander Rao addresses the gathering after consoling the family of Ganesh in Kummera village, Nagarkurnool district, on Tuesday.

BJP chief calls Jatara tragedy a 'disgrace'

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"THIS incident is heart-wrenching and a disgrace to society," said BJP state unit president N Ramchander Rao, as he consoled the family of Ganesh in Kummera village, Nagarkurnool district on Tuesday.

The family was subjected to a brutal assault during the Mallanna Swami Jatara, leading to the tragic death of a two-month-old infant and severe injuries to Ganesh.

Rao expressed anguish that a religious fair, meant to be celebrated peacefully,

turned violent due to the alleged arrogance of local leaders and the negligence of authorities. He criticised police and revenue officials for failing to uphold their responsibilities, accusing them of registering false cases against the victims instead of punishing the perpetrators.

He emphasised that temples are sacred spaces for all castes and communities, warning that caste discrimination at such sites tarnishes Hindu dharma itself. Stressing equality before the law, Rao urged respect for the Constitution, which he described as "the true deity for

all citizens."

The BJP leader demanded immediate compensation and full security for the victim's family, while calling for the arrest of those responsible, who are reportedly absconding. He assured that BJP legislators would raise the issue both inside and outside the Assembly until justice is delivered.

Reaffirming the party's commitment, Rao declared that the BJP stands firmly with the victims and will continue to fight against caste-based discrimination and injustice, ensuring that such inhuman acts are not repeated in Telangana.

Tea powder adulteration racket busted

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IN a significant crackdown on food safety violations, the Hyderabad Commissioner's Task Force Jubilee Hills Zone and Sanath Nagar police have busted a sophisticated tea powder adulteration racket. The joint team conducted a raid at a premises within Sanath Nagar limits and apprehended a person involved in adulterating tea powder using harmful synthetic chemicals. Police arrested Jagannath Bishnoi and seized 120 kgs of colour-mixed tea powder, 30 kgs of natural tea powder, and 138 kgs of cocopeat mix. Officials also confiscated a weighing machine, synthetic food colours, and twelve boxes of jaggery.

Bishnoi disclosed that he engaged in the adulteration process for illegal profit. He purchased cocopeat, filtered the excess coconut husk, and mixed it with hot jaggery water.

This mixture was dried for several days before adding synthetic food colours Sunset Yellow and Tartrazine Orange. The coloured mixture was dried again before being blended into the final product. Gaikwad Vaibhav Raghunath, DCP Task Force, explained that the accused mixed 450 grams of low-quality tea dust and 500 grams of granules with 50 grams of this colour-mixed cocopeat. This fraudulent powder was sold to local tea stalls at high prices as genuine tea powder.

Police have advised citizens to purchase products only from authorised sellers and report suspected adulteration. Food business operators are warned that such activities pose a serious risk to human life and will attract strict criminal cases. Authorities remain vigilant against those misrepresenting food items for profit. Strict legal action is currently being pursued against the accused to deter such dangerous practices in the local market.

Maoist Devuji to foray into politics

Ex-Maoists vow to pursue people's cause within law

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THE senior Maoist Tipiri Thirupati alias Devuji who surrendered before the Telangana police stated that he has surrendered due to health reasons and is committed to continuing his political journey by joining a political party soon. Following the surrender, on Tuesday Devuji stated that he would dedicate himself to the people while adhering to principles.

He expressed an intention to address public concerns and enter politics shortly to fight for issues affecting the populace. He noted that while he could not respond to all inquiries, he believed his answers

could lead to misunderstandings.

Meanwhile, another senior Maoist Malla Raji Reddy alias Sangram said their goal is to collaborate with the community. He stated they are committed to advocating for the rights of the people and have chosen to engage in this struggle within the framework of the law.

He added that Maoism is a movement that will persist and they intend to address certain issues with the government. On Tuesday, the police brought all surrendered Maoists before the media. The others included Bade Chokka Rao alias Damodar and Nune Narsimha Reddy alias Ganganna. These Maoists surrendered on Sunday.



Senior Maoist Tipiri Thirupati alias Devuji surrenders before the police in Hyderabad on Tuesday
Photo: Ch Prabhu Das

QUICK ACT...

Storm plunges few parts of city into darkness; power restored in 30 mins

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UNEXPECTED rain and strong winds lashed Greater Hyderabad on Monday night, causing tree branches to fall on several 11 kV feeders. After nearly six months of dry weather, sudden rainwater seeped into insulator gaps, leading to the failure of weak or damaged insulators in some locations. As a result, power supply was disrupted on 347 11 kV feeders across the city.

Following weather department warnings, Musharrarf Faruqui, Chairman & Managing Director of the Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited, held a teleconference with chief engineers and superintending engi-

neers to ensure preparedness and swift response.

Thanks to the prompt action of field staff, nearly 86% of the affected 347 feeders were restored within 30 minutes, while another 20 feeders were brought back online within an hour. However, in areas such as Chanchalguda, Saleem Nagar, Noor Khan Bazaar, Malakpet, Chandulal Baradari, Saibaba Nagar, and Hyderguda, restoration of 27 feeders took between 90 minutes and two hours due to fallen branches and debris causing extensive damage.

In the worst-affected zones, Director (Operations) Dr N Narasimhulu, along with chief engineers, personally supervised the restoration work.



A TSSPDCL worker clears tree branches entangled in overhead power lines atop a transformer following strong winds and rain in Hyderabad on Monday night



A power utility worker climbs a high-tension pole to carry out repairs following rain and strong winds in Hyderabad

Irish Minister eyes India-Ireland tech, education boost

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IRISH Minister for Public Expenditure Jack Chambers has stated that Ireland is keen to collaborate with India in education, technology, and innovation. Speaking during his visit to the Hyderabad offices of Techfynder and Test Triangle, Chambers noted that such partnerships are vital as the European Union and India advance a new trade agreement. He highlighted Hyderabad as a leading technology hub playing a central role in these international discussions. The Minister discussed how Test Triangle helps Telangana businesses scale operations within the Irish technology ecosystem. Praveen Madire, CEO of Techfynder and Test Triangle, said the visit included interactions with local employees regarding innovation-led growth. Furthermore, an event at JNTU Hyderabad provided students and parents with insights into studying in Ireland and future career opportunities abroad. Chambers emphasised that companies rooted in India play a meaningful role in strengthening international collaboration. Ireland remains committed to fostering cross-border business ties to enhance global digital transformation and reform.

KTR's poser: Why Centre mum on Revanth's ₹1K cr transfer claim?

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao demanded that the Central government clarify its stand on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's claims of preparedness to transfer Rs 1,000 crore to the Congress high command in Delhi.

He questioned the silence of the Central agencies like Enforcement Directorate, Central Bureau of Investigation and Income Tax Department, despite such open statements by none other than the Chief Minister.

Speaking to reporters after visiting party leaders lodged in jail in Adilabad, Rama Rao said that even after Prime Minister Narendra Modi publicly alleged that 'RR tax' was being collected by the Congress government in Telangana, the BJP government at the Centre



had remained silent. He questioned why central agencies had not initiated action if the Chief Minister was openly indulging in corruption. The BRS working president said the Congress government had abandoned governance and was focused on diverting Telangana's resources to Delhi.

He demanded that Revanth Reddy clarify the source of the alleged Rs 1,000 crore, and questioned that if he was ready to transfer such

a huge amount to his party high command, how many thousands of crores of public money might have been siphoned off.

He remarked that Revanth Reddy who was caught red-handed in the Cash for Vote case, was now indirectly acknowledging the corrupt practices of the Congress government.

Rama Rao accused the State government of neglecting farmers' welfare, pointing out that Rythu Bharosa financial assistance, which was earlier credited in December during the BRS rule, had not been released even by March.

He also cited alleged delay in loan waivers and inadequate procurement of crops such as jowar and cotton, leading to distress among farmers. The BRS would continue its fight to safeguard public funds and the interests of Telangana, he asserted.

Govt issues guidelines for upcoming Intermediate and SSC exams

- Students are allowed entry up to five minutes after the exam starts
- Strict security, CCTV and ANM with first-aid kits at all centres
- Hall tickets sent via WhatsApp and available online for download
- QR-coded question papers and clock rooms have been introduced



Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao chairs a video conference with Collectors and SPs, along with senior education officials, in Hyderabad on Tuesday to finalise arrangements for Intermediate and SSC exams

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THE Telangana government has announced key measures to ensure the smooth and transparent conduct of the upcoming Intermediate and SSC examinations. Chief

Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao chaired a video conference with Collectors and SPs, along with senior education officials, to finalise arrangements on Tuesday.

The Intermediate exams will begin on February 25, while the SSC exams start on

March 14. In a major relief to students, the government has decided to allow entry into exam centres up to five minutes after the scheduled start time. Rao directed officials to ensure strict vigilance, especially at previously disputed centres and to provide basic

amenities such as drinking water, electricity, toilets and seating arrangements so that no student is forced to sit on the floor.

Security measures include police deployment, revenue coordination and installation of CCTV cameras. Each

centre will have an ANM and first-aid kits. Flying squads and sitting squads will monitor exam centers, with strict action promised against any malpractice.

Education Secretary Yogita Rana revealed that 4,89,055 students will appear for Intermediate first year, 4,53,832 for second year, and 5,28,239 for SSC. For the first time, hall tickets are being sent via WhatsApp and made available online. Question papers will carry QR codes and serial numbers, to be opened only 15 minutes before the exam.

The government has also instructed officials to pay special attention to the construction of Young India Integrated Schools, a flagship initiative. Authorities warned that any irregularities would invite severe disciplinary action.

NMP 2.0 is a bold step; it can unlock resources for reinvestment

THE government has done well to set a target of Rs 16.7 lakh crore for National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) 2.0. The objective is to monetise assets of more than 2,000 projects in 12 sectors till 2029-30. The Prime Minister-headed NITI Aayog, after consultation with infrastructure ministries, has developed NMP 2.0, which Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched on Monday. A NITI Aayog paper said in 2021, "Asset monetisation, based on the philosophy of 'Creation through Monetisation', will tap institutional investment and long-term patient capital into stable mature assets, in turn generating financial resources for new infrastructure asset creation. This will enable economic growth, generating employment opportunities and better prospects for the

country's growth." At the launch, the Finance Minister complimented all ministries and departments and NITI Aayog for meeting nearly 90 per cent of the target of Rs 6 lakh crore, which was set for four years in the implementation of NMP 1.0. On the face of it, praise for falling short of the target seems awkward. However, if the polarised political situation and the perverted public discourse (which equates processes like privatisation and asset monetisation as cheaply selling off national treasure) are considered, we find that her comments are not off the mark.

Highlighting the significance of asset monetisation, she rightly pointed out that NMP enables recycling of productive public assets, thereby unlocking resources for reinvestment in new projects and

capital expenditure. She noted that this approach facilitates efficient mobilisation of funds for capex in public assets while minimising the budgetary outgo of the government. While the Centre has the courage to go ahead with the programme, it must ensure that it doesn't result in corruption and monopolies. Six points need to be considered regarding this. First, the government must ensure transparency in valuation. Public assets must be priced realistically and competitively. Independent advisors, transparent bidding processes, and robust disclosure norms are essential. All contracts should be made public, barring commercially sensitive details, so that citizens and oversight bodies can scrutinise them. The credibility of NMP 2.0 will rest on the perception that assets are neither under-

valued nor selectively awarded. Second, competitive bidding must be genuine, not cosmetic. If a handful of large conglomerates dominate most sectors, the risk of concentration increases. This can lead to a situation where the state replaces a public monopoly with a private one. Third, the contract design must balance investor incentives with public interest safeguards. Concession agreements should include performance benchmarks, service quality standards, and penalty clauses for non-compliance. For instance, toll road operators must adhere to maintenance and safety norms; power transmission operators must ensure reliability; airport operators must maintain passenger service standards. Regulatory oversight cannot be lax once assets are monetised. The objec-

tive is efficiency, not abdication. Fourth, revenue-sharing and user charges need careful calibration. While private operators must earn a fair return, excessive user fees can generate public resentment and fuel political backlash. Transparent tariff-setting mechanisms, ideally overseen by independent regulators, can mitigate such risks. Fifth, strong audit and accountability mechanisms are indispensable. Institutions such as the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) and parliamentary committees should periodically review monetisation outcomes. And, finally, the government must effectively explain the difference between monetisation and privatisation, emphasising that ownership remains public and that funds raised are earmarked for new infrastructure.

LETTERS

'Keralam' was long overdue

REchristening of Kerala as Keralam following an unanimous resolution to that extent by the State Assembly and Centre's approval is a cause for great rejoicing. It is only a matter of time before it gets parliamentary approval. It is an emphatic reaffirmation of the State's distinct cultural and linguistic identity. In fact, it restores the original name found in Malayalam and its literature. Literally, Keralam means the 'land of coconuts'. Etymologically, Keralam could have been a derivative of 'Chera-alam', meaning 'land of the Cheras'. According to Dr Herman Gundert, "keram" is the Canarese (Kannada) form of "cheram" and Cheram. Keralam extended from Gokarna to Kanyakumari. The move is unlikely to pay electoral dividends to any political party as the demand for a change of name has been made by all parties. It is hoped that north Indians will now stop referring to the state as "Keral" and start calling it "Keralam".

G David Milton, Maruthancode (TN)

MPs, MLAs must work for people's welfare

THE Sri Lankan government presently in financial dol-drum has found a way out, by way of regulating the salaries and perks of its MPs and MLAs. This is a welcome move whereas Indian MPs and MLAs continue to seek enhanced pensions reflecting the purpose for which the individuals have entered the 'political arena' - not to serve, but to be served, to ensure that their lives are safeguarded by way of unhindered pensions and perks. The lawmakers must understand the responsibilities for which they are elected. It is imperative to bring legislation in this direction. The 'will' of the people, must not merely end after casting of the vote, but go in for course correction, when the lawmakers err in their duty.

Sakunthala KR, Hyderabad

India should emulate the Lankan example

THIS has reference to your editorial 'Sri Lankan Parliament shows the way for India'. It is time India implements the Sri Lankan model about salaries and perks of MPs and MLAs. In fact, this is an issue dominating the minds of the people of the country for a long time. The lawmakers unabashedly and unilaterally attempt to enhance their perks and salaries, forgetting the purpose for which they have been elected. The situation assumes significance when these elected members have no compunctions to stall the proceedings in the Parliament for no reason at all - except to score brownie points. The Sri Lankan model can infuse a sense of responsibility and purpose in the minds of Indian lawmakers, once it is implemented.

K V Raghuram, Wayanad

TSSPDCL's chatbot is a timely move

THE Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSSPDCL) has done well by launching its own WhatsApp chatbot, which is aimed at providing faster, more convenient, and accessible power-related services to consumers. Through this platform, users can easily register complaints, check billing details, and obtain power supply information on 8712441912. This initiative reflects a thoughtful adoption of modern technology to enhance customer service. The chatbot reduces the need to make countless calls or office visits. Such forward-thinking measures highlight TSSPDCL's commitment to efficiency, transparency, and the digital transformation of public utility services in the state. This development is not only a practical improvement for everyday users but also a significant step toward building a more user-friendly, technology-driven public service ecosystem.

Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma, Hyderabad-45

Adulterated milk is the new killer

It is quite ironic that incidents of adulterated milk have become light even as there are unending debates over adulterated Tirumala laddu. It is reported that 106 families from Rajamahendravaram, who get milk from a private dairy located in Narasapuram, have developed 'anuria' (absence of urine). In an unfortunate development, four persons died and several others are undergoing treatment in various hospitals. It is a known fact that milk is wholesome food and so it is one of the staple items in the plate in various forms. Presently, private dairies are resorting to different ways to adulterate the milk to capitalise on the demand. At the same time, monitoring by agencies like FSSAI has been inactive and, as such, there is no quality check. The government must toughen its stand and ensure uncontaminated milk, which is ever in demand and by almost all households.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

K'taka CM blames BJP as Dharwad protests intensify

BENGALURU: As protests by government job aspirants intensified in Dharwad, with many taken into preventive custody, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday blamed the previous BJP regime for the large backlog of vacant posts. According to protesters, who staged a massive demonstration in Dharwad earlier in the day, around 2.8 lakh posts remain vacant across various government departments in Karnataka, while fewer than 5,000 recruitments have been made in the last three years. In a press statement, Siddaramaiah said that when the Congress assumed office in 2023, over 2.64 lakh government posts were vacant. He said the backlog was the result of "prolonged inaction under the previous BJP government, which failed to initiate timely recruitment or create a structured roadmap to fill vacancies." "It is deeply unfortunate that BJP leaders are choosing to mislead innocent students even now to serve their narrow political interests," the CM said. He alleged that, instead of encouraging aspirants to stay focused on their preparation and future, opposition leaders were "attempting to instigate unrest." The chief minister said the current situation was largely due to recruitment irregularities and alleged corruption during the BJP regime between 2019 and 2023, which eroded trust in the system and led to a significant backlog.

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<https://epaper.thehansindia.com>

Rich brats cause fatal accidents but go scot-free

DR HYMA MOORTY

A rich 'brat' in Pune, son of a construction tycoon, killed two young IT professionals snatching away their promising careers. Another rich 'brat' was arrested from Virar, Mumbai, after mercilessly and consciously murdering a mother of two young children, while a third killed two promising young boys. In the recent Lamborghini hit and run case in Kanpur, the spoilt brat at the wheel brought the car driver to the driving seat. It was the presence of mind of the socially conscious by-passers that ensured that the rich guy responsible for the accident was booked. In Delhi's Dwaraka locality, a juvenile boy was speeding a Scorpio without a license, and his sister was filming a social-media 'reel' and the vehicle killed a 23-year-old and severely injured a cab driver. His mother, a single parent, was devastated.

Looking back, one finds that such reckless incidents are happening too often, especially with young drivers hungry for social media fame. All these 'killers' brazenly wear up their sleeve tattooed inscriptions like 'Mera baap amir hai'. These are offspring of stinking rich parents, who drive high-end cars and question the law by flaunting the clout of their

father. The list is long and endless. Justice hinges on courts where cases are overly delayed. The system is in cahoots to help relieve the accused of any punishment.

It is a harsh reminder of how money and power can call the shots, leaving the victims powerless. It's a serious issue and needs more awareness and stricter enforcement.

But public outcry and media pressure often push authorities to act, collective vigilance matters. It is not easy to cope with the sudden loss of a family member.

These recent cases of drunk driving involving youngsters and unlicensed juvenile drivers, often referred to as 'rich brats' by the media and society, have been alarming. It highlights the pressing issue of underage drinking and its fatal consequences. Drivers aged between 21 and 24 years, under the influence of alcohol, account for most fatal accidents.

This trend calls for strict enforcement of laws and public awareness campaigns on responsible drinking. It's a common concern that wealth and influence can lead to unequal treatment under the law, with ordinary citizens facing harsher consequences for similar of-

PARENTS MUST BE HELD RESPONSIBLE



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fences. Cases like the Lamborghini one in Kanpur often spark public outcry and intense calls for justice highlighting the need for unbiased accountability in investigation.

Let us analyze the reasons why many of these rich 'brats' fall and flash their 'borrowed' riches. The most important reason is to have the privilege of growing up in affluent surroundings. This leads to reckless behaviour, including excessive drinking and reckless driving unmindful of the consequences.

The social circles they move around normalises excessive drinking and un-

heeding conduct, be it at home or on road, creating an environment where such actions are seen as acceptable or even as status symbols. They experience a high-stress environment despite external perceptions of luxury; the pressures and expectations placed on wealthy individuals can lead to stress and coping mechanisms that lead them to substance abuse. Lack of responsibility towards themselves, family and society and personal accountability add to the intoxication. Parents are to be held accountable and answerable to varying extents for accidents and killings caused by their juveniles

and addict children. If they fail to spend some time and educate their children about the damage of drinking and driving, they are morally and ethically responsible. They are supposed to supervise their children, especially when they are underage and not legally allowed to drink or drive. If they are aware of their child's brash and erratic behaviour but fail to take any timely action, they should be held liable for the consequences. Parents have a significant role in shaping their children's behaviour.

Most of the accidents in our country are caused by human error, carelessness and being casual at the wheel. It is necessary to be cautious and sincerely obey traffic rules, irrespective of who and what you are.

Meanwhile, some accidents are caused even if one is careful, especially at choked traffic interjections like Ameerpet junction in Hyderabad, where the bikers squeeze to cross and hit the waiting vehicle. While driving, distraction is the worst thing to happen and nowadays everyone is super pleased with their distracted driving, which has been on the rise for the last 15 years or so. The worst distractions include being under the influence of drugs or alcohol

and conversing on the mobile.

The rich have money to pay the penalties. They can afford highly specialized counsel and top-tier expert witnesses, independent crime scene investigators and many skilled attorneys. A few wealthy people have high influence, and it becomes difficult for individuals to come forward and testify against them. As a result, prosecution cannot build a strong case. Witnesses and victims of crimes can all be paid to not testify or change the narrative totally.

After all, money can 'fix' almost everything these days. Power always twists, and when money becomes absolute, it smothers conscience. Compassion, pity, help, fear and support get buried deep while ego, pride and wealth surface and dominate. No rules and regulations can resolve such problems. The mentality of the public needs to change. Better sense should prevail. We start acting human again when we notice this shift and choose humility over greed, restoring empathy before it's completely erased.

Drinking and driving doesn't just take your life; it shatters the lives of those who love you. It will be good if every youngster and the elders remember this and change their mindset accordingly.

THE RISE AND FALL OF EL MENCHO

B V KUMAR

NEMESIO Oseguera Cervantes, known as "El Mencho", died on Sunday while being taken to the capital Mexico City, after being seriously injured in clashes between his supporters and the Mexican army. Four CJNG members were killed in the town of Tapalpa, the central-western Jalisco state. Three army personnel were also injured. The US had given Mexico tactical intelligence that assisted the operation.

Over the past year, Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, President of Mexico has come under intense pressure from US President Donald Trump, who threatened military intervention and higher import tariffs if Mexico fails to demonstrate concrete gains in curbing drug trafficking. However, Sheinbaum has rejected the notion of US strikes in Mexico, characterizing them as a violation of Mexico's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

According to its 2023 Annual Threat Assessment, the US intelligence community cited Mexico-based Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs) as the dominant producers and suppliers of various illicit drugs destined for the domestic U.S. market. Mexican TCOs, particularly the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco Nueva Generacion (CJNG) remain the most predominant and sophisticated groups overseeing the transportation and distribution routes from Mexico to the United States.

Both groups have consolidated control over drug corridors from Mexico and are heavily involved in trafficking of fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and marijuana. Both have a history of establishing drug trafficking hubs, strong criminal partnerships, and using violence and corruption to gain control over the territory where they operate.

The Sinaloa and Jalisco Cartels pose the greatest criminal drug threat the United States has ever faced. These ruthless, violent, criminal organizations have associates, facilitators, and brokers in all 50 states in the United States, as well as in more than 100 countries around the world. The Sinaloa Cartel, the Jalisco Cartel, and their affiliates



'EL MENCHO', THE LEADER OF ONE OF MEXICO'S MOST POWERFUL CARTELS, DEAD AFTER MILITARY OPERATION

control most of the fentanyl global supply chain, from manufacture to distribution.

The Jalisco Cartel maintains illicit drug distribution hubs in Los Angeles, Seattle, Charlotte, Chicago, and Atlanta. Internationally, the Jalisco Cartel has a presence and influence through associates, facilitators, and brokers on every continent, except Antarctica.

In Milenio Cartel, El Mencho started as a member of the assassin squad that protected the drug lord Armando Valencia Cornelio ("El Maradona"). On 12 August 2003, his boss was arrested by Mexican authorities. Around the same time, a rival criminal group known as Los Zetas, with the backing of the Gulf Cartel, carried out an armed offensive against the Milenio Cartel in Michoacán. The attack forced the Valencia family to exile in Jalisco.

El Mencho relocated to the state capital, Guadalajara, with his father-in-law José Luis González Valencia (alias "El Quini") and Román Caballero Valencia. In Jalisco, El Mencho and the Milenio Cartel formed an alliance with the Sinaloa Cartel subgroup headed by Ignacio "Nacho" Coronel, a high-ranking drug lord and ally of Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán. Under Coronel, El Mencho and his group managed the Sinaloa Cartel's drug operations, finances, and murder activities in the states of Colima and Jalisco.

The Milenio Cartel split into two. One

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side was known as La Resistencia (The Resistance), the other was Los Mata Zetas (The Zeta Killers), headed by El Mencho. La Resistencia accused Los Mata Zetas of turning in Oscar Orlando to the authorities. A war ensued, and the two groups fought for the drug smuggling turf in Jalisco.

As leader of the CJNG, El Mencho consolidated his position and strengthened his organization through territorial expansion and established himself as one of Mexico's most-wanted criminals. His rise to fame was due to several factors, including the aggressive and sensationalist displays of public violence by CJNG. The direct attacks of the CJNG against Mexico's security forces earned El Mencho a reputation among authorities as "principal enemy" of the state and as a dangerous criminal. In addition, the fall of Mexico's former top crime bosses cleared the way for El Mencho to gain visibility and status.

He consolidated his operations in Jalisco and its adjacent states by fighting off incursions from criminal groups like Los Zetas and the Knights Templar Cartel. According

to government sources, he was responsible for overseeing the CJNG's entire drug trafficking operations in the states of Jalisco, Colima, and Guanajuato, where he created a bastion for methamphetamine production and trade.

Between 2014 and 2016, the only region in the country where the CJNG lost its territorial presence was in Mexico City. Internationally, the CJNG reportedly has ties with criminal groups in the U.S., the rest of Latin America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. On an international scale, CJNG is mainly focused on trafficking cocaine and methamphetamine.

The government estimated that El Mencho's group has about \$50 billion in total assets. Part of El Mencho's success in the drug trade had to do with his ability to strategize market and consumer changes. Initially, the CJNG produced methamphetamine, but then he moved to heroin production when the consumer demand changed.

In a series of highly coordinated tactics to prevent El Mencho's arrest, the CJNG blocked several highways and roads across the Guadalajara Metropolitan Area by setting at least 37 vehicles on fire. The purpose was to place them as blockades to impede the security forces from traveling across Jalisco's capital and giving El Mencho ample time to escape. The blockades were placed in strategic routes to prevent police reinforcements from coming in or leaving Guadalajara. After the attacks were over, the government confirmed that El Mencho was in the area and had evaded capture. The US government announced US\$ 10 million as reward to capture El Mencho, which was increased to US\$ 15 million.

Sheinbaum has pursued a direct approach to combating organized crime by increasing cooperation with the US security agencies. In a major operation launched by the Mexican Army the most wanted man and the leader of the feared Jalisco New Generation (CJNG) drug cartel have been killed during a security operation to arrest him, the Defence Ministry has said.

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BJP chief slams Cong over brutal assault on woman lawyer in Rudrur

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BJP Telangana State President Ramchander Rao has strongly condemned the attack on a woman lawyer in Rudrur, describing it as a grave assault on democratic values. Addressing the media on Tuesday, he said the incident reflects the complete breakdown of law and order in the state and accused the Congress

government of failing to protect Hindus from rising attacks.

According to Rao, the victim, lawyer Kalyani, was assaulted by miscreants allegedly linked to the MIM group after she intervened to stop an attack on a young boy. He termed the use of abusive language and the group assault against her as inhumane and unacceptable.

Rao demanded that the police take the complaint

seriously, arrest the culprits immediately, and ensure strict legal action.

He alleged that the incidents in Banskada and Rudrur were not accidental but part of a planned series of attacks targeting Hindus.

He criticised the Congress government for remaining silent to appease certain groups, calling this attitude deeply concerning. Highlighting the importance of lawyers as pillars of the justice system,

Rao warned that if they are not protected, democracy itself is endangered.

He urged the state government to provide full security to the victim and implement clear measures to safeguard lawyers from future attacks.

Rao emphasised that the BJP would stand firmly with the victim and the legal community, insisting that there can be no compromise on lawyer safety.

He demanded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's government act immediately to restore confidence in law and order and ensure justice for the assaulted lawyer.

He concluded by stating that the party will launch a massive protest if the authorities fail to act within forty-eight hours, as the safety of legal professionals remains a non-negotiable priority for the state and the society at large.

Prof Karunasagar selected for Sir CV Raman Excellence Award 2026

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PROF D Karunasagar, Senior Professor of Physics at Osmania University, has been selected for the prestigious Sir CV Raman Excellence Award 2026. The award, conferred annually on one individual from the state, recognises outstanding contributions to the field of Physics.

The announcement was made by Dr Raj Narayan Mudiraj, State President of the Telangana Citizens Council. The award will be presented on February 28 at 10 am at the University College of Science, Saifabad, coinciding with



National Science Day, which commemorates CV Raman's discovery of the Raman Effect in 1928. Prof Karunasagar has served Osmania University for over 35 years, holding multiple leadership roles, including Head of the Department of Physics, Direc-

tor of CFRD, Principal of the University College of Science, Dean of Faculty, and Chairman of the Board of Studies in Physics and Electronics.

Under his mentorship, 18 PhD scholars have completed their doctoral degrees, while many others have excelled internationally in Physics and Electronics. He has published more than 50 research papers in reputed journals and received several awards for his academic service.

The recognition highlights his lifelong dedication to advancing Physics education and research, bringing honour to Telangana and inspiring future generations of scholars.

Ramchander Rao slams Congress over TG temple attacks

HYDERABAD: BJP Telangana State President Ramchander Rao has strongly condemned the attack on the Sri Dwimukhi Hanuman Temple in Barkas, Chandrayangutta, where unidentified miscreants vandalised the idol of Lord Hanuman. Addressing the media on Tuesday, he described the act as inhumane and heinous, stating the incident provides clear evidence of ongoing anti-Hindu rule in Telangana under the Congress regime.

Rao alleged that repeated attacks on Hindu temples and idols across the state are not isolated incidents but part of a deliberate conspiracy against Sanatana Dharma. He expressed significant anger

at the silence of the government, noting that dozens of temples have been targeted without any meaningful response. He accused the Congress government of indirectly supporting anti-Hindu forces by dismissing perpetrators as mentally unstable or misguided instead of ensuring strict punishment.

The BJP chief compared the conduct of the police to the Razakar rule, criticising their failure to act despite the Home Ministry being under the direct control of the Chief Minister. He warned that the continued desecration of temples, disruption of Hindu festivals, and attacks on religious sentiments pose a serious threat to law and order in the

state. Rao slammed the government for prioritising vote-bank politics over protecting Hindu religious institutions. He demanded the immediate identification and punishment of those responsible for the Chandrayangutta temple attack and called for full security to be provided to all Hindu temples in Telangana. He cautioned that if the government fails to act, the BJP will intensify its struggle to safeguard the Hindu community and Sanatana Dharma, ensuring that such attacks do not go unanswered. The leader emphasised that religious freedom and the protection of heritage must be upheld to maintain peace and communal harmony across the entire region.

TG PECET-2026 announces schedule

- Notification for TG PECET-2026 to be issued on Feb 25
- Online applications open from March 2, last date May 5

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THE Telangana Physical Education Common Entrance Test (TG PECET-2026) will be conducted by Satavahana

University, Karimnagar, under the aegis of the Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE), for admissions into BPEd and DPED courses offered by state universities and affiliated colleges for the academic year 2026-27.

Convener Prof Rajesh Kumar announced that the official notification will be released on February 25. Online registration and submission of applications

will begin on March 2, with the last date for submission without a late fee set for May 5.

The physical efficiency and skill tests will be held from May 31 to June 3 at Satavahana University, Karimnagar. Prof Kumar emphasised that all arrangements are being made to ensure smooth conduct of the examination and requested media support to give wide publicity to the schedule.

Detailed information, including eligibility criteria and application guidelines, will be available on the official website <https://pecet.tgche.ac.in> (pecet.tgche.ac.in in Bing).

The TG PECET serves as the gateway for aspiring students seeking admission into physical education programs across Telangana, and the announcement marks the beginning of the admission process for the 2026-27 academic year.

CPI meeting demands halt to 'Operation Kagar'

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LEADERS of Left parties, political organisations, and civil rights groups have urged the Central government to immediately halt Operation Kagar-2 and create a conducive atmosphere for Maoists to enter the democratic mainstream with dignity. This demand was made at a round table meeting organised by the Communist Party of India Rashtra Samithi at Maqdhoom Bhavan in Hyderabad. The meeting was chaired by CPI State secretary Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao and attended by several prominent leaders from public organisations.

Participants appealed to the Centre to stop repressive measures and initiate dialogue. They also called for the withdrawal of illegal cases filed against activists and intellectuals under the label of Urban Naxals, including poet Varavara Rao. Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao stated that the Centre should ensure dignified rehabilitation for

those willing to join public life without resorting to coercive tactics. He observed that while Marxism remains the ideological goal, strategies must evolve. In the current technological and political context, he argued that armed struggle was no longer feasible, citing Nepal as a successful example where democratic movements brought significant change. TJS Professor M Kodandaram maintained that even if one disagrees with Maoist ideology, it is inappropriate to treat them as enemies of the people. He asserted that any action must remain strictly within the legal framework, noting that courts have previously ordered probes into encounter killings. Given indications that Maoists are open to dialogue, he urged the Centre to explore peaceful negotiations. The meeting concluded with a collective call for the government to prioritise human rights and constitutional methods over military operations to resolve long-standing internal conflicts, ensuring a stable and democratic future for all citizens across the affected regions.

BID TO BOOST COORDINATION WITH STATE POLL BODIES

ECI holds first nat'l roundtable in 27 years

NEW DELHI

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) on Tuesday convened a National Roundtable Conference with State Election Commissioners at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, marking the first such meeting in 27 years.

The previous conference of this kind was held in 1999.

The day-long conference is being chaired by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar in the presence of Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi.

State Election Commissioners (SECs) from all States

and union Territories are participating in the deliberations along with their legal and technical experts.

Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) from all 36 States and union Territories are also in attendance. According to the ECI, the primary objective of the conference is to foster greater synergy between the Commission and State Election Commissions in managing electoral processes and logistics within their respective legal frameworks. "This conference provides a vital institutional platform for dialogue and coordination between national and state-level election management

bodies," a senior Commission official said. "At a time when technological integration and legal harmonisation are key priorities, strengthening cooperative federalism in electoral governance is essential." The discussions are focused on sharing best practices in technology, the use and management of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), and improving the accuracy and robustness of Electoral Rolls. Senior Commission officials are making presentations on key technological and operational initiatives, including the recently launched ECINET digital platform.

AMID US STRIKE FEARS...

Iran set to buy Chinese anti-ship cruise missiles

TEHRAN: Iran is close to a deal with China to purchase antiship cruise missiles, according to six people with knowledge of the negotiations, just as the United States deploys a vast naval force near the Iranian coast ahead of possible strikes on the Islamic Republic.

The deal for the Chinese-made CM302 missiles is near completion, though no delivery date has been agreed, the people said. The supersonic missiles have a range of about 290 kilometres and are designed to evade shipborne defences by flying low and fast. Their deployment would significantly enhance Iran's strike capabilities and pose a threat to US naval forces in the region, two weapons experts said.

Negotiations with China to buy the missile weapons systems, which began at least two years ago, accelerated sharply after the 12-day war between Israel and Iran in June, according to the six people with knowledge of the talks, including three officials who were briefed by the Iranian government as well as three security officials. As talks entered their final stages last summer, senior Iranian military and government officials travelled to China, including Massoud Oraei, Iran's deputy defence minister, according to two of the security officials. Oraei's visit has not been previously reported.

"It's a complete game-changer if Iran has supersonic capability to attack ships in the area," said Danny Citrinowicz, a former Israeli intelligence officer and now senior Iran researcher at Israel's Institute for National Security Studies think tank. "These missiles are very difficult to intercept."

Reuters could not determine how many missiles were involved in the potential deal, how much Iran had agreed to pay, or whether China would go through with the agreement now given heightened tensions in the region. "Iran has military and security agreements with its allies and now is an appropriate time to make use of these agreements," an Iranian foreign ministry official told Reuters.

The Chinese delegation to the United Nations directed Reuters to seek comment from the Foreign Ministry in Beijing.

The foreign and defense ministries did not respond to requests for comment. The White House did not directly address the negotiations between Iran and China over the missile system when asked by Reuters.

US President Donald Trump has been clear that "either we will make a deal or we will have to do something very tough like last time," a White House official said, referring to the current standoff with Iran.

Indian exporters set to gain as US customs rolls out 10% global tariff

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The transit time for the US ports ranges from 45-60 days. So, at any given point of time one-eighth of annual exports to the US of \$10-12 billion are on seas so the benefit could be considerable if importers share the benefit of lower duties, he added.

Tariffs on India remained at 50% from last week of August 2025 to February 6 this year. Both sides issued a joint statement that removed 25% tariffs related to Russian oil purchases and agreed to bring down reciprocal tariffs to 18% from 25%. Before the order of Indian reciprocal tariffs came, the US Supreme Court struck down all country-specific tariffs.

The US Customs and Border Protection notified 10% additional duties on imported articles from all countries for a period of 150 days under the Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974 just hours before the new rates came into force at 12:01

am eastern standard time on Tuesday (February 24).

Following the Supreme Court judgement the US President Donald Trump announced 10% global tariffs and hours later announced that they will be raised to 15%. The notification, however, operationalised only 10% tariffs.

Meanwhile a White House spokesperson quoted by NBC News said that the administration is preparing a separate order to raise additional tariffs to 15%.

There is no word from the US administration on the refund of tariffs paid before the Supreme Court struck down country-specific duties. The refunds, if any, will also be collected by importers. Sharing them with Indian suppliers will depend on the understanding reached while negotiating contracts. Exporters are not expecting cash to flow to them if refunds materialise but adjustments in future contracts.

A Nobel laureate makes Modi's vision a reality

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Most machines use the dew point, which is the exact temperature where air gets so cold that it can no longer hold moisture, forcing it to turn into liquid droplets, much like the fog we see on a cold window or a chilled soda can. This takes a massive amount of electricity.

Adsorption, however, is a much more natural and elegant process. Instead of forcing the air to get cold, the water molecules are simply glued to the surface of a material because they are chemically attracted to it. This shift in approach is the secret to the efficiency of Yaghi's technology.

By removing the need to refrigerate massive amounts of air, the system avoids the huge energy bills and heavy, noisy machinery that make old-school water harvesters impractical. Instead, these molecular sponges do the work for free, using their natural hunger to pull in water even when the air feels bone dry. It turns a forced, high-energy mechanical struggle into a quiet, natural chemical process. The true struggle of previous atmospheric water generators has been their dependence on high humidity. Most fail when relative humidity drops below 45 per cent, leaving desert

communities stranded. However, Atoco has designed its technology to be resilient, functioning efficiently even in environments with less than 20 per cent humidity. This means it can produce water in places where it almost never rains and where the air feels like a furnace.

Closer to home, the same vision is being driven by AKVO, an Indian cleantech company that pioneered indigenous Atmospheric Water Generators. Unlike Yaghi's deep-tech molecular sponges, AKVO utilises advanced condensation technology to provide sustainable water security across India.

IYC chief arrested

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Chib, who was not present at the venue during the protest last Friday, was produced before a court here, which sent him to four days police custody after rejecting his counsel's argument that he had cooperated with the probe and was not on the run.

Police argued that the conspiracy went beyond printing the T-shirts with slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Devuji, 3 other top Maoists surrender to TG police

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These leaders had reportedly been active in underground activities for three to four decades.

On Tuesday, Shivadhar Reddy said that Devuji had been underground for 44 years, Raji Reddy for 46 years, Damodar for 28 years and Narsimha Reddy for 36 years. The surrender of the Politburo and Central Committee members has effectively led to the collapse of the organisation's last surviving apex structure. The DGP said the Central Committee of the CPI (Maoist) has now been reduced to just one active member.

The DGP said: "The cadre have chosen to prioritize their health, personal dignity, and future by embracing rehabilitation and reintegration, committing themselves to a peaceful, law-abiding life and contributing to the bet-

terment of society within the legal framework."

Under the Telangana government's rehabilitation policy, Thippiri Thirupati and Malla Raji Reddy carried cash rewards of Rs 25 lakh each, while Bade Chokka Rao and Nune Narsimha Reddy carried rewards of Rs 20 lakh each. The total eligible reward amount of Rs 90 lakh has been disbursed to them through demand drafts/cheques as part of the state and Central governments' relief and rehabilitation policies.

The DGP also recalled the appeal made by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy in October 2025, urging Maoist cadre to shun violence and join the development process in the state. He said that since 2024, a total of 591 Maoists of different ranks have surrendered before the Telangana police. They include four Central

Committee members, 15 State Committee members, 25 Divisional Committee Secretaries, 63 Area Committee members and 437 party members.

Further, the DGP urged remaining members to join mainstream life, as around 11 Maoist members from Telangana are still absconding and the DGP appealed to them to surrender and benefit from rehabilitation schemes.

According to police, Thippiri Thirupati (62), a native of Korutla in Jagtial district, has been a Central Committee member, Politburo member and in-charge of the Central Military Commission. He joined the CPI (ML) People's War in January 1982 and was sent to Dandakaranya in April 1984.

Malla Raji Reddy (76), who hails from Shastrulapalle village in Peddapalli district, served in various capacities,

including as Central Committee member and later as a member of the Politburo. He was earlier arrested in December 2007 and released in October 2009, after which he resumed underground activities.

Bade Chokka Rao (47) from Kalvapalli village in Mulugu district joined the movement in December 1998 and rose to become State Committee member in 2015. In January 2025, he was elevated as Secretary of the Telangana State Committee.

Nune Narsimha Reddy (62), a native of Guntur district in Andhra Pradesh, joined the movement in 1987 and served in multiple committees, including the Andhra-Odisha Border Special Zonal Committee and the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee. In May 2025, he was shifted to Telangana.

No full land resurvey in Telangana even as Andhra braces for 2nd one

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Revanth Reddy also promised to revive Jamabandi, restore manual pahanies, and undertake a comprehensive land survey before elections. Although the Congress government completed two years in power, the state is still conducting pilot surveys, and full-scale implementation is yet to begin.

Under the pilot phase, around 70 villages per district have been proposed for survey. District Collectors identified villages with less than 200 acres and minimal disputes. The survey will use Differential GPS (DGPS) technology, with data uploaded through QGIS into the Bhu Bharathi portal. Each land parcel will receive a unique 'Bhudhaar' number, similar to Aadhaar. After evaluating the pilot, the government plans a phased statewide rollout, possibly beginning next year. However, officials indicate that the pilot has not commenced uniformly across all mandals.

In contrast, Andhra Pradesh complet-

ed a statewide resurvey during the tenure of former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. The process included installation of new boundary stones with YS Jagan's portrait on stones, even though the move faced criticism from the then Opposition Telugu Desam Party (TDP). After returning to power, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu announced plans for another resurvey, alleging irregularities in the previous exercise. Farmers and other landowners in Telangana have expressed concern over inordinate delays in taking up the resurvey, stating that prolonged uncertainty benefits encroachers and fraudsters. They lament that successive governments in the state have made grand announcements but have been slow in execution. Observers say farmers' situation has worsened after the formation of Telangana. Will the Revanth Reddy government address concerns of farmers and other landowners by taking up comprehensive land resurvey without much delay?

Kerala is now Keralam

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However, any such Bill can be introduced in parliament only after it is referred by the President to the concerned State legislature for its views. Once the Assembly's views are received, the Union government may proceed to obtain the President's recommendation and introduce the Bill in parliament. The Cabinet approval marks the first formal step toward the proposed constitutional amendment. In its 2024 resolution, the Kerala Assembly noted that the State was formed on linguistic lines on November 1, 1956, and that the name "Keralam" has long been used in Malayalam and during the independence movement to refer to a unified Malayalam-speaking region. The Assembly unanimously urged the Central government to take steps to modify the First Schedule to the Constitution to reflect the name "Keralam". Following the resolution, the Kerala government formally requested the Union government to initiate the constitutional process. The Ministry of Home Affairs examined the proposal after which the draft cabinet note was circulated to the Department of Legal Affairs and the Legislative Department of the Ministry of Law and Justice. Both departments concurred with the proposal.

ICRA has maintained a Stable outlook for the Indian aviation industry, supported by expectations of modest growth in domestic air passenger traffic and a gradually improving operating environment, despite near term challenges

-Kinjal Shah, Senior VP and Co Group Head, ICRA

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CSMVS' initiative

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) unveiled 'Networks of the Past: A Study Gallery of India and the Ancient World' in Mumbai. Over 300 archaeological objects from more than 15 leading Indian and global museums will be showcased for three years until 2028. According to CSMVS: "These tell stories from the ancient cultures of India, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece, Rome, Persia, and China, alongside treasures from undivided India."

Nikon unveils new product

Nikon India Pvt. Ltd., has announced the release of the NIKKOR Z 70-200mm f/2.8 VR S II, a fast telephoto zoom lens compatible with full-frame/FX-format mirrorless cameras. The first NIKKOR lens to support the use of Arca-Swiss tripod heads, for smoother tripod mounting and dismounting. The tripod collar of this lens can be attached to Arca-Swiss screw-type quick-release clamps. However, please avoid using lever-type clamps, as they may not fix the lens firmly in place.

Projects Today launches platform

Projects Today introduced AI-Driven business opportunity platform to strengthen India's project ecosystem. The new positioning brings project lifecycle context, tenders and L1/order updates, and stakeholder intelligence into one convenient workflow - helping organisations engage the right projects at the right time. The upgraded platform introduces an AI-enabled evolution focused on practical outcomes, including BOQ search, sub-project tracking, tender-to-order journey visibility, bidder and participation insights, opportunity estimation tools, credibility and analytics dashboards, and richer stakeholder relationship mapping.

Harpic rolls out new product

Harpic, a home hygiene solutions provider has announced the launch of its latest product - New Harpic Bathroom Ultra Cleaner. The company also onboarded Bollywood Film-maker Rohit Shetty as brand ambassador. Rohit Shetty said, "I know what's it like when people associate you with a certain style, it means they trust you to deliver every single time. And that trust pushes you to do more, do better and to raise the bar."

Policybazaar logs milestone

Since 2018, Policybazaar has facilitated over ₹2,069 crore in term insurance claims across 2,660 cases. This milestone strengthens consumer confidence in an underpenetrated market often hindered by claim concerns. By leveraging a digital-first model, the platform ensures speed and transparency, partnering with insurers to transform the stressful claims experience into a seamless, empathetic, and guided process for nominees during their most critical time of need.

iQOO launches 15R; Co sees good demand in India

It has been six years for iQOO in India and the company has been launching flagship products

Flagship Features

- Slimmest smartphone with a 7600 mAh battery
- Powered by the Snapdragon 8 Gen 5
- Has SuperComputing Chip Q2 with the 144 FPS gaming

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Nipun Marya, CEO of iQOO



that the new variant is also going to get a very good response," Nipun Marya, CEO of iQOO told the BizzBuzz on the sidelines of the launch event. "This is fastest smartphone in the market. It has a Snapdragon 8 Gen 5 processor. So, it is very fast and powerful. On the battery side, this is India's slimmest phone with 7600 mAh battery. It means, you can use your phone all day, do heavy tasks the whole day and there will be no issues with the phone at all. All of this, along with the camera, we believe that the price range of ₹40,000 to ₹45,000 for iQOO 15R is an amazing offer for our Indian users," Marya added.

iQOO, the specialised mobile brand from Vivo stable, on Tuesday launched iQOO 15R in India as it eyes more young professionals' user base in the country.

The iQOO 15R has several innovative features that enable young professionals to seamlessly switch between work, gaming, and entertainment, the company said at the launch event in Bengaluru.

The new variant of the brand is powered by the Snapdragon 8 Gen 5, ensuring higher processing power,

speed and efficiency. iQOO 15R is India's slimmest smartphone with a 7600 mAh battery. It also used the company's proprietary SuperComputing Chip Q2 with the 144 FPS gaming. It is also equipped with a Sony LYT-700V OIS camera, a 1.5K 144Hz AMOLED EyeCare Display, along with IP68 & IP69 dust and water resistance, the company said.

"The new launch is the second one in the iQOO 15 series. We already have the flagship product iQOO 15, which has received good response. Given the kind of features in the new phone and the pricing, we believe

Markets in red as tariff fears rattle IT stocks

Infotech stocks plunge nearly 5% as renewed US tariff concerns dent risk appetite

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EQUITY benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty tumbled more than 1 per cent on Tuesday, dragged down by heavy losses in IT stocks amid concerns over artificial intelligence-led disruption and renewed trade-related uncertainties. Rising global crude prices amid escalating US-Iran tensions and sluggish global cues also hit investor sentiment, traders said. Snapping its two-session rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex plummeted 1,068.74 points, or 1.28 per cent, to settle at 82,225.92. During the day, the benchmark plunged 1,359.93 points, or 1.63 per cent, to hit an intraday low of 81,934.73. A total of 2,802 stocks declined, while 1,422 advanced and 143 remained unchanged on the BSE.

The 50-share NSE Nifty fell 288.35 points, or 1.12 per cent, to close at 25,424.65. In the intraday session, it



depreciated by 385.4 points, or 1.49 per cent, to hit a low of 25,327.60. As many as 32 of its components ended in the red while 18 settled in the green territory. "Investor sentiment weakened amid renewed concerns over global trade developments and rising geopolitical tensions, which kept crude oil prices elevated. Moreover, continued pressure on global technology stocks and fears of AI-led disruption further dragged domestic IT shares, amplifying the decline in the benchmark indices," Ajit

Mishra SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said. Tech Mahindra emerged as the biggest laggard, declining by 6.6 per cent, followed by HCL Technologies, Eternal, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, Larsen & Toubro, Trent, Bharti Airtel, HDFC Bank, Bharat Electronics Ltd and ICICI Bank. On the other hand, NTPC, Hindustan Unilever, Tata Steel, PowerGrid, Titan, Reliance Industries, Axis Bank, and Sun Pharmaceuticals were among the gainers. "Domestic markets registered a sharp decline, led

by significant weakness in IT stocks amid renewed global concerns over AI-driven disruption and margin pressures for traditional service providers. Global trade and tariff worries resurfaced as well, with additional pressure arising from Trump's warnings on trade deals and reports of possible national-security tariffs. "Meanwhile, escalating US-Iran tensions, marked by embassy staff evacuations and Iran's warnings of wider regional escalation, intensifying risk aversion. Overall, markets remain highly sensitive to geopolitical risks and sector-specific pressures, driving investors toward defensive, domestically focused segments," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited, said. Broader indices also ended in the negative territory, with the BSE Smallcap Select Index falling 0.68 per cent, while the Mid-cap Select Index slipped 0.54 per cent.

Cabinet enhances equity investment limit of Powergrid to ₹7,500 cr per subsidiary

The approval will enable the Maharatna to expand its investment in its core business and support the evacuation of renewable energy capacity

NEW DELHI: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Tuesday approved enhanced delegation to Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), enhancing the permissible equity investment limit of the company from the current threshold of Rs 5,000 crore per subsidiary to Rs 7,500 crore per subsidiary -- while retaining the existing cap of 15 per cent of the company's net worth.

The approval came under the extant guidelines dated February 4, 2010, of the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) on the delegation of powers applicable to Maharatna CPSEs.

According to an official statement, the approval will enable POWERGRID, the largest and most experienced transmission service provider in the country, to expand its investment in its core business and support the evacuation of renewable energy capacity, helping achieve the target of 500 GW from non-fossil-based sources.

The statement further said that POWERGRID can now participate in the bids for capital-intensive transmission projects, such as Ultra High Voltage Alternating Current (UHVAC) and High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission networks.

Additionally, it will broaden competition in the Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) for the selection of bidders for critical trans-



mission projects. "This ensures better price discovery, and ultimately leads to the availability of affordable and clean energy for consumers," the CCEA said.

The POWERGRID, the central transmission utility, recently announced its unaudited financial results for the third quarter of this fiscal. The public sector company reported robust growth in profitability.

Standalone profit after tax (PAT) stood at Rs 4,160.17 crore -- a 6.8 per cent increase from Rs 3,894.09 crore in Q3 FY25. Standalone revenue from operations was Rs 11,005.28 crore, up year-on-year from Rs 10,120.72 crore. The Board of Directors approved several significant proposals, including a second interim dividend of Rs 3.25 per equity share (32.5 per cent on the face value of Rs 10) for FY 2025-26. The dividend will be paid on February 27, 2026.

Clean Max's ₹3K-cr IPO subscribed 45% on day 2

NEW DELHI: The initial public offering (IPO) of Clean Max Enviro Energy Solutions, a commercial and industrial renewable energy provider, received 45 per cent subscription on the second day of share sale on Tuesday. The company's IPO got bids for more than 97 lakh (97,59,106) shares against over 218 lakh (2,18,23,329) shares on offer, according to the NSE data. The qualified institutional buyers' category was subscribed 1.21 times, while the quota for non-institutional investors was booked 41 per cent. Retail Individual Investors part fetched a 4 per cent subscription. Clean Max Enviro Energy Solutions raised Rs 921 crore from anchor investors on Friday. The public issue will close on February 25. The company has fixed a price band of Rs 1,000-1,053 per share, valuing it at Rs 12,325 crore at the upper end. The proposed issue comprises a fresh issue of shares worth up to Rs 1,200 crore and an offer-for-sale (OFS) of shares valued at Rs 1,900 crore by promoters and an investor shareholder.

World shares trade mixed after heavy selling in AI scrips hit Wall Street

BANGKOK: World shares were mixed on Tuesday after US stocks slumped on heavy selling of shares in companies that could be losers in the artificial-intelligence boom. A report by Citirini Research, a New York-based financial services company, that outlined a future scenario in which AI's dominance caused the "human-centric consumer economy," to wither away with dire consequences for employment, was the latest hit to confidence for companies that might be displaced by fast expanding use of the technology. "Policy response has always lagged economic reality, but lack of a comprehensive plan is now threatening to accelerate a deflationary spiral," the report says. Still, Tuesday brought gains for computer-chip makers and other companies that profit from development of AI.



In early European trading, Germany's DAX edged 0.2 per cent lower to 24,952.11 and in Paris the CAC 40 was down less than 0.1 per cent at 8,491.94. Britain's FTSE 100 also lost less than 0.1 per cent, to 10,673.99. The futures for the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average were up less than 0.1 per cent. In Asian trading, Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index surged 0.9 per cent to 57,321.09. Chip testing equipment maker Advantest rose 4.5 per cent, while machinery maker Disco Corp. added 2.1 per cent. Markets in mainland China advanced as they reopened following a weeklong holiday, but Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell as traders locked in profits from recent gains, slipping 1.8 per cent to 26,590.32. The Shanghai Composite index rose 0.9 per cent to 4,117.41. In South Korea, the Kospi picked up 2.1 per cent to 5,969.64, setting fresh records on gains for memory chipmaker Samsung Electronics, which jumped 3.6 per cent. SK Hynix, another chipmaker, closed 5.7 per cent higher.

India's CV industry clocks robust sales in Jan

NEW DELHI: THE Indian commercial vehicle (CV) wholesale volumes reported a robust 27 per cent year-on-year (YoY) growth to 99,544 units in January, along with a sequential growth of 1.9 per cent over 97,682 units recorded in December 2025, a report showed on Tuesday.

The year-on-year growth was primarily driven by the reduction in Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate to 18 per cent from 28 per cent, effective September 22, 2025 and was further supported by increased freight activity in the goods segment, according to ICRA.

Retail volumes in the medium and heavy commercial vehicle segment (M&HCV) witnessed a healthy growth of 15.4 per cent on a YoY basis in January while recording a sequential growth of 22.1 per cent.

Moreover, according to the report, retail volumes in the light commercial vehicle



(LCV) segment grew by 14.9 per cent YoY in January.

The YoY growth in retail volumes of the LCV segment during 10 months of FY26 stood at 11.1 per cent.

Overall, the domestic CV wholesale volumes grew by 11.3 per cent (on-year) "during 10M FY2026, while retail volumes registered an 8.5 per cent growth during the same period", said the report.

The domestic CV industry is expected to register a moderate YoY growth of 7-9 per cent in wholesale volumes in FY26. Domestic CV wholesale volumes are further projected to register a moderate YoY growth of 4-6 per cent in FY2027.

The M& HCV (trucks) and LCV (trucks) segments are expected to witness YoY volume growth of 7-9 per cent and 9-11 per cent, respectively.

The buses segment is likely to see an 8-10 per cent YoY growth during the fiscal, said the report.

Gold rises ₹400; silver stays flat

NEW DELHI: Gold prices rose by Rs 400 to Rs 1,63,200 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday amid persistent buying by stockists and a weaker rupee, according to the local marketmen. The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had closed at Rs 1,62,800 per 10 grams on Monday. However, silver prices remained unchanged at Rs 2,72,000 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes). Traders said increased offtake by local jewellers and stockists supported gold prices in the domestic market, even as international precious metal rates declined. In the international markets, spot gold was trading 1.35 per cent lower at USD 5,157.16 per ounce, while silver traded flat at USD 88.19 per ounce. Analysts said weakness in the rupee made gold costlier for holders of other currencies, offsetting the impact of a decline in global prices.



Cos should be cautious on AI usage claims: Sebi whole-time member

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SEBI'S whole-time member Amarjeet Singh cautioned against 'artificial washing', or the use of exaggerated claims as a marketing tactic, warning that such instances can erode the public's trust in the markets.

"We have seen instances of market participants making overstated claims about using AI to deliver exceptional returns," Singh said, addressing an event jointly organised by IIMK and NSE here.

Asking companies to be mindful of how they communicate claims on usage of AI, Singh warned, "exaggerated claims, or selective disclosures, the so-called AI washing can mislead markets and erode trust". He acknowledged that AI is a powerful tool for education, research and accessibility, but advised for certain care to be taken as adoption of AI grows because of its ability to generate "convincing misinformation at scale".

"Can we confidently say that today's true and fair reports truly reflect economic reality?" he asked, adding that such questions are more relevant in the current times.



Amarjeet Singh says such claims can erode the public's trust in the markets

There are newer forms of a shift to "narrative-led communication including purpose-washing and green-washing", Singh said, pointing out that the aspirational language used in such efforts can sometimes run ahead of "verifiable action and measurable outcomes".

There is a historic capital shift from "financial to intellectual capital" as seen in the explosive growth in the stock prices of seven tech giants in the US, he said, underlining that the intangibles are driving market value.

Singh rued that our reporting systems have not

kept pace and underlined the need for reviewing the ways in which the reporting captures the intangible aspects of value creation, including advantages of algorithm usage, human capital prowess and societal impact. "Until we do, we are navigating the future with yesterday's map," Singh said.

No one should be systematically disadvantaged by opacity, manipulation, hidden conflict or engineered confusion, Singh said, adding that there is a possibility for information acting as a bridge between households and capital markets, and savings and productive investments if we get it right. "At stake is not just market efficiency, but public trust in finance as a force for good," he concluded.

ADB commits \$108 mn to Aavas Financiers

NEW DELHI: Asian Development Bank on Tuesday said it has signed a senior secured debt financing package of up to \$108 million (about Rs 983 crore) with NBFC Aavas Financiers to expand access to affordable housing loans for lower-income households and business loans for MS-MEs in underserved states across India. The package includes concessional debt financing of \$8 million (in Indian rupee equivalent) through the Canadian Climate and Nature Fund for the Private Sector in Asia (CANPA), Asian Development Bank (ADB) said in a statement.

The financing will support housing loans for self-built and green-certified homes, promoting climate-resilient and energy-efficient housing solutions for lower-middle-income borrowers, it added. The transaction is also supported by up to \$1,50,000 in technical assistance to build institutional capacity and boost market awareness of green housing solutions, it said.



What recruiters will truly seek from 2026 data science graduates

RECRUITERS NOW PRIORITISE STRATEGIC THINKING, ETHICAL AI AWARENESS, AND PRODUCTION-READY SKILLS OVER TECHNICAL BASICS ALONE

DR. ABHIJIT DASGUPTA

The data science landscape is not merely evolving; it is undergoing a profound transformation. The graduate of 2021, equipped with Python, SQL, and regression models, no longer represents the ideal profile for 2026. As artificial intelligence becomes deeply embedded across industries, regulations tighten, and business challenges grow more complex, recruiters are redefining expectations. For the class of 2026, securing a leading role will depend not only on technical expertise but on adaptability, ethical judgment, and strategic business understanding.

The foundational bedrock: Mastery of the modern stack

Core technical skills remain essential, but expectations have advanced. Python and SQL are baseline requirements rather than differentiators. Recruiters increasingly expect familiarity with orchestration tools such as Dagster and Prefect, MLOps platforms like MLflow and Kubeflow, and cloud ecosystems including AWS SageMaker, Google Vertex AI, and Azure ML. The ability to transition a model from experimentation to a scalable, monitored production environment is now fundamental.

Large Language Models



(LLMs) are reshaping the field. While pre-training massive models is not mandatory, graduates must understand transformer architecture, retrieval-augmented generation (RAG), and fine-tuning methods such as LoRA. Beyond simple API usage, recruiters value candidates who can customise LLMs for business workflows while understanding cost, limitations, and bias implications.

The strategic shift: Problem discovery and translation

The role of a data scientist has expanded beyond technical execution. Recruiters now prioritise "problem discovery." Graduates must demonstrate the ability to navigate ambiguity in business contexts, identify high-impact opportunities, and collaborate with domain experts across functions.

Equally important is "executive fluency"—the ability to translate model performance into business value. Communicating improvements in terms of revenue growth, risk reduction, or customer experience distinguishes strong candidates. While tools like Tableau and Power BI support visualisation, the core capability lies in articulating measurable business outcomes.

Ethics and governance as core competencies

As AI systems influence high-stakes decisions, ethical awareness has become integral. Recruiters increasingly assess knowledge of regulatory frameworks such as the EU AI Act and practical approaches to fairness, accountability, and transparency. Graduates should be



prepared to explain how they evaluate bias, ensure reproducibility, and maintain data lineage. Familiarity with explainability tools like SHAP and LIME, along with human-in-the-loop design principles, demonstrates readiness to build trustworthy systems rather than isolated algorithms.

Systems thinking and collaboration

The era of standalone models has passed. Data scientists must adopt a systems mindset, recognising that models operate within broader ecosystems involving pipelines, deployment frameworks, user interfaces, and feedback loops. Awareness of data quality, retraining cycles, and performance monitoring is critical.

Cross-functional collaboration is equally essential. Successful candidates show experience working with engineers on CI/CD processes, product managers on defining KPIs, and designers on user-centric solutions. Evidence of multidisciplinary teamwork strengthens

employability.

Learning agility in a rapidly changing field

With the rapid pace of technological advancement, learning agility has become one of the most valued traits. Recruiters seek individuals who continuously update their knowledge, experiment with new tools, and critically assess emerging trends.

A dynamic portfolio often speaks louder than a resume. GitHub repositories showcasing evolving projects, engagement with new research, or contributions to open-source initiatives reflect adaptability and initiative.

The graduate portfolio: A blueprint

- Portfolio Over Resume: A dynamic GitHub with well-documented projects, including a production-like end-to-end pipeline, an LLM application addressing a real problem, and a clear analysis of ethical considerations.
- The "T-Shaped" Depth: Deep,

hands-on expertise in one or two advanced areas complemented by broad business and communication skills.

- Narrative-Driven Interviews: Prepared not just to solve a coding test, but to articulate the "why" behind past projects, the trade-offs made, the business impact achieved, and the lessons learned from failure.

The ideal 2026 graduate presents a holistic profile: a well-documented project portfolio, deep expertise in selected areas, and strong communication skills. Beyond solving technical problems, they articulate the reasoning behind decisions, the trade-offs considered, the measurable impact delivered, and lessons drawn from challenges. In this transformed landscape, success belongs to those who combine technical excellence with strategic insight, ethical responsibility, and continuous learning.

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CBSE Class 12
Accountancy
Exam Analysis

Accountancy exam rated moderate, balanced

The CBSE Class 12 Accountancy board examination was rated moderate in difficulty and largely aligned with the prescribed syllabus, according to feedback from teachers and students.

Rajan Dutta, PGT Accountancy at Silverline Prestige School, said the question paper reflected a balanced mix of theory and practical components. Most questions were drawn from the NCERT textbook and topics emphasised during classroom teaching. The paper included case-based and application-oriented questions designed to assess conceptual clarity rather than rote learning. Numerical questions were generally straightforward, though a few required careful calculations and step-by-step presentation.

"The Accountancy paper was fair and tested students' understanding of core concepts. Those who practised consistently and revised class materials found it manageable," Dutta said.

Students described the examination as moderate overall. While many found the structure familiar and manageable, some noted that certain case-study questions were slightly time-consuming. Overall, the paper was viewed as a well-balanced assessment that effectively evaluated students' conceptual understanding, analytical ability, and application skills in Accountancy.

CIM 2026 highlights AI, research ethics and industry-ready methodologies

The International Conference on Contemporary Issues in Management (CIM) 2026, hosted by the International School of Management Excellence in Bengaluru, brought together academicians, researchers and industry professionals to deliberate on artificial intelligence, research ethics and evolving industry expectations. The conference was the conferring of the Lifetime Achievement Award on T. V. Rao, a pioneer in human resource development and co-founder of the National HRD Network. In his address, Dr. Rao emphasised the need to balance technological advancement with human judgment. He noted that while AI can perform tasks efficiently, creativity and contextual decision-making remain uniquely human strengths.

Panel discussions throughout the conference examined how AI is reshaping research practices in management education. Speakers observed that AI tools are increasingly being used for literature reviews, data organisation and drafting support. However, concerns were raised about unverified outputs, fabricated references and plagiarism risks. Participants stressed that AI should serve as an aid rather than a substitute for independent analysis and



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The conference also reflected changing research trends among students. Session chairs noted a shift from traditional statistical tools such as ANOVA and

regression towards advanced techniques including structural equation modelling (SEM), confirmatory factor analysis (CFA), and machine learning models like Random Forest and XGBoost.

Another recurring discussion focused on bridging the gap between academia and industry. Panelists underscored the need to align research methodologies with practical business applications to enhance employability and relevance.



IIT Roorkee to develop AI-driven BMS for energy storage

Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MaxVolt Energy to collaborate on the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven Battery Management Systems (BMS) for energy storage and electric mobility applications.

The partnership will focus on integrating AI and Machine Learning (ML) algorithms into next-generation BMS platforms. The proposed systems aim to enable real-time monitoring, predictive diagnostics, adaptive charging protocols, and improved thermal management for lithium-based batteries.

According to officials, the research initiative will also work on enhancing the accuracy of State-of-Charge (SoC) and State-of-Health (SoH) estimations. The objective is to improve battery lifecycle management, reduce degradation, and support performance under varying operational and climatic conditions.

A key component of

the collaboration includes incorporating predictive maintenance features. By analysing battery performance data and estimating remaining life cycles, the system is expected to assist in decisions related to battery reuse, refurbishment, or recycling. The research will be aligned with Indian grid and environmental conditions.

The joint programme will involve faculty members, research scholars, and engineering teams from both institutions. The teams will work on designing, prototyping, and validating AI-enabled BMS solutions. Vishal Gupta, Co-Founder and Technical Director at MaxVolt Energy and MaxVolt ReEarth, stated that the collaboration aims to strengthen research and development efforts in advanced battery technologies. He also indicated that a Centre of Excellence is proposed to be set up at the IIT Roorkee campus to support research on second-life battery reusability detection using BMS technologies.

HOW TO MASTER MOCK TEST ANALYSIS

How structured analysis can sharpen accuracy, speed, and exam strategy

Taking mock tests is an essential part of exam preparation, but their true value lies in how effectively they are analysed. Many students focus only on the final score, overlooking the deeper insights that mock tests provide. A structured analysis can transform mistakes into learning opportunities and significantly improve overall performance.

The first step in analysing a mock test is to go beyond marks and examine accuracy. Identify how many questions were attempted correctly, incorrectly, and left unanswered. This helps in understanding whether the issue lies in conceptual clarity, careless errors, or poor time management. A high number of incorrect answers may indicate guesswork or gaps in understanding, while too many unattempted questions may suggest slow problem-solving speed.

Next, conduct a topic-wise analysis. Break down performance according to subjects and chapters. This will reveal strengths and weak areas clearly. For instance, you may perform well in theory-based questions but struggle with numerical or application-based ones. Recognising such patterns allows you to plan targeted revision rather than revisiting the entire syllabus. Time analysis is equally



important. Review how much time was spent on each section or question. Did you spend too long on difficult problems? Did you rush through easier ones and make careless mistakes? Effective time allocation is crucial in competitive exams, and mock tests provide the perfect opportunity to refine this strategy.

Another critical aspect is reviewing mistakes carefully. Do not just note the correct answer — understand why your response was wrong. Was it due to a conceptual gap, misinterpretation of the question, calculation error, or overconfidence? Maintaining an error log can help track recurring mistakes and ensure they are not repeated in future tests.

Comparative performance tracking also plays a role. Instead of focusing on one test score, observe trends over multiple mocks. Consistent improvement in accu-

racy and percentile ranking indicates progress, while stagnation signals the need for strategy adjustments.

Practical tips for effective mock test analysis

- Analyse the test within 24 hours while the paper is still fresh in your mind.
 - Categorise mistakes into conceptual, calculation, and time-management errors.
 - Revise weak topics immediately after identifying them.
 - Reattempt incorrectly answered questions without time pressure.
 - Track progress through a performance journal or spreadsheet.
- When approached systematically, mock test analysis becomes a powerful tool for improvement. It shifts preparation from random practice to strategic learning, helping students steadily convert effort into measurable success.

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-Steve Bucknor, legendary umpire

Bucknor regrets wrong LBW call against Tendulkar after 22 years

NEW DELHI

MORE than two decades after making what was then widely seen as a "dreadful" decision against Indian cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar, legendary umpire Steve Bucknor has finally expressed regrets and accepted that "it was a mistake."

2009, was one of the most respected umpires in world cricket for over two decades. However, he did a make a few contentious calls involving Tendulkar, the most shocking being an LBW dismissal during an India-Australia Test match at Brisbane's Gabba 22 years ago.

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most difficult decisions he had to live with as an umpire, he said, "Giving Sachin Tendulkar out leg before wicket, and it's a matter of knowing that it was a mistake, but until this day, every day, people talk about it. "Why did I give him out? Was he out and so on? But then in life, mistakes happen. I have accepted that it was a mistake, and life goes

on." In that match at Gabba in the 2003-04 series, Tendulkar was given out LBW by Bucknor following a loud appeal from Australian fast bowler Jason Gillespie and his teammates. Batting on 3, Tendulkar had attempted to leave the ball, which struck him high on the pads, but Bucknor was convinced by the Australian appeal. Television replays

later confirmed the ball was clearly going over the stumps. In the commentary box, the late Tony Greig had referred to it as "a dreadful" decision and he was not the only one who thought that way at the time. The match, the first of a four-match series and in which India skipper Sourav Ganguly struck a fluent 144, ended in a draw. That was

not the only instance when Bucknor gave Tendulkar out wrongly. In a match against Pakistan at Eden Gardens in 2005, the Jamaican adjudged Tendulkar caught behind off Abdul Razzaq despite a half-hearted appeal. Replays, however, showed a wide gap between the bat and the ball.

During an interactive session with fans in 2024, Ten-

dulkar was asked about his relationship with Bucknor, and in lighter vein, he had said, "When I am batting, give him boxing gloves to wear (so he can't raise his finger)." Bucknor, 79, officiated in 128 Test matches between 1989 and 2009 and also holds the record for standing in five consecutive World Cup finals from 1992 to 2007.

T20 WC Super 8s

India pushed to brink after WI's win rock Group 1

NEW DELHI: India's Super 8 campaign at the T20 World Cup 2026 has hit turbulence early, leaving them with no room for missteps in the matches to come. A crushing 76-run loss to South Africa in Ahmedabad on Sunday has pushed them onto the back foot in Group 1, where they are competing alongside South Africa, the West Indies and Zimbabwe.

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While India were reeling from that setback, the West Indies tightened the screws further with a commanding 107-run victory over Zimbabwe. The result reshaped the standings: West Indies climbed to the top, South Africa slotted into second, and India slipped to third, with their net run rate taking a severe blow in the process.



wald Brevis. Jasprit Bumrah delivered a standout spell of 3/15, but the remainder of the attack struggled to apply consistent brakes.

The chase never gathered traction. Wickets fell at regular intervals, partnerships failed to materialise, and scoreboard pressure mounted quickly. Marco Jansen's four-wicket burst dismantled the middle order, sealing India's collapse for 111.

Beyond the loss of two points, the damage to their Net Run Rate, now a troubling -3.800, could prove decisive.

With two fixtures left in the Super 8 stage, India's equation is starkly simple: they must win both to stay alive.

Two wins: Victories over the West Indies and Zimbabwe would take India to four points. If South Af-

rica also win their remaining games, both sides would progress. However, if South Africa drop one match, three teams could be locked on four points, pushing qualification down to Net Run Rate.

Should South Africa lose both, India and the West Indies would advance.

One win or fewer: Anything short of back-to-back wins will end India's campaign, regardless of other outcomes in the group. The margin for error has vanished. India's semi-final hopes now hinge not only on results but also on improving a Net Run Rate that has already taken a substantial hit.

T20 WC SUPER 8S TABLE					
TEAM	P	W	L	PT	NRR
GROUP 1					
WI	1	1	0	2	+5.350
RSA	1	1	0	2	+3.800
IND	1	0	1	0	-3.800
ZIM	1	0	1	0	-5.350
GROUP B					
ENG	2	2	0	4	+1.491
NZ	1	0	0	1	0.000
PAK	2	0	1	1	-0.461
SL	1	0	1	0	-2.550



Brook's brilliance powers England to T20 WC semis

PALLEKELE

SKIPPER Harry Brook led from the front with a superb century to single-handedly guide England to a two-wicket win against Pakistan in a Super 8 match, becoming the first team to guarantee its place in the semifinals of the T20 World Cup here on Tuesday.

Earlier, Sahibzada Farhan scored 63 off 45 balls, while Babar Azam and Fakhar Zaman made 25 each to help Pakistan post the total after electing to bat.

Liam Dawson (3/24), Jamie Overton (2/26) and Jofra Archer (2/32) were the main wicket-takers for England.

Brook smashed 100 off 51 balls with the help of 10 fours and four maximums to help England chase down Pakistan's 164 for nine with five balls to spare and register their second consecutive win in the Super 8 stage.

Will Jacks (28) provided great support to Brook.

For Pakistan, Shaheen Shah Afridi (4/30) and Usman Tariq (2/31) picked up the wickets.

BRIEF SCORES:
Pakistan: 164 For 9 In 20 Overs (Sahibzada Farhan 63; Liam Dawson 3/24) Lost To England: 166 For 8 In 19.1 Overs (Harry Brook 100, Will Jacks 28; Shaheen Shah Afridi 4/30, Usman Tariq 2/31)

IN ACTION TODAY
Sri Lanka vs New Zealand at 7pm

Australia outplay India in opening Women's ODI

BRISBANE: Australia produced a clinical all-round performance to defeat India by six wickets in the opening ODI at Allan Border Field on Tuesday, chasing down a modest target of 215 with authority to take a 1-0 lead in the three-game ODI series and also level the overall multi-format series tally to 4-4.



After bowling India out for 214, the hosts made light work of the chase, riding on half-centuries from captain Alyssa Healy and the ever-reliable Beth Mooney. India had promised more at different stages, but ultimately fell short on a surface that offered seam movement early and grip for the spinners as the innings progressed. Opting to bat first, India were jolted in the opening over when Megan Schutt trapped Pratika Rawal lbw, and the early pressure intensified with the dismissal of Shafali Verma soon after. Smriti Mandhana weathered a testing passage, surviving a few nervy moments before compiling a composed 58 to steady the innings.

However, Australia struck at crucial intervals. Ashleigh Gardner and Tahlia McGrath removed set batters just as partnerships began to flourish, while leg-spinner Alana King applied the squeeze through the middle overs with her control and bounce. Captain Harmanpreet Kaur battled for 33 but struggled to accelerate, and though Richa Ghosh and later Kashvee Gautam attempted to rebuild, regular wickets ensured India never truly broke free. A brief lower-order resistance pushed the total past 200, but it was widely considered under par. In reply, Healy and Phoebe Litchfield laid a confident foundation. The pair added 55 runs for the opening wicket, countering India's new-ball threat with positive strokeplay. Healy was particularly assured, driving elegantly and rotating strike effectively on her way to a 69-ball 50.

BRIEF SCORES:
India 214/10 in 48.3 overs (Smriti Mandhana 58, Harmanpreet Kaur 53; Ashleigh Gardner 3-33, Megan Schutt 2-42) lost to Australia (Beth Mooney 76, Alyssa Healy 50, Annabel Sutherland 48*; Shree Charani 2-41) by six wickets.

Kanpur, Prayagraj at risk of severe damage if quake strikes: IIT study

Buildings can tilt or sink, roads and railway tracks may crack, and underground utilities can rupture. Riverbank and low-lying areas are particularly vulnerable: Dr Nihar Ranjan Patra

KANPUR

A 17-year study by the Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur (IIT-K) has warned that parts of Kanpur and Prayagraj could face severe damage if an earthquake of magnitude 6.5 or higher strikes the region. The research led by Dr Nihar Ranjan Patra, a

professor at IIT-K's civil engineering department, highlights the high liquefaction potential of the alluvial soil along the Ganga river belt -- a factor that can sharply amplify ground shaking and destabilise buildings.

The IIT-K research team analysed soil samples collected over nearly two decades

from Gujarat, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Samples were taken from 43 locations, with boreholes drilled up to 30 to 40 metres and 80 metres deep at two locations in Kanpur and Prayagraj in select areas - far deeper than the usual 10-30 metres used elsewhere. In several parts of Kanpur and Prayagraj,

the top 8-10 metres of soil is loose, sandy and water-saturated - conditions highly prone to liquefaction during strong tremors.

The findings are concerning as in some pockets, the effect could extend as deep as 30-40 metres. Liquefaction occurs when intense shaking causes waterlogged soil to temporarily lose strength and behave like a liquid, Patra told PTL. Buildings can tilt or sink, roads and railway tracks may crack, and underground utilities can rupture. Riverbank and low-lying areas are particularly vulnerable, he added.

Localities identified for detailed soil analysis include Bithoor, Mandhana, Panki, Barra, Chakeri, Ratanlal Nagar, Naramao and areas around IIT-K, among others. Parts of Varanasi were also found to have similar soil behaviour. According to India's seismic zoning map, sections of Kanpur and Prayagraj fall under Zones III and IV - denoting moderate to high risk.



Copter carrying 7 crashes into sea, all rescued

SRI VIJAYA PURAM

A Pawan Hans helicopter carrying seven people, including two crew members, crashed into the sea just 300 metres away from its scheduled landing at Mayabunder helipad in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands on Tuesday, and all of them were rescued, officials said. The crash occurred around 9.30 am, after the chopper took off from Rangat in the North and Middle Andaman district, they said.



Did plane carrying 7 pax crash due to bad weather?

RANCHI: Authorities are looking into the main factors, including weather conditions, that could have led to the fatal crash of an air ambulance that killed seven people in Jharkhand on Monday evening, according to officials.

Redbird Airways Pvt Ltd's Beechcraft C90 aircraft VT-AJV enroute from Ranchi to Delhi crashed soon after takeoff. There were five people and two crew members onboard. One of the officials said a conclusion on what could have led to the crash is yet to be reached and from initial inputs, and the weather conditions at the time of the crash would also be looked into.

ther to Mayabunder. "The helicopter landed at Rangat helipad around 9.05 am. It further took off from Rangat to Mayabunder at around 9.10 am. The helicopter ditched about 300 metres short of

Mayabunder helipad in the sea (shallow water) at around 9.30 am," Pawan Hans Ltd, a central public sector undertaking based in Noida, said on X. Five passengers and two crew members were on board, it said.

Meat shops near schools promote violence: Bihar Dy CM

PATNA: Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha has vowed



to clamp down on shops selling meat, fish and poultry in the vicinity of religious and educational institutions, claiming that these offend "purity of sentiments" and promoted "violent tendencies" among children. The senior BJP leader, who holds the urban development portfolio in the Nitish Kumar government, made a statement to this effect a couple of days ago when his views were sought on a recent circular issued by the department. "We are making a new Bihar and this is being reflected in all the steps we take. I issued directions to strictly implement the rules in a recent departmental meeting, which have been framed to ensure proper hygiene and social harmony," he said. "We are not against people's right to have food of their choice. But, selling such items in the open, especially in the vicinity of religious institutions, adversely affects the purity of our sentiments. Similarly, these need to be kept away from educational institutions to prevent violent tendencies among children," Sinha said.

U'KHAND EDN DIRECTOR ASSAULTED EMPLOYEES DEMAND BJP MLA'S ARREST

'Employees closed education department offices across the state, except for the Uttarakhand Board of School Education in Ramnagar'

DEHRADUN

EMPLOYEE organisations, insisting on the arrest of BJP MLA Umesh Sharma Kau in connection with the assault on Uttarakhand Director of Elementary Education Ajay Naudiyal, have issued an ultimatum to close all state offices from Wednesday if their demands are not met.

On Monday, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami directed the chief secretary to develop a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the safety of employees. Meanwhile, police arrested four accused, including a history-sheeter, involved in the vandalism and assault incident at the Directorate of Elementary Education on Saturday.

Members of a joint front formed to protest the assault on Naudiyal met CM Dhami on Monday and demanded that SOPs be established for their safety and police deployment in the offices. Following this, Dhami directed Chief Secretary Anand Bardhan to prepare the SOP and DGP Deepam Seth to ensure adequate security arrangements in government offices.

Meanwhile, as per the Mocha's previously an-

nounced programme, employees closed education department offices across the state, except for the Uttarakhand Board of School Education in Ramnagar. "Like today, education department officials and employees will continue their work boycott on Tuesday, and if no solution is found to our demand by Tuesday, all offices across the state will be closed from Wednesday," said Sanjay Bhaskar, front's media in-charge. Bhaskar alleged that the MLA had brought a history-sheeter with him to the director's office.



Seer moves All HC seeking anticipatory bail in POCSO case

PRAYAGRAJ: Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati on Tuesday moved the Allahabad



High Court seeking anticipatory bail after being booked for alleged sexual harassment of minor children and other offences. A notice has been sent to the office of the government advocate in this regard, before filing the application in court, sources said. The FIR was lodged at the Jhansi police station in Prayagraj against Saraswati and his disciple Mukundanand Brahmachari over allegations of sexual abuse of two persons, including a minor, over the past year.

According to the FIR, the complainants included Ashutosh Brahmachari Maharaj and two other persons, one of them a minor, who alleged sexual abuse by the accused at a gurukul and during religious congregations, including the recently concluded Magh Mela in Prayagraj.

The action on Saturday followed an order passed by the special judge (POCSO Act), Prayagraj, directing that a case be registered on the application moved by Ashutosh Brahmachari and others.



Ramadan cooking made effortless

Freeze everyday cooking essentials in ice cube trays to save time, reduce stress, and simplify Ramadan meal preparation

ASKARI JAFFER

The holy month of Ramadan is a time of reflection, prayer, and togetherness. However, for many families, it also brings the added responsibility of preparing elaborate suhoor and iftar meals daily. Balancing work, household chores, children, and fasting can quickly become exhausting, especially when hours are spent chopping, grinding, and sautéing in the kitchen. To make daily cooking more manageable, a simple yet highly effective kitchen hack is gaining popularity — using ice cube trays to store pre-prepared essentials. This practical approach helps cut down cooking time significantly and ensures that meals can be prepared quickly without compromising on flavour.



Why Ice Cube Trays Work So Well

Ice cube trays are not just for freezing water. They are perfectly portioned, compact, and ideal for storing small quantities of frequently used

ingredients. By preparing and freezing basic cooking components in advance, you can avoid repetitive prep work every day.

The best part? These frozen cubes can be added directly

to hot pans without thawing, making the cooking process seamless and stress-free.

Lemon Juice Cubes For Instant Freshness
Lemon juice is a staple



in many households during Ramadan, whether for refreshing drinks, salads, marinades, or curries. Instead of squeezing lemons every day, you can extract juice from 10 to 12 fresh lemons at once and pour it into ice cube trays.

Once frozen, these cubes can be stored in airtight containers in the freezer. Whenever needed, simply drop a cube into your lemonade, curry, or dressing. It saves time and ensures you always have fresh lemon flavour ready to use.

Ginger-Garlic Paste Ready In Seconds

Ginger and garlic form the base of countless Indian and Middle Eastern dishes. Peeling, chopping, and grinding them daily can be time-consuming, particularly during fasting hours.

A convenient solution is to blend ginger and garlic into

a smooth paste with a small amount of olive oil. The oil helps preserve the paste and maintain its texture. Pour the mixture into an ice cube tray and freeze. These ready-to-use cubes can instantly enhance curries, gravies, stir-fries, and marinades.

Flavour Boosters For Curries And Kebabs

To elevate everyday dishes, you can prepare a flavour-packed mixture using Thai chillies, mint, and cilantro. Blend them into a smooth paste and freeze in small portions. This vibrant mix works beautifully in curries, kebabs, chutneys, and even as a quick marinade base.

Having these flavour cubes prepared in advance eliminates the need to wash and grind herbs daily, making meal prep far more efficient.

Tomato Base Without The Hassle

Tomatoes are another essential ingredient used in gravies and masalas. Instead of cooking them from scratch each day, you can prepare a thick tomato paste in advance by cooking fresh tomatoes over medium heat until they break down.

Once cooled, pour the paste into ice cube trays and freeze. These cubes can be added straight to hot oil while preparing curries or rice dishes, cutting down preparation time significantly.

Golden Fried Onions For Instant Biryani

Sautéing onions until perfectly golden brown requires patience and constant attention. During Ramadan, when energy levels may dip, this task can feel especially demanding.

By frying a large batch of sliced onions in advance and freezing them in cubes, you can save valuable time. These cubes are ideal for biryani, gravies, and festive dishes often prepared during Ramadan gatherings.

More Time For What Truly Matters

This simple freezer hack transforms daily cooking into a quicker, more organised process. Instead of spending long hours in the kitchen, you can focus on prayers, family time, and rest.

While this method is especially helpful during Ramadan, it can be adopted throughout the year for efficient meal planning. A few hours of preparation can save countless minutes every day — making cooking less stressful and far more enjoyable.

Deepti Naval enjoys tour of Punjab fields, shares pictures



Veteran actress Deepti Naval is currently soaking in the rustic charm of Punjab and was seen spending some good time in the fields, while also attending a literary festival in Chandigarh.

Sharing glimpses from her visit, Deepti captioned one of her posts, "In the fields of Punjab." The actress in the pictures shared, seems to be enjoying a quiet and scenic getaway amid her professional commitments.

The actress recently was in Chandigarh to attend a literary festival, where she participated

in a book session. In the first picture shared on her social media, Deepti is seen standing in the fields, amidst blooming crops and is seen surrounded by rows of trees. Dressed in a long, earthy-toned coat paired with a scarf and sunglasses, the veteran actress looks stylish and chic.

In another post shared by Deepti features a photograph with singer Sunaini Guleri and wrote, "With singer Sunaini Guleri in Chandigarh during my book session."

Known for her meaningful cinema and

literary pursuits, Deepti Naval has been a part of the Bollywood industry for almost four decades.

The actress despite being a popular face in the industry, believes in living a grounded and simple life. A few months ago, Deepti had treated netizens with her selfie picture and revealed that she was riding in an auto rickshaw.

Sharing the simplicity of the ride, Deepti mentioned that she was headed to a plush luxury hotel in Mumbai for lunch. She wrote, "No car, no driver, sitting in an auto going to the Marriott for lunch!"

Aishwarya Sakhuja on meeting herself without 'filters or performance'

Actress Aishwarya Sakhuja shared a profound reflection on self-growth, saying she is learning to meet herself without "filters or performance."

Taking to Instagram, the actress opened up about healing, restraint and quiet strength. She also spoke about the intimacy of embracing one's truth without rushing the process or shrinking her thoughts, adding that sometimes, simply being honest with oneself is enough.

"Becoming someone who doesn't rush her healing. Becoming someone who doesn't shrink her thoughts. Becoming someone who knows that strength doesn't always look like fire,

sometimes it looks like restraint," she wrote as the caption.

The 41-year-old actress spoke about the intimacy of meeting oneself without any filters or performance.

"There's a certain intimacy in meeting yourself like this. No filters. No performance. Just truth, staring back. And maybe that's enough," she added.

Aishwarya was a Miss India finalist in 2006. From 2010 to 2012, she starred in the TV show 'Saas Bina Sasural'. She was also seen in other fictional shows, including 'Main Naa Bhoollungi', 'Trideviyaan', and 'Rishta.com'.

The actress is primarily known for her role as Ahaana Khurana in 'Yeh

Hai Chahatein' and as air hostess Shilpa Shrivastava in 'Zyada Mat Udd'. She was also a contestant on reality shows 'Nach Baliye 7' and 'Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi 7'.

On the film front, she was last seen in 'Ujda Chaman' (2019), directed by Abhishek Pathak. The film stars Sunny Singh, Maanvi Gargro, Saurabh Shukla, Karishma Sharma and Aishwarya Sakhuja. It is an official remake of the 2017 Kannada dramedy 'Ondu Motteya Kathe'. The film revolves around a balding 30-year-old bachelor searching for a wife under a strict deadline.

On the personal front, Aishwarya married her longtime beau in December 2014.



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Solution to February 24

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Solution to February 24



Mahesh Babu heads to Georgia for next schedule of SS Rajamouli's 'Varanasi'

Superstar Mahesh Babu's next ambitious project Varanasi is shaping up as one of the biggest pan-world ventures in Indian cinema. Mounted on a monumental scale, the film is being directed by global blockbuster filmmaker S. S. Rajamouli, best known for Baahubali and RRR.

Mahesh Babu was spotted leaving Hyderabad from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport earlier today, heading to Georgia for the next major shooting schedule. This is a work trip, as the actor is set to join the upcoming international schedule of the film. Reports suggest that Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran are

also expected to join the Georgia leg of the shoot, making this schedule one of the most crucial phases of production.

Music maestro M. M. Keeravani recently revealed that background score work will begin in September, after the entire shoot wraps up in June. The film also features Prakash Raj in key role. Produced by K. L. Narayana and S. S. Karthikeya, the massive pan-world action-adventure is being made on a grand budget and scale. Varanasi is officially slated for a worldwide theatrical release on April 7, 2027, and is already being positioned as one of the most ambitious Indian films ever made.

What is your beef?

'Kerala Story' released in 2023 and claimed many things that were wrong with Kerala, including the theory of "Love Jihad." The state largely looked away. The film is back in the news as the makers release a trailer for Part 2; this time they have targeted beef curry. And now Kerala refuses to take the misrepresentation lying low, crying foul at what it sees as an attempt to fracture the secular fabric of society

RAJESHWARI KALYANAM

'Kerala Story 2' and the politics and propaganda around it, along with the hilarious reels mocking the beef scene in the trailer, take me back to my recent visit to Kochi. The port city—with its art, architecture, layered history, and melting pot of cultures—leaves an indelible mark. The sea, the fish, and most importantly the warmth of its people stay with you.

Our quest for authentic Kerala parota with some help from an auto driver led us to a simple but bustling hotel in Mattancherry. The owner sat



at the counter while we shared a table with two students waiting for their meal. First came pathimukham—the special Kerala root boiled water served hot. We were spoilt for choice: the menu included appam, stew, kadala curry, square parota, even Indian Chinese. The clientele was a mixed bag—foreign tourists, local businessmen, executives, college students, families. People of all classes and creeds sat together, united by love for food. And guess what was the most ordered dish—Beef Roast.

Beef is today in the news thanks to the recently released trailer of the film 'The Kerala Story 2'.

In the trailer, a jihadi is shown force-feeding a girl beef curry. The scene appears conceptualized with little understanding of local culture or culinary habits, seemingly

to shock and provoke. Instead, it led to widespread indignation, with Malayalees across religions proclaiming their love for beef curry. The internet is filled with memes and reels mocking what many see as a scene created in poor taste and poorer research.

The story of 'The Kerala Story' goes back to 2023 when Part 1 was released. It was widely accused of being propaganda, given its premise. The film tells the story of a Malayalee Hindu girl lured into conversion by her lover, married, and taken to a terrorist camp. It suggests that "Love Jihad" is widely prevalent in Kerala, quoting unverified numbers to substantiate the claim. In a technically weak film, several scenes present conspiracy theories and questionable information as fact.

Kerala did not agree with

'The Kerala Story.' A state that produces some of the finest films considered it too trivial to take seriously. "No one will watch it here," was the general consensus—and they were not wrong. The film failed to make an impact in Kerala, though it provided WhatsApp fodder elsewhere.

Now the team has released the trailer for Part 2. This time, among other things, they have targeted Kerala's most popular dish—beef curry. And that has clearly backfired.

"In Kerala, everyone has 'Left' blood regardless of religion or politics," shared Father Augustine Vattoly, whom I met during the Kerala visit. He was referring to a shared social conscience that reflects in how people respond to issues. You see it in small but telling incidents—like the recent viral video of

an elderly woman stopping a scooter rider from using the sidewalk. A responsible citizen taking a stand.

Augustine is a Catholic priest who supported Sister Ranit, who spoke against a Bishop and faced ostracism and legal battles. He convened "Save Our Sisters" (SOS) to stand by protesting nuns during the 2018 agitation. His experiences reflect Kerala's courage in expressing dissent. Sister Ranit and a few nuns now survive through tailoring and stitching cotton bags, sustained by community support. That solidarity, he says, is heartening.

The 'Me Too' movement from late 2017 and 2018 was an eye-opener across India. But perhaps only in Kerala did it trigger deep introspection in the film industry, leading to the dissolution of AMMA (Association of Malayalam Movie Artists) after the Hema Committee report. The Women in Cinema Collective (WCC), formed after the abduction case involving actor Dileep, continues to grow stronger.

Actor Rima Kallingal, an active WCC member, said at a National Women in Media conference in Thiruvananthapuram that directors and writers sometimes reach out to check if their scripts represent women appropriately. Even occasional instances like these signal a shift in perspective.

The industry and society in the state remain male dominated. But when power is pitted against the powerless, a strong section speaks up for

the wronged.

Popularly known as God's Own Country, Kerala is in many ways People's Own Country—fiercely protective of its collective identity. People are proud of their clean roads, greenery, heritage, culture, and cuisine—and yes, the beef roast and curry enjoyed with parota or puttu.

Today, the response is not just about a beef scene. It reflects awareness of attempts to fracture a secular fabric where shared history takes precedence over divisive narratives. Onam, for instance, is celebrated by all communities. King Mahabali is welcomed with fervour, followed by the Onam sadhya—vegetarian in tradition, though some homes add non-vegetarian variations.

A case has now been filed in a Kerala court against the release of the film. As we await judgment, one wonders if 'The Kerala Story 2' will succeed in polarizing Kerala.

The film is being strategically released ahead of elections. It is worth recalling that on more than one occasion BJP candidates in Kerala have promised better quality beef in their manifestos. Hilarious but true.

Looking back at municipal elections in Thiruvananthapuram, BJP did see some success. Whether beef had a role is debatable—but the irony is unmistakable.

After all, if anything could sway a Kerala voter, it might just be the promise of good quality beef.

'Emi Raa Balaraju' from 'Vishnu Vinyasam' strikes a chord as breakup anthem

Actor Sree Vishnu, known for his effortless comic timing and relatable performances, is gearing up to entertain audiences with his upcoming film Vishnu Vinyasam, an out-and-out entertainer directed by debutant Yadunaath Maruthi Rao. Starring Nayana Sarika as the female lead, the film has already built strong buzz with its first two singles, especially the Valentine's Day release, which became a chartbuster.

Adding to the momentum, the makers have now unveiled the third single, Emi Raa Balaraju, a quirky breakup number that blends heartbreak with humour. Designed as a tribute to love failures who choose laughter over pain, the song opens on a playful note with comedian Satya counting numbers, setting the tone for the protagonist's comic rant on love, heartbreak, and emotional chaos. The



narrative humorously reflects a man's frustration with romance, wrapped in satire and relatable sarcasm, making it instantly connect with younger audiences.

Producer Sumanth Naidu also makes a fun appearance, adding extra humour to the track. Composer Radhan delivers a groovy, punchy composition, while Sarath Santos's vocals bring a smooth flow to the song. Lyricist Ramajogayya Sastry

cleverly transforms the hero's misery into mischievous fun through witty lines. Sree Vishnu's energetic lungi dance steps, choreographed by Bhanu Master, add mass appeal and crowd-pleasing moments. With music creating strong pre-release buzz, Vishnu Vinyasam is set to hit theatres on the 27th of this month, promising a laughter-filled entertainer with fresh flavour and youthful energy.

'D/O Prasad Rao Kanabadutaledhu' holds grand preview event

The Telugu web series D/O Prasad Rao Kanabadutaledhu is all set to premiere on ZEE5 from February 27, creating strong buzz ahead of its digital release. The series stars Rajeev Kanakala, Udaya Bhanu, Vasanthika, and Sriram Venkat in prominent roles. Produced by K.V. Sriram under the South India Screens banner and directed by Krishna Poluru, the series recently held a special media preview, followed by a grand launch event attended by the cast and crew.

Rajeev Kanakala described his role as one of the most defining performances of his career, stating that the character demanded emotional depth, modulation, and transformation unlike anything he has done before. He credited director Krishna Poluru for presenting him in a refreshing and intense new space, adding that the narrative maintains gripping tension and emotional engagement till the very end. Director Krishna Poluru revealed that the story evolved over nearly two years, shaped carefully to balance emotional depth with thriller elements. He thanked ZEE5 for supporting the vision and trusting the project's long-form storytelling approach.

Udaya Bhanu shared that she connected deeply with her role, especially the emotional layers, calling the character both strong and vulnerable. Producer K.V. Sriram expressed confidence that the series would resonate strongly with families and fathers, praising Rajeev's immersive performance and the consistent intensity across episodes.

ZEE5 Telugu Senior Vice President Jayanth Raghavan said the series adds emotional depth to the platform's Telugu originals, while the team also highlighted the strong contribution of cinematography by Mahesh and dialogues by Shruti.

Positioned as an emotionally intense thriller, D/O Prasad Rao Kanabadutaledhu promises a layered, suspense-driven narrative that blends family emotions with gripping storytelling.



'Haiku' wraps first schedule, targets September release

Vision Cinema House has officially announced the successful completion of the first shooting schedule of its upcoming film Haiku, marking a confident start to the project's production journey. The opening schedule was wrapped up smoothly and on time, giving the team strong momentum as the film moves forward.

The first phase of filming featured key sequences involving lead actors Aegan and Sridevi, along with impactful performances by Adrichi Arun and Kalaivani Baskar. According to the makers, the cast delivered emotionally layered performances that added depth and authenticity to the narrative right from the opening schedule.



Haiku is written and directed by Yuvaraj Chinnasamy, with additional screenplay contributions from Hariharan Ram. The creative collaboration has resulted in a script that blends sensitivity, realism, and strong cinematic storytelling, raising expectations within industry circles.

The production team has also expressed satisfaction with the visuals

captured so far, particularly praising cinematographer Priyesh Guruswamy for establishing the film's emotional tone and visual mood. The footage from the first schedule is said to have exceeded expectations.

Produced by Dr. D. Arulanandhu and Mathewo Arulanandhu under the Vision Cinema House banner, the film is progressing as planned. The next shooting schedule will begin shortly in Chennai, where major portions of the story will be filmed.

With strong creative energy and steady production progress, Haiku is slated for a grand worldwide theatrical release in September 2026.

Mrunal Thakur grabs fashion lovers attention

Bollywood actress Mrunal Thakur's latest release Do Deewane Seher Me, produced by celebrated filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali and co-starring Siddhant Chaturvedi, has opened to a modest response at the box office. The film reportedly collected around Rs 1 crore on its opening day, followed by a slight growth on day two with earnings of approximately Rs 1.60 crore. Despite the marginal improvement, overall collections remain below industry expectations.

Even as the film faces a slow theatrical run, Mrunal has remained upbeat and focused, choosing to stay positive about her journey rather than dwell on numbers. The actress continues to engage her fans through social media, where she recently shared a set of stunning new pictures that quickly caught attention online. In the latest photos, Mrunal is seen in a chic white one-shoulder top paired with grey wide-leg trousers, creating a modern yet elegant silhouette. The outfit's soft drapes added a graceful touch, while her styling—straight open hair, bold eye makeup, and nude lips—gave her a confident and contemporary look. Keeping her accessories minimal with a statement ring and a sleek bangle, the actress let her outfit take centre stage, earning praise from fans and fashion lovers alike. On the professional front, Mrunal has a promising lineup ahead. She will next be seen in the upcoming film Dacoit, which is scheduled for release on April 10. The film stars Adivi Sesh in the lead role and is already generating buzz among audiences. While Do Deewane Seher Me struggles at the box office, Mrunal Thakur's confidence, consistent screen presence, and upcoming projects continue to keep her firmly in the spotlight.

