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Kerala's achievements are result of performance of past UDF govts: CM



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 7: In a letter addressed to Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy stated that it is essential to recognise that the accomplishments achieved by the state of Kerala to date are attributable to the efforts of the previous UDF governments. The Chief Minister demanded that the people of Kerala should be informed about what happened during the tenure of the governments which were formed twice in a row by the

Dear Shri Revanth Reddy Aaraka,
I was compelled to state certain facts about the various development initiatives of Telangana and Kerala as you had made statements about the functioning of the Left Democratic Front (LDF) Government in Kerala, one of the reasons that the statements made by you lack factual backing. The experience of the people of Kerala is vastly different from what you had attempted to portray. A reply to my comments from your Twitter handle has been brought to my notice. In the present reply, which is a colleague Chief Minister of a state of Government, I want to express strong disagreement on the attitude of making personality involving remarks to write political differences. All the while, let me clearly state I am not intending to get into a debate with you on the performance of your Government in Telangana. There are political parties in Telangana, who are to comment on that and ultimately it is for the people of Telangana to assess and pass a judgement on the performance of their Government.
It is during the course of election campaign in Kerala that you had made certain remarks on the LDF Government in Kerala. Let me tell you that the LDF Government is continuously operating the program made in implementing the promises made in the election manifestos for the last 10 years. We believe that the responsibility of a Government to its people is not only at a five year interval, but continuous. The Progress Report published by the LDF Government is available to public domain. Hence, there is no need for me to list out the achievements of the LDF Government in reply to a letter put by you on the Twitter handle. Let us inform you that the practice followed by the LDF Government is unique and novel.



The Chief Minister requested Kerala Chief Minister Vijayan to evaluate the State based on their performance during the 28 months since their people's government assumed office in Telangana. Revanth Reddy stated that Telangana's GSDP for 2024-25 was recorded at ₹16.12 lakh crore, representing a growth rate of 10.7% surpassing the national average of 9.9%. The Chief Minister further clarified that Telangana's per capita income has reached Rs.3.87 lakh, and based on these

LDF. Revanth Reddy wrote a reply to Kerala Chief Minister Vijayan's letter on Tuesday. Addressing Vijayan, the Chief Minister said that he wanted to respond with respect and sober to the performance of the Kerala government, but Vijayan used offensive language. He informed that he will never respond to the hasty comments of his opponents Revanth Reddy criticised Vijayan for repeatedly and inaccurately citing the NITI Aayog SDG Index 2023-24 in the context of Telangana state.

statistics, the state has secured the leading position in India. He added that, according to statistics from the RBI Handbook 2024-25, Telangana has surpassed the states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Kerala. Revanth Reddy stated that his people-centric government is moving forward with the vision of "Telangana Rising 2047." The Chief Minister clarified that their objective is to achieve a \$1 trillion economy within just a decade, driven by initiatives

such as the development of the "Future City" near Hyderabad and the National Industrial Corridor in Zaheerabad. Furthermore, Revanth Reddy expressed his strong belief that the new government, which is set to be formed in Kerala in the coming days, will implement the "Nava Keralam" vision. He remarked that the people of Kerala would soon make a decision to this effect—a decision that is, indeed, the need of the hour.

Revenue push with public ease: Minister Ponnampalanki cracks down on enforcement gaps

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 7: State Transport Minister Ponnampalanki has directed officials to boost revenue while strengthening enforcement - without troubling citizens. At a high-level review meeting on Tuesday, the officials reported revenue growth from Rs.6,910.90 crore in 2024-25 to Rs.7,097.38 crore in 2025-26, though EV policy concessions impacted collections. The Minister called for 'strict border vigilance', faster clearance of pending services, and glitch-free functioning of 'Vahan' and 'Sarathi' portals. He also



pushed for strong enforcement against overloading, illegal sand transport, smooth vehicle registration at dealerships and expansion of vehicle scrapping units across the districts. Highlighting road safety, he announced the "Arrive Alive" campaign (April 13-18) and stressed action against speeding, drunk driving and helmet violations. He also noted Rs.1,000 crore tax exemptions under the EV policy and urged the employees to act as "EV ambassadors".

Vivek holds key talks in Hannover to boost overseas jobs

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 7: Minister for Labour, Employment and Mines G.Vivek Venkatswamy on Tuesday held a high-level meeting with officials of the German Federal Employment Agency in Hannover, Germany, to explore overseas employment opportunities for the state's youth. The discussions focused on expanding avenues for skilled workforce mobil-

ity from Telangana to Germany, particularly in sectors witnessing skilled men. The meeting also reviewed the state's preparedness to meet German job market requirements, including skill standards, language training, and certification processes. The Minister highlighted Telangana government's proactive initiatives in upskilling youth through institutions like Telangana

Overseas Manpower Company and other agencies, aligning training programmes with global industry demands. The delegation included Special Chief Secretary (LTF) M. Dana Kishore, TOMCOM General Manager Nagabharti, Manager Anil Kumar, PMU head Srinivas Rao and Head of Skill Talent Acquisition Bala Ramani. During the visit, the Minis-



ter and his team also felicitated Laura Breitsamer, Head of Department - Early Career Counseling at the German Federal Employment Agency.

Uttam makes on-ground assessment of paddy procurement preparedness

From Our Staff Reporter Huzurnagar (Suryapet dist), April 7: Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said that extensive preparations are underway for smooth Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations during the Rabi marketing season targeting a procurement of 90 lakh metric tonnes of paddy.



After a detailed on-ground assessment of paddy procurement issues at Huzurnagar market yard on Tuesday, the Minister said that the state government is fully gearing up for robust paddy procurement operations, aiming to reach out to every farmer ensuring payments within 48 hours this Rabi season. With Telangana's Rabi paddy production pro-

jected to exceed 148 lakh metric tonnes, comprehensive arrangements have been made to handle the bumper harvest efficiently and protect farmers from distress sales. Over 8,251 paddy purchase centres (PPCs) are being opened across all districts, supported by modern infrastructure, adequate storage facilities, and seamless logis-

tics. More than 16 crore gunny bags have already been made available to ensure proper storage and movement of procured paddy. Every purchase centre will be placed under the direct supervision of a dedicated officer to monitor daily procurement, quality checks, timely payments, and overall transparency. **Turn to Page 2**

Harish Rao, BRS leaders arrested en route to Parigi

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 7: Police on Tuesday arrested BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao along with several other BRS leaders at TSPA Junction in Narsingi while they were en route to Parigi to engage with protesting farmers. The BRS delegation had planned to meet with farmers and express solidarity against the acquisition of 1,200 acres of land in the Parigi mandal intended for a proposed industrial park project. Accompanied by former ministers P. Sabitha Indra Reddy and Errabelli Dayakar Rao, Harish Rao, along with various BRS leaders, encountered police obstruction in Vikarabad district as they were traveling to Parigi. The police intercepted the convoy at

TSPA Junction, hindering their progress. As police attempted to detain Harish Rao, protests erupted among BRS supporters, resulting in a contentious exchange and a tense standoff at the location. Ultimately, despite the protests, the police proceeded to arrest Harish Rao and others, although they did not provide prior information regarding the location of the police station to which they were being taken. Rather than being taken to the nearby Narsingi police station, the BRS leaders were redirected to Shamshabad via the Outer Ring Road (ORR). In response, BRS supporters conducted sit-in protests and obstructed the roadway at TSPA Junction to oppose the detentions of their senior



leadership. These arrests coincided with widespread restrictions imposed upon BRS leaders. Earlier that same day, Harish Rao, Sabitha Indra Reddy, and numerous leaders from the former Ranga Reddy district

had been placed under house arrest. Additionally, former Parigi MLA Koppula Mahesh Reddy was detained and transported to a police facility, while party leader Shubhaprad Patel was also taken into cus-

tody. Earlier in the day, the police had also stationed a significant presence outside Harish Rao's residence in Hyderabad to prevent him from departing for Parigi in support of the farmers' protests.

CS highlights Telangana's economic progress to U.S.-India Strategic Forum



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 7: A high-level delegation from the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum met Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao at the Secretariat on Tuesday. The delegation comprised representatives from companies across diverse sectors, including insur-

ance, financial services, agriculture, and technology. The Chief Secretary provided a comprehensive overview of Telangana's growth trajectory across multiple sectors. He noted that Telangana, the youngest state in the country formed in 2014, has made remarkable progress over the past decade. The state

has registered impressive growth in Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) and per capita income, driven by significant investments from both the government and the private sector. Highlighting the rapid pace of urbanisation, the Chief Secretary stated that Telangana is among the fastest urbanising states

in India, with nearly one-third of its population residing in and around Hyderabad. He described Hyderabad as the pharma capital of the country and a pioneer in the field of information technology. The city's legacy of large public sector undertakings has also contributed to the growth of startups, particularly in the defence sector. The Chief Secretary further noted that Hyderabad has attracted substantial investments in Global Capability Centres (GCCs) and is home to several nationally reputed educational institutions, world-class healthcare facilities, and a robust fintech ecosystem. **Turn to Page 2**

Minister Seethakka's welfare schemes show results

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 7: A 30-year-old Computer Science Engineering graduate, Peddhabudi Vanaja, from the hinterlands of the Telangana state, is earning around Rs 1 lakh a month. The twist, however, is that this income does not come from an engineering job. Moving away from conventional job-seeking, she has turned entrepreneur, generating employment opportunities for others as well - truly standing up to the State government's vision of making one crore women into billionaires. Her journey reflects the impact of initiatives spearheaded by the Panchayat

Raj and Rural Development, and Women and Child Welfare departments, under Minister Dr. Anasuya Seethakka, along with the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP), led by Divya Devarajan. The focus on non-conventional business avenues - such as centring units, cement brick-making, and shear wall construction - has opened new pathways for women like Vanaja. A resident of Bandapalli village in Panagal mandal of Wanaparthy district, Vanaja is among the 772 women who underwent specialised training imparted by SERP in collaboration with the National Academy of Construction.



As the State government is on a mission to construct over 3.5 lakh houses under Indiramma Housing Scheme in 2025-26 alone, there is a huge demand for construction material such as centring units, cement bricks, and shear walls. Recognising this opportunity, Minister

Seethakka initiated steps to train women and encourage them to enter this sector. The training programme aimed to build technical skills, improve safety standards, and enhance managerial capacity in construction-related activities. **Turn to Page 2**

Stephen Raveendra directs PMCs to ensure uninterrupted auto LPG supply



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 7: A review meeting with Private Marketing Companies (PMCs) dealing with auto LPG was held here on Tuesday under the chairmanship of M. Stephen Raveendra, Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

In the review meeting, it was noted with satisfaction that the PMCs have made considerable progress over the past week. A total of 363 MTs of Auto LPG was sourced and supplied during the week, and 17 previ-

ously non-operational (dry) outlets were restored to functioning status.

The Commissioner appreciated the efforts of Super Gas, Go Gas, Total Energies, and Prime Fuel for their proactive role in augmenting supplies and reviving operations at multiple outlets.

However, concern was expressed regarding the limited or negligible progress made by certain other PMCs. They were issued stern instructions to intensify their efforts in

sourcing Auto LPG and to ensure consistent supply across all their outlets without fail.

Stephen Raveendra reiterated that maintaining an uninterrupted Auto LPG supply is critical to safeguarding the livelihoods of auto drivers and directed all PMCs to remain fully committed to this objective.

The department will maintain strict vigilance and PMCs are expected to sustain and further build upon these supply levels, ensur-

ing continuous fuel availability to prevent any disruption to public transport.

The Civil Supplies department will continue its daily monitoring of running outlets and product receipts, working in close coordination with Oil Marketing Companies to ensure the impact of international supply constraints remains fully mitigated in Hyderabad.

Citizens facing any issues can directly contact the toll-free Helpline Number: 1967.

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Uttam Kumar Reddy emphasised zero tolerance for any hurdles in paddy movement to the PPCs. He directed district administrations to accelerate the opening of all centres and facilitate uninterrupted transport of harvested paddy directly benefiting lakhs of farmers. Strict monitoring mechanisms are in place to prevent unauthorised diversion and guarantee MSP rates of Rs 2,369 per quintal for common grade and Rs 2,389 per quintal for fine varieties.

The Minister also assured steps to address challenges related to boiled rice (parboiled rice) procurement under the custom milled rice (CMR) scheme. He noted that the Centre has reduced the allocation quota for boiled rice, while rice millers have raised concerns over stricter norms regarding the permissible percentage of broken rice in supplies to the Food Corporation of India (FCI). Millers have pointed out operational difficulties in meeting enhanced quality parameters. Uttam Kumar Reddy assured that all these issues would be addressed through coordinated efforts involving the state govern-

ment, millers, and the Union Food Ministry. The government will take up the matter strongly with the Centre to address the issues involved safeguarding the interests of both farmers and millers.

He said that a Chief Minister - level review on paddy procurement will be held soon to further monitor progress and resolve any pending issues on the ground.

Recalling the historic achievements of the previous Kharif marketing season, where the state procured around 72 lakh metric tonnes - a record never before achieved in a single season by any state government in independent India - the minister said the Congress government's farmer-centric policies have already delivered massive direct benefits to the state farmers. The government has remitted over Rs 19,500 crores directly to the accounts of farmers during the kharif marketing season.

The Minister reiterated that the entire procurement machinery, including logistics, storage, gunny bag distribution, and quality monitoring, is being fine-tuned for what could be another record-breaking Rabi season.

USE UREA WISELY, BOOST SOIL HEALTH : MINISTER TUMMALA TO FARMERS



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 7: Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Tues-

day urged the farmers to adopt scientific use of urea, warning that excessive application is harming soil health and reducing crop yields.

Participating in the weekly 'Rythu Nestam' programme via video conference from the state secretariat, the Minister interacted with farmers and reviewed feedback on the 'Urea App'. Farmers appreciated the app for eliminating long queues and enabling convenient booking and collection of urea.

The farmers requested the Minister to ensure that future urea sales continue to be facilitated through the 'Urea App'.

Tummala emphasized that Telangana's high urea consumption is a concern and called for restraint in its usage. He also advised farmers against stubble burning, citing environmental damage. Overuse of the urea not only degrades soil health but also leads to diminishing crop yields over time and an increase in pest and disease

problems. Noting that the harvest season has arrived, he requested the farmers not to burn the crop residue after harvesting. Promoting crop diversification, he encouraged farmers to take up oil palm cultivation alongside paddy, cotton and maize to ensure stable incomes.

Huzurabad Municipal Chairmen along with Sarpanches met the Minister and urged him to halt the proposed dumping yard project in the town.

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Emphasising Telangana's strengths, he highlighted its conducive climate, availability of skilled manpower, rich cultural heritage, and renowned cuisine as key factors making it an attractive investment destination. He stated that Telangana is among the fastest-growing states in India and has set an ambitious target of transforming into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. Assuring continued support, the Chief Secretary conveyed

to the delegation that the state government remains committed to facilitating investments and will extend all necessary assistance to make Telangana a preferred global investment destination.

Director of Industries Nikhil Chakravarthy, Malachy Brian Nugent, R Deepak Joshi, Divdrisht Singh from the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum and representatives of various companies were also present at the meeting.

BRS ALLEGES STATEWIDE LAND ENCROACHMENTS, CALLS FOR PUBLIC UPRISING



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 7: Intensifying its attack, the opposition BRS party alleged widespread land encroachments across multiple regions, including Nadergul and Pargi. The party leaders accused the ruling Congress government of collusion and misuse of power, claiming farmers were being intimidated and displaced. The party urged the youth to amplify the issue on so-

cial media and vowed to continue protests until justice is served.

BRS party state general secretary R.S. Praveen Kumar, at a press conference in Telangana Bhavan, lashed out at Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy accusing them of large-scale land grabbing. He alleged violations in Nadergul land dealings and

demanding immediate arrests of those involved within 72 hours. Warning officials of legal consequences, he claimed public wealth worth Rs.7,000 crore was being misused instead of welfare. If necessary, the CM and the revenue minister should earn their livelihood by working as daily wage laborers at junctions like L.B. Nagar, Boduppal or even as salesmen in shopping malls instead of resorting to land grabbing, he remarked and warned that their party would not remain silent if they continued to loot the assets belonging to people of the state. He expressed his outrage over their refusal to heed the High Court's ruling - which explicitly declared that the 374 acres of land in Nadergul belong to the

state government - and their continued attempts to grab the land by coercing and intimidating the government officials.

Further, the BRS leader asked as to why the police officials were turning a blind eye while a company- of which Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy's son Harsha Reddy, serves as a Director - was engaging in land encroachment? He asserted that the officials, acting in collusion with the Revenue Minister and with the backing of the Chief Minister, were seizing valuable government lands. He stated that the encroachments were currently being committed in areas such as Lagacharla, Velugumatla, Kothwalguda, Nanakramguda, Pargi, Regadi Doswada, Hilt and Moosi areas.

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It covered the fundamentals of centring, its importance in ensuring quality concrete structures, and the use of materials such as timber, steel, aluminium, and modular systems, while emphasising precision and durability.

The programme also addressed the practical aspects of establishing and managing centring units, including manpower planning, material procurement, and workflow management from design to execution. Participants were trained to interpret design drawings, organise resources efficiently, and implement formwork systems in a systematic manner.

Following the training, institutional support was extended to facilitate access to credit. Vanaja secured a loan of Rs 20 lakh under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), enabling her to establish her enterprise. Recognising the growing demand for construction materials, the Minister directed officials to focus on equipping women with skills in managing centring units,

cement brick manufacturing, and shear wall technologies. Acting on these directions, SERP identified interested candidates and ensured targeted training interventions.

Of the 772 trained members, 154 have already established centring units, while 16 have applied for support under PMEGP. SERP has also prepared Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and forwarded them to districts to facilitate financial assistance through bank linkages and PMEGP support.

As on today, Vanaja provides 3 units of Centring units for the construction of Indiramma Houses in her village.

Each centring unit entails an investment of about Rs 4 lakh, a baseline benefit extended to all trained members. SERP continues to coordinate with Housing Department officials to ensure work allocation and optimal utilisation of these units. The progress is being regularly monitored by SERP's non-farm division, with efforts underway to further encourage women's participation in this emerging sector.

"WAR ON MOSQUITOES": MLA SUDHEER REDDY LEADS CLEANUP DRIVE AT NAGOLE LAKE

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 7: In response to a surge in mosquito menace across L.B. Nagar constituency, local MLA Devi Reddy Sudheer Reddy has launched a "War on Mosquitoes" initiative to tackle public health concerns. As part of the drive, the MLA inspected Nagole Lake on Tuesday along with local leaders and oversaw the removal of dense aquatic weed (Gurrapu Dekka - Water Hyacinth) from the water body. Residents of nearby colonies welcomed the move, citing relief from mosquito breeding and reduce breeding grounds. Highlighting past measures, he recalled that during the previous BRS government, preventive steps like drone-based spraying and releasing Gambusia fish were undertaken successfully to con-



He directed the officials to take immediate steps to clear stagnant vegetation and reduce breeding grounds. Highlighting past measures, he recalled that during the previous BRS government, preventive steps like drone-based spraying and releasing Gambusia fish were undertaken successfully to con-

control mosquito larvae. He urged the government to intensify such public health measures. With residents complaining of inadequate fogging, BRS leaders have reportedly stepped in, procuring fogging machines with their own funds and carrying out spraying operations in several colonies. The MLA also appealed to

the government to deploy more fogging units to address the issue effectively.

Senior BRS party leaders Ananthula Rajareddy, division presidents Chiranjeevi, Cheruku Prashant Goud, Sita Ramulu, Pochampalli Rajendar Reddy, Gutta Bhaskar Reddy, Murali and Chhokry residents participated in this program.

MP VAMSI'S VISAKA INDUSTRIES BAGS US PATENT FOR LEAK-PROOF SOLAR INNOVATION



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 7: Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna's Visaka Industries has secured the United States design patent for an innovative leak-proof profile for mounting solar panel. Granted on January 13, 2026, the new design provides a highly effective, leak-proof mounting solution for solar panels, enhancing durability, safety, and ease of installation while preventing water ingress - a critical challenge in integrated solar roofing systems. This latest achievement adds to MP and joint managing director of Visaka Industries Vamsi Krishna's growing portfolio of patents in green technology and sustainable innovation. This adds to his portfolio of global patents, including the "ATUM Solar Roof", reinforcing his role in advancing green technology and sustainable infrastructure. The new design patent is valid for 15 years and further strengthens Visaka Industries' position as a pioneer in eco-friendly building materials and integrated solar solutions.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA DISTRICT COLLECTOR, WARANGAL PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION FORM-VI (See Sub-rule (1) of rule-19 and Section-11(1) of the Act-30/2013) Rc. No.8/1875/2023 Dated: .03.2026							
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This notification is made under the provisions of section 11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act 2013 (Act No. 30/2013) to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Warangal & Revenue Divisional Officer, Warangal on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana/Collector-cum-Appropriate Government, Warangal is pleased to authorize the Officer, Revenue Divisional Officer, Warangal and his staff to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in section 12 of the said Act. Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector. Objection to the acquisition if any may be filed by the person interested within 60 (sixty) days from the date of publication of this notification as provided U/s 15 of the Act before District Collector, Warangal/Revenue Divisional Officer, Warangal.

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Senior dignitaries call on Governor at Lok Bhavan

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, April, 7: Prof. N. Nagaraju, Vice Chancellor of the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad, along with officials, called on Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhavan on Tuesday and briefed him on the University's academic and developmental initiatives. Goli Srinivas Reddy, chairman of the Telangana Food Commission, Hyderabad, along with members, also met the Governor and discussed issues relating to food security and the functioning of the Commission. Rear Admiral Ashwani Kumar Tikoo, director of the DMDE Hyderabad, along with officials, called on the Governor and apprised him of the organisation's activities.

Ravi Kumar, President, The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI), along with members, also called on the Governor at Lok Bhavan.

Clean drinking water, LED expansion top government agenda: Minister Narayana



Chittoor: Apr 7
Municipal Administration Minister P Narayana said the government is spending nearly Rs 14,000 crore to provide tap connections and supply clean drinking water to every household in the State by 2030. He visited Chittoor Municipal Corporation on Monday and inspected roads, dumping yard and other civic facilities before conducting a review meeting on the ongoing development works in the city. The Minister said municipal development should move forward with proper planning and clear targets. Basic infrastructure facilities are being provided to people in all 123 municipalities across the State. LED streetlights have already been installed in all municipalities and are being monitored through a central dashboard system.

Steps are being taken to procure another 10 lakh LED bulbs soon. Narayana said tenders worth Rs 29.7 crore have been called under the AMRUT scheme for development works in Chittoor. He also announced that kacha drains will be constructed in Chittoor Municipal Corporation at a cost of Rs 82 crore, while works related to used water management have been sanctioned with an allocation of Rs 39.21 crore. Municipal Corporation Special Officer and district Collector Sumit Kumar said special focus is being given to various development programmes within the Corporation limits. Speaking about the corporation's financial position, he noted that nearly Rs 1.2 crore is being paid every month as

interest on loans taken in the past, and the repayment period will continue until 2035. The Collector said around Rs 18 crore is required for parks, lighting and other civic needs, and these works will be taken up in phases. Chittoor MLA Gurajala Jagan Mohan stressed that road widening in the town is urgently required and said it is essential for urban development. He also said steps have been initiated to address the long-standing drinking water problem in Chittoor. Puthalapattu MLA K Murali Mohan, CHUDA Chairman Katari Hemalatha, CDMA Manager Sampath Kumar, Municipalities Chief Engineer Prabhakar Rao, Commissioner Narasimha Prasad and other officials participated in the programme.

Minister participates in Jaladhara programme



Tangutur: Apr 7
Minister Dola Sree Bala Veeranjeya Swamy, along with Prakasam District Collector P Raja Babu, participated in the Jaladhara programme at Valluru village in Tangutur mandal on Monday. They performed special prayers to Gangamma Thalli at the village tank and offered a traditional saree. Speaking on the occasion, the minister stated that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's core vision through the Jaladhara initiative is to significantly enhance groundwater levels across the state. Being a farmer's son, the CM has always prioritised water conservation, with the welfare of farmers and agricultural labourers remaining his primary goal. He assured that drought-prone Prakasam district would be transformed into a green and fertile region by boosting groundwater levels. He further announced that CM Chandrababu is targeting completion of the Veligonda Project by June this year to ensure water supply to farmers, and pledged to develop Prakasam district into a major horticulture hub.

Collector, SP launch cycle rally against drug abuse



Tirupati: Apr 7
As part of Dandi March 2.0, a Statewide campaign to promote a drug-free Andhra Pradesh, district police department, in coordination with EAGLE Team, has organised an awareness programme for youth at SV University Auditorium here. As part of the programme, district Collector Dr S Venkateswar and district SP L Subba Rayudu flagged off a cycle rally from Tirupati to Visakhapatnam to promote awareness against drug abuse. Addressing the gathering, Collector Venkateswar stated that drug abuse poses a serious threat to society and has negatively impacted many countries. He emphasised that youth should stay away from drugs and highlighted the government's strict measures to curb drug usage. He also noted that ganja cultivation has reduced significantly due to focused actions by the government and the formation of a special EAGLE team under

senior IPS officers. SP L Subba Rayudu informed that extensive awareness programmes are being conducted across the district to eliminate drug and ganja usage. Stating that students play a crucial role in nation-building and must choose right path, he warned that involvement in drugs is a punishable offense and strict legal action, including the PD Act, will be taken against offenders. The SP urged the public to share any information related to drugs by calling toll-free number 1972 or through district police WhatsApp platform, with assurance of confidentiality. Students were encouraged to spread awareness among their families and communities. RDO Rammohan, SV University Vice-Chancellor Narasinga Rao, SPMVV Vice-Chancellor Uma Bhupathi Naidu, Additional SP Ravimanoharachari, EAGLE SP K Nagesh Babu and others were present.

Officials told to work for Viksit arkapuram



Markapuram: Apr 7
The Chairman of the Twenty Point Programme Implementation Committee, Lanka Dinakar, directed officials to take concrete measures to develop Markapuram as a 'Viksit' (developed) district under the Swarna Andhra programme, during a review meeting held with the collector M Vijaya Suneetha and district officials, at the Collectorate in Markapuram on Monday. Expressing gratitude to the chief minister for declaring Markapuram as a separate district in fulfilment of his promises to the people, Dinakar stressed the need for collective cooperation to achieve development goals. He described the Veligonda Project as the region's life-line, asserting that its completion would resolve most local issues. Dinakar directed officials to ensure full completion of works under the Jal Jeevan Mission and to conduct eye and health check-ups for school students, coordinating between the Education and Health departments. He also instructed officials from the electricity department to provide solar power facilities in SC and ST villages under the PM Surya Ghar scheme. Additionally, Dinakar recommended developing the Chennakesava Swamy Temple, Ranganatha Swamy Temple at Nemaligundla, the Thyagaraja Swamy Temple at Kakarla, and Cumbum Lake as tourist destinations.

Guv calls for socially relevant research

Anantapur: Apr 7
Andhra Pradesh Governor S Abdul Nazeer on Monday emphasised the need for research and technological innovation aligned with societal needs to drive sustainable development, while addressing the 15th convocation of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU), Anantapur. The Governor attended the ceremony as Chancellor and chief guest at the university's NTR Auditorium.



He was accorded a ceremonial reception earlier and welcomed by senior officials, including the Vice-Chancellor H Sudarshan Rao and other dignitaries. In his address, the Governor underlined that true education goes beyond the transfer of knowledge and should foster harmony in life and society, recalling the ideals of Rabinradhan Tagore. He noted that Andhra Pradesh has been making steady progress in higher education, with a gross enrolment ratio of 36.5 percent, surpassing the national average. He highlighted that the National Education Policy 2020 has ushered in transformative changes in the education system, benefiting students across the country. The Governor also pointed to the state's advancement in industrial growth and infrastructure development, stating that Andhra Pradesh is attracting investments in sectors such as renewable energy, electronics, information technology and food processing. He added that improvements in road networks, ports, inland waterways and airports are strengthening the state's economic prospects. Encouraging students, he urged them to use their knowledge for the benefit of society and to uphold values such as integrity, perseverance and compassion. He called on graduates to continuously learn, innovate and

strive for excellence in their chosen fields. During the ceremony, honorary doctorates were conferred on 74 individuals, while 31 students received gold medals for academic excellence. More than 40,000 students were awarded degrees across various disciplines, including engineering, pharmacy, management and computer applications. Renowned scientist Tessy Thomas, popularly known as the "Missile Woman of India," was conferred an honorary doctorate at the event. Addressing the graduates, she described convocation as a celebration of perseverance and discipline, and encouraged students to pursue innovation and achieve professional excellence. She also shared insights from her career in India's missile development programmes. Vice-Chancellor H Sudarshan Rao highlighted the university's academic strength, noting that it oversees around 130 affiliated colleges across several districts. He stated that JNTU Anantapur has earned a distinct place at the national level in technical education and has produced numerous engineers and scientists. Several public representatives, officials and academic leaders attended the convocation, which marked a significant milestone for graduating students and the university alike.

Collector irked over poor grievance redressal performance

Nandyal: Apr 7
District Collector G Raja Kumari on Monday expressed serious concern over the unsatisfactory handling of public grievances by several officials across the district. Speaking at a review meeting held at the grievance redressal hall in the Collectorate, she said that a detailed assessment of 412 officials revealed that 106 of them had scored zero in resolving complaints. Terming the situation alarming, the Collector directed that show-cause notices be issued and warned of strict action if there was no immediate improvement in performance. She observed that officials from key departments, including revenue, rural development, agriculture, police, municipal administration, housing, health, social welfare, minority welfare, forest, marketing, and education, were among those with poor performance. The Collector pointed out that certain mandals and urban areas had recorded particularly weak results, while appreciating a few officials who demonstrated commitment by addressing grievances promptly. She made it clear that negligence in handling petitions endorsed by the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister would not be tolerated, and identified 35 important petitions that were either kept



pending or closed without proper justification. These cases, she said, would be reopened and reviewed at the district level. Expressing concern over delays in sensitive cases, including the sanction of a house site for a disabled child, the Collector called for greater responsibility and responsiveness from officials. She also noted slow progress in certain departments and instructed all officials to clear pending petitions at the earliest. With a high-level review scheduled next week, she set a target of achieving zero pendency and announced a special review with 15 officials who recorded the highest pendency and poorest performance. Reiterating the importance of accountability, she stressed that performance-based evaluation would continue and that strict measures would be taken against those failing to meet expectations.

100-day spl programme on water management inaugurated in Srikalahasti

Tirupati: Apr 7
District Collector Dr S Venkateswar inaugurated a 100-day special programme titled 'Water Security - Responsibility of Water User Associations' under 'Jaladhara' at Suravari Palli village in Srikalahasti constituency on Monday. Srikalahasti MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy and RDO Bhanu Prakash Reddy were present at the event. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said efficient use and conservation of water resources have become an urgent necessity. Protection of tanks, canals and groundwater sources is very important in rural areas that depend largely on rain-fed agriculture. He explained the key activities planned under the 100-day programme. These include restoration of tanks and canals through desilting,



cleaning and repair works to improve water storage capacity. Nearby tanks will be interconnected to store and utilise rainwater effectively. Water conservation structures such as check dams, percolation tanks and recharge pits will be constructed to enhance water storage and groundwater recharge. The programme will also focus on increasing greenery by planting trees around water bodies to maintain environmental balance. Measures will be taken to improve groundwater levels by enabling rainwater to seep into the soil. Integrated water management plans will be prepared at the village level and implemented with the participation of Water User Associations. Speaking at the programme, MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy said the initiative would support rural development and farmer welfare. Restoration of tanks and canals would help increase irrigation coverage and benefit farmers. He called for public participation in every village to make the programme successful. Water Resources Department Superintending Engineer Radhakrishna Murthy, Deputy Engineer Siva Reddy, and a large number of farmers participated in the programme.

Fast track clearance given to six new waste to energy plants: Min Narayana



Tirupati: Apr 7
Municipal Administration Minister P Narayana stated that all legacy garbage at the dumping yard at Ramapuram, including buried waste, would be cleared within the next two months. Ramapuram yard will be transformed into a model modern waste management facility as part of 'Swachh Andhra - Swarna Andhra' vision of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, he added. Along with local MLAs Arani Srinivasulu (Tirupati city) and Pulivarti Nani (Chandragiri) and Municipal Corporation Commissioner N Mourya, the Minister inspected the dumping yard at Ramapuram on Monday. Speaking after the inspection, Minister Narayana called the previous YSRCP government as

'dirty government', which collected taxes on garbage, but left massive piles of garbage in 123 municipalities across the State, seriously harming public health. Narayana said that soon after coming to power in 2024, the Chief Minister set a strict target to clear all legacy waste within one year and to stop the practice of unscientific dumping. Under this drive, already about 85 lakh (8.5 million) tonnes of legacy waste was removed across urban areas. Another 68 lakh (6.8 million) tonnes of waste buried beneath the ground at various dump yards will be fully cleared within the next two months, he added. The Minister stressed that waste to energy plants are the only permanent and sustainable solution to

Andhra Pradesh's solid waste crisis. CM Naidu visited similar waste to energy plants in Tokyo and Singapore and decided to set up 10 such facilities across the State. Currently, plants in Visakhapatnam and Guntur are fully operational and together burn about 2,800 tonnes of garbage per day, generating electricity from it. He informed that the government gave fast track clearance to six new plants in Kakinada, Nellore, Vijayawada, Tirupati, Kurnool and Kadapa, which are expected to become operational by 2027. Once all 10 plants are fully functional, the State will be able to process around 7,000-7,500 tonnes of solid waste per day, eliminating the need for traditional dumping yards.

Specialty Hospitals Call Off Strike in AP

The Specialty Hospitals Association in Andhra Pradesh has announced the suspension of their strike at hospitals operating under the NTR Vaidya Seva Trust. The decision was made following assurances from the government received earlier today. The Hospitals Management Association stated that they have called off the strike after the government committed to releasing Rs.1,000 crore in payments within the next 10 days. The association warned that if the dues are not cleared within this period, they will resume a complete suspension of medical services. Officials have also shared the minutes of the



recent meeting with the government, which outline the assurances given and the discussions held. With the strike withdrawn, all medical services under the NTR Vaidya Seva scheme are set to resume immediately.

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Strategic Survival

India's energy policy is often described in the language of "security". That framing is comforting ~ and misleading. What the country is really practising is strategic survival in a system where energy has become a geopolitical weapon. From the oil shock triggered by the Yom Kippur War of 1973 ~ the fourth Arab-Israeli war ~ to the current tensions around the Strait of Hormuz, the pattern is unmistakable: global conflicts do not just disrupt markets; they redefine the rules of access.

For a country that imports the bulk of its energy, each crisis is less an anomaly and more a reminder of structural vulnerability. India's response has been pragmatic rather than ideological. During the Cold War, it leaned into Soviet supply lines; after liberalisation under then Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao, it opened its energy sector to global capital; and in the aftermath of the Russia-Ukraine War, it pivoted swiftly to discounted Russian crude despite Western pressure. These are not contradictions. They are adaptations to a system where alliances shift faster than pipelines can be built.

The deeper logic is this: India is not diversifying because it wants to; it is diversifying because it must. Supplier spread, strategic reserves, and refining capacity are all attempts to manage exposure, not eliminate it. Even flagship assets like the Jamnagar refinery underline this paradox: India can refine and export fuel at scale, yet remains overwhelmingly dependent on imported crude. What has changed in recent years is the weaponisation of interdependence. Sanctions regimes, tariff threats, and maritime chokepoints now shape energy flows as much as geology does. When Washington pressures buyers of Russian oil, or when tensions in West Asia threaten tanker routes, energy becomes an instrument of coercion.

In such a world, neutrality is not passive; it is an active, calibrated strategy. This reality also reshapes domestic policy: pricing, subsidies, and inflation management increasingly reflect global shocks, turning energy policy into a central lever of political stability and economic governance. This is why India's foreign policy increasingly resembles a balancing act rather than a set of fixed alignments. It buys oil from Russia, maintains ties with the United States, and engages Gulf producers ~ while trying to avoid being locked into any single camp. The objective is not to maximise advantage, but to minimise vulnerability. Yet, there is a limit to how far this strategy can go. Geography still matters.

The concentration of supply routes through narrow corridors like Hormuz ensures that no amount of diplomatic agility can fully insulate India from external shocks. Domestic alternatives, whether coal, renewables, or incremental upstream gains, offer buffers, but not autonomy. The uncomfortable conclusion is that India's energy future will remain contingent on forces beyond its control. The real achievement, therefore, is not independence, but resilience: the ability to absorb shocks, reroute supplies, and keep the economy moving. In a world where energy flows are increasingly politicised, that may be the only realistic definition of power.

Tax enforcement shouldn't allow snooping

Most people don't think of their chats or cloud storage as something tax authorities might access. India's latest enforcement push is starting to change that. What began as a targeted response to tax evasion now reflects a broader instinct: when compliance becomes harder, expand access. That may seem practical, but it carries wider consequences. Tools designed to track financial misconduct are starting to shape how ordinary users engage with everyday digital services.

The logic is easy to see. Financial trails now run through messaging platforms, cloud services, and digital infrastructure. Authorities argued that enforcement must keep pace with technological change. That logic is understandable. But enforcement tools rarely remain limited to their initial scope. When suspicion alone becomes sufficient to justify intrusive access, the threshold for intervention moves from evidence-based investigation to administrative discretion. Globally, governments face similar pressures. Across most advanced economies, enforcement is seen as credible only when it operates within well-defined procedural safeguards,

even as agencies rely on sophisticated analytics to identify anomalies.

In the United States, digital searches linked to financial crimes generally require judicial authorisation, even as agencies use advanced analytics to detect frauds. Across Europe regulators have tightened anti-money-laundering frameworks without extending broad powers to tax authorities to override digital security safeguards. The emphasis has been on improving intelligence and accountability, not widening intrusion. India risks moving in the opposite direction. By expanding administrative authority before strengthening due-process safeguards, enforcement begins to resemble surveillance. For individuals and businesses, the implications are immediate.

Platforms used for legitimate communication or financial coordination can begin to feel like points of exposure rather than tools of convenience. That uncertainty weakens the predictability that digital growth depends on. The economic effects are often subtle at first, but hard to undo. Digital ecosystems rely on trust. When users feel that everyday digital behaviour could invite disproportionate scrutiny, they par-

ticipate more cautiously. Entrepreneurs hesitate to fully digitise operations, freelancers rethink cross-border work, and startups begin factoring regulatory uncertainty into their decisions. Enforcement design, in effect, starts shaping market behaviour. There is also a clear technological trade-off. Encryption and distributed systems are not obstacles to governance; they are essential to modern cybersecurity. Weakening them, even with limited intent, risks creating broader vulnerabilities. Similar debates in Australia and the United Kingdom showed how quickly enforcement demands can collide with user security. The takeaway was straightforward: security cannot be selectively weakened without long-term costs. None of this suggests tax evasion should be ignored. Enforcement matters, especially in a digital economy. But effectiveness comes from better tools, not broader intrusion. Advanced analytics, interoperable reporting systems, and court-supervised digital searches offer more durable solutions than open-ended administrative access. India's own digital transformation offers a useful precedent. Digital payments expanded rapidly



because policy maintained a balance between accountability and innovation. Up take was driven not by heavy-handed oversight, but by clear rules and safeguards that users could trust. Tax enforcement reform should follow the same logic. When compliance mechanisms are perceived as proportionate and predictable, voluntary adherence improves. When they appear discretionary, enforcement becomes adversarial. The broader risk is cumulative. Each incremental expansion of digital access may seem justified in isolation, but over time it resets expectations of how much the state can see and access. What begins as an exception can quietly become

routine practice. India's digital economy has grown on the promise of empowerment. Preserving that balance requires recognising a simple reality: enforcement works best when it builds trust, not when it stretches its reach. Modernising tax administration is necessary. But modernisation should mean smarter tools, clearer legal thresholds, and stronger judicial oversight, not easier pathways into the private digital lives of ordinary users. The success of India's digital future will not be determined by how much data the state can access, but by whether citizens continue to trust the systems they are asked to rely on.

The Dantewada massacre, and what India needs to do to stay Maoist-free

The government has announced that the Maoist menace has been 'wiped out' from the infamous 'Red Corridor', meeting the deadline of March 31 it had set for itself. While one can bask in the glory of this announcement, it must be remembered that the task of shaping a 'normal', threat-free life for those in the dense jungles of the far-and-beyond has just begun. This was driven home by an almost full-page 'In Memoriam' published today in a national newspaper by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), which carried photographs of 75 of its jawans who were killed by Naxals in Bastar district this day, a decade and a half back. This touched a raw nerve in this writer. My father was the Additional Collector of Bastar district in 1982-83 and based in Kanker, a name that got synonymous with Naxal activities later. The place was peaceful, like any other village in the hinterland of tribal India, and our visits there were wonderful. So, when the Naxal menace became acute at the beginning of this century, I asked my old man what had transformed that quiet place into one where the government writ did not run. His reply shocked me - "We kept sending reports that a parallel organisation had started taking root and political steps were needed urgently to curb it, but to no avail." The results came to haunt us in the coming years. 2010, Then 2013, Then 2017

In 2010, I was Assistant Chief of the Air Staff controlling transport aircraft and helicopters, and on April 6 that year had to arrange An-32 aircraft to carry coffins of 75 CRPF jawans. The mayhem that must have happened is difficult to imagine. The brave hearts of No 62 Battalion, who were on an anti-Naxal operation, were ambushed by a group of 500-plus Maoists positioned on high ground; the troopers, devoid of any reinforcements due to roads being booby-trapped with IEDs, fought for six hours before making the supreme sacrifice. That these large-scale killings were repeated on May 25, 2013, when 30 people lost their lives (including the Chattisgarh Congress leadership) and on April 24, 2017, when 26 CRPF jawans were killed, showed that, irrespective of the political party in power, the basics of governance had been given short shrift in the previous decades through political unprofessionalism.

The steely determination to tackle the Naxal challenge began head-on in 2006 with Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh declaring it as the biggest internal security threat. Police forces were pumped in, and the Indian Air Force provided helicopters from 2009 for non-kinetic tasks; it is noteworthy that, though the helicopters were armed, calls for their offensive use were firmly rejected by the government. The rules of engagement were crystal clear - while



helicopters would not initiate any proactive kinetic action, they would act firmly in self-defence if fired upon; the belligerents on the ground were, after all, Indian citizens. It is to the credit of successive governments that the resolve to tackle the insurgency did not flag; in fact, it only went up. Insurgency As A Cancer An insurgency is like cancer. Even after its remission, the patient requires continuous tending in the long term to prevent its return. The lingering sub-surface threat lies in the famous Mao Tse Tung quote that insurgents are like fish in water - water being the local population. If the water is removed from the equation, the fish die. The villagers/tribals who call them the 'common man' must always see two aspects of official power favouring them: the government as a dependable provider of daily sustenance, and second, a

deterrent capability that cannot be challenged by any alternate source of power. The insurgent 'fish' must be continuously denied a favourable human cocoon for sustenance. So, what should the long-term strategy be? First, 'winning hearts and minds' of the populace is the cornerstone of any anti-insurgency plan. Improved education facilities for the young would go a long way in strengthening the psychological link with the rest of India. The extensive ingress of government machinery into the erstwhile Maoist strongholds and the widespread road infrastructure and communication facilities created must be improved further to cement governmental writ. As the entry of 'outsiders' into tribal areas increases, it is vital to ensure that tribal traditions and lands are not usurped by unscrupulous elements; the bottom line is that

'exploitation' of people indigenous to the area must be prevented at all costs.

Second, backing the administrative efforts should be deterrence, born of the gloved fist of the government's law-and-order machinery. Deterrence is built over time and is a 'process' of ensuring that an adversary follows one's guides without having to go kinetic - Sun Tzu termed it the 'acme of skill' for the warrior in conflict, but it is equally applicable in civil governance where the 'insurgent' is one's own citizen. In anti-insurgency action, the threat of retribution is more important than the actual implementation of punitive measures of law. The 'Sentencing Project', a 2010 study in the United States, stated that increasing the severity of a punishment does not have much effect on law-breakers compared to an assurance of certainty of punishment. It is the surety that the government would come down heavily on the lawbreakers that would prevent the tribal populace of the erstwhile Red Corridor from again being coerced to become a sanctuary for any insurgent ideology. Finally, insurgents are masters at playing political football. The drive to ensure an insurgency-free India must be a bipartisan effort, else gains made so far will be frittered away. The task of arranging aircraft to carry coffins must not befall anyone again.

America has painted itself into a corner

In his address to America last week, President Donald Trump stated that his 'objectives are nearing completion' in the war against Iran and that it could end in another couple of weeks. He also threatened to withdraw from NATO citing 'lack of help' in the conflict. The war has been extremely unpopular both in the US and around the world. Trump and Israeli Premier Benjamin Netanyahu waded into the conflict despite positive negotiations with Iran. All demands raised by Trump were being accepted by Iran but Netanyahu had his own intentions.

He possibly arm-twisted Trump into targeting Iran thereby reducing its ability to influence anti-Israel groups as a pre-requisite for backing his Gaza peace plan. The US and Israel employed overwhelming air power against Iran, assassinating its leadership and destroying not only a major portion of its military capabilities but also educational institutes and research centres. Their goal posts to end the war continued to shift as operations progressed. The Strait of Hormuz was an open passage prior to the conflict but faces blockades now. Trump is demanding that it be re-opened. Iran, despite major losses, refuses to be cowed down, and has targeted the entire region, damaging US bases and impacting the global economy by rising oil prices and shortages. It has exploited its geography as a weapon and employed oil as pressure on Trump, actions the US had possibly not envisaged. The world

reacted largely in anger and disbelief to this unilateral action by the US. While most nations continue silently suffering shortfalls of oil, gas and fertilizers, few have begun hitting back. European nations, which had hesitated to anger the US considering its importance in NATO and its support to Ukraine, are finally displaying their frustration. They claim that the US launched this attack without consulting them and now has the audacity to demand that they join it in the conflict.

Italy, Spain and Austria amongst others have closed their airspace and airbases to the US. Poland refused to transfer its Patriot batteries to the Middle East. France blocked overflights for Israeli aircraft carrying military supplies from the US. Switzerland denied US permission to reconnaissance flights and Germany termed the war as 'possibly illegal.' The UK initially blocked use of its airbases but subsequently permitted it for 'limited defensive action.' These refusals have an operational impact as these bases are essential for transit and staging areas. A group of more than 30 nations, including India, under the aegis of the UK, are discussing diplomatic and political means to push Iran to re-open the Strait of Hormuz after a ceasefire. Nations in the Middle East were miffed with the US for ignoring them while employing its air defence resources to protect Israel. They refused to join the US in its operations while unofficially insist-

ing that degradation of Iran continues. Saudi Arabia ignored the US while inking an agreement with Ukraine on procuring anti-drone and interceptor technology. There has been widespread anger in the region over Trump's insulting comments on the Saudi Crown Prince. The retaliation from Trump to Europe's actions came swiftly. In a series of tweets Trump threatened Europe that he would not be there when NATO needed it in the future. He also threatened to pull the US out of NATO, something not easily feasible. He warned that the US will not re-open the Strait of Hormuz as they do not use it.

Trump tweeted, "You'll have to start learning how to fight for yourself, the US won't be there to help you anymore, just like you weren't there for us. Iran has been, essentially, decimated. The hard part is done. Go get your own oil." He also mentioned that they have been 'very unhelpful.' The rest of the world was also dismayed with oil prices skyrocketing and the shortages. China largely maintained silence over the conflict though it supported Iran with satellite intelligence on US movements. After the visit of the Pakistani foreign minister to Beijing, the two nations issued a joint statement. The statement placed emphasis on ceasefire, dialogue, protecting civilians and opening the Strait of Hormuz. Pakistan is attempting to be a negotiator in the conflict, alongside Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, though it is largely relaying mes-



sages back and forth. India has not backed any nation in this conflict. Neither will it participate in opening the Strait of Hormuz. While many claim India is displaying its strategic autonomy, in reality it is defending its national interests. India has close links with all nations involved in the conflict, Iran, Israel, the US and Gulf countries. Its neutrality ensures movement of vessels flying the Indian flag through the Strait. It was Trump who made a call to PM Modi and discussed the conflict, rather than the other way around. India has also provided safe berthing for an Iranian ship in its harbour. Russia, which was impacted by sanctions on sale of its oil from the US, is now back to rebuilding its economy. While it has criticized unilateral US actions, it continues supporting Iran with satellite inputs on US movements. Its silence ensures there is no pressure on it to end its operations in Ukraine and reduced US support to Kiev. Shortfalls and increase in

prices of oil, gas and fertilizers have impacted the global economy. Many nations are compelled to take measures to control their usage. This has further alienated them from the US and Trump. The targeting of Iran without assessing the ramifications and the impact of the closure of the Strait of Hormuz has worsened the US's global standing, which Trump feels he can ignore. Relations with Europe were already moving downhill because of Trump's insults and snide remarks on their leaders, imposition of tariffs, threats on Greenland and abandoning Ukraine. European nations needed an excuse to display their displeasure. The Iran war was when they hit back, refusing to join Trump's war. The war may end but the reputation of the US as a dependable partner has taken a major hit. Trump and his team of so-called macho-men, Rubio and Hegseth, passing comments against the US's traditional allies are only worsening ties.

Air India scales up UAE ops to 32 flights amid West Asia tensions, IndiGo runs select services

Air India Group would operate 32 scheduled and non-scheduled flights to and from West Asia on Tuesday, increasing ad-hoc services to the United Arab Emirates amid continuing airspace restrictions, flight disruptions and rising geopolitical tensions across the Middle East. IndiGo would also operate select flights as carriers adjust schedules in real time.



Of the 32 flights, 16 will be non-scheduled services to and from the UAE, reflecting a fresh push to maintain India-UAE connectivity despite ongoing flight cancellations, rerouting and slot constraints. These services are being operated subject to regulatory approvals and operational conditions. Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah would continue to depend entirely on ad hoc operations. Air India will operate a Delhi-Dubai flight, while Air India Express would connect Mangalore to Dubai. Abu Dhabi would see expanded connectivity through Air India Express flights from Delhi, Kochi, Mangalore and Mumbai. Sharjah would be linked to Amritsar and Kannur. Ras Al Khaimah remains open for limited ad hoc movements, though no specific sectors have been

detailed, while Al Ain continues to remain without services. In Oman, scheduled operations would continue on the Muscat route, with Air India Express operating from Delhi and Mumbai. Salalah remains suspended. Saudi Arabia would see partial continuity in flight operations. Jeddah will be served by Air India from Mumbai and by Air India Express from Hyderabad, Kannur and Kozhikode. Riyadh will have scheduled services from Delhi and Kozhikode, while Dammam remains without operations. Flights to Bahrain, Doha, Kuwait and Tel Aviv remain suspended, underlining the ongoing impact of airspace restrictions and regional

uncertainty on international travel.

Air India said its long-haul flights to North America, Europe and Australia are operating as per schedule, indicating that disruptions remain largely confined to West Asia sectors.

Passengers affected by cancellations have been offered free rebooking or full refunds, with Air India Express allowing UAE-bound travellers to shift to alternate flights within its network without additional charges. The airline group is also reaching out to impacted passengers through registered contact details to facilitate rescheduling. It further said that additional ad hoc flights are being explored depending on approvals, as demand remains high and capacity constrained. IndiGo, meanwhile, said it will operate select flights to and from the Middle East, with schedules being continuously reviewed in coordination with aviation authorities. With travel advisories in place and airlines issuing regular updates, passengers have been advised to check their flight status before heading to the airport, as flight schedules remain fluid amid ongoing disruptions in West Asia airspace.

Inflation, unemployment, corruption 'top concerns' of Indians, yet optimism remains: Survey

A survey report by a global entity has found that the "top concerns" of Indian citizens include inflation, unemployment, education, crime and violence, and financial and political corruption. However, India has emerged among the top five countries—incidentally all in Asia—whose citizens are 'more likely to believe' that their nation is heading in the right direction. The survey captures perceptions of Indian citizens on key national issues that directly impact their daily lives, said the report by Ipsos, one of the largest market research and polling companies globally, operating in 90 markets. The Ipsos Global Advisor report, 'What Worries the World', released on Monday, highlights how the epicentre of global optimism is concentrated in Southeast Asia and India. Across five key markets—Singapore, Malaysia, India, South Korea, and Thailand—the sentiment remains relatively positive. The survey, conducted across 29 countries, found that citizens in 25 countries feel their nations are on the

"wrong track." France and Peru recorded the lowest levels of optimism, at 9% and 13%, respectively. On India's top concerns, Suresh Ramalingam, CEO of Ipsos India, said, "Inflation, unemployment, education, crime and violence, and corruption remain key concerns for Indians, shaped not just by domestic challenges but also by global disruptions." Ongoing conflicts in West Asia and related energy and supply chain uncertainties are adding to inflationary pressures and influencing perceptions of instability, including concerns around violence. Despite this, India's relative optimism reflects confidence in its resilience, although prolonged geopolitical tensions could test this momentum, Ramalingam added. The report notes that 2026 has been marked by significant disruption, including the outbreak of a new conflict in West Asia. The Strait of Hormuz has emerged as a critical flashpoint, exacerbating challenges for global economies. India's neutral geopoliti-



cal stance, coupled with proactive efforts to mitigate the impact of the global fuel crisis, has contributed to its relative resilience. Although the survey was conducted between late February and early March—prior to further escalation observed by mid-March—factors such as local governance and geographic positioning may be helping insulate India and other Southeast Asian markets. However, with oil and gas supplies increasingly affected by the conflict in West Asia, the situation is rapidly evolving into a broader global crisis unless there is de-escalation in hostilities, the report said. India is actively diversifying its oil

import sources to mitigate supply risks and enhance energy security. The sample in India is more urban, more educated, and/or more affluent than the general population. The survey results for these markets should be viewed as reflecting the views of the more "connected" segment of these populations. India's sample represents a large subset of its urban population—social economic classes A, B and C in metros and tier 1-3 town classes across all four zones. Weighting has been employed to balance demographics and ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to the most recent census data.

Coincidence or calculated timing? Trump's Iran deadline overlaps India-focused meet at White House

A striking overlap in the schedule of US President Donald Trump has sparked speculation, as a high-stakes deadline for Iran coincides with a closed-door dinner involving the US ambassador to India at the White House. Steve Lookner, an anchor and founder of Agenda-Free TV, a news channel, wrote on X: Trump has set a Tuesday deadline for Iran to accept a proposed deal or face severe consequences, including threats targeting critical infrastructure. At the same time, his engagement with India's diplomatic channel raises questions about whether the timing is purely coincidental or part of a broader geopolitical calculation. During his visit to Washington, India's Ambassador to the United States, Vinay Mohan Kwatra, met with Sergei Gor, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to advancing the strategic relationship between the two countries. "Good to catch up with my friend, Amb Sergio Gor, during his visit to Washington, D.C.," Kwatra said in a social media post on Monday. "I respect and value his partnership as we



continue our robust efforts to achieve the goals set by our leaders for India-U.S. strategic Responding to the post, Gor said it was a pleasure to meet his friend. "Always a pleasure to catch up with Amb Kwatra. He deeply cares about our strategic relationship," he said. During his visit, Gor also met Kash Patel, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in Washington. The two discussed cooperation between India and the United States to counter transnational threats such as cybercrime, narcotics trafficking, and illicit networks. Gor praised Patel's leadership, highlighting improvements in law enforcement outcomes. "In 2025, there was a 112% increase in vio-

lent crime arrests year over year, along with a 20% decrease in homicides and a 20% drop in robberies," he noted. Gor also met with U.S. Vice President JD Vance to discuss bilateral ties. "Just wrapped up a fantastic meeting with the Vice President. Thank you, JD Vance, for your continued leadership and attention to the U.S.-India relationship. Under President Donald Trump's leadership, the White House is fully engaged in the region," he said. Gor is also scheduled to meet President Trump for a dinner in Washington, coinciding with the latest deadline set by the administration for Iran to reach a deal, reports ANI. In a previous interview with Span Magazine, Gor said

that President Trump considers Prime Minister Narendra Modi a true friend, noting that their strong personal rapport has helped strengthen ties between the two nations. He added that deepening India-U.S. relations and working toward mutually beneficial goals is a significant privilege. The situation unfolds amid escalating tensions involving the United States, Israel and Iran, with the conflict now stretching over several weeks. Trump has also demanded that Tehran reopen the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz to global shipping, warning of potential military escalation if demands are not met. Iranian authorities have firmly rejected the warnings, calling them "baseless threats" and vowing continued operations. Meanwhile, diplomatic efforts, including a proposed ceasefire, remain uncertain as Tehran seeks more concrete assurances. Against this volatile backdrop, the India-linked meeting adds another layer of intrigue. India's strategic importance in global energy routes and regional stability could make it a key player in backchannel discussions.

India, St. Kitts and Nevis deepen ties as High Commission opens in Delhi

New Delhi [India], April 7 (ANI): External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday met the Foreign Affairs Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, Denzil Douglas, at Hyderabad House in the national capital, as both sides marked a key diplomatic milestone with the opening of the High Commission of St. Kitts and Nevis in New Delhi. According to the official X post by Jaishankar, the meeting focused on discussing "development projects, health cooperation, digital capacities and disaster response." In a post on X, Jaishankar said, "Delighted to host Denzil L Douglas, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade, Industry, Commerce & Consumer Affairs, Economic Development & Investment of St. Kitts & Nevis today. Discussed development projects, health cooperation, digital capacities and disaster response. Appreciated the exchange on regional and global issues. "Speaking at the opening ceremony, Jaishankar highlighted the historical and strategic depth of ties between the two countries. "I'm truly delighted today to join you all, and I congratulate the government of St. Kitts and Nevis on the official inauguration of the new High Commission in India. St. Kitts and Nevis and India have maintained close and very friendly ties since the establishment of our diplomatic relationship, which, if my memory serves me right, was in 1983. Our bilateral engagement is built on common values of democracy and our historic struggle against colonialism," he said. Emphasising shared global priorities, he added, "These shared experiences have fostered a deep bond that has developed as fellow members of the global south. In the years that have passed, the convergence of our views is evident on issues of contemporary



relevance, including climate justice, health security, and development challenges." Highlighting India's support for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Jaishankar said, "As small island developing states (SIDS), St. Kitts and Nevis face particular vulnerabilities to climate change. India remains committed to supporting SIDS in addressing these challenges through capacity building, technology transfer, and collaboration in renewable energy, disaster resilience, and sustainable development." He also underscored cooperation in global forums and development partnerships, like in the UN General Assembly. "We have worked closely in global and regional forums to make our voice heard and our interest recognised, and we meet regularly, I think in our case particularly so, Excellency, during the UN General Assembly." Referring to bilateral initiatives in terms of Lima beans, he said, "India is already engaged in a project on the processing and packaging of Lima beans. We agreed today in our discussions in our meeting earlier this afternoon to conclude a framework on quick-impact projects that would deliver for local communities."

importance of maintaining medical inventories and emergency supplies nearby for the use of CARICOM [Caribbean Community] members." Touching upon economic sectors, he said, "Tourism is the lifeblood of the economy of St. Kitts and Nevis. Our discussions touched upon the involvement of Indian businesses in this sector. We also examined the merits of Indian talents and Indian skills being made available more readily, especially in the health, tourism, and infrastructure sectors." He further offered India's expertise in digital governance. He said, "India has enthusiastically embraced digital opportunities to promote good governance and economic efficiency. We would be glad to share best practices with our partners, including St. Kitts and Nevis and indeed other members of the CARICOM." Highlighting multilateral cooperation, Jaishankar said, "On the multilateral front, both our countries continue to support each other in south-south cooperation initiatives. We also appreciate St. Kitts and Nevis' active participation in the International Solar Alliance, reflecting our shared commitment to renewable energy and climate action." Congratulating St. Kitts and Nevis on assuming the chairmanship of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), he added, "India shares warm and longstanding relations with CARICOM countries. We attach great importance to this partnership. The second India-CARICOM summit, held in November 2024 in Guyana and co-chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was indeed very productive." Jaishankar said, "I once again congratulate the government of St. Kitts and Nevis on this important diplomatic milestone and I wish the High Commission every success in strengthening our partnership."

GITAM and Blockchain For Impact, Netherlands, sign MoU to turn everyday clinical problems into affordable medical technologies

Visakhapatnam, Apr 7 GITAM and Blockchain For Impact have signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a MedTech incubation centre at the GITAM Institute of Medical Sciences and Research in Visakhapatnam. Blockchain For Impact will support the centre through a structured grant to build and operate it. India imports a large share of its medical devices, often over 70% in key categories, and this points to a deeper issue. Hospitals face problems every day, but very few of these problems become usable solutions because doctors, engineers, and startups work in separate systems without a clear path from identifying a problem to developing and deploying a solution. GITAM has created an integrated healthcare and research environment through GIMSR, where patient care, medical education, and research function within a single system. Clinical problems are observed in real time and move directly into research and development. Dr Gitanjali Batmanabane, Pro



Vice-Chancellor, Medical Sciences, GITAM, said, "A hospital sees problems every day that do not have simple solutions, and when clinicians, engineers, and researchers work together in the same environment, those problems can be studied and solved in a structured way." Dr Rajva Phani Pappu, Dean, Business School, and Dr Gautama Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor, GITAM, spoke about how GITAM brings multiple disciplines together on one campus and enables this way of working. Doctors, researchers, and engineers at GITAM work with direct access to patients, diagnostics, and clinical data, which keeps the work anchored in real conditions and reduces the gap between identifying a problem and beginning work on a solution. The MoU establishes a system in

which healthcare problems identified within the hospital move through solution design and prototyping, with clinicians, engineers, researchers, and startups working in a single environment supported by prototyping facilities, mentorship, and access to clinical settings. The centre will focus on non-invasive diagnostics and patient monitoring, where earlier detection and lower care costs make a direct difference. It will support both external startups and in-house innovators, including students, residents, and faculty. Dr Shweta Jindal, Advisor, Blockchain For Impact, said, "We focus on ideas that can improve healthcare access and outcomes, and working with GITAM allows us to support innovations that are grounded in real clinical need and can be supported in real clinical settings before they reach the market." Work within the centre moves through defined stages with access to infrastructure and clinical expertise, so that development does not stall between stages, and ideas move forward within the same system.

Pakistan issues over 2,800 visas to Indian pilgrims for Baisakhi

The Pakistan High Commission on Tuesday announced that it has issued more than 2,800 visas to Indian pilgrims to enable them to participate in the upcoming Baisakhi celebrations in Pakistan. The annual festival is scheduled to be held from April 10 to 19, with pilgrims expected to visit key Sikh religious sites across Pakistan. The move reflects Islamabad's efforts to facilitate religious travel and promote people-to-people exchanges between the two countries, despite broader bilateral tensions. Baisakhi, one of the most significant festivals in the Sikh calendar, marks the formation of the Khalsa



and draws devotees from across the world, particularly to gurdwaras in Punjab province, including

Nankana Sahib, the birthplace of Guru Nanak. Official sources noted that the issuance of visas is part of the existing bilater-

al framework aimed at enabling religious pilgrimages and maintaining cultural linkages between India and Pakistan.

Megastar Chiranjeevi's Fight With Single-Eyed Monster

What was considered to be a magnum opus has just taken a pause, because the initial teaser released by the team hasn't impressed with VFX, and the audience gave a major thumbs down for the same. That's the reason Megastar Chiranjeevi's upcoming film "Vishwambhara" got delayed by a year already when it comes to hitting the cinemas. Finally, the film's output is said to be shaping up well, and the makers are getting ready to target the coming month of June for a release. A snippet is coming out from the VFX circles that the Computer Generated Imagery, the shot creation, and the special effects have all turned into an action sequence featuring Chiranjeevi and a single-eyed monster, which has come out pretty well. Those in the know revealed that this particular sequence will be fea-



tured in the trailer too, and it will give goosebumps to movie lovers. Anyway, if this much delayed film could come up with interesting visuals and terrific action sequences, surely it will excite the audience in a big way. Directed by Vassishtha of Bimbisara fame, Vishwambhara is bankrolled by UV Creations. While Chiranjeevi recently scored a massive blockbuster with Mana Shankara Varaprasad

Garu, UV Creations saw respite at the box office with films like Couple Friendly and Biker doing well for them. With that momentum, we have to see if they will hit the bullseye with Vishwambhara now. On the other hand, if Vishwambhara also joins the release race, then that will be troubling some of the June-July releases. So the makers should announce the date well in advance.

Summer Surprise: Raakaasa Turns Into a Family Favourite at the Box Office



Raakaasa is continuing its steady run at the box office, shaping into a relaxed, feel-good entertainer that audiences are gravitating towards this summer. The film is seeing strong traction from family audiences, who are turning up in groups and contributing significantly to its theatrical momentum. With its clean comedy and easy-going narrative, Raakaasa is becoming a go-to choice for those looking for a light, enjoyable big-screen outing. The humour is working strongly, with the Sangeeth-Getup Srinu track turning out to be a clear crowd favourite, consistently drawing laughter across theatres. Their sequences are adding a lively rhythm to the film, connecting well with audiences. Alongside this, Vennela Kishore delivers one of his most effective performances in recent times, with his timing and presence elevating several stretches and enhancing the film's entertainment quotient. What's adding to the film's acceptance is how dif-

ferently it is being enjoyed across age groups. Kids are getting fully absorbed into the fantasy elements and reacting with visible excitement, while adults are engaging with it as a laid-back, no-pressure watch, enjoying the humour at their own pace. This natural split in engagement is turning Raakaasa into a comfortable family outing, where everyone finds their own space within the same experience. On the business front, the film has shown strong growth, crossing 15.80 Cr+ worldwide in 3 days, indicating steady momentum beyond its opening phase. The overseas market is also contributing positively, with North America crossing \$250K and continuing to build, reflecting encouraging reception among family audiences abroad as well. With consistent word-of-mouth, steady footfalls, and growing family turnout, Raakaasa is holding its ground firmly in theatres, continuing to draw audiences as a breezy, family-friendly entertainer this summer.

Rajamouli - Mahesh Mighty show in 1 Year: will it Happen?



One of the greatest collaborations in the history of Indian cinema is currently happening as Rajamouli and Mahesh Babu have come together for Varanasi, which is currently in the production stage. All eyes in the film world are locked on Varanasi, the ambitious next project from visionary director Rajamouli starring Mahesh Babu opposite Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran, with a worldwide theatrical release scheduled for April 7, 2027 which is exactly a year from today. Industry sources say that if production stays on track, Varanasi will mark Rajamouli's return

to the big screen with Mahesh Babu exactly one year from now, ushering in what many are calling a defining moment for global cinema. The scale of Varanasi already sets it apart: it's being shot partly in Antarctica, making it one of the most logistically complex Indian films ever undertaken, and is reported to carry a colossal budget in excess of Rs.1200 crore, positioning it among the most expensive films in Indian film history. Visual effects, motion-capture technology and world-class production facilities are in focus as Rajamouli pushes technical boundaries in a bid

to deliver a cinematic spectacle that resonates far beyond traditional markets. Expectations are astronomical among fans and industry watchers alike, who view the combination of Rajamouli's storytelling and Mahesh Babu's star power as a global event rather than just another film release. Some analysts even suggest international studio interest and unprecedented OTT deals could follow its theatrical run. With exactly one year to go, Varanasi isn't merely a film, it's being talked about as a global cultural moment that could redefine Indian cinema's footprint on the world stage.

Peddi For June: No Other Option Left Now?



Ram Charan is extremely committed to making a strong comeback with his next film Peddi. This film is prepared for its release on April 30, but it appears that this is pretty much out of the equation. This is due to the delay in the production. After facing a series of postponements over the past few months, Peddi is once again at the center of fresh release date speculation. The film, which has been in the news more for its delays than its progress, is now reportedly considering two new target dates in June either June 04 or June 25. Industry buzz suggests that the makers are carefully evaluating the release window to avoid clashes and to ensure better box office prospects. While no official confirmation has been made by the production team, trade circles indicate that internal discussions are actively underway. The uncertainty surrounding the release has kept fans and distributors on edge, especially after earlier dates were quietly pushed without detailed explanations. Sources say the team is also factoring in post production timelines and promotional planning before locking the final date. Given the film's scale and expectations, the makers are said to be cautious about announcing a date prematurely this time. The repeated postponements have naturally triggered curiosity and concern among audiences who have been waiting for clarity. At the same time, this renewed chatter around June has revived interest in the project. Whether Peddi finally arrives on June 04 or June 25 remains to be seen. Until an official announcement is made, the film's release continues to be a topic of speculation within the trade and among moviegoers.

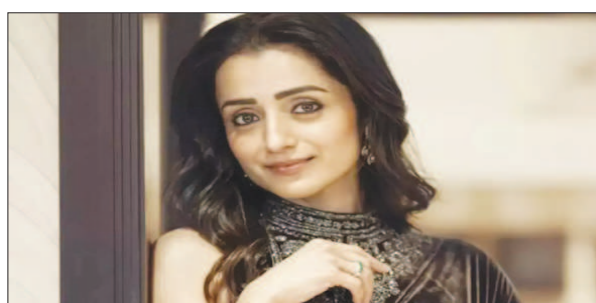
Even Anil Ravipudi is doing Ramayana: will It work?



Director Anil Ravipudi has established a strong reputation as a specialist in commercial entertainment, particularly with his consistent Sankranti hits. Despite facing criticism for his template-style approach, he continues to deliver box office success, which is why the industry calls him a 'hit machine'. As it has come out already, he's now getting ready to do an animation film as well apart from his next Sankranti movie. Reports are coming out that Anil is reportedly planning a film based on Ramayana. Not a regular film, but an animated version, bankrolled by KVN Productions. That itself is a surprising shift. A director known for fun entertainers stepping into a mythological space is not something many expected. If you look at the current

trend, Ramayana is already being explored by multiple filmmakers. The big one right now is Ramayana starring Ranbir Kapoor. With such large-scale versions already in the pipeline, the space is getting crowded. So naturally, the question is simple. Will there be space for another Ramayana, that too from a director known for comedy entertainers? In the past, we have seen how directors struggle when they don't reinvent. Someone like Sreenu Vaitla couldn't sustain once his formula got repetitive. Anil seems to be aware of that risk and is now trying to explore something new through animation. But then, he should have picked up something other than the Ramayana, is what many feel.

I Have Quite Films, Married Rich Man: Trisha



Popular South Indian actress Trisha Krishnan has recently responded to rumours about her quitting films. Over the past few days, social media was filled with news claiming that she had decided to retire from acting. These reports surprised many of her fans, as she is still very active in the film industry. The rumours started after Chitra Lakshmanan mentioned in a YouTube video that Trisha had stepped away from cinema. He also claimed that some producers had confirmed this information. Soon, this statement spread widely online, leaving fans confused and disappointed. However, Trisha did not stay silent. She chose a fun and sarcastic way to respond. Taking to Instagram, she shared a witty message dismissing all such claims. In her post, she joked that not only had she quit films, but she had also married a rich businessman and was raising four children. She added humorously whether anything else needed to be included in the "fiction quota" for the day. Her reply clearly showed that the rumours were false. Fans appreciated her light-hearted response and were relieved to know that she is not retiring anytime soon.



Is this the biggest Problem with Telugu Cinema?

Telugu cinema has been leading the race in Indian cinema with regard to quality of production and also the scale of the filmmaking. But there are certain things that have not been going the way of the Telugu film industry and here is a discussion on the same. Noted Telugu screenwriter BVS Ravi has made some sharp observations about the production economics behind the recently released Bollywood spy thriller Dhurandhar, drawing a striking contrast with how films are made in Tollywood. BVS Ravi pointed out that the makers of Dhurandhar produced an eight-hour spy saga across two parts at a combined budget of just Rs 260 crore. The film features a star-studded cast including Ranveer Singh, Arjun Rampal, Akshay Khanna, and Sanjay Dutt, and was shot across rich and visually impressive locations. Despite the scale and the ensemble, the project was completed within what he considers a disciplined budget. Ravi then turned his comments toward the Telugu film industry, noting that the same film, if produced in Tollywood, would have cost at least Rs 500 crore.



The remark was aimed at a broader pattern he sees in the industry, where filmmakers invest heavily in grandeur and spectacle but do not bring the same level of focus and discipline to content. His comments have sparked conversation online, with many in the film community seeing his remarks as a pointed critique of the tendency in Telugu cinema to prioritise lavish production value and star power over storytelling quality. BVS Ravi's observation has been widely shared and discussed as the debate over budget discipline and creative priorities continues to resonate within the industry.

Mixed Opinions on Fauzi's Postponement to December

Superstar Prabhas has decided to deliver two films a year, and already half of the 2026 quota was met by "Raja Saab" earlier in January. Now, the onus is on the next film, which happens to be "Fauzi" directed by Hanu Raghavapudi. This film has been in the making for a long time, and initially it was set for a Dasara release. Without attending shoots of other films like Spirit or Kalki 2898 AD, Prabhas has now dedicated himself full-time to Fauzi only, but here's the twist. Apparently, Fauzi will not be able to make it to the Dasara season due to pending Visual Effects and other post-production processes. For that same reason, the makers have thought that December first week would be an ideal release, like how the films like Animal, Pushpa



2 and Dhurandhar 1 in the recent times have come around that time and clicked. However, as Ramayana 1 is scheduled for November 2026 release, and in the third week of December, there's the release of Dune 3, some feel that these movies might affect the chances of "Fauzi" at the box office. However, trade experts have written that off.

They say that if Fauzi is arriving in December, surely that would be a proper commercial treat for fans, and neither Ramayana nor Dune 3 falls in the same groove, so they are not even in the league of Prabhas starrer. At the same time, Fauzi hasn't come up with any updates till date, and if the shooting is going at a brisk pace, surely that itself is good news for fans.

Adivi Sesh's Goodwill Working: Good Advances for Dacoit!

Adivi She is one of the most trusted heroes for Telugu audience when it comes to delivering quality films. He appears to be back on job again for Dacoit and that is reflecting in the advance bookings for this film. The advance bookings for Dacoit Hyderabad have opened on a remarkable note, signaling strong anticipation among moviegoers. At AMB Cinemas, shows are filling up at a rapid pace, with ratings showing a perfect score of 5 out of 5 in early bookings. Art Cinemas is also seeing high demand, with a rating of 4 out of 5, indicating that seats are going fast. Even the early morning 8 am show at Prasad's PCX is drawing audiences, with tickets being snapped up quickly. This surge in advance bookings reflects not just the film's intriguing premise but also the goodwill and popularity of the lead actor, Adivi Sesh. Over the years, Sesh has built a reputation for choosing scripts that combine quality storytelling with memorable performances. His consistent connection with the audience has



created a loyal fan base that trusts his choice of films. People are now willing to book early, confident that they will witness a compelling cinematic experience. Sesh's presence in a project has become a significant factor in drawing audiences to theaters, even before reviews or word-of-mouth take effect. This trend demonstrates the power of an actor's credibility and how it can translate directly into box office traction. With advance bookings off to such a strong start, the film is poised for a promising opening, highlighting how star goodwill can create early momentum and set the stage for commercial success.

Kishan's been incredible as captain, he does ask for advice: Klaasen

New Delhi: Sunrisers Hyderabad big-hitting batter Heinrich Klaasen has lavished praise on skipper Ishan Kishan, calling him a superb captain and adding the way the side responds to the young wicketkeeper-batter has been 'just phenomenal', apart from his calmness in decision making and willingness to lean on experienced players in the set-up. Geographic Reference



Kishan was named as SRH's interim captain due to regular skipper Pat Cummins being unavailable for the initial part owing to his recovery from a lumbar stress issue. Under him, SRH have won one match while losing two games and are at fifth place on the points table. "Look, I think he's been superb so far. He's a guy who does ask for advice. Like I said, we've got a lot of experience in the change room. So he leans on that as well. But his decision-making, the way he changes the bowlers, the way the team listens to him is just phenomenal so far." So like I said, we're in superb hands, and he's luckily not an arrogant guy at all, which makes it a lot easier. He's a really enjoyable captain to play under. So there's a lot of jokes in between to make it not so serious, because I think this environment can really be a tough environment to play under. "I think he's been superb, and he had some success in the domestic scene as well. I think his domestic team won a competition (Jharkhand won Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy under his captaincy). So there's a lot of experience in that aspect. But so far, I really do enjoy his captaincy, and he's been incredible so far," said Klaasen, while replying to a query from IANS in the JioStar Press Room ahead of IPL 2026 Rivalry Week. Despite SRH losing two games this season, Klaasen said his own form - 145 runs in three games, including two half-centuries - have given him personal satisfaction, particularly

given his limited game time after retiring from international cricket and playing only franchise T20 leagues. "Unfortunately, we've lost two games. But on a personal note, it's been a good start, especially because one of my biggest concerns is not playing as much cricket as I used to. Also, it's to see if I can still keep up with the standard that I set myself with. So, pretty good start for me, and hopefully this form will continue," he said. After playing against Punjab Kings in New Chandigarh, 2016 IPL champions SRH will play three games on the trot at their home venue against Rajasthan Royals, Chennai Super Kings and Delhi Capitals. The clash against CSK, the five-time champions who are yet to get off the mark in the points table, will be of huge interest and Klaasen acknowledged the fixture carries added significance. "Look, it's always fun playing against them, and knowing that our owners are also coming from Chennai, they do put an emphasis on that we need to win over them or beat them. So there will always be added pressure on that game, but it's still a good game. All the teams that you have to play in the IPL, you have to be at your best and put your best performance in the game. So hopefully we can get that little bit of momentum going into the next game and then face Chennai back home. "The wicket hopefully will be a little bit better, and then if we can get one over them going into their home ground, I think we should be in a good position to take them down this season," he elaborated.

Klaasen also talked about the tactical challenge of facing spinners from opposition teams who have clearly studied his game closely. "The boundaries are not the biggest in the world. We're used to some big boundaries as well. But the wickets are fantastic. So, it's a nice place to come back in. "But it's still a big challenge. I know they're coming for me and they know

I'm coming for them. I see this season they've got a couple of game plans. So, I need to get back on to doing some good homework against them and finding new ways of scoring against them," he said. On the toughest spinner he's faced in his IPL career, Klaasen named senior leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal without any hesitation. "It's an easy answer - Yuzi Chahal. We've come a long way. We've had some great battles over the last couple of years, especially in my career. "He's a quality bowler, a very clever bowler. I think we're about 50-50 on winning those battles. He's a good mate of mine as well, so it makes it even better just to fight against him on the pitch," he said. The hard-hitting batter signed off by calling the IPL the pinnacle competition in franchise T20 cricket. "It's by far the toughest franchise cricket competition that there is. I feel sometimes it's tougher than international cricket. It also depends on who you play. But the standard of cricket and obviously the conditions play a big part of it. "Every year you just see a new Indian player coming out that you never know about, and you just keep on producing the goods. So the talent that they've got, it just sets the standard so high. "So by far the best competition in the world. There are maybe a couple of tournaments that are striving to get to this standard. But it's tough to play in this competition. You have to be at your best to perform on this level." Catch TATA IPL 2026's Rivalry Week, April 12-18, LIVE and Exclusive on JioHotstar and Star Sports Network.

Top 5 youngsters who stole the spotlight in IPL 2026 so far

New Delhi, April 7 : The ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 has so far belonged to a fearless new generation of cricketers who have made an immediate impact with bat, ball and in the field. In just the first 11 matches of the season, several young stars have stepped into the spotlight, underlining the league's growing reputation as a platform where emerging talent thrives under pressure. Among the standout performers are Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Sameer Rizvi, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Prince Yadav and Harsh Dubey, all of whom have played crucial roles for their respective franchises with performances that are ahead of their age and experience. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi: The teenage sensation from Bihar has continued his meteoric rise after impressing in age-group and domestic cricket. Carrying his form from recent international youth tournaments into the IPL, he has amassed 252 runs in just seven matches at a



staggering strike rate of over 200. His campaign in IPL 2026 began with a blistering 15-ball half-century against Chennai Super Kings (CSK), followed by another explosive innings against Gujarat Titans, setting the tone for the Rajasthan Royals' strong start. Sameer Rizvi: Rizvi, who first made headlines in the UP T20 League, has scripted a remarkable comeback after a quiet stint in IPL 2024. Picked up by Delhi Capitals (DC) in the mega auction, the middle-order batter has seized his opportunities this season with back-to-back match-winning per-

formances under pressure. Despite not being a regular starter initially, his consistency has now cemented his place in the playing XI. He scored 70 runs against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) in the team's first match and then played a match-winning 90 runs knock against the Mumbai Indians. Angkrish Raghuvanshi: For Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), Raghuvanshi has emerged as a bright spark in an otherwise mixed start to the season. The Mumbai youngster has impressed with successive half-centuries at the top of the order and has also taken

on wicketkeeping responsibilities, highlighting the team management's confidence in his all-round abilities. Prince Yadav: Lucknow Super Giants' (LSG) pace unit has found a promising contributor in Prince Yadav. Drafted after consistent performances in domestic cricket, the young pacer has made the most of his opportunities amid injuries in the squad. He notably took two wickets in a single over against the Delhi Capitals and also struck early in a match against the Sunrisers Hyderabad on April 5. Harsh Dubey: Sunrisers Hyderabad's (SRH) Dubey has made a seamless transition to IPL cricket. The Vidarbha all-rounder has been effective in the Powerplay, controlling the run rate while picking up important wickets. Trusted by skipper Ishan Kishan, Dubey has also contributed with the bat, providing valuable runs in the lower order to bolster his team's totals. He has taken five wickets in three matches.

Eight Indian boxers reach 2026 Asian championships finals

New Delhi, April 7:

India's campaign at the Asian Boxing Championships 2026 gathered serious momentum as six women and two men boxers booked their places in the finals, underlining the country's growing depth across weight categories. Leading the charge in the women's semifinals, Minakshi and Jaismine delivered composed performances under pressure. Competing in the 48kg category, Minakshi secured a convincing 4:1 win over Thailand's Thipsatcha Yodwaree, displaying control and tactical sharpness throughout the bout. Jaismine, meanwhile, was pushed all the way in her 57kg semifinal against Uzbekistan's Nigina Uktamova but held her nerve to edge a tight 3:2 decision and advance to the gold medal clash. In the men's section, Vishvanath Suresh continued his impressive run in the 50kg division, outclassing Jordan's Huthaifa Eshish with a dominant 5:0 unanimous verdict. Sachin also impressed in the 60kg

category, registering a solid 4:1 victory over Thailand's Sakda Ruamtham to join the list of Indian finalists. While the day brought plenty of positives, a few Indian boxers fell short in their semifinal bouts. Akash went down to



Javokhir Abdurakhimov, while Lokesh suffered a 0:5 defeat against Jasurbek Yuldoshev, also from Uzbekistan. Narendar's campaign ended in disappointment after a 1:4 loss to China's Bayikewuzi Danabieke, with the bout being stopped early due to a cut. Harsh Choudhary too bowed out after a 1:4 defeat to Tajikistan's Parviz Karimov. With eight finalists confirmed, India now shifts focus to converting these strong performances into gold

medals. In the women's 48kg final, Minakshi will face Mongolia's Nomundari Enkh-Amgalan, while Jaismine is set to take on Thailand's Punrawee Ruenros in the 57kg summit clash. Elsewhere, Preeti (54kg) will square off against Chinese Taipei's Huang Hsiao-wen, and Priya (60kg) will meet North Korea's Un Gyong Won. Arundhati Choudhary (70kg) is also in line for a tough contest as she prepares to face Kazakhstan's Bakyt Seidish in her final.

Champions League preview: Heavyweights PSG-Liverpool and Real Madrid-Bayern Munich set for quarterfinal clashes

Football at its very best. That was Arne Slot's memory of Liverpool's richly entertaining meeting with Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League last season. They meet again almost 12 months on, with Liverpool - and Slot - in a very different place. The Dutch coach appears to be fighting for his job heading into the quarterfinal doubleheader with the European champion that starts with the first leg in Paris on Wednesday. A 4-0 loss at Manchester City in the FA Cup on Saturday was Liverpool's latest poor result of a season that initially began with so much hope after the club's record summer splurge of \$570 million on new players on the back of cruising to the Premier League title. With the Reds having long given up hope of retaining their league title, the Champions League is their only remaining chance of a trophy. While Liverpool has lost four of its last seven games in all competitions in a run of results that has piled the pressure on Slot, PSG is on a four-match winning run that contains back-to-back victories over Chelsea in the Champions League round of 16 (5-2 and 3-0). Only one team has retained the Champions League since the turn of the century - Real Madrid won it for three straight years from 2016 - but PSG looks in good shape to do so. Slot and Liverpool might just be happy to get out of the Parc des Princes with a fighting chance of advancing going into the second leg at Anfield.



Madrid vs Bayern There are three other quarterfinals: Real Madrid vs. Bayern Munich, Barcelona vs. Atletico Madrid, and Sporting Lisbon vs. Arsenal. It's one of the more unlikely Champions League facts: Madrid and Munich - winners of the title a combined 21 times - still haven't met in the final. They won't this season, either. Bayern Munich's Serge Gnabry, Harry Kane, Tom Bischof and Raphael Guerreiro The two heavyweights are, however, meeting in the knockout stage for the sixth time in the past 14 seasons - and it has been a one-sided rivalry. Madrid, the record 15-time champion, has won four of five two-leg matchups with Bayern since the 2011-12 season; once in the quarterfinals and three times in the semifinals, most recently in 2024. Bayern won in the 2012 semifinals after a penalty shootout. Bayern might never have a better chance to end that miserable run, given the German champions are unbeaten in 13 games in all competitions. Star striker Harry Kane is available despite missing Saturday's win over Freiburg in the Bundesliga with a minor ankle issue sustained in England training last week. Madrid is coming off a comfortable round-of-16 win over Man City but, more recently, a 2-1 loss at Mallorca on Saturday that hurt its Spanish league title hopes.

Barcelona vs Atletico The players of Spanish rivals Barcelona and Atletico might be sick of the sight of each other by next week's second leg. That's because their Champions League doubleheader will complete a barrage of five meetings between the teams in two months, culminating in three matches in 10 days. On Saturday, Barcelona came from behind to beat Atletico 2-1 on the road to strengthen its hold on the La Liga lead. In February, they met in the Copa Del Rey with each winning big at home and Atletico advancing on aggregate. They have met twice in the Champions League knockout stages and both times at the quarterfinal stage, with Atletico going through in 2014 and 2016 on its run to the final each season. Atletico played the second leg at home on those occasions, too. The first leg of their current head-to-head is on Wednesday.

Arsenal vs Sporting Fresh from guiding Sweden into the World Cup, Arsenal striker Viktor Gyökeres makes a first return to the club that turned him into a globally renowned striker. "The whole group was happy for him" after his transfer, Sporting defender Maximiliano Araújo said on Monday. "He did

some very good things (for Sporting). This year at Arsenal I think he's also doing very well, he's scoring a lot of goals, and he also secured qualification for the World Cup with his national team. I wish him all the best." At Sporting, Gyökeres scored 97 goals in 102 games, including 54 last season when he outscored the likes of Kylian Mbappé, Erling Haaland and Mohamed Salah. Quite the rise, then, for someone who previously had barely played a top-tier league game. Since joining Arsenal for \$85 million, goals haven't been so easy to come by - he has 16 in 42 matches in all competitions - but remains first choice under coach Mikel Arteta, who values his line-leading qualities. And, after his recent heroics for Sweden when he grabbed a hat trick against Ukraine and then the crucial late goal against Poland in the winner-takes-all playoff, Gyökeres should be full of confidence on his return to Lisbon for Tuesday's match. Sporting will look to make home advantage count like it did in the round of 16, completing a turnaround against Bodø/Glimt by winning the second leg 5-0 for one of the great Champions League fightbacks.

Tamim takes charge of BCB as Bangladesh push to rebuild cricketing ties with India

Former Bangladesh skipper and one of the country's greatest openers Tamim Iqbal has been appointed head of an ad-hoc committee to run the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), replacing Aminul Islam Bulbul after the National Sports Council (NSC) dissolved the existing board over irregularities in last year's elections.



The decision follows a government-ordered probe into the October 6 polls, where a five-member investigation committee found multiple discrepancies, including allegations of manipulation, misconduct and abuse of authority. Based on its recommendations, the previous board was removed and an interim 11-member body was put in place, with Tamim at the helm. At 37, Tamim becomes the youngest individual to lead the BCB in this capacity. His appointment is being viewed as a significant administrative reset for Bangladesh cricket, coming at a time when the board has been grappling with instability and questions over govern-

nance. Geographic Reference The interim panel includes former Bangladesh captain Minhajul Abedin and former international cricketer-turned-commentator Athar Ali Khan, along with Rashna Imam, Mirza Yeasir Abbas, Syed Ibrahim Ahmed, Israfil Khasru, Tanjil Chowdhury, Salman Ispahani, Rafiqul Islam and Fahim Sinha. The move also aligns with the broader approach of the newly-elected government led by Tarique Rahman, which has been looking to stabilise cricket administration while cautiously working to improve sporting ties with India. As part of that effort, the BCB has reached out to the Board

of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to explore the resumption of bilateral series. Concerns over the election process had surfaced well before the polls, with Tamim and several Dhaka-based club representatives alleging undue influence. Questions were also raised about Aminul Islam Bulbul's role, including claims that he had sought changes to councillor lists and presided over multiple deadline extensions for nominations. Tamim eventually withdrew from the race on October 1, while Aminul had denied all allegations at the time. At a media briefing, officials confirmed that the findings of the investigation had been shared with

the International Cricket Council (ICC), along with details of the interim committee. Aminul Ehsan, Director of Sports at the NSC, reiterated that the decision was taken to restore transparency and credibility in the board's functioning. The developments come amid a period of turbulence within the BCB. Aminul had earlier expressed his intent to continue as president despite mounting scrutiny, but pressure from the sports ministry intensified following concerns over the legitimacy of the elections. Bangladesh's absence from the recent T20 World Cup, and allegations of political interference. The situation has also been marked by a string of resignations, with four directors stepping down last week, taking the total number of exits since January to six. With Tamim now leading the interim setup, the focus will be on restoring stability within the board and steering Bangladesh cricket through a phase of administrative transition.

Sinner eases past Humbert in Monte Carlo opener

Monte Carlo: Jannik Sinner made a dominant start to his campaign at the Monte-Carlo Masters, brushing aside Ugo Humbert in straight sets to move into the third round on Tuesday. Fresh from his historic 'Sunshine Double' victory, achieved without dropping a set,

the World No. 2 carried his excellent form onto clay, securing a commanding 6-3, 6-0 win in Monaco. The Italian is not only aiming for his first ATP Masters 1000 title on clay this week but also competing to reclaim the top spot in the rankings from defending champion Carlos

Alcaraz. Humbert, who had impressed in the opening round, started confidently and even won an early rally to show his intention. However, Sinner quickly found his stride, dominating play with his characteristic baseline power and precision to take charge of the first set.

Garividi Powerlifter Swetha Wins Bronze at State Championship



By Skyline Staff Reporter Cheepurupalli (Garividi), April 7
Bringing pride to Garividi, powerlifter Ganapathi Raju Swetha secured a bronze medal at the Andhra Pradesh 13th Powerlifting Championship-2026, held on April 4 and 5 at GMR IT campus in Rajam, Vizianagaram district. Competing in the Master I

category (76 kg division), Swetha delivered an impressive performance by lifting a total of 230 kg, earning her a place on the podium. Her achievement has been widely appreciated by residents of Garividi, who congratulated her for representing the town with distinction at the state level. Apart from her competi-

tive success, Swetha is also contributing to the local fitness community. She runs the Royal Gym near Victory Layout in Garividi, where she trains aspiring athletes and promotes strength sports among youth. Her dedication both as an athlete and a coach continues to inspire many in the region.

BJP's commitment to nation-building is unparalleled: Madhav

By Skyline Staff Reporter Vijayawada, April 7
BJP State president P.V.N. Madhav said that the party's journey, which began as the Bharatiya Jana Sangh 75 years ago, has been phenomenal and marked by its unparalleled commitment to nation-building. The BJP stood as a role model for political parties around the world under the tutelage of its founders, he asserted, while calling for efforts to prevent the repeat of the circumstances of 1947 when the country was partitioned on the basis of religion and torn apart by communal hatred. Participating as the chief guest in the BJP Foundation Day celebrations at the State party office here on Monday (April 06), Mr. Madhav



said BJP was operating with the motto: 'nation first, party second, self last' and observed that India emerged as a force to reckon with under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He stated that about 168 welfare schemes were being implemented by the BJP-led NDA government, which did historic things like abrogating Article 370 and getting Ram Mandir built in

Ayodhya, and taking steps for notifying the Uniform Civil Code. Mr. Madhav said while the world was embroiled in a war, India stood strong under Mr. Modi's leadership and his successes on the diplomatic front were commendable. In Andhra Pradesh, he said, the BJP worked hard through many struggles and challenges and it has a lot more to do to make A.P. a progressive State.

Cancer screening packages at Omega Hospitals on the occasion of World Health Day

By Skyline Staff Reporter, Visakhapatnam, April 7
On the occasion of World Health Day, NABH accredited Omega Hospitals, Visakhapatnam, has launched special cancer screening packages to increase awareness about cancer among the people and to detect cancer at an early stage, said the hospital's Managing Director Dr. B. Ravi Shankar and the hospital's Chief Operating Officer Subhakar Rao. As part of the program, separate cancer screening packages for men and women have been made available at just Rs. 999/-. Speaking on the occasion, Hospital MD Dr. B. Ravi Shankar said that if cancer is detected at an early stage, it becomes much easier for the patient to overcome the required treatment effectively and restore their lifestyle. He also said that by detecting cancer at an early stage, there is a possibility of completely curing many types of cancer. He said that such advanced facilities and treatment methods are available at Omega Hospital. Later, Chief Operating Officer Subhakar Rao said that people from Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam districts should take advantage of this checkup opportunity, which is being offered at a very low cost, i.e. tests worth about Rs. 7000 for just Rs.999. The package for women includes a complete blood count, CBC, creatinine, liver function test, random glucose, digital mammography or ultrasound scan depending on age, Pap smear, as well as doctor and dietician consultations. The men's package includes complete blood count, CBC, urine test, chest X-ray, Abromes ultrasound, PSA test, renal function test, fasting blood sugar, along with doctor and dietician consultations. This special offer is available only till April 30th, and people are urged to take advantage of this opportunity and protect their health.



61-day fishing ban to be effective from April 15

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 7
A 61-day ban on fishing will come into effect in Visakhapatnam from April 15. Aiming at protecting the maritime life during the peak season of breeding, the ban prohibits fishing by mechanised and motorised fishing boats. However, the ban does not apply to traditional and non-motorised fishing boats. Meanwhile, the Federation of Indian Fisher Organisations (FIFO) has sought more aid from the government for fishermen during the ban period. As the restrictions pose a severe threat to the livelihood of fisher-



folk communities, the government should implement more inclusive policies to lessen the financial strain during the ban period. It demands a subsistence allowance of Rs. 20,000 for the women involved in the fish trade. The federation has sought extension of the 'Matsyakra Seva' benefits to all members of a fishing family rather than a single unit. It also seeks the extension of the boat registration renewal window from two days to at least one week, while stressing that the government must provide a more robust safety net for vulnerable communities whose entire income depends on the ocean.

Act fast on public grievances, Pranav Gopal tells staff

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 7
Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority Chairman M.V. Pranav Gopal has directed the staff to resolve the representations received at the Praja Darbar within the stipulated timeframe and provide an appropriate solution to the problems raised. Pranav Gopal, who participated in the Praja Darbar held at the VMRDA office on April 6, received the representations from the people. He discussed the problems with the officials concerned and



advised them to take the initiative to resolve them. He asked the victims about the actions taken by the department regarding their issues. A total of five grievances were aired at the Praja Darbar, out of which two were related to planning, one to real estate, and the remaining to the Administration Department. Joint Commissioner K Ramesh and other departmental officials participated in the programme.

Stone to be laid for Google data centre on April 28

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 7
Said to be the largest data centre in Asia, it is being developed with an investment of \$ 15 billion in Tarluvada village, 34 km from the city, where 3.6 acres of land have been allotted for the project. The project, which includes an open cable landing station, is expected to generate jobs on a big scale. Apart from changing the face of the

region, the mega project is likely to boost the role of Visakhapatnam as the global digital gateway. Union Minister of Information and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, and Electronics, Aswini Vaishnav and Google Cloud Chief Executive Officer Thomas Kurien will take part in the event.



SC Railway zone rollout gathers steam as staffing picks up pace

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 7
The long-pending Visakhapatnam-headquartered South Coast Railway zone is inching closer to reality, with the Ministry of Railways stepping up efforts to finalise manpower and administrative arrangements ahead of its formal launch. Railway authorities have begun firming up the initial workforce of over 1,300 personnel for the zonal headquarters in Visakhapatnam. A temporary office is already func-



tioning with about 100 staff in a rented building at Siripuram Junction, even as preparations gather pace for the official gazette notification. The

recruitment and staff mobilisation process has now moved into an accelerated phase to ensure the zone is operational from day one.

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By Skyline Staff Reporter Pithapuram, April 7
Deputy Chief Minister and Pithapuram MLA K. Pawan Kalyan on Monday announced that the Ministry of Railways has approved the development of Pithapuram railway station at an estimated cost of Rs.37.25 crore under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Kakinada district. In March, Mr. Pawan Kalyan met Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav and requested the inclusion of the station under the scheme, citing the influx of devotees from across South India



visiting Pithapuram for darshan at local temples. He had also inspected the existing facilities during his recent visits. In an official release, Mr. Pawan Kalyan said the scheme focuses on long-term modernisation of railway stations with improved passenger amenities. The station will get a new building with an entrance

gate, along with facilities for differently-abled passengers, a rest house, improved drainage and cabling, and renovation of platforms and shelters, as outlined in the approved master plan. Mr. Pawan Kalyan thanked the Railway Ministry and officials concerned for approving the project.

Andhra University cultural fest begins amid AU centenary

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 7
The three-day cultural fest of Andhra University began on a colourful note at the engineering college grounds in Visakhapatnam on April 6. Being organised as a part of the AU centenary celebrations, the event saw participation of the students from the university and its affiliated colleges who showcased their skills, impressing the audience. Dances to the tunes of folk and film songs by students drew loud applause from the gathering. Participating as the chief guest in the programme, actor Rajiv



Kanakala was all praise for the performances of the students. "I feel glad for being a part of the celebrations of the university as

my father was a student of the great institute," he said. The actor lauded the university for giving priority to art and cul-

ture. University Vice-Chancellor G.P. Rajasekhara said the cultural performances presented on the stage were a show of commitment and collective effort of the students. Describing it as an unprecedented event in the history of the university, the V-C said a festive atmosphere pervaded the grounds with students performing on the stage energetically. The function was attended by a member of the Governing Body, Sambireddy, Principals Jaladi Ravi, G. Girija Shankar, Seethamanikyan, M. Shashi, Padmashri, and M. V. R. Raju and others.

From Job Seekers to Job Creators – EMDP Program Inspires Students

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, April 7
A District Level Project Expo was successfully conducted today at ZPHS Thotagaruvu in Visakhapatnam district, as part of the Entrepreneurial Mindset Development Program (EMDP), a prestigious initiative jointly organized by the Andhra Pradesh School Education Department, SCERT, and Udhyan Learning Foundation, with the permission of the District Educational Officer. A total of 10 projects selected from the state level were showcased at the district level expo. Students demonstrated their creativity and innovation by presenting prod-



uct-based projects with the aim of becoming future entrepreneurs. Through their models, they conveyed a strong message of moving beyond job seeking towards becoming job creators. ZPHS Aganampudi secured the first place, while ZPHS Vellanki secured the second place

at the district level. The program is being implemented for Class 9 students through weekly sessions conducted every Saturday in schools. It aims to enable students to identify real-life problems and develop creative solutions. At a time when most students focus only on securing jobs, the organizers



emphasized that the program is designed to nurture job creators who can contribute to the nation's growth. The event was attended by Mandal Educational Officer C.H. Ravindra Babu, Academic Monitoring Officer Lakshmi, District Science Officer Raja Rao, District Manager K. Naresh, and

State Lead Sushanth. Jury members including DIET Lecturer Sridhar, Shraavan, and Nageswara Rao (Krishna College) evaluated the projects and finalized the first and second positions. The school Headmaster and teachers also participated in the program.

Ministry of Ayush Begins 75-Day Countdown to IDY 2026 with Yoga Mahotsav-2026 in Lonar

- Asia Book of Records Set with Collective Trikonasana Practice at Yoga Mahotsav-2026
- Mass Trikonasana Reflects Spirit of Collective Participation and Shared Wellness: Prataprao Jadhav
- Yoga Mahotsav-2026 Symbolises Global Awakening Towards Holistic Health: Jadhav



New Delhi, April, 7 (PIB): The Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), Ministry of Ayush, organised Yoga Mahotsav-2026 at Chhatrapati Shri Shivaji Maharaj Udyan, Lonar, district Buldhana, Maharashtra. The event marked a significant milestone as it entered the Asia Book of Records for the largest gathering performing Trikonasana. Nearly 5,000 participants assembled at dawn to perform the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP), transforming the historic town of Lonar into a vibrant centre of collective wellness. The large-scale participation highlighted the growing global acceptance of Yoga as a powerful medium for promoting unity, health, and well-being. Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ayush and Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, described the event as

(IDY) 2026.” He noted that hosting the celebration in the geologically significant Lonar region symbolises a broader global awakening towards holistic health and harmony. Emphasising the importance of Yoga, he stated that the practice continues to enhance physical health, mental well-being, and emotional balance. Highlighting the significance of the record-setting Trikonasana performance, Shri Jadhav stated that the achievement reflects the spirit of collective participation and shared wellness inherent in Yoga. He also underlined the importance of Ayush Aahara, emphasising

the role of traditional and natural foods such as millets, ragi, coconut oil, and medicinal spices in boosting immunity and promoting holistic health. Addressing the gathering, Ms. Monalisa Dash, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, described Yoga as one of India’s most valuable contributions to the world, noting that it represents a way of life that fosters harmony between mind, body, and spirit. The programme featured a live demonstration of the Common Yoga Protocol led by Prof. (Dr.) Kashinath Samagandi, Director, MDNIY. The session included Yogasana, Pranayama, and Dhyana, enabling participants to experience the comprehensive benefits of Yoga. Yoga Mahotsav-2026 also showcased several flagship initiatives of the Ministry of Ayush, including the “Yoga for Air Travel” protocol, “10 Yoga Protocols for Non-Communicable Dis-

eases,” and the Yoga 365 campaign aimed at integrating Yoga into daily life. A toll-free helpline (1800-315-7008) offering 14 days of free guided Yoga practice was also highlighted.

The event marked the formal commencement of the 75-day countdown to the 12th International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2026. The programme was attended by senior officials of the Ministry of Ayush, representatives of the district administration, and other distinguished guests. Over the past eleven editions, the International Day of Yoga has emerged as one of the largest global movements for health and well-being, with increasing international participation each year. The forthcoming 12th edition will focus on addressing non-communicable diseases, promoting geriatric health, and exploring the integration of emerging technologies, including Artificial Intelligence, with Yoga. The Ministry of Ayush reaffirmed its commitment to promoting Yoga as a mass movement through Jan Bhagidari, encouraging wider participation across the country and globally in the lead-up to IDY 2026.



ICAR Constitutes Special Task Force to Strategize Agricultural Resilience Amid Global Geopolitical Shifts

First Meeting Chaired by DARE Secretary & ICAR DG Outlines Comprehensive Framework for National Food and Input Security

New Delhi, April, 7 (PIB): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a high-level Special Task Force (STF) to proactively address emerging global challenges and formulate mitigating strategies for the agricultural sector. During the first meeting chaired by the Secretary DARE & Director General, ICAR, following comprehensive framework was outlined to ensure national food and input security: Intensification of 'Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav' (MGMG): Action has been initiated to broaden the scope of the MGMG campaign to enhance farmer outreach. The initiative will prioritize 100 aspirational Districts, utilizing existing organizational structures to provide a complete package of practices and build field-level confidence. Optimizing Soil Health and Fertilizer Use: A dedicated campaign is being launched to promote the balanced use of fertilizers and bio-inputs. This includes a district-wise assessment to rationalize fertilizer consumption in major crops like wheat and rice, ensuring maximum resource efficiency. Diversification and Domain Mapping: Detailed mapping of millet-growing regions is being undertaken to optimize land-use efficiency. This strategy includes promoting high-value alternatives in low-productivity rice areas, such as the integration of eco-fisheries, to enhance farmer income during the Kharif season.

Technological and Mechanical Interventions: Emphasis is being placed on mechanical solutions, including Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR), supported by a strengthened AICRP on Meteorology for real-time farmer advisories. Governance and Monitoring: To ensure swift execution, Nodal Officers have been designated within each Subject Matter Division (SMD) to monitor weekly progress and coordinate a consolidated Actionable Plan across key areas. The Special Task Force will convene as situational exigencies demand, leveraging institutional feedback mechanisms and internal expertise to provide data-driven inputs to the Government.

'bob SAMVAD', an AI-powered multilingual conversational platform of Bank of Baroda to transform in-branch customer interactions launched in Mumbai

- In-house AI platform enables real-time, low-latency two-way communication across 22 languages, embracing India's linguistic diversity

- DFS Secretary terms bob SAMVAD a step towards inclusive banking, strengthening customer service through technology

New Delhi, April, 7 (PIB): Bank of Baroda (Bank) unveiled its bob SAMVAD, which was formally launched by Shri M. Nagaraju, Secretary, Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance in Mumbai on March 28th 2026. The platform is an industry-first AI-powered multilingual conversational platform aimed at transforming customer interactions at its branches. Designed to eliminate language barriers, the platform enables customers and branch staff to communicate seamlessly with each other in their preferred language. M. Nagaraju, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, congratulated Bank of Baroda on the launch. Secretary, DFS commended Bank of Baroda for the innovative use of technology to bridge the language barrier in banking and enhance customer experience. Sh. Nagaraju said that bob SAMVAD will promote more inclusive & accessible service delivery and help improve customer service at branches. The initiative has set a new benchmark for the sector, he added. Nagaraju also visited bob Forest, another green initiative by the Bank after bob Earth, Green Deposits and Green Bonds, reflecting the Bank's commitment towards sustainability and overall ESG goals.

IN THE COURT OF THE XTH JUNIOR CIVIL JUDGE, CITY CIVIL COURT, HYDERABAD O.S.NO. 758 OF 2026

BETWEEN:
1. Thadamalla Elias S/o. late T.Sanjeeva Rao, Aged about 64 yrs, Occ: Pvt employee, R/o. H.NO. 1-6-212/9, Parsigutta West Colony, Parsigutta Wesley School, Musheerabad, Hyderabad.
2. Thadamalla Clement Divaker S/o. late T.Sanjeeva Rao, Aged about 63 yrs, Occ: Pvt employee, Presently Residing at Chicago, USA, Rep by its SPA i.e. Deena Teresa W/o. Gipson Paul, aged about 49 yrs, Occ: House wife, R/o. Flat No. 317, 3rd Floor Gowra Tulips, Gafoor Nagar, VTC, Madhapur, Serilingampally, R.R.Dist
3. Thadamalla Johnson S/o. late T.Sanjeeva Rao, Aged about 60 yrs, Occ: Pvt employee, R/o. H.NO. 1-6-212/9, Parsigutta West Colony, Parsigutta Wesley School, Musheerabad, Hyderabad.
4. Thadamalla Suman Charles Wesely, S/o. late T.Sanjeeva Rao, Aged about 58 yrs, Occ: Pvt employee, R/o. 1-6-212/9, Parsigutta West Colony, Parsigutta Wesley School, Musheerabad, Hyderabad.
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And

1) The M.R.O. Musheerabad, Hyderabad.
2) All Concerned Defendants To,

Whomsoever it may concern / Public at large

Please take notice that the above Suit is filed seeking to declare the Plaintiffs Viz., as the legal heirs of late Smt. T.S.Victoria was expired on 21.07.2024. The above suit stands posted to 16.04.2026 for receiving objections, if any from any interested party. Therefore, you are hereby required to appear before the Hon'ble Xth JUNIOR CIVIL JUDGE CITY CIVIL COURT, HYDERABAD., on 16.04.2026 at 10.30 A.M. either in person or through your Advocate and file objections/ written statement/counter if any failing which the matter will be decided in your absence.

(By order of the Hon'ble Court)

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Today's Horoscope



Aries

Chances of your recovering from physical illness are high which will enable you to participate in sports competition. Natives who are employed will require a sustainable amount, but due to unnecessary expenditure done in the past, they won't have enough. Friends will come to your aid if needed. Today, you and your love partner will delve into the ocean of love, and will experience the high of love. You might see an advancement in your work today. You will endlessly plan to rejuvenate your body and become fit. But just like the rest of the days, you'll fail to execute it. You will be lead down by your partner and this might force you break the marriage.
Remedy :- Recite (Om Ham Hanumathe Namaha) 11 times early in the morning for financial growth.



Taurus

Some family members could irritate you by their envious behaviour. But no need to lose your temper otherwise situation could go out of control. Remember what can't be cured must be endured. Wishes will be fulfilled as blessings and good fortune comes your way- and as hard work of the previous days brings results. Friends and relatives will do favours and you will be quite happy in their company. Don't wear those clothes which your lover doesn't like as it may offend him. Natives who have a creative job can face various problems today. You can realize the importance of a job over creative work. You can spend a good day reading an interesting magazine or novel.
Remedy :- Offering water to Peepal tree and circumambulating it, especially on Saturdays, will be highly beneficial for health.



Gemini

Likely to suffer from a persistent pain in neck/back. Don't ignore it especially when it is accompanied by general weakness. Rest will be very important today. Investment in antiques and jewelry will bring gains and prosperity. You will have limited patience today-but take care as harsh or imbalance words might upset people around you. Today chances of meeting someone who would appeal to your heart would be very strong. Opportunities to show your skills will be with you today. You can suddenly plan to take off from work today and spend time with your family. Today, you will spend the best time of your life with your spouse.
Remedy :- Use plates and spoons made of silver for great health and fitness.



Cancer

Cultivate a harmonious nature to kill your hatred because it is more powerful than love and deadly affects your body. Remember evil triumphs sooner than good. If you wish to lead a smooth life and maintain a stable standard of living, then you need to remain attentive today regarding your finances. Spouse will encourage you to get rid of smoking. It is right time to get rid of other bad habits too. Remember we should strike when the iron is hot. Your dreams and reality will get mixed in the ecstasy of love today. Put your efforts in the right direction and you will be rewarded with extraordinary gains.
Remedy :- Increase family feelings and happiness by distributing sour food items such as lemon, tamarind, or gol gappe to young girls.



Leo

A day of recreation and fun. Property deals will materialize and bring fabulous gains. Your brother will be more supportive to your needs than you had thought. Love is synonymous to worshipping God; it is very spiritual as well as religious. You will know this today. It is a favorable day, utilize the best of it at work. You will not mind what people think of you today. Rather, you will prefer not meeting anyone in your spare time and enjoy the solitude. Life becomes really mesmerizing when your partner is really awesome, you are going to experience it today.
Remedy :- Make use of incense sticks, camphor, room freshener, and scented candles at workplace for an enhancing work-life.



Virgo

Today you feel relaxed and in the right mood to enjoy. Due to the placement of the Moon, your money can be spent on unnecessary things. If you wish to accumulate wealth, then talk to your spouse or parents about it. This period is also good for taking your parents into confidence regarding your new projects and plans. Love is beyond the limit of senses, but your senses will experience the ecstasy of love today. Opportunities for work will come through females you know. Unexpected travel for some proves to be hectic and stressful. The series of disagreements will take its toll and you will find it very difficult reconcile with your spouse.
Remedy :- Recite (Om Ham Hanumathe Namaha) 11 times early in the morning for financial growth.



Libra

Blood pressure patients could take the help of red wine to lower their blood pressure and keep cholesterol under control. It will further relax them. Money gains will not be to your expectations. Someone you live with will be annoyed if you have been ignoring your household duties. Your love relationship is turning magical; just feel it. Partners will be enthusiastic about your new plans and ventures. You can suddenly plan to take off from work today and spend time with your family. Touches, kisses, hugs have a very special significance in married life. You are going to experience it today.
Remedy :- For better financial conditions, apply some oil on your body and in your belly button, and then take a bath



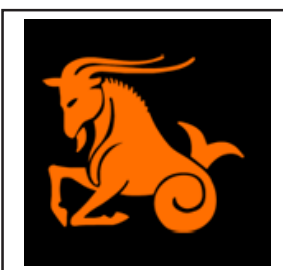
Scorpio

You might feel slightly run-down mentally and physically- A little rest and nutritious food will go a long way in lifting your energy. Today, with the help of a close friend, some businessmen are likely to gain monetary benefits. This money can overcome many of your troubles. Trouble seems to be brewing on the home front so take care of what you say. Past happy memories will keep you busy. It looks like a wonderful day today at work. Realizing the fragility of time, you will like to spend your time in solitude away from everyone. It would also be beneficial for you to do so. Everything seems happy today in your married life.
Remedy :- Wear a seven mukhi Rudraksha to live disease-free life.



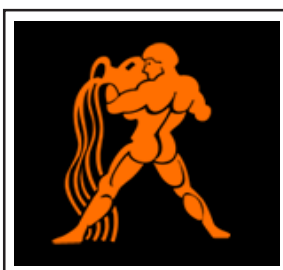
Sagittarius

Try to get out of your office early for some recreation. Long pending arrears and dues will finally be recovered. You will find friends supportive-but be careful of what you say. New romance for some uplifts your spirits and keeps you in a cheerful mood. Today you can pick up additional responsibility that will lead to higher wages and a better position. Today, you can come back from office and get indulged in some of your favourite hobbies. This will calm you down. You keep getting jokes on married life over social media, but today you will get really emotional when the startling beautiful facts about your married life will come before you.
Remedy :- Store water in yellow coloured glass bottle, keep in Sun, and drink it for contentment in family life.



Capricorn

Health should be given priority to social life. Investment needs to be made with a long-term perspective. Your excessive energy and tremendous enthusiasm will bring favorable results and ease domestic tensions Romantic entanglement will add spice to your happiness. Today your artistic and creative ability will attract lot of appreciation and bring you unexpected rewards. Today people will pass compliments-which you have always wanted to hear. With little efforts, the day might become the best day of your married life.
Remedy :- Feed Fishes with wheat flour balls



Aquarius

Use smile therapy to cure your prolong illness as it is the best antidote for all problems. Economically, today is going to be a mixed day. You can acquire monetary profits today, provided you work really hard. Sisterly affection will encourage you. But you should not lose your temper over trifles as it would only harm your interests. Your tears may be wiped by a special friend. Those connected with art and theatre will find several new opportunities to give their creative best. If travelling make sure you carry all important documents. Your spouse is truly your angel, and you will know this today.
Remedy :- Offer milk to banyan or neem tree, and apply a tilak of the soil of the tree on your forehead. This will empower your economic condition.



Pisces

Go out for a long walk for the sake of your good health. Watch your tendency to live for the day and to spend too much on entertainment. Your childlike and innocent behavior would play a pivotal role in solving family problem. Unexpected romantic inclination will cloud your mind towards the evening. If you were struggling at work since many days, it is going to be a really good day. The natives of this zodiac sign would like to spend more time alone than meeting people today. Today, your free time can be spent by cleaning the house. You and your spouse will create the best memory of your married life today.
Remedy :- For a good financial life, chant (Om Gam Ganapataye Namaha) 11 times everyday.

AI Cameras, Poll Cancellation For Booth Capturing Among Poll Body's Plans For Bengal

Kolkata: Elections in West Bengal have for long been shadowed by violence but this time, the Election Commission is drawing a hard line. Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has assured voters of a fear-free process, promising polls that are violence-free, intimidation-free, and devoid of bogus voting, booth capturing, or any form of manipulation. Behind the scenes, the poll body is preparing for strict enforcement. Polling and presiding officers have been put on high alert, with clear instructions: Zero tolerance for violations. In a major step, AI-enabled CCTV cameras will monitor polling stations in real time. If cameras are switched off or any suspicious activity is detected, repolling can be ordered immediately. The Commission is also ready to invoke Section 58A of the Representation of the People Act, which allows it to cancel polls in case of booth capturing. If reports from the Returning Officer confirm malpractice, voting can be declared void and



fresh elections ordered. Sources say if disruptions continue even during repolling, entire constituencies could face countermanded elections -- meaning the voting process will take place at a later date. Insiders warn that Bengal could see a higher number of repolls this time compared to previous elections. Tentative dates suggest repolling for the first phase may happen on April 25 and 27, and for the second phase on May 1

and 3, because after the polling, officers make report and based on that report repolling take place next day. To tighten security, the Commission has already reshuffled top officials, including the Chief Secretary, DGP, Home Secretary, Kolkata Police Commissioner, and several senior police officers. Security deployment is also at an all-time high, with around 2,400 CAPF companies being stationed across the state making it one of

the largest election security operations in recent years. Under Section 57 of the Representation of the People Act, the EC can also adjourn polls in case of riots, natural disasters, or official complaints. While states like Bihar recently saw peaceful elections without repolls, the Commission is leaving nothing to chance this time -- especially in West Bengal, along with Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Puducherry.

2 Pakistan Terrorists Among 5 Arrested In J&K, One Evaded Cops For 16 Years

New Delhi: The first pictures have emerged of two Pakistani terrorists who were part of a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) module busted by police in Srinagar. Five people were arrested, officials said on Tuesday, including Pakistani terrorist Abdullah alias Abu Hureira who had evaded the police for 16 years and had also helped set up bases outside Jammu and Kashmir. The other Pakistani terrorist has been identified as Usman alias Khubaib. The two Pakistani terrorists in custody are categorised 'A+' and were involved in creating the LeT network in Jammu and Kashmir and other states. Officials said Hureira infiltrated India about 16 years ago and commanded about 40 foreign terrorists over the years, most of whom have been killed by security forces, news

agency reported. Investigators searched 19 locations, including in Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan and Haryana, and recovered a large quantity of weapons, including four AK rifles, and incriminating material. Officials said the three Srinagar residents who have been arrested are Mohammad Naqeeb Bhat, Adil Rashid Bhat and Ghulam Mohammad Mir alias Mama, and they allegedly provided logistical support, food and shelter to the terrorists. Forged documents with addresses located in other states have also been recovered from Abdullah and Usman, indicating the use of false identities to facilitate the module's expansion in other states. Naqeeb Bhat was the first to be arrested on March 31 and he led the police to Mir and Rashid Bhat.

"Bechara UAE Needs Money" : Pak Senator On Repaying \$3.5 Billion Debt



New Delhi: As Pakistan prepares to repay \$3.5 billion of the debt it owes to the UAE, its senator Mushahid Hussain framed its financial obligation as a "brotherly rescue" for a nation that is currently "stuck and helpless". Hussain, in an interview with Dunya News, said it has a moral responsibility to support the UAE during what he described as its time of crisis. "Bechara (helpless) UAE needs money, they made commitment to Trump. If they are facing issues, as big brothers, Pakistan will help the UAE," he said. "Pakistan took the right decision. Our UAE brothers are in need and helpless. We took loans from them and are repaying them in times of crisis. We have always helped them. Pakistan played an important role in building the UAE. We trained their armed forces. We have good relations since the time of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan (the founding father and first president of the United Arab Emirates)," said Hussain. He also stressed Pakistan's role in "building the UAE," spe-

cifically noting that Pakistani expertise was instrumental in training the UAE's armed forces. He pointed to the massive instability in the Middle East amid the war that began on February 28, adding that the UAE have \$150 billion to US President Donald Trump, implying a significant drain on their reserves. "They are stuck and helpless now. They are also stuck in wars in Yemen and Sudan. It's our responsibility to help them," said Hussain. Hussain went on to give

UAE "brotherly advice" regarding its demographics and ties with India. "Your population is 10 million; out of that, 4.3 million are from India. Pay attention that the friendly ties with them do not land you up as part of Akhand Bharat," he added. Pakistan prepares to repay US \$3.5 billion by this month's end to the UAE, according to a senior Pakistani official cited by Dawn. "The amount will be returned as soon as possible," the official added, highlighting that "national

dignity could not be compromised for financial considerations." The funds in question were part of external financial assistance provided in 2019 through the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development, aimed at stabilising Pakistan's balance of payments. Pakistan is currently participating in an International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme that requires it to secure approximately \$12.5 billion in rollovers from key international partners, including China, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. These funds are crucial to maintaining adequate reserve levels and meeting ongoing external financing obligations. Pakistan's current central bank reserves stand at \$16.3 billion, but the UAE repayment will reduce them by 18 per cent, a step that will weaken the country's external buffer and import cover. As the Iran war continues, Pakistan is among the countries that have been hit by rising oil and commodity prices.

Nashik Family Was Returning From Outing. How A Shortcut Led Them To Death

Mumbai: A decision to take a shortcut proved fatal for nine members of a family, six of them children, when their car plunged into a well in Maharashtra's Nashik district. On Friday, three adults and six children from the Dargude family travelled to an event organised by a coaching centre in Dindori. They included Sunil Dargude (32), his wife Reshma (27), daughter Gunwanti (11), Sunil's sister-in-law Asha (32), her children Sreyash (11), Shravani (11), Sraddha (13) and Srishti (14), and a relative's child Samridhi (7). After attending the programme, the nine left for their village, about 10 km away. It was evening time, and Sunil, who was driving the Maruti Suzuki XL6 car, decided to take a shortcut. This proved to be a deadly error. The car hit the wall of a roadside well and plunged into it. The deep well had water till the 40-foot mark. When local residents heard the sound, they rushed to the well and called the fire brigade. The residents attempted to begin rescue work, but darkness and the well's depth were major challenges. Firefighters used lights to locate the vehicle. Divers jumped in, and ropes were used to pull the car out of the well. But it was too late. All the occupants were dead. The body of one of the children was found outside the vehicle. Police have registered a case under sections relating to causing death by negligence and rash driving. Sunil Dargude, one of the victims, has been charged with driving rashly, and the well's



owner, Rajendra Raje, faces a negligence case. According to reports, the road next to the well was constructed a few years back, but no steps were taken to close the well.

Civic authorities and the well's owner were locked in a dispute over this. The tragedy has now prompted the local administration into action. Work to fill the well has

begun to ensure such an incident doesn't take place again. An investigation has also been launched to find out why the authorities let a well remain so close to a road.

"Akhilesh's Lyari Raaj" Or "Dhurandhar Chief Minister": A UP Poster Drive

Patna: A 'Dhurandhar' poster campaign has started in Uttar Pradesh, with a youth organisation projecting next year's Assembly election as a choice between "Akhilesh's (Yadav) Lyari Raj" and "Dhurandhar" Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The references are from Aditya Dhar's blockbuster movies Dhurandhar and Dhurandhar The Revenge. For those who skipped the movies, Lyari is a densely populated Karachi neighbourhood that once lived under the shadow of gang wars. Lyari forms a key setting in the Dhurandhar universe. And the first part shows Rehman Dakaik, played by Akshay Khanna, as an influential gangster virtually ruling Lyari. The posters, which have appeared in over 10 cities of Uttar Pradesh, show Samajwadi Party president and former Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav in the avatar of Rehman Dakaik and pit him against Adityanath, whose government is set to complete a decade in power. On one side of the poster is a collage of news reports on communal riots during the



Akhilesh Yadav regime. The other side showcases news reports about gangsters being killed after the Yogi Adityanath government came to power. These killings include the murders of Atiq Ahmed and his brother Ashraf, who were shot dead on live television while police were taking them for a medical check-up. These posters in Lucknow, Malihabad, Sitapur, Hardoi, Jaunpur, Barabanki, Azamgarh, Noida, Pratapgarh, Amethi and Gonda have been put up by an organisation named Youth Against Mafia. The 'about' section on this organisation's website says, "Uttar Pradesh cannot build a prosperous future if

public memory fades. Periods of organised crime, fear, violence, and weakened rule of law do not just harm victims in the moment. They shrink investment confidence, discourage entrepreneurship, weaken local economies, reduce job creation, and damage the hopes of an entire generation. "Youth Against Mafia exists to turn memory into civic action. The foundation will document the past, educate the present, and help shape a future where young people defend a safer and more opportunity-led Uttar Pradesh," it adds. Abhinav Tiwari, general secretary of Youth Against Mafia, said the organisation has no links to any political party.

"We have started this awareness drive to inform people from Gen Z about what Uttar Pradesh went through. Riots used to take place, and the youth of today must not forget that," he said. Fakhru Hasan Chand, Samajwadi Party spokesperson, said people are unsafe under the BJP government, irrespective of whether they are at home, in jail or on the road. "That BJP government throws allegations against the Samajwadi Party. If you search on the Internet, 'Atiq with BJP leaders', you will see the real face of the BJP," he said. "Uttar Pradesh's law and order situation is in tatters, and the BJP government has completely failed to fix it."

IT Rules Overhaul To Bring Entire Digital News Ecosystem Under One Framework: Sources

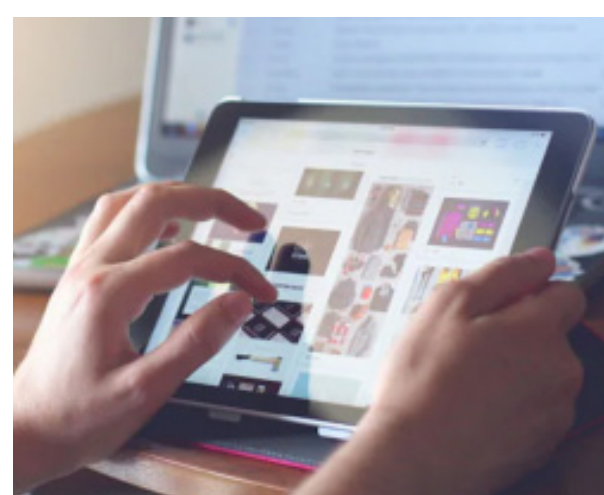
New Delhi: The Centre is working on a significant overhaul of the Information Technology Rules that could widen their scope to cover the entire digital news ecosystem, government sources told. The proposed draft amendments are still under consultation, with the deadline for stakeholder feedback now extended. According to sources, the changes are centred around four key areas including data reten-

tion, compliance requirements, definitional clarity and structural reforms within the rules. The effort is aimed at streamlining the existing framework and addressing gaps that have emerged with the rapid growth of digital content platforms. One of the key proposals under discussion relates to the rules, which currently apply largely to registered news broadcasters. Sources said the government is examin-

ing ways to expand its ambit to include non-registered entities that are increasingly producing and disseminating news and current affairs content online. At the same time, officials stressed that news and current affairs content will continue to remain under the domain of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Sources dismissed concerns that the amendments could lead to censorship,

asserting that claims suggesting content critical of the government would be taken down as unfounded. The government has held multiple rounds of consultations with industry stakeholders, during which several suggestions have been put forward. These include a demand for consolidation of existing guidelines, clearer differentiation between registered publishers and other content creators,

and greater transparency in compliance processes. Some stakeholders have also raised concerns about the potential impact of the proposed rules on the advertising ecosystem. Sources indicated that these issues are being examined as part of the ongoing consultation process. There is also a push for clearer definitions, particularly around what constitutes news and current affairs content.



As Artemis II Shoots For Moon, India's Gaganyatris Train In Own 'Moonscape'



As NASA's Artemis II's Orion capsule, named 'Integrity', carries four NASA astronauts on a lunar voyage in a living space often described as a minivan-sized capsule, India's own "fabulous four" astronaut-designates, or Gaganyatris, are undertaking a rehearsal of a different kind - a high-altitude analogue mission in the cold desert of Ladakh, the stark 'moonscape' where oxygen is scarce and conditions are harsh. This is Mission MITRA (Mapping of Interoperable Traits & Reliability Assessment), a field simulation jointly developed by ISRO's Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) and Protoplanet - with the latter as the lead executing partner - and supported by specialists spanning engineering, medicine and psychology. The premise is simple: before India takes its next big leap in human spaceflight, it must understand the most complex system of all - the human being inside the mission. And that is why, even as the world watches Integrity sail outward, India is paying attention to a different but equally decisive variable: cohesion, the ability to stay aligned when the environment punishes the body and tests the mind. Currently in Ladakh, India's astronaut-designate, Group Captain Prasant Balakrishnan Nair, has framed the moment with a philosophical clarity that echoes the very human purpose of exploration. "As Artemis II lifted off and dis-

appeared into the black expanse, there was a peaceful joy in knowing that very soon we will once again have the point of view of Earth from the Moon that re-emphasises Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Sitting in Ladakh and experiencing its pristine peace, one realises why we in this ancient land were always rooted in this eternal philosophy of 'the world is one family'," he told NDTV. **Mission Mitra** "Mission MITRA represents a shift towards understanding the 'human machine' as deeply as the spacecraft itself," said Dr Siddharth Pandey, Director of Protoplanet, capturing the mission's core logic of behaviour under pressure. "By analysing how our astronauts and support teams interact in Ladakh's unforgiving climate, we are ensuring that future missions are backed by a foundation of psychological resilience and team unity." For the astronauts, Ladakh is not merely dramatic geography; it is a deliberately chosen laboratory in India's high-altitude cold desert. In India's human spaceflight roadmap, ground-based analogue missions are a disciplined way of generating Indian subject data - physiological, psychological and operational - well before crews are sealed into spacecraft. ISRO has explicitly framed these analogue missions as opportunities to understand human health and performance risks by simulating key as-

pects of mission life on Earth. **India's Gaganyatris** The four astronaut-candidates for India's first human spaceflight mission are Group Captains Nair, Ajit Krishnan, Angad Pratap, and Shubhanshu Shukla, all seasoned Indian Air Force test pilots. They are the cohort that India hopes will open the door not just to low-Earth orbit missions but to a longer horizon: a crewed lunar landing by 2040, which is an ambition stated in the national human spaceflight programme outline that frames HSFC's analogue-mission effort. One of them could well lead that journey when the moment comes. But before that future headline is written, Mission MITRA is asking a more immediate, practical question: how do teams behave when nature turns the dial up - cold, hypoxia, isolation, limited comfort - and the only way through is with discipline, empathy, clarity and trust? **The Ladakh 'Moonscape'** Ladakh's cold desert has long been described as a 'moonscape', a terrain that can feel extraterrestrial in its starkness. ISRO has previously highlighted why this region matters for analogues: high ultraviolet flux, low air pressure, extreme cold and saline permafrost, environmental traits that make parts of Ladakh an unusually good stand-in for planetary exploration stressors. In the earlier 2025 Ladakh analogue setup at Tso Kar Valley, the facility

was described as sitting at an altitude of about 4.3 kilometres above sea level, with air thin enough to remind the body, quickly and unambiguously, that it is not in control. Mission MITRA draws from that same Ladakh logic: strip away routine comforts, place the teams in tents under the starlit sky, compress the environment, amplify the physical stressors, and watch what happens to teamwork, judgement, mood, communication and cohesion when the human system is pushed. Ladakh's conditions, including the freezing cold, low oxygen and isolation, are central to why it is being used to mimic elements of deep-space stress. **Testing The 'Human Machine'** The mission's stated emphasis is behavioural and operational, focusing on group dynamics in stressed, isolated environments. This includes how flight and ground teams maintain synergy, how stress responses unfold under cold and hypoxia, and how communication protocols between field crews and support stations hold up when the environment is unforgiving. Mission MITRA is prioritising psychological resilience, team dynamics and behavioural endurance, alongside tests of communication and logistics between crews and support teams. A dedicated psychologist is monitoring every move. In other words, it is not just 'training', it is measurement - a structured attempt to build a framework for selecting, coaching and sustaining high-performance teams for longer missions, where the margins for error shrink and the cost of conflict multiplies. **HOPE: Rehearsal Before The Rehearsal** Mission MITRA hasn't taken place in isolation. It sits within a continuum of analogue efforts that HSFC has already articulated. ISRO notes that HSFC led the Ladakh Human Analogue Mission (LHAM) in November 2024, partnered in the ten-day isolation

study 'Anugami' in July 2025, and then continued the endeavour with the HOPE analogue mission setup inaugurated at Tso Kar Valley on July 31 the same year by Dr V Narayanan, ISRO Chairman and Secretary, Department of Space. In HOPE, the emphasis was explicitly scientific and operational. Partner institutions and specialists were to examine epigenetic, genomic, physiological and psychological responses, validate health-monitoring protocols, and refine sample collection and microbial analysis techniques, an indication of how seriously India is treating the human dimension of exploration. Dr Narayanan's framing of HOPE was unambiguous: "This analogue mission is more than a simulation, it is a rehearsal for the future," he said, describing it as a milestone in the journey toward sending Indians to the Moon and beyond, while acknowledging that such facilities can simulate many aspects of space missions, except microgravity. That earlier HOPE phase also spotlighted the evolving public-private character of India's space ecosystem, with Protoplanet described as a key industry partner supporting HSFC's broader human spaceflight effort. **The Triangle Behind The Field Crew** Mission MITRA's execution rests on an important triangle: ISRO's HSFC as the lead human spaceflight body, Protoplanet as the lead executing partner, and an ecosystem of experts, including those associated with aerospace medicine. ISRO's own analogue-mission outline for HOPE explicitly lists the Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM), Bengaluru, among partner institutions whose investigators examine physiological and psychological responses, and validate health-monitoring protocols and crew workflows. That matters for Mission MITRA because harsh environments don't just test temperament; they test sleep, cognition, mood stability, decision-making un-



der fatigue, and the subtle biological signals that only trained medical and psychological teams can read in real time. The field becomes a controlled stress chamber, and the data becomes the blueprint. **The Need For Teamwork** India's long-term ambition, a crewed lunar landing by 2040, is not simply a rocket equation; it is a leadership equation. The most advanced hardware can still be undermined by frayed teamwork, poor communication, avoidable conflict, or decision errors born of stress and isolation. That is why the Mission MITRA concept - mapping traits, assessing reliability, and strengthening interoperability - reads like outdoor leadership training with astronaut-grade consequences. Ladakh is where those abstractions acquire texture. It is where "team cohesion" is no longer just a phrase, but a morning routine in low oxygen; where "stress resilience" is not motivational language,

but the ability to think clearly when the cold bites and the day runs long; where "integrated logistics" is not a diagram, but the lived experience of depending on protocol, clarity and calm. And if Artemis II's "Integrity" symbolises trust and teamwork for a crew sealed into a tiny capsule, Mission MITRA is India's way of building those same qualities, before the hatch closes. The symmetry is striking: Artemis II flies an Orion capsule called Integrity, a name NASA itself says embodies trust, respect and humility across the crew and the thousands who enable the mission. Mission MITRA - which also means friend - puts India's own astronaut cohort in a place where friendship is not sentiment, it is survival-grade teamwork. In Ladakh, the cold desert offers a kind of truth serum. It reveals what a team is made of when the environment removes comfort and amplifies stress. The purpose is not to dramatise hardship,

but to standardise learning, to build a testing framework for long-duration missions, so that when India reaches for the Moon, the country's crews carry not just hardware readiness, but human readiness. And it is here that Nair's reflection on 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' lands with force. The view of Earth from the Moon has always been more than an image; it is a moral perspective. If the next generation of missions is to be sustained, by India, by the world, it will depend on a culture of teamwork that extends from crew cabin to mission control, from laboratory to launch pad, and from national pride to a shared planetary consciousness. Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, India's only astronaut who has flown on a NASA-supported mission, told NDTV from Ladakh: "Once you leave the boundary of your planet, in a sense, you lose all boundaries. You don't introduce yourself as being from India or the USA. You introduce yourself as being from Earth."

Adani Ports Targets 1 Billion Tonnes Cargo By 2030 After 500 Million Milestone



New Delhi: Billionaire Gautam Adani on Friday said his conglomerate's port arm is targeting cargo volumes of 1 billion tonnes by 2030, after the company surpassed 500 million tonnes milestone, underscoring the rapid scale-up of India's largest port operator. Speaking on the occasion of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) crossing the milestone, Chairman Adani said the group's ports network has expanded into an integrated system of 20 ports across India and international locations, positioning it as a key enabler of trade and logistics flows. He said APSEZ's logistics and marine services businesses are expected to grow fivefold over the next five years, as India enters a phase where logistics capacity will become a strategic driver of economic growth. The

milestone marks a significant step in the ports-to-energy conglomerate's ambition to scale up infrastructure capacity in line with India's rising trade and industrial demand. Highlighting the pace of expansion, Adani said it took the company 16 years to reach its first 100 million tonnes of cargo, but subsequent growth accelerated sharply, with the last 200 million tonnes added in just four years. Adani also outlined organisational changes aimed at improving execution, including a shift to a flatter, three-layer structure to push decision-making closer to operations and enhance responsiveness. He added that the company is increasing its focus on frontline empowerment and partner ecosystems to support long-term growth, while crediting employees and on-ground workers for building the business. "It is often said that an explorer is shaped by the path he undertakes, just as the path awaits an explorer worthy of it. I have long believed that there are no final destinations in the life of an explorer. "There are only moments of pause, when you look back with wonder at the distance

you have travelled, and then find within yourself the strength to begin again," he said. Calling the crossing of 500 million tonnes of cargo an "extraordinary achievement of APSEZ", he said the achievements of this scale are never just about numbers but about legacy. "Numbers measure performance. Legacy measures something deeper. It measures the audacity of vision, the endurance of belief, and the courage to target what most would not even dare imagine," he said. Dwelling into the group's business philosophy, Adani said great organizations are built twice - first, in the mind through hope, self-belief, conviction, and second, in the real world, where dreams are constructed, moment by moment, brick by brick, hand by hand. Milestones such as those achieved by APSEZ can never be measured in business terms alone. "They are about our people - about those who chose to believe in me, to walk with me and to build with me," he said. "They are about our memories - of struggles, of victories, of setbacks - all of which came to define the Adani spirit." Mundra in Gujarat, APSEZ's first port, gave

vision to the group's philosophy, its first physical form. "It is here that our belief became reality, courage became commitment, and conviction became concrete." "I still clearly remember many trips, driving overnight in an old Contessa car, from Ahmedabad to Mundra... There were really no roads to Mundra in the 1990s, and even I am amazed that we did it. "Because no one in their right mind would have driven through the night to a place that, at the time, looked less like the future of ports and Indian logistics and more like a giant endless marshland at the very edge of western India," he said. In moments of despair, his long-time confidant, Malay Mahadevia, broke into the iconic song "Rote hue aate hain sab. Hansta hua jo jaayega. Woh muqaddar ka Sikandar Woh muqaddar ka Sikandar Jaan-e-man kehlayega," he recalled. "Somehow, in the middle of that vast emptiness, the philosophy of a song celebrating Alexander the Great became our own private anthem. And perhaps, without even fully realizing it, this gave voice to something deep within us - the stubborn belief

that if destiny does not come to you on its own, then you must go out and build it yourself," he said. Adani said the truth about all great institutions ever built is this: they do not begin because the future is fully visible; they begin because their conviction is stronger than their doubts. "That, my friends, is the story of Mundra," he said. "Mundra was the spark. This spark became the nucleus of APSEZ. APSEZ became the nucleus of the Adani Group. And the Adani Group became the nucleus for Indian infrastructure." From the shores of India, the idea then scaled to Hazira, to Dahej, to Kandla (all in Gujarat), to Dhamra (in Odisha), to Krishnapatnam (in Andhra Pradesh), to Kattupalli in Tamil Nadu, to Gangavaram in Andhra Pradesh, to Ennore in Tamil Nadu, to Karaikal, to Vizhinjam in Kerala and then beyond India's shores to Australia, Israel, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania. "What we built is not a collection of assets. It is a living network. 20 ports. One system. One operating philosophy. One overriding purpose of Nation Building," he said.

Leadership, Identity: How A 4-Way Fight Is Shaping Up In Assam's Haflong



Guwahati: A keenly-contested battle is expected to unfold in the Haflong constituency when Assam goes to polls on April 9. Four candidates in the fray will represent Autonomous State Demand Committee (ASDC), BJP, Congress and National People's Party (NPP). Political observers maintain that the main contest will likely revolve around the BJP, Congress and NPP. The BJP has fielded a relatively young face Rupali Langthasa, currently a Member of the Autonomous Council (MAC) in Dima Hasao. Her candidature has drawn significant attention as the party denied a ticket to sitting Cabinet Minister Nandita Gorlosa. Analysts point out that while Rupali Langthasa represents a fresh face, she is yet to establish a strong mass base across the constituency. The Congress has nominated Nandita Gorlosa, a seasoned leader

who previously served both as a Member of the Dima Hasao Autonomous Council and as a Cabinet Minister. Known for her strong grassroots connect and educational background, Gorlosa is considered a formidable candidate with deep influence among voters. Meanwhile, the National People's Party (NPP) has fielded Daniel Langthasa, a vocal leader known for consistently raising issues related to land rights in Dima Hasao. His assertive stance on indigenous land protection has resonated with sections of the electorate, particularly among youth and grassroots activists. Daniel and his wife are also social media influencers. Political dynamics in the district are rapidly shifting, with reports indicating that several BJP grassroots workers and local leaders are joining both the Congress and NPP camps. This trend could significantly impact

the BJP's organisational strength in the constituency. A recent statement by the Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma regarding the possible creation of two districts in Dima Hasao after the elections has sparked widespread debate. The Dimasa Students' Union has strongly condemned the proposal, alleging that it may create divisions along communal lines. It is worth noting that demands for the creation of a separate district by non-Dimasa communities date back to 2010, following the re-naming of North Cachar Hills district to Dima Hasao. The issue continues to remain sensitive and could influence voter sentiment in the run-up to the elections. With multiple factors at play - leadership credibility, party shifts, and identity-based concerns - the Haflong seat is shaping up to be one of the most closely watched constituencies in Assam this election season.

GITAM Invites Applications for Ph.D. Admissions 2026-27

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

Patancheru, April.7 : GITAM Deemed to be University has invited applications for admission to its Ph.D. programmes for the academic year 2026-27 across its campuses in Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Visakhapatnam, according to Prof. Ramagopal, Director - Research and Development. Admissions are open for full-time candidates in diverse disciplines including Architecture, Engineering, Science, Management, Pharmacy, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Law. The Extramural Ph.D. programme, designed for industry professionals and scientists, is available in Engineering, Science, and Pharmacy. Eligible candidates include those with a relevant

master's degree (minimum 55% marks), a four-year bachelor's degree with at least 75%, or M.Phil. qualification. Final-year postgraduate and undergraduate students awaiting results may also apply. Selection will be based on the GITAM Research Admissions Test (GREAT) followed by an interview. Candidates with valid national-level test scores such as UGC-NET, CSIR-NET, GATE, GPAT, ICAR, or DBT-JRF are exempted from the written test and will be called directly for interview. The last date to apply online is May 11, 2026. The entrance examinations are scheduled on May 23 (online) and May 30 (in-person), with the programme commencing on August 24, 2026. GITAM offers a monthly



fellowship of ₹33,000 for eligible full-time Ph.D. scholars for up to three years, along with access to advanced research facilities, collaborations, and academic support. Inter-

ested candidates can apply at the official portal: <https://researchadmissions.gitam.edu>. For more details, contact 0891-2866411 or email to phdsupport@gitam.edu.

14 DIE IN ADULTERATED TODDY TRAGEDY, ACTION STILL PENDING - FGG

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, April, 7 : The Forum for Good Governance (FGG) has raised concerns over alleged selective enforcement in criminal cases, stating that while drug-related cases involving influential individuals see swift action, the adulterated toddy tragedy affecting poorer sections has been neglected. Nine months after 14 people died and nearly 100 fell ill from consuming adulterated toddy in Kukatpally and Balanagar areas in the city, investigations remain incomplete with no charge sheets filed, it pointed out.

In a letter addressed to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, FGG president M Padmanabha Reddy urged to provide compensation to victims' families, ensure accountability of licensed vendors, and introduce stricter excise policies to prevent such incidents. In the July 2025 incident, he said that while 13 cases were registered, only a few arrests were made and the accused later secured bail. Activists allege inaction by the Prohibition and Excise department and demand swift prosecution. He demanded transparency from the Excise department, including disclosure of accused persons and

progress in the investigation. The FGG also demanded banning toddy shops in areas without natural sources, regular testing of toddy samples, and public awareness campaigns on the dangers of adulteration. Due to non availability of pure Toddy, the sellers prepare adulterated Toddy with obnoxious substances like Chloral Hydrate, Diazepam, Alprazolam etc. which is a deadly cocktail. The forum urged for a major overhaul of excise policies. The forum has a reason to believe that since the deceased persons are from weaker sections the cases

are just ignored and attempts are made to protect the accused. The Excise department is refusing to provide the names of accused persons and details of arrests made, it noted. The FGG president urged the CM to take steps for providing adequate compensation to deceased families, compensation to hospitalized persons who have become incapable of doing any physical work, and to take urgent steps to prosecute the accused and to introduce an Excise policy where there will not be any Toddy selling shops where there are no tapeable trees in 50 km radius.

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Municipal commissioner conducts Surprise inspection in PTC - 46



(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

Patancheru, April.7 : Srijana, the Cyderabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner took serious note of an incident involving the burning of waste within the limits of

Patancheru Circle-46. During a surprise inspection conducted on Tuesday, she observed the waste-burning incident within the IALA (Industrial Area Local Authority) limits and directed officials to take strict action

against those responsible. Saying that burning waste is detrimental to both the environment and public health, She instructed officials to take measures to ensure that such incidents do not recur. She ordered that the

individual who burned the waste be immediately identified and that a police complaint be registered against them. She made it clear that if the involvement of sanitation workers or sanitation auto drivers is established in this incident, they would be dismissed from their duties without any leniency. She further instructed officials to ensure cleanliness within the IALA limits by immediately clearing any accumulated waste. She asserted that no negligence regarding sanitation would be tolerated and that a "zero-tolerance" policy would be strictly enforced against incidents such as the burning of waste. Patancheru Circle-46 Deputy Commissioner Jyothi Reddy and other officials participated in this inspection.

KTR SLAMS ARRESTS OF BRS LEADERS, CALLS IT 'MURDER OF DEMOCRACY'

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, April, 7 : K. T. Rama Rao, working president of Bharat Rashtira Samithi, condemned the arrest of key BRS leaders, including party deputy floor leaders T. Harish Rao and Sabitha Indra Reddy. KTR charac-

terized the unlawful house arrest and detention of the BRS leaders - who were on their way to stand in solidarity with farmers fighting to protect their land in Pargi - as a cowardly act by the Congress government. He lashed out at the state government by stating that at-

tempting to stifle dissenting voices through the brute force of the police amounts to nothing less than the murder of democracy. He accused the government of betraying promises and targeting farmers' lands under the guise of industrial development.

The BRS leader severely condemned the forceful seizure of 1,200 acres of the farmers' land in the Kallapur and Rapole villages of the Pargi assembly constituency, carried out under the pretext of establishing an industrial park.

BRAOU OFFICIALS MET GOVERNOR SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, April, 7 : Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, along with Registrar Dr. LVK Reddy, paid a courtesy visit to the Governor of Telangana State, Shiv

Pratap Shukla. Prof. Chakrapani briefed the Governor on the "Social Empowerment Week" being organized by the university to commemorate the birth anniversaries of eminent personalities. He also explained

about free education Schemes being offered by the University to Adivasi and transgender students. Further, they invited to the Governor to participate in the Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Birth-day celebrations on April

14 at the campus, and requesting him to attend as the Chief Guest for the distribution ceremony of incentive fellowships being provided to Adivasi students under the aegis of the Jyothi Reddy Foundation.

Awareness program held on World Health Day



District Correspondent / Skyline)

Sangareddy, April.7 : Government Degree College,

Sadasivpet, Sangareddy District has organized a medical awareness program as part of the the Praja Palana

- Pragati Pranalika initiative with the support of NSS unit, on the occasion of World Health Day. On this occasion,

Dr.Preethi, Dr.Srikanth conducted health check-ups for the students and handed over Medicines, awareness was created on preventive healthcare and personal hygiene. As part of this initiative, NSS volunteers organized a rally in Sadasivpet village and created awareness regarding health and hygiene. The program was attended by NSS Officers Dr.P.Murali Krishna, Shakuntala, and Sravanthi, along with NSS volunteers.

DRUG BUST IN HYD: 4 KG GANJA SEIZED, 3 ARRESTED

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, April, 7 : In a joint crackdown on April 4 this year, the Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (H-NEW) and Borabanda Police arrested three individuals and seized 4 kg of ganja, along with a scooter and mobile phones worth Rs.2.5 lakh. The accused include two suppliers - G Rakesh (25 years) and B Vijay

Kumar (21) from Odisha and a local peddler K Tirumala Reddy (27) from Borabanda area, who allegedly turned to drug trade due to financial distress. According to DCP (task force) Vaibhav Gaikwad, the accused Tirumala Reddy procured ganja from Odisha-based suppliers at lower prices and sold it local consumers for profit. Transactions were

carried out through both cash and UPI methods. A case has been registered under various sections of the NDPS Act, and further investigation is underway. The accused were apprehended by B. Venkat, Inspector, H-NEW; C. Venkata Ramulu, SI; along with staff of H-NEW and Borabanda Police under the supervision of senior officers.

The Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (H-NEW) cautions that drug abuse is increasingly affecting students, professionals and youth, leading to serious social consequences. Parents are advised to monitor their children's activities closely. Citizens are urged to report any drug-related information to H-NEW at 8712661601.

NTCT Medical Camp Held On World Health Day

Hyderabad: NTCT medical camp was conducted by the New Town Charitable Trust (NTCT) at the Hyderabad District Collector Office on Tuesday to mark World Health Day 2026. The programme took place in the presence of District Collector Hari Chandana Dasari as chief guest. District Revenue Officer E. Venkatachary attended as guest of honour. Administrative Officer P. Vijay Laxmi and District TB Control Officer Dr. Challa Devi were also present.



The organisers deployed a team of doctors to lead the NTCT medical camp. Dr. Faraz Farishta, an endocrinologist and diabetologist, participated in the camp. Ophthalmologist Dr. Abdul Qader and Dr. Sree Hari also provided consultations and medical services. NTCT medical camp delivers integrated health services. The NTCT leadership team coordinated the NTCT medical camp. M.A. Irfan served as chairman, while Saber Khan worked as vice chairman. Shajiuddin

Hydari functioned as secretary and Md. Niyaz Ahmed as treasurer. Patron CA Mohammed Owaisuddin supported the initiative. Doctors conducted comprehensive health check-ups for about 170 staff members. These participants belonged to departments such as Revenue, Urban Land Ceiling, Special Executive Magistrate and Women and Child Welfare. The NTCT medical camp included several diagnostic services. These covered Complete Blood Picture

tests, thyroid function tests and blood pressure monitoring. Teams also carried out blood sugar testing, neuropathy screening and mobile chest X-ray services. NTCT medical camp includes awareness sessions. In addition, the NTCT medical camp featured two awareness sessions. Dr. Abdul Qader conducted a session on eye health. Dietician Nida led another session on maintaining a healthy diet. During the programme,

organisers reiterated their belief in "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," stating that the world is one family. They said the staff of the Hyderabad District Collector Office formed part of their extended family. They added that NTCT remains committed to their health, safety and well-being. District Collector Hari Chandana Dasari appreciated the initiative and its focus on health awareness. District Revenue Officer E. Venkatachary also commended the Trust for its service.