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BJP MP's remarks on namaz in Aligarh draw flak from Oppn
The remarks of a BJP MP that he does not know what Eid or Ramzan is while opposing namaz in this Uttar Pradesh district have gone viral on social media, drawing criticism from opposition politicians. **P10**

TG Speaker's order on anti-defection petitions is a tricky constitutional test
It seems like the Anti-Defection Law is a defective law or a totally defective conclusion on the judgment of the Speaker of Telangana, Gaddam Prasad Kumar, on March 11. This has intensified a debate on whether the Speaker's decision was based on a strictly. **P6**

Markets rebound over 1% on bargain buying after 3-day fall
Stock market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded by over 1 per cent on Monday after facing a massive drubbing in the past three trading days, driven by value-buying in blue-chip banking counters. **P11**

Raashii Khanna promises vintage Pawan Kalyan magic
The excitement around 'Ustaad Bhagat Singh' has been steadily building ever since the project brought together Power Star Pawan Kalyan and director Harish Shankar, the blockbuster duo behind 'Gabbar Singh'. **P12**

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RAMZAN TIMINGS
IFTAR (Tue) 06:32 PM
SEHAR (Wed) 05:00 AM

WINDOWS
Assembly passes Bill to regulate hoardings, levy advertisement fee

BENGALURU: The Karnataka Assembly on Monday passed an amendment Bill aimed at regulating outdoor advertisements and enabling municipal bodies to levy and collect fees on hoardings and billboards across the state.

The Karnataka Legislative Assembly adopted the Karnataka Municipalities and Certain Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026, after it was moved by Urban Development and Town Planning Minister B S Suresha.

The legislation empowers municipal councils and corporations to levy an advertisement fee on any person who erects, exhibits, fixes or displays an advertisement on land, buildings, walls, hoardings or other structures within municipal limits. The fee will be determined by local bodies through a resolution, subject to minimum and maximum rates prescribed by the state government. However, the Bill provides exemptions for advertisements related to public meetings of municipalities or corporations, elections to legislative bodies and candidature in such elections. It also mandates the display of advertisements in any municipal area by obtaining written permission from the concerned municipal council or corporation commissioner after payment of the prescribed fee.

Permission will not be granted if the advertisement violates municipal by-laws or if the applicable fee has not been paid. The amendment further authorises municipal authorities to remove or demolish unauthorised advertisements erected in violation of the provisions. Officials may issue a notice directing the owner or occupier of the land or structure to remove such advertisements, failing which authorities can enter the premises and remove them. According to the provisions, unauthorised advertisements will attract penalties and fines. Those who delay payment of advertisement fees or penalties will also be liable to pay interest at 18 per cent per annum from the date the payment becomes due until it is cleared.

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IRREGULAR by MANJUL
If there was no shortage of LPG, as you claimed, why do you want credit for restoring the supply?

TRUMP'S CALL TO HELP PROTECT STRAIT OF HORMUZ

Stop military Ops immediately: China

Trump may delay his China trip due to the Iran war, but Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent says it's not to pressure Beijing on the Strait of Hormuz; upset at Iran war coverage, FCC chair warns TV networks with license revocation; faces backlash, Trump applauds

K J M VARMA
BEIJING

CHINA on Monday called on all sides to immediately stop military operations in West Asia in response to US President Donald Trump's call to join other countries, including Beijing, to help keep the Strait of Hormuz open for international transport. The effective closure of the vital waterway by Iran in retaliation for airstrikes by the US and Israel has proved catastrophic for global energy and trade flows, causing the largest oil supply disruption and soaring global oil prices.

China also said it is in talks with the US about Trump's planned visit to Beijing later this month. About Trump's call to China and other countries to deploy warships to keep the strait "open and safe," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian told a media briefing here that the recent tensions in Strait of Hormuz and adjacent waters impacted the flow of the

LPG supply crisis hits JNU canteens

NEW DELHI: The JNUSU on Monday said a march to the office of the dean of students will demand preemptive measures ensuring smooth and uninterrupted functioning of mess and dhabas on the campus, amid the LPG supply crisis. The call for the march by the student union -- planned for Tuesday -- comes as the food menus in the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) canteens continue to be hit. According to the two separate letters sent from the Indraprastha Gas Limited to the mess heads of Sabarmati and Lohit hostels, "...supplies to all industrial and commercial customers are being restricted to 80 per cent of their average consumption for last six months with effect from 6 am on 11th March 2026".

goods and international energy and has damaged regional peace and global stability.

Again China calls on all sides to immediately stop military operations to avoid further escalation of tensions and prevent regional turbulence having a larger impact on the world economic growth, Lin said.

India said it hasn't engaged in bilateral talks with the US to ensure safe transit of merchant vessels through the Strait of Hormuz.

An Indian official said adding

that around 2,20,000 Indians have returned to the country since February 28, when the war first began. Indian carriers have cancelled a total of over 4335 flights, while the foreign carriers cancelled upto 1187 flights.

India maintained that there is adequate crude oil inventory in the country, but LPG supply continues to remain a bit concern.

Keir Starmer, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, said Monday that Britain is



working with international partners on a plan to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, while emphasizing that the country does not want to become involved in a broader war.

US Federal Communications Commission chairman Brendan Carr has warned American news television networks of revocation of broadcast licenses over their coverage of the Iran war, remarks that drew sharp political backlash. After US President Donald Trump lashed out at the media coverage of the Iran war, Carr asked news broadcasters to "correct course" and "operate in public interest", failing which they risk losing their licenses. "I am so thrilled to see Carr looking at the licenses of some of these Corrupt and Highly Un-

Gujarat hikes LPG supply by 20 pc

GANDHINAGAR: The Gujarat government on Monday said it has ramped up LPG supplies by 20 per cent over normal weekly distribution to ensure an uninterrupted supply, while prioritising Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections in areas with availability of network. The state has an adequate stock of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), and the supply chain remains uninterrupted, said Mona Khandhar, Additional Chief Secretary of the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department. The senior official stated that the government has not imposed any restrictions on domestic or commercial use and is taking steps to ensure smooth availability of fuel across sectors.

patriotic "News" Organizations. They get Billions of Dollars of FREE American Airwaves, and use it to perpetuate LIES, both in News and almost all of their Shows, including the Late Night Morons, who get gigantic Salaries for horrible Ratings, and never get, as I used to say

in The Apprentice, "FIRED", Trump said. The Israeli Air Force has destroyed the aircraft used by the Iranian leadership at Mehrabad International Airport in Tehran, marking a significant blow to the regime's strategic mobility.

Upset over insufficient replies by govt...

Speaker adjourns Assembly, walks out

BENGALURU

UPSET over the insufficient number of written replies from government departments to MLAs' questions, Karnataka Assembly Speaker U T Khader on Monday adjourned the House and walked out, stating that he would not run the House until concerned ministers and secretaries provide an explanation.

The Speaker's move, considered "unprecedented" by many legislators, came after Home Minister G Parameshwara tabled 84 written replies against 230 'unstarred' questions submitted by MLAs. Following the developments, Parameshwara later in the day informed the House that the government has taken the matter very seriously and will ensure things are set right.

He also said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah directed the chief secretary to issue notices to department secretaries and even suspend the secretary in whose department many questions are pending replies.

Khader, on Friday, had admonished the government, stating that his "gentleness" should not be mistaken for "weakness," as he took strong exception to the government replying to only a few of the MLAs' questions. Khader had repeatedly, though mildly, asked the government to ensure replies to the questions asked by legislators.

As soon as Parameshwara tabled the written replies on Monday, opposition BJP members, including Leader of Opposition R Ashoka, pointed out to the Chair that the situation had not



improved despite repeated warnings, even as the home minister claimed there was a "bit of improvement."

"Not even 50 per cent of questions were replied to. You (Speaker) have warned them (government) four times already, do it for the fifth time. Let it become a record. This government is

dead... Despite warnings, they have not improved. Officials come like Gods, they go home like Gods," Ashoka said, demanding that the Speaker take action.

Khader expressed displeasure, stating that he had issued "clear orders" from his chair four times. "This House is not for ministers. The

session is held for legislators, and it is for them to meet once in three months to discuss issues in their constituencies. Legislators from all parties ask questions. Out of them, only 15 questions become 'starred' (questions to be answered on the floor of the House) daily. If the remaining (unstarred) questions go unanswered, why should they (MLAs) come to this House," he asked.

Pointing out a lack of proper replies to questions asked, the Speaker said, "How can we continue like this? Despite clear orders from the Chair four times, there are no signs of improvement. How do we run this House?"

"So, until the concerned ministers and secretaries give a proper explanation, I won't run this House," he said, before adjourning the

House and walking out.

Later, when the House resumed, the Speaker announced a meeting involving the Chief Minister, Leader of Opposition, senior ministers, chief secretary and other senior officials. During this meeting, they decided that answers would be provided to the MLAs' questions and that appropriate action had been taken.

The government will give its reply on this issue later in the day, he said, as he adjourned the House for lunch. After the House resumed post-lunch, Parameshwara, on behalf of the government, said that CM Siddaramaiah directed the chief secretary, during a meeting in the Speaker's chamber, to issue notices to the secretaries and suspend those under whose departments the most questions are pending.

'LPG scarcity forcing workers to leave for native places'

HANS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI

AUTO component manufacturers are staring at workforce migration to their native places due to LPG cylinder shortage, which could impact production, a situation not as difficult as the COVID pandemic, but could escalate if not resolved, ACMA said on Monday. The Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) represents over 1,064 manufacturers, contributing more than 90 per cent of the auto component industry's turnover in the organised sector. "Workers shifted to small gas-enabled burners for cooking purposes as usage of wood was discouraged due to air pollution. Now, with LPG cylinder shortage, they are finding it difficult to cook at home, and also some of the factory canteens are shut, forcing them to leave for their native places," ACMA Director General Vinnie Mehta told PTI.

AFTER SC ALLOWS PASSIVE EUTHANASIA FOR FIRST TIME

Ranas prepares to say adieu to '12-yr dead' Harish

GHAZIABAD

MEDITATIVE chants in the background, a loving hand on his forehead and the calm of words telling him 'theek hai'... with that, the family of Harish Rana, in a coma for more than 12 years, prepared for his final journey from their home in Ghaziabad to a Delhi hospital where he will breathe his last. The 31-year-old is the first person in India to be allowed passive euthanasia.

The Supreme Court directed AIIMS-Delhi to ensure that life support is withdrawn with a tailored plan so that dignity is maintained. Though the exact details of when and how the process will pan out are still unclear



In its landmark judgment last week, the Supreme Court also directed AIIMS-Delhi to ensure that life support is withdrawn

with a tailored plan so that dignity is maintained. Though the exact details of when and how the process will pan out are

still unclear, Rana's family is getting ready to say adieu to the young man who fell from a fourth floor balcony in 2013 and suffered severe

head injuries. He has been in a coma since. A video from the Rana home in Ghaziabad shows relatives offering prayers as a member of the Brahma Kumaris puts a 'tilak' on Harish's forehead and says softly, "Sabko maaf karte hue, sabse maafi mangte hue, so jao theek hai..." (Forgiving everyone and asking forgiveness from everyone). Now sleep. It's ok." The Brahma Kumari in the heartbreaking video is Sister Lovely from the

Mohan Nagar Seva Kendra in Ghaziabad, Komal, a member of the Brahma Kumaris based at Mount Abu, told PTI over phone.

"She is following a ritual with the words that mean he (Harish) leaves the world in a happy state, seeking and giving forgiveness... it is part of a meditative chant that comforts the soul and eases the entire process of the soul merging with the sublime," Komal said. She added that the family has been deeply

spiritually inclined, which helped them endure the difficult 13-year period of caring for Harish.

"Although the couple has another son, advancing age had begun to worry them about who would look after Harish in the future once they were no longer able to," he said, adding that members of the organisation counselled the family during this phase. The family is reluctant to talk. Harish's father Ashok Rana could not be reached for comment.