

Caste Census is Modi’s Death Warrant: CM Revanth’s Explosive Remarks



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In a fiery speech during the Congress Legislature

Party (CLP) meeting on Monday, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy declared that caste census

would serve as a “death warrant” for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and SC sub-categorization has

- Caste census shakes PM Modi
- Telangana model sparks national debate
- Welfare schemes hailed as transformative
- BJP-BRS alliance under fire
- MLAs to tour villages till June

become a stumbling block for him. Revanth asserted that Modi is visibly rattled by Telangana’s progressive welfare schemes. He claimed Telangana’s development model is now a topic of national discussion and that PM Modi is personally intervening due to its growing impact. The CM alleged a secret alliance between BJP

and BRS to target the Congress-led government in Telangana, adding that misinformation campaigns — including those about HCU land — are being pushed using artificial intelligence tools. Revanth praised schemes like the fine rice program and Indiramma housing, calling them historic and impactful. He emphasized the govern-

ment’s commitment to true SC sub-categorization and transparent governance, highlighting that no job notifications were issued until classification was completed. Calling for grassroots engagement, the CM directed all MLAs to tour every village in their constituencies from April 16 to June 2. He also announced his personal plan to connect with the public during that period. Lastly, he urged leaders to prepare reports on constituency needs, assuring full government support to address them. This aggressive push signals the Congress’s intent to consolidate its base and counter opposition narratives with people-centric governance.



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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy embarked on an official visit to Japan last night, accompanied by senior state officials. The tour, scheduled from April 16 to 22, is aimed at attracting investments and exploring industrial and technological collaborations to benefit Telangana. The CM’s itinerary covers major cities including

“Topple Govt Is KCR’s Idea”: Minister Ponguleti’s Explosive Counter



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At the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting held at Novotel, Shamshabad, Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy made sensational allegations,

accusing BRS chief K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) of masterminding a conspiracy to destabilize the Revanth Reddy-led government. Reacting sharply to

Dubbaka MLA’s Flip-Flop on Revanth Govt Sparks Political Heat

- MLA makes bombshell allegations
- Claims business unrest with Congress
- Backtracks after massive backlash
- Congress hits back with strong counters
- Demands probe into land scams

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Dubbaka BRS MLA Kotha Prabhakar Reddy stirred controversy once again with sharp remarks against the Congress-led Telangana government. Speaking at a BRS workers’ meeting on Monday, Prabhakar Reddy alleged that builders and industrialists

in the state are unhappy with CM Revanth Reddy’s governance and even expressed their desire to see the Congress government fall. These explosive claims triggered immediate and strong counter-attacks from Congress leaders at all levels. In a surprising U-turn, Prabhakar Reddy later



clarified his statement, asserting that he wishes for the Revanth Reddy government to complete its five-year term. He further added that BRS leader KCR himself hopes for the Con-

gress government to function its full tenure and that BRS has no intention of toppling the current administration. Attempting to redirect focus, the MLA demanded

a thorough investigation into land scams not just in Gajwel but across Telangana. He called on the state government to expose all such irregularities, regardless of location. The incident reflects the growing tension between the BRS and Congress camps, especially as political narratives heat up ahead of the next electoral cycles. While Prabhakar Reddy’s remarks may have been walked back, the controversy has already added fresh fuel to the ongoing war of words between the state’s major parties.

“I’m a Rowdy Type, No One Will Be Spared”: Kavitha Issues Stern Warning

- Kavitha slams threats to BRS meet
- Names being listed in Pink Book
- Congress warned over harassment claims
- Police action promised on intimidations
- BRS vows retaliation for injustice

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In a fiery speech that created ripples across Telangana’s political circles, BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha declared that she will not spare anyone threatening her party workers or attempting to sabotage BRS programs. Speaking in the wake of alleged intimidation attempts to prevent participation in the BRS Rajatotsavam event, Kavitha stated that while her father and BRS chief KCR may be soft, she herself is of a “rowdy type” and keeps track of every name in a “Pink Book.” She asserted that those

issuing threats will face strict legal consequences and warned that anyone who files false cases or drags BRS workers to police stations will not be forgiven. Kavitha pointed fingers at Congress leaders and officials, accusing them of targeting BRS cadres and cautioning that any such harassment will be met with strong retaliation. Meanwhile, in a separate development, controversy surfaced over land allocated to Ramanaidu Studios. Reports suggest that producer Daggubati Suresh Babu applied to convert the land into a real estate venture.



Questions now arise about permissions and plans to construct villas on the allocated land. On the public safety front, the Telangana government responded to the heatwave crisis by increasing the ex-gratia for victims of sunstroke from ₹50,000 to ₹4 lakh, issuing orders to this effect.

In Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati’s reconstruction finally gets a date — PM Modi will lay the foundation on May 2. CM Chandrababu Naidu announced that tenders have been invited for Secretariat, Assembly, and other key infrastructure, aiming for completion within three years.

Kishan Reddy Counters Congress: “Why Would We Topple the Government?”

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Union Minister and Telangana BJP President Kishan Reddy delivered a sharp rebuttal to the Congress party’s recent allegations that the BJP and BRS were conspiring to destabilize the Telangana government with help from Gujarat-based business interests. Speaking to the media, Kishan Reddy dismissed the claims as baseless, stating, “Why would we need to topple the government? The people are already disillusioned with Congress.” He questioned the logic behind Gujarat businessmen trying to destabilize a southern state and mocked the Congress for seeing conspiracies in every shadow. Responding directly to Congress’ assertions of a grand conspiracy involving BRS and BJP, he coun-



tered, “We want Revanth Reddy to rule for five full years — that’s the best way to ensure Congress self-destructs.” He further taunted the ruling party, suggesting that if elections were held now, Congress would be left with a “zero hand,” referring to their party symbol. Kishan Reddy also claimed that no section of society is happy under the current Congress rule, and

public dissatisfaction is growing by the day. “Even a common man knows that this government is on its way out,” he added, mocking the administration’s performance and Congress leaders’ public outcry. His remarks come amid heightened political rhetoric in the state, with both Congress and BJP engaging in sharp exchanges ahead of key electoral and policy milestones.



Bhatti Vikramarka Highlights Congress Achievements at CLP Meet

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, addressing the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting, asserted that the Congress government in Telangana is setting benchmarks in both welfare and social justice. He emphasized that beneficiaries across the state are recognizing the positive impact of Congress rule.

Bhatti listed several major initiatives currently being implemented, including ₹21,000 crore allocated for farm loan waivers, fine rice distribution, Indiramma housing, Rajiv Yuva Vikasam, and Young India International Schools. Over 56,000 government jobs have been filled, and a ₹500 bonus is being provided on fine paddy. He added that ₹8,000 crore is being invested in youth development under the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme.

On the social justice

front, Bhatti stated that SC categorisation and comprehensive BC caste census have been completed with determination—milestones that even great leaders of the past couldn't achieve. "These are silent revolutions. They will shape the future of social equity in India," he said.

He also pointed out that the 42% reservation bill for BCs was passed as per Rahul Gandhi's promise, calling it a historic step. He alleged that these reforms have rattled the BJP and BRS, who are now collaborating to mislead the public using AI-driven propaganda.

Bhatti urged the Congress cadre to take these transformative policies to the people and awaken the Bahujan communities, emphasizing that the benefits of caste-based surveys and welfare schemes must be communicated widely to secure the party's future.

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“Topple Govt Is KCR’s Idea”: Minister Ponguleti’s Explosive Counter

Recent remarks by BRS MLA Kotha Prabhakar Reddy about bringing down the government, Ponguleti claimed the statements were not his alone, but a reflection of KCR's intentions.

Ponguleti alleged that BRS, lacking public support, is trying to use money power to engineer political chaos. He urged people to remain alert and watch the unfolding political drama carefully. He expressed confidence that Telangana voters, who previously rejected BRS, would do so again if such conspiracies continue.

The CLP meeting, chaired by CM Revanth Reddy, focused primarily on strengthening welfare outreach. Discussions included the Dharani portal revamp, implementation of the “Bhuharathi” land law, the SC sub-categorization issue, and the much-anticipated Indiramma housing scheme. Ponguleti emphasized that the Congress government fulfilled promises made to farmers and has been committed to social justice.

He highlighted that the Congress had issued a G.O. for SC classification on Ambedkar Jayanti, showcasing its commitment to long-pending community aspirations. He concluded by stating that the continuation of the Congress government depends solely on the people's mandate in the next election — not on BRS's wishes or conspiracies.

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Tokyo, Mount Fuji, Osaka, and Hiroshima. During this week-long trip, the Telangana delegation will hold meetings with industry giants like Sony, Toshiba, Toyota, and NTT, and engage with key Japanese agencies such as JETRO and JICA. IT & Industries Minister Sridhar Babu will join the delegation on April 18.

On April 17, the CM will begin a series of high-level meetings in Tokyo, including visits to Toshiba's factory and a formal reception hosted by the Indian Embassy. He will also pay tribute at Mahatma Gandhi's statue in Tokyo.

One of the major highlights of the visit is the inauguration of the Telangana Pavilion at the Osaka World Expo 2025 on April 21. The CM is expected to interact with Japanese investors and showcase Telangana as a prime destination for industrial growth.

The itinerary also includes visits to the Sumida Riverfront, Kitakyushu Eco Town Project, and Hiroshima Peace Memorial, followed by a business lunch with the Japan-India Business Chapter.

The delegation will conclude the trip on April 22 and return to Hyderabad on April 23. The tour is seen as a significant push for foreign direct investment and international partnerships for Telangana.

Revanth Reddy Warns MLAs, Mandates ₹25K Donation Ahead of Outreach Drive

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In a crucial Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting held at Novotel, Shamshabad, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy delivered a sharp message to his party MLAs, urging discipline, dedication, and financial support. Just before departing for his Japan tour, Revanth laid out a focused roadmap for party revival and public outreach.

He announced that all Congress MLAs must contribute ₹25,000 per month from their salaries towards party funds, stating this would support election readiness and organizational needs. “The party stood by you; now it's your turn to stand by the party,” he asserted, setting a tone of accountability.

Revanth came down heavily on those MLAs distancing themselves from the public and staying inactive on social media while the opposition ran negative campaigns. He warned against “weekend

politicians” who remain confined to Hyderabad and told them to tour their constituencies extensively till June 2.

He barred any discussion about cabinet expansion, reminding everyone that such decisions lie with the high command. Highlighting Addanki Dayakar's patient rise to MLC, he cautioned against internal blackmailing and indiscipline.

Emphasizing welfare as the Congress party's backbone, he urged MLAs to take initiatives like Bhubharati, Indiramma housing, fine rice distribution, and SC categorization directly to the people. He praised Telangana's welfare model, claiming it has unsettled the BJP and is drawing national attention.

He also accused opposition parties of spreading misinformation using AI-generated content over real estate issues, urging vigilance and unity among Congress leaders in the months ahead.

- Congress MLAs to donate ₹25K monthly
- Cabinet talk restricted by high command
- Revanth slams inactive MLAs, warns
- Welfare schemes must reach every door
- Telangana Model praised nationwide



Kaleshwaram Saravati Pushkaralu App and Web Portal Launched



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In anticipation of the Saravati Pushkaralu, to be held at Kaleshwaram in

Bhupalapally district from May 15-26, Telangana's Minister for Endowments, Konda Surekha, and Minister for IT & Industries,

K. T. Rama Rao (Sri Reddy) launched the dedicated mobile app and website at the Telangana Secretariat. This initiative aims to pro-

vide detailed information and updates to the devotees planning to attend the festival.

The app and website are designed to ensure that devotees are well-informed about the festival's arrangements, including special rituals, facilities, and transportation.

The ministers also highlighted various developmental works being carried out to accommodate the estimated 50,000 to 1 lakh visitors expected daily.

Minister Surekha emphasized the active role the government is playing in temple and religious activities, stating that the previous government had neglected such matters. Under the current leadership, significant improvements have been made to temple management, including enhanced facilities for pilgrims.

Plans include the installation of a 17-foot Sara-

vati statue at the Saravati Ghat and the development of new bathing ghats, prayer halls, and amenities for pilgrims. Temporary shelters, restrooms, and drinking water facilities are also being set up, with medical camps and emergency services available 24/7.

In addition, special free bus services will run from various regions to Kaleshwaram, with dedicated parking and facilities for pilgrims.

With all arrangements moving forward swiftly, the district collector and local authorities are committed to completing all preparations before the start of the festival.

The Saravati Pushkaralu is expected to attract vast crowds, marking a significant spiritual event for Telangana, with extensive participation from religious leaders and cultural programs throughout the 12-day celebration.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar’s Key Appeal to Congress Leaders

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In a CLP meeting held at Novotel on Tuesday, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar expressed his gratitude to the Governor for supporting the BC reservations bill and caste census initiatives. He confirmed that the BC reservations bill has already been sent to the President and that the Supreme Court had instructed a decision within two months. He expressed confidence that a positive ruling would be forthcoming.

The minister highlighted the unanimous resolution passed by all

political parties in the Legislative Assembly in support of BC reservations and reminded the attendees of the successful completion of the caste census survey with over 100,000 employees involved. He assured that the process was conducted transparently and without any legal hurdles. Ponnam Prabhakar urged Congress leaders to take these issues to the public, encouraging widespread discussions on the party's contributions. He noted that Telangana has become the first state in the country to implement BC reservations and SC categorization, a move



praised by Rahul Gandhi. The minister emphasized that these efforts demon-

strate the Congress government's commitment to social justice and urged

the party to ensure that the benefits reach all sections of society.

TPCC Chief Slams Kottha Prabhakar Reddy's Remarks, Sees Conspiracy Angle



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Telangana Congress President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud strongly reacted to controversial remarks made by Dubbaka BRS MLA Kottha Prabhakar Reddy, stating that the comments

ment is firmly backed by the people. The controversy erupted after Prabhakar Reddy, during a party meeting in Thoguta mandal ahead of the BRS founding day event in Warangal on April 27, claimed that real estate builders and industrialists were urging the BRS to topple the Congress government. He further alleged that offers were being made to fund the purchase of MLAs, suggesting growing public dissatisfaction with the Congress. Mahesh Kumar Goud dismissed the claims as baseless and politically motivated, asserting that the people of Telangana are supportive of the Congress's welfare initiatives. He questioned the intentions behind Prabhakar Reddy's statements and hinted that such remarks could be part of a deep-rooted plan by BRS to destabilize the democratically elected government.

Vinod Fires Back at Prem Sagar Rao: "Wasn't It My Father Who Made You MLC?"

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A fresh political clash has erupted within the Telangana Congress over cabinet expansion, as Bellampalli MLA Gaddam Vinod hit back strongly at Mancheril MLA Prem Sagar Rao's fiery comments. Prem Sagar Rao, in a public meeting on Monday, expressed his dissatisfaction over not being inducted into the cabinet, saying he would not tolerate being sidelined after serving the party for ten years. He questioned the leadership's decision to favor recent entrants over loyalists and made veiled references to the Gaddam Vivek family, implying favoritism in ministerial allocations. In a sharp rebuttal, Gaddam Vinod reminded Prem Sagar Rao of his own political history, asking, "Wasn't it my father, Venkataswamy, who helped you become an MLC?" He highlighted that their family had



been loyal to the Congress for over 70 years and had played crucial roles in both state and national politics. Vinod also noted that their father once played a key role in helping then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi during a political crisis.



He defended his family's legacy and contributions to the development of the region, stating that few others could match their commitment and achievements within the Congress fold.

Congress Govt Has Betrayed Telangana Farmers" – Srinivas Goud & Jaipal Yadav Slam Revanth Sarkar

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Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud and ex-MLA Jaipal Yadav launched a scathing attack on the Congress government during a press meet at Telangana Bhavan, accusing it of abandoning farmers in distress across the state. They stated that farmers are reeling under crop losses due to both drought and unseasonal rains. Despite promising compensation under the Rythu Declaration, including aid for tenant farmers and implementation of crop insurance, the Congress government has done nothing, they said. They alleged that there is no leader in the Congress administration to care for farmers' woes, drawing comparisons to the crisis pre-2014. They criticized the Bhū Bharathi survey for ignoring assigned and podu land rights, despite promises to regulate their sale.



Goud and Yadav also slammed the irrigation failures, citing negligence in Kaleshwaram, Devadula, and Palamuru projects, leading to parched fields. They questioned the silence on Karnataka's illegal projects and AP's usage of Krishna waters. They demanded ₹30,000 per acre

compensation for all affected farmers and warned of statewide protests if promises from the manifesto aren't kept. They concluded by stressing they have no intent to topple the Congress government but urged it to focus on governance, not vendetta politics.

Sabitha Indra Reddy Mobilizes Maheshwaram Cadre for 'Chalo Warangal' Sabha

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Former Minister and Maheshwaram MLA Sabitha Indra Reddy conducted a preparatory meeting with key party workers to strategize participation in the upcoming 'Chalo Warangal Rajyotsava Sabha' scheduled for April 27. The meeting was held at a private function hall in Maheshwaram constituency. Addressing the gathering, Sabitha directed the leaders to ensure smooth transportation and coordination of participants to and from the venue. She stated that a large number of party members and workers from Maheshwaram would be attending, and it was the responsibility of local leadership to manage their logistics carefully. Highlighting former CM KCR's decade-long contributions, she recalled flagship welfare schemes like Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bima, Dalit Bandhu, and Kalyana Lakshmi, asserting that no other leader had served the people with such commitment. She criticized the current Congress government, alleging



that it came to power through false promises but failed to deliver meaningful development. She emphasized that KCR remains the true hope of Telangana, and people from across the state are voluntarily preparing to attend the Warangal Sabha to express their support. The meeting saw active participation from key leaders and workers of Maheshwaram constituency.

Addanki Demands Narco Test on Kottha Prabhakar Reddy Over Government Collapse Remarks



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In a sharp political twist, MLC Addanki Dayakar has demanded a Narco Analysis Test on Dubbak MLA Kottha Prabhakar Reddy, following the latter's controversial statement that there have been appeals to topple the Congress government in Telangana. The remark has triggered a political storm across the state. Addressing the media, Addanki Dayakar alleged that Reddy's statement points to a larger conspiracy orchestrated by the BRS, in collaboration with BJP and certain business groups from Gujarat. He stated that the only way to uncover the truth behind such bold claims is by conducting a Narco test. "Let the real conspirators be exposed," Dayakar asserted.

He further claimed that since Kottha Prabhakar Reddy is the in-charge for Gajwel, the constituency formerly represented by ex-CM K. Chandrasekhar Rao, it clearly indicates that KCR is the mastermind behind the destabilization attempts. Dayakar accused the BRS of being desperate to regain power by undermining a welfare-driven Congress government. He urged the government to initiate an immediate investigation into Prabhakar Reddy's remarks and expose the alleged plot. The comments have intensified the ongoing political friction between the ruling Congress and opposition parties, bringing the focus back on political ethics and stability in Telangana.

Harish Rao Blames Congress Govt for Farmers' Distress After Crop Damage



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Former Minister and senior BRS leader Harish Rao took to social media to highlight the plight of Telangana farmers, accusing the Congress government of neglect and insensitivity. In a deeply emotional tweet, he shared the ordeal of farmers Bollam Ramayya and Chandrakala from Pullayya Banjara village in Kallur mandal, Khammam district, whose paddy crop, grown on 18 acres of leased land, was damaged due to unseasonal

rains. Harish Rao criticized the government for failing to procure their produce even 20 days after the farmers brought it to the purchase center. He alleged that the Congress-led administration had not only failed to provide irrigation water and uninterrupted electricity during the crop cycle but also left the farmers helpless by not purchasing the harvest or paying compensation after rains ruined their yield. Calling the farmers' tears "a testimony" to the government's failure, Harish Rao said this was not a natural disaster, but one brought on by the government's negligence. He demanded that the state buy every grain of the soaked paddy and compensate every affected farmer. "A kingdom where farmers weep cannot prosper," he warned, urging the Congress to wake up from its "deep slumber" and act immediately.

"Not a Govt That Falls Easily" – Adi Srinivas Counters BRS MLA's Remarks

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Congress Whip Adi Srinivas has strongly countered the controversial remarks made by BRS MLA Kottha Prabhakar Reddy, asserting that the Congress government is not one that can be toppled so easily. Responding to Prabhakar Reddy's claims that there are attempts underway to bring down the state government, Srinivas said such comments stem from BRS's fear of being exposed for their decade-long misdeeds. He accused the BRS of being envious of the Congress-led administration's growing popularity and questioned why BRS leaders were so threatened by a government that enjoys widespread public support. Srinivas emphasized that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, a leader who rose from the people, is being unfairly targeted. He affirmed that the Congress will remain in power not just now, but for another five years. Calling for a judicial probe into



Prabhakar Reddy's "conspiratorial" comments, Srinivas urged CM Revanth Reddy to take serious note. He also highlighted that the ongoing CLP meeting is focused on four major welfare agendas—Indiramma housing, subsidized rice, Bhū Bharati land records initiative, and their promotion among the public to further strengthen the government's connection with citizens.

Hyderabad to Offer 200 Million Sq. Ft. of Grade-A Commercial Space by 2030: Minister Sridhar Babu

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Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu announced a major infrastructure vision to make 200 million sq. ft. of Grade-A commercial space available in Hyderabad by 2030. The announcement was made during the inauguration of the Citizens Global Capability Center, a joint venture between Citizens Financial Group (USA) and Cognizant Technologies, in Nanakramguda.

He highlighted Hyderabad's exceptional growth as a Global Business Hub, with a 56% YoY increase in commercial space absorption — the highest in India — and 1.8 million sq. ft. of retail leasing in the past year alone. The city is now home to 355 Global Capability Centers (GCCs) from global players like Amgen, Marriott, Eli Lilly, and Cigna, employing over 300,000 professionals. In the last year alone, 70 new GCCs were

set up in the city. The Minister emphasized plans to make Hyderabad a center for innovation, R&D, and product development, projecting Telangana's contribution to India's GDP to touch \$1 trillion by 2030. He also thanked Citizens and Cognizant for investing in Hyderabad, with their new center expected to initially employ 1,000 IT and data professionals, doubling within three years.



Women's Empowerment Gets a Big Push in Telangana: Bhatti Vikramarka at 'Stree Summit'

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu emphasized the historic role played by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and former PM Rajiv Gandhi in empowering women, while outlining the Telangana government's renewed focus on women-led growth at the "Stree Summit" held at Taj Deccan on Tuesday. Highlighting milestones like voting rights, divorce laws, property rights and ban on child marriages, Bhatti noted that these rights were enabled through Ambedkar's Hindu Code Bill, while Rajiv Gandhi's 33% reservation for women in local bodies paved the way for women's active participation in politics and administration. He announced that the Congress-led government in Telangana aims to make one crore women crorepaths in five years, extending ₹21,000 crore interest-free loans to SHGs in the first year alone — exceeding targets. Going forward, ₹20,000 crore worth of such loans will be distributed annually. Women in Green Energy In a significant move, the Deputy CM unveiled a Green Power initiative aimed at turning women into entre-



preneurs. Under this plan:
• Women SHGs will set up 1,000 MW of solar power units.
• The government will provide land on lease and facilitate bank loans.
• Power generated will be bought back by the state, ensuring regular income. If successful, the project will be scaled up massively, he said. Other Key Women-Centric Initiatives:
• Free RTC bus travel for women across Telangana, helping them commute to markets, hostels, and temples.
• SHG groups to purchase buses throu

gh bank loans and lease them to RTC for additional income.
• Launch of Indira Shakti Canteens run by women across public sector offices. Bhatti stressed that despite progress, social evils like child marriage and dowry harassment persist, and society must collectively work to eliminate them. He called for more awareness and public dialogue through platforms like Stree Summit, saying they help guide policy and legislative efforts.

Courtesy Visit by Shri Bandaru Dattatraya, Hon'ble Haryana Governor to Shri Jishnudev Varma, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana

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On 15th April 2025, Shri Bandaru Dattatraya, the Hon'ble Governor of Haryana, paid a courtesy visit to Shri Jishnudev Varma, the Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, at the Telangana Raj Bhawan in Hyderabad. During the meeting, both Governors engaged in discussions on matters of mutual interest, including governance, cultural ties, and development initiatives in their respective states. The exchange of ideas and insights aimed to foster better cooperation and progress between the states. The meeting was attended by Kailas Nagesh, the Private Secretary to the Governor of Haryana, who was part of the discussions.



Shocking Incident in Kushayiguda – Youth Kills 70-Year-Old Woman and Dances on Her Dead Body

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A horrifying incident took place in Kushayiguda, where a 70-year-old woman was murdered, and the young man responsible danced on her dead body. Kamala Devi, the elderly woman, lived alone and rented a shop where she lived. There had been some disagreements between her and the youth regarding rent issues. According to reports, after Kamala Devi scolded the young man about the rent, he held a grudge against her. On the 11th of the month, the youth strangled her to death and then danced on her lifeless body while taking a selfie video. He shared the video with his friends. The video went viral in Bengaluru, and locals noticed a foul smell coming from the house, which led them to inform the police. The police arrived at the scene, recovered the body, and sent it for a post-mortem. Currently, based on information from the viral video, the police are searching for the young man, who reportedly fled the scene. The police have filed a case against him for human rights violations and murder and are working on apprehending him as soon as possible.



Raids on Wild Heart Pub in Chaitanyapuri

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The Chaitanyapuri Police conducted raids at Wild Heart Pub located in the Chaitanyapuri area for violating operating hours. It was found that the pub's management was running the establishment beyond permissible operating times. Additionally, it was revealed that the pub had brought in young women from Mumbai to perform inappropriate dances and obscene acts in

order to attract customers. The management was allegedly forcing these women to perform half-naked dances to entertain the patrons. During the raids, the police detained 17 young women involved in the performances. Along with the pub's management, several customers were also arrested. The police have initiated further investigations into the matter and are questioning those involved in this illicit activity.



Big Alert for Passengers: Secunderabad Railway Station Platforms Closure



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As part of the modernization of Secunderabad Railway Station, the railway authorities have announced the closure of six platforms for the next 100 days. This decision will impact the operations of around 120 trains, which will be diverted to other stations such as Charlapally Railway Junction, Kachiguda, and Nampally stations. The station's reconstruction will include the development of a large Sky Concourse (with a

width of 110 meters and a length of 120 meters), along with lifts, escalators, and foot-over bridges. The Sky Concourse will feature retail outlets, restaurants, and kiosks as part of its amenities. Initially, platforms 2-3 and 4-5 will be closed for about 50 days for renovation work. Once those platforms are completed, they will be re-opened. Subsequently, work will shift to platform 10. Passengers are advised to be prepared for changes in train schedules and station operations during this period.

Assault on Toll Staff at Rajendranagar Exit 17

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An incident of assault took place at the Rajendranagar Exit 17 toll plaza when Hussain Siddique, a Junior Assistant at the Rangareddy Collectorate, along with his family, attacked the toll staff. The incident occurred when Hussain Siddique requested a toll exemption for his vehicle, but when the request was denied, the toll staff asked him to pay the toll charges. In response to this, an angry Hussain Siddique stopped his vehicle and physically assaulted

the toll staff. The attack escalated when other toll staff members tried to intervene, resulting in further assaults. The toll staff lodged a complaint with the police, not only against Hussain Siddique but also against his family members. The authorities are now investigating the matter based on the filed complaint. Hussain Siddique, who is employed as a Junior Assistant in the Rangareddy Collector's Office, is facing legal action for his involvement in this incident.



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A passenger traveling on an Indigo flight from Delhi to Hyderabad experienced a sudden health issue during the flight. The passenger's condition worsened, but fortunately, Dr. Preeti Reddy, a General Physician and Managing Director of Mallareddy University, was also on board.

Dr. Preeti Reddy immediately administered CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), which helped stabilize the passenger and save his life. The

timely intervention by Dr. Reddy prevented the passenger from facing any serious consequences. The flight crew, along with the passengers, lauded Dr. Preeti Reddy for her swift and effective response. As soon as the flight landed at Shamshabad Airport, a wheelchair and medical kit were made available to provide further treatment to the passenger. The airline staff and medical team ensured the passenger received the necessary care.

Hyderabad – Passenger in Indigo Flight from Delhi to Hyderabad Suffers Health Emergency

CM Revanth Reddy Wishes BJP MLA Raja Singh on His Birthday



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On the occasion of BJP MLA T. Raja Singh's birthday, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy extended his heartfelt wishes to him. Through the official account of Telangana CM Office (CMO) on X (formerly Twitter), the Chief Minister wrote: "On the occasion of the birthday of Goshamahal MLA T. Raja Singh, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy extended heartfelt birthday wishes. He wished that the MLA, who is consistently engaged in public service and working for the state's development, be blessed with a long and healthy life by the Almighty."

It is noteworthy that Raja Singh is the only BJP MLA who won from Greater Hyderabad and has made a significant mark in the state's political landscape.

Case Filed on a Deceased Person's Land Dispute 9 Years After Death in Warangal



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In a bizarre turn of events, Warangal police have reportedly filed a land encroachment case against a person who had passed away nine years ago. According to reports, despite repeated warnings from senior authorities advising against involving police in civil matters, the local police seem to have ignored these instructions. The case was filed at AJ Mills Police Station in Warangal. On January 21st, a woman named Jayashree filed a complaint claiming that her land had been encroached upon. Without conducting any investigation, the police reportedly filed an FIR (47/2025) against Batti Chandrashekhar, who had allegedly been involved in the land dispute. Upon learning of the case, Chandrashekhar's family went to the police station to inquire how a case could be filed against a man who had been dead for nine years. In response, the officer reportedly became aggressive, stating that he would file cases against anyone he chose and threatened to file a case against Chandrashekhar's family members if they continued questioning him. The family of the deceased has accused the police of acting out of greed for money and involvement in land dealings, and they have requested immediate intervention from higher authorities. They have demanded strict action against the officers involved in the case and their role in the alleged land disputes.

Unseasonal Rains Damage Rice Crop; Farmers in Tears

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Due to unseasonal rains, rice crops have turned into a soggy mess, leaving farmers devastated. In Khammam district, farmers are heartbroken as their rice grains have been ruined by the rain, with no government purchase centers operational for the last 20 days. Farmers from Pullayya Banjara village in Kalluru Mandal—Bollam Ramayya and his wife Chandrakala—had cultivated rice on 18 acres. After harvesting, they brought their rice grains to the purchase center 20 days ago, but despite this, the government failed to collect the grains. As a result, their crops have become soaked and damaged due to the continuous unseasonal rains. The heartbreaking sight of the farmer couple, crying uncontrollably as they saw their hard work ruined, has moved many to tears. These emotional images have now gone viral on social media, shedding light on the plight of the farmers.



CM Revanth's Own District Sees Farmers Protest Over Irrigation Issues

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In CM Revanth Reddy's own district of Mahabubnagar, farmers took to the streets, demanding the release of irrigation water. The farmers blocked roads, halting traffic, which led to a significant backlog of vehicles.

The protest took place in villages like Vanaparathi, Jooral, Guntipalli, Motampalli, Aarepalli, Kattepalli, and Thoompalli, where crops are reportedly drying up due to a lack of water. Farmers are demanding that water be released from the Jooral Left Canal of the Jooral project to save their crops. They are appealing to the authorities to take immediate action and help them by providing irrigation water. Farmers have expressed concerns that



in several districts of the state, crops are withering due to the lack of sufficient irrigation water, prompting growing protests from the agricultural community.

TGSRTC Recruitment Update: 3,038 Vacancies to be Filled Soon – Good News for Unemployed Youth

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Here's some great news for job seekers in Telangana—TGSRTC (Telangana State Road Transport Corporation) is all set to recruit 3,038 new employees. This announcement was made by the Vice Chairman and Managing Director, V.C. Sajjanar, who confirmed that government approval has already been granted for the recruitment process. Sajjanar mentioned that these re-

cruitments will help ease the workload on current employees, improving efficiency and staff welfare. He was speaking as the chief guest at an event organized at the RTC Kala Bhavan in Bagh Lingampally, Hyderabad, on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti. He also assured that SC categorization will be implemented in the upcoming recruitment and reiterated the organization's commitment to the welfare of its staff and workers.



MLC Kavitha Slams BJP, Congress at BRS Rajatotsava Meet in Dichpally

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In a fiery address at the preparatory meeting for the BRS Rajatotsava Sabha held at the Z Convention in Dichpally, Nizamabad Rural constituency, MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha launched a scathing attack on the BJP and Congress, accusing them of betraying Telangana's interests. She ridiculed the performance of both parties in Parliament saying, "8 MPs from Congress and 8 from BJP have added up to a zero for Telangana." She alleged that the central budget has not allocated a single paisa for Telangana and especially criticized the lack of funding or legislative support for the long-demanded Turmeric Board. "MP Arvind claims to be a son of Indur (Nizamabad), but if that's true, he should ensure legal backing for the Turmeric Board. While other boards are formed through Parliament legislation, this one was simply declared through a gazette," she said. Kavitha accused both BJP and Congress of colluding to loot the state, asserting that Telangana is a family of 60 lakh people united by a shared history and struggle. Reflecting on the Telangana movement, she highlighted the emotional and political sacrifices made by her father and BRS chief KCR. "Despite warnings and tears from well-wishers, KCR proceeded with his hunger strike, declaring it was either Telangana's victory or his funeral." She recalled that former President Pranab Mukherjee had praised KCR and emphasized the



complex political negotiations, such as convincing 36 parties and visiting BSP leader Mayawati nearly 50 times to gain support for statehood. "The UPA government agreed to form Telangana only under unavoidable circumstances," she noted. Taking further jabs at the Congress, she said, "They know they won't come to power for another 30 years. That's why they are looting without care. People gave them one chance, they should use it to serve the public." She claimed that even in Delhi, Congress is known for its "20 percent commission rule," and expressed her pain at the way the current Telangana government is being spoken of. "The 25-year journey of BRS is part of Telangana's history. KCR said we may survive on broken rice, but we will not compromise on self-respect," she declared. Kavitha ended her speech with a strong call to action for BRS cadres: "BRS 3.0 is coming. What the workers demand, the party will deliver. Raise the pink flag in every village and head to the Warangal Sabha with pride."

Upcoming Job Notifications in Telangana

The government is also preparing to release notifications for 18,000 more posts as part of its election-time job calendar promise. Key highlights:

- Group 1, 2, 3, and 4 posts
- Police Department
- Gurukulam Recruitment Boards
- Women and Child Welfare Department: 14,236 Anganwadi posts
- Health Department: Over 4,000 posts expected by end of April
- Forest Beat Officer notification (postponed due to SC categorization)
- Upcoming notifications: Gurukulam teaching staff, Singareni Collieries, and Engineering posts

This wave of recruitment is expected to provide a massive boost to employment opportunities across the state. Keep an eye out for official notifications and application details in the coming weeks.

Telangana to Roll Out Face Recognition System for Pension Distribution from June

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The Telangana government is set to introduce a new face recognition-based system for pension distribution starting June 2025. This move is aimed at preventing fraud and ensuring that only eligible beneficiaries receive pensions under the Cheyutha scheme. Currently, pensions are distributed using biometric fingerprint verification in villages and direct bank transfers in urban areas. However, several issues have been reported, such as fingerprint mismatches and cases where pensions were being credited to the accounts of deceased or ineligible individuals. To curb these irregularities, the government has decided to shift to a more secure and foolproof method. Under the new system, pensioners will have their photographs taken and uploaded to a dedicated government app. The pension amount will be disbursed only after successful facial verification through the app. This is expected to eliminate fake beneficiaries and ensure that funds reach only those who truly qualify.



Government officials have already begun cancelling ineligible pensions across several districts. The implementation of face recognition technology is expected to bring more transparency and accountability to the system. Beneficiaries, including senior citizens, widows, persons with disabilities, and laborers such as beedi and toddy workers, are

advised to update their records and prepare for the transition. The government is currently finalizing a mobile application that will facilitate the new verification method and streamline the process. This initiative is part of the state's broader effort to modernize welfare services and enhance the efficiency of public fund usage.

BJP-AIADMK Reunion: Strategy Over Sentiment



In a dramatic political shift, the BJP and AIADMK have reunited in Tamil Nadu ahead of the 2026 state assembly elections. After a bitter fallout in 2023, this renewed alliance is seen as a strategic move by both parties to counter the rising influence of the ruling DMK and regain lost ground.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced the reunion on April 11, confirming that the alliance will contest the 2026 polls under the leadership of AIADMK chief Edappadi K. Palaniswami (EPS). The NDA is also likely to include parties like PMK and TMC (Moopanar), adding more strength to the coalition.

The reunion comes after a disappointing performance in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The AIADMK secured 20.46% of the vote, while the BJP-led alliance got 18%. Meanwhile, the DMK-led alliance's share rose to 47%, thanks in part to the opposition split. A united front, BJP and AIADMK believe, can consolidate votes and offer a strong alternative to DMK.

A major development was the replacement of state BJP chief K. Annamalai with senior MLA Nainar Nagendran. While Annamalai did boost the BJP's vote share from 3.7% in 2019 to 11.24% in 2024, his feud with AIADMK—especially with EPS—and controversial remarks about Jayalalithaa and Annadurai damaged ties. Both Annamalai and EPS hail from the Gounder community in western Tamil Nadu, making them rivals for the same voter base.

Nagendran, a Thevar leader from southern Tamil Nadu, brings caste balance and minority appeal. He is aligned with the BJP's broader strategy of combining Hindu Dalits and the most backward classes. The BJP has also agreed not to interfere in AIADMK's internal affairs, and any decisions about sidelined leaders like OPS or TTV Dhinakaran will be taken jointly. Amit Shah's declaration that EPS will lead the alliance also aims to restore stability within the AIADMK.

The reunion is also a response to growing concerns over MK Stalin's rising influence in national politics and the emergence of actor Vijay's TVK party, which has criticized both DMK and BJP—but remained silent on AIADMK.

By reviving this alliance, the BJP and AIADMK aim to rejuvenate their base and challenge the DMK more effectively in 2026, making Tamil Nadu's political landscape more competitive than ever.

Google, Growth & SEO: A Digital Media Rant



Imagine working for a boss who never speaks to you, constantly changes your targets, and punishes you without warning. That, in a nutshell, is what it feels like to work in digital media under Google's ever-changing search algorithm.

Since its arrival on the web, Google has revolutionized how we find information, but for digital newsrooms, it's a constant game of trying to stay in its good graces. Every headline, image tag, and sentence is a calculated move in the SEO war — and Google keeps changing the rules.

In the early 2010s, SEO felt like a wild west adventure. Simpler times, when tossing keywords like “Salman Khan Diet” or “Smartphones Under 10K” into a headline guaranteed a traffic surge. We weren't optimizing — we were gaming the system. And it worked. “Content is king” was the mantra, but only when “king” was dressed in SEO glitter.

Then came the updates — Panda, Penguin, Hummingbird — innocent names with ruthless consequences. Keyword stuffing was suddenly taboo. User experience took center stage. Articles that once pulled in lakhs of views began to vanish overnight. emails. No clarity.

Just a mysterious “core update” that sent content into Search Result Purgatory.

It's exhausting. One day you're on top, the next you're invisible. Editors scramble to decipher trends, and SEO experts now sound more like modern-day astrologers — predicting the stars (or algorithms) to save a site's traffic. “Mars is in retrograde, and your CTR is falling” might as well be actual advice in these meetings.

Growth, once the golden goal, now feels like a treadmill on fire. CTRs, bounce rates, scroll depth — numbers that once excited us are now the source of daily burnout. We don't write what matters anymore; we write what ranks.

Still, we chase the numbers. Because traffic equals ad revenue. Ad revenue equals survival. The mission is clear, but the method is chaotic. For those who've been here long enough, it's no longer about storytelling — it's about surviving a search engine's mood swings. So here we are — digital media's resilient warriors — fighting for visibility in a system where the rules shift without notice and growth feels more punishing than rewarding. And yet, we log in every day and play the game. Because what choice do we have?

Congress at the Crossroads: Struggling for Relevance and Revival

The Indian National Congress finds itself at a critical juncture, grappling with a deep identity crisis, organizational erosion, and a vanishing grassroots presence. The recent All India Congress Committee (AICC) session in Ahmedabad only reaffirmed the party's long-standing challenges rather than resolving them. Intended as a moment of reflection and resurgence, the session instead underscored the vacuum of ideological clarity and leadership that continues to plague the party.

Held in Gujarat—a state where Congress has been out of power for over three decades and which now symbolizes the BJP's political dominance—the session seemed rich in symbolism but lacked substance. The Congress's attempt to reclaim the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a towering national figure, was seen more as a defensive reaction

to the BJP's narrative than a proactive reassertion of its own historical roots. Despite marginal gains in Parliament following the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the Congress has failed to convert that momentum into electoral victories. Its presence in only three state governments reflects the larger reality of an organization that has steadily lost its footing across the country. The BJP, on the other hand, has managed to recover lost ground in the past year, further cornering the Congress in key states.

What remains most concerning is the absence of a compelling political narrative from the Congress. In an era when the BJP has mastered messaging and mobilization, the Congress has struggled to offer a coherent alternative. Instead, the party's internal deliberations often get bogged down by factionalism, outdated strategies, and an over-re-

liance on legacy politics.

Analysts believe the Congress must not only modernize its organizational structure but also reimagine its ideological vision in ways that resonate with India's evolving electorate. It needs to go beyond symbolic gestures and develop a grounded, issue-based political strategy. Whether it's the economy, social justice, federalism, or youth aspirations, the Congress must articulate clear, actionable positions.

The path forward will demand bold decisions—about leadership, alliances, and policy direction. Without this, the party risks becoming increasingly irrelevant in the national conversation. As the 2026 state elections and the 2029 general elections approach, time is running out for the Congress to find not just its voice, but also its purpose.



Fear, Polarisation, and the Waqf Act: A Volatile Mix in West Bengal

The recently passed Waqf Amendment Act, 2025 has sparked widespread unrest, particularly in West Bengal, where Muslims make up over 27% of the population. Districts like Murshidabad, with a Muslim majority, have witnessed violent protests that tragically led to loss of life and the deployment of central forces under orders from the Calcutta High Court. The violence bears echoes of the 2019 CAA-NRC agitations, especially in the same region.

West Bengal's history of political violence is well known, but the recent pattern of frequent communal clashes is alarming. This trend stems from



growing polarisation — driven in part by both the BJP and Trinamool Congress since around 2017. Their competitive tactics to consolidate vote banks have fostered radicalisation among

both majority and minority groups, bringing religious extremism into the political mainstream and fraying the state's delicate communal balance.

While restoring law and order in affected areas like Murshidabad is urgent, it is equally vital to examine the deeper causes behind the volatility. Since 2014, several central policies — including the abrogation of Article 370, the construction of the Ram Mandir, the Assam NRC, the CAA, and moves toward a Uniform Civil Code — have raised fears among Muslims. These developments have left the community feeling targeted and marginalised. The Waqf Amendment Act appears to

reinforce those anxieties.

However, in Bengal, misunderstandings surrounding the Act are also fanning the flames. A clear, fact-based understanding of the legislation is essential to avoid further misinformation and unrest.

The Act, now renamed the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, introduces significant structural changes. It redefines what qualifies as “waqf” property and centralises control over its management. Waqf properties — religious or charitable endowments such as mosques, madrasas, orphan-

ages, and graveyards — are a crucial part of Muslim religious and cultural life. Critics argue that the new provisions infringe on constitutional guarantees of religious freedom, equality before the law, and federalism.

If not handled sensitively, the legislation may worsen communal divisions. The protest movement must stay peaceful and democratic. Political leaders must also resist exploiting the situation for electoral gain. What West Bengal — and India — needs is a commitment to constitutional principles, inclusive governance, and communal harmony, not further escalation of fear and polarisation.

India Defends Waqf Act Amid Protests

- India rejects Pakistan’s criticism
- Act targets Waqf property misuse
- Modi defends reforms as justice
- Opposition alleges anti-Muslim bias
- Protests erupt, especially in Bengal

India has hit back at Pakistan for criticizing the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, calling its remarks baseless and irrelevant. The Ministry of External Affairs stated that Pakistan has no right to comment on India’s internal affairs and should instead reflect on its poor record of minority rights.

“Pakistan has no locus standi. It should focus on its abysmal treatment of minorities rather than commenting on a matter entirely internal to India,” said Foreign Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal.

The Waqf Amendment Act, passed by Parliament on April

4 and signed by the President on April 5, aims to overhaul the management of Waqf properties — religious and charitable endowments under Muslim personal law. The government argues that the Act focuses solely on property governance and not on religion.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi defended the move, alleging that many Waqf properties were misused by land mafias and failed to benefit poor and marginalized Muslims. He said the new law is a step toward ensuring justice for disadvantaged groups like Pasmanda Muslims, widows, and orphans. Only practising Mus-



lims for five years can dedicate property to Waqf. Women must receive their legal inheritance before a property is declared Waqf. A senior government official, not the Waqf Board, will decide disputes involving government land. Any government land previously registered as Waqf will be derecognized. However, the Act has faced sharp criticism from the opposition. Parties have accused the government of targeting minorities and undermining constitutional values. AIMIM

leader Asaduddin Owaisi tore a copy of the bill in Parliament, comparing the law to South African apartheid-era legislation. Violent protests have broken out in parts of West Bengal, where Muslims make up over 27% of the population. At least three people have died in the unrest, prompting the deployment of central forces. While the government frames the Act as a push for reform and transparency, critics say it deepens communal fault lines and risks disenfranchising India’s Muslim community even further.



Tejashwi Says Nitish ‘Hijacked’, NDA Out

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav launched a sharp attack on Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday, claiming he has been “hijacked” and asserting that the NDA will not return to power in the state after the upcoming assembly elections later this year.

After meeting senior Congress leaders in Delhi, Tejashwi expressed strong confidence in the opposition alliance, ‘Mahagathbandhan’, winning the Bihar polls. He also said that the alliance partners would collectively decide on the chief ministerial candidate, hinting that the leadership issue would be resolved amicably.

“We will discuss and unanimously decide the CM face. Nitish Ji to hijack ho chuke hain (Nitish Kumar has already been hijacked). NDA is not forming the government in Bihar this time,” Tejashwi told reporters. The next meeting of the opposition alliance is scheduled to be held in Patna on April 17, where strategy and seat-sharing are likely to be discussed.

Earlier, Tejashwi had also criticized Nitish Kumar for speaking during the national anthem, calling him “not mentally and physically stable,” further intensifying his political attack ahead of the elections.

The political temperature in Bihar is rising rapidly, with both camps preparing for a fierce battle for control of the state later this year.



Jaishankar Slams Pakistan’s ‘Old Habits’

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday delivered a sharp rebuke to Pakistan, saying India need not waste its “precious time” on a neighbor that continues with its old habits and refuses to change, even as India has transformed significantly over the last decade.

Speaking at Charotar University of Science and Technology in Gujarat, Jaishankar pointed to the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks as a turning point in India’s perception of Pakistan. “That was when the Indian public, cutting across political lines, felt this was too much to tolerate,” he said. He noted that while public sentiment was clear, the government of the time may not have responded with sufficient clarity.

Jaishankar highlighted the significant changes in India’s global stature and domestic growth since 2014, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership. “India has changed. I wish I could say the same for Pakistan. Unfortunately, they continue with their bad habits,” he said.

He asserted that Pakistan has been given a firm message in recent years — that acts of terrorism will have consequences. “Our economic and political stature has grown globally, but Pakistan sticks to its old playbook,” he added.

Jaishankar also criticized Pakistan’s role in Afghanistan, saying it tried to play both sides during the US and NATO presence, maintaining ties with both the Taliban and the Afghan government. “Pakistan was playing a double game. But after the Americans left, that game collapsed. The very terrorism industry they nurtured has now turned against them,” he remarked.

Responding to a question on why India doesn’t talk much about Pakistan anymore, Jaishankar remarked, “Why waste precious time on them?”

The Minister’s comments come amid heightened tensions in the subcontinent following debates around the Waqf Amendment Act, which Pakistan had criticized. India firmly rejected Pakistan’s remarks, calling them baseless and pointing to Islamabad’s poor record on minority rights.

Jaishankar’s sharp tone reflects New Delhi’s current stance of strategic firmness and minimal engagement with Pakistan until it takes credible steps against cross-border terrorism.

India, US Push Trade Talks Forward

India has taken a significant step toward trade liberalisation with the United States, as both nations signed the terms of reference for a bilateral trade agreement’s first phase. Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal confirmed on Tuesday that the process has formally begun, with virtual discussions slated for this month and in-person negotiations set for mid-May.

This development follows a February agreement between the two countries to begin working on a phased trade deal, targeting completion by the end of 2025. The broader goal is to increase bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030.

“India has decided to go for a path of trade liberalisation with the US,” Barthwal told reporters, underlining New Delhi’s willingness to move ahead while bal-



ancing domestic interests.

Rajesh Agrawal, additional secretary in the commerce ministry, outlined the timeline for the next round of negotiations. The discussions are expected to cover tariff reduction, regulatory coherence, and trade facilitation measures.

In a parallel move, US President Donald Trump announced a 90-day pause on most tariff hikes

for key trading partners, including India. However, duties on Chinese goods were raised, signalling Washington’s dual-track approach to global trade. This pause provides Indian exporters with temporary relief, particularly in sectors vulnerable to tariff swings. Despite referring to India as a “tariff abuser” and the “tariff king,” Trump has signalled interest in rebalancing the trade relationship. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, one of

the first world leaders to visit Trump after his return to office, used the opportunity to push for stronger economic ties and resolve ongoing disputes.

The US currently faces a \$45.6 billion trade deficit with India. To address concerns and advance talks, India has committed to increasing purchases of American defence and energy products — a gesture aimed at improving trade balance and building trust.

Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal recently reiterated that India will protect its sovereign interests during negotiations, emphasizing that any deal must benefit Indian citizens and industries. This renewed momentum in India-US trade talks reflects a broader strategy of economic engagement amid shifting global alliances and trade dynamics.



India’s Astronauts Ready for ISS

India’s astronaut-designates are ready for liftoff, having completed intensive NASA training ahead of a historic mission to the International Space Station (ISS) aboard the SpaceX Falcon-9 and Crew Dragon. Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla has been selected as the primary astronaut, with Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair as his backup for the nearly two-week Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4).

Houston-based Axiom Space announced the successful completion of training at NASA’s Johnson Space Center, where the international four-member crew has been preparing since August 2024. Their training included simulations, emergency drills, microgravity adaptation, underwater re-entry practice, and photo documentation tasks. The mission could launch as early as end-May. The team marked the end of training with a traditional NASA patch-hanging ceremony, symbolizing their formal readiness for

spaceflight. India is covering the full cost of this commercial mission, estimated at \$60–70 million. Group Captain Shukla, an Indian Air Force officer, underwent rigorous drills in fire-fighting, first aid, and medical response for in-space emergencies. He also trained in European centers to adapt to zero-gravity environments and re-entry water landings.

Onboard the ISS, Shukla will perform seven simple scientific experiments developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), contributing to India’s long-term space research goals. His personal mission includes photo-documenting daily activities in orbit. This will be India’s second human spaceflight, following Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma’s milestone 1994 journey to a Russian space station. Shukla, who wasn’t born then, will make history again under the Gaganyaan initiative, through ISRO’s collaborations with NASA and Axiom Space.

India’s Haj Quota Raised to 1.75 Lakh

India’s Haj quota for 2025 has been increased to 1,75,025, a significant rise from 1,36,020 in 2014, the year Prime Minister Narendra Modi took office, the Ministry of Minority Affairs announced on Tuesday.

The Ministry said the rise reflects the government’s continued efforts to facilitate the pilgrimage for Indian Muslims. “The Government of India accords high priority to facilitating the Haj pilgrimage for Indian Muslims. Due to sustained efforts, India’s Haj quota has risen from 136,020 in 2014 to 175,025 in 2025 — finalized annually by Saudi authorities,” it stated.

Of the total quota, 1,22,518 pilgrims are being accommodated through the Haj Committee of India under the main quota. The Ministry confirmed that all necessary arrangements including flights, transport, Mina camps, accommodation, and services have been completed in line with Saudi guidelines.

The remaining quota was allotted to 26 Combined Haj Group Operators (CHGOs), which replaced over 800 individual private tour operators due to new Saudi regulations. These CHGOs were tasked with managing arrangements for their share of pilgrims. However, many failed to meet Saudi deadlines and were unable to finalize contracts for crucial services like accommodation and Mina camp bookings.





Trump Warns Iran Amid Renewed Nuclear Deal Talks, Hints at Possible Military Strike

As Iran moves closer to finalising a new nuclear agreement with the United States, President Donald Trump has issued a stern warning to Tehran, asserting that the U.S. will not hesitate to use military force if Iran pursues nuclear weapons. Trump's comments come amid renewed diplomatic engagement between the two countries, with American and Iranian officials recently holding "constructive" talks in Oman.

Speaking to reporters following a meeting between U.S. special envoy Steve Witkoff and a senior Iranian official in Oman, Trump accused Iran of deliberately delaying progress on the deal. "I think they're tapping us along," Trump said. He added, "Iran has to get rid of the concept of a nuclear weapon. They cannot have a nuclear weapon."

When asked whether military options are on the table should Iran continue its nuclear ambitions, Trump responded unequivocally: "Of course it does." He emphasized the urgency of the matter, claiming that Tehran is "fairly close" to developing a nuclear weapon, and urged swift action from Iranian authorities to avoid a severe response.

Despite U.S. suspicions, Iran has repeatedly denied that it is developing nuclear weapons, maintaining that its nuclear program is intended solely for peaceful purposes.

Both Washington and Tehran described the Oman discussions as positive, and a second round of talks is expected to take place in Rome soon. According to a Reuters report, these meetings aim to explore a broad framework for a potential agreement, possibly reviving the spirit of the 2015 nuclear deal.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi is also scheduled to visit Russia this week to consult on the ongoing negotiations. Russia, a signatory to the original 2015 deal, along with China, has remained an active diplomatic player in the matter.

Previous efforts at indirect dialogue during President Joe Biden's administration made little headway, with the last direct U.S.-Iran negotiations taking place during Barack Obama's presidency. Trump had withdrawn from the 2015 deal during his earlier term, prompting Iran to gradually scale back its commitments. In March, Trump re-engaged with Iran after returning to office, sending a direct message to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei urging talks and cautioning against defiance.

New York City declares April 14 as Dr B.R. Ambedkar Day

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In a historic gesture recognizing global contributions to social justice and equality, New York City Mayor Eric Adams has officially proclaimed April 14, 2025, as Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Day. The announcement was made in the heart of the city, home to over 8.5 million residents, highlighting the enduring legacy of Dr. Ambedkar, a key architect of the Indian Constitution and a tireless advocate for human rights.

The proclamation was announced by Dilip Chauhan, Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Mayor's Office for International Affairs, during a special commemorative event held at the United Nations headquarters on Monday. The occasion marked the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar, drawing diplomats, community leaders, and dignitaries from around the world.

Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale delivered the



keynote address at the event, emphasizing Dr. Ambedkar's vision for an inclusive and egalitarian society. He praised Ambedkar's work in eradicating social discrimination and ensuring dignity for marginalized communities, both in India and as a global inspiration.

"Dr. Ambedkar's message of equality, justice, and human dignity continues to inspire movements across the world. This recognition by New York City is not just a tribute to an Indian icon, but to a universal champion of civil rights," Athawale said.

"Set An Example": Barack Obama As Harvard Rejects Trump's Demands

- **Trump administration freezes \$2.2B in Harvard's federal funding.**
- **Dispute centers on antisemitism, student activism, and civil rights.**
- **Tensions rise post-October 7 Hamas-Israel conflict amid campus protests.**

TPN Correspondent | Ukraine

In the deadliest strike on Ukraine this year, two Russian ballistic missiles devastated the northern city of Sumy on Sunday, killing at least 32 people and injuring over 80, according to Ukrainian officials. The brutal attack, which occurred on Palm Sunday, drew widespread condemnation from Ukrainian leaders and prompted fresh calls for international action against Moscow.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy posted a harrowing video on social media showing bodies lying on the street near a charred bus and destroyed cars. "Only scoundrels can act like this. Taking the lives of ordinary people," Zelenskyy said, adding that the strike targeted civilians on a religious holiday when many were heading to church.

The Russian government has not issued a statement regarding the attack, and Reuters noted that no immediate response was received from Russian authorities.



Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko said the missiles struck a busy street where people were out in vehicles, on foot, or in nearby buildings. He labeled it a "deliberate destruction of civilians" on a day of religious significance. Zelenskyy's chief of staff, Andriy Yermak, revealed that the missiles used in

the attack contained cluster munitions, further indicating a deadly intent to cause maximum civilian casualties.

Sumy, a city of around 250,000 people located just 25 kilometers from the Russian border, has previously been a military hub for Ukrainian operations. Though Ky-

iv's cross-border offensives into Russia last year were largely repelled, the region remains a sensitive target.

Maryana Bezuhla, a Ukrainian lawmaker known for her candid criticism of the military leadership, suggested on Telegram that the strike may have followed a leak regarding a potential troop gathering in the area. However, this claim remains unverified.

This attack comes just weeks after another missile strike on Kryvyi Rih—Zelenskyy's hometown—that killed 20 people, including nine children.

Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha confirmed that Kyiv is sharing detailed evidence of the strike with international partners and institutions. The International Criminal Court in The Hague, which Ukraine joined officially this year, is currently investigating such incidents as potential war crimes under international law.

Singapore Announces General Elections On May 3, Dissolves Parliament



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Singaporeans will head to the polls on May 3 in a pivotal election that will test Prime Minister Lawrence Wong's leadership as the city-state grapples with global economic instability triggered by renewed U.S. tariffs. This will be

the first election under Wong, who took over from Lee Hsien Loong, son of founding father Lee Kuan Yew, marking a historic leadership transition for the long-ruling People's Action Party (PAP).

Parliament was dissolved on Tuesday, formally launching the elec-

toral process. The PAP, in power since 1959, is widely expected to retain its majority, but the opposition is gaining momentum, particularly among younger voters seeking political diversity and greater representation.

The election comes at a time of heightened economic uncertainty. President Donald Trump's return to the White House has reignited trade tensions, with sweeping tariffs disrupting global supply chains. As a trade-dependent hub, Singapore is feeling the heat. Its trade ministry recently downgraded the 2025 economic growth forecast to between 0 and 2 percent, down from the previous 1 to 3 percent.

PM Wong has warned of the end of the rules-based global trading system and the potential risks of Singapore being "squeezed out" of international markets. He is now seeking a strong mandate to steer the nation through this turbulence and reinforce Singapore's econom-

ic resilience. Analysts say this may be PAP's toughest electoral battle yet, with the Workers' Party (WP) aiming to expand on its 2020 success, where it won a historic 10 out of 93 seats. This year, 97 seats are up for grabs following boundary changes that opposition parties have criticized as gerrymandering.

Political experts believe Singapore could be moving toward a "one-and-a-half party system," where PAP remains dominant but faces more robust opposition scrutiny. Rising WP figures like Harpreet Singh argue for a more inclusive and balanced political landscape, calling for respectful dialogue and an end to treating dissent with suspicion.

As voters weigh economic fears against the desire for more opposition voices, the outcome will reveal how far Singaporeans are willing to go in reshaping their political future while maintaining the PAP's leadership at the helm.

US-China Trade War Escalates, Beijing Suspends Boeing Jet Deliveries

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In a significant escalation of trade tensions between the United States and China, Beijing has reportedly directed its domestic airlines to suspend all new aircraft deliveries from American aerospace giant Boeing. The decision, reported on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, comes amid growing friction between the two largest global economies and could have wide-ranging implications for the aviation industry.

The directive appears to be a direct response to recent actions by the United States, including the imposition of steep tariffs on a wide range of Chinese imports. Since President Donald Trump took office in January 2025, the U.S. administration has ramped up protectionist trade policies, with tariffs on Chinese goods now reaching up to 145%. These measures have triggered a retaliatory response from Beijing, further straining bilateral ties.

The aviation industry, which had previously been somewhat insulated from the ongoing tariff battles, is now clearly caught in the crossfire. Boe-



ing, a longtime supplier of commercial aircraft to Chinese carriers, stands to lose significantly from the move. China represents one of Boeing's most crucial international markets, both in terms of current deliveries and future orders.

Industry experts note that the suspension of Boeing deliveries may also signal China's intent to strengthen its domestic aircraft manufacturing capabilities. The country has been aggressively promoting its homegrown aerospace company, COMAC (Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China), which is developing the C919 jet to compete directly with Boeing's 737 series.

Markets Rebound Sharply

Sensex Surges 1577 Points on Global Cues, Tariff Relief, and Sectoral Strength



Domestic stock markets were dusty today. They rebounded in an unprecedented manner on Tuesday. They ended with huge gains. Positive signals were received from global markets. On the other hand, US President Donald Trump's suspension of tariffs on Indian goods helped. Demand for financial, capital goods, realty, metal and auto shares increased. Banking stocks also gained momentum with the reduction in deposit rates. On the other hand, there was interest in the impact on the global supply chain and the results of companies. Overall, the Nifty 500 and Sensex rose by 1577 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at



75,157 in the previous session, opened at 76,852 on Tuesday. It touched an intraday low at 76,435. It reached an intraday high at 76,907. Finally, it closed at 76,734 with a gain of 1577 points. NSE Nifty, which opened at 23,368, reached a low of 23,207 and a high of 23,368. It rose by 500 points in total and closed at 23,328. Nifty Bank rose by 1377 points and settled at 52,379.

While 49 companies gained in Nifty50, ITC was the only loser. IndusInd Bank, Shriram Finance, Tata Motors, Axis Bank, Dr. Reddy's were the top gainers. Today, realty and defense indices rose by 5%. Finance, auto, metal, media, tourism, bank, consump-

tion, energy, PSE, and healthcare indices were the strongest.

The market breadth in NSE today completely turned in favor of buyers. Out of a total of 3009 shares traded, 2547 gained. 377 lost. 48 shares reached 52-week highs and 18 shares reached 52-week lows. 187 stocks touched the upper circuit and 32 stocks touched the lower circuit.

The rupee strengthened by 28 paise against the dollar to settle at 85.77. The India Meteorological Department has predicted that 2025 will see more than normal rainfall. Property stocks have risen to their highest level in the last ten months. Fear Index India Vicks has cooled by more than 19 percent today. Car sales in India have reached a record high. However, the growth rate has reached a four-year low, SIAM said. Angel One will release its fourth-quarter results on April 16. Tata Power Company signs power purchase agreement with NTPC. Capacity Infra Projects wins Rs 220 crore contract. Godrej Properties wins Rs 396 crore contract for Ahluwalia project in UP. Morgan Stanley cuts Sensex target to 82000 from 93000. Bharti Airtel partners with Blinkit to deliver SIMs in 10 minutes. GM Breweries' net profit falls 30% to Rs 605 crore from Rs 866 crore in Q4. Wholesale price inflation falls to 2.1% in March.

1. BSE Ltd (Bombay Stock Exchange) BSE stock witnessed steady buying interest as investors showed confidence in the exchange's core business strength and its recent traction in SME and startup listings. Improved



revenue from listing fees and transaction charges has helped sentiment. The counter is gaining attention as a long-term value stock in the financial services sector.

2. CAMS (Computer Age Management Services)

CAMS has been on an upward trend with improving investor confidence,



driven by strong growth in mutual fund AUMs (Assets Under Management) and digitization in financial services. With mutual fund SIP flows at record highs, CAMS remains a critical beneficiary in the backend services space. The stock is witnessing accumulation at lower levels.

3. Titan Company

Titan continues to show resilience, buoyed by strong demand for jewelry and premium watches. The company's robust brand recall and expanding Tanishq footprint in Ti-



er-II and Tier-III cities support long-term growth. Festive demand and wedding season outlook are expected to further fuel sales momentum. Stock remains favored in the discretionary consumption space.

4. MCX (Multi Commodity Exchange)



MCX has attracted investor interest following increased trading volumes in bullion and energy segments amid global volatility. The upcoming launch of new tech platforms and regulatory reforms may support future growth. However, some volatility persists due to margin revisions and policy headwinds. Still, it holds strong potential for medium-term upside.

5. Hindustan Unilever (HINDUNILVR)

HUL remains a defensive bet amidst global uncertainty. The company's consistent performance across product categories like hygiene, food, and personal care helps it stay resilient. Rising rural demand and softening input costs may support margins in the coming quarters. It continues to be a steady performer in the FMCG pack, suitable for conservative portfolios.



Hindustan Unilever Limited

India's Trade Deficit Widens to \$21.54 Billion in March Amid Global Market Uncertainty

India's trade deficit surged to \$21.54 billion in March 2025, a sharp increase from the three-year low of \$14.05 billion recorded in February, according to official data released on Tuesday. The spike in the trade gap was driven by a rise in imports, while export growth remained relatively steady. Economists had earlier predicted the deficit to be around \$16 billion, as per a Reuters poll, making the actual figure significantly higher than expectations.

Merchandise exports in March stood at \$41.97 billion, a notable improvement from \$36.91 billion in February. However, imports saw an even sharper jump, increasing to \$64.51 billion in March compared to \$50.96 billion the previous month. This imbalance between exports and imports led to the wider trade gap.

For the fiscal year 2024-25, India's total merchandise exports were recorded at \$437.42 billion, slightly higher than the \$437.07 billion reported in FY24. Meanwhile, the country's overall exports, which include both goods and services, rose by 5.5% year-on-year to reach \$820.93 billion, reflecting growth in service sector earnings and resilient global demand in certain sectors.

March also saw a rise in total exports (merchandise plus services), reaching \$73.61 billion—an increase from \$71.71 billion in the same month in 2023. On the flip side, overall imports for March rose to \$77.23 billion, compared to \$73.63 billion a year ago, pointing toward heightened domestic consumption and possibly increased input costs for Indian manufacturers.

Global trade volatility and ongoing geopolitical tensions, including tariff threats from the U.S. and other policy shifts, are believed to be influencing trade flows. Analysts suggest that the widening trade deficit could place additional pressure on India's current account, especially if global commodity prices remain elevated.

As the new fiscal year begins, policymakers are expected to closely monitor global developments and adjust trade strategies to safeguard the country's economic interests while aiming to boost export competitiveness.



India's Wholesale Inflation Drops to Four-Month Low of 2.05% in March 2025

India's wholesale inflation eased to a four-month low of 2.05% in March 2025, down from 2.38% in January, according to official data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Tuesday. The latest figure came in below economists' expectations, as a Reuters poll had projected the Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation to be around 2.5%.

WPI inflation, often seen as a proxy for producer prices, provides an indication of cost pressures faced by manufacturers and can be a leading indicator for retail inflation trends. The softening in March inflation was primarily attributed to a moderation in food and primary articles' prices.

Government data showed that the easing inflation rate in March was largely due to a slower rise in the prices of food articles, primary goods, and fuel-related



commodities. However, prices of manufactured food products, textiles, and electricity remained on an upward trend, contributing to the overall positive rate of inflation. Wholesale food inflation, in particular, saw a significant decline, slowing to 4.66% in March from 5.94% in February. This decline came amid easing prices of vegetables and pulses. The inflation rate for primary articles also dropped notably to 0.76% from 2.81% in the previous month.

On the other hand, inflation in manu-

factured products continued to be positive, reflecting higher input costs and sustained demand in sectors such as food processing, textiles, and chemicals.

The data signals some relief for policymakers who are keeping a close watch on inflation trends, especially as global commodity prices remain volatile and could impact domestic pricing in the coming months. While WPI inflation has moderated, retail inflation continues to stay above the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) medium-term target, keeping the central bank cautious in its monetary policy stance. Experts believe that the moderation in wholesale inflation may help ease cost pressures on businesses, which could eventually reflect in consumer prices. However, continued monitoring of food and energy prices will be essential to ensure price stability going forward.

SEBI Cracks Down on Gensol Engineering Promoters Over Fund Diversion, Halts Stock Split

In a major regulatory move, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has barred Gensol Engineering Ltd (GEL) and its promoters, Anmol Singh Jaggi and Puneet Singh Jaggi, from participating in the securities market until further notice. The decision comes amid serious allegations of financial misconduct, including fund diversion and falsification of documents. SEBI has also directed Gensol Engineering to suspend its recently announced stock split, citing ongoing investigations into irregularities in the company's financial practices. Additionally, the market watchdog has appointed a forensic auditor to conduct a thorough examination of the company's books.

The action follows a complaint received in June 2024, which alleged manipulation of GEL's share prices and misappropriation of company funds. Upon

investigation, SEBI uncovered evidence indicating that the promoters diverted corporate funds for personal use, violating the principles of corporate governance and investor trust.

In a 29-page interim order, SEBI stated, "The prima facie findings have shown mis-utilisation and diversion of funds of the company (GEL) in a fraudulent manner by its promoter directors, Anmol Singh Jaggi and Puneet Singh Jaggi, who are also the direct beneficiaries of the diverted funds."

It further revealed that the promoters submitted forged conduct letters, falsely claiming they were issued by company lenders. These misleading documents were reportedly used to deceive SEBI, credit rating agencies, lenders, and investors.

SEBI accused the Jaggi brothers of running GEL like a personal proprietorship rather than a publicly listed company. Funds were allegedly siphoned off to related parties and used for purposes unrelated to business operations. The regulator warned that such diversions, if not recovered, may have to be written off, resulting in financial losses to shareholders. "The company reflects a culture of weak internal controls," SEBI's whole-time member Ashwani Bhatia stated. "There is prima facie evidence of blatant violations of corporate governance rules. Borrowed funds ring-fenced for specific purposes were freely rerouted at the whims of the promoters." This crack-down underscores SEBI's commitment to upholding market integrity and protecting investor interests, as the forensic probe into Gensol Engineering continues.



An unusual and symbolic moment near the Jagannath Temple in Puri has captivated devotees and netizens alike. A video of an eagle soaring into the sky while carrying what appeared to be a sacred cloth resembling the temple's flag has gone viral, sparking widespread theories and interpretations online. The incident occurred around 5 PM on Saturday evening, just as a brief Nor'wester storm swept through the coastal city. The eagle was seen circling above the Srimandir, clutching the cloth, before flying toward the sea and vanishing. Eyewitnesses reported that it first approached the temple's western gate before heading seaward, disappearing from sight. The origin of the cloth remains uncertain. Though it strongly resembles the sacred flags traditionally flown atop the Jagannath Temple, officials have yet to confirm whether the item was indeed a temple flag or simply a similar-looking piece of fabric. Regardless, the symbolism has stirred deep sentiment among

devotees and observers. While some online speculations have labeled the event a "bad omen," suggesting it could forewarn of conflict or disaster, many others interpret it positively. One viral comment likened the event to divine intervention, suggesting that Garuda — the mythical eagle mount of Lord Vishnu — was carrying Lord Jagannath's blessings skyward. The act, they said, symbolizes renewal, divine protection, and the global spread of Lord Jagannath's spiritual energy. Theories continue to swirl online, blending mythology, faith, and a sense of cosmic mystery. For many, the eagle's flight isn't just a curious natural event but a powerful, celestial metaphor — one that connects earth and sky, tradition and transcendence. As discussions grow, the moment stands as a reminder of how deeply faith and symbolism are interwoven in India's spiritual landscape — and how even a fleeting sight in the skies above a temple can ignite imaginations and stir the collective soul.

Zuckerberg Testifies in Antitrust Trial



Meta CEO and co-founder Mark Zuckerberg appeared in court on Monday in a pivotal U.S. antitrust trial, where Meta is accused of monopolistic practices tied to its acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp. The case, led by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), alleges that Meta leveraged its dominant market position to eliminate potential competition before it could emerge. At the heart of the case are Meta's high-profile purchases: Instagram in 2012 for \$1 billion, and WhatsApp in 2014 for \$19 billion. FTC lawyers argue that these takeovers weren't just strategic business decisions, but calculated moves to suppress rivals and maintain Facebook's dominance in the social media landscape. According to the FTC, Meta's behavior fits a pattern of "buy or bury" — a

tactic used to absorb emerging competitors that posed any threat to Facebook's supremacy. Zuckerberg's internal communications and past public comments are key components of the case, as they reportedly reflect his belief that controlling fast-growing platforms was crucial to keeping Facebook relevant. Zuckerberg's testimony is considered a landmark moment, given his central role in the company's strategic direction. On the stand, he defended Meta's actions, arguing that both Instagram and WhatsApp were significantly developed and scaled after acquisition, suggesting their success was driven by Meta's investments and innovation — not monopolistic suppression. This case is one of the most significant antitrust challenges faced by a tech giant in the U.S. in recent years and could set a precedent for how regulators approach big tech consolidation. If the FTC succeeds, it could potentially lead to court-ordered divestitures of Instagram and WhatsApp, reshaping the future of Meta and the social media industry at large. The trial continues, with more testimonies and evidence expected in the coming weeks.

Fitness Influencer Slammed for Train Stunt

A fitness influencer from Delhi is facing widespread backlash after a video of her performing a dangerous stunt near a speeding train went viral. Piku Singh, known for her unique running videos on Instagram, shared a clip of herself sprinting alongside a railway track as a train zoomed past her at high speed. The post was captioned simply: "Running with train." While the video gained traction quickly, garnering views and comments, it also sparked fierce criticism from viewers who called out the recklessness of the act. Many argued that such stunts not only put the performer's life at risk, but could also

inspire copycat behavior, especially among impressionable followers seeking viral fame. Despite some users admiring her fitness and daring, the overwhelming sentiment was negative. Critics questioned her motive, stating that chasing virality should not come at the cost of safety. "Risking your life for likes? What message are you sending to your followers?" one comment read. Another user pointed out that railway premises are restricted areas, and such behavior



could lead to legal consequences. Authorities have not yet issued an official statement, but such stunts are punishable under Indian Railways laws which prohibit unauthorized access to tracks. This incident adds to a growing list of social media personalities who have come under fire for endangering themselves or others in pursuit of online attention.

Katy Perry's Space Trip Explained

Pop icon Katy Perry recently made history as part of an all-female crew that journeyed to the edge of space aboard Jeff Bezos's Blue Origin rocket, New Shepard. The suborbital flight, which launched from western Texas, carried six women, including Bezos' fiancée Lauren Sanchez, past the Karman Line — the widely accepted boundary of space — reaching over 60 miles above Earth. The entire trip lasted around 10 minutes. After landing safely, Perry shared her thoughts, calling the experience "a 10 out of 10." She added, "You never know how much love you have to give and how loved you are until the day you launch." She was even seen kissing the ground after exiting the capsule. In a heartwarming moment, she sang What a Wonderful World during the flight, sharing that the act came from a deeper spiritual impulse rather than a performance mindset. Other members of the crew included civil rights activist Amanda Nguyen, entrepreneur and former NASA rocket scientist Aisha Bowe, TV presenter Gayle King, and film



producer Kerianne Flynn. The journey symbolized empowerment, exploration, and a message of inclusion in the field of space travel. While Perry's voyage was by invitation, commercial space travel is becoming increasingly accessible — for those who can afford it. A seat on a Blue Origin flight typically starts with a refundable deposit of \$150,000. Some seats in earlier flights were sold for up to \$28 million.

Other space tourism options include:

- Virgin Galactic: 90-minute suborbital flight for \$450,000
- Space Perspective: 6-hour stratosphere journey for \$125,000
- Axiom Space: 10-day trip to the ISS for \$55 million

Katy Perry's journey marks another milestone in making space accessible, especially for women — but for now, it remains a dream reserved for the wealthy and well-known.

TUP SI Mistakes Judge for Accused



In a bizarre case of negligence, a sub-inspector in Uttar Pradesh attempted to arrest a judge instead of the actual accused in a theft case, leaving officials stunned and the incident widely ridiculed. The incident occurred in Firozabad district, where a theft case dating back to 2012 involved an accused named Raj Kumar alias Pappu. The Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM), Nagma Khan, had issued a non-bailable warrant against Raj Kumar and later invoked Section 82 of the Criminal Procedure Code

(CrPC), proclaiming him as an absconder. However, instead of locating Raj Kumar, Sub-Inspector Bhanwarilal bizarrely misread the legal order. Believing the proclamation was against CJM Nagma Khan herself, he launched a search for the judge. Mistaking her for the accused, he even visited her official residence and later submitted a report to the court stating that "Nagma Khan" was not found at the mentioned address. The confusion came to light on

March 23 during a court hearing when the case file was reviewed. It was then discovered that the sub-inspector had wrongly assumed the name of the judge as that of the proclaimed offender. According to Bar and Bench, the SI had failed to understand who issued the order, for whom it was intended, and what action was required. The court came down heavily on the SI for his gross negligence, stating that such carelessness from a police officer reflects poorly on the law enforcement system. The court noted that not reading judicial orders properly and mistaking a magistrate for a criminal was a serious dereliction of duty. The judge labeled the act a violation of fundamental rights and directed senior police officials to initiate disciplinary action against the SI. As a result, Sub-Inspector Bhanwarilal has been suspended, and the court has forwarded its order to the Inspector General (IG) of Agra Range to ensure such incidents are not repeated in the future.



OpenAI on Monday announced the launch of its latest artificial intelligence models — GPT-4.1, along with lighter variants GPT-4.1 mini and GPT-4.1 nano. These new versions boast significant upgrades in coding capabilities, complex instruction following, and comprehension of longer context inputs, marking a notable leap in AI performance. According to OpenAI, the GPT-4.1 series delivers improvements across all fronts compared to previous models, even outperforming the company's already powerful GPT-4o model. These models are currently accessible via OpenAI's API, allowing developers to integrate the enhanced AI into their own applications.

Among the key features of GPT-4.1 is its refined coding proficiency, making it more reliable for software development tasks and debugging. It also shows remarkable improvements in understanding extended conversations and documents, addressing limitations seen in earlier versions. In addition to the flagship GPT-4.1, OpenAI introduced GPT-4.1 mini and nano — streamlined versions aimed at devices and applications where speed, efficiency, or limited computing resources are essential. These models retain many of the core strengths of GPT-4.1 while offering greater accessibility for smaller-scale deployments. The launch follows a February

2025 research preview of GPT-4.5, which was shared with a select group of developers. OpenAI has since promised to gradually expand access to newer models, and GPT-4.1 appears to be the next major step in that rollout. This release comes at a time when demand for highly capable, context-aware AI tools is skyrocketing across industries — from education and healthcare to coding and content creation. OpenAI's latest launch reaffirms its position at the forefront of the AI race, continuing to set the benchmark for performance and innovation in large language models. Further details on pricing and broader availability are expected in the coming weeks.



Su Bingtian Hints at Retirement After 100m Struggles

China's Su Bingtian, Asia's fastest man and the first Asian-born sprinter to break the 10-second barrier, may have run his last 100m race. The 35-year-old clocked 10.49 seconds at a domestic meet in Guangdong and said he no longer feels competitive. Su set the Asian record of 9.83 at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, becoming only the second Asian to reach an Olympic 100m final since 1932. "I have done everything I could... I have no regrets," Su said. He also helped China secure bronze in the Tokyo 4x100m relay. While he may bow out from individual sprints, Su hopes to assist Guangdong in the relay at China's National Games and confirmed he will stay involved in athletics. "I will give back what I've learned," he added, signaling a new chapter beyond competition.

Punjab Kings Edge Out KKR in Low-Scoring IPL Thriller



Punjab Kings clinched a tense 16-run win over Kolkata Knight Riders in a low-scoring IPL 2025 thriller at Mullanpur on Tuesday. After being bowled out for just 111 — the third-lowest total this season — PBKS bounced back to dismiss KKR for 95. Openers Priyansh Arya (22) and Prabhsimran Singh (30) provided a quick start, but a middle-order collapse, sparked by Harshit Rana (3/25), Varun Chakaravarthy (2/21), and Sunil Narine (2/14), left Punjab in disarray. Despite the modest target, KKR faltered under pressure. Punjab's bowlers tightened the screws, sealing a dramatic comeback. Ramandeep Singh starred in the field with three catches, all off Rana's bowling. With both sides struggling to find rhythm, PBKS's grit under pressure proved decisive in this nail-biting encounter, keeping their playoff hopes alive in a tightly contested season.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant were crowned champions of the Reliance Foundation Development League (RFDL) 2024-25 after a commanding 3-0 win over Classic Football Academy in the final held at Reliance Corporate Park, Mumbai, on Monday. Pasang Dorjee Tamang was the star of the show, netting a brilliant hat-trick to seal the victory for the Mariners. He opened the scoring in the 8th minute with a stunning strike from the edge of the box into the top right corner. Tamang doubled the lead shortly after, capitalizing on a defensive lapse by Classic FA. Despite some opportunities, Classic FA failed to convert in the final third. Mohun Bagan dominated possession and controlled the pace throughout the match, never letting their grip slip. The win marks a dominant end to their RFDL campaign, with Tamang's heroics leading the charge.



Mohun Bagan Clinch RFDL Title with Tamang Hat-Trick

Dalilah Muhammad Named Ambassador for TCS World 10K Bengaluru 2025

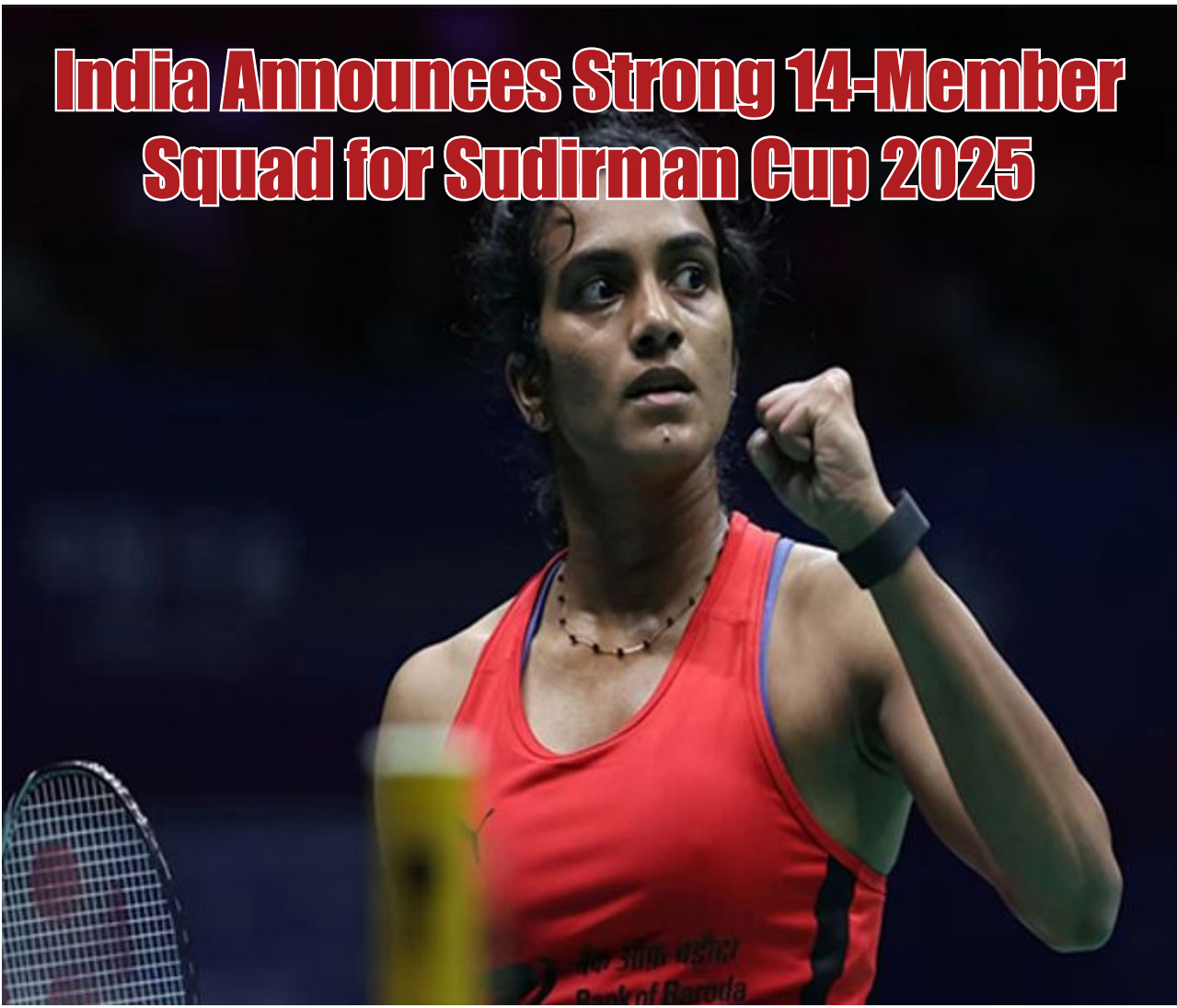
Olympic champion Dalilah Muhammad has been announced as the International Event Ambassador for the 17th edition of the TCS World 10K Bengaluru, set to take place on April 27, 2025. The American track star is a two-time Olympic medalist and former world record holder in the 400m

hurdles. Her historic performances include gold at the 2016 Rio Olympics and a record-breaking run of 52.16s at the 2019 World Championships in Doha. Muhammad, who also won silver at Tokyo 2020 with an astonishing 51.58s, is celebrated globally for her achievements and con-

tributions to athletics. Off the track, she advocates for diversity in sports and mentors young athletes. "It's an honour to be the International Event Ambassador," she said. "I'm excited to experience Bengaluru's vibrant running community and share my journey with fellow athletes and fans."



India Announces Strong 14-Member Squad for Sudirman Cup 2025



The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has announced a 14-member squad for the BWF Sudirman Cup Finals 2025, scheduled from April 27 to May 4 in Xiamen, China. The team includes stars like PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen, HS Prannoy, and the men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty. Placed in a challenging Group D alongside Indonesia, Denmark, and England, India aims to secure a knockout berth. General Secretary Sanjay Mishra

expressed confidence in the squad, highlighting depth across all categories despite injury setbacks. The team also features Dhruv Kapila-Tanisha Crasto in mixed doubles, Anupama Upadhyaya in women's singles, and young pair Priya Konjengbam-Shruti Mishra in women's doubles. India qualified based on world rankings and hopes to build on its momentum from recent strong performances, particularly at the Badminton Asia Championships.



Star Heroes Gear Up for Dual Roles



Telugu cinema continues its love for dual roles, with several top stars set to entertain fans with powerful double performances in their upcoming films. Balakrishna returns with Akhanda 2, reprising Muralikrishna and Akhanda Rudhra Sikander. After hits like Baahubali and Kalki, Prabhas is back in a double role in

The Raja Saab, playing a grandfather and grandson in a horror-comedy. Allu Arjun joins the trend, playing dual roles for the first time in his ambitious project with director Atlee, involving international VFX teams. Kalyanram continues his dual act as Bimbisara and Devadutta in Bimbisara 2, set for

a 2026 release. Vijay Deverakonda, reuniting with Rahul Sankrityan for a Rayalaseema-set period thriller, will portray a father and son, having trained in horse riding for the role. Jr NTR, fresh off Devara, will reprise his roles in Devara 2, which begins after his current project with Prashant Neel.

Why Vijay Sethupathi Chose Puri

Vijay Sethupathi surprised many by signing a film with director Puri Jagannath, whose recent work Double iSmart was a box office flop. While some Tamil fans criticized the move, Vijay clarified his decision in a recent interview. The actor said he doesn't judge directors by their past results. "If I like the story, I'll do the film. Puri



narrated a story I haven't done before, and I always want something new," Vijay explained.

He also expressed excitement about co-starring with Tabu, saying, "She's a great performer, and I've never worked with her before. I look forward to it." Despite setbacks, fans of Puri Jagannath hope this film marks a strong comeback. With a fresh pairing and an intriguing concept, the project has already stirred buzz in the industry.

Shruti Haasan's Stylish Comeback Begins



After a brief break from the limelight, Shruti Haasan is back—and she's making it count. With multiple Telugu and Tamil films in the pipeline, 2025 is shaping up to be her big comeback year. Spotted recently at a public event, Shruti turned heads with her bold, chic look. She rocked a grey leather jacket and matching pants, paired with statement earrings and boots, blending elegance with an edgy, confident flair. It was a reminder that her fashion sense is as sharp as ever. What truly amps up the excitement is her upcoming projects with Rajinikanth, Prabhas, and several other top stars. With her stylish presence and power-packed film slate, Shruti's second innings in cinema promises to be anything but quiet—she's back, and she's owning it.

Kesari 2 Earns Early Praise

Kesari Chapter 2 is already winning hearts ahead of its release. The film, starring Akshay Kumar and R Madhavan, received glowing reviews following a special screening in New Delhi on Tuesday. Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri called the film a "powerful and moving tribute to India's freedom movement and the martyrs of Jallianwala Bagh." He praised its emotional depth and patriotic spirit. Delhi CM Rekha Gupta also lauded the film, sharing photos with the lead actors and writing, "Each scene is filled with pride and inspiration." She wished the team success and thanked Minister Puri for the invite. Entrepreneur Rahul Sharma, husband of former actress Asin, was



among those impressed. With early buzz this strong, Kesari Chapter 2 is shaping up to be a potential

National Award contender and a must-watch for audiences.

HIT 3 Trailer Sets New Record



Nani's HIT: The Third Case trailer has taken the internet by storm, crossing 21.31 million views in 24 hours. Known for his family-friendly roles, Nani's intense and brutal portrayal in this A-rated crime thriller surprised many, boosting expectations. The trailer's performance even surpassed Rajamouli's RRR trailer (20.45M views), placing HIT 3 in the top 10 most-viewed Tollywood trailers within

a day. While Pushpa 2 leads the chart with 44.67M views, other top contenders include Guntur Kaaram (37.68M), Game Changer (36.24M), Salaar (32.58M), and Sarkaaru Vaari Paata (26.77M). Directed by Sailesh Kolanu, HIT 3 stars Srinidhi Shetty as Nani's love interest. The film, produced by Nani and Prashanti Tipirneni, is all set for a May 1st, 2025 theatrical release.

Amyra Dastur Stuns in Bold Look



Amyra Dastur, once a Telugu sweetheart with Raju Gadu, has carved her niche in Hindi and Punjabi films. Though her roles have been brief, her screen presence continues to captivate. Her latest photo has left fans stunned. Posing boldly in a black backless outfit, Amyra exudes summer charm while lounging on a grassy patch surrounded by flowers. A striking eye tattoo on her back adds an edgy flair, evoking Bigg Boss vibes. With a book in hand and a confident gaze, she strikes the perfect balance between elegance and allure. Last seen as Noor in the Punjabi film Furteelaa, Amyra is now gearing up for her return in 3 Roses Season 2. If her latest look is any indication, she's all set to bring the heat to screens once again.