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**Awesome Debut: Diya Pathak's Kathak Arangetram Mesmerises Hyderabad**  
A graceful celebration of rhythm, devotion, and classical excellence unfolded at Ravindra Bharati as young dancer Diya Pathak marked her Kathak Arangetram.

**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.

**Markets rebound over 1% on bargain buying after 3-days 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.

**13-year-old Hyderabad student develops multi-system AI architecture**  
In an unusual example of young innovation, a 13-year-old student from Hyderabad has designed an artificial intelligence ecosystem that is attracting attention in technology and research circles.

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**WINDOWS**  
**RAMZAN TIMINGS**  
IFTAR (Tue) 6.32 PM  
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**OSCAR AWARDS**  
Jessie Buckley and Michael B. Jordan took home the awards for Best Actress and Best Actor on Sunday night

## GOVERNOR IN ASSEMBLY

# 'TELANGANA ON CUSP OF MEGA TRANSFORMATION'

**HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD**  
TELANGANA Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Monday said that the Telangana state was standing on the threshold of an extraordinary transformation focusing on innovation and development to take the state to a \$3-trillion economy by 2047.

- Focusing on innovation, development
- Aiming at \$3-trillion economy by 2047
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Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy in the state Assembly ahead of his joint address to the Telangana Legislature on Monday

**Guv's address a 'roadmap' for the govt: CM**  
**HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD**

CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy has observed that the Governor's address to the joint sitting of the State Legislature on Monday, outlining the government's priorities and plans, will serve as a roadmap for the government. "The roadmap we formulate now will serve as the agenda for the upcoming elections," the Chief Minister remarked, while participating in the Congress Legislature Party meeting following the Governor's address on Monday -- the first day of the budget session.

**'One Battle After Another' named Best Picture**  
NEW DELHI: It was 'One Battle After Another's' night. Paul Thomas Anderson's action-thriller took home six Oscars at the 98th Academy Awards on Sunday, including Best Supporting Actor, Best Directing and Best Picture. The film also won awards for Best Editing and Best Adapted Screenplay, as well as the first-ever Oscar for Best Casting. Upon accepting his award, Anderson -- who had previously been nominated for an Oscar around a dozen times -- joked, "You make a guy work hard for one of these, I really appreciate it." Sinners also had a big night, bringing home four Oscars, including Best Actor for Michael B. Jordan's role as twins Smoke and Stack.

**Political slugfest over transfer of Bengal CS, DGP**  
NEW DELHI: The Election Commission's move to transfer West Bengal's chief secretary and DGP soon after the announcement of the Assembly poll dates triggered a political slugfest on Monday. While the opposition parties accused the poll panel of acting at the behest of the BJP at the Centre, the saffron party hit back, alleging that the opposition was attempting to malign constitutional institutions. Speaking to reporters inside the Parliament House complex, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav alleged that officers are routinely removed in states where the BJP is not in power. "Whenever elections are held, and if the state government is not run by the party ruling in Delhi, the first thing they do is remove the DGP and the chief secretary."

## CM pulls up party legislators

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CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy, expressing his strong displeasure over the conduct of some of the party MLAs and MLCs, on Monday issued firm directions asking all Congress legislators to participate actively in the on-

### Asks them to take active part in budget session Attendance would be recorded three times a day

going budget session of the Assembly and the Legislative Council. According to sources, during the CLP meeting, the Chief Minister advised them to exercise caution while interacting with the media. He advised the legislators to restrict their comments to issues related to their respective constituencies and refrain from speaking on state-level matters as that could lead to unnecessary controversies. He cautioned them against making statements that might place the ruling party in a defensive position similar to



that of the opposition. Revanth Reddy made it clear that attendance in the Assembly would be monitored strictly. He warned them that merely signing the attendance register and leaving the House would not be tolerated. According to him,

attendance would be recorded three times a day—morning, afternoon, and evening—to ensure members remain present all through the proceedings. The Chief Minister directed MLAs to come well-prepared to discuss issues concerning their constituencies and to highlight the developmental and welfare initiatives undertaken by the government. He advised them to focus on communicating the positive work of the government, rather than repeatedly criticising the opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi leaders.

## 10 KILLED IN CUTTACK ICU FIRE

CUTTACK: Ten patients died, and at least 11 hospital staff members suffered burn injuries after a fire broke out at the trauma care ICU of the SCB Medical College and Hospital in Odisha's Cuttack on Monday morning. The staff were injured while rescuing the patients, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi said. The fire broke out around 2:30 am to 3 am, where critically ill patients were being treated. Multiple fire engines rushed to the spot and are engaged in the rescue operations. Shortly after the incident, the Odisha Chief Minister, along with Health Minister Mukesh Mahaling, visited the hospital and reviewed the situation. They also visited other patients who are receiving treatment at the facility. "A total of 23 patients have been shifted to other departments. Seven serious patients died while shifting to other ICUs and wards, while another three patients died later. I have directed the concerned officers for proper treatment of the injured patients," the Chief Minister told the media. Majhi announced a compensation of Rs 25 lakh for the families of those people who died. He also announced a judicial probe into the incident.

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## Global energy crisis deepens as Iran keeps hold on Hormuz

BEIRUT: Fears of a global energy crisis rose Monday as the war in the Middle East raged on, with more U.S.-Israeli strikes on the Iranian capital and Israel's bombardment of Lebanon. An Iranian drone strike temporarily shut Dubai's airport, a crucial global travel hub, underscoring the threats to the world economy. Continued on Page 7



## US Prez Trump accuses Iran of spreading lies

WASHINGTON: United States President Donald Trump accused Iran of resorting to 'disinformation' and 'fake news' by using AI and blasted "radical left-wing" media for spreading 'lies' about the Iran war. Continued on Page 7

## INDIA RULES OUT TALKS WITH US ON HORMUZ P7

## 'DISTORTED PICTURE OF INDIA' MEA slams US report recommending sanctions on RSS

NEW DELHI: THE Ministry of External Affairs on Monday rejected the annual report of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom for 2026, which recommended targeted sanctions on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and Research and Analysis

(USCIRF). We categorically reject its motivated and biased characterization of India. For several years now, USCIRF has persisted in presenting a distorted and selective picture of India, relying on questionable sources and ideological narratives rather than objective facts. Such repeated misrepresentations only undermine the credibility of the Commission itself," Jaiswal said. "Instead of persisting with selective criticism of India, USCIRF would do well to reflect on the disturbing incidents of vandalism and attacks on Hindu temples in the United States, selective targeting of India, and growing intolerance and intimidation of members of the Indian diaspora in the United States, which merit serious attention," he added.



Wing for violations of religious freedom. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, in a statement, said the commission has persisted in presenting a distorted, selective picture of India by relying on questionable sources and ideological narratives rather than objective facts. "We have taken note of the latest report of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom

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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?

**PNG and CNG supply uninterrupted: Govt**  
NEW DELHI: The supply of piped natural gas (PNG) and compressed natural gas (CNG) remains uninterrupted across India, the government said on Monday, while reaffirming efforts to shift households from LPG to piped gas in areas with existing pipeline infrastructure.

## FAILURE TO ANSWER MLAS' QUESTIONS Karnataka Speaker raps govt

BENGALURU: IN an embarrassment to the Congress government, Karnataka Assembly Speaker, UT Khader, on Monday adjourned the House, sharply criticising it for failing to provide answers to unstarred questions of the MLAs despite repeated warnings from the Chair.



Expressing strong dissatisfaction, Khader said the government had been

warned multiple times to ensure that replies to legislators' questions were prepared in time. "If the government fails to answer questions of MLAs, why should they even come to the Assembly? How is this fair? I have already issued strict orders four times, and this is the fifth time," he said.

# CNG, LPG shortage takes toll on autos, cabs

**HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD**  
NOTWITHSTANDING official claims of a rosy situation in India amid pervasive fears of shortage of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and compressed natural gas (CNG) as well as disruption in their supplies; the ground reality is disturbing, with a palpable shortage of CNG and LPG in the city disrupting the livelihood of auto-rickshaw and cab drivers. Long queues are being witnessed at fuel stations with the supply failing to meet the high demand fuelled by fears. The drivers say they are forced to wait

for 6 to 8 hours to fill the fuel and that too with 30 per cent extra charges. The drivers decried that, instead of focusing on passenger trips, they are spending hours waiting for fuel at the filling stations. However, when we do receive passenger trips, our payment is very low, as our earnings have been negatively impacted by the skyrocketing prices of CNG. "The price of CNG, which was Rs 70 per kg a week ago, is now being sold for Rs 90 and Rs 100 per kg," said a driver waiting at a CNG station at King Kotli. A Nagesh Kumar, cab drivers' association leader said: "The ongoing CNG



shortage is creating serious difficulties for cab drivers. We are spending long hours in queues at CNG stations, which directly affects our daily earnings and the services we provide to passengers. Authorities must take urgent steps to ensure adequate supply so that drivers are not forced to suffer losses." Drivers also say reduced trips mean lower daily

earnings. Sathish Kumar, an auto driver, said "Because of the CNG, LPG crisis, auto drivers are losing valuable working hours standing in long lines at fuel stations. Our daily income has come down, while expenses are on the high side. The government should immediately resolve the supply issue and ensure smooth availability of CNG, LPG for drivers." Telangana Gig and Platform Workers Union (TGPWU) president Shaik Salauddin observed: "The app aggregator companies must temporarily raise fares, as the drivers are currently experiencing financial difficulties due to the fuel short-

age and elevated fuel prices at a time when operational costs such as vehicle maintenance, commissions paid to platforms, and household expenses are already rising." He continued: "Thousands of gig workers operating for companies like Ola, Uber, and Rapido rely on these CNG vehicles, and the ongoing crisis has significantly impacted their livelihoods. The union has urged the state government to ensure uninterrupted supply and to prioritize the needs of drivers and delivery workers. Additionally, we urge the Minister for Civil Supplies to convene a meeting with the Platform Workers Union."

# Senior Cong leader Jeevan Reddy likely to quit party, may join BRS

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Senior Congress leader Jeevan Reddy is likely to quit the Congress party and join the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) soon, according to sources close to him. Jeevan Reddy, who has been associated with the Congress for nearly four decades, reportedly informed his followers about his decision to leave the party. It is learnt that he may formally join the BRS during a public meeting scheduled to be held in Jagtial town on March 25.

Sources indicate that the veteran leader has been unhappy with recent developments in the Congress party,

particularly the induction of Jagtial BRS MLA Sanjay Kumar into the Congress. Jeevan Reddy had openly criticised the party leadership from top to bottom over the issue. His dissatisfaction reportedly intensified during the

recent municipal elections and the selection of the municipal chairman. Political observers also point out that his unsuccessful attempt to secure a Rajya Sabha seat further deepened his disappointment.

According to sources, Jeevan Reddy has been telling his followers that he feels he is no longer being given adequate priority within the Congress party. In a significant development, Congress party flex banners installed outside and inside his residence in Jagtial town were removed on Monday. Supporters were also seen taking down photographs of party leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud, and Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar. Sources said Jeevan Reddy is expected to formally submit his resignation from the Congress either on March 24 or March 25 before joining the BRS.

Meanwhile, reports suggest that he has already been in touch with BRS working president KT Rama Rao regarding his possible entry into the party. He is also believed to be assuring his supporters that the BRS will return to power in the next elections and that he would secure victory as well.

Earlier on Monday, coinciding with the commencement of the Budget session of the Assembly, Jeevan Reddy criticised the state government, alleging that the Revanth Reddy administration was showing negligence in addressing farmers' issues. He also accused the government of delaying the procurement of maize crops, causing distress to farmers.



Pilot Rohit Reddy

## High-profile drug party

### 40 cops storm farmhouse, scale wall during raid

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FORMER BRS MLA Pilot Rohit Reddy, his brother Ritesh Reddy, and a Delhi-based businessman Namit Sharma were remanded to 14 days of judicial custody by a magistrate in Upparapally in Telangana after they were arrested in a high-profile drug party at a farmhouse on Saturday night.

The three were subsequently shifted to Chanchalguda Central Jail. The operation was conducted by Telangana's Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE), led to the arrest of three and eight others were granted station bail.

The party took place at the farmhouse of Rohit Reddy in Moinsabad including alleged drug consumption and gunfire during the late-night raid.

During the operation, nearly 40 officers participated in the operation, entering

the premises by scaling the compound wall to prevent guests from escaping.

In a raid, as many as 11 persons were present at the party and were detained after undergoing drug screening tests. Six persons were tested positive for narcotics consumption. Among those who tested positive were Rohit Reddy, TDP MP from Eluru, Putta Mahesh Kumar, Ritesh Reddy, Kaushik Ravi, Arjun Reddy, and Namit Sharma.

Police seized 0.26 grams of cocaine, a German-made pistol, four empty cartridges, one live cartridge, 48 beer cans, and six bottles of liquor.

The seized narcotic has been sent to the forensic laboratory for detailed analysis. Police registered a case under several provisions, including Sections 8(c), 22(a), 27, and 29 of the NDPS Act, Sections 30 and 25(1B)(a) of the Arms Act, along with relevant sections of the Telangana Excise Act.

## Uttam rolls out roadmap to achieve 90 LMT paddy procurement target

Telangana gears up for record-breaking paddy procurement in Rabi 2025-26

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TELANGANA is preparing for a record paddy procurement during the ongoing Rabi 2025-26 season, with the state government setting an ambitious target of procuring 90 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of paddy.

Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday unveiled a comprehensive action plan to ensure smooth procurement operations and safeguard farmers' interests. Addressing a preparatory meeting with district officials, including Additional Collectors, District Civil

Supplies Officers and Civil Supplies Corporation managers, the minister outlined measures aimed at achieving the record target.

According to official estimates, paddy cultivation during the Rabi season is projected to cover over 54.48 lakh acres, with an expected yield of 152.03 lakh metric tonnes across the state.

The procurement exercise will be coordinated by Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, which has set a procurement target of 90 LMT, including 60 LMT of coarse varieties and 30 LMT of fine varieties. To facilitate farmer-friendly operations, the government

will establish 8,251 Paddy Purchase Centers (PPCs) across the state through agencies such as IKP and PACS.

The minister assured that every grain brought by farmers will be procured at the government-fixed Minimum Support Price (MSP), ensuring that farmers are protected from distress sales.

For the season, the MSP has been fixed at Rs 2,389 per quintal for Grade-A paddy and Rs 2,369 per quintal for common varieties. The minister said the assured price will help stabilise farmers' incomes and shield them from market fluctuations. To ensure seamless pro-



urement, the government has already positioned adequate gunny bags (gunnies) at procurement centres and instructed officials to arrange sufficient vehicles for transporting paddy from PPCs to rice mills. Given the rising summer

temperatures, arrangements will also be made to ensure the safety of farmers visiting procurement centres. Shade through sheds or tents will be provided and Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) sachets will be made available to prevent sunstroke.

## Keep public toilets clean daily, MMC boss tells safai karamcharis

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MALKAJIRI Municipal Corporation Commissioner T Vinay Krishna Reddy advised the Safai Karmachari staff to ensure that public toilets are cleaned daily by regularly using necessary cleaning materials such as phenyl, disinfectants, bleaching powder, toilet cleaners and brushes to keep them clean at all times, during his inspection of public toilets near the Nagole RTA Office and Uppal X Road on Monday.

On the occasion, the Commissioner spoke to the Safai Karmachari working there and enquired about the maintenance of the toilets. The Safai Karmachari said that he has been maintaining this facility for the last 14 years. He directed that special attention should be paid to cleanliness, water availability and maintenance of the toilets so that people can use them comfortably.

There are a total of six units in this toilet complex, out of which three are allocated for women and three for men. Officials said that water supply is being provided through borewell. Nagole Circle Deputy Commissioner Sandeep DEE and other sanitation staff accompanied the Commissioner.

## 364 drunk drivers caught in traffic police drive

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THE traffic police caught 364 drivers, who were driving vehicles under the influence of alcohol during the two day special drive.

The traffic police stepped up the enforcement and conducted a large-scale drunk and driving test in Hyderabad limits. The police in a drive against the drunk and driving caught 364 offenders between March 13 and 14. Of the total offenders, 313 were two-wheelers, 25 were three-wheelers, and 26 were

four-wheelers and other vehicles. As many as 27 offenders had BAC levels ranging from 200 mg/100 ml to 300 mg/100 ml and above. The police urged the citizens that if anybody indulges in driving under the influence of alcohol and causes accidents resulting in fatalities, such persons will be arrested and charged under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), which carries a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in jail, along with a fine, said the police officer.

## State Transport Dept pushes green transit with electric auto retrofit plan

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TO promote an environment-friendly transport system and achieve the goal of net-zero emissions, the Telangana Transport Department is taking steps and has initiated consultations with electric retrofitment companies.

On Monday, a meeting was conducted in two phases with companies engaged in electric retrofitment of three-wheeler vehicles. The first meeting was chaired by Transport Commissioner Dr K Ilambarathi and the second meeting was chaired by Special Chief Secretary, Transport, Roads and Buildings Department Vikas Raj.

During the meetings, detailed discussions were held with retrofitment companies regarding the proposed policy to convert the existing petrol and diesel auto-rickshaws operating in the Telangana Core Urban Region (TCUR) into electric vehicles using electric kits.

The discussions covered technical standards, safety regulations, certification procedures, cost structure, battery technologies (both swappable and fixed battery

systems), and implementation modalities.

The retrofitment companies shared their views on the feasibility of converting the existing auto-rickshaws into electric vehicles. They stated that this initiative would help reduce air pollution, lower operating costs for auto drivers, and improve air quality in urban areas.

According to the transport department, as per the directions of the Chief Minister, the government is formulating a policy to encourage the conversion of petrol and diesel auto-rickshaws into electric kits.

The objective is to accelerate the expansion of a sustainable urban transport system in urban areas.

"The suggestions received from retrofitment companies will be examined and feasible proposals will be considered while formulating the policy," said a senior officer at the transport department.

## Sajjanar warns public against AI Deepfake videos circulating online

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VC Sajjanar, Police Commissioner, issued an advisory warning citizens about the growing threat of AI Deepfake videos and fake photos being circulated online by cybercriminals. The advisory urges the public to remain cautious and verify suspicious content before sharing it on social media.

On Monday, Sajjanar said on social media that many AI-generated videos and photos circulating online appear highly realistic, making it difficult for people to immediately identify them as fake. However, careful



observation can reveal clues such as unnatural lighting, unusual facial expressions and awkward movements, he posted on X.

Sajjanar also advised the public to verify suspicious images or videos before forwarding them. If there are doubts about any viral content, people should perform a reverse image search to identify the original source. "Forwarding unverified

content based on emotions can unintentionally contribute to the spread of fake news, which may create confusion or unrest in society. In such cases, you may also become a partner in the crime of spreading fake news," he cautioned.

He urged citizens to follow a simple rule while using social media: think before clicking, verify the authenticity of the content, and only then share it.

In the era of AI deepfake technology, the Commissioner called upon citizens to remain alert and use critical thinking to prevent the spread of fake news and cybercrime.

## GHMC urges taxpayers to avail 90% interest rebate under OTS Scheme

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GREATER Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner RV Karnan has urged property taxpayers to make use of the One-Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme, which provides a 90% rebate on interest on pending property tax dues.

The Commissioner stated that the scheme will remain in force until March 31, and appealed to citizens to make the most of this opportunity. On Monday, a press conference was held at the GHMC head office to explain the details of the Property Tax OTS Scheme.

The meeting was addressed by GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan, along with Additional Commissioner (Revenue) Priyanka Ala, Additional Commissioner (Sanitation) Ravi Kiran, and Public Relations Officer MaminidraDasharatham.

The Commissioner informed that out of 28.08 lakh property taxpayers in the CURE area, around 16.80 lakh taxpayers have already



paid their property tax. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner stated that by the same date in the previous financial year, the total collection stood at Rs1,984 crore, whereas Rs2,186 crore has been collected so far in the current financial year.

The Commissioner also warned that strict action will be taken under the GHMC Act against property owners, who fail to clear their long pending tax dues. Apart from tax payments, several services such as property assessment, corrections, and other related services are also available through the MyGHMC application.

The Commissioner further

stated that as part of the State Government's '99 Days - PrajaPalana, Pragathi Pranalika' initiative, several special drives have been conducted from March 6 to 16 across six zones, 30 circle offices, and 150 wards within GHMC limits.

These include office cleaning drives, file clearances, mapping and elimination of Garbage Vulnerable Points (GVPs), removal of Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste, inspections of FoBs, RUBs, underpasses and flyovers, fire safety inspections, mega e-waste collection drives, and special drives for cleaning and maintenance of public toilets.

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Date: 17.03.2026 Principal, GRCP

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ROADS & BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT  
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE  
1) Online tenders are invited under e-procurement platform for the work of 1  
No of Building work in Khammam District vide Superintending Engineer (R&B)  
Circle, Khammam e NIT No.14/SE/R&B/KMM/2025-26 Date: 13.03.2026.  
2) The interested bidders can download the tender schedule from e-market  
place i.e. [www.tender.telangana.gov.in](http://www.tender.telangana.gov.in). The last date of receipt of tenders is  
on or before 30.03.2026 up to 3:30 PM.  
3) Further details can be seen at e-procurement market place  
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Sd/- Superintending Engineer (R&B)Circle:Khammam  
DIPR.R.O.No.: 17096-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 Date: 16-03-26

HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
4th Floor, Swarnajayanti Commercial Complex, Ameerpet, Hyderabad.  
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION U/S 15 (4) OF HMDA ACT. 2008  
(G.O.Ms.No. 88 MA & UD Dept., dated: 05.03.2026)  
In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 15 of  
Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority Act, 2008 (Act No.8 of 2008),  
the Government hereby makes the following variation to the land use envisaged  
in the notified Master Plan Metropolitan Development Plan-2031 for HMR  
approved by the Government issued vide G.O.Ms.No.33 MA & UD,  
dt:24.01.2013.  
The site in Sy. Nos. 158/P, 266, 267/P, 268/P of Shabad Village, Shabad Mandal,  
Ranga Reddy District to an extent of 75472.82 Sq.Mts., which is presently  
 earmarked for Recreational use zone, Public & Semi-public use zone as per the  
notified Metropolitan Development Plan (MDP)-2031 for HMR approved by  
the Government vide G.O.Ms.No. 33 MA & UD Dept, dt: 24.01.2013, is now  
designated as Residential use zone.  
The details of the above are available in Web sites  
<http://gazette.telangana.gov.in/> and <http://hmda.gov.in/>.  
Sd/- Chief Planning Officer (PR), HMDA  
DIPR.R.O.No. 17112-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 Date: 16-03-26

Advertisement No 02/2026  
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RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION  
The Central Sanskrit University, Delhi invites applications from Indian Nationals for recruitment to  
various Non-Teaching Posts [Registrar-01, Assistant Registrar-02, System Analyst-03, Section Officer-  
11, Nursing Officer-03, Assistant-10, Guest House Manager-03, Junior Engineer-03, Personal  
Assistant-03, Professional Assistant-04, Technical Assistant (Shikshashastra/Education Lab.)-03,  
Technical Assistant (Computer Lab.)-04, Stenographer-08, Upper Division Clerk-16, Library Assistant-01,  
Lower Division Clerk-35, Driver-01, Multi-Tasking Staff-22, Library Attendant-08 & Medical  
Attendant/Dresser-03] Detailed information regarding eligibility criteria, qualifications, age limit,  
recruitment process, distribution of vacancies, application procedure, scheme of examination,  
selection process and other essential requirements will be available in the detailed advertisement  
no. 02/2026, available on 16.03.2026 at CSU's website [www.sanskrit.nic.in](http://www.sanskrit.nic.in) under recruitment/  
notification head. All interested candidates are strictly advised to go through the detailed  
advertisement before filing the application.  
Date: 16.03.2026  
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K T Rama Rao, Working President of the Bharat Rashtira Samithi, along with party MLAs, arriving in the Assembly on the first day of the session on Monday

## BRS braces up to take on Cong over failure of 6Gs

HANS NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

BRS Working President KT Rama Rao on Monday criticised the Congress government in Telangana for betraying the farmers and the people of the state, alleging that the administration had deceived every section of society by failing to fulfil pre-election promises. KTR stated that the BRS would forcefully raise these issues during the ongoing Assembly budget session to expose the betrayal of the Congress party.

He particularly criticised the alleged plan of the government to allocate Rs 1,000 crore for Rahul Gandhi while neglecting the farmers of the state. Continuing the tradition of paying homage to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the

formation of Telangana, the BRS Legislature Party visited the Telangana Martyrs Memorial at Gun Park before attending the session. BRS MLAs and MLCs paid tributes and staged a protest at the memorial, raising slogans against the government.

Speaking to the media later, KT R noted that the Congress party promised to implement the Six Guarantees within 100 days of coming to power and had declared that legal status would be granted to them in the very first Cabinet meeting. However, he stated that even after two and a half years in power, the government has failed to provide legal backing to these guarantees.

He recalled that during the first Governor address after the Congress government assumed office, the

state had announced that legal status would be granted. The Chief Minister had approved the speech, and then Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan had conveyed it in the Assembly. Despite this, he said, the government has failed to fulfil its commitment even after multiple sessions. He further criticised the failure to implement key welfare schemes for farmers.

He confirmed that the BRS will question why the government is prioritising political expenditures over agricultural needs. Highlighting the grievance, he raised the slogan demanding Rythu Bandhu instead of what he termed as Rahul Bandhu, asserting that allocating Rs 1,000 crore for political purposes represents a significant betrayal of the farming community in Telangana.

# TPCC chief urges Cong MLAs to counter Oppn in Assembly

- Urges strong defence of six guarantees scheme
- Calls for punctual attendance during Budget session
- Tells MLAs to highlight gov welfare programmes

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HYDERABAD

TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud emphasised that Ministers, MLAs, and MLCs must provide fitting and appropriate responses to questions raised by opposition parties in the Assembly.

He directed Ministers to strongly counter false propaganda regarding the Six Guarantees scheme during the Congress Legislature Party meeting held on Monday. Goud issued clear



TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud in the council on the first day of the Assembly session on Monday

instructions for members to attend sessions punctually,

warning that negligence during the Budget Session

would not be tolerated. The TPCC chief asked

## BAC finalises Budget session schedule

HANS NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

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In the BAC meeting at the Speaker's chambers, representatives of parties discussed the schedule of the Budget session. On March 17 and 18, a debate is scheduled to take place on the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's address.

The State Government is set to present the Budget in the Assembly on March 20. On March 31, a debate

## Budget to be presented on March 20; debate from March 23-26

on the Appropriation Bill is scheduled. Holidays for the Assembly are to be declared for the festivals of Ugadi, Ramzan and Sri Rama Navami.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Minister Dudilla Sridhar Babu and Whip Beerla Ilaiah attended the BAC meeting. From the Bharat Rashtira Samithi, T Harish Rao and KP Vivek were present. Aleti Maheshwar Reddy represented the Bharatiya Janata Party, while Akbaruddin Owaisi from the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen and Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao from the Communist Party of India also participated in the meeting.

A few bills would also be tabled in the budget session. The agenda of the bills will be presented in the House soon.

## Harish Rao urges detailed debate on public issues in House

HANS NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

THE main Opposition Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) on Monday demanded that the ongoing Budget session of the Assembly be continued until March 31 and sought detailed discussions on a wide range of public issues during the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting.

The State Budget is scheduled to be presented on March 20, with the government proposing to run the session until March 30.

Speaking to mediapersons after the BAC meeting at the Assembly, BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao said the effective working days of the session would be fewer due to two holidays and two festivals.

The BRS urged Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar to increase the number of sitting days, even suggesting that the House function on Sundays, and requested that the session be extended at least until March 31.

Harish Rao said the party objected to the absence of



T Harish Rao, Deputy Leader of the Bharat Rashtira Samithi Legislature Party, arriving at the House on the first day of the session on Monday

Question Hour in the schedule and raised concerns over delays in replies to unstarred questions and Zero Hour issues. He warned that the party would boycott future BAC meetings if decisions taken were not implemented during the current session.

The BRS also sought permission to introduce a Pri-

party leaders to effectively communicate development and welfare initiatives of the people-centric government to the public. He stated that these efforts should be explained clearly using relevant statistics. Additionally, Goud advised all legislators to gather comprehensive information related to every government department.

He stressed the importance of remaining prepared to respond to issues whenever required during the proceedings. By ensuring a strong presence and factual communication, he believes the party can successfully highlight its achievements while silencing critics. He concluded by reiterating that the responsibility of defending the mandate of the government rests on every elected representative present in the House.

Member's Bill seeking statutory backing for the six guarantees and requested that its members be allowed to speak on the issue.

The party further complained that the privilege motion moved against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was not being taken up. It also pointed out delays in the formation of House Committees and the appointment of a Deputy Speaker. Objecting to frequent disruptions by the treasury benches, the BRS urged the Speaker to allow only the Chief Minister, the Legislative Affairs Minister and the minister concerned to speak during discussions.

Harish Rao said the BRS had submitted a list of 19 issues for discussion, including farmers' problems, delays in welfare schemes, demolitions under the Musi River project, Singareni tenders, unemployment, pending dues to employees, irrigation issues, rising crime, fee reimbursement arrears, RTC workers' demands and alleged irregularities in land and municipal administration.



MIM MLAs stage a walkout from the Assembly when Vande Mataram was being played on the first day of the session on Monday

## AIMIM MLAs stage walk out during 'Vande Mataram' in Assembly

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HYDERABAD

SOME members of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) walked out of the House while the song Vande Mataram was played before the start of the session on the first day of the Telangana Legislature.

As the Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla was escorted to the podium by Council Chairman Gutha Sukender Reddy and Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, the State anthem "Jaya Jaya He Telangana" and the National Anthem were played. In between, the full version of Vande Mata-

ram was also played.

When the song began, AIMIM MLA Ahmed Bin Abdullah Balala initially remained seated and soon left the House. AIMIM MLC Mirza Rehmat Baig also followed him. However, AIMIM members Mirza Riyaz-ul-Hassan Effendi and Jaffar Hussain Meraj were seen standing in the House.

After the Governor's address concluded, the three songs were again played one after the other. Following the Telangana anthem, AIMIM members left the House without standing for Vande Mataram.

Meanwhile, MLAs of

the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS), who arrived at the Assembly after paying tributes at the Martyrs' Memorial at Gun Park, registered their protest by standing at their seats while the Governor delivered the customary address.

Some senior members, including S Madhusudhana Chary, Manik Rao, Mutha Gopal, Palla Rajeshwar Reddy and L Ramana, were seen seated. BRS leaders also raised slogans during the Governor's address, alleging that the government was making him present false claims and unfulfilled promises.



## Bandi Sanjay and Ramachander Rao condemn AIMIM walkout

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HYDERABAD

A controversy arose after AIMIM MLAs walked out during the singing of Vande Mataram in the State Assembly on Monday. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar and State BJP Chief Ramachander Rao have come down heavily on the party, terming the act an insult to national symbols.

Bandi Sanjay took to the X platform to slam the conduct of the party, calling it shameful and a direct insult to the nation. He accused the party of consistently opposing Indian national symbols and questioned their loyalty to the country.

BJP Telangana State Chief Ramachandra Rao also condemned the walkout in strong terms. In a post on X, he stated that the entire society is observing the disrespect shown by the Majlis party towards Vande Mataram. He described the deliberate walkout of the legislators as a most despicable act.

He further reminded the public of instances where leaders raised slogans such as Jai Palestine in Parliament, arguing that such actions raise serious doubts about their allegiance to India. Ramachandra Rao asserted that Telangana society will never condone the insulting of national symbols.

The walkout has reignited the debate over the stance of

the party on national songs, with BJP critics alleging that these actions reveal their true colours. Supporters of the party maintain that their position remains consistent with their ideological beliefs.

The BJP leadership vowed to hold the party accountable in the court of public opinion for what they perceive as a failure to uphold national honour.

The incident has added tension to the legislative session as leaders demand greater accountability regarding the conduct of elected representatives during official ceremonies and the rendition of songs that celebrate the heritage of the nation.

## SHE teams apprehend 141 offenders

HANS NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

TO ensure women's safety across the city, the Hyderabad SHE Teams intensified their efforts by registering multiple cases and securing convictions in February. As many as 141 offenders were caught red-handed, while police registered 12 FIRs and secured jail terms for two individuals.

According to the units, during the current month, SHE Teams actively processed complaints received through various modes including WhatsApp, direct petitions, and social media platforms.

A total of 88 petitions were received for February. Of these, 30 petitions were referred to police stations, resulting in 12 FIRs, while 18 remain pending for further legal action, said Lavanya NJP, DCP of the Women Safety Wing. The DCP stated that through continuous field surveillance, decoy operations, and technical monitoring, 141 offenders were caught red-handed. Among these, 122 are majors and 19 are minors. Furthermore, 111 offenders were warned and released after counselling in the presence of their family members.

As many as 24 cases were booked as petty cases for serious misconduct. Legal action resulted in two convictions with two-day jail sentences and fines, while 22 other convictions resulted in fines only. Notable cases included a woman who was harassed

and abused by a stranger on a two-wheeler while waiting at a traffic signal in Himayatnagar. In another instance, an auto-rickshaw driver in Nampally was booked for using abusive language toward a complainant following a dispute over an excess fare. Another respondent harassed a victim by following her daily and using photographs to blackmail her, while a separate case involved a man pressuring a petitioner to marry him despite clear rejection.

In addition to enforcement, SHE Teams focused on awareness and preventive education. During the month, the teams conducted 232 awareness programmes in schools, colleges, and public places. They also carried out 1,002 observation drives across crowded areas and 230 audio-visual vehicle programmes to reach thousands of citizens. For assistance or to report incidents, the public is encouraged to contact the SHE Teams helpline via Dial 100 or WhatsApp at 9490616555. These comprehensive measures reflect the commitment of the department to eradicating harassment and fostering a secure environment for women in urban spaces. By combining swift legal action with community education, the teams aim to deter potential offenders and empower victims to come forward without hesitation, ensuring that public spaces remain respectful and safe for all residents of Hyderabad.

# HC gives BRS final chance to respond in Kokapet land PIL please

Division Bench directs party to file counter affidavit within three weeks over 11-acre land allotment row

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD

THE Telangana High Court Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Apresh Kumar Singh and Justice Ghose Meera Mohiuddin, on Monday granted a final opportunity to the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) to file its counter affidavit in two Public Interest Litigations (PILs) challenging the allotment of 11 acres of prime land in Kokapet.

The court directed the General Secretary of the BRS party to submit the requisite response within three weeks, emphasising that this extension is granted as a last indulgence.

The litigation concerns the decision of the erstwhile BRS government to allocate land situated in Survey Numbers 239 and 240 of Kokapet village, Gandipet mandal, for the con-



struction of a party office.

The proceedings initiated following the issuance of notices on July 18, 2023, to the Chief Secretary of Telangana, the Commissioner of HMDA, the Commissioner of CCLA, and the BRS party.

During the hearing, counsel representing the BRS General Secretary, TV Ramana Rao, argued that the petitions were politically motivated and lacked genuine public interest.

He contended that the peti-

tioners had selectively targeted the party without challenging similar prior allotments and requested a four-week adjournment to file the counter affidavits.

Conversely, the Additional Advocate General for Telangana, Md. Imran Khan, informed the bench that the state government had already submitted its counter affidavit in the matter.

The first petition, filed by the Forum for Good Governance,

seeks a stay on the allotment, while the second petition, filed by advocate A Venkatarami Reddy, seeks a direction for the Anti-Corruption Bureau to register a case against the BRS General Secretary.

The petitioners allege that while the BRS requested the land to establish an Institute for Excellence and Human Resource Development, the true intent was the construction of a party office. It is further contended that the 11-acre

tract, valued at approximately Rs 50 crore per acre, totaling an estimated market value of Rs. 1,100 crore was alienated for a consideration of Rs 3,41,25,000, which the petitioners describe as a nominal price.

Arguments presented before the court highlighted that the BRS party already maintains a significant headquarters on two acres in Banjara Hills.

The petitioners claim the subsequent allotment in Kokapet, approved by the then Chief Minister following a proposal by the District Collector of Ranga Reddy, constitutes an abuse of executive power.

Having noted that the BRS has yet to file its response despite the lapse of several months since the initial notice, the Division Bench adjourned the matter for three weeks to facilitate the filing of the counter affidavits.



Chief Minister Revanth Reddy felicitates Team India star Tilak Varma in Hyderabad on Monday

## CM Revanth felicitates Team India star Tilak Varma

Cricketer meets Chief Minister after returning to Hyderabad following India's T20 World Cup 2026 victory

HANS NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

TEAM India cricketer Tilak Varma called on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy at his chambers on Monday. The meeting took place after Tilak Varma returned to Hyderabad following India's victory in the T20 World Cup 2026.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister

felicitated Tilak Varma and congratulated him for bringing pride to the country and Telangana through his achievement. Ministers Vakati Srihari and Mohammad Azharuddin, Rajya Sabha member Vem Narendar Reddy, SATG Chairman Shivasena Reddy, CM Principal Secretary Srinivasa Raju and MD Sony Baladevi were also present on the occasion.

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### CHANGE OF NAME

It is for general information that, I, Minugonda Narsimha Ramesh Babu S/o Minugonda Narsimha resident at 21-70, Uttam Nagar, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh-500047 declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as MINUGODA NARASIMHA Ramesh Babu and SHIN M. Narasimha in my service record. The actual name of mine and my father are Minugonda Narsimha Ramesh Babu and Minugonda Narsimha respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

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I, Vidya Ramesh Rajanal wife of No 2619488A Rank SEP Name Dundappa Shankrappa Batakuri residing at Dasalapur VIII & Post, Ramdurg- Tehsil, Belgaum -Dist, Karnataka -591123, I have change my Name from Vidya Ramesh Rajanal to Vidya Dundappa Batakuri. Hereafter, my name is known as Vidya Dundappa Batakuri Affidavit dated 16-03-2026 before Notary, M.Srinivas Rao, Secunderabad

(TH\_44949)

I, Laxmibai, Mother of No 2619488A Rank SEP Name Dundappa Shankrappa Batakuri residing at Dasalapur VIII & Post, Ramdurg- Tehsil, Belgaum -Dist, Karnataka -591123, I have change my change Name from Laxmibai to Laxmibai Shankrappa Batakuri. Hereafter, my name is known as Laxmibai Shankrappa Batakuri Affidavit dated 16-03-2026 before Notary, M. Srinivas Rao, Secunderabad

(TH\_44949)

I, Service No 6948693F NK LOPINTI RAUVIKIRAN of Adm Bn, AOC Centre, Secunderabad, Telangana, hereby state that my daughter's name is changed from HASINI to LOPINTI HASINI in accordance to Affidavit dated 16 March 2026.

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I, Rajasri Polampally D/o Gyananandam Polampally and Indira Bai Polampally (Old Name), H.No. 12-1-564, Arya Nagar, North Lalaguda, Secunderabad, TG. 500017. I have changed my new name as Rajasri Polampally D/o Gyananandam Polampally (New Name)

(TH\_44949)

I, Shaik Toufiq S/O Shaik Mohammad Sharief R/O 1-2-50/W/ Flat No 302 A-Block Vertex Prestige, Brindavan Colony, Nizampet Road, Kukat Pally, Nizampet, K.V. Rangareddy, Telangana-500090 declare that name of mine, my father & mother is wrongly written as Saik Tafiq, SK.Shareef & Sameeha in my Birth Certificate. Actual name of mine, my father & mother are Shaik Toufiq, Shaik Mohammad Sharief & Shaik Sameeha Sultana respectively.

(TH\_AANCHAL)

I, Phaneendra Babu Amruta Vakkula S/O Late Amrutavakkula Narayana Sastry R/O F.NO. 301 Vijaya Kamal Sridham Residency, Jeedimetla Village, Qutubullapur, Rangareddy, Andhra Pradesh-500055 have changed my name to Phaneendra Babu Amrutavakkula.

(TH\_AANCHAL)

I, Uppara Mugathi Raghvendra S/O Uppara Mugathi Sainath R/O 5-143, Market Yard Road, Bade Shah Dargha, Yemmiganur, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh-518360 have changed name of my minor son Nimith Aditya Uppara Mugathi aged 05 years to Nihansh Aditya Uppara Mugathi.

(TH\_AANCHAL)

### CHANGE OF NAME

I, V A Naidu S/O Vegi Atchutarao R/O H.No. 19-74/2, Gavarapeta, Kasimkota Mandiam, Dist: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-531031 have changed my name to Vegi Achyiyanaidu.

(TH\_AANCHAL)

I, Paduru Swetha W/o Arasani Sreekanth Reddy R/O HNo 9-9/105/A/A/1 A-105 The Art Bandlaguda Jagir Rajendranagar Hyderabad Telangana Pin 500086 changed my name from Paduru Swetha to PADHURI SWETHA W/o Arasani Sreekanth Reddy.

(TH\_44949)

I, Mohammed Ibrahim S/o Mohammed Habisab R/O HNO 1735, Yards 60 Myrati Nagar Suraram Colony Suraram Medchal Malkajigiri Hyderabad Telangana Pin 500055 changed my name from Mohammed Ibrahim to MOHAMMED IBRAHIM KHASAB S/o Mohammed Nabisab.

(TH\_44949)

I, BUCCHIGARE VISHAL R/O. 1-5-485/4, AYYAPPA NAGAR, OLD ALWAL, SEC8AD, CYBERABAD-MEDCHAL, 500010 T.S. CHANGED MY NAME AS BUCCHIGARI VISHAL S/O. BUCCHIGARI VENKATESH.

(TH\_44949)

I, PERABATHINA SRICHAND R/O. HNo. C-9-92/2, PNO-02 SV NAGAR Rd NO-11, Nagaram RICK Medchal- 500083 TS Changed My Minor Child Name From PERABATHINA SREYSHT SAAMUEL to PERABATHINA SREYSHT

(TH\_44949)

I, Kardas Prabha R/O.F.No. 401, Eternal Songs of Earth Apartments, D.K. Nagar, Jubilee Hills, (P.O.) Jubilee Hills, Sub. Dist. Shaikhet, HYO. 500033. T.S. Changed my name as KARDAS PRABHAVATHI.

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I, Sunny Muradhbai Lalani S/o Muradhbai Noorali Lalani R/o:Hno:5-9-209/3, F/302, Royal Residency, chiragalli lane, Nampally, Hyd, TS-01 changed my name as SUNNY MURADALI LALANI

(TH\_44949)

I, BANU BEGUM W/O.SYED AHMED ALI & Mother of SYED SANA FATIMA R/O. 8-2-293/82/F/G/1/7, Durga Bhavani Nagar, Film Nagar, Shaikpet, Hyd changed name from SYED RAJA KULLAYAMMA/SYED BANU BEGUM to BANU BEGUM

(TH\_44949)

I, Mohammed Ali Raza Ahamed S/o. Mohammed Ahamed Ali R/O. 8-1-523/115, 5th Flr F.No.502, Mawin Pride, Brindavan Cly, Tolichowki, Hyd changed my name from MOHMMED ALI RAZA AHMED to MOHAMMED ALI RAZA AHAMAD

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I, SUFFORA MARIAM R/O.H.NO 12-2-415/4, S.B.I Colony, Gudimalkapur, Mehdiapatnam, TS. Changed My Name to SAFURA MAIRYAM D/o. MOHAMMED ABDUL RAOOF

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I, PAGIDIPALA MOHANAPORVIA ANAND W/O. BANDARU VENKATA SUHAS (New Name) R/O.No.219, Rd No.5, Meerakshi Estates s/o, Sucthra I Rd, Kompally C/road Medchal-055, changed my name from APORVIA ANAND BANDARU (Old Name) to PAGIDIPALA MADHAN APORVIA ANAND W/O. BANDARU VENKATA SUHAS (New Name) for all purposes.

(TH\_44949)

I, BHARAT RAJ (Old Name) R/o. H.No: 3-5-426, Vittalwadi, Narayanauguda, Hyderabad-500029, TS, changed my name to KAKUNOORI BHARATH RAJ (New Name) S/o. KAKUNOORI RAMESHWAR RAJ

(TH\_44949)

I, PARVATH BHAGWANTH REDDY R/O.4-1-50, ANMAGAL Road, Hayath nagar, RCK-R.R-501505, TS. Have changed my name from PARVATH BHAGWANTH REDDY to PARVATH BHAGWANTH REDDY S/O. PARVATH PADMA REDDY.

(TH\_44949)

I, MOHAMMED MAJEED ALI R/O.H.No. 19-4-274/5/8 MIR ALAM TANK TAD-BAND HYDERABAD Telangana Changed My Name As MOHAMMED MAJID ALI S/o. MOHAMMED JAHANGIR

(TH\_44949)

### CHANGE OF NAME

I WALI ULLAH S/o. SYED ALI R/O. H.No.1-23/1, Chinna Yelkicherla, Kondurg mandal, Cyberabad Rangareddy-509207, Telangana. Change my Name As Syed Wali Ullah.

(TH\_44949)

I, TUPAKI CHENNAKESHAVLU R/O H.NO-2-42/1, IN-JAPUR (VILL), NR GANDHI STATUE,TURKAVAMJAL, HYD (TS), HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AS TUPAKI CHENNAKESHAVLU GOUD S/O TUPAKI VENKATA KRISHNA GOUD WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

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I, SYED HAMEED , R/O H.No. 7-6-4, Medra Bajaru, Khammam Urban,, Khammam, Telangana- 507001, changed my name as SAYED HAMEED S/o. SYED ABDUL KHADER.

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I, SOBAN SINGH (OLD NAME) R/O H.NO. 3-31/22/8, NEAR SV MODEL SCHOOL, D POCHAMPALLY, DUNDIGAL, MEDCHAL 500043, TS. I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AS SOBAN SINGH RAWAT (NEW NAME) S/O. BIR SINGH RAWAT.

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I, CHALLA VENKATA RADHAKRISHNA MURTHY S/O.SESHAPANI (New Name) R/O.42, PRATHAPAPUR, ECIL, HYD, RCK-Medchal-500022, changed my name from RADHAKRISHNA MURTHY CHALLA (Old Name) to CHALLA VENKATA RADHAKRISHNA MURTHY S/O. SESHAPANI (New Name) for all purposes.

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I, V VIKAS YADGIRI, S/o. VINOD YADGIRI, R/O, H. No. 1-213-14/18, Sadhana Vihar Colony, Janapriya Road, Kapra, Medchal-Malkajigiri, Telangana State-500062. I have changed my name from VIKAS to V VIKAS YADGIRI for all record purposes

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I, Shabana (Old Name) R/O, 17-1-319/A/31, Owaisi Colony, Santosh Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana -500059, Changed My Name As Shabana Begum (New Name)

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I, MOHAMMED HAROON, Resident of H.No. 17-3-433/135, Ganga Nagar, Yakutpura, Hyderabad-500023, Telangana. I have Change Of My Name As MOHAMMED HAROON, S/O. MOHAMMED GHOUSE.

(TH\_44949)

I, MOHAMMED QHAMARUDDIN, Resident of H.No. 17-2-1054/2, Rain Bazar, Yakutpura, Hyderabad-500023, Telangana. I have Change Of My Name As MOHAMMED QAMAR UDDIN, S/O. MAHAMMAD TAJUDDIN.

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I, AFRIN BEGUM, Resident of H.No. 17-2-1054/2, Rain Bazar, Yakutpura, Hyderabad-500023, Telangana. I have Change Of My Name As AQUILA AFREEN, W/O. MOHAMMED QAMAR UDDIN

(TH\_44949)

I, MARYAM BINT MUKARAM BIN SULTAN AL SYEED D/O:MUKARAM ALL. R/O.H.No: 16-2-708/2/A, AKBAR BAGH, MALAKPET, Hyderabad, 500036, Telangana, CHANGED MY NAME AS MARYAM BINTH MUKARAM BIN SULTAN AL SAYEED

(TH\_44949)

I, MOHAMMED FARHATH ALI S/O MOHAMMED ANWER ALI R/O.1-7-32-22,RAIN BAZAR, NEAR ROZATAN HADEEZ, YAKUTPURA, CHARNINAR, HYD-23. TS CHANGED MY NAME FROM MOHAMMED IBRAHIM ALI TO MOHAMMED FARHATH ALI (FOR ALL PURPOSES)

(TH\_44949)

Marripally Santosh s/o late marripally amamath Plot No-9, Road No-1, Shantniketan Society, Mahendrahills, East VTC, Marepedalle, PO: Nehrunagar, District: Hyderabad, State: Telangana, PIN Code: 500026, changed my name as marripally Santosh s/o late marripally amamath

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Marripally lavanya w/o marripally Santosh Plot No-9, Road No-1, Shantniketan Society, Mahendrahills, East Marepedally, VTC: Marepedalle, PO: Nehrunagar, District: Hyderabad, State: Telangana, PIN Code: 500026, changed my name as marripally lavanya w/o marripally Santosh

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### CHANGE OF NAME

Lakshmi maripally w/o late maripally amamath Plot No-9, Road No-1, Shantniketan Society, Mahendrahills, East Marepedally, VTC: Marepedalle, PO: Nehrunagar, District: Hyderabad, State: Telangana, PIN Code: 500026, changed my name as maripally lakshmi w/o late maripally amamath

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I, K KALAMMA W/o. K DURGAIAH. R/O. ALWAL (M) MEDCHAL MALKAJIGIRI (DIST) T.G (STATE) Proposed change in surname as ADONDA KALAMMA W/o. ADONDA DURGAIAH. for the all future purpose and amend.

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I, SAJEEDA BEGUM, D/o MOHAMMED HAFEEZ, R/O H. No. 19-3-301/A/R/10, Jahanuma, Bibi Ka Chashma, Hyderabad-53, have Changed my Name from SAJIDA BEGUM D/o ABDUL HAFEEZ to SAJEEDA BEGUM D/o MOHAMMED HAFEEZ for all purpose

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I, Parasu Ram Rathoure, Father of JC 782903N, No Sub, Krishna Kumar Rathoure, R/O, Dist : Anuppur, Madhya Pradesh, changed my name from Parasu Ram Rathoure to Parasu Rathour vide Affidavit No.28999 dt. 12.03.2026, before Medchal-Malkajigiri Court, Telangana.

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I, Saleema Bee W/o M.A Lateef R/O 8-15-32/96/, B, BK Puram, Railway gate, Mailardevpally, Hyd TS change my name as Saleem Bee.

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I, KAVADI SURESH S/o. K DURGAIAH, MARUTHI NAGAR ROAD NO.5 (V) ALWAL (M) MEDCHAL MALKAJIGIRI (DIST) T.G (STATE). I have lost my passport No:MS101909 While House Shifting On 10-03-2026 if anybody found pls cont:9550175555

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I, KRISHNAMURTHY KANITHI, R/O FLAT NO: 202, SVS VENKAT RAMKO, BALAJI LAYOUT, GAJULARAMARAM, CYBERABAD-MEDCHAL, TELANGANA. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM KRISHNAMURTHY KANITHI TO KRISHNAMURTHY KANITHI S/O SURYANARAYANA KANITHI

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I, SUJATHA KANITHI, R/O FLAT NO: 202, SVS VENKAT RAMKO, BALAJI LAYOUT, GAJULARAMARAM, CYBERABAD-MEDCHAL, TELANGANA. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SUJATHA KANITHI TO SUJATHA KANITHI W/O KRISHNAMURTHY KANITHI

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I, ASHISH MALLICK, R/O PLOT NO 988, HYDERNAGAR, SERILINGAMPALLY, KUKATPALLY, MEDCHAL-MALKAJIGIRI-500085, TELANGANA. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM ASHISH KUMAR MALLICK TO ASHISH MALLICK S/O BAIKHAR MALLICK

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I, KALIGOTLA UMA MAHESWARA RAO, R/O FLAT NO: 202, SVS VENKAT RAMKO, BALAJI LAYOUT, GAJULARAMARAM, CYBERABAD-MEDCHAL, TELANGANA. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM KALIGOTLA UMA MAHESWARA RAO S/O KALIGOTLA JOGARAO

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I, Mohammad Sabir Malik S/o. Abdul Rahim R/o. H NO 11-2-951/1 to 958, Bazar Ghat, Mallepally, Hyderabad-500001 TS have changed my name as MALIK SABER for all purpose

(TH\_44949)

I, Mohammed Ghous R/o 17-1-175/278, Nehru Nagar Colony, Rain Bazar, Hyderabad- 23. Has Changed my Name as MOHAMMED GHOUSE

(TH\_44949)

I, GADDALA JAYA SHREE D/o Late PRABHU, R/O: 1-1-781/B/1/A, Gandhi Nagar, Musheerabad, Hyderabad. Shall henceforth be known as GUNDLA JAYA SHREE D/o Late PRABHU GUNDLA in all concerned records

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client, Mrs. Nadimpalli Rajeswari Devi W/o Nadimpalli Sundara Rama Raju is intending to purchase all that the Agriculture land in Survey No. 99/A3/11/2 admeasuring Ac 0-20 Gts from Intaizuddin S/o Lal Mohammed and Survey No. 99/AA2/2 admeasuring Ac 0-22 Gts. froasad. S.D. Leelavathi W/o S.S. Durgarao, both lands situated at Yethbarpalle Village, Moinsabad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District by paying valid consideration.

If any person(s) have any right, title, interest, claim, lien, charge, mortgage, agreement, possession or any other encumbrance whatsoever in and over the said property in the form of joint property rights or coparcener rights or any other rights, may approach the undersigned with proof of such claim within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no objections of the said property and no claims shall be entertained thereof.

Sama Roofi, Ahmed Mohiuddin, Advocates 9-4-116/49, 1st Floor, Park Tower Apartment, Balreddy Nagar, Tolichowki Hyderabad-500008 Ph: 9959679696, 8142045589

### LOST

I, LANKI REDDY INDIRA REDDY W/o. ATLURI BHARGAVA REDDY R/O. Sri laxmi nivas, Sriven Enclave Cly. 4-85/81. PNO.81, Rd No-6 Gajularamaram, Hyd. 500055, T.G., I have lost my Passport (55082820). While house shifting from pragathi nagar to Gajularamaram I lost my passport. If anybody found please cont- 9100180463.

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I, Sajitha Munaga, W/O, Suresh Reddy Munaga, VILLA 121, RAJAPUSHPA, GREEN DALE OSMAN NAGAR, Telapur, Sangareddy, TG-502032. Have lost My passport No:MS101909 While House Shifting On 10-03-2026 if anybody found pls cont:9550175555

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I, GADDI RAMANA MURTHY S/O GADDI RAMULU H NO:13-135/1 SANAY NAGAR, MALKAJIGIRI, MEDCHAL MALKAJIGIRI, TELANGANA-500047, LOST MY PASSPORT WHILE WALKING FROM MY HOUSE TO ANITEJ PASSPORT NO:1313740 ISSUED 01-07-2013 AT HYDERABAD, IF ANYBODY FOUND PL. CALL ME. 9868875595

(TH\_44949)

I, Mohammed Akbar S/o Mohammed Amjad R/o 18-8-646/A/125/32/1, Mohd Nagar, Edi Bazar, Hyd. lost my passport number 50646577. While Travelling from Moins Bazar Xerox Center to Home. Finders please contact 900049167

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I, Smt. KOVUMAL NARAYANA SAROJA W/o G.K. Marar, aged 85 years, Occupation: House wife R/o Villa No. 1039, Mallikrishna Kriss Villas, Near Future Kids School, Puppulaguda, K.V. Ranga Reddy District-500089, Telangana, Lost my original Sale Deed bearing document 1440/2006 issued at SRO: Bhongiri, property open plot bearing No. 64C, 64D, 64E & 64F, Block-R in Survey No. 262 of Sector-V in East city, situated at Padamati Sannaram Village, Bibinagar Mandal, Nalgonda District, Telangana, in favour of myself has been lost by me while house shifting Road No. 4, Banjara Hills to Banjara Hills Road No. 4 on 18-02-2026. If any body found please Contact: 9948823466

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### LOST OF DOCUMENT

I, Smt. KOVUMAL NARAYANA SAROJA W/o G.K. Marar, aged 85 years, Occupation

# COOKING GAS PRICE HIKE HITS THREE-YEAR HIGH

JOOLURI BHARGAVI  
SARASWATHI  
HYDERABAD

DOMESTIC cooking gas prices in Hyderabad have climbed to a three-year high after oil marketing companies announced a Rs 60 increase in the price of a 14.2 kg LPG cylinder effective March 7 pushing the retail cost to Rs 965 from Rs 905 earlier.

The hike was implemented by Indian Oil Corporation Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum making Hyderabad the costliest major Indian metropolitan city for domestic LPG supplies. This is the second rise in less than a year.

In April 2025 the price had already increased by Rs 50 meaning households now face a cumulative rise of Rs 110 per cylinder within twelve months. Industry observers say relatively higher state taxes on petroleum products in Telangana keep cooking gas prices in Hyderabad above other metros.

Across India domestic LPG prices are linked to the Saudi Aramco Con-



LPG Prices Across Major Cities (After March 2026 Hike)

City	Price Before (Rs)	Price After (Rs)
Hyderabad	Rs 905	Rs 965
Delhi	Rs 853	Rs 913
Mumbai	Rs 852.50	Rs 912.50
Chennai	Rs 868	Rs 928
Kolkata	Rs 879	Rs 939
Bengaluru	Rs 855.50	Rs 915.50

tract Price an international benchmark used in LPG trade. Analysts say global pressures have again pushed rates upward affecting city households directly.

Officials explain that rising international costs are connected to geopolitical tensions in West Asia. The conflict involving the United States Israel and Iran has disrupted shipping routes

through the Strait of Hormuz a vital corridor for global oil and gas transport. Restrictions on vessel movement have tightened supply chains lifting LPG benchmark prices. Oil companies note domestic rates had remained largely unchanged for nearly eleven months before the latest revision became unavoidable for suppliers and distributors across India this

month. For middle-class households in Hyderabad the increase adds pressure to already stretched monthly budgets. A family using about twelve cylinders a year will now spend roughly Rs 11,580 annually on cooking gas about Rs 720 more than earlier. Many residents say the rise comes as prices of vegetables milk and other essentials also climb. Fatima Begum a homemaker in Malakpet says she tracks spending carefully and now cooks simpler meals more often because even small increases disturb the household budget.

Similar concerns are voiced in Kukatpally where Sunita Reddy manages a five-member household. She says her family uses nearly one and a half cylinders

each month increasing fuel expenses. To reduce usage she relies more on pressure cooking keeps the flame low and switches off the stove earlier. Despite these efforts she feels managing everyday expenses is steadily becoming harder for families across the city. Low-income households face similar pressure despite subsidy support from government welfare schemes for LPG users.

Beneficiaries of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana receive a Rs 300 subsidy per cylinder reducing the effective price to about Rs 665. Yet the unchanged subsidy means recent increases still strain poorer families. Lakshmi Devi from Dilukhna-gar says booking a cylinder often brings anxiety while restaurants also fear menu hikes.

## AICC constitutes TPCC Coordination Committee

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HYDERABAD

THE AICC has constituted a Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Coordination Committee to ensure better coordination between the party organisation and the state government.

Announcing the decision on Monday night, AICC in-

charge general secretary for Telangana Meenakshi Natarajan, said the committee will have eight members.

The members of this committee include TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, CWC member and Minister

Damodara Raja Narasimha, Minister Seethakka, CWC member Vamshi Chand Reddy and State in-charge general secretary Meenakshi Natarajan. The committee has been formed to strengthen coordination between the party and the government to improve organisational efficiency and ensure smooth functioning of activities in the state.

### Poet Nandini Sidda Reddy bags Sahitya Akademi Award

HANS NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

NOTED Telangana writer Nandini Sidda Reddy has won the Sahitya Akademi Award for 2025 for his poetry collection Animesha. The Union Government declared the award on Monday. In a statement, BRS President

and former Chief Minister Chandrashekar Rao congratulated Sidda Reddy, stating the honour was well deserved. Rao noted that the collection reflects the global crisis of the pandemic and the strain on human relationships. He described Sidda Reddy as a poet who captured the cultural essence of Telangana through his work.

Rao recalled the role of the poet during the statehood movement, noting his songs and poetry inspired the public. He also highlighted the contribution of the writer in founding the Manjeera Writers' Association in Medak to advocate for social equality. The award recognises the career of a writer who has consistently used his literary voice to address significant social issues and celebrate the spirit of the region.



Renowned economist Arvind Subramanian calls on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy at his chambers in the Assembly on Monday

### Economist Arvind Subramanian meets CM to discuss TG finances

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RENOWNED economist Arvind Subramanian paid a courtesy call on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in the Assembly chambers today. During the meeting, Subramanian provided valuable suggestions to strengthen the financial condition of the state. He emphasised the need for Telangana to move forward in a planned and strategic manner to bolster state finances. Revanth Reddy

and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka briefed him on reforms introduced in the power sector, stamps and registrations, and GST matters. They discussed expenditure in the energy sector, revenue generation from registrations, and tax estimations in detail. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, and other senior officials were also present during these significant financial deliberations aimed at economic growth.

### CM Revanth to visit Delhi today

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CHIEF Minister Revanth Reddy is scheduled to visit New Delhi on Tuesday as part of his official engagements. According to the Chief Minister's office, Revanth Reddy will depart for Delhi at 1.30 pm and is

expected to participate in several programmes during his visit. Later in the evening, the Chief Minister will attend a book launch event hosted by senior Congress leader Salman Khurshid in the national capital. Officials said the schedule for the Delhi tour has been finalised accordingly.

### Charlapalli-Shalimar Express gets new stop at Basta

HYDERABAD: The Ministry of Railways has approved an experimental stoppage for Train No. 18046/18045 Charlapalli-Shalimar-Charlapalli Express at Basta railway station beginning this week. The new halt is expected to benefit passengers travelling from nearby areas by improving connectivity along the route. According to an official release issued by South Central Railway, the stoppage will come into effect from 17 March 2026 for Train No. 18046 departing from Charlapalli and from 18 March 2026 for Train No. 18045 departing from Shalimar. This arrangement will remain on an experimental basis until further instructions.

As per the revised schedule, Train No. 18046 Charlapalli-Shalimar Express will arrive at Basta at 09.36 hrs and depart at 09.37 hrs. It will reach Rupsa earlier at 09.23 hrs and Jaleswar later at 10.00 hrs. Similarly, Train No. 18045 Shalimar-Charlapalli Express will arrive at Basta at 14.36 hrs and depart at 14.37 hrs, reaching Jaleswar at 14.23 hrs and Rupsa at 14.48 hrs.

Railway officials said the temporary stoppage was introduced to assess passenger demand and operational feasibility at Basta station. Based on response, authorities will decide if the halt should be made permanent.

## Harish accuses Cong of failing to protect Telangana's water rights

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HYDERABAD

BRSRP Deputy Leader T Harish Rao on Monday strongly criticised the Congress government for failing to protect the water rights of Telangana in the Krishna and Godavari rivers. Addressing the media at the Assembly Media Hall, Harish Rao alleged that the negligence and lack of foresight of the state government were causing serious injustice to the state.

He accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of compromising the interests of Telangana and allowing Andhra Pradesh to gain an advantage in ongoing river water disputes.

Harish Rao stated that the BRS was repeatedly raising the issue to wake up the Congress government from what he described as a deep slumber.

Harish Rao recalled that during the nine years of BRS rule, former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao consistently worked to correct the historical injustice faced by Telangana in water sharing during the united Andhra Pradesh period. He said the BRS government pursued the Krishna Water Tribunal to ensure a fair re-



Says Krishna and Godavari interests compromised; urges government to respond strongly to Delhi irrigation meeting

distribution of waters. Similarly, the rights of the state in the Godavari river under the Bachawat Tribunal award were firmly protected. Harish Rao explained that out of 1,400 TMC of Godavari water, 968 TMC belongs to Telangana and 518 TMC to

Andhra Pradesh. To secure this share, the BRS government undertook large-scale irrigation projects and obtained approvals for projects utilising nearly 400 TMC of water.

However, he alleged that the current political land-

scape, where the BJP is in power at the Centre and a TDP-led government rules Andhra Pradesh, has resulted in coordinated efforts that harm the interests of Telangana. According to Harish Rao, after exploiting Krishna waters earlier, Andhra Pradesh is now attempting to claim a larger share of Godavari waters by taking advantage of the weakness of the Telangana government. He dismissed the letters written by the Congress government to the Centre as letter dramas meant to create a false impression of concern only when the opposition raises the issue.

He referred to a meeting of senior irrigation officials held in Delhi on January 30, stating that Andhra Pradesh used the occasion to push a plan aimed at undermining the water rights of the state. Harish Rao demanded that the Telangana government immediately respond to the minutes of the Delhi meeting and strongly object to any attempt to deprive the state of its rightful share. He reminded the public of past attempts by Chandrababu Naidu to block irrigation projects and urged the state government to stop the dramas and take immediate steps to protect the rivers.

## TGSRTC to ply special buses for Ugadi, Ramzan festivals

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HYDERABAD

TO ensure smooth travel for passengers heading to their hometowns during the upcoming Ugadi and Ramzan festivals, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has made elaborate arrangements.

According to TGSRTC, special buses will be operated to manage the expected surge in passenger traffic. The highest rush is anticipated on March 17 and 18, for which additional buses will be deployed based on demand. Separate arrangements have also been made to handle the return journey rush on March 23.

As per Government Order No.16 issued in 2003, the corporation is permitted to revise ticket fares up to 1.5 times for special buses dur-

ing festivals and special occasions to cover diesel and operational costs. Accordingly, the revised fares will apply only to special buses operating within the state and

to those operating to other states during the festival period. The revised fares will be in effect only on March 17, 18 and March 23. Regular buses will continue to operate with normal ticket prices.

The officials said special

services are operated during festivals and important occasions to ensure passengers reach their destinations safely without inconvenience. If the return services run with low occupancy, buses will be quickly reallocated to routes witnessing heavy demand.

Meanwhile, under the state government's Mahalakshmi scheme, women will continue to enjoy free travel in Palle Velugu, Express, City Ordinary and Metro Express buses on Ugadi and Ramzan festival days.

Passengers are advised to make advance reservations through the official website www.tgsrtcbus.in. For further details on special services, commuters can contact the RTC call centre at 040-69440000 or 040-23450033.



## TGCHHE launches new multidisciplinary courses in emerging fields

HANS NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

THE Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHHE) has unveiled a comprehensive brochure introducing a wide range of multidisciplinary undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in cutting-edge and future-oriented domains.

This was announced by announced by Prof V Balakista Reddy, Chairman of TGCHHE, along with Vice-Chairmen Prof E Purushotham and Prof SK Mahmood, and Secretary Prof Sriram Venkatesh on Monday.

The newly introduced courses span diverse areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, Fin-Tech, Defence and Security Studies, Aviation, Tourism and Hospitality, Healthcare



The Telangana Council of Higher Education unveils a comprehensive brochure introducing a wide range of multidisciplinary undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in cutting-edge and future-oriented domains in Hyderabad on Monday

Management, Biomedical Sciences, Climate Science, Rural Development, and Maritime Management. These programmes aim to blend strong academic foundations with industry-driven skills, preparing students for careers in rapidly evolving sectors.

Prof Reddy emphasised that the initiative aligns with the vision of "Rising Telangana 2047" and the national aspiration of "Viksit Bharat 2047." He highlighted the importance of empowering Telangana's youth through innovative education that meets global

industry standards. A distinctive feature of the framework is the CORE-PURE-RARE model, which integrates urban, peri-urban, and rural perspectives into higher education. Students will engage in coursework, fieldwork and projects addressing region-

al developmental needs, fostering inclusive growth.

The programmes also include flexible UG structures, multiple entry and exit options, Academic Bank of Credits, internships, industry projects, and field-based learning. Additionally, TGCHHE is introducing an AI tutor initiative to support students, especially from rural backgrounds, with bilingual explanations, coding assistance, and academic guidance.

To spread awareness, TGCHHE has scheduled a live awareness programme on TSAT on Tuesday from 3 pm to 5 pm, accessible via YouTube (youtube.com in Bing). Students, parents and stakeholders are encouraged to participate and explore the opportunities offered by these new courses.

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## TG govt should curb drug menace with iron fist

In a shocking incident, Putta Mahesh Kumar and 'Pilot' Rohith Reddy tested positive for drugs. They are not ordinary men on the street. One of them is a lawmaker in Parliament while the other is a former lawmaker from Telangana. And they are nouveau riche as well. Mahesh Kumar is a member of Lok Sabha from Eluru in Andhra Pradesh. Representing Telugu Desam Party (TDP), he became an MP in 2024, at the young age of 36 years. His father Putta Sudhakar Yadav is a legislator from Mydukur in YSR Kadapa district. Sudhakar Yadav also served as the chairman of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) between April 28, 2018, and June 19, 2019. As an MP, Mahesh Kumar's primary role is to take part in enacting laws that govern the

country. Rohith Reddy, who calls himself 'Pilot' Rohith Reddy, was also a lawmaker in the past, albeit at the state-level. In 2018, he won on a Congress ticket as an MLA from Tandur, now in Vikarabad district, but shifted loyalties to Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) which was in power then. However, he lost elections from the same Assembly segment in 2023 on the BRS ticket.

Today, the two have been found consuming drugs! Does this incident show the callous attitude of these two politicians? Or are they not afraid of law enforcement agencies in Telangana?

Incidentally, the duo was allegedly caught red-handed when a team from Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE), on a tip-off, raided a farm-

house owned by Rohith Reddy in Moinabad area. While a liquor party was underway, one of the accused even opened fire at the police team when it entered the farmhouse. A drug test was conducted on 11 people and five of them, including the MP and the ex-MLA, tested positive. Surprisingly, the MP was given a station bail, a police action which is likely to kick up a row nationally, while Rohith Reddy and others were remanded to judicial custody. This incident clearly indicates how fast drug menace is spreading in and around Hyderabad. Drug usage has reached menacing proportions, primarily due to ever-growing pub culture and widespread growth of farmhouses. It is said that there are over 2,000 farmhouses around Aziznagar in

Moinabad mandal alone. Incidentally, the same Rohith Reddy's farmhouse was the place where a plot to buy four BRS MLAs was uncovered in 2022. That incident also rocked Telangana politics as did the Sunday's drug bust.

Nevertheless, strict vigilance on pubs, farmhouses and colleges will reduce the drug threat significantly. Besides, stringent punishment for both drug peddlers and consumers can be a strong deterrent. Coming back to the latest drug bust, it is good that TDP, which is in power in Andhra Pradesh, acted swiftly, served a notice on Mahesh Kumar seeking his explanation, and decided to keep him away from party activities till he comes clean on the allegations. AP Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu

also condemned the irresponsible behaviour of the young MP, while ordering for an immediate action. But BRS has remained silent on Rohith Reddy! A few months back, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy directed the police to act tough against drug peddlers and consumers. He called for zero-tolerance towards drug usage. He was also instrumental in setting up EAGLE for eliminating the drug menace from the state. The name looks menacing, but EAGLE's action on the ground seems to be lackadaisical. Will this latest sensational drug case spur it into action? Unless the Telangana government acts tough and deals with the narcotics issue with an iron hand, the state will continue to face drug threats day in and day out.

## LETTERS

### Bring a law on euthanasia

The Hans India reader Datta Prasad Shirodkar has rightly stated that the debate about whether mercy killing is right or wrong, ethical or unethical, is likely to continue in the society (THI March 16). There are many families who have exhausted all medical avenues and resources in the treatment of their ailing family member, whose condition is permanently irreversible. They just pray to God to put an end to the suffering of their loved one quickly. It is time the government takes cognizance of the Supreme Court's landmark verdict and enact a law on euthanasia.

Dinanath Shenolikar, Hyderabad

### A touching tribute to Potti Sriramulu

It is a fitting tribute to erect a 58-foot bronze statue of Potti Sriramulu at Shakhmuru in Amaravati as the height of the statue symbolises the number of days he was a fast-unto-death. The statue was unveiled on Friday commemorating his 125th birth anniversary. It is reported that a park is coming up on 6.80 acres of land at an estimated cost of ₹150 crore. His fast-unto-death not only helped create Andhra Pradesh on linguistic lines but also paved the way for forming states like Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Bihar and Punjab, among others. Though Sriramulu hailed from a humble family, he protested twice before independence for the rights of Dalits and another two times after independence for the same. He sat on a protest for the fifth time for a separate state for Telugu people. His determination and attitude towards public issues made Mahatma Gandhi remark that he would have achieved independence much earlier if he had 10 followers like Sriramulu. The Smrutivanam in his memory will guide future generations.

Pratapa Reddy Yaramala, Tiruvuru (AP)

### Naidu backing criminals

Hailed as the youngest MP, Putta Mahesh Kumar Yadav, representing TDP in the Lok Sabha, did the unthinkable by consuming cocaine unmindful of the repercussions, if caught. Forgetting his position, he behaved like any other Gen-Z and is now repenting whereas his party boss Nara Chandrababu Naidu, as is his wont, simply issued a show cause notice to the MP seeking a reply within 48 hours. Naidu knows how best to circumvent laws and hush up any case filed against his party leaders, including himself. It is a shame that 'criminals' are masquerading as political 'leaders' in our country and rulers, leaving the people high and dry. Naidu himself is "involved" in several white-collar crimes. A past master in managing the entire system including the judiciary, he "managed" to get an interim bail for himself on medical grounds in the Skill Development Scam case after 53 days in jail as a remand prisoner.

Govardhana Myneedu, Vijayawada

### E-waste recycling and safe disposal

This refers to "GHMC collects 15 tonnes of E-waste during mega drive" (March 16). This highlights the urgent need for continuous action. Establishing e-waste collection bins in every residential complex would ensure regular disposal. The collected material can then be recycled, with residues safely handled by GHMC through certified facilities. E-waste recycling recovers valuable metals, plastics, and glass, while safe disposal prevents toxic substances like lead, mercury, and cadmium from contaminating soil and water. The benefits are manifold—conserving resources, reducing pollution, creating green jobs, and supporting a circular economy. It also minimizes landfill waste and lowers the carbon footprint of new electronics production. The challenges include informal recycling practices that expose workers to hazards, limited infrastructure, weak regulation, and rising volumes of e-waste driven by rapid technological change. Stronger policies, global cooperation and consumer responsibility are essential to make e-waste management sustainable.

Dr O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

### Go for a contingency fund

Propos the editorial "Prudent fiscal situation gives govt headroom to tackle crisis" (March 16). The Rs one lakh crore Economic Stabilisation Fund is a wise move to cushion global shocks, but a crisis corpus cannot substitute for fixing structural flaws. The recent Rs 19,230 crore additional fertiliser outlay exposes this reality. Subsidising manufacturers rather than farmers encourages waste, leakages, and soil damage from imbalanced urea use. Genuine fiscal prudence demands shifting to direct benefit transfers, promoting sustainable farming, and diversifying import sources. A contingency fund should address genuine emergencies, not mask the absence of long-overdue reforms. Creating new corpus without tackling inefficiencies is not consolidation, it is cosmetic comfort.

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## BENGALURU ONLINE

### Lack of growth strategy impedes globally popular Mysuru silk industry

BENGALURU: Mysore Silk Saree is not just a garment but a symbol of pride for Mysuru and the entire state of Karnataka. Known for its elegance, purity and rich heritage, the saree enjoys enormous demand not only within India but also among buyers abroad. Yet, despite its popularity and economic potential, the industry continues to struggle due to traditional administrative approaches and lack of a progressive growth strategy.

Industry observers say the demand for authentic Mysore silk sarees is so high that influential people in Mysuru often receive calls from customers in other cities and even overseas requesting help in purchasing the premium saree. However, the inability to scale production and modernise the sector has prevented the industry from tapping its full potential.

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# TG Speaker's order on anti-defection petitions is a tricky constitutional test



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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 legal interpretation or influenced by political considerations.

The controversy surrounding the alleged defection of ten Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) in Telangana has once again placed India's anti-defection law, legislative ethics, and constitutional accountability under intense public scrutiny. What began as a political dispute has now evolved into a significant constitutional question involving the powers of the Speaker, the limits of judicial review, and the integrity of representative democracy. The recent (March 13) directions of the Supreme Court of India in the matter have not decided the merits of the dispute but have highlighted a critical issue: transparency and procedural fairness in the Speaker's adjudication of disqualification petitions. The matter was heard by a two-judge bench, comprising Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice

Augustine George Masih.

During the proceedings, senior advocates appearing for the Speaker's office and the State government submitted that the Speaker had already completed the inquiry and had passed the final orders in all the disqualification petitions.

The controversy arose after ten MLAs, who were elected to the Telangana Legislative Assembly on the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) ticket, were accused of joining the ruling Congress party. Alleging that these MLAs had voluntarily given up their party membership, BRS leaders, including its working president K T Rama Rao (KTR) and Padi Kaushik Reddy, along with BJP MLA Yeleeti Maheshwar Reddy, approached the Supreme Court seeking directions regarding the disqualification petitions.

The petitions challenged the delay and the Speaker's alleged inaction in deciding the disqualification complaints under the anti-defection law.

According to the Speaker's decision, the 10 MLAs had not defected from the BRS, and hence the disqualification petitions were dismissed. However, the petitioners raised a serious objection before the Court: copies of the Speaker's orders and records of the proceedings were not furnished to them.

#### SC's directions:

Taking note of these concerns, the Supreme Court questioned why the Speaker's office had not supplied the relevant documents to the petitioners, especially when they were parties to the proceedings. The court directed that certified copies of the



When voters elect a candidate based on the platform and ideology of a particular party, they are essentially endorsing that political programme. If the elected representative later switches allegiance, the voters' mandate is arguably compromised. The anti-defection law was meant to protect this mandate

Speaker's orders must be provided within 24 hours, while the depositions, statements, and other documents recorded during the proceedings had to be furnished within four days. At the same time, the court closed the present batch of petitions, observing that since the Speaker had already delivered his decisions, the appropriate remedy available to the petitioners would be to challenge those decisions through judicial review before the High Court. Thus, while the Supreme Court did not examine the correctness of the Speaker's verdict, it ensured that the petitioners would have access to the necessary documents to pursue further legal remedies.

#### The controversial findings:

The Speaker's ruling that the 10 MLAs had not defected triggered widespread criticism from political opponents and constitutional commentators. Several facts cited in the public domain have raised doubts about this conclusion. For instance, Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender reportedly contested the Lok

Sabha elections from Secunderabad as a Congress candidate. Meanwhile, records on the Election Commission's website list him as a Congress nominee.

Similarly, Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari had been seen participating in Congress meetings and public programmes. His daughter contested the Warangal Lok Sabha seat as a Congress candidate and won. Given these developments, critics argue that it is difficult to reconcile the Speaker's finding that these MLAs continue to remain members of the BRS.

#### Constitutional Framework

The issue of defections in India is governed by the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, introduced by the 52nd Constitutional Amendment in 1985. Under the Tenth Schedule, a legislator may be disqualified if:

1. They voluntarily give up membership of the political party on whose ticket they were elected;
2. They vote or abstain from voting against the party whip without permission;

3. An independent member joins a political party after being elected;
4. The authority to decide disqualification petitions rests with the Speaker (or Chairman) of the legislature.

#### Judicial review of the decisions:

The question of whether the Speaker's decisions can be reviewed by courts was settled in the landmark case of Kihoto Hollohan v. Zachillu. In that judgment, the Supreme Court upheld the validity of the anti-defection law but ruled that the Speaker's decisions are subject to judicial review. The court held that judicial intervention may be justified if the Speaker's decision:

- a. Violates constitutional provisions;
- b. Breaches the principles of natural justice;
- c. Is vitiated by mala fides or perversity.

Thus, the Speaker's decision is not beyond scrutiny. This principle is likely to be central if the Telangana matter reaches the High Court. Another recurring problem in anti-defection cases is the delay in deciding disqualification petitions. In the Telangana case, critics argue that not only was there a delay in deciding the petitions, but there was also a reluctance to provide certified copies of the orders, which further obstructed judicial review.

#### Natural justice:

At the heart of the controversy lies the issue of natural justice. Two core principles govern fair adjudication: Audi alteram partem, both sides must be heard, and reasoned decisions, the par-

ties must know the basis on which a decision has been made.

#### Democratic mandate:

Beyond legal technicalities, the issue of defections raises deeper questions about democratic morality. The Supreme Court's latest order does not conclude the controversy. Instead, it marks the beginning of the next phase of legal scrutiny. Once the Speaker's orders and related records are obtained, the petitioners are likely to approach the Telangana High Court seeking judicial review.

#### The High Court may examine several crucial questions:

1. Whether the MLAs had effectively given up their party membership;
2. Whether the Speaker's inquiry was fair and impartial;
3. Whether the decision is consistent with the constitutional principles governing defections.

Depending on the outcome, the matter could eventually return to the Supreme Court.

The Telangana episode also revives a broader institutional debate: Should the power to decide defection cases remain with the Speaker? Several constitutional scholars have suggested that this responsibility should instead be entrusted to an independent tribunal or the Election Commission of India to ensure impartiality. Until such reforms are undertaken, controversies like the present one are likely to recur.

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## The silent thunder: When Vajpayee, the poet-PM, recalibrated the global order

NOMULA SRINIVAS RAO

We have the capacity for a big blast. Ours is not a cry of despair; it is a challenge to the world - Atal Bihari Vajpayee

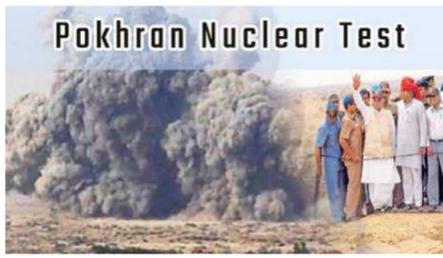
In the blistering, white-hot heat of the Thar Desert on May 11, 1998, the very sands of Pokhran didn't just shift; they shook the foundations of a geopolitical hierarchy that had long sought to keep India in a state of perpetual "strategic restraint." As the ground buckled and the sensors registered a seismic tremor of 5.3 on the Richter scale, a coded message flashed across the high-security corridors of New Delhi: "The Buddha has smiled again."

It was a moment of supreme audacity, orchestrated by a man who was as much a master of silence as he was of the spoken word. Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the poet-statesman, had just led India across the nuclear Rubicon, transforming a "post-colonial entity" into a "formidable power."

#### Anatomy of a secret: Defying the eye in the sky:

The 1998 Pokhran-II tests, codenamed 'Operation Shakti', were not merely a scientific achievement; they were a masterclass in clandestine leadership and psychological warfare. Vajpayee understood a chilling reality: the world's superpowers—armed with billion-dollar KH-11 "Keyhole" spy satellites—were watching India's every move from the heavens. The CIA had successfully blocked previous attempts by detecting heat signatures and soil movement. To succeed, Vajpayee knew he didn't just need scientists; he needed shadows.

Under his unwavering direction, the mission was shrouded in a "cloak of invisibility." He empowered the duo of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and Dr R Chidambaram to operate with total autonomy, bypassing the traditional, leak-prone bureaucracy. Scientists wore army fatigues to blend in with the local units, worked only during the brief "black



spots" when satellites were positioned elsewhere, and moved heavy equipment under the cover of swirling sandstorms.

Vajpayee's leadership was the steady, invisible hand on the tiller. He took the ultimate gamble with India's economy, knowing that the fallout—draconian economic sanctions and diplomatic isolation—would be immediate. Yet he remained resolute. While the West slept, a poet was preparing a symphony of fire. He chose the nation's long-term dignity over the world's short-term approval, proving that true sovereignty cannot be requested—it must be taken.

#### The nuclear paradox-Iron fist, a velvet heart:

Vajpayee was a walking paradox, a leader who authorized the creation of world-ending weapons while penning verses about the fragility of a dewdrop. His decision to "go nuclear" was not born of warmongering or a thirst for conquest, but of a deep-seated, civilisational desire for peace through strength. He famously remarked that weapons are not for war, but to ensure that war never happens.

He believed that a weak India could never be a truly peaceful India but a vulnerable one. By declaring India a nuclear-weapon state, he wasn't seeking a tool for ag-

gression; he was building a "Minimum Credible Deterrent." His strategic foresight was prophetic. He anticipated the two-front threat from neighbours long before it became a staple of modern defense journals.

The "poet's resolve" was visible even as he faced the wrath of the Clinton administration. He remained unfazed in the face of global condemnation, famously stating in Parliament that India would never use these weapons against non-nuclear states—the No First Use (NFU) policy. This was his hallmark: the heart of a poet who wept for the fallen soldier, but the spine of a warrior who ensured that no mother would ever have to weep because her country was defenseless against nuclear blackmail.

#### From 1998 to a global power:

Estimates are that India possesses an arsenal of approximately 180 nuclear warheads. Vajpayee transformed India from a "suppliant" state, constantly asking for

permission, into a "deciding" power. He proved that India could withstand global sanctions and emerge stronger, eventually forcing the world to sign the Civil Nuclear Deal and recognize India as a responsible nuclear state.

He led with a smile that carried the weight of a thousand suns and a voice that could silence a storm. He showed that you could be a man of peace while holding the ultimate deterrent, and that a poet's vision is often clearer than a politician's calculation.

As we look back at the 1998 explosions, we remember not just the fire in the sky, but the calm in the heart of the man who ignited it. He was Bharat's true Ratna—a bridge between the ancient wisdom of the Buddha and the modern necessity of the missile.

My poetry is a declaration of war against defeat, not a song of surrender - Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

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# Bhadrachalam gears up for Sri Rama Navami with five lakh sacred packets

- Bhadrachalam prepares five lakh talambalru packets for Sri Rama Navami celebrations
- Temple authorities begin large-scale packing to meet rising devotee demand
- Special buses and online booking facility arranged for pilgrims

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BHADRACHALAM

AUTHORITIES at the revered Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple began extensive preparations ahead of the upcoming Sri Rama Navami celebrations, with large-scale packing of Mutyala Talambalru packets underway for distribution to devotees across the country.

Officials said that around five lakh packets of Mutyala Talambalru, the sacred pearl rice used during the celestial wedding ceremony of Lord Sri Rama and Goddess Sita, were being prepared this year to meet the growing demand among devotees.

The main celebrations of Sri Rama Navami were scheduled to take place on 27 March, followed by the Pattabishekam (coronation ceremony) of Lord Rama on 28 March at the temple premises.

Temple authorities said the preparation of the sacred packets had already commenced



The temple staff preparing Kalyana Talambalru packages in the Temple

inside the temple complex. To speed up the process, special packing machines were deployed, allowing large quantities of the talambalru to be packed efficiently.

At present, two machines were producing nearly 20,000 packets each day. Officials stated that their immediate goal was to prepare at least three lakh packets before the Sri Rama Navami celebrations, while the total target had been fixed at five lakh packets.

Mutyala Talambalru hold deep spiritual significance for devotees. During the divine wedding ceremony of Lord Rama and Goddess Sita, the sacred rice is ceremonially showered as a symbol of pros-

perity and blessings. Devotees believe that keeping the talambalru at home brings peace and good fortune, and many families also use it during religious rituals and auspicious occasions.

Because of this belief, thousands of devotees from different parts of India place orders every year to receive the sacred offering from the temple.

Temple records showed fluctuating demand over the past three years. In 2023, a total of 3,28,134 packets were distributed. Of these, 36,512 packets were sent through postal services, 2,36,000 through cargo delivery and 55,622 through temple publicity counters.

In 2024, the overall distri-

bution declined to 1,60,898 packets, including 5,062 sent through post, 92,800 through cargo and 63,036 through temple counters.

Demand increased again in 2025, when 2,66,609 packets were distributed to devotees. These included 26,569 through postal services, 1,64,368 through cargo services and 75,752 through temple counters and the temple's official website. To ensure that devotees across the country could easily receive the sacred talambalru, the temple administration introduced multiple booking options.

In coordination with the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation, an online

booking facility was launched through the corporation's logistics website. Devotees could book the packets by paying Rs 151, after which the sacred offering would be delivered directly to their homes.

The temple authorities also enabled booking through the temple's official website. By paying Rs 60, devotees could receive the sacred talambalru along with a pearl used during the celestial wedding ceremony.

In addition, the postal department was working in coordination with temple authorities to deliver the packets to devotees in different parts of the country.

Meanwhile, elaborate transport arrangements were being made to facilitate the large number of pilgrims expected to visit Bhadrachalam during the festival.

Officials said that a total of 406 buses would operate during the festival period. Of these, 234 buses would run from various locations in Telangana, while 172 buses would operate from different parts of Andhra Pradesh.

Special services were also planned on the Bhadrachalam-Khammam-Hyderabad route to manage the expected rush of devotees attending the Sri Rama Navami celebrations at the historic temple town.

# Police arrest four for ganja sale in Nalgonda, seize 2 kg contraband

- Four persons arrested for selling ganja in Nalgonda town
- Police also seize two motorcycles and four smartphones
- Surveillance intensified to curb narcotics sale in district

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POLICE arrested four persons allegedly involved in the illegal sale of ganja in Nalgonda town and seized about 2 kilograms of the contraband along with two motorcycles and four smartphones. The arrests were made under the limits of the Nalgonda One Town Police Station, officials said on Monday. According to police, the operation was carried out as part of intensified efforts to curb narcotics activity in the district under the directions of District Superintendent of Police Sharath Chandra Pawar and under the supervision of Deputy Superintendent of Police K. Shivarama Reddy. On March 15 at around 2 pm, police received credible information that a group of individuals were consuming and selling ganja near the cremation ground in Ganesh Nagar Colony on Munugode Road on the outskirts of Nalgonda town.



Acting on the tip-off, a police team led by DSP Shivarama Reddy rushed to the spot and conducted a surprise raid.

During the operation, four persons were caught allegedly selling ganja in small packets to local youth and students after reportedly bringing the contraband illegally from the Dhoolpet area of Hyderabad.

The accused were identified as Mohammed Furkhan (19), Karingula Pradeep (22), Valki Vinod Kumar (26) and Bairugonda Naveen (24). Police seized approximately 2 kilograms of ganja worth nearly Rs 50,000, along with two motorcycles and four smartphones from their possession.

A case was registered at the Nalgonda One Town Police Station as Crime No. 72/2026 under Sections 8(C) read with 20(b)(ii)(B) and 27(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and the accused were arrested.

Speaking on the occasion, DSP Shivarama Reddy said

strict action would be taken against anyone involved in the cultivation, transportation or sale of ganja in the district. He said police had intensified surveillance in colleges, schools, hostels and isolated areas to prevent drug abuse among youth. If required, cases would also be booked under the PD Act against those involved in the sale or consumption of ganja. He urged parents to closely monitor the activities of their children and appealed to the public to inform Dial 100 or the nearest police station if they notice any illegal ganja sale in their localities.

District SP Sharath Chandra Pawar appreciated the efforts of One Town Inspector Emireddy Rajasekhara Reddy, SIs K. Satish and B. Lachhi Reddy, along with staff members Lingareddy, Srinivas Prasad, Anjaiah and Saidulu, who successfully handled the case and apprehended the accused under the supervision of DSP Shivarama Reddy.

NEW DELHI: India on Monday said it has not held bilateral talks with the United States on deploying naval vessels to secure merchant shipping in the Strait of Hormuz. The clarification came after US President Donald Trump urged countries to

## India rules out talks with US on Hormuz

send warships to keep the strategic waterway open amid tensions with Iran.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, Trump said that his administration has contacted

7 countries for support. India has not held bilateral discussions with the United States on deploying naval vessels to ensure the safe passage of merchant shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, the External Affairs Ministry said on Monday.

## Villags extend support for Perur ZPHS Diamond Jubilee celebrations

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PREPARATIONS were under way to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Zilla Parishad High School Perur in a grand man-

ner, with alumni and villagers extending support for the upcoming event. The fifth meeting of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Organising Committee was held on Sunday, where members discussed programme

management, arrangements and the invitation of chief guests. The organisers announced that the celebrations would be held on April 19 from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm in Perur village under the leadership of the school's

alumni. A separate meeting of village elders was also conducted at the school premises in the evening, where elders from Perur and neighbouring Venkappalli village expressed their support for the event.

## CM pulls up party legislators

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Stating that the public had given the Congress the mandate because the previous BRS government had failed to meet expectations, he said the ruling party must now concentrate on delivering effective governance. He cautioned legislators to remain vigilant, as opposition leaders, having faced defeats in several elections, including municipal and local body polls, were keen on targeting the government. Revanth Reddy ordered

the constitution of Assembly committees and directed the legislators concerned to undertake study tours as part of their responsibilities. The Chief Minister called for better coordination between government whips and legislators during discussions in the House. He instructed the whips to guide members in selecting appropriate topics and issues so that proceedings are conducted efficiently without wasting valuable House time.

## 'Telangana on cusp of mega transformation'

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Telangana would compete with the developed global cities and countries. Taking inspiration from the successful models across the globe Telangana would like to achieve a 3 trillion-dollar economy by 2047, he said. The Governor talked about 'Telangana Rising 2047' stating that Telangana was standing as a global beacon of inclusive growth and innovation. Giving the government's roadmap, the Governor said the document 'Telangana Rising' was prepared in line with the Vikasit Bharat

Vision 2047 and in consultation with NITI Aayog with an aim to evolve Telangana into a \$3-trillion economy by 2047, with an interim target of \$1-trillion by 2034. He said that the state's GSDP for 2025-26 is Rs 17.82 lakh crore reflecting an impressive growth rate of 10.7 per cent, with Telangana contributing 4.99 per cent to India's GDP.

The state's per capita income reached Rs.4,18,931. At the same time, the government has maintained price stability, with inflation contained at 0.2 per cent, he added.

## MEA slams US report recommending sanctions on RSS

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This comes after USCIRF designated India as a "country of particular concern" and asked United States to link arms sales and trade policies to religious freedom.

USCIRF said its report, Systematic Religious Persecution in India, provides an overview of India's social, political, and criminal justice systems as they relate to issues regarding freedom of religion or belief (FoRB). "It also examines the relationship between Hindu nationalist groups like the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and the implications of this dynamic

for FoRB. Despite offering some constitutional protections for FoRB, India's political system facilitates a climate of discrimination toward religious minority communities," the report alleged. USCIRF also argued that conditions for religious freedom in India have "continued to deteriorate" and accused the Indian government of "targeting" religious minorities and houses of worship. "Several states undertook efforts to introduce or strengthen anti-conversion laws to include harsher prison sentences. Indian authorities also facilitated widespread detention and illegal expulsion of

citizens and religious refugees and tolerated vigilante attacks against religious minority communities," the report said.

Created in 1998 by an act of the United States Congress, the USCIRF "monitors the universal right to freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) abroad" and makes recommendations to the President of the United States, the United States Department of State, and Congress. The agency says it acts independently, but the US President and senior political leaders in the House of Representatives and the Senate appoint its nine commissioners.

## Digital Learning Centre inaugurated at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyalayam in Khammam

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A Digital Learning Centre (Computer Lab) was inaugurated at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyalayam on Monday in association with the Vivekananda Institute of Human Excellence, marking a significant step towards strengthening digital education among students in the region.

The initiative was aimed at equipping students with essential computer skills and providing access to modern technology for learning. The facility was supported by Growel, while the computers were sponsored by Regal Rexnord in collaboration with Abhaya Foundation. On the occasion, the Vivekananda Institute of Human Excellence also launched its third service centre at Gutta Bazar under the presidency of Devaki Vasudeva Rao. The centre is expected to extend educational and community support activities in the locality. Several dignitaries attended the programme as chief guests, including Shivanadhula Srinivas, Guguloth Shyam Kumar and corporator Donvan Saraswathi Ravi Nayak.

## US Prez Trump accuses Iran of spreading lies

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"Now, AI has become another Disinformation weapon that Iran uses, quite well, considering they are being annihilated by the day," he said on his social media platform on Monday.

Trump said Iran showed "phony Kamikaze Boats" shooting at various ships at sea, which looks "wonderful, powerful, and vicious." "But these boats don't exist — It's all false information to show how tough their already defeated Military is!"

The five US refuelling planes that were supposedly struck down and badly damaged, according to the "Wall Street Journal's false reporting," and others, are all in service, except for one, which will soon be flying the skies, Trump claimed. "Buildings

and Ships that are shown to be on fire are not — It's FAKE NEWS, generated by AI."

He accused Iran of working in close coordination with the fake news media, showing USS Abraham Lincoln Aircraft Carrier, one of the largest and most prestigious Ships in the World, burning uncontrollably in the Ocean. Not only was it not burning, but it was also not even shot at — Iran knows better than to do that! The story was knowingly FAKE and those media outlets that generated it should be brought up on charges for treason for dissemination of false information. The fact is, Iran is being decimated, and the only battles they "win" are those that they create through AI and are distributed by corrupt media outlets.

## Karnataka Speaker raps govt

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Stating that there had been no improvement from the government side, the Speaker questioned how the House could function smoothly if such lapses continued. "If this is the attitude of the government, how are we supposed to run the House in a manner agreeable to all?" he asked.

Khader further declared that the proceedings would not continue until the ministers and officials concerned explained the reason for the delay in answering questions. "Until the ministers and officials concerned come to me and explain what the issue is, I will not conduct the House. I am adjourning the House," he said. Earlier, after Question Hour, Home Minister G. Parameashwara informed the House on behalf of the government that out of the 230 questions that were to be answered in written format, the government had responded to 84.

## Global energy crisis deepens as Iran keeps hold on Hormuz

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As morning broke Monday, a drone hit a fuel tank near Dubai International Airport, the world's busiest for international passenger traffic, causing a large fire. Firefighters contained the blaze and there were no inju-

ries reported, but the airport suspended all flights before resuming them a few hours later. Later, a person was killed in the capital of the United Arab Emirates when an Iranian missile hit a vehicle, the Abu Dhabi media office said.

## Guv's address a 'roadmap' for the govt: CM

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For context, the Governor's address to the Legislature, usually ahead of the Budget session (as mandated by Article 176 of the Indian Constitution), is prepared by the State Cabinet led by the Chief Minister. The speech is not a personal statement by the Governor; rather, it is drafted by the state government to highlight its accomplishments, policy priorities, and legislative agenda for the coming year. However, under the principle of "Aid and Advice" (Article 163), the Governor is constitutionally required to read the text prepared by the elected government.

It may be mentioned here that, though the Governor is expected to read the address verbatim, going by recent events in states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka, Governors have chosen to skip portions of the cabinet-approved address, triggering debates over the extent of the Governor's power under Article 176.

Revanth Reddy said that every member must speak and respond strictly in accordance with the party line and the government's priorities in the Legislative Houses. Further,

the Chief Minister said, that debate on the failures of the previous government is not required. "It is the right time to focus on our plans and how to fulfil people's aspirations," he observed. The Chief Minister said that the "people's government" is presenting its third budget in the session.

The Chief Minister recounted that the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi government did not allow the opposition to speak on important issues. Even the then CLP leaders Bhatti Vikramarka and Jana Reddy were denied the opportunity to speak. "I was also suspended for the entire session as well as for the duration of my tenure as an MLA, and barred from entering the House," the CM recalled.

The Chief Minister stated that all the Assembly committees would be constituted soon. He suggested to the MLAs and MLCs to tour other states and study best practices with regard to policies. The MLAs were asked to focus on ways to prevent drinking water crisis in summer. The '99-Day 'Praja Palana - Pragati Pranali'ka" should be taken directly to the people at the grassroots level, the Chief Minister told party legislators said.

## Trump may send troops to capture 'Crown Jewel of Iran'

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump is reportedly weighing the possibility of seizing Kharg Island-- a scrubby stretch of land in the Gulf that handles almost all of Iran's crude exports-- amid a growing energy crisis due to war in the Middle East.

## PNG and CNG supply uninterrupted: Govt

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During an inter-ministerial briefing, Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary (Marketing and Oil Refinery) at the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, said fuel stations supplying CNG and households using PNG continue to receive normal supply. Authorities have also initiated enforcement action against hoarding, with raids conducted across several states to monitor storage and distribution. The government said crude oil availability remains adequate, with refineries operating at full capacity and petrol pumps functioning normally without reported shortages.

City gas distributors are also promoting PNG adoption. Indraprastha Gas Lim-

ited has announced an incentive of free gas worth Rs 500 for consumers registering for PNG connections before March 31.

LPG bookings have declined as concerns over domestic gas availability eased. Meanwhile, 22 states and Union Territories have set up control rooms to monitor supply and curb hoarding or black marketing.

The ministry urged consumers to avoid panic bookings and use digital platforms for LPG orders. The government said it continues to prioritise uninterrupted supply to households and key sectors such as hospitals and educational institutions, while closely monitoring the situation amid prevailing geopolitical developments.

Workers have been using small gas-enabled burners for cooking. Now, due to LPG cylinder shortage, some factory canteens have shut down, forcing workers to return to their native places. Currently, the situation is not like the COVID pandemic, but it could escalate if the issue is not resolved

-Vinnie Mehta, DG, ACMA



## BIZ BRIEFS

## Levi's rolls out new campaign

The Levi Strauss & Co., has unveiled its 2026 global campaign, 'Behind Every Original', to India, starring Global Brand Ambassador Alia Bhatt. Hiren Gor, MD, Levi Strauss & Co, said: "For over 150 years, Levi's has been worn by those who move culture forward, and Behind Every Original reinforces our commitment to staying at the center of that momentum. Alia Bhatt represents a new generation of originals — confident, self-defined and unapologetically authentic."

## Cooling technology event in Mumbai

Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) and CEPT University convened industry leaders at a summit in Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai. The event titled: 'Can Today's Air Conditioners Keep Up with a Hotter, More Humid World? Delivering Affordable, Efficient Comfort for the Global South.' Sanjay Sudhakaran, MD, Bosch Home Comfort India Ltd, said: "As the heat waves intensify and climate patterns shift, India stands on the brink of a cooling revolution."

## Price hike by Tata Motors

Tata Motors announced a price increase of up to 1.5 per cent across its commercial vehicle range, effective April 1. The price increase is being undertaken to partially offset the impact of rising commodity prices and other input costs. The increase will vary depending on the model and variant. According to the company: "With over eight decades of leadership in commercial mobility, Tata Motors is known for its innovation, reliability, and performance."

## PhysicsWallah's expansion plans

Education company PhysicsWallah (PW) has expanded its presence in Andhra Pradesh with the inauguration of its first tech-enabled PW Vidyapeeth centre in Vijayawada, located on MG Road. Ankit Gupta, CEO, Vidyapeeth Offline, PW, said: "At PW, we try to find out avenues of making students' learning experience better. We believe that students should not have to travel to other cities to access quality education, as this can be both emotionally and financially stressful."

## Kai India's new product

KAI India, a name in personal grooming products, offer CAN Face Razor for Women, a product for facial hair removal for Women. Keijiro Takasago, MD, KAI India, said: "We designed the CAN Face Razor to be simple and dependable — something a woman can use quickly, even on busy mornings. It removes the finest hair with care and makes skin feel smooth. Kai products make everyday grooming easier, and that's what we set out to do."

# Markets rebound over 1% on bargain buying after 3-days fall

The equity market staged a late-session rebound, supported by value buying in domestically oriented sectors such as auto, banking, and FMCG

## Domestic Support

- BSE-Sensex rose 938.93pts or (+1.26%) to 75,502.85
- NSE-Nifty climbed 257.70pts or (+1.11%) to 23,408.80
- FII offloaded Rs10,716.64-cr; DIIs bought Rs 9,977.42 cr on Fri



UltraTech Cement surged 4.22 per cent. Trent, HDFC Bank, Mahindra & Mahindra, Eternal, Bajaj Finance, ITC, Tata Steel and State Bank of India were among the biggest gainers. Bharat Electronics, Sun Pharma, Power Grid and Bharti Airtel were among the major laggards.

MUMBAI: 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.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 938.93 points or 1.26 per cent to settle at 75,502.85. During the day, it hit a high of 75,805.27 and a low of 73,949.76. The 50-share NSE Nifty climbed 257.70 points or 1.11 per cent to end at 23,408.80.

From the 30 Sensex firms,

could provide further support," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited, said. "The BSE MidCap Select index dipped 0.36 per cent and Smallcap Select index edged lower by 0.25 per cent. Among sectoral indices, BSE Top 10 Banks surged 1.61 per cent, followed by Private Banks index (1.38 per cent), Financial Services (1.32 per cent), Auto (1.23 per cent), Bankex (1.08 per cent) and FMCG (0.94 per cent). BSE oil & gas index dropped 2.29 per cent, hospitals (1.64 per cent), realty (1.51 per cent), energy (1.36 per cent) and healthcare (1.13 per cent). "Markets started the week on a volatile note and gained

over a per cent, snapping their recent losing streak, supported by bargain buying. The rebound largely reflects participants taking advantage of lower levels to accumulate select large-cap stocks after the sharp decline. "However, the overall mood remained cautious amid persistent geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and elevated crude oil prices, which continue to raise concerns over inflation and India's import bill. In addition, continued foreign institutional investor outflows and currency volatility are keeping risk appetite in check," Ajit Mishra, SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 10,716.64 crore on Friday, according to exchange data. Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs), however, bought stocks worth Rs 9,977.42 crore. On Friday, the Sensex settled at 74,563.92, down 1,470.50 points or 1.93 per cent. The Nifty tanked 488.05 points or 2.06 per cent to end at 23,151.10.

## Exports dip marginally in Feb

Trade deficit narrows to \$27 bn | Imports surge even as global tensions disrupt trade routes

## Trade Insights

- Exports (Feb 2026): \$36.61 bn
- Imports (Feb 2026): \$63.71 bn
- Trade Deficit: \$27.1 bn
- Exports (Apr-Feb FY26): \$402.93 bn (+1.84%)

NEW DELHI

INDIA'S merchandise exports dipped marginally in February while the trade deficit narrowed sequentially as imports moderated compared with the previous month, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Monday. Exports in February

stood at \$36.61 billion, registering a slight 0.81 per cent decline year-on-year. Imports, however, rose sharply by 24.11 per cent to \$63.71 billion, pushing the trade deficit to \$27.1 billion during the month.

On a month-on-month basis, the deficit narrowed from \$34.68 billion in January, as imports fell from \$71.24 billion while exports were almost unchanged.

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said exports have remained resilient despite global challenges, though shipments may see a downward trend in March due to logistical disruptions arising from tensions in West Asia.

For the April-February period of FY26, India's merchandise exports grew 1.84 per cent to \$402.93 billion, compared with \$395.66 bil-

lion in the same period last year. Imports during the period increased 8.53 per cent to \$713.53 billion.

The data comes amid escalating tensions in West Asia following military action by the US and Israel against Iran on February 28. The crisis has disrupted key trade routes, particularly the Strait of Hormuz, through which nearly 20 per cent of global oil and gas shipments pass.

Officials said India has strengthened its resilience to global energy shocks through diversification of imports across about 40 supplier countries and by building strategic petroleum reserves. Government officials added that India is also in contact with Iran to ensure safe passage for merchant ships through the region.



## LG HVAC system showcased at ACREX

HANS BUSINESS HYDERABAD

LG Electronics India Limited (LGE India) has participated at ACREX ISHRAE India 2026 - South Asia's largest exhibition for HVAC and Intelligent Business Solutions. The company presented its most comprehensive product portfolio at the exhibition, spanning residential, commercial, and industrial applications, highlighting innovations that deliver intelligent, reliable, and energy-efficient climate solutions for India. LG Electronics showcased its advanced VRF, Chillers & Cassette range ACs best suited for diverse Indian climate & consumers requirements. Commenting on the company's participation in ACREX, Hong Ju Jeon - Managing Director & Chief Sales & Marketing Officer, LG Electronics India Limited said, "LG Electronics has been part of India's journey for nearly three decades, and has during this period built unparalleled expertise in addressing the country's infrastructure requirements, while meeting performance standards that developers, consultants, and facility managers demand."

## HCLTech ties up with Google Cloud for Agentic AI adoption

HANS BUSINESS HYDERABAD

HCLTech, a technology company, has announced the expansion of its strategic collaboration with Google Cloud to help accelerate enterprise adoption of Agentic AI. HCLTech will use Gemini Enterprise and Gemini models to build custom AI agents for global clients, while strengthening collaboration and security through Google Workspace, supporting their scalable, AI-driven transformation. As enterprises scale AI, the company's Gemini-enabled offerings embed AI into systems, workflows and decision-making to unlock new market opportunities, introduce innovative capabilities and boost operational efficiency. Many of the agents the company has developed are already available on the Google Cloud Marketplace. This expanded collaboration formalises a structured program to accelerate clients' GenAI and Agentic AI adoption, cultivate Google Cloud



champions across HCLTech and support over 2,000 GenAI-led customer engagements.

The company's key areas include: Building unique offerings with Data and AI at its core, the AI Force platform integrates with Google's Gemini family of models and Gemini Code Assist to transform software development and IT operations. Additional offerings include Unified Migrations, including Oracle, SAP and VMware transformation to Google Cloud and Security transformation.

The company is growing its Center of Excellence to expand industry-specific agentic solutions. Advancing Agentic AI solutions, building on offerings such as Insight for manufacturing and Netsight for telecommunications.

## Sebi mulls light-touch penalty structure for IAs

The regulator aims to promote compliance while ensuring transparency and fairness

NEW DELHI: With an aim to strengthen the investment advisory ecosystem, markets regulator Sebi is working on a raft of measures, including a standardised light-touch penalty structure, a digital regulatory guidance platform, and a common advertisement code, its chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey said. Speaking at an event organised by the Association of Registered Investment Advisers (ARIA), Pandey said the investment advisory ecosystem in India is currently at an important stage of transition.

At present, there are around 1,000 registered investment advisers (IAs) in the country -- about 470 individuals and 530 non-individual entities. He said the regulator is working on a standardised light-touch penalty structure aimed at encouraging compliance



while ensuring transparency and fairness. "A standardised light-touch penalty structure for IAs is being worked out. This should promote compliance while ensuring transparency and fairness," he said.

The regulator is also developing a digital platform -- SEBI SETU -- to provide simple, end-to-end regulatory guidance for investment advisers, covering the entire lifecycle from registration to ongoing compliance, he added.

In addition, the regulator is preparing a common advertisement code for all intermediaries to reduce

operational challenges and improve consistency in communication. Among other initiatives, a working group has been constituted to review the existing regulatory framework for Mutual Fund Distributors (MFDs) and examine overlaps, if any, between MFDs and investment advisers.

Pandey said a simplified certification module is also being developed by National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) for individuals associated with investment advice who are engaged in sales and other non-core functions. However, he expressed concern over the declining number of registered investment advisers despite a rapidly expanding investor base.

"It is a matter of concern that the number of registered investment advisers has declined since 2021.

## Vedanta eyes ₹2,575-cr via NCDs

NEW DELHI: Vedanta Ltd said its committee of directors has approved raising up to Rs 2,575 crore through issuance of debentures. The fundraising is part of Vedanta's efforts to diversify funding sources and strengthen its balance sheet as it continues to refinance debt and reduce borrowing costs. The committee has approved the allotment of 2,57,500 unsecured, redeemable, rated, listed, non-convertible debentures of face value of Rs 1,00,000 each, aggregating to Rs 2,575 crore on a private placement basis, a BSE filing said. Vedanta has seen strong investor interest in recent debt issuances. In October 2025, its \$500 million bond issue was oversubscribed three times, while an NCD offering in June last year saw nearly 60 per cent oversubscription. The company has been gradually deleveraging its balance sheet. Vedanta Resources Ltd, the parent of Vedanta Ltd, has reduced net debt to about \$4.8 billion as of December 2025 from about \$8.9 billion in March 2022.

## Inflation: Rising crude prices push WPI to 11-month high of 2.13% in Feb

It is likely to pick up pace if oil price rise persists, and spills over to other goods

## Global Jitters

- Inflation in food articles was 2.19%
- Vegetables, inflation eased to 4.73%
- Pulses, potato and egg, meat and fish saw an uptick

NEW DELHI: Wholesale price inflation rose to a 11-month high of 2.13 per cent in February, driven by an uptick in prices of food and non-food articles, even though vegetable prices eased on a month-on-month basis, government data showed on Monday.

This is the fourth straight month of rise in Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation. It was 1.81 per cent in January and 2.45 per cent in February last year.

Economists said the WPI inflation is likely to pick up pace further if the oil price



rise persists, and spills over to other goods (fertilisers, aluminium) given it tracks international prices more closely relative to the CPI basket.

According to WPI data, inflation in food articles was 2.19 per cent in February, as against 1.55 per cent in the previous month. Although in vegetables, inflation eased to 4.73 per cent in February against 6.78 per cent in Janu-

ary, pulses, potato and egg, meat and fish saw an uptick in inflation in February.

"Positive rate of inflation in February 2026 is primarily due to an increase in prices of other manufacturing, manufacture of basic metals, non-food articles, food articles and textiles, etc.," the industry ministry said in a statement. Negative inflation, or deflation, in the fuel and power basket narrowed

to 3.78 per cent in February, vis-a-vis 4.01 per cent in January. Global oil prices averaged \$68/bbl in February from \$63/bbl in January.

Barclays in a research note said the passthrough of the rise in crude oil prices from the Middle East conflict will reflect more in WPI inflation vs retail CPI inflation, as retail fuel prices are unchanged in the latter.

"With a sharp jump in crude oil prices crossing \$100/bbl as of 16 March, the corresponding WPI will likely reflect this in the March print," Barclays said.

India Ratings and Research the rising crude oil prices since the US-Iran war will have a strong impact on wholesale inflation from March 2026, till the supply side issues are resolved.

The average price of Indian crude basket March 2026 (up to March 12) touched a 44-month high of \$101.25/bbl.

## Nifty likely to reach 35,000 in 3 yrs: Report

In last 4 years Indian markets delivered about 12.7% CAGR; If the index maintains its current valuation multiple of about 20.9x earnings, it could translate into around 12.8-14% CAGR

NEW DELHI: India's benchmark index Nifty 50 is likely to touch 34,000-35,000 levels over the next three years due to earnings growth, stronger consumption and banking credit expansion, a report claimed on Monday.

From these factors and continued investment in infrastructure and manufacturing, Nifty earnings per share may rise to Rs 1,281 in FY27, Rs 1,463 in FY28 and Rs 1,650-1,700 by FY29, the report from investment platform smallcase said. Mid-caps led market returns, outperforming large caps during the past four years when global markets experienced shocks from multiple geopolitical conflicts, the report said.

Indian markets delivered about 12.7 per cent CAGR demonstrated notable resilience, with most geopolitical shocks triggering short-term corrections of



around 2-8 per cent, followed by swift recoveries within weeks, during times of conflict in last 4 years.

This performance has been supported by the strength of the domestic economy, improving corporate earnings, and rising retail participation in the stock market, the firm said. Assuming the index maintains its current valuation multiple of about 20.9x earnings, the trend could translate into approximately 12.8-14 per cent compound annual growth rate (CAGR), the report added.

The firm highlighted mid-caps delivered CAGRs of about 18.4 per cent dur-

ing this period versus 13.4 per cent for small caps and 9.8 per cent for large caps. Defence and aerospace companies have emerged as key beneficiaries of heightened geopolitical tensions, supported by rising global defence spending and stronger domestic procurement initiatives, it said.

Oil and gas producers have also historically performed well during geopolitical crises due to supply disruptions and rising crude oil prices. Commodity-linked sectors such as metals and mining have similarly witnessed phases of outperformance during periods of supply constraints and commodity price rallies, it added. Meanwhile, manufacturing and capital goods companies are gaining prominence as global supply chains undergo structural shifts, the firm suggested.



## 13-year-old Hyderabad student develops multi-system AI architecture

Raja Dharma Tej Maddala develops a unique artificial intelligence framework designed for multi-perspective reasoning and collaborative decision-making



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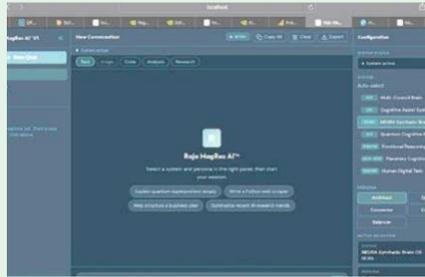
IN an unusual example of young innovation, a 13-year-old student from Hyderabad has designed an artificial intelligence ecosystem that is attracting attention in technology and research circles. Raja Dharma Tej Maddala, a Grade 7 student, has developed an original AI framework called Raja MagRex AI™, which has been recognised as an innovation initiative by the Government of India's Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). At an age when most students are just beginning to explore coding and basic digital tools, Raja is attempting to rethink how artificial intelligence systems can be structured and coordinated.

Raja, who studies in the IB Middle Years Programme at Oakridge International School,

Gachibowli, describes himself as a technology enthusiast with a deep interest in artificial intelligence, science and complex systems. His curiosity about how mathematics, computing and scientific ideas connect with each other gradually led him to explore artificial intelligence more seriously.

This interest eventually resulted in the creation of Raja MagRex AI™, an AI ecosystem designed around a structured architecture rather than a single model. According to Raja, the system is built on 22 cognitive systems, 87 modules and more than 100 functional features. The aim is to allow the system to examine problems from multiple analytical perspectives before producing a final response.

The project introduces a concept he calls "Artificial Civilisation Intelligence."



The idea is inspired by how human societies solve complex problems. In the real world, experts from different fields such as science, engineering, economics and policy often collaborate to reach better decisions. Raja's framework attempts to replicate this model within an AI environment, where multiple reasoning systems analyse an issue simultaneously and contribute to a unified conclusion.

At the centre of the architecture is a

coordination system called NEURA, which manages how the different cognitive modules interact with each other. When a problem or prompt is introduced, NEURA analyses it and determines which reasoning systems should be activated. These systems may focus on areas such as logical reasoning, contextual understanding, analytical evaluation or creative exploration. Their outputs are then combined through a structured synthesis process to produce a final response.

Unlike many current AI tools that rely on a single large model to generate answers directly from prompts, Raja's framework emphasises structured reasoning and collaborative analysis. The architecture allows different reasoning pathways to examine the same problem before arriving at a conclusion, which he believes could make AI systems more transparent and easier to interpret.

Building the system while continuing regular school responsibilities was one of the biggest challenges, Raja said. Balancing classes, assignments and examinations while working on research and system design required careful time management and discipline.

Much of the work involved not just coding but also conceptual thinking about how

different systems should interact and how reasoning should flow across the architecture.

Despite the challenges, Raja continued refining the concept and developing the structure of the AI ecosystem. He is currently working on Version 1 of Raja MagRex AI™, focusing on integrating the core systems and modules and preparing the framework for real-world testing.

The next stage will involve deploying the system to observe how different cognitive modules collaborate in practical scenarios. This phase will help improve the orchestration logic and refine the coordination between different reasoning systems.

In the long term, Raja hopes to expand the architecture by adding more advanced modules and exploring applications in research,

### Examples of how it helps solve problems

For example, if a city wants to reduce air pollution, the system can study pollution sources, traffic patterns, weather conditions and policy options before suggesting balanced solutions such as improving public transport or regulating emissions.

In education, if a student faces a difficult scientific question, the AI can break the problem into smaller steps, examine different theories and explain possible solutions.

By combining these viewpoints, the system helps users understand the problem better and arrive at more thoughtful and practical solutions.

### Today is National 3D Day



## How 3D helps students develop creativity, problem-solving and design thinking

Three-dimensional (3D) technology is transforming the way students learn, create and explore ideas. From 3D modelling software to 3D printers, these tools allow students to move beyond textbooks and turn their imagination into real, physical objects. By doing so, 3D technology plays an important role in developing creativity, problem-solving skills and design thinking among young learners.

One of the most exciting aspects of 3D technology is that it encourages students to think creatively. Instead of only drawing ideas on paper, students can design objects in a digital environment and then print them as real models. Whether it is building a miniature bridge, designing a science project model, or creating an artistic sculpture, students learn to experiment with shapes, structures and ideas in new ways.

3D technology also strengthens problem-solving abilities. When students design a model, they must think carefully about how the parts fit together, how strong

the structure will be and whether the design will work in real life. If something does not work during printing or assembly, they need to analyse the issue, adjust the design and try again. This process teaches them to learn from mistakes and improve their solutions.

Another important benefit is the development of design thinking. Students learn to approach problems step by step: first identifying a challenge, then creating possible solutions, testing prototypes and refining their designs. This method is widely used in engineering, architecture and product design.

By combining creativity with technology, 3D tools help students become active creators rather than passive learners. As schools introduce more hands-on learning methods, 3D technology is becoming a powerful way to encourage curiosity, innovation and practical learning. Through designing, testing and improving their ideas, students gain skills that are valuable for future careers in science, engineering, art and technology.

## Speaking up to inspire and share ideas

Speech is one of the most powerful tools human beings possess. Through spoken words, people can express thoughts, share knowledge, inspire change and build meaningful connections. The ability to speak confidently and clearly allows individuals to communicate their ideas effectively and influence the world around them. Speaking is not only about delivering information; it is about encouraging dialogue and creating understanding. When people share

their ideas openly, they invite others to think, question and contribute. In classrooms, workplaces and communities, conversations often lead to innovation and collaboration. Many great movements and breakthroughs in history began with someone having the courage to speak up and share a vision. The power of speech also lies in its ability to motivate and uplift others. A few encouraging words can boost confidence, help someone overcome

challenges and inspire them to pursue their goals. Leaders, teachers and mentors often use speech as a way to guide and empower others. By communicating clearly and thoughtfully, they create environments where ideas are valued and voices are heard. Learning to speak effectively is an important life skill. It involves not only choosing the right words but also listening to others with respect and openness. Confidence in speaking develops with practice—through

discussions, presentations, storytelling and everyday conversations. When individuals feel comfortable expressing their thoughts, they become more engaged participants in society.

Speech also strengthens creativity and critical thinking. Sharing ideas allows them to grow, evolve and improve through feedback and collaboration. When people speak and listen with curiosity and respect, they create opportunities for learning and collective progress.

Words have the power to encourage, connect minds, and turn ideas into action



## Tips to crack the class XII Economics board exam

Preparing for the Class XII Economics board examination requires a clear strategy, regular practice and strong conceptual understanding. Many students study hard but still lose marks due to avoidable mistakes, poor time management or lack of structured revision. Analysing mistakes, practising sample papers consistently and following a clear revision plan can help improve both accuracy and confidence. The following practical tips can help students prepare effectively and perform well in the Economics board examination.

### General Tips

- By now, most students would have attempted two pre-board examinations. Carefully evaluate your mistakes, identify recurring errors and clearly mark the chapters or topics where you are weak. Begin your revision with these weaker areas and practise related questions alongside.
- While revising the syllabus, do not stop solving sample papers thinking you will attempt them after completing revision. Over the next two months, try to solve one sample paper every two days. For Economics, analyse your mistakes in each paper and maintain a separate

A focused preparation strategy to improve accuracy, manage time effectively and score better in the Economics board exam



notebook to record them. Revisiting these errors regularly will help you avoid repeating them.

- Practise a wide variety of questions, including objective questions, case-based questions and numericals. Avoid skipping any section during preparation.
- Go through at least the last five years of official sample papers and previous year questions. Read each question carefully, frame answers mentally and verify them using the marking scheme. Solve all MCQs and numericals thoroughly and keep a

record of your mistakes.

- Practise case-study based questions from the official question bank as they are often included in the board examination pattern.
- Plan your revision by working backwards from the exam dates. Decide how many days you will dedicate to each subject and set a target number of sample papers to practise before the exam.

### Macroeconomics Tips

- Conceptual clarity is essential in Macroeconomics. First revise each chapter thoroughly and then

practise all related questions, especially numericals.

- Maintain a separate list of graphs chapter-wise with proper labelling and practise drawing them. Use graphs wherever applicable, even in short-answer questions.
- Many students find it difficult to identify items included in national income or domestic income. Maintain a separate list of such questions along with explanations to understand the logic behind inclusion and exclusion.
- While solving numericals,

clearly write "Given" and "To Find," mention the formula and show all steps. Avoid shortcuts during practice as writing complete steps helps reduce errors in the exam.

### Indian Economy Tips

- The NCERT textbook is the most important source for Indian Economy. Read it carefully as questions are often directly based on it.
- Prepare short notes for quick revision before the exam.
- Follow a structured revision flow: read the chapter carefully, revise the recap section, practise

questions based on the chapter and solve objective questions for reinforcement.

- Maintain a list of important dates, data points and policy-related developments. Using accurate data in answers can improve the quality of your responses.
- After completing your first revision, cross-check the official syllabus and ensure that every topic has been covered.

### Answer Writing Tips

- Manage time carefully. You may spend around one hour on Macroeconomics and about one and a half hours on Indian Economy. Keep at least twenty minutes at the end to revise the entire paper.
- In Macroeconomics, use tables and graphs wherever required. Write full formulas in numericals and avoid abbreviations.
- Begin answers with definitions wherever possible and conclude with a short line. Present answers in clear points.
- You may start with either section depending on your comfort, but complete one section fully before moving to the other.

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If your name is Jasprit Bumrah, the pressure comes automatically. He is that kind of bowler. He creates an impact in every game, guarantees you a wicket, and restricts the opposition. That responsibility brings a lot of pressure because his four overs are the most precious thing for MI - Aakash Chopra

## India has depth to field several T20 teams: SKY

'Batting a mix of instinct and reaction and team effort behind 80 per cent win rate'

NEW DELHI

INDIA'S T20 World Cup-winning captain Suryakumar Yadav believes the country's talent pool in the shortest format has grown so vast that it could comfortably field two or even three international-quality teams at the same time, underlining the depth created by a thriving domestic structure and franchise ecosystem.

The flamboyant batter, who has overseen a period of remarkable consistency since taking over the leadership after the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, credited the steady pipeline of players emerging from domestic competitions and the Indian Premier League for strengthening India's dominance in T20 cricket.

Since Suryakumar took over the captaincy in 2024 -- right after Rohit Sharma stepped down following the World Cup victory in Barbados -- the Indian team has won 42 of the 52 matches played, reflecting team's domi-



nance in a fickle format.

In a podcast interview with PTI Videos on Sunday, Suryakumar called the current group "the best T20 team India has produced", adding that India's depth in T20 cricket is now too evident to be downplayed.

"If you talk about talent, I feel you can find talent regularly. There is IPL cricket, franchise cricket, then there is domestic cricket. You can see how many players come every year. So you can make as many teams as you want in T20 when I am talking about T20," Suryakumar said.

"So I feel talent is unlimited. If you can make two-three

playing XIs, our base is so strong, of the Indian team. So this is not a modest and diplomatic reply. But now it is so strong, so there is no shame in telling the truth," he said.

Suryakumar credited the team's success coming into the World Cup to a collective approach in the dressing room, saying a shared vision among players and support staff helped produce an impressive 80 per cent win rate in a notoriously unpredictable format.

Even with that success rate, the World Cup was not going to be a cake-walk because as Suryakumar noted, "we played bilateral matches one way, and in ICC tournament something

else happened."

For this reason, he needed to motivate the team to maintain the winning streak in the Feb 7 to March 8 tournament.

"I don't pay too much attention to statistics but I hate losing any game. If everyone in the dressing room moves in the same direction, only then can you achieve such a percentage," he said.

Known for his 360-degree strokeplay, Suryakumar described batting in T20 cricket as largely a reactive sport, with preparation accounting for only part of the process. "I feel batting is about 70-75 per cent reaction. The remaining 25 per cent is instinct, what you decide to do in the moment. Once you enter the ground, you are almost in autopilot mode. You try to bat with rhythm and according to the situation," he said.

He also traced the origins of his unconventional range of shots to childhood rubber-ball games in Mumbai, where uneven boundary sizes forced him to improvise.

## Indian women's team to feature in FIH Hockey Nation Cup

LAUSANNE (SWITZERLAND): The Indian women's team will feature in the FIH Hockey Nations Cup to be held in Auckland, New Zealand from June 15 to 21.

The Hockey Nations Cup was launched in 2021 to offer a top-level competition to the best-ranked teams not participating in the Hockey Pro League, and give the winning team an option to be promoted in it the following season. The Indian women's hockey team was relegated from the Pro League 2024-25 after finishing at the bottom of the nine-team standings.

Apart from India, hosts New Zealand, USA, Japan, Korea, Chile, Scotland and France, who were promoted via the Hockey Nations Cup 2, will take part in the event.

The men's event will be held in Cape Town and will involve South Africa, New Zealand, France, Korea, Japan, Wales, Malaysia, along with Scotland, who were promoted via the Hockey Nations Cup 2, as well as Ireland, who were relegated from the 2024-25 season of the Hockey Pro League.

## ORLEANS MASTERS SUPER 300

### Ayush, Tanvi to lead Indian challenge; Injured Prannoy pulls out

ORLEANS (FRANCE): Youngsters Ayush Shetty and Tanvi Sharma will lead India's challenge at the USD 250,000 Orleans Masters Super 300 badminton tournament beginning here on Tuesday after senior shuttler HS Prannoy pulled out due to a shoulder injury.

Prannoy, who was originally slated to face top seed Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei in the opening round, was forced to withdraw after experiencing shoulder pain during the Swiss Open in Basel last week. While the cause of his discomfort was unclear initially, the Indian had decided to pull out of his match against Japan's Koki Watanabe to avoid aggravating the injury.

"The shoulder pain developed after travelling to the Swiss Open. We didn't know the reason then, so I decided to withdraw and fly back," Prannoy told PTI. "After a scan it showed a slight tear. It is a minor thing and hopefully I should be okay soon," added the seasoned pro, who is targeting a return at the Asian Championships to be held from April 7 to 12 in Ningbo, China.

All eyes will be on eighth seed world No. 25 Ayush Shetty, who won the US Open Super 300 last year, as he opens his campaign against Lee Chia Hao of Chinese Taipei.

Former world No. 1 and currently ranked 30th, Kidambi Srikanth will face Denmark's Magnus Johannesen.

Tharun Mannepilli, fresh from a quarterfinal finish at last week's Swiss Open, takes on



Chinese Taipei's Wang Tzu Wei in his opening game. World No. 42 Kiran George will face third seed Kenta Nishimoto of Japan.

In women's singles, Tanvi Sharma, the silver medalist at last year's BWF Junior World Championships, will take on Thailand's Supanida Katethong, while Malvika Bansod will continue her quest for glory after returning to action from a major injury when she faces Sung Shuo Yun of Chinese Taipei.

Rakshit Sree Santhosh Ramraj will meet Japan's Manami Suizu, while Anmol Kharb will be up against Turkey's Neslihan Arin.

In women's doubles, Devika Sihag and Isharani Baruah will take on a pair coming through the qualifiers. The men's doubles pair of Hariharan Amsakarunan and M R Arjun will face the Chinese Taipei duo of Lai Po Yu and Tsai Fu Cheng.

In women's doubles, Ashwini Bhat K and Shikha Gautam will be up against the fourth-seeded Japanese pair of Rui Hirokami and Sayaka Hobara.

## Bumrah creates an impact in every game: Aakash Chopra

NEW DELHI

FORMER India opener Aakash Chopra says pace ace Jasprit Bumrah is guaranteed to deliver in every match for the Mumbai Indians (MI) in IPL 2026, but warned that the five-time Indian Premier League (IPL) champions face a complex puzzle to solve to fit their array of overseas talent into their playing eleven.

Bumrah picked 18 wickets in 12 games at an average of 17.56 and an economy rate of 6.68 in IPL 2025. MI will kick-

start their campaign at home against three-time champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) on March 29 at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. The side had reached Qualifier 2 in IPL 2025 before losing to eventual runners-up Punjab Kings.

"If your name is Jasprit Bumrah, the pressure comes automatically. He is that kind of bowler. He creates an impact in every game, guarantees you a wicket, and restricts the opposition. That responsibility brings a lot of pressure because his four overs are the

most precious thing for MI. Bowl one over in the power-play, keep one for the middle phase, and two at the death.

"That is Bumrah -- that pressure is not going anywhere. Whether Boult bowls well or Deepak Chahar is fully fit, Bumrah's pressure stays with him. But if Boult is fit, MI will want to continue with him. Fit, available, in form. They will want the new ball to move around a little with Boult and Deepak Chahar. "Shardul Thakur is a capable replacement for Cha-



har, but it does not necessarily mean that he plays ahead of him. A fit Deepak Chahar, a fit Trent Boult, Bumrah, and Hardik Pandya will be MI's four starting pacers. Corbin Bosch is waiting in the wings. He is a very good all-rounder. But again, you cannot play all overseas players," said Chopra on JioStar.

## NATIONAL TENPIN BOWLING C'SHIPS

### Kishan, Preemal crowned champions

BENGALURU: Former national champion Kishan R of Karnataka clinched his second national title in the men's division at the ARC 34th National Tenpin Bowling Championships, which concluded at Amoeba, Church Street, Bengaluru, on Monday.

In the women's division, Preemal J. of Karnataka captured her maiden national title, ending a 15-year wait for Karnataka in this division.

In the Championship Match played based on cumulative pinfall of two games, top-seeded Kishan produced a composed performance to gain a lead of 17 pins in Game 1 (208-191). He extended his lead in the 2nd game, scoring a high game of 244 to Aakash's 238, seal-



ing the Title with an overall margin of 23 pins (452-429).

In the Championship Match, fourth-seeded Preemal J. took an early lead of 20 pins in the first game with 188 against top-seeded Sabina Athica (Tamil Nadu) (168). Despite a close second game, Preemal maintained her composure

to secure victory, claiming her maiden National Title by a margin of 24 pins (332-308).

Special prizes: Most Promising Player: Anirudhan Sanjeevi (TN) and Suchita S. Kumar (KER)

The largest number of scores above 225 in the Men's division: Kishan R. (KAR) (11)

The largest number of scores above 200 in the Women's division: Sabeena Athica (TN) (4)

Highest block of 6 games in Men's division: Kishan R (KAR) (1369 pins)

Highest block of 6 games in Women's division: Sabeena Athica (TN) (1122 pins).

# BJP MP's remarks on namaz draw flak from Oppn

ALIGARH (UP)

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, even as community leaders have

appealed for calm.

When reporters asked BJP MP Satish Gautam on Sunday about a local AIMIM leader's demand for permission to hold Eid prayers at the exhibition grounds here, he said he is not interested in such festivals and does not even know their names. "I do not

know what Eid or Ramzan is. I am least interested in them," Gautam said.

He also accused Muslims of "illegally occupying huge tracts of land during the Samajwadi Party's rule" in Uttar Pradesh and questioned the need for additional space for prayers. "There is no need to give

them the ground. They have the Eidgah for prayers," the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader said.

He further said that Muslims are among the major beneficiaries of the present BJP-led government's welfare schemes. "They are getting more than their due share, so what else

do they want from us now?" he asked.

Reacting to the MP's remarks, former Aligarh Muslim University Students' Union president Salman Imtiaz said Gautam is known for frequently making "senseless and provocative statements" and that both Hindus and Muslims

ignore such comments in the interest of peace.

Imtiaz, now associated with the Congress and a former contestant for the Aligarh City Assembly seat, alleged that Gautam's remarks were intended at diverting attention from internal disputes within the city unit of the BJP.



## Man kills 2 in-laws during Panchayat; wife critical

BAREILLY (UP)

A man on Monday allegedly stabbed his mother-in-law and brother-in-law to death and seriously injured his wife during a panchayat in Rahrura Chaudhary village in Bareilly district, police said.

The accused, identified as Afsar Khan, fled after the attack and police teams have been deployed to trace him, Bareilly Additional SP Manush Pareek said.

"Raids are being conducted at several locations and the accused will be arrested soon," he added.

According to the police, the victims have been identified as 19-year-old Adil and his 45-year-old mother Asma, while the accused's wife Saima sustained serious stab injuries and is undergoing treatment in a hospital where her condition is stated to be critical. Family members said Afsar Khan had a violent temperament and frequently quarrelled with his wife over minor issues, forc-



ing her to repeatedly return to her parental home. Saima had reportedly refused to go back with him due to his aggressive behaviour.

They said the accused had earlier been arrested in 2022 for allegedly killing his maternal uncle in the Bithri Chainpur police station area and had recently returned to the village after securing bail from a court.

The police said Saima had submitted a written complaint at Izzatnagar police station on Sunday alleging that her husband was threatening to kill her and her family members. On Monday, villagers convened a panchayat to resolve the dispute when the accused allegedly attacked the family members with a knife before fleeing, the police said.

## 'Embezzlement' of Rs 11.4-cr scholarship funds

# CBI registers FIR against govt officials in 5 states

NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case into the alleged siphoning of more than Rs 11.4 crore from scholarship funds intended for students with disabilities by "non-existent" institutes and students, officials said Monday.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed an FIR against unidentified public servants and nodal officers in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Jammu and Kashmir for allegedly embezzling funds from the Umbrella Scholarship Scheme, launched in 2018 after six scholarship schemes including the Post-matric Scholarship for Students with



Disabilities were merged, the agency said.

Scholarships under this scheme were available to students of classes 11 and 12, as well as in post-matriculation diploma and certificate courses. Bachelor's degree and diploma and master's degree and diploma from any university recognised by UGC/AICTE were also funded under

these scholarships.

"The objective and allowances of the scheme for the post-metric scholarship, including the details of maintenance allowance, disability allowance, reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees and book allowance, are referred to in the scheme book (scholarship scheme for students with disabilities)," the

CBI said.

The central agency had launched a preliminary enquiry last year on a complaint from the secretary of the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, alleging that Rs 11.41 crore in scholarships had been paid to 926 students related to 28 institutes, which were either fake or showed serious malpractices during an inspection by the ministry.

During the enquiry, it surfaced that many of these institutions were non-existent or were closed while still claiming funds from the National Scholarship Portal, according to the FIR.

## Hoax cyanide gas email threat alarms Bhopal office

BHOPAL

AN email threatening to "blow up" the premises of a Madhya Pradesh government office here using cyanide gas cylinders on Monday prompted precautionary evacuation, officials said.

The threat turned out to be a hoax after police personnel searched the office of the Weights and Measures Department in the MP Nagar area.

"While checking mails, I came across a message at 10:20 AM stating that 16 cylinders filled with cyanide gas had been placed inside the department office and would go off around 1 pm," office superintendent Shyam Solanki told PTI.

He contacted his seniors, and the police were informed. Bomb disposal squad personnel and police teams with sniffer dogs rushed to the spot and searched the premises, he said, adding that the office



was evacuated as a precaution.

Solanki said the police did not find any cylinders or explosives in the office. Officials said similar threatening emails had earlier targeted People's University and AIIMS in Bhopal, but those alerts also proved false.

Bhopal City Zone 2 Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Vivek Singh stated that the investigation is underway to identify the sender of the email. He suspected that a gang was behind such emails nationwide, using fake names. Department officers and workers' leader Umashankar Tiwari said staffers resumed work at 1:10 PM.



## Venugopal urges LS Speaker to revoke 8 MPs' suspension

NEW DELHI: Congress leader K C Venugopal urged Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday to revoke the suspension of eight opposition members, saying they were suspended "unfairly".

Raising the issue during the Zero Hour, Venugopal said Parliament has seen countless protests but suspending MPs is a "disturbing new trend" that cannot be allowed to continue.

Birla said a decision of the Lok Sabha cannot be discussed on the floor of the House and disallowed Venugopal to speak further. Later, in a post on X, the Congress leader said he had raised concern over the "unfair suspension of 8 Opposition MPs for this Session". "Rose in the Lok Sabha to raise concern over the unfair suspension of 8 Opposition MPs for this

Session. Parliament has seen countless protests but the suspension of MPs is a disturbing new trend, which cannot be allowed to continue. This suspension should be revoked immediately," he said. The eight opposition members were suspended during the first part of the Budget Session for "unruly" behaviour. They were suspended for the entire session.



## Awesome debut: Divya Pathak's kathak arangetram mesmerises Hyderabad

Young dancer Divya Pathak marked a graceful milestone with her Kathak Arangetram, delivering a performance that blended tradition, precision and expressive storytelling. Held at Ravindra Bharati under the guidance of award-winning guru Raghava Raj Bhatt and the aegis of Akruti Kathak Kendra, the debut captivated audiences throughout

A graceful celebration of rhythm, devotion, and classical excellence unfolded at Ravindra Bharati as young dancer Divya Pathak marked her Kathak Arangetram with a performance that held the audience spellbound. Organised under the auspices of Akruti Kathak Kendra, the evening showcased the arrival of a promising artiste deeply rooted in tradition and refined training.

The debut was presented under the mentorship of noted Kathak exponent and Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee Raghava Raj Bhatt, whose guidance was evident in every detail of the recital. Divya opened the evening with Guru Stotram, offering a devotional invocation that set a serene tone. She then moved into an elegant presentation of Teen Tal, the popular 16-beat rhythmic cycle of Hindustani classical music, displaying impressive command over footwork, posture, and laya control. Her expressive depth shone in a lyrical interpretation set to a Meera bhajan, where rhythm and emotion blended seamlessly. One of the most captivating segments portrayed the divine love of Radha and Krishna during Holi, performed in the Dhamar style of Dhrupad. The choreography beautifully combined storytelling with technical finesse, evoking festivity and devotion in equal measure.

A semi-classical Thumri followed, rich in abhinaya and delicate rhythmic variations. Drawing from devotional ragas and reflecting the refined aesthetics of the Lucknow tradition, the piece stood out for its emotional nuance and visual grace. Divya further impressed the audience with Dashavataram, effortlessly transitioning through varied mythological themes and moods with striking clarity and energy. The recital concluded on a vibrant note with a traditional Tarana, bringing the performance to an exhilarating close.

The evening was also marked by blessings and tributes. Renowned Bharatanatyam guru Dr. Rajeshwari Sainath conveyed her blessings and fondly remembered the late Dr. Mangalabhat, honor-

ing his invaluable contributions to Kathak. Appreciation was extended to Guru Bhatt for his thoughtful choreography and dedicated mentorship. Among the distinguished guests, Ashar Faran, Trustee of Lamakaan, wished Divya a bright future and encouraged her continued journey in dance. A touching highlight was Divya's Guru Pooja, a heartfelt gesture of reverence reflecting the spiritual essence of the classical arts.

The recital was elevated by an accomplished live orchestra led by Fateh Singh Ganga on pakhawaj. Vocal support came from Madhu Prasad, with instrumental accompaniment by Uday Kumar, Lavanya Ambade,

Puneet Sisodia, Raghav Sai, and Harika. Presentation by Amit Kumar, lighting by Basava Raju, and stage design by Madhav Raj Bhatt added visual richness. The sabha was smoothly coordinated by Parag Pathak.

With poise, devotion, and artistic maturity, Divya Pathak's debut announced the rise of a Kathak dancer to watch.



## Parenting

# Raising emotionally brave kids

### WHY LETTING CHILDREN FACE SMALL FAILURES BUILDS LIFELONG RESILIENCE

DR DEEPTI T NAIR

The present world which emphasizes achievement brings about protection for children against disappointment and frustration and failure. The protective measures which parents use to protect their children arise from their love for their children yet these measures create an unintended result which weakens the emotional strength of the children. Children develop emotional bravery through real-life experiences which include facing their first small failures. The process of brain development requires failure as an essential factor which also supports emotional development. Children learn to persevere through difficult challenges when their brains adapt to difficult situations which they cannot immediately solve. The process enhances neural connections which are essential for solving problems and managing emotions and maintaining determination.

Children learn to recognize discomfort as a temporary condition which they can handle. They develop a mindset which psychologists refer to as growth mindset because they believe that effort leads to skill development. Students who develop this mindset achieve academic success throughout their educational journey which extends into their professional life and mental health. The term emotionally brave describes children who experience fear and embarrassment and disappointment but maintain their courage.

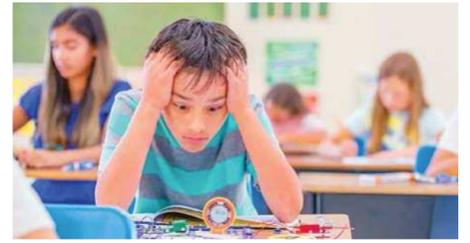
Children develop emotional strength through learning that these feelings represent



standard reactions which people experience. Children experience sadness and frustration and self-doubt when they lose a game or face school challenges or forget performance lines or fail to join a team. The moments which people experience teach them how to manage their emotions. The child recognizes that challenging emotions will emerge reach their highest point and then disappear. Building emotional endurance enables people to face their future life challenges which include academic pressure and workplace stress and relationship difficulties.

The emotional weakness develops through excessive protection from parental care. The presence of adults who solve problems and handle disputes and shield children from failure hinders their development of coping mechanisms. The unknown experience of failure makes them develop intense fear of failure. Children with this condition avoid new experiences and they show quick abandonments of tasks and they need to receive approval from others. The condition develops into anxiety issues and low self-esteem and an inability to handle rejection and criticism in both teenage years and adult life. Minor

mistakes provide students with opportunities to learn social responsibility and self-reliance. The process enables children to understand how their choices result in specific outcomes when they forget their homework or mismanage their time or make mistakes. Children learn to evaluate themselves through their experiences when they should learn from their mistakes instead of waiting for others to help them. The process helps people develop executive functioning abilities which include planning skills and self-control abilities and decision-making skills. The process of failure provides another crucial advantage which enables people to separate their self-worth from their actual performance level. Children who receive constant praise for their achievements start to think that their worth exists only when they achieve success. Children who experience both success and failure discover that their worth does not depend on their accomplishments. They establish self-assurance through internal development instead of needing external support. The process protects mental wellbeing while decreasing the anxiety of being evaluated by others. Parents and caregivers shape children's understand-



In a world that prizes constant achievement, many children are shielded from failure in the name of love—often at the cost of their emotional resilience. Experts say that small setbacks are essential for building confidence, problem-solving ability and lifelong mental strength

ing of failure through their actions. The goal is not to create harsh or stressful situations but to create situations that match the natural development needs of children. The adult response matters more than the actual failure when children experience their first unsuccessful attempts. Children need calm reassurance and empathy together with encouragement to attempt again because these elements help them develop constructive ways to handle their situations. Resilience gets strengthened through statements which recognize persistence and courage because those statements direct focus towards effort instead of final results.

Children need to develop their ability to solve problems through independent thinking because this skill holds equal value with their need to solve problems through independent thinking. The process of solving problems without assistance helps individuals build their confidence when they face challenges with friends or work on tough tasks or ac-

quire new abilities. The ability to handle difficulties enhances emotional security for children because they understand their own capacity to deal with problems.

Children who display emotional courage develop into adults who possess strong mental abilities and adaptable nature and self-assuredness. The methods enable them to take safe risks and try out fresh possibilities while using their previous failures to guide them toward success. The practice of avoiding all failures leads people to develop fear-based behaviors which result in emotional weakness.

People develop resilience through their challenges instead of their comfortable experiences. The process of developing resilience requires people to go through various life situations which include their temporary periods of rest and their self-evaluation time.

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## Shilpa Shetty reveals her ultimate 'secret to staying calm' before work

amaForTheWin."

In the video, the 'Baazigar' actress can be seen practicing pranayama as she gears up for a professional stint.

Dressed in a shimmering gold halter-neck outfit with delicate embellishments, the actress is seen sitting outdoors and calmly performing the breathing exercise.

Talking about Shilpa Shetty, the actress has long been known as a yoga enthusiast and has constantly advocated the benefits of the generations-old practice of yoga along with healthy and clean eating.

The actress has often been seen em-

phasising the importance of balance in lifestyle and fitness.

In many of her earlier interviews, she has shared that throughout the week she follows a strict and disciplined diet, while Sundays are reserved for sheer indulgence.

Apart from her film work, Shilpa is also popular for her "Sunday binge" posts on social media, where she offers fans a glimpse into her cheat-day rituals.

On the professional front, Shilpa Shetty made her Bollywood debut with the 1993 thriller 'Baazigar' opposite Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol, which

went on to become a major success.

Over the years, she has appeared in several popular films like 'Tu Khiladi Main Anari', 'Dhadkan' and many more.

Shilpa's younger sister, Shamita Shetty, is also an actor who made her debut with 'Mohabbatein'.

Apart from films, Shilpa has also built a strong presence on television as a reality show judge, appearing on popular shows such as 'Super Dancer' and 'India's Got Talent'.

On the personal front, she is married to businessman Raj Kundra and the couple is blessed with two children.

## Soha says her mother's house is the 'only home where she's still someone's baby girl'

Actress Soha Ali Khan, on Sunday, shared a heartwarming glimpse of her beautiful time with her mother, veteran actor Sharmila Tagore.

Sharing a picture alongside her mother, Soha mentioned that it is the only home where she's still somebody's baby girl, highlighting the warmth of her maternal house.

Taking to her social media account, Soha posted a carousel featuring her pictures along with Sharmila Tagore and her daughter Inaaya Naumi Kemmu.

She captioned the post as, "The only home where I'm still someone's baby girl."

In the pictures, Soha can be seen dressed elegantly in a red saree paired with traditional jhumkas and a small bindi.

She is seen standing beside her mother Sharmila Tagore, with both of them smiling warmly at the camera.

Another picture in the carousel shows her daughter Inaaya hugging her grandmother Sharmila Tagore.

Adding a nostalgic touch to the post, Soha used her mother's timeless song 'Taarif Karoon Kya Uski' as the background track, originally sung by legendary playback singer Mohammed Rafi.

The song was a part of Sharmila Tagore's debut movie 'Kashmir Ki Kali', where she starred opposite legendary actor Shammi Kapoor.

For the uninitiated, Soha



Ali Khan comes from the illustrious Pataudi family and is the daughter of Sharmila Tagore and late cricket legend Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi.

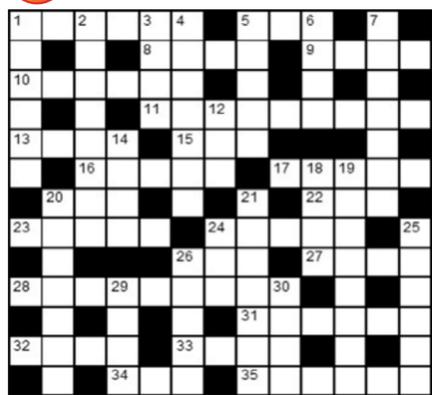
She is also the sister of actor Saif Ali Khan and the sister-in-law of actor Kareena Kapoor Khan.

On the professional front, Soha made her

Bollywood debut with the film 'Dil Maange More' and later appeared in films like 'Rang De Basanti', 'Tum Mile' and many more.

Apart from acting, Soha also turned an author and podcaster host. She is married to actor Kunal Kemmu and the couple are parents to their daughter Inaaya Naumi Kemmu.

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  - Memory alone (4)
  - Atop or over (4)
  - Wash bowls (6)
  - Absolute freedom from living micro-organisms (9)
  - Greek god of love (4)
  - Lopsided (3)
  - Couches (5)
  - Pertaining to the pope (5)
  - Drowsy state produced by bhang etc. (3)
  - Harry Potter's best friend (2)
  - Length or breadth, should we say? (5)
  - Reel (5)
  - A corded cloth (3)
  - Big Apple law enforcers (4)
  - Puzzled (9)
  - Secured (6)
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- After 1945 (4-3)
- Transport across river etc (5)
- Invalid (4)
- Mail carrier (7)
- Conversational stopgaps (3)
- Easily influenced (4)
- Elvis \_\_\_ Presley? (4)
- Multilingual (8)
- Caused by motion (7)
- Adds on (7)
- The divisions, male and female (3)
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### SUDOKU



Solution to March 16



# 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'. Mounted on a grand scale by Mythri Movie Makers, the film promises a festive theatrical experience when it releases on March 19 for Ugadi. With the teaser, trailer, and songs already striking a chord, expectations are soaring — and leading lady Raashii Khanna is feeling the buzz.

Calling this phase of her career "incredibly hectic but exciting," Raashii reveals that joining the film was an instant decision driven purely by admiration. "The moment I heard it was Pawan Kalyan Garu's film, I said yes immediately — even before listening to the story. Since my first film, I've heard so much about his stardom and the phenomenon people call 'Pawanism.' I always wished to work with him at least once. With this film, that dream finally came true."

In the film, Raashii plays Shloka, a contemporary young woman written with depth and presence. She describes the role as both stylish and substantial. "Every character in the story has importance, and Shloka has a strong arc with solid characterization. There's good emotional range in the role." She adds with a smile, "I also have a proper

mass song in the film. I love dancing, so shooting that number was pure fun for me."

Working alongside Pawan Kalyan left a lasting impression on the actress, not just professionally but personally. "He is an incredibly simple person. You'll almost always see him reading books. There's an innocence about him that's very rare and difficult to explain," she says. Their first conversation remains memorable. "On day one, he asked me if I always wanted to become an actress. I told him I had once dreamed of becoming an IAS officer. He speaks very little, but every word carries weight."

What moved her most was his perspective on life beyond cinema. "He encouraged me to think about public service and contributing to society. He genuinely cares about people. I learned a lot about humanity from him." Witnessing his fan following up close was overwhelming. "When I looked at the crowd during the film event, it felt like people were worshipping him like a god."

Raashii is equally appreciative of director Harish Shankar's filmmaking intensity. "He's extremely sharp and understands the pulse of the mass audience perfectly. What amazed me most was his speed — a schedule that usually takes 120 days was completed in just 40. He worked tirelessly, often sacrificing sleep." She recalls how his creativity

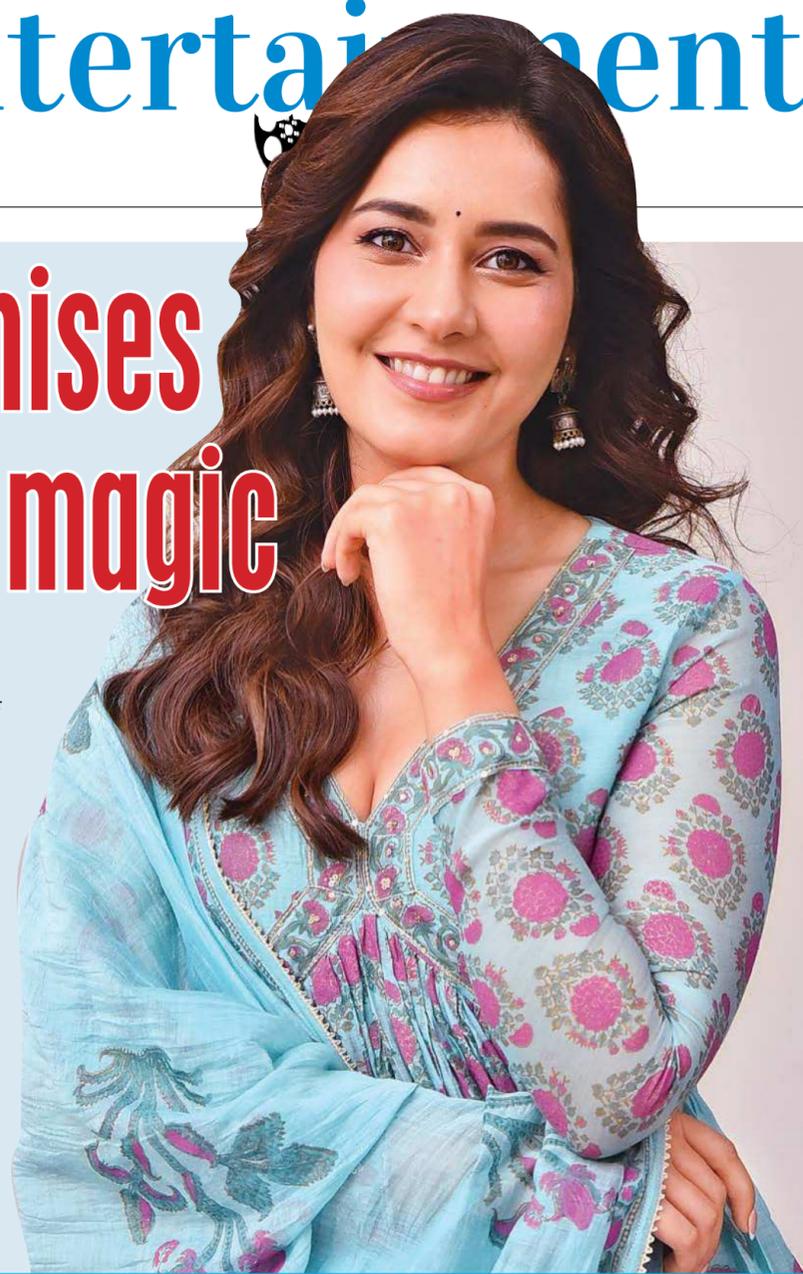
flowed even on set. "He would write punch dialogues on the spot. His patience and dedication to cinema taught me so much."

Despite sharing screen space with another leading lady, Raashii says the narrative gives each character room to shine. "We don't have scenes together, so there was never a concern. Each role has its own space, and mine comes with good variations."

Managing schedules around the star's commitments required flexibility and stamina. "I was told in advance that dates could be unpredictable, and I was prepared. There were days we worked 24-hour shifts without knowing whether it was day or night."

She also credits the producers for fostering a creative environment. "They put their heart and soul into films, never compromise on scale, and give directors complete freedom. The working atmosphere is wonderful."

For audiences, Raashii promises a wholesome entertainer. "Like 'Gabbar Singh', this film is packed with entertainment. It's a complete family film everyone can enjoy together in theatres. Releasing during Ugadi makes it even more special. Most importantly, you'll get to see vintage Pawan Kalyan Garu on screen."



## Kiran Abbavaram unveils Thimmarajupalli TV's 'Ooru Song'

Hero Kiran Abbavaram's KA Productions, in association with Sumaira Studios, is backing the film 'Thimmarajupalli TV', encouraging fresh talent in the industry. Teja Velpucharla is serving as the co-producer. The film introduces Sai Tej and Veda Jalandharr as the lead actors, while V. Murniraju makes his directorial debut with 'Thimmarajupalli TV'.

Set against a rural backdrop, the film is being made as a period drama and is gearing up for a grand theatrical release soon. Today, the makers unveiled



the "Ooru Song" from 'Thimmarajupalli TV'. The track has been beautifully composed by Vamsikanth

Rekhana, with lyrics penned by Sanare and vocals rendered by Mamatha Ramesh. The song vividly captures the festive spirit of a village preparing for the Shivaratri fair. The song portrays the charm of rural life — from the sound of cuckoos perched on tree branches and the lush greenery at dawn to the colourful rangolis adorning homes and the fragrant breeze carrying the scent of flowers. The lyrics also reflect the excitement among people of all ages as the village gears up to celebrate the Shivaratri festival and the vibrant fair that accompanies it.



## Suriya shines in 'Vishwanath & Sons' emotional teaser

The teaser of 'Vishwanath & Sons', starring Suriya, has been unveiled, offering a glimpse into the world of Sanjay Vishwanath. Directed by Venky Atluri and produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi, the film promises an emotional and engaging cinematic experience.

The teaser introduces Sanjay Vishwanath, an international pistol shooter who continues to chase his dreams even in his 40s. Suriya appears in a layered role, portraying both fatherly warmth and emotional depth. His stylish screen presence and the impactful dialogues penned by Venky Atluri bring back shades reminiscent of his iconic performances.

Adding freshness to the narrative is Mamitha Baiju, who brings vibrant and charming energy to the film. The teaser hints at an unconventional love story featuring a noticeable age gap. With Venky Atluri's storytelling sensibilities, the film is expected to handle this aspect with depth and

emotional maturity.

The teaser also highlights the film's strong technical craftsmanship. G. V. Prakash Kumar delivers a classy and powerful background score that elevates the visuals. Cinematographer Nimish Ravi captures the film in rich and visually striking frames, while editing is handled by Navin Nooli. Production design by Banglan further enhances the film's immersive world.

Touted as a large-scale family drama with strong emotional undercurrents, 'Vishwanath & Sons' brings together a compelling ensemble cast and a top-tier technical team. Director Venky Atluri, who is riding high on the success of 'Lucky Baskhar' and 'Vaathi', aims to deliver another memorable entertainer.

Produced under the banners of Sithara Entertainment and Fortune Four Cinemas, and presented by Srikara Studios, the film has successfully wrapped up shooting and is gearing up for a grand worldwide theatrical release this July.



## Sudigali Sudheer's 'G.O.A.T' cleared for March 26 release

The upcoming Telugu film 'G.O.A.T' (Greatest Of All Times), starring popular comedian-turned-hero Sudigali Sudheer, has successfully completed its censor formalities and is gearing up for a worldwide theatrical release on March 26.

The film features Divya Bharathi as the female lead and is directed by Vedavyas. It is being produced by Chandrasekhar Reddy Mogulla under the banners of Mahateja Creations and Jaishnav Productions. The film is currently undergoing post-production work.

According to the makers, the content released so far has received a positive response from audiences, and the trailer will be unveiled soon. The film has now completed the censor process and has been awarded a U/A certificate by the censor board.

Speaking about the film, the producer said it is being made on a grand scale without compromising on quality. He added that the film will be technically strong and is expected to become a milestone in Sudigali Sudheer's career. "Every frame of the film has

come out beautifully. Along with being a complete commercial entertainer, the movie also carries a meaningful message that will make today's youth think," he said, expressing confidence that it will entertain audiences across all sections.

Apart from Sudigali Sudheer and Divya Bharathi, the film also features Sarvadaman Banerjee, Nithin Prasanna, Brahmaji, Prithvi Raj, Aadukalam Naren, Rajendran, Anand Ramraj, Chammak Chandra, Pammi Sai, and Naveen Neni in important roles.

The film's music is composed by Leon James, with the background score by Mani Sharma. Cinematography is handled by Rasool Ellore, while editing is done by Vijay Muktavarapu. Rajeev Nair serves as the production designer. Samaira Reddy N is the co-producer, and Prasoon Mandava is the creative producer.

With its blend of commercial elements and a socially relevant message, 'G.O.A.T' is expected to entertain audiences when it hits theatres worldwide on March 26.

## Anand Deverakonda's 'Epic' birthday promo impresses fans

An impressive birthday promo from young hero Anand Deverakonda's upcoming film 'Epic' has been drawing significant attention. The film is directed by Aditya Haasan and produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under the banners of Sithara Entertainment and Fortune Four Cinemas. Srikara Studios presents the film, while Venkat Upputuri and VMR are serving as co-producers. On the occasion of Anand Deverakonda's birthday today, the makers released a special promo from 'Epic'.

The promo shows the hero celebrating his birthday in

London with friends, while his parents call from India to wish him. A touching moment highlights the father subtly conveying his heartfelt wishes to his son.

The promo carries a unique emotional tone, enhanced by the use of the iconic Amrutham title song as the background score.

After the cult blockbuster Baby, Anand Deverakonda and Vaishnavi Chaitanya are reuniting for this film. The recently released song "Sancharame.." from 'Epic' has also received a positive response. With this exciting combination, the film is generating strong curiosity among audiences.