



Parents Sudiksha Konamki Urge Authorities to Declare Her Dead



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The parents of Sudiksha Konamki, a missing American student, have appealed to authorities to declare their daughter dead, fearing she drowned

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A Big Step for Welfare..!



BUDGET 2025



Government presents budget of Rs. 3,04,965 crore

Revenue expenditure: Rs. 2,26,982 crore; Original expenditure: Rs. 36,504 crore

Opposition criticizes the implementation of election promises

Budget formulated to address opposition criticism

Huge allocation of funds for welfare schemes

Rs. 56,084 crore for implementation of six guarantees

TPN | Kishore Katta
Hyderabad, Mar 20: The Telangana government has given top priority to welfare in the proposed budget for the next financial year. It appears that the budget has been carefully crafted to address criticisms from opposition parties regarding the implementation of promises made during the elections. The opposition BRS has raised concerns about the fulfillment of the six guarantees promised by the Congress. To counter this, the Revanth government has sought to respond through the budget. Amid growing discontent among the public about the Congress government, additional funds have been allocated to welfare schemes as part of damage control. Additionally, the government has allocated more funds to the agriculture sector to project itself as a pro-farmer government. For the next financial year, the Congress government has proposed a budget of Rs. 3,04,965 crore, with Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka introducing the budget in the assembly. The revenue expenditure is Rs. 2,26,982 crore, and the base expenditure is estimated at Rs. 36,504 crore. Efforts have been made to allocate full funds for key schemes, with Rs. 31,605 crore allocated to the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, Rs. 24,439 crore to the Agriculture Department, Rs. 40,232

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ST Welfare Rs. 17,169 crore	BC Welfare Rs. 11,405 crore

received priority in the budget. To ensure uninterrupted power supply, Rs. 21,221 crore has been allocated to the Power Department. Rs. 17,677 crore has been allocated for municipal and urban development, and Rs. 23,373 crore for the irrigation department to fund ongoing projects. Rs. 22,500 crore has been earmarked for the Indiramma housing project, a flagship initiative. The government plans to sanction 4.5 lakh houses, including 3,500 Indiramma houses for each constituency, in the next financial year. Furthermore, Rs. 11,600 crore has been allocated for integrated schools. On the other hand, government leaders are concerned about declining income and an increasing debt burden. While these challenges were not highlighted in the budget, balancing the substantial budget with the growing debt has become a significant concern. As revenue collection in 2024-25 fell below estimates, government expenditure has also been reduced. In light of this, the government has focused on boosting revenue through tax and non-tax sources. Special funds have also been allocated for the development of Hyderabad city. However, without specific measures to enhance revenue, there is a risk that budget projections could be missed. In addition, the industrial and urban development sectors have also

YouTubers under police crackdown..!



- Youth losing lives due to betting apps
- A rebellion against betting apps sparked by Sajjanar's initiative
- Cases filed against 11 individuals at Punjagutta PS
- Betting app promoters trembling with fear
- Police have already issued notices to several individuals
- YouTubers running to lawyers for help

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Hyderabad, Mar 20: A rebellion against betting apps has begun in Telangana. Police have started tightening the noose around YouTubers and celebrities who promoted these apps. Thanks to Sajjanar's efforts, YouTubers who promoted betting apps are now trembling in fear. In a state of confusion, these YouTubers are desperately running to lawyers, trying every possible way

to get out of the cases. However, Telangana Police have made it clear that they won't back down until these YouTubers are sent to jail. So far, over 12 people have committed suicide in Telangana due to these apps, and more than 300 youth have fallen into debt. In the hope of striking it rich, these youngsters secretly

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McDonald's Signs Key Deal with Telangana Government

McDonald's partners with Telangana government for expansion.

Global India office to create 2,000 jobs.

Telangana assures full support for McDonald's.

Local farmers to supply agricultural products.

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McDonald's, the global fast-food giant, has entered into a significant agreement with the Telangana government to set up its Global India Office in Hyderabad. The new office will create approximately 2,000 job opportunities and further strengthen the company's presence in India. The announcement came after a meeting between CM Revanth Reddy and McDonald's CEO Chris Kempczinski, alongside other company representatives, in the Chief Minister's Chamber. During the discussion, CM Revanth Reddy expressed his excitement over McDonald's decision to choose Telangana for its global office, particularly given the competition from other states. He assured the company of full support from the state government and highlighted Telangana's progress in skill development. Reddy suggested that McDonald's collaborate with the Young India Skills University to



hire trained employees and also requested that local farmers provide agricultural produce for McDonald's operations, boosting the state's agricultural economy. Chris Kempczinski praised Hyderabad for its skilled workforce,

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HC Quashes Cases Against Revanth Reddy and KTR

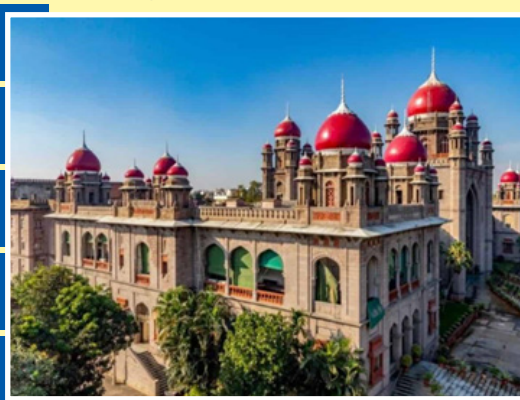
Revanth accused of flying drone illegally

KTR faced allegations of derogatory remarks

Revanth's charges related to drone violations

KTR's case politically motivated, says defense

Court clears both leaders of charges



TPN, Correspondent|Hyderabad
On Wednesday, March 19, the Telangana High Court quashed the legal cases against Congress MP Revanth Reddy and BRS leader KT Rama Rao (KTR), providing relief to both politicians. The case against Revanth Reddy stemmed from an incident in March 2020, when he was accused

of flying a drone near KTR's farmhouse in Janwada, Hyderabad, without permission. At the time, Revanth was the MP for Malkajgiri. The police charged him with violating several provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including Section 184 (obstructing sale of property),

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Bandi Sanjay Blames Congress for ignoring 6 guarantees

BJP leader Bandi Sanjay criticizes Telangana budget

Budget labeled as "falsehoods and number games"

Accuses Congress of misleading with false promises

Allegations of deceiving the public with budget allocations



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play games on their mobile phones, destroying their lives. The lure of these apps has led many to take dangerous paths. Recognizing this issue, senior IPS officer and RTC MD Sajjanar became serious about the matter. He has been consistently raising awareness, especially on social media, to warn people, particularly the youth. Despite his efforts, the illegal activities didn't stop. Therefore, police have decided to target YouTubers who promote these betting apps. With the government's approval, police action has intensified. Sajjanar's efforts have garnered attention not only in Telangana but globally, with lakhs of followers on social media rallying against betting apps.

Cases have been filed against 11 YouTubers, including Harsha Sai and Imran, at the Punjagutta PS for promoting these betting apps. Notices have been issued to them, and they are now facing serious questioning. Many of them, fearing

arrest, have rushed to their lawyers, while some have fled to places like Bengaluru and Goa. Recently, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has also entered the scene, suspecting large-scale money laundering through these betting apps. The ED is investigating the YouTubers, suspecting they received money via hawala channels, and is working to uncover the truth.

In the end, the YouTubers, who once thought they could make easy money, now find themselves in a dire situation, like rats caught in a trap. People are praising Sajjanar's efforts, wishing that all officials could act with the same commitment. While the rebellion against betting app promotion has begun, some argue that a complete ban on these apps may be the only solution to prevent youth from getting drawn into them. It remains to be seen whether the central government will take action in this direction.

Bandi Sanjay Blames Congress for ignoring 6 guarantees

TPN, Correspondent|Hyderabad
Telangana's Finance Minister, Bhatti Vikramarka, recently presented the state budget, which has drawn sharp criticism from BJP leader and central minister Bandi Sanjay. He described the budget as "empty" and accused the Congress government of spreading lies and engaging in a "numbers game." He stated that the state budget appeared to be an attempt to mislead the public, specifically citing the six guarantees that were not being fulfilled as promised by the Congress.

Sanjay pointed out the contradictions in the budget, especially when comparing allocations and expenditures from previous years. He suggested that the Congress government was manipulating the numbers to deceive the people. He also criticized the government for inflating figures about Telangana's per capita income while ignoring the actual debt burden of the state. Furthermore, Bandi Sanjay claimed that the Congress leaders, who had once hailed their election manifesto as a sacred document, had now treated it like waste paper after coming to power. He also questioned why the debt details were not clearly included in the budget, highlighting the heavy financial burden on every citizen of Telangana, including the unborn children.

HC Quashes Cases Against Revanth Reddy and KTR

Section 187 (failure to assist a public servant), Section 287 (unauthorized use of a drone), and Section 120 (criminal conspiracy). Revanth had hired the drone for a photo shoot aimed at exposing alleged violations in the construction of the farmhouse. After spending 20 days in jail, Revanth petitioned the High Court to quash the charges. His lawyer, S. Niranjan Reddy, argued that the location was not a restricted area for drones and that the charges were unjustified. The court

ruled in his favor, quashing the case. In a separate case, the High Court also quashed an FIR filed against KTR in August 2023. KTR was accused by Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav of using derogatory language against Revanth Reddy. KTR, who denied the charges, argued that the case was politically motivated. His counsel, TV Ramanarao, contended that no evidence supported the allegations. The court agreed and quashed the FIR, ending KTR's legal troubles.

McDonald's Signs Key Deal with Telangana Government

excellent infrastructure, and high living standards, making it the ideal location for McDonald's Global India Office. He also mentioned that the company's global community development programs, which will be implemented in Telangana with government support, are aligned with the company's values.

Currently, Telangana has 38 McDonald's outlets, and the company plans to expand by adding 3-4 new outlets annually. The establishment of McDonald's Global India Office in Hyderabad will not only create direct job opportunities but also provide numerous indirect employment benefits for the youth in the state.

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near the RIU Republica resort in the Dominican Republic. Sudiksha went missing on March 6, and the last known person to see her was Joshua Reebe, who spotted her in the surf at 4:50 a.m. on the hotel's beachfront. The strong waves in the area have raised concerns about beach safety, and her family now believes she may have been swept away. The Telugu community in the

U.S. has been deeply shaken by this tragedy, expressing their grief and solidarity with the family. Despite ongoing investigations, her parents are now seeking official confirmation of her presumed death to gain closure and move forward. This devastating loss has left a void in her family and the wider community. May her parents find peace in these difficult times.

CM Revanth Reddy Promises Regular Job Notifications



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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has assured the public that job notifications will be released regularly from now on. During a meeting with leaders of SC communities at the Assembly Committee Hall, who thanked him for the approval of the SC sub-caste categorization bill, CM Revanth Reddy emphasized his commitment to the welfare of SC communities. He advised SC community leaders to provide coaching for their children to secure government jobs. Acknowledging the long-standing issues faced by the SC community, he stated that his government is dedicated to ensuring justice and fair opportunities

for all. He assured that no one will be deprived of their rights in the SC sub-categorization process. CM Revanth Reddy reiterated the government's promise of 42% reservation for BCs and stated that job notifications will follow after the implementation of SC sub-categorization. He criticized the BJP, stating that no state under BJP leadership has carried out SC sub-categorization. Recalling his tenure as ZPTC, he shared his close bond with the Madiga and Golla communities, emphasizing their longstanding support for his initiatives. He concluded by assuring that job opportunities for the youth would be a priority moving forward.

Women's loan scheme remains inadequate, misleading

- Budget fails to deliver welfare schemes.
- Education sector receives reduced budget allocation.
- Budget growth fails to support poor.



TPN, Correspondent|Hyderabad
Former Minister Harish Rao has heavily criticized the Telangana government's budget, accusing it of deceiving women and failing to address the welfare needs of the poor. Speaking to the media, he termed the budget as full of lies and exaggerations. According to Rao, while the government promised Rs. 5 lakh interest-free loans for women, only Rs. 2500 was actually promised, a far cry from the claims made in the budget. He further pointed out that the government allocated Rs. 250 crore for beauty pageants, while failing to deliver on its promises to women's welfare. Rao also highlighted the discrepancies in revenue claims. The government's budget projected a revenue of Rs. 2,738 crore, while last year's revenue surplus stood at Rs. 5,888 crore. He alleged that the state didn't even have Rs. 500 crore to pay employees, accusing Chief Min-

ister Revanth Reddy of misleading the public. The former minister also noted that the education sector had received fewer allocations this year compared to the previous one. While the Congress manifesto had promised 15% of the budget to education, only 7.57% was allocated. Rao slammed the budget for its failure to fulfill the promises made to the public, particularly women and the poor. He criticized the government's claims about providing Rs. 75 crore to women's organizations, stating that the actual amount was far lower. He concluded by stating that while the budget pages may have increased, the promises made to the people remain unfulfilled.

Kavitha Criticizes Congress Budget and Debt Claims

- Kavitha criticizes Congress budget for rhetoric.
- Claims budget lacks substance and truth.
- Questions discrepancies in state debt figures.
- Urges public to notice false propaganda.



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MLC Kavitha, reacting to the 2025-26 annual budget presented by the Congress government, expressed strong discontent during a media interaction in the Assembly. She criticized the budget for being full of rhetoric and lacking substance, stating that it was more about preaching than delivering real solutions. Kavitha remarked that the government repeated the same promises with no concrete results, adding that not a single statement in the budget could be deemed truthful. Kavitha also addressed the issue of state debt, pointing out that the government claimed to have reduced the debt by only ₹30,000 crore this year. However, she highlighted a stark contrast with CM's statements,

where he allegedly claimed a debt of ₹1 lakh crore. She accused the CM of misleading the public, stating that it was the debt burden preventing any substantial development in the state. Referring to the previous BRS government, Kavitha accused Congress leaders of spreading false propaganda regarding the state's debt. She reminded the public that while Congress leaders had claimed that KCR's government incurred ₹7 lakh crore in debt, the actual figure shown in the budget book was ₹4.37 lakh crore, which also included ₹1.58 lakh crore debt incurred by the Congress government. Kavitha urged the public to be aware of the misleading statements made by Congress leaders regarding debt issues.

Smita Sabharwal Faces Allegations, University to Issue Notice

TPN, Correspondent|Hyderabad
Telangana IAS officer Smita Sabharwal, currently serving as the Secretary of the Tourism Department, is facing allegations of corruption. During her tenure as Chief Minister's Office (CMO) official, it is reported that she rented a car for 90 months, with the rent amounting to Rs. 63,000 per month. This rent was reportedly paid by the Professor Jayashankar Agricultural University. University officials, upon auditing the expenses, raised concerns about the payment and are preparing to issue a notice to Sabharwal. The car in question, a TS-08 EC 6345 vehicle, was found to be a non-taxable, private car registered under the name of a Pawan Kumar, not a government vehicle as initially assumed. The university's audit revealed that payments were made for the vehicle's rent every month from the CMO's office, which has raised questions about the legitimacy of these transactions. Recently, an inquiry conducted by the Auditor General (AG) revealed some serious irregularities in the university's financial operations. The Vice-Chancellor of Professor Jayashankar Agricultural University, Acharya Aldas Janayya, confirmed the findings and announced that a comprehensive report would be submitted to the state government. The university also stated that further actions will be taken based on legal advice and government directives. The allegations have sparked significant attention, with Sabharwal expected to respond to the notice soon.



MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Supports LIC Agents' Demands



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MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, along with fellow MPs from the Indian National Congress (INC), attended a meeting organized by the All India Agents Federation of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). The meeting discussed various demands from LIC agents, with the MPs promising to raise these issues with the Ministry of Finance and the leadership of BJP. Reddy assured the LIC agents that their concerns would be presented to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and the BJP leadership. He also mentioned that the BJP's slogan "Sab Ke Sath, Sab Ke Vikas" should reflect in their actions towards LIC agents. **The main demands presented by**

- the LIC agents included:**
- A rollback of the new commission structure for life insurance agents.
 - Abolishing the CLAW BACK of commissions from agents.
 - Restoring the financial powers for deciding agent commissions under the Insurance Act of 1938.
 - Reducing GST rates on all insurance products.
 - Government involvement in addressing and resolving the grievances of LIC agents.
- Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy promised to take up these issues with the concerned authorities, ensuring that the voices of LIC agents are heard and addressed promptly.

KTR Slams Congress Budget, Accuses of Deceit

KTR calls the budget "anti-people."
Criticizes Congress for prioritizing commissions over welfare.
Allocates only Rs. 300 crore for handloom workers.
Accuses Congress of betraying gig workers' promises.

TPN, Correspondent|Hyderabad
Hyderabad: BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) has criticized the 2025-2026 state budget, calling it a "budget that sends funds to Delhi" rather than addressing the struggles of poor people. Speaking to the media, KTR stated that the budget was filled with empty promises and was designed to serve the interests of the Congress party, rather than the people of Telangana. He accused the Congress government of prioritizing "commissions" over the welfare of the people and said that it had failed to fulfill its promises to various communities, including

auto drivers, farmers, and handloom workers. KTR further claimed that the budget lacked a focus on resolving the issues faced by the public and was, instead, part of a larger conspiracy to distribute people's wealth among party members. He criticized the government for allocating a mere Rs. 300 crore for handloom workers, a sharp reduction from the Rs. 1,200 crore allocated under BRS governance. He also raised concerns about the Congress government's promises to set up a "Gig Workers' Board," a proposal originally made by Rahul Gandhi during his visits to Telan-



gana. KTR accused the government of betraying gig workers, as the budget did not address their needs despite previous assurances. KTR concluded by expressing strong opposition to what he described as a "people's anti-budget" and vowed to continue the fight against the government's alleged mismanagement.

Minister Seethakka Slams KTR's Comments on Budget



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Minister Seethakka responded to the remarks made by BRS Working President KTR, who called the budget a "budget that takes bags to Delhi." Speaking to the media in the Assembly lobby on Wednesday, Seethakka fired back at KTR's comment, saying that his statements reflect his mental state. She accused KTR of already taking "bags

to neighboring states" and criticized the BRS government for burdening the state with an insurmountable debt. Seethakka pointed out that it was the previous BRS government, under KCR's leadership, that imposed this debt burden on Telangana. Regarding the budget, Seethakka labeled it as a "cutting budget," which led to widespread disappointment among the public. She emphasized that the budget was meant for the welfare of women, farmers, youth, and marginalized communities, not for appeasing the needs of the elite. Seethakka also mentioned that KTR's remarks about debt were a "millennial joke," further mocking his criticism of the current financial situation. The minister emphasized that the state's economy has been impacted by the huge debt left by the previous BRS administration. This war of words comes amid rising political tensions and scrutiny of the state budget presented by the current government.

Budget Reflects Broken Promises: Eleti Maheshwar Reddy



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BJP leader Eleti Maheshwar Reddy criticized the budget presented in the Assembly, calling it a "budget of broken promises." He stated that the budget was filled with exaggerated claims and lacked concrete plans for development. He pointed out that with only Rs. 36,000 crore allocated for development, it was questionable how the state could progress. Reddy expressed concern that the budget would push the state into further debt, describing it as one that burdened the state's finances. He questioned how any development could occur when the state was already drowning in debt, with no clear solutions presented. He also raised concerns about the allocation for farmers, asking how the funds for the "Rythu Bharosa" (Farmer Welfare) scheme could be sufficient. Reddy criticized the lack of budget provisions for agricultural laborers and said it reflected the government's disregard for the farming community. He mentioned that the budget did not meet the promises made to farmers, particularly the Rs. 42,000 crore required for the scheme. Reddy also questioned the failure to include the BC Sub-Plan in the budget, stressing that the BRS government had failed to adequately allocate funds for backward classes, a serious oversight when compared to the allocation for minorities.

BRS More Dangerous Than COVID-19: Aadi Srinivas



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After the Telangana Finance Minister, Bhatti Vikramarka, presented the annual budget in the Assembly, Government Whip Aadi Srinivas launched a

scathing attack on the BRS party. He criticized the BRS, stating that it was more dangerous than COVID-19, and accused the party of misleading the public. Srinivas remarked that the budget presented was one that served the interests of all sections of society, and it was based on reality. He pointed out that despite the fairness and practicality of the budget, KTR (BRS leader) was still criticizing it. He further accused the BRS leadership, particularly Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, of at-

tempting to destroy the state by piling on more debt. He claimed that despite their involvement in several scams, they were still speaking against the government, especially CM Revanth, and making false statements. Srinivas condemned the BRS for turning Telangana into a "pile of debt," and claimed that their actions were detrimental to the state's development. His sharp remarks were aimed at exposing the hypocrisy within the BRS leadership and their handling of state finances.

SC Categorization Bill Approved: CM Revanth Reddy

TPN, Correspondent|Hyderabad
Telangana CM Revanth Reddy addressed the approval of the SC categorization bill in the Legislative Assembly, marking a major milestone for the state. He expressed that the bill fulfilled a long-awaited demand for justice among SC communities, ensuring fairness for all sections within the category. He assured that the state government had completed all formalities for the bill's approval by the Supreme Court. CM Revanth Reddy praised Congress Party and Rahul Gandhi for their leadership, noting that the categorization of Madiga sub-castes would not have been possible without Gandhi's commitment. He also urged that the appreciation be directed towards the entire Congress Party and the state Cabinet. Additionally, he highlighted the increase in Group B reservation from 9% to 9.75% and the appointment of Shami Maktar to the one-man commission overseeing the process. Revanth Reddy also emphasized the recommendation for Uttam Kumar Reddy as Chairman, signaling the collaborative approach to social justice.



No Budget to Fulfill People's Hopes: Kunamneni Sambashivarao

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Following the presentation of the state budget by Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka in the Telangana Assembly today, CPI MLA from Kothagudem, Kunamneni Sambashivarao, criticized the budget. Addressing the media after the Assembly session was adjourned, he stated that the budget does not meet the hopes and aspirations of the people. He accused the government of giving false promises during the elections and failing to fulfill them. Sambashivarao pointed out that this year's budget had only increased by Rs. 9,000 crores compared to the last year's budget, questioning how such a small increment could bring any real benefit to the public. He also raised concerns about the Rs. 23,000 crore allocation for 12 irrigation projects, asking how they could be completed with such limited funds. He further criticized the government for announcing numerous schemes but failing to allocate adequate funds for them. While he acknowledged the allocation for SC and ST sub-plans, he stated that the overall budget for the year seemed like a "mixed bag" and was insufficient to address the real needs of the people. He concluded that the Telangana state budget for this year resembled a "Ugadi pachadi," with a blend of both positive and negative elements.



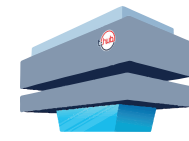
Tension in Manakondur as Kavvampalli and Rasamayi Engage in Twitter War

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Tension escalated in Manakondur as a Twitter war broke out between MLA Kavvampalli Satyanarayana and former MLA Rasamayi Balakishan. The rivalry between the two leaders has been ongoing for some time, and recently, Congress workers attempted to storm Rasamayi's house in response to his comments. This has created a high-tension atmosphere in the region. Former Minister Harish Rao condemned the attack on Rasamayi's house, calling it a barbaric act. He criticized the actions of local MLA Kavvampalli's supporters, stating that questioning the corruption of local representatives should not lead to such violent actions. Harish



Rao demanded that the Telangana DGP and Siddipet CP take strict action to ensure such anti-democratic acts do not repeat. In response, MLA Kavvampalli accused Congress leaders of making

inappropriate comments and provoking their supporters. He challenged Rasamayi to face the accusations directly, asserting that he and his team were committed to democratic principles and would not resort to false propaganda or violence. Rasamayi, too, responded sharply, accusing Kavvampalli of corruption and questioning his stance on farmers' issues in the constituency. He further challenged Kavvampalli to face him directly, promising to expose the alleged wrongdoings if necessary. The situation continues to heat up, and it remains to be seen how this political battle will unfold.



Rescue of 12 Children from Child Trafficking Ring in Hyderabad

1. Chaitanyapuri Police save children, arrests made.
2. Minister instructs welfare for rescued children.
3. Parents' whereabouts still unknown, investigation ongoing.
4. Stringent action against child trafficking planned.



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In a significant operation, the Chaitanyapuri Police in Hyderabad rescued 12 children, including seven girls and five boys aged between a few months and six years, from an interstate child trafficking network. The children

were found in the Chaitanyapuri area, and their parents' whereabouts remain unknown. The rescued children were transported to the Shishu Vihar (Children's Home) in Madhuranagar, where they are currently under the care of the Telangana Women and Child Welfare Department. Minister Satyavathi Rathod has instructed officials to ensure the children's well-being and expedite the process of tracing their biological parents. She emphasized that the state government will take stringent action against any involvement in child trafficking and illegal adoptions. The operation led to the arrest of 11 individuals, including key suspects Vandana Jigarbhai Panchal

from Ahmedabad and Krishnaveni from Hyderabad. Panchal, a 34-year-old resident of Behrampura in Ahmedabad, reportedly targeted women from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in slum areas for trafficking purposes. citeturn0search1 This incident sheds light on the pressing issue of child trafficking in India. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), eight children were trafficked every day in India in 2021, primarily for labor, begging, and sexual exploitation. citeturn0search9 The Telangana government has assured that it will continue to take decisive measures to combat child trafficking and protect vulnerable children.

Land Acquisition Begins for Rs 7,032 Cr H-CT Project to Ease Traffic



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The land acquisition process for the Rs 7,032 crore Hyderabad Infrastructure Transparency and Innovation (H-CT) project has officially begun, aimed at alleviating the city's traffic congestion. The project includes the construction of flyovers, underpasses, railway underbridges (RUBs), and road expansions at key traffic bottlenecks across Hyderabad.

On Wednesday, Additional Commissioner Shivakumar Naidu reviewed the progress of land acquisition at several critical sites in Secunderabad, including the Patigadda Road Over Bridge (ROB), Rasulpura flyover, the alternative road around AOC in Secunderabad, and RK Puram and Chilakalguda Road Under Bridge (RUB). Naidu urged officials to expedite the land acquisition process to avoid delays and ensure timely project completion.

The H-CT project aims to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow through the construction of 25 flyovers, underpasses, and RUBs, along with 13 road expansion initiatives. These developments will address major traffic zones, including Nanal Nagar, Rethibowli, Khajaguda Junction, Triple IT, Wipro Junction, and DLF Junction. Hyderabad's road infrastructure is undergoing a major upgrade to accommodate the city's rapid growth. These planned flyovers and road improvements will play a crucial role in easing traffic congestion, making commuting smoother for residents, and enhancing the overall connectivity across the city.

GHMC Standing Committee Meeting Tomorrow Afternoon

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The GHMC Standing Committee meeting will take place tomorrow, March 20th, at noon in Hyderabad. The meeting will be chaired by the GHMC Mayor and Commissioner, marking the first session with the newly elected Standing Committee members.

This time, the Standing Committee will have 8 members from the All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) and 7 from the Congress Party. However, the committee will not include representatives from the BRS or BJP parties.

During the meeting, the committee will discuss a total of 16 items. Key items include the approval of various development projects in the city. The committee will grant NOC for the construction of a fire station in Alwal and allocate Rs. 3.35 crore for the diversion of sewage water into the Nallagandla lake. Several other issues will also be discussed during the session.

The meeting is expected to play a significant role in addressing the ongoing urban development and infrastructure needs in Hyderabad.



Hyderabad Police Arrest 2 for Assaulting, Robbing Techie



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Two individuals, identified as Veerappa Naik and Zubair, have been arrested by the Banjara Hills police for allegedly assaulting and robbing a software engineer, P Raghavendra. According to reports, the incident occurred late Sunday night when Raghavendra was returning home after watching a movie in Madhapur. While taking a U-turn near Jubilee Hills Road No. 45, an autorickshaw coming from the wrong side collided with his bike. Raghavendra managed to avoid a major collision and confronted the autorickshaw driver, who initially fled the scene. However, the driver later stopped, and both he and his accomplice attacked Raghavendra with an iron rod, before stealing Rs 6,000 from him. Following the complaint, the Banjara Hills police filed a case and swiftly arrested the accused, Veerappa Naik and Zubair. The investigation is ongoing, and further details are awaited.

Prioritize Lake Restoration Over Beautification: HYDRAA Chief



TPN, Correspondent|Hyderabad

AV Ranganath, the commissioner of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRAA), has urged corporates and NGOs to prioritize lake restoration over mere beautification in the city. During a meeting on March 19 with representatives from 72 organizations, Ranganath discussed the allocation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for lake development across Hyderabad.

Ranganath emphasized that lake conservation efforts should be the main focus and not just aesthetic improvements. Earlier in March, he assured that there would be no hindrances to lake development in Hyderabad and encouraged both corporate entities and affluent residents to contribute funds for accelerating conservation work.

As part of this initiative, HYDRAA has launched efforts to restore six major lakes, including Bum-Rukn-ud-Daula in Shivrampally, Thammidi Kunta in Madhapur, and Sunnam Cheruvu in Guttala Begumpet, among others. The goal is to improve groundwater levels, reduce urban flooding, and enhance the city's overall environmental quality.

HYDRAA's proactive approach also extends to inspecting and clearing encroached government lands, with ongoing efforts to improve connectivity and resolve infrastructure issues across the city.

57,000 Ola, Uber, Rapido Drivers Boycott Hyderabad Airport Trips

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Over 57,000 drivers from Ola, Uber, and Rapido have initiated a boycott of trips to Hyderabad Airport, protesting against low fares that they claim are severely impacting their earnings. The protest is being led by the Telangana Gig and Platform Workers' Union (TGPWU), with Shaik Salaudin spearheading the movement. The union has urged the government to intervene and establish a standardized fare structure for airport trips that ensures fair compensation for gig workers.

TGPWU has been vocal about the low fares imposed by ride-hailing platforms, which they argue do not adequately compensate drivers for their time and effort. Despite re-

peated appeals to Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the transport department, and GMR Airport authorities, the issue remains unresolved. The union's demands include a revised fare structure, government regulation of pricing policies, and better accountability from ride-hailing companies. Additionally, TGPWU has launched an awareness campaign to highlight the financial struggles faced by drivers.

Passengers traveling to the airport have been informed about the shortage of cabs due to the ongoing protest, and are advised to visit the transport help desk for assistance. Drivers are also planning a "No AC" campaign, alleging that the fares for cabs are cheaper than auto-rickshaws.



Accident in Upparpally... Young Doctor Dies

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A tragic road accident occurred in the Upparpally area of Greater Hyderabad. On Wednesday morning, a young woman riding a scooter was hit by a fire engine coming from behind. In this incident, Dr. Soha Fatima, a young doctor, lost her life on the spot. The accident took place near Upparpally Pillar Number 166. It is reported that the fire engine driver lost control and crashed into the scooter due to negligence. Dr. Soha Fatima was on her way to attend duties when the accident occurred. She

died instantly, while another person sustained serious injuries. The injured individual was rushed to the hospital and is receiving treatment. The police have registered a case and started an investigation into the incident. The public has expressed concerns about the negligence of the fire engine driver and demands a thorough inquiry.

This tragic incident serves as a reminder to exercise more caution on the roads and highlights the need for better driving discipline to prevent such accidents.

Hyderabad Alert: Fines for Wasting Water

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The Water Board officials have launched a drive to prevent the wastage of potable water. As part of this initiative, inspections were conducted in various areas of Banjara Hills. Authorities are identifying individuals who are misusing the water supplied by the Water Board, issuing fines for wastage. Complaints have been received regarding people using Water Board's supply for washing vehicles, streets, and house surroundings, prompting the drive. With the onset of summer, there are concerns over water scarcity, and officials are raising awareness about not wasting drinking water. Complaints related to water wastage have been reported on social media as well. Starting today, the Water Board officials will conduct daily checks. They have warned of strict action if water is used for illegal purposes like installing motors for drainage. Recently, a fine of Rs 1,000 was imposed on individuals using water for vehicle cleaning. Authorities urge the public to be mindful of water usage, especially during this critical time of water scarcity.

Group-1: Demands for Grace Marks for Telugu Medium Candidates

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In a recent turn of events, a growing demand has emerged for granting grace marks to candidates writing the Group-1 Mains exam in Telugu, citing the disparity in results between Telugu and English medium students. Following the release of the Group-1 Mains results by the Telangana Public Service Commission (TSPSC), it was observed that candidates who answered in English scored significantly higher marks than those who chose Telugu.

The ongoing debate between English and Telugu medium candidates has intensified, with many arguing that Telugu medium students are at a disadvantage due to limited study material in their native language. Experts believe that the shift towards English-medium education over the last few de-



GROUP 1

cadates has created an imbalance. As more students from rural areas adopt English, the number of Telugu medium students has drastically reduced. This shift in preference has affected the availability of relevant study materials in Telugu, leaving candidates with fewer resources to prepare effectively. In addition, a considerable age gap exists between candidates in the two mediums, with many older candidates opting for Telugu. This age gap further exacerbates

the competitive nature of the exam. With the growing pressure to ensure fairness, there is a rising demand for the Telangana government to follow the example of Maharashtra, where grace marks were provided to candidates taking exams in their mother tongue. The situation in Andhra Pradesh mirrors Telangana, with fewer Telugu medium candidates successfully qualifying for Group-1 exams due to similar challenges.

Farmers in Ratnapur Village Protest Land Acquisition for Industrial Park

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Farmers from Ratnapur village in the Ramagiri mandal of Peddapalli district recently staged a strong protest against the government's plan to acquire their lands for an industrial park. The farmers expressed their firm opposition to the project, stating, "Even if they kill us, they will not get our land. We do not want an industrial park."

The protest took place when government officials arrived for a land survey related to the industrial park development. Farmers blocked the road and sat on a dharna, voicing their objections. They highlighted that they are dependent on agriculture for their livelihood and urged the authorities not to take their fertile lands for industrial purposes. They demanded that their agricultural



land, which they have been cultivating for generations, not be taken for the project. Despite their strong opposition, the farmers were eventually forced to retreat as the situation remained tense. This protest reflects the ongoing resistance from

farmers against land acquisition for industrial projects, with many concerned about losing their agricultural livelihood to urban development projects. The issue continues to be a point of contention between the state government and the farming community.

Telangana Government Announces Interest-Free Loans for DWACRA Women



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In a significant move, the Telangana government has allocated ₹1,511 crore for providing interest-free loans to DWACRA (Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas) women. This announcement was made as part of the 2025-26 annual budget pre-

sented by Finance Minister Batti Vikramarka in the Telangana Legislative Assembly. The state government has allocated a total of ₹3,04,965 crore for the financial year 2025-26, with ₹2,26,982 crore for revenue expenditure and ₹36,504 crore for capital expenditure. During the

budget presentation, the minister assured that the Congress government is committed to fulfilling all promises made to the public, including schemes like Mahalakshmi, Rythu Bharosa (Farmer's Welfare), Grihajyothi (Electricity to Homes), Indiramma houses, and enhanced pensions under the Cheyutha program.

The introduction of interest-free loans for DWACRA women is expected to empower women in rural areas and contribute to their economic independence. This is part of the government's broader efforts to implement welfare schemes and improve the living standards of women and rural communities across Telangana. The budget session is still ongoing, with further details expected in the coming days.

Mallareddy's Mass Dance with Wife Goes Viral

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Medchal MLA and former minister, Chamakura Mallareddy, is no stranger to making headlines. Recently, he became the center of attention once again after performing a mass dance with his close associates during the Holi celebrations. Along with his family and supporters, Mallareddy celebrated the festival with great enthusiasm, dancing to the beats of dappu and showcasing his energetic steps. The videos from this celebration went viral on social media.



On his wedding anniversary, Mallareddy stole the spotlight once more. This time, he danced with his wife to mark the special occasion. The joyful moments shared between the couple were captured in videos that quickly gained popularity online,

making waves on social media. Mallareddy's vibrant personality and the fun-filled celebrations have earned him praise and attention, further solidifying his connection with his followers and supporters. These moments of celebration, captured through videos, continue to circulate widely across social platforms.

Toll Charges May Soon Apply to Rural Roads in Telangana



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There are indications that toll charges may soon be implemented on rural roads in Telangana. The state government is reportedly planning to develop rural roads under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM). In this model, 40% of the funding will be provided by the government, while 60% will come from

private developers for the development of rural roads. An official announcement regarding this decision is expected soon.

In a related development, during the budget speech, Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka made several important announcements. He revealed that the government will soon fill 14,236 anganwadi posts across the state. Bhatti Vikramarka further emphasized that since Congress has come to power, several notifications have been issued, and jobs are being filled systematically. Additionally, the minister announced plans to establish an Integrated School in every constituency of the state.

These moves by the government reflect an ongoing commitment to improving infrastructure and education in the state, though the proposed toll charges for rural roads could stir public debate.

MLAs File Affidavits in Supreme Court Over Party Change Allegations



SUPREME COURT OF INDIA



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In a new development, several MLAs who recently switched parties have individually approached the Supreme Court, filing affidavits regarding the issue. This case is currently being heard in the apex court, and notices had already been issued to those who changed parties. Following these notices, the court directed the MLAs to submit their responses, leading to them filing counter-affidavits. The MLAs, in their affidavits, have claimed that they did not actually change parties. They clarified that they had only met with

Chief Minister Revanth, and the media misrepresented the situation, portraying it as a party switch. According to reports, three MLAs have already submitted their affidavits to the court.

Now, all eyes are on how the Supreme Court will respond to these affidavits and the ongoing legal proceedings. The case is significant, as it revolves around the controversial issue of MLAs switching parties and the implications it may have on their legislative status and the political landscape.

Ambulance Driver's Negligence Leads to Death of Pregnant Woman

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A tragic incident occurred in Kalwakurthi on Wednesday morning, where a pregnant woman lost her life due to the negligence of an ambulance driver. The woman, who had reached the Kalwakurthi government hospital for delivery, was referred by doctors to a hospital in Hyderabad for an emergency procedure. Her family immediately called for

a 108 ambulance to transport her, but there was a delay of 25 minutes in its arrival. When the ambulance finally arrived, the driver informed them that he was unable to proceed, further delaying the transportation. The pregnant woman, who was already in distress, was finally taken to Hyderabad, but unfortunately, she passed away on the way. Doctors confirmed that the woman died

en route due to the delay. This incident highlights the critical importance of timely medical assistance during emergencies and the devastating consequences of negligence in healthcare services. Authorities are expected to investigate the matter to ensure accountability and prevent such tragedies in the future.



AAP's Governance: A Mixed Report Card, But Still Punjab's Best Bet

Despite facing challenges, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) remains Punjab's best hope, according to recent opinions. The Congress and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), former rulers, have failed to meet the state's needs. AAP, in contrast, is praised for showing political will to tackle key issues, though its execution leaves room for improvement. The party has taken bold steps to combat corruption and incompetence, even if some promises, like a drug-free Punjab within three months, may seem over-ambitious. With critical years ahead, Punjabis must decide whether to continue with AAP's intent-driven governance or return to the old, unfulfilled promises of past governments. While some view AAP's governance as underwhelming, others point out the party's ongoing struggle to meet public expectations. Initially brought to power on hopes of positive change, AAP has faced significant hurdles, including Punjab's rising debt. Critics argue that the government has been spending excessively on out-of-state election campaigns, while neglecting the state's immediate needs. However, after learning from its defeat in Delhi, the party is attempting to reorganize, and CM Bhagwant Mann is urged to focus on development to meet the state's



challenges.

In other developments, various letters highlight the importance of the National Education Policy (NEP) in promoting multilingualism and the potential of Haryana's new 'Department of Future' to drive long-term development. Additionally, apple growers in

Himachal Pradesh are encouraged to embrace food processing initiatives to diversify their income, enhancing returns in both domestic and international markets. These diverse perspectives emphasize the need for strategic action and foresight in governance and economic planning.

Modi Government's Assurances: Unfulfilled Promises Erode Public Trust



Despite the Modi government's consistent claims of commitment to good governance, the reality on the ground tells a different story. The government has reaffirmed its dedication to providing a transparent and accountable administration, but the latest figures reveal that nearly 75% of the assurances made by Union ministers in Parliament in 2024 remain unfulfilled. This is not a new issue; a decade ago, during 2015 and 2016, two-thirds of the promises made were either dropped or left pending. To address this issue, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs launched the

Online Assurances Monitoring System in 2018, aiming to track, monitor, and fulfill ministers' commitments. While the system's intention was to enhance accountability and efficiency, the actual implementation has been lackluster, with ministers failing to meet deadlines and follow through on their promises. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju has assured that the government takes these assurances seriously, but the lack of accountability for erring ministers raises concerns. Why are ministers not being held accountable or replaced for their failure to fulfill commitments? The

Standing Committee on Government Assurances, which is responsible for overseeing the implementation of these promises, also seems to be ineffective in ensuring timely action. While promises made during election rallies are often met with skepticism, assurances made by elected representatives in Parliament should be taken more seriously. The government's failure to meet these promises undermines public trust and erodes the sanctity of parliamentary democracy. It is crucial for the government to restore credibility by ensuring that assurances are fulfilled promptly and effectively.

Truce in Tatters: Israeli Strikes Push Gaza to the Brink

The recent Israeli airstrikes on Gaza, which have resulted in the deaths of over 400 people, signal the near collapse of a fragile ceasefire that had been in place to ease hostilities. Instead, the region is thrust back into turmoil, with civilians bearing the brunt of the violence. Israel defends the renewed assault as essential to secure the release of hostages still held by Hamas, while Hamas asserts it has adhered to the truce and is prepared for negotiations. However, the hostages remain trapped in a diplomatic deadlock as violence escalates.

The humanitarian situation in Gaza has reached catastrophic levels. Hospitals are overwhelmed, aid is blocked, and each new airstrike only deepens the destruction. Civilian infrastructure—homes, schools, and entire neighborhoods—has been decimated, with military targets also suffering heavy damage. Israel's offensive risks not only further devastating Gaza but also the potential to draw in other regional actors, such as Iran, Hezbollah, and Yemen's Houthis, escalating the conflict into a broader regional war.



International responses to the violence have been notably weak. The United Nations has condemned the attacks, and Egypt has called for restraint, but these appeals have not been successful in halting the bloodshed. The United States, Israel's key ally, must do more to advocate for immediate de-escalation instead of simply reiterating its support for Israel's right to self-defense. Without meaningful international interven-

tion, the humanitarian crisis is likely to worsen. At the heart of this conflict lies the debate over security and survival. While Israel insists that Hamas must be dismantled for long-term peace, the relentless strikes are eroding the very possibility of peaceful coexistence. The collapse of the ceasefire highlights the grim reality: without a concrete political solution, this cycle of violence will only continue.

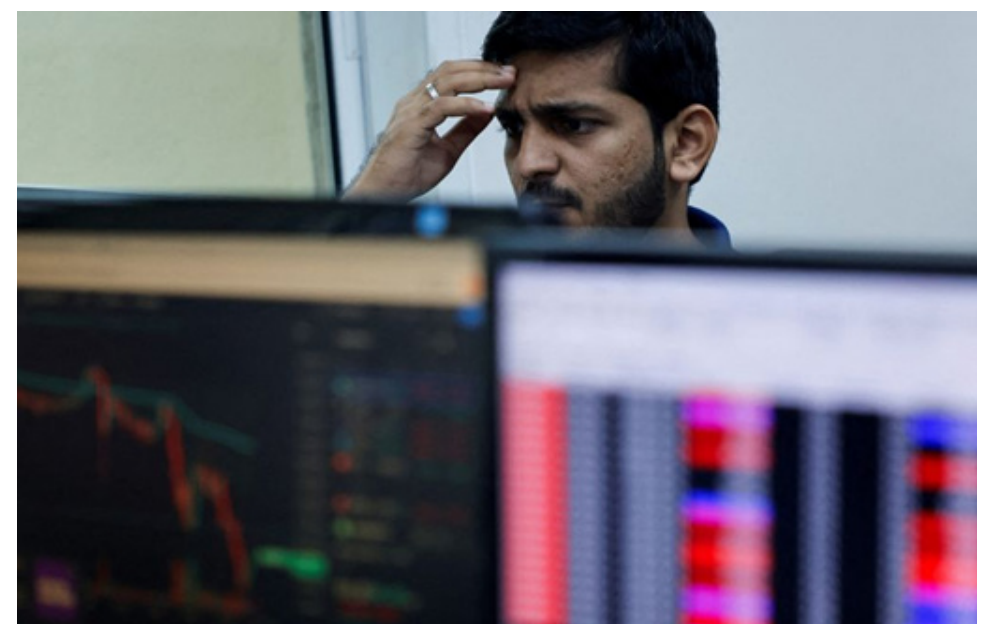


Punjab's Unfulfilled Aspirations: A Call for a Fair Constitutional Deal

The ongoing struggle of Punjab, a state deeply affected by Partition, continues to be overlooked within the Indian constitutional framework. While the state endured immense hardship during and after Partition, it did not receive the constitutional guarantees it deserved—unlike other states that were able to secure special provisions. The lack of a negotiated constitutional niche for Punjab, despite the immense sacrifices made by its people, remains a significant issue.

Punjab's unique plight began with the devastating Partition, which divided families and left many of its agricultural lands in Pakistan. As one of the major contributors to the British Indian Army, with over 360,000 soldiers, Punjab's contribution to India's security and economy was significant, but its representation in the armed forces and its economic status was severely affected after Partition. Despite this, the state was unable to secure the constitutional safeguards that other regions, like Jammu & Kashmir, were able to negotiate. The absence of these provisions, particularly in the areas of agriculture and military recruitment, left Punjab at a disadvantage compared to other states. While Jammu & Kashmir received Article 370, which gave it special provisions, Punjab failed to obtain any similar constitutional guarantees, even though it faced the same issues of territorial loss and economic hardships. This discrepancy raises questions about why the leaders of undivided Punjab did not demand a better deal for their state during the Constituent Assembly discussions.

Punjab's history, from Partition to wars and militancy, has left it politically, economically, and socially exhausted. The state's ongoing debt and struggles require a new economic and constitutional framework to ensure its future prosperity. To achieve this, Punjab's political parties and intellectual community must set aside partisan interests and unite for a common cause—securing a fair deal within the Indian Constitution. The time has come for a serious, scholarly examination of why Punjab was neglected and what can be done to rectify this oversight.



Global Stock Market Turmoil: What India Needs to Revive Its Economy

Indian stock markets have been in a slump for the past six months, with the Bombay Stock Exchange falling 13% since September 2024. Experts suggest this decline may continue, with foreign investors pulling out \$25 billion from Indian stocks. This decline is sharper than the 2% drop in Asian and global emerging markets, highlighting India's unique position amidst global market turmoil.

The global stock market decline has been fueled by President Donald Trump's policies, which focus on "America First." His isolationist trade policies, including tariffs, have caused instability in global markets, yet they've inadvertently boosted European stock markets. While US stocks have fallen by 5% since Trump's reelection, European stocks have risen by 5-20%. This divergence has left India struggling, with Indian stocks remaining stagnant even as non-US markets advance.

To address its economic challenges, India is negotiating with the US to lower tariffs, a move that could benefit both nations. Lowering tariffs will introduce more reasonably priced goods, forcing Indian businesses to become more efficient, benefiting Indian consumers. Moreover, the US should reconsider its isolationist stance, as global cooperation is essential for long-term prosperity. For India's economy to recover, it needs to focus on its manufacturing sector, which has been sluggish. While India's software and AI sectors have brought in foreign exchange, the country's reliance on them is not enough. Additionally, the outflow of skilled workers, particularly healthcare professionals, is causing strain on India's public healthcare system. Better compensation for healthcare workers could improve the system and attract health tourists, providing a boost to India's economy.

With strategic policy changes and focus on manufacturing and healthcare, India can regain momentum in the global stock market.

India's First Trump-Branded Office

Tribeca Developers, the real estate development partner of the Trump Organization in India, has officially launched the first Trump-branded commercial real estate project in the country. The project, named "Trump World Center," will be developed in Pune, a major city in western India that has seen significant growth in the IT sector over the past decade. The launch marks a significant milestone in the Trump brand's expansion in India, which has become its largest real estate market outside of the United States.

The Trump World Center is expected to attract considerable interest, with sales projections exceeding \$289 million. The office development is scheduled for completion in about four years. Pune is known for being a hub of both global and local IT firms,



making it an ideal location for this premium commercial project. The project will be developed in partnership with Kundan Spaces, a local real estate compa-

ny, further expanding the collaboration between international and Indian developers. Kalpesh Mehta, the founder of Tribeca Developers, shared that

the company is also planning to launch three to four additional Trump-branded luxury residential projects in various parts of India over the next 4 to 6 weeks. These upcoming projects will be spread across both northern and southern India, contributing to the growth of the Trump brand's presence in the Indian market. Mehta forecasts that the combined sales potential from the Trump World Center office project and the upcoming residential projects will reach an impressive \$1.15 billion. This expansion further solidifies India's importance as a key market for the Trump Organization's real estate ventures. With the growing demand for luxury properties, the Trump-branded developments are poised to make a significant impact in India's real estate landscape.



MEA Slams Pakistan's Comments on Kashmir

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Tuesday strongly criticized Pakistan for its response to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's comments on Jammu and Kashmir during a podcast with American AI researcher Lex Fridman. The MEA demanded that Pakistan vacate the Indian territory it holds under "illegal occupation."

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal accused Pakistan of actively promoting and sponsoring cross-border terrorism, which he referred to as the "biggest roadblock to peace and security in the region." He emphasized that the real issue at hand is Pakistan's continued support for terrorism, which hampers efforts for peace in the region. "The world knows that the real issue is Pakistan's active promotion and sponsorship of cross-border terrorism. This is the biggest barrier to peace and security in the region. Instead of spreading lies, Pakistan should vacate Indian territory under its illegal and forcible occupation," the MEA statement read.

Prime Minister Modi's remarks came during a podcast with Lex Fridman on Sunday, where he discussed various topics, including India's efforts to engage with Pakistan. Modi stated that "every attempt to foster peace with Pakistan was met with hostility and betrayal." He also expressed hope that "wisdom would prevail" among Pakistan's leadership, leading to improved bilateral ties between the two countries.

The MEA's response reiterates India's long-standing position on Jammu and Kashmir and condemns Pakistan's actions, which India sees as a significant impediment to regional stability and peace. The statement calls for a shift in Pakistan's approach, urging it to end its illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir and cease supporting terrorism.

Adani Group Partners With PGTI for Invitational Golf Championship

The Adani Group has entered the world of Indian professional golf by launching the Adani Invitational Golf Championship 2025 in collaboration with the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI). The tournament, which offers a prize pool of Rs 1.5 crore, is set to be held from April 1-4, 2025, at the prestigious Jaypee Greens Golf & Spa Resort in Greater Noida. This marks the return of the PGTI to the venue after 11 years.

Aimed at promoting golf as a mainstream sport and increasing its accessibility in India, the Adani Invitational is designed to nurture the next generation of global champions. "This initiative reflects our commitment to broadening golf's appeal in India, enhancing participation, and providing world-class training opportunities," said Pranav Adani, Director of Adani Enterprises. Kapil Dev, the President of PGTI,



expressed his excitement over the partnership, highlighting the role the Adani Group will play in fostering the growth of Indian professional golf. "With Adani Group's support, we aim to produce more

champion golfers who will represent India on the global stage," Dev stated. He added that he anticipated a large turnout of fans at the tournament, eager to see their favorite players in action.

Amandeep Johl, CEO of PGTI, described the Adani Invitational Golf Championship 2025 as a watershed moment for Indian golf. He emphasized the significant impact of the partnership in elevating the stature of the tour. The event promises a top-tier field, an attractive prize purse, and outstanding playing conditions, making it an eagerly awaited occasion for golf enthusiasts.

In preparation for the championship, a pre-tournament event will take place on March 29, 2025, at the Belvedere Golf & Country Club in Ahmedabad. The event will feature a golf clinic conducted by five leading PGTI professionals, where 50 children from The Adani International School will be introduced to the sport. Kapil Dev will attend the event to emphasize the shared vision of the Adani Group and PGTI to develop golfing talent in India.



Delhi Police in Solving ₹80 Lakh Robbery Case

Delhi Police, with the help of Israeli facial recognition technology, solved a robbery case involving ₹80 lakh and arrested two accused persons. The incident occurred in the Chandni Chowk area on Monday when a trader's employee was robbed at gunpoint. The accused fired a warning shot before fleeing with the money. The arrested individuals have been identified as Md Ali (21) and Samir (19). Following the crime, police analyzed CCTV footage from nearly 500 cameras in areas including Chandni Chowk, Red Fort, Jama Masjid, and others. Israeli facial recognition technology was used to identify Md Ali as a prime suspect, linking him to a previous case. Using the technology, police matched a screen grab of the suspect to a database, which led them to Ali's residence in Daryaganj. Further investigation revealed that Ali had prior knowledge of the victim's cash movement and had conducted a recce before the robbery. Samir, his accomplice, was arrested after Ali revealed his identity during interrogation.

A raid at Samir's residence led to the recovery of ₹79.5 lakh, a semi-automatic pistol, and other incriminating materials. Both suspects have been booked under relevant sections of the law.

Anand Mahindra Welcomes Sunita Williams Back From Space

Business tycoon Anand Mahindra expressed his relief and admiration after astronaut Sunita Williams returned to Earth following an extended stay aboard the International Space Station (ISS). Mahindra, the chairperson of the Mahindra Group, described Williams as "courage personified" and shared an old photograph from a chance encounter two years ago, recalling the moment with fondness.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Mahindra said, "When the SpaceX rescue mission was launched, I recalled this chance encounter almost two years ago with Sunita Williams in Washington. It was an enormous relief to see her and her colleagues' successful splashdown back on earth a few hours ago. She is courage personified, and it's good to have her back amongst us. Swagatam, Sunita."

The picture Mahindra shared, taken in Washington in 2023 during the India-US Hi-Tech Handshake, also featured tech entrepreneur Vrinda Kapoor and billionaire Mukesh Ambani. Mahindra humorously recalled how he and his colleagues missed their shuttle bus and bumped into Williams while trying to call an Uber. He joked that they asked if they could hitch a ride on her space shuttle instead.

Mahindra further remarked on the encounter, saying, "I suppose this was what they would call a 'Washington moment.' After the tech handshake meeting yesterday, Mukesh Ambani, Vrinda Kapoor & I were continuing a conversation with the Secretary of Commerce and missed the group shuttle bus to the next lunch engagement."

Meanwhile, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) also welcomed Williams back, praising her successful mission. "Wel-



come back, Sunita Williams! Your safe return after an extended mission aboard the ISS is a remarkable achievement," ISRO posted on X. The space agency acknowledged the significance of her return as a testament to NASA, SpaceX, and the USA's commitment to space exploration. ISRO's statement further read, "Your resilience and dedication continue to inspire space enthusiasts around the world." ISRO also extended warm greetings to Williams and expressed its hopes of utilizing her ex-

pertise in space exploration to aid India's space program, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Williams, along with NASA astronaut Butch Wilmore, had been stranded aboard the ISS for nearly nine months. Their scheduled week-long stay was extended due to technical glitches with Boeing's Starliner spacecraft. The astronauts finally returned safely to Earth following a soft splashdown of their Crew 9 Dragon Spacecraft off the coast of Florida on Wednesday.

286-Day Space Mission: Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore return after a record-breaking stay

The astronauts landed safely in SpaceX's Dragon capsule at 3:27 am off the Florida coast.

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Astronaut Sunita Williams, along with her fellow astronaut Butch Wilmore, has returned to Earth after an extraordinary 286-day stay in space. The duo, both former Navy pilots, initially launched aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft on June 5 last year for what was planned to be an eight-day mission to the International Space Station (ISS). However, a series of unexpected delays and technical issues left them stranded in space for nearly nine months.

The astronauts returned home aboard SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft, which splashed down off the coast of Florida early this morning. After completing a deorbit burn at 2:41 am, the spacecraft slowed down and made its way toward Earth, landing just 44 minutes later at 3:27 am.

Upon their return, a NASA team greeted Williams and Wilmore, assisting them out of the capsule and onto mobility aids. Williams was seen smiling,



waving, and giving a thumbs-up, a clear sign of relief after the long journey.

Their extended mission, which was initially planned as a brief stay, became a prolonged ordeal after Boeing's Starliner capsule suffered propulsion problems, rendering it unfit for their return. As a result, they were reassigned to SpaceX's Crew-9 mission, and after several delays, a

Dragon spacecraft was finally dispatched to bring them back.

Williams and Wilmore now face the challenging recovery process that astronauts undergo after long periods in space. Bone and muscle deterioration, radiation exposure, and vision impairment are common issues faced by astronauts returning from extended space missions. The lack of gravity in

space causes bone density loss and muscle weakening, while radiation exposure poses a significant health risk. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his pride in Williams' achievements in a letter made public during her return journey. In his letter, Modi conveyed that 1.4 billion Indians take great pride in her perseverance and fortitude, acknowledging her inspiring journey into space.



Israel Launches "Limited Ground Op" In Gaza Day After Missile Strikes

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On Wednesday, the Israeli military announced the initiation of a "limited ground operation" aimed at retaking a strategic part of the Gaza corridor. This move deepens the Israeli offensive in Gaza, which has already led to the collapse of a ceasefire with Hamas that had been in effect since January.

The operation focuses on the Netzarim corridor, a crucial route that bisects northern Gaza from the southern parts of the territory. Historically, this corridor has been a military zone for Israel, allowing movement of troops and supplies. During the ceasefire, Israel had agreed to withdraw from this area as part of the broader agreement. The recent re-engagement in the corridor marks a significant shift, with Israel reasserting control over the area.

The ceasefire had created a fragile calm, and its breakdown signifies a sharp turn in the ongoing conflict. The military action in the Netzarim corridor, while described as "limited," is seen as an escalation that could provoke further retaliation from Hamas and potentially escalate the situation across Gaza. The operation also appears to signal Israel's intent to regain control over areas it deems vital to its security strategy.

The military spokesperson has emphasized that the operation aims to reclaim critical terrain that is central to Israel's objectives in Gaza. However, the details of the operation remain somewhat vague, leaving room for speculation about its long-term impact on the broader conflict.

As Israel continues its offensive, the situation in Gaza grows increasingly volatile. The breakdown of the ceasefire has raised concerns about the potential for a wider military escalation, affecting both the security situation in Israel and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

The international community has expressed concern about the deteriorating situation, urging both sides to return to diplomatic negotiations to avoid further bloodshed. The outcome of Israel's latest operation in Gaza remains uncertain, but it is clear that the path to peace remains fraught with challenges.

Russia-Ukraine War Ceasefire Talks Set For Sunday In Saudi Arabia: US



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Negotiations for a potential ceasefire in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war will resume on Sunday in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, US President Donald Trump's special envoy, Steve Witkoff, confirmed on Tuesday. In an interview with Fox News, Witkoff revealed that the US delegation, led by Secretary of State Marco Rubio and National Security Advisor Mike Waltz, would engage in talks aimed at reaching a ceasefire agreement. However, he did not specify who they would be negotiating with.

The discussions are focused on reaching a temporary ceasefire, with particular attention to halting attacks on energy infrastructure and Black Sea targets. Witkoff indicated that the Russians have agreed to cease strikes on energy targets, expressing hope that the Ukrainian side would also agree to the proposal.

Despite this progress, Ukraine accused Russia of rejecting the full ceasefire proposal, pointing to continued attacks on civilian infrastructure. Hours after Moscow reportedly agreed to pause strikes on the energy grid, Ukraine reported further bombardments. The US has been pushing for a comprehensive, 30-day ceasefire as a starting point for a broader resolution to the war, which has now entered its third year.

In a 90-minute phone call with President Putin, Trump's envoy was informed that Russia's stance on a ceasefire was conditional. Putin insisted that any ceasefire deal would require Ukraine's allies to halt all military support to Kyiv. The Kremlin also announced that Russian forces would pause strikes on Ukrainian energy targets for 30 days.

Witkoff, however, stressed that the ceasefire proposal encompasses broader infrastructure targets and noted that the consensus around energy and Black Sea objectives brings the two sides closer to a full ceasefire agreement.

The ongoing talks in Jeddah aim to secure a fragile peace after nearly three years of devastating conflict, but significant hurdles remain in bridging the divide between Russia and Ukraine.



SpaceX to take humans to Mars in next 20-30 years? Elon Musk claims it's possible

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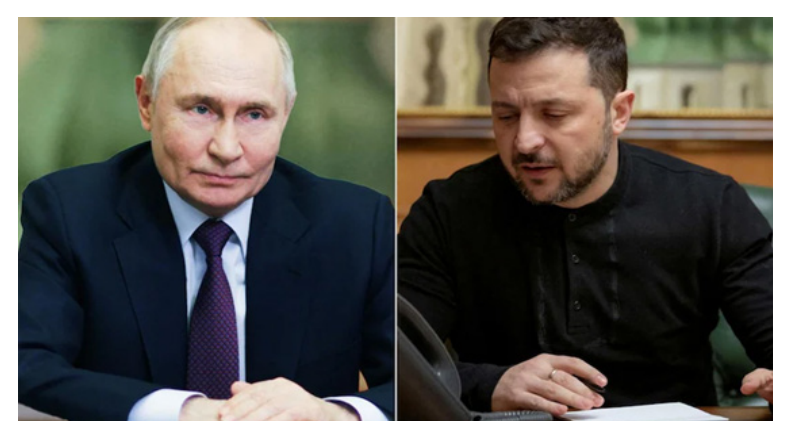
In a recent exclusive interview with Sean Hannity on Fox News, SpaceX CEO Elon Musk shared his ambitious vision for the future of human space travel, stating that humans could journey to Mars within the next 20-30 years. Musk, who has long championed space exploration, emphasized that SpaceX's ultimate goal is to make space travel accessible to everyone.

"We would be able to take astronauts to Mars. In fact, we want to take anyone who goes to Mars," Musk declared, revealing that the long-term goal of SpaceX is to facilitate human colonization of the Red Planet. Musk expressed confidence that the mission could be achieved within two to three decades, which he described as a "realistic" timeline for interplanetary travel.

This statement comes at a time when SpaceX continues to push the boundaries of space exploration with significant advancements in rocket technology. Musk's company recently made headlines with the safe return of NASA astronauts Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore, who had been stranded aboard the International Space Station (ISS) for nine months. The astronauts were initially set to return in a Boeing spacecraft but were later brought back aboard SpaceX's Dragon capsule after technical issues with Boeing's vehicle.

Looking ahead, Musk reiterated his plans for Mars exploration, announcing that SpaceX's Starship rocket will be launched to Mars by the end of 2026. Starship, the world's largest and most powerful rocket, will carry Tesla's humanoid robot, Optimus, as part of the mission. Musk has hinted that if these initial missions go smoothly, human landings on Mars could take place as early as 2029, with 2031 being a more realistic target.

Starship is critical to Musk's vision of colonizing Mars, with plans for the vehicle to be fully reusable and capable of carrying humans on deep space missions. In addition to Mars exploration, NASA is working with SpaceX on a modified version of Starship to serve as a lunar lander for its Artemis program, which aims to return astronauts to the Moon.



Russia Accuses Ukraine Of Trying To 'Derail' Putin-Trump Peace Agreement

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The Kremlin on Wednesday accused Kyiv of undermining US-Russia efforts to end the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, claiming that Ukraine attempted to strike Russian energy infrastructure despite an agreement between Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump to halt such attacks.

Following a phone call between Trump and Putin on Tuesday, the Russian president announced a 30-day pause on strikes targeting Ukrainian energy facilities. This came after Putin rejected Trump's earlier request for a complete cessation of hostilities. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov expressed frustration, stating that there had been no reciprocity from Ukraine regarding the ceasefire and that Kyiv had attempted to strike Russian energy infrastructure.

Peskov noted that the Russian president had "immediately" commanded a halt to energy attacks and claimed that seven Russian drones were poised for strikes on Ukrainian infrastructure but were shot down by Ukrainian air defenses. Following the phone call, both countries launched drone strikes against each other.

The Kremlin sought to clarify any confusion between Russian and US reports, with Peskov confirming that Putin had agreed only to a ceasefire regarding energy infrastructure strikes, contrary to reports by US envoy Steve Witkoff suggesting a broader halt on all infrastructure attacks. Meanwhile, Kyiv had declared its own commitment to an unconditional ceasefire last week, though no specific agreement with Russia had been made.

Markets Extend Gains for Third Straight Session; Nifty Nears 23,000



per circuit and 43 stocks crossed the lower circuit.

Desko Infratech IPO public issue to start from March 24. Rupee strengthened by 12 paise against dollar to settle at 86.44. 19 lakh shares changed hands in Reliance Industries. Bajaj Electronics to set up subsidiary in United Arab Emirates. 14 lakh shares changed hands in ITC. HSBC reduces target price of Power Grid to Rs 250. Physics Wala submits draft papers for India IPO. 10 lakh shares changed hands in Tata Steel. TCS signs five-year deal with Air New Zealand. Nuwama maintains buy rating on Pdilde Industries with target price of Rs 3660. Momentum in banking stocks including Indusind and SBI gained as Bank Nifty rose for the fifth consecutive day. 48 lakh shares changed hands in NTPC. Tata Motors board approves Rs 2000 crore through NCDs. REC has declared an interim dividend of Rs. 3.60 for the fourth time for the financial year 2025.

coal and container volumes. Jefferies maintained a 'Buy' rating with a target price of ₹380, citing strong infrastructure expansion.

its rating to 'Buy' with a target price of ₹1,600, citing strong defense sector demand.

2. Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO)



HUDCO sanctioned ₹5,000 crore worth of affordable housing and urban infrastructure projects across India. The government's push for smart cities and urban development is expected to drive further growth. Motilal Oswal gave a 'Buy' rating with a target price of ₹280, citing strong financial stability and growth prospects.

4. NLC India Ltd

The company announced ₹7,000 crore investment in renewable energy projects. It reported a 14% increase in coal production, ensuring steady power generation. HSBC maintained a 'Buy' rating with a target price of ₹325, expecting continued growth in the energy sector.



5. Max Healthcare Institute Ltd

Max Healthcare expanded its hospital network with the acquisition of three new hospitals in South India. Revenue per bed increased 15% YoY, reflecting strong patient demand. Morgan Stanley retained a 'Buy' rating with a target price of ₹1280, citing expansion and rising medical tourism.



1. JSW Infrastructure Ltd

The company secured a ₹1,500 crore contract for port expansion in Maharashtra. Cargo handling capacity increased by 18% YoY, driven by rising



3. Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL)



BDL signed a ₹2,400 crore contract with the Indian Armed Forces for missile production. Export orders rose by 30% YoY, boosting revenue visibility. ICICI Securities upgraded

Domestic stock markets closed in gains for the third consecutive day. Consolidation continued in benchmark and sectoral indices. The indices started flat and continued in a range-bound mode due to mixed signals from global markets. Investors followed the 'buy on dips' approach and then gradually recovered. Bank, auto, finance, realty and metal shares were the winners. Investors are waiting for the US Fed meeting announcement on Thursday. This will affect the course of tomorrow's markets. Overall Nifty rose by 73 points and Sensex by 147 points. Nifty is another 100 points away from touching 23000.



closed at 75,449, up 147 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 22,874, touched a low of 22,807 and a high of 22,940. It closed at 22,907, up 73 points. The Nifty Bank rose 388 points to settle at 49,702.

In the Nifty50, 31 companies gained and 19 lost. Shriram Finance, HDFC Life, Apollo Hospitals, Tata Steel, Power Grid were the top gainers. Tech Mahindra, ITC, TCS, Infi, Sun Pharma were the biggest losers. All sectoral indices rose today, except FMCG and IT. Bank, auto, finance, media, metal, pharma, PSU bank, realty, healthcare, consumer durables, oil stocks were the losers.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 75,301 in the previous session, opened at 75,473 on Wednesday. It touched an intraday low of 75,201. It reached an intraday high of 75,568. It finally

Market breadth on NSE today turned in favor of buyers. Out of 2990 stocks traded, 2345 gained. 568 lost. 42 stocks hit 52-week highs. 89 stocks hit 52-week lows. 244 stocks crossed the up-

Fitch tweaks FY27 India growth aim to 6.3% and makes rate cut predictions

On Tuesday, a leading rating agency kept its economic forecast for India unchanged, projecting a growth rate of 6.5 percent for the fiscal year 2025-26. However, the agency slightly updated the growth estimate for FY26-27 to 6.3 percent, an improvement from the 6.2 percent forecast made in December. This revision comes amid challenges posed by the ongoing global trade tensions, particularly the trade war instigated by the United States.

In the March edition of its Global Economic Outlook (GEO), the rating agency emphasized that India's economy remains somewhat insulated from the global trade pressures due to its self-sufficiency and lower dependence on external demand. Despite the uncertainty caused by aggressive US trade policies, India's domestic consumption-driven growth model provides a buffer against potential shocks in global demand.

The report outlined that India's GDP growth for FY25-26 is expected to maintain the steady 6.5 percent pace, with a slight de-



celeration to 6.3 percent in FY26-27. While this forecast is mostly unchanged from the previous update in December, the report flagged the risks posed by the escalating US trade policies, which could potentially impact global supply chains and trade dynamics.

Additionally, the agency projected two further cuts in India's policy interest rate within the current calendar year. The policy rate is expected to decrease to 5.75 percent by December 2025,

down from the current 6.25 percent, following a 25 basis point reduction in February. These rate cuts are expected to support domestic economic activity and cushion any adverse effects of external factors.

As India faces global uncertainties, its relatively lower exposure to global trade makes it well-positioned to weather the storm, with the economy expected to continue its steady growth trajectory in the coming years.

India to explore green shipping and digital business with Singapore

India's green fuel and digital shipping initiatives are poised to enter the global market through Singapore's robust marine and shipping industry, which supplies over 55 million tonnes of bunker fuel annually to internationally operating vessels. This makes Singapore one of the largest global hubs for marine fuel.

According to trade sources, both India and Singapore are exploring the creation of a "Green Digital Shipping Corridor" that would connect international ports and marine industries. This corridor aims to facilitate the movement of green fuels, such as green hydrogen and ammonia, while leveraging digital technologies to enhance efficiency in the maritime sector.

India's long-term focus on exporting green fuels aligns perfectly with Singapore's strategic position as a maritime hub. The country's maritime industry is well-positioned to help market and distribute India's green fuels to ships operating worldwide.

Next week, India's Minister of Port, Shipping, and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, along with key industry stakeholders, will visit Singapore to formalize a working program with Singapore's maritime industries. Sonowal has a clear focus on advancing green shipping practices and digitizing Indian ports,



with the goal of making India a global leader in the maritime sector.

Meanwhile, Singapore is also exploring various opportunities to expand its industrial base, including the development of shipping capacity, port modernization, and shipyard upgrades. Sonowal's visit will coincide with Singapore Maritime Week, running from March 24 to 28, providing opportunities for the minister and his delegation to engage with over 20,000 attendees, including global maritime industry leaders.

This partnership is set to boost India's role in the global green shipping and digital trade landscape, enabling both countries to tap into new business prospects and solidify their leadership in the global maritime industry.

India's auto parts & medical exports show robust growth Auto parts exports rise to \$7.7 billion in FY24

India's exports of auto components, along with medical and scientific instruments, have experienced significant growth over the past three years, according to a government official. The auto parts sector, in particular, saw a rise in exports to \$7.7 billion in the fiscal year 2023-24, up from \$6.88 billion in FY22. This growth reflects both the strong global demand for Indian auto components and the country's increasing competitiveness in the global supply chain.

Key export destinations for Indian auto parts include the United States, Turkey, Germany, Mexico, and Brazil, indicating a wide and diverse market for these products. The strong demand in these regions underscores India's ability to meet the needs of global automakers, offering high-quality components at competitive prices.

In addition to the auto sector, India has also made impressive strides in the export of medical and scientific instruments. These exports have sim-



ilarly shown resilience and growth, driven by global demand for India's high-quality, cost-effective healthcare solutions. As the global healthcare industry continues to expand, India is positioning itself as a reliable source of medical and scientific equipment, further bolstering its export portfolio.

This growth in both the auto and medical exports highlights India's evolving role as a key player in global manufacturing and trade. The country's competitiveness in these sectors can

be attributed to its robust industrial base, skilled labor force, and ongoing technological advancements.

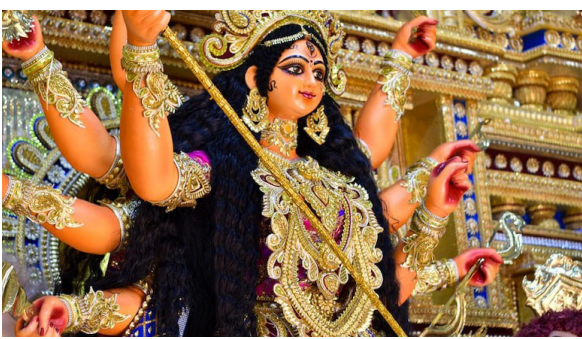
Looking ahead, experts expect India's exports in these sectors to continue their upward trajectory, driven by sustained global demand and improvements in India's manufacturing capabilities. With a focus on expanding its global footprint, India is poised to remain a leading exporter of auto components and medical instruments in the coming years.

Google Doodle Celebrates 'Worm Moon' with Interactive Lunar Game



On March 25, Google unveiled a creative and interactive Doodle to celebrate the Worm Moon, marking March's final Half Moon. The Doodle invites users to engage in a unique card game that tests their knowledge of the lunar cycle. In the game, players must match the different phases of the moon to earn points and compete against the March Half Moon. Titled "Rise of the Half Moon in March," the Doodle allows users to choose from cards, each representing a phase of the moon, as they learn more about the lunar cycle. With every stage of the game, players are rewarded with unique incentives, encouraging them to continue playing. Those who successfully complete the challenge can share their high scores, adding a competitive edge to the fun. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, the Worm Moon is named after the time of year when frozen ground begins to thaw, and earthworms start reappearing, signaling the arrival of spring. In another interpretation, the moon's name comes from the emergence of beetle larvae from tree bark. This interactive Doodle is available on both mobile and desktop devices, allowing users worldwide to participate in this lunar celebration while learning more about the phases of the moon.

Chaitra Navratri 2025: Dates, Significance, and Rituals



- April 5: Saptami (Kalaratri Puja)
- April 6: Ashtami (Mahagauri Puja & Kanya Puja)
- April 7: Navami (Siddhidatri Puja & Ram Navami)

The festival symbolizes the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance. Each day of Navratri is dedicated to worshipping a specific form of Goddess Durga, known as Navadurga. The nine forms, including Ma Shailputri, Ma Brahmacharini, and Ma Mahagauri, represent various virtues and aspects of the divine feminine energy.

Rituals and Celebrations: Devotees observe fasting, prayer, and meditation during these nine days. Temples across the country witness grand celebrations, and special ceremonies are held to honor Goddess Durga. People also dress in vibrant colors, each corresponding to a specific day, as a form of reverence.

Chaitra Navratri is a time to seek blessings, cleanse oneself spiritually, and celebrate the victory of righteousness. It is not just a religious event but also an occasion for cultural and spiritual rejuvenation across communities.

Chaitra Navratri, one of the most significant festivals for Hindus, will be celebrated from March 30 to April 7, 2025. This nine-day festival, dedicated to Goddess Durga, is observed with great devotion across India and among Hindus worldwide. It marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year, particularly in North India, and is considered a time of spiritual renewal and celebration of feminine power.

Key Dates of Chaitra Navratri 2025:

- March 30: Pratipada (Ghatasthapana & Shailputri Puja)
- March 31: Dwitiya (Brahmacharini Puja)
- April 1: Tritiya (Chandraghanta Puja)
- April 2: Chaturthi (Kushmanda Puja)
- April 3: Panchami (Skandamata Puja)
- April 4: Shashti (Katyayani Puja)

7-Year-Old Madurai Girl Sets Guinness World Record as Youngest Taekwondo Instructor

Seven-year-old Samyuktha Narayanan from Madurai has made history by becoming the "youngest Taekwondo instructor ever," earning a Guinness World Record. Her remarkable achievement has garnered widespread admiration, with many praising her dedication and skill in the martial art.

Guinness World Records announced the feat in a social media post, stating, "Seven-year-old girl makes history as the youngest Taekwondo instructor ever, aged just seven years and 270 days old! Samyuktha Narayanan is an inspiration to fellow kids in Madurai, India, encouraging them to engage in sports!"

Her accomplishment has sparked a variety of reactions. Many users expressed awe at her talent and hard work, encouraging other children to pursue their dreams. One Instagram user congratulated Samyuktha, saying, "Your

hard work, determination, and incredible talent are truly inspiring." Another added, "There's always a child doing it better than you," in refer-



ence to Samyuktha's exceptional ability. However, not all reactions were positive. Some users expressed concerns about the potential risks of children practicing such physically demanding sports at a young age. One comment

cautioned, "A sprained ankle could impact her life in a flash."

Despite the mixed responses, Samyuktha's success has

highlighted the potential for young athletes to achieve extraordinary feats. Her record not only makes her a source of inspiration in Madurai but also encourages children around the world to pursue their passions with dedication and perseverance.

Surat's Vispy Kharadi Sets World Record for Holding Hercules Pillars: "Proved Them Wrong"



Vispy Kharadi, an athlete from Surat, Gujarat, has etched his name in the Guinness World Records by setting the record for the "longest duration holding Hercules pillars (male)." Kharadi's remarkable feat involved holding two Hercules pillars, each weighing over 166 kg, for an impressive two minutes and 10.75 seconds. This surpasses the previous record of 1 minute and 30 seconds, making Kharadi's accomplishment a

historic achievement. In a video addressing his triumph, Kharadi boldly challenged the idea that Indians are genetically weaker than athletes from other nations. He said, "People say that Indians are weak because our genetics are not as strong as those from other countries. But I proved them wrong." He further explained the difficulty of the challenge, stating, "The Hercules Hold is something a normal person can't

even imagine attempting." Kharadi's feat has garnered global attention, with his achievement celebrated as a testament to the strength and resilience of Indian athletes. He emphasized that his success was not just personal but a victory for all Indians who have been labeled weak due to misconceptions about their physical capabilities. "Our strength is on par with world-class athletes," Kharadi asserted.

His inspiring achievement was shared by Guinness World Records on social media and even caught the attention of Elon Musk, who reshare the video, further amplifying Kharadi's victory. This world record not only challenges stereotypes but also serves as a powerful reminder that with determination and perseverance, extraordinary feats are possible.

"I Regret Moving to Canada": Student's Viral Post Exposes Hardships Faced by Immigrants

A Reddit post titled "I Regret Moving to Canada" has gone viral, shedding light on the struggles that Indian students face when they move abroad in search of a better future. The post, authored by an anonymous individual currently living in Canada, criticizes the often-illusory promises of a prosperous life in the West, calling out the harsh realities that many students encounter.

According to the Redditor, Canada's government and educational institutions have turned international students into a "business model," exploiting them through exorbitant tuition fees for subpar education. The user claims that many students enroll in private or low-ranking colleges offering outdated curricula and barely functional degrees, which hold little value in the Canadian job market. After graduation, the post argues, many students are left struggling in survival jobs like Uber driving or retail, burdened by heavy student loans and with little career advancement.

The post also highlights the steep cost of living in Canada, including high rent, expensive groceries, and a lack of work-life balance. Students often find themselves

working long hours at minimum-wage jobs to make ends meet, while being exploited by employers who pay under the table for illegal wages.

Beyond financial struggles, the post touches on the emotional toll of living away from family and the isolation many students face. Despite Canada's polite society, the author writes that building meaningful friendships is difficult, with many international students suffering from loneliness and depression.



Indian Superbike League Launched to Revolutionize Motorsports

The Indian Superbike League (ISBL) was officially launched on March 17, 2025, marking a new era for Indian motorsports. Sanctioned by the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI), the league will offer professional motorcycle racing, with the inaugural season scheduled for the end of this year. The competition will span three rounds across Chennai, Bengaluru, and Pune-Mumbai. The ISBL aims to develop home-grown talent and provide a structured platform for riders to showcase their skills. The franchise-based league will feature Pro, Amateur, Female Riders, and Rookie classes. Key investors include the Dhuleva Group, and Ducati will supply motorcycles for the event. Director Pranav Bakre emphasized that the league would empower riders and technicians while elevating Indian motorsports on the global stage. With over 400 riders al-



ready signed up, the ISBL is set to fill the gap in India's motorcycle racing ecosystem and create a sustainable career path for aspiring racers.



Yuva All Stars Championship: Wins for Yuva Mumba, Palani Tuskers, Warriorz K.C on Day 13

On Day 13 of the Yuva All Stars Championship in Haridwar, Yuva Mumba, Palani Tuskers, and Warriorz K.C. emerged victorious in their respective matches. The day began with a thrilling tie between Chandigarh Chargers and Sonipat Spartans, ending 29-29. Virender Singh's raids kept Chandigarh in the game, while Sonipat's Ankit Kumar Rana and Rahul Ahri contributed significantly. Warriorz K.C. defeated UP Falcons 43-34, with Shivansh Thakur's defense and Himanshu Yadav's points turning the tide in their favor. Palani Tuskers triumphed 41-37 against Yuva Yoddhas, with Kesavan Raja's excellent raiding. In the final match, Yuva Mumba defeated Yuva Paltan 40-31, securing a thrilling win through key moments and strong defense.

Haryana, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh Win on Day 1 of National Women's Hockey League 2024-2025

The National Women's Hockey League 2024-2025 Final Phase began in Ranchi on Tuesday, with Hockey Haryana, Hockey Association of Odisha, and Hockey Madhya Pradesh securing victories in their respective matches. In the first match, Hockey Haryana triumphed 7-1 over Manipur Hockey, with Saavi and Kirti scoring braces. Odisha defeated Hockey Bengal 1-0, thanks to a goal by Dipika Barwa early in the match. In the final game of the day, Hockey Madhya Pradesh beat Hockey Maharashtra 2-0, with goals from Bhuniksha Sahu and Captain Soniya Kumre. The opening ceremony took place at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium before Hockey Jharkhand faced Hockey Mizoram. The tournament features eight teams and will be played in a single pool format, with the top team crowned champion.



Khelo India Para Games 2025 Anthem, Mascot, and Logo Launched

The Khelo India Para Games (KIPG) 2025 anthem, mascot, and logo were officially launched by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Mansukh Mandaviya, at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium complex on Tuesday. The second edition of the games will be held in New Delhi from March 20-27, with over 1300 athletes competing in six para sports disciplines. The mascot, 'Ujjwala,' symbolizes resilience and perseverance, inspired by the house sparrow of Delhi. The logo features a dynamic athlete and Delhi's iconic landmarks, highlighting inclusivity and progress. The bilingual tagline "Champions Beyond Limits | Haunslon ki Udaan" reflects the spirit of para-athletes. The anthem, with its motivating lines "khelega khelega mera India, jeetega jeetega mera India," aims to inspire both athletes and fans. The games will take place at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Indira Gandhi Stadium, and Dr. Karni Singh shooting range.



DSC's U15 Table Tennis Tournament Opens with Top Performances

The Dream Sports Championship U15 Table Tennis Tournament kicked off on March 17, 2025, showcasing outstanding performances on Day 1. The event began with an orientation session featuring Table Tennis legend Sharath Kamal and key figures from Dream Sports Foundation. In the boys' category, K Akshay Bhushan delivered a dominant 3-0 win over Bhiwandkar Param, while Chakraborty Shrestho triumphed in a thrilling 3-2 match against Dhariwal Siddhanth. In the girls' competition, Dhar Shreya beat Dhimahi Kabrawala 3-0 with an impressive performance, and Jitnada Unjit secured a 3-0 victory over Singhal Akanksha. The tournament, filled with intense and exciting matches, continues to highlight the immense potential of young Table Tennis athletes.



Sukant Kadam Climbs to World No. 2 After Stellar Spanish Para-Badminton Performance

India's para-badminton star Sukant Kadam has risen to World No. 2 in the SL4 category of the BWF Para-Badminton World Rankings, following an outstanding performance at the Spanish Para-Badminton International 2025. Sukant now has 53,650 points, just behind Indonesia's Fredy Setiawan (56,680 points). His rise is fueled by impressive showings in two Grade 2 tournaments and one Grade 1 tournament in Spain. Sukant clinched gold in the Grade 2 event by defeating fellow Indian Tarun 21-13, 21-10. In the Grade 1 tournament, he narrowly lost to Naveen Sivakumar in a tight match. Kadam expressed his joy over the achievement, emphasizing the importance of consistency as he looks forward to upcoming tournaments like the Asian Para Games and World Championships. His rise highlights India's growing dominance in para badminton.



Stasya, Jaden, and Yashaan Win Gold at Mumbai Horse Show 2025

The Mumbai Horse Show 2025 (MHS 2025) concluded at the Mahalaxmi Racecourse with stellar performances from Stasya Pandya, Jaden Dsouza, and Yashaan Khambata in Show Jumping and Dressage. Organized by the Amateur Riders' Club (ARC), the event saw top competitors from across Maharashtra. On Day 1, Jaden won gold in the Show Jumping junior category, while Stasya clinched gold in the Show

Jumping children's category on Day 2. Yashaan also bagged multiple golds, including in the Show Jumping open category. Stasya was awarded the 'Best Rider in the Children category', Jaden earned the 'Rider in Junior category' title, and Yashaan was named 'Best Rider in the Open category.' ARC emerged as the winning team, with the competition highlighting the region's talent and dedication to equestrian sports.





Aishwarya Rai Rejected 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai' Role to Avoid Backlash



Aishwarya Rai Bachchan revealed she rejected the iconic role of Tina Malhotra in *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* (1998) due to fears of being criticized for her portrayal. The actress shared in an interview with *Filmfare* that she did not want to be typecast or face harsh backlash for playing a glamorous character, as the film's plot centers around Shah Rukh Khan's character choosing a "real" woman over Tina, who is more modern and fashionable. Aishwarya was concerned that accepting the role would lead to negative comparisons to her modeling days, particularly her portrayal of a glamorous, pouting character. The role eventually went to Rani Mukerji, whose performance became iconic and remains one of her most beloved roles. Aishwarya's career, however, continued to thrive, with her latest appearance being in *Ponniyin Selvan: II* (2023).

SRK, Priyanka Chopra to Reunite at IPL 2025 Opening Ceremony



Bollywood fans are buzzing with excitement as Shah Rukh Khan and Priyanka Chopra will reunite at the IPL 2025 opening ceremony on March 22, 2025, at Eden Gardens, Kolkata. SRK, the owner of Kolkata Knight Riders, will support his team, while Priyanka's role remains a mystery, adding to the intrigue. The event promises a blend of cricket and Bollywood glamour, featuring perfor-

mances by stars like Arijit Singh, Shreya Ghoshal, Varun Dhawan, Shradha Kapoor, and Vicky Kaushal. Salman Khan will also promote his upcoming film *Sikandar*.

The ceremony starts at 6:00 PM IST and will be broadcast live on Jio Hotstar and Star Sports Network. Don't miss this star-studded spectacle where cricket and entertainment collide!

Hollywood Director Arrested for Swindling Netflix Out of USD 11M



Hollywood director Carl Erik Rinsch, known for *47 Ronin*, has been arrested on charges of wire fraud and money laundering after allegedly swindling USD 11 million from Netflix. Rinsch had secured about

USD 44 million from the streaming giant for his unfinished sci-fi show *White Horse*. When requesting an additional USD 11 million to complete the project, Rinsch instead transferred the funds to his personal

brokerage account.

Prosecutors claim that Rinsch lost about half of the money through failed investments, later channeling the remaining funds into cryptocurrency. He then spent USD 10 million on personal expenses, including luxury cars, furniture, and clothing. Rinsch, 47, was arrested in West Hollywood, California, and appeared in court on Tuesday, where he was released on a USD 100,000 bond. His court date in New York has not yet been set. Netflix has declined to comment.

India's Highest Tax-Paying Actor in 2025

Amitabh Bachchan, Bollywood's legendary actor, has made headlines once again, this time for paying the highest tax in India for 2024-25. With an impressive earning of Rs. 350 crore, Bachchan paid a whopping Rs. 120 crore in taxes, surpassing even Shah Rukh Khan's Rs. 92 crore, making him the top taxpayer in the industry. At 82, Bachchan remains one of the most popular figures in In-



dian cinema. His income comes from multiple sources, including his acting career, brand endorsements, and television appearances. Bachchan continues to captivate audiences with ma-

and success. Despite his age, he remains a key figure in entertainment, with upcoming movies like *Section 84* and the sequel to *Kalki 2898 AD* on the horizon.

major film projects like *Kalki 2898 AD* and *Vettaian*, as well as hosting *Kaun Banega Crorepati* (KBC), one of India's most-watched TV shows.

Bachchan's tax payment marks a 30% increase from last year, further solidifying his influence

and success. Despite his age, he remains a key figure in entertainment, with upcoming movies like *Section 84* and the sequel to *Kalki 2898 AD* on the horizon.

Niharika Konidela Announces Second Film Under Pink Elephant Pictures

Niharika Konidela, daughter of the mega family, is all set to produce her second film under the Pink Elephant Pictures banner. After the grand success of her debut production, *Committee Kurrollu*, Niharika is collaborating with female director Manasa Sharma for this new project.

Manasa Sharma, known for her work as the creative director of *Oka Chinna Family Story* (ZEE5) and di-

rector of *Bench Life* (Sony Liv web series), will be helming this feature film as her third project under the Pink Elephant Pictures banner.

The details regarding the upcoming film will be revealed soon, creating excitement among fans and industry insiders alike. Niharika's journey as a producer is gaining momentum, and this new project promises to add another successful chapter to her career.



Shalini Pandey Discusses Potential Roles



Shalini Pandey, who gained recognition for her role in *Arjun Reddy*, recently shared her thoughts on acting in films similar to the bold character she portrayed in the hit movie. In a recent interview, Shalini revealed that her role in *Arjun Reddy* was a bit weak, especially considering it was early in her career. Despite this, she expressed her willingness to take on a similar role in the future, but with certain modifications to her character, if the director agrees.

Shalini emphasized her desire to portray strong, powerful female characters, a wish she feels was fulfilled with her role in the *Dabavala Cartel* series, where she plays a strong woman. Her growing versatility and choice of roles continue to earn her praise in the industry.