

Weather Forecast

HYDERABAD

H 33° C
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VIJAYAWADA

H 35° C
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TIRUPATHI

H 36° C
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Telangana Partners with Japanese Firms to Build Eco Town in Hyderabad



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In a landmark move to advance environmental innovation and sustainable development, the Telangana Government signed Letters of Intent (LoIs) with leading Japanese Eco Town companies to collaborate on circular economy initiatives, including the establishment of an Eco Town in Hyderabad.
The agreement was signed during Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's visit to Kitakyushu, a globally renowned model city for recycling and green urban transformation. The CM was accompanied by Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu and senior officials as part of the ongoing #Telanganarising mission.
At a ceremonial reception held at the historic Kokura Castle, Kitakyushu Mayor Kazuhisa Takeuchi welcomed the delegation with traditional Japanese flair, including Taiko drumming and Samurai sword warriors.
During the bilateral meetings, CM Revanth highlighted Telangana's commitment to sustainable growth. "Sustainability is not a luxury but a necessity. This partnership will help us build a greener, cleaner Hyderabad with support from Japanese expertise in recycling, waste management, and environmental restoration," he said.



- Telangana, Japan sign Circular Economy pact
- Eco Town to be set up in Hyderabad
- Mayor proposes sister city agreement
- CM seeks Japanese language school
- Recycling, restoration tech to be shared

Japanese firms involved in the pact include EX Research Institute, P9 LLC, Nippon Steel Engineering, New Chemical Trading, and Amita Holdings. The Chief Minister also supported Mayor Takeuchi's proposal for a sister city relationship between Hyderabad and Kitakyushu to enhance cooperation. Several collaborative ideas were discussed, including the need for direct air connectivity, the establishment of a Japanese language school in Hyderabad, and creating pathways for skilled youth exchange. Industries Minister Sridhar Babu emphasized Telangana's readiness to welcome Japanese investment across sectors, assuring a friendly government, strong infrastructure, and a future-focused industrial vision.
The delegation was given a study tour of Kitakyushu's celebrated Eco Town and the River Murasaki Restoration Project, which has transformed a once-polluted waterway into a pristine riverfront. Visits to industrial recycling plants provided practical insights into world-class environmental practices.
Concluding the visit, CM Revanth stated, "When we shake hands today, we're building a bridge for generations to come. Let's build a clean, green, and circular future together."



Pink Wave Grows Stronger in Attapur

- Congress leader joins BRS in Attapur
- KTR welcomes leaders at Telangana Bhavan
- Congress accused of unfulfilled promises
- Praise for Rajashekhar Reddy, Chandrababu
- BRS plans massive rally on April 27

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In a significant political development, Congress leader Sri Ram Reddy from Attapur Division officially joined the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) along with his followers at Telangana Bhavan, in the presence of BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR). KTR welcomed the new entrants by draping them with the party scarf and expressed confidence in the growing strength of BRS. The event was also attended by former minister and MLA Sabitha Indra Reddy and Rajendranagar in-charge Patolla Karthik Reddy.

Speaking on the occasion, KTR criticized the Congress government, calling their promises "420 promises with zero results." He claimed that people in regions like Outer Ring Road didn't trust Congress during the elections. KTR also remarked that despite BJP winning in Goshamahal, it was due to random political winds, not genuine support.
KTR took digs at the Congress for razing poor people's homes under "Hydra" while sparing houses in buffer zones owned by their leaders. He challenged Congress leaders to prove their allegations about him owning lands in Rajendranagar.
Acknowledging good initiatives by former leaders, KTR praised Rajasekhara Reddy for Aarogyasri and Chandrababu Naidu for developing the IT sector.
KTR urged massive participation in the BRS Silver Jubilee public meeting at Elkathurthy, Warangal on April 27, emphasizing the party's legacy. He also called upon BRS cadres in Chevella and Rajendranagar to gear up for upcoming by-elections.
Closing his speech, KTR asserted: "The pink flag is the shield of Telangana. BRS stands by the people in every crisis."

BJP Slams BRS Over Environmental Damage Ahead of Silver Jubilee Meet

- BJP accuses BRS of green damage
- Canals filled for parking, says BJP
- BRS blamed for tree cutting too
- Accusations contradict earlier BRS stance
- Warangal meeting triggers political heat



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The Telangana BJP has launched a sharp attack on the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), accusing the party of environmental hypocrisy ahead of its Silver Jubilee celebrations scheduled for April 27 in Warangal.
In a tweet from its official handle, Telangana BJP mocked BRS saying, "Getting caught red-handed is their only talent." The BJP alleged that the same BRS which recently shed "crocodile tears" over HCU lands, forest zones, and wildlife protection, has now destroyed irrigation canals and green fields to prepare for its grand public meeting.

The BJP further claimed that the BRS has filled natural streams and canals for vehicle parking and leveled fertile lands meant for agriculture. Specific areas named include Indiranagar, Gopalpur, and Elkathurthy Road, where it's alleged that trees were felled and canals like Devadula 1R, 2RD6 were blocked at over 20 points.
The criticism comes just days before BRS is set to mark 25 years since its formation with a massive gathering in Warangal. The BJP has accused the party of prioritizing political spectacle over environmental and farmer welfare, calling their concern for nature "a staged drama." The issue has triggered political tension, with BRS yet to respond officially to these allegations.

Bandi Sanjay Slams Owaisi, MIM Over Waqf Properties and Political Drama

- MIM more dangerous than venomous snakes
- BRS, Congress backing MIM meet, alleges
- Waqf land misused for personal gain
- Demands white paper on Waqf income
- Questions CM's Japan tour amid crisis

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Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar launched a scathing attack on the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM) and its chief Asaduddin Owaisi, accusing them of exploiting Waqf properties for personal gain while neglecting the real welfare of the Muslim community. Speaking at a private event in Peddapal-



li, Bandi Sanjay referred to MIM leaders as "more dangerous than venomous snakes", alleging they have looted Waqf lands and built businesses worth crores,

all while keeping the Muslim poor in urban slums. He also said the recent MIM meeting in Darussalam was sponsored by the Congress government, branding it a political drama orchestrated by CM Revanth Reddy.
Targeting the ruling party, Sanjay questioned whether the Telangana government had the courage to probe the misuse of Waqf lands, which he claimed amount to over 77,000 acres, with 80% already encroached by powerful individuals, including the Owaisi family and Waqf Board members.
He demanded a white paper on the annual income generated from Waqf properties—claimed to

Chiranjeevi Calls for Collective Effort Towards Drug-Free Telangana

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Tollywood megastar Chiranjeevi has urged people from all walks of life to join hands in building a Drug-Free Telangana. Sending a virtual message during a marathon organized by Global Oral Cancer Trust from T-Works to ITC in Hyderabad, Chiranjeevi stressed the need for public awareness and social responsibility in tackling drug abuse. "Many youths are becoming slaves to addiction, losing their dreams and future. It is our collective responsibility to save

them," Chiranjeevi said. He emphasized that beyond the government's efforts, every citizen must participate in spreading awareness and helping those affected by substance abuse.
He lauded the initiative aimed at both raising awareness about oral cancer and addressing drug addiction, which are interlinked issues often ignored in public discourse.
Chiranjeevi's message resonated with the theme of the marathon - health, aware-



ness, and community responsibility. He ended by encouraging everyone to act as change agents in their families and communities, reinforcing that a drug-free society is possible through unity and determination.

RTC to Fill 3038 Vacancies Soon: Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Announces

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Telangana Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has announced that the state government is set to fill 3,038 vacancies in the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (RTC) soon. This recruitment marks a significant step after a long gap in hiring for the corporation. Speaking to the media, Minister Prabhakar expressed satisfaction over the government's decision and revealed that official permission has already been granted for the recruitment. A notification will be released shortly, and the process of hiring will be carried out at the earliest. He credited Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's leadership for the proactive governance and mentioned that the introduction of free travel for women under the Maha Lakshmi scheme has resulted in a massive rise in female ridership. So far,



165 crore women have availed of free travel, leading to an estimated savings of ₹5,500 crore for women across the state. Minister Prabhakar also stated that new buses have already been procured to support the scheme, and now RTC is ready to bolster its workforce. This move is expected to strengthen public transport and improve service delivery across Telangana. The recruitment process is anticipated to begin shortly, giving a major employment push in the public transport sector.

“We’ll Counter HYDRA with COBRA”: BRS Leader Karthik Reddy’s Fiery Counter to Congress



- **BRS slams Congress on land grabs**
- **COBRA to reclaim encroached properties**
- **Congress leadership accused of misuse**
- **BRS predicts return to power**
- **Public backlash against Congress imminent**

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In a sharp attack on the ruling Congress government, BRS leader Patolla Karthik Reddy declared that the party will soon launch ‘COBRA’ (Congress Occupied Buildings Retrieval Authority) as a counter to Congress’s HYDRA (Hyderabad Asset Protection Authority). Speaking at a media interaction from Telangana Bhavan, Karthik Reddy alleged that Congress leaders, including the Chief Minister and his family, were involved in multiple land encroachment scams. “Just like they brought in HYDRA under the name of asset protection, we will introduce COBRA to retrieve all the public and private properties

that Congress leaders have illegally occupied,” said Karthik, stating that BRS will not remain silent against “organized land loot”. He went further to accuse the Congress regime of functioning like a “drunken truck on a highway” — directionless and chaotic, with leaders more focused on looting than governing. “They don’t care about saving the party, only about what they can take before it crashes,” he quipped. Echoing a similar tone, BRS leader Balka Suman lambasted the Congress government, calling it an “utter flop” and criticized CM Revanth Reddy for “targeting the Kaleshwaram Project out of political vengeance.” He also expressed confidence that former CM KCR still lives in the hearts of the people and that Congress will face public revolt soon. Both leaders expressed certainty that BRS would reclaim power in the next election, and vowed to “set right the damage done” by the Congress administration.

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exceed ₹12,000 crore—and asked if even a fraction had been spent on uplifting poor Muslims. Sanjay also criticized CM Revanth Reddy for going on a Japan tour while farmers in Telangana suffer due to hailstorms and crop damage. He urged the Chief Minister to immediately return and announce relief measures for affected farmers. Sanjay concluded by stating that Ambedkar’s ideals are being upheld by PM Modi, not by leaders like Owaisi who, he said, have no right to invoke Ambedkar’s name.

Heavy Rain Alert for Southern Telangana Districts

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The Telangana weather continues to remain unpredictable, with scorching heat in some parts and rainfall in others. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a rain alert for Southern Telangana, forecasting moderate rain accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning over the next few days.

Rain is expected in Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Warangal, Nalgonda, Mahbubnagar, and Khammam districts, with winds blowing at speeds of 30 to 40 km/h, according to the IMD. These sudden weather changes have left residents uncertain about daily plans, as sunshine quickly turns to showers. Rainfall was also recorded in some areas on Friday and Saturday, includ-



ing Hyderabad, where the downpour led to waterlogging on several roads, causing inconvenience to commuters. The IMD has advised people in the alerted districts to remain cautious, especially during thunderstorms, and avoid taking shelter under trees or going out unnecessarily. Local author-

ities have been instructed to stay on alert and monitor the situation closely. With varying weather patterns and a chance of more rain ahead, citizens are urged to stay updated through official bulletins and plan their travel accordingly.

Maintain ACs at 24°C to Save Power and Money: BEE

- **Consumers could save ₹10,000 crore annually with this simple shift**
- **Commercial spaces can set ACs at 24°C for comfort and conservation**
- **India can save 20 billion units of electricity annually with this practice**
- **Southern states, key cities urged to lead awareness drives**

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With temperatures soaring across India, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power, has issued a fresh appeal urging citizens and commercial establishments to set air conditioners at 24°C. This initiative is part of a national energy efficiency campaign aimed at reducing energy consumption, lowering electricity bills, and supporting environmental sustainability. The Bureau estimates that increasing the AC temperature setting by just one degree Celsius can reduce power consumption by up to 6%. By maintaining the default setting at 24°C, the nation could save up to 20 billion units of electricity—resulting in a potential financial saving of ₹10,000 crore annually. Setting air conditioners at 24°C offers multiple benefits, starting with enhanced energy efficiency, as it can reduce electricity consumption by up to 24% compared to a 20°C setting. This leads to significant cost savings for both households and commercial users through lower electricity bills. Environmentally, it contributes to a substantial reduction in carbon



emissions, making it a sustainable choice. Moreover, operating ACs at a moderate temperature reduces strain on the compressor, thereby extending the lifespan of the unit. Importantly, 24°C is also within the optimal indoor comfort range for most individuals, ensuring a balance between comfort and conservation. To amplify the impact of this energy-saving measure, BEE has encouraged the use of additional tools such as ceiling or table fans to circulate air, proper insulation to retain cool air indoors, and programmable thermostats to adjust settings based on occupancy and time of day. BEE Secretary Milind Deore emphasized the importance of this practice, especially in commercial spaces like shopping malls, hotels, government offices, and airports. He has requested air conditioner manufacturers to adopt 24°C as the default setting in new AC units and called on State Designated Agencies (SDAs) to initiate

mass awareness drives. Special focus has been placed on major cities including Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Mysore, Chennai, Vizag, Vijayawada, and Thiruvananthapuram, where SDAs like AP SECM, TSREDCO, TANGEDCO, KREDL, EMC and UT bodies have been advised to take proactive steps in educating stakeholders and the general public. If even 50% of the country's AC users implement the 24°C guideline, India could save 10 billion units of electricity and reduce 8.2 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions annually. With a single AC unit emitting nearly 10 kg of CO₂ daily when used for 8–10 hours, adopting this small change becomes a significant step toward combating climate change. The BEE's nationwide push serves as a reminder that responsible energy usage isn't just about saving money—it's a critical part of building a sustainable and climate-resilient future.

Harish Rao Warns Congress Leaders: “Even If You Beg, No Entry Back”

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In a strong message to Congress leaders, Telangana Minister Harish Rao stated, “Even if you beg, you won't be accepted back.” Addressing a gathering in Siddipet, he criticized those who deserted the party during challenging times, emphasizing that their return is not welcome.

Rao accused the Congress of hindering development initiatives, particularly in the Gajwel constituency, by canceling projects worth ₹150 crore. He questioned the party's credibility, stating that they have no right to seek votes after obstructing progress.



Highlighting the Telangana Rashtra Samithi's (TRS) commitment to development, Rao pointed out the party's efforts in providing free electricity to farmers and implementing welfare schemes like Rythu Bandhu. He urged party workers to remain disciplined and dedicated, promising to address any grievances once the party returns to power. Rao concluded by asserting that the TRS is focused on building a prosperous Telangana, contrasting the party's constructive approach with the Congress's alleged obstructionist tactics. The minister's remarks underscore the TRS's stance on unity and progress, signaling a firm response to political adversaries.

Congress Rule an ‘Utter Flop’ – BRS Ex-MLA Balka Suman Fires Salvo

Congress Governance Under Fire from BRS

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The political temperature in Telangana continues to rise, with former BRS MLA Balka Suman launching a scathing attack on the Congress government, calling its performance over the past year an "utter flop." Addressing the media, Balka Suman said that despite the Congress securing power with high hopes, their governance has failed miserably within just a year. He blamed Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for deliberately targeting the Kaleshwaram Project, claiming the vendetta is harming the state rather than yielding any benefit.

"This attitude is only causing damage to Telangana's development," he remarked. Balka Suman further criticized the Congress for failing to utilize key irrigation projects effectively, despite abundant rainfall last year. He accused the government of neglecting the infrastructure created under previous regimes, leading to crop failures and farmer distress. Taking a dig at CM Revanth, he asserted, "You may dry up the projects, but you can never erase KCR from people's hearts." Suman expressed confidence that people are becoming



disillusioned with Congress rule, and that BRS will soon return to power in Telangana. With growing public dissatisfaction and political confrontations, Telangana appears to be heading toward intensified political turbulence ahead of the next elections.

BRS Leader Shakeel Slams Media for False Reports



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Bodhan former BRS MLA Shakeel strongly criticized sections of the media on Sunday for allegedly spreading false information about him. Speaking for the first time after returning from Dubai, Shakeel addressed the gathering at the BRS Rajatotsavam Sabha, marking the party's 25th anniversary celebrations. Shakeel, who had traveled to Dubai for personal reasons, returned recently for his mother's funeral rites. Following his arrival, he was briefly taken into police custody and later released. This incident was widely reported, leading to various speculations in media circles. Reacting to these reports, Shakeel

said, "Before publishing any news, please think and verify. Don't write baseless stories. False propaganda has caused unnecessary damage to my image." He expressed disappointment over how certain outlets portrayed him without factual backing. Shakeel's reappearance at a major BRS event signals that he is once again becoming active in party affairs. It may be recalled that he had stayed away from public life for some time after his son was involved in a rash driving case, which also attracted media attention. Shakeel's remarks reflect a growing concern among political leaders about misinformation and media accountability in reporting sensitive matters.

MP Etela Rajender’s Key Advice to Inter Students Watch 12th Fail, Don’t Lose Hope

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With the Telangana Intermediate Results set to be released on April 22, BJP MP Etela Rajender issued a heartfelt message to students appearing for both 1st and 2nd Year Inter exams. The results will be declared at 12 PM by Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, as officially announced by Inter Board Secretary Krishna Aditya. Ahead of the announcement, Etela

took to social media on Sunday to address the emotional pressure students often face during result season. He urged students not to panic or fall into distress if their results don't meet expectations. "One exam result is not the end of your life. Even if the outcome isn't favorable now, it doesn't mean your journey is over," he said. To inspire and comfort students, he recommended

watching the OTT film 12th Fail — a story about resilience, determination, and how setbacks can become stepping stones to success. "Failure is just a step towards victory. Don't lose courage — keep climbing," Etela advised. His message resonated with students and parents alike, highlighting the importance of mental strength, perspective, and long-term perseverance over short-term disappointments.



Ministers Ignoring Farmers' Crisis, Says MLC Kavitha

- Ministers silent on farmers' distress
- No review on crop damage
- Farmers, workers losing all faith

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BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha strongly criticized the Telangana government for failing to respond to the plight of farmers affected by recent unseasonal rains. Speaking at a press meet held at Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra's residence in Khammam on Sunday, Kavitha questioned the silence of three ministers, including a Deputy CM from the region. She lamented that crops and mangoes were destroyed, but no review was conducted nor any official compensation announced. Kavitha

said the ministers were engaged in power tussles rather than addressing public concerns. The MLC said Khammam, once known for leftist accountability, has failed to question the government despite communist representation in power. She noted the contrast with former CM KCR, who used to personally review rain damage across districts. Kavitha demanded an immediate compensation of ₹20,000 per acre and a thorough review of crop losses. She criticized the current CM for being on a Japan tour while the

- CM Revanth absent during disaster
- Demand ₹20,000 compensation per acre



state faced a crisis. Even promised schemes like Rythu Bharosa and Rythu Runa Mafi have not been ful-

ly implemented, she claimed. She also expressed anguish over incidents where people were forced to show dead infants to ministers to get attention, calling it a complete failure of governance. Kavitha concluded by inviting all democratic citizens to join the BRS 25th anniversary public meeting in Khammam on April 27, stating it will mark a new phase of people's awakening against this government's inaction. MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra and other leaders were present at the press meet.

Attack Threat Against MLA Arekapudi Gandhi Creates Buzz

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Tension sparked in Telangana as a WhatsApp message claiming an imminent attack on MLA Arekapudi Gandhi began circulating widely. The message, sent by an unidentified individual, stated that four assailants were planning to attack Gandhi with knives after 5 PM while he was visiting a local goshala. The sender even named the alleged attackers — Aravind Kumar, Sai Rithesh Reddy, Kola Vamshi, and Gulla Nagarajulu — and shared their contact numbers. According to the message, the individuals involved reportedly have past cases related to illegal weapons. However, one of the accused, Aravind Kumar, quickly refuted the allegations, calling them baseless. He announced plans to file a police complaint and demanded action against those spreading false information. The issue gained more attention due to Arekapudi Gandhi's recent party switch. Originally elected as a BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi) MLA, Gandhi later joined the Congress, prompting BRS to file a complaint with the Speaker and take legal action. The party is currently fighting in court to disqualify 10 defected MLAs, including Gandhi. With the case in legal proceedings, speculation grew that BRS supporters could be behind the threat, a narrative echoed across social media platforms and by some Congress leaders. As of now, no concrete evidence has surfaced, but the matter remains under police review. The incident underscores the intensifying political tensions ahead of elections in the state.

Responsibility Is Ours – DK Aruna Clarifies on Waqf Act

Telangana BJP MP Says Law Aims to Benefit Poor Muslims

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Telangana BJP leader and Mahbubnagar MP DK Aruna has made a clear statement regarding the Waqf Amendment Bill, asserting that the responsibility of creating public awareness about it lies with the BJP. Addressing the media on Sunday, she emphasized that the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) had toured all states and taken diverse opinions before formulating the amendments. She said the objective of the amended Waqf Act is to benefit poor Muslims across the country and criticized those who are deliberately spreading false information. "A few people have kept Waqf lands in their control. These lands must be used for the welfare of all Muslims," she stressed.

DK Aruna also took a jab at the Congress Party, saying it is rapidly declining and transforming into just another regional party with no national relevance. She reiterated that the BJP would take full responsibility to ensure the public is well-informed about the Act and its real intentions. Meanwhile, the Dawoodi Bohra Muslim community expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for including their demands in the amended Waqf law. This sect, part of the Shia Muslim community and a minority within minorities, had earlier submitted recommendations to the JPC. Their satisfaction with the revised legislation underlines the government's inclusiveness in the legislative process.



This Is an Ideological War

BJP MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy



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BJP MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, made strong remarks on Sunday, calling the ongoing political battle in Telangana an "ideological war" rather than just an election. Speaking at a press conference regarding the Hyderabad MLC elections, he alleged that MIM, Congress, and BRS have colluded solely to defeat the BJP. Konda questioned the legitimacy of the MIM party using the words "secular" and "Ambedkar", arguing that true secularism means prioritizing the nation over religion — a value Ambedkar stood for. He criticized the Congress party's alliance with MIM, calling it opportunistic and hypocritical. He also accused the BRS of indirectly supporting MIM by staying away from contesting in the elections and promoting backdoor support.

He lashed out at Asaduddin Owaisi, saying that his recent comments against Prime Minister Modi were not only disrespectful but showed a complete lack of understanding and education. Konda claimed Owaisi's rhetoric is divisive and warned that voters must introspect before casting their vote. Furthermore, he urged educated voters to think carefully, stating that anyone who truly believes in secularism, national unity, and democracy must vote for the BJP's candidate, Goutham Rao. He concluded by saying, "This is not just a political fight, but an ideological war — a battle between religious fundamentalism and genuine secularism." Konda's fiery remarks are expected to spark debates ahead of the crucial MLC polls.

Illegal Sale of MephenTermin: One Held in Old Malakpet



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In a significant crackdown, the Commissioner's Task Force, South Zone Team, apprehended a 24-year-old man for illegally procuring and selling pharmaceutical drugs without a valid license. The accused, identified as Yawer Hussain alias Adil, a private employee residing in Old Malakpet, was found in possession of 50 bottles of MephenTermin injections, a restricted medication.

Acting on credible information, the task force conducted a swift operation under the jurisdiction of Chadarghat Police Station and seized the injections along with one mobile phone from the accused. Preliminary investigations revealed that the individual was involved in unauthorized distribution of the drugs, violating norms under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Officials stated that such illegal activities pose serious risks to public health, as drugs like MephenTermin are strictly regulated and should only be sold through licensed medical channels. The respondent and the seized materials have been handed over to the Chadarghat SHO for further legal proceedings. Authorities have urged the public to report any such illegal drug sales in their locality, assuring strict action against those violating pharmaceutical laws. Inspector, South Zone Task Force confirmed the arrest and the ongoing investigation.

Illegal Hawala Money Seized at Hanumantekdi, Two Arrested



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In a swift operation based on credible intelligence, Sultan Bazar Police intercepted and seized illegal hawala money amounting to Rs. 4.5 lakhs on April 19, 2025, at around 6:00 PM in the Hanumantekdi area, Hyderabad. Inspector S. Srinivasa Chary along with his team, Police Constables A. Machagiri (PC 5212) and Srinivas (PC 5264), conducted vehicle checking after receiving a tip-off around 5:00 PM. During the operation, two suspicious two-wheelers — a Suzuki Burgman (TS09GC7863) and a Honda Activa (TS09FK8050) — were flagged. The riders attempted to flee but were immediately apprehended by the team. Upon inspection, the team found a black plastic bag containing a large sum of cash. The suspects were identified as:

- Patel Lala Bhai, 44, a transporter from Ramkoti, Hyderabad (Suzuki Burgman rider)
- Mohd Sami, 31, a businessman from Khairatabad (Honda Activa rider)

During interrogation, Patel Lala Bhai admitted that he was transporting the money on behalf of his employer to hand over to Mohd Sami as part of a hawala transaction. The police seized:

- Rs. 4.5 lakhs in cash
- Two vehicles
- Three mobile phones (Vivo & Apple iPhone)

The seized material and individuals were shifted to Sultan Bazar Police Station, and the matter has been forwarded to the Income Tax Department for further investigation.

2.366 kg of Ganja Seized in Two Separate Cases by STF Teams in Hyderabad

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In a major crackdown on illegal drug trade, the Special Task Force (STF) of the Excise Department conducted two successful operations in Hyderabad, seizing a total of 2.366 kilograms of ganja and arresting three individuals.



Case 1 – Dhoolpet, Puranapul:

Based on credible information, the STF A Team raided a house in Puranapul, Dhoolpet, where illegal ganja sales were reportedly taking place. During the operation, the team seized 1.206 kg of ganja and arrested two suspects – Chandramukhi and Akash Singh. STF Team Leader Anji Reddy confirmed the arrests and stated that both the accused and the seized contraband were handed over to Dhoolpet Excise Station for further legal action.

Case 2 – Asif Nagar:

In a separate case, STF D Team officials apprehended Mohammad Afzal Amit near Balaji Bar & Restaurant in Asif Nagar, where he was allegedly selling ganja. The team seized 1.160 kg of ganja from his possession. STF Team Leader Tirupati Yadav led the operation. The accused and the seized



material were handed over to the local Excise Station. Authorities urged the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity related to drug trade, emphasizing their commitment to making Hyderabad a drug-free city.

MLA Kadiyam Srihari Criticizes Bhu Bharathi Implementation, Calls for Online Monitoring System

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Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari has raised serious concerns about the implementation of the Bhu Bharathi program, suggesting that it is flawed and ineffective. Speaking on the issue, Srihari questioned the logic behind reassigning the program to the same officials who were previously responsible for its failure. He emphasized that such a move would not resolve the problems faced by the affected individuals, as these officials have not yet acknowledged their mistakes. Srihari proposed the implementation of an online monitoring

system to ensure the proper execution of the program. He argued that for Bhu Bharathi to be effective, it must be monitored digitally, allowing issues to be registered and tracked online. He suggested that Janagaon District should be chosen as a pilot project for this new system, as it could reduce corruption and streamline the process. Addressing the backlog of over 10 lakh pending cases, Srihari expressed confidence that these issues could be resolved through Bhu Bharathi if the system is implemented correctly. Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy added that the Bhu Bharathi



Act, introduced under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy, was a blessing for farmers, but also criticized the Dharani Act, calling it a failure that harmed

the poor and farmers. He emphasized that the government aims to fix these issues through Bhu Bharathi.

Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka Launches Development Initiatives in Madhira

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Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Finance, Planning, and Power, Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, on Sunday, launched several development projects in Madhira constituency, Khammam district, with a focus on improving rural livelihoods and infrastructure. These projects, totaling ₹72.33 crore, aim to address the region's agricultural, educational, and infrastructural needs. At the event, the Deputy CM emphasized that the state's public governance is centered on improving the lives of rural people through targeted development initiatives. The government is prioritizing sectors like agriculture, education, and healthcare, as well as investing heavily in rural infrastructure. He outlined the government's goal of transforming Madhira into a model constituency for development. Key projects launched include:

1. Check Dam on the Vaira River: With an investment of ₹6.85 crore, this project will enhance groundwater levels and provide irrigation water to 1,240 acres of agricultural land, alleviating water scarcity during the summer and winter months.
2. New Government Junior College Building: A new ₹5 crore project to construct a junior college building in the village, aim-



ing to improve education facilities.

3. Mahadevpuram Lift Irrigation Scheme: A ₹12.13 crore project designed to lift water from the Vaira River to irrigate 952 acres of agricultural land, ensuring year-round irrigation.
4. Rural Roads Development: A new road development project between Ambapur and Molgumad via Nidhanpur village costing ₹25 crore, aimed at improving connectivity in rural areas.

Bhatti Vikramarka also held a meeting with officials from the Irrigation Department, setting clear timelines for the completion of ongoing and upcoming projects. He emphasized that each project must be moni-

tored and completed within the specified deadlines, with progress reviews every 15 days or monthly. Additionally, in a bid to address unemployment, Madhira will host a Mega Job Mela today, aiming to provide employment opportunities to more than 5,000 unemployed youth from the constituency. The event will feature 80 private companies offering jobs in various sectors.

Companies will conduct interviews and select candidates based on their qualifications, with job offer letters provided to successful applicants. This event is part of the Congress Party's continued effort to promote employment and development within Madhira, and has been widely publicized through pamphlets, posters, and flexes distributed across villages in the constituency. With these initiatives, the government aims to bring sustainable development to the region, enhance livelihoods, and create lasting opportunities for the people of Madhira.

Fire Accident at NIMS: Case Filed Against Medical Superintendent

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A case has been registered against the Medical Superintendent of NIMS Hospital, Hyderabad, following a fire accident that occurred on Saturday. The Panjagutta police have taken up the investigation based on a complaint alleging that Aarogyasri staff had illegally stored firecrackers inside the hospital premises. The incident happened in the Emergency Ward located on the fifth floor of the hospital. Thick smoke was seen billowing out from the windows, causing panic among patients, staff, and bystanders. Passers-by alerted authorities after witnessing the smoke, prompting emergency response teams to rush to the location. The fire led to chaos inside the hospital, with patients and attendants being moved to safety. Fortunately, no casualties were reported, but the incident raised serious concerns about safety protocols and storage violations within the hospital.

Following the complaint, police registered a case against the hospital's medical superintendent and began a detailed inquiry into the cause of the fire and the alleged storage of hazardous materials. Authorities are also verifying whether fire safety norms were adhered to and if there was any negligence involved in the incident. Further updates are awaited as the investigation is ongoing.



Chaos at Abids Stanley College; Delay in High Court Exam

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A major disruption occurred at Abids Stanley College in Hyderabad on Sunday morning due to the delay in the High Court exam. The exam, which was scheduled to begin at 11 AM, was postponed as technical issues with the computers at the exam center emerged. Despite hundreds of candidates arriving from various districts across the state, the exam could not commence due to these glitches. Candidates, including disabled individuals and women, faced severe difficulties due to the lack of basic facilities at the exam center. The delay led to frustration and confusion among the exam takers who had arrived early, only to face the inconvenience. It has been reported that authorities are working on resolving the issues and will conduct the High Court exams as soon as

possible. However, candidates are expressing their dissatisfaction with the lack of proper arrangements and are calling for better facilities and organization for future exams.



“Samara Shankhagarjana”

BRS Silver Jubilee Song Launched from Warangal



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The historic region of Orugallu (Warangal) echoed with revolutionary spirit once again as the BRS Silver Jubilee song titled “Samara Shankhagarjana” was officially launched today by BRS Working President and former Minister K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) at Telangana Bhavan, Hyderabad. The powerful song was conceptualized under the leadership of Jorika Ramesh, a former Greater Warangal Corporator, KU student leader, and BRS district leader. Speaking at the event, KTR praised the composition, stating that it strongly reflects the people's desire to see BRS Chief K. Chandrashekar Rao return as

Chief Minister, while also highlighting the failures of the current Congress government. The lyrics were penned by ‘Phoenix’, while the vocals were rendered by singer Jeripothula Sandhya Satyam. KTR extended special appreciation to both the lyricist and the singer for their contributions. Several prominent Warangal leaders attended the event, including Puli Rajinikanth, Polapalli Rammurthy, BRSV Hanamkonda Coordinator Gandrakota Rakesh Yadav, and BRS Youth Leader Bollepalli Kamal Kumar, among others. The song aims to energize the party's base and spread the spirit of the BRS Silver Jubilee celebrations across Telangana.

Ambedkar Belongs to All, Not Just One Community: Telangana Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar

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Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar emphasized that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is not just a leader of one caste or community but a guiding light for all Indians. Speaking at an event held on Sunday in Panchalingala village, the Speaker unveiled an Ambedkar statue organized by the Sri Chaitanya Ambedkar Yuvajana Sangham. Addressing the gathering, the Speaker said that Dr. Ambedkar's ideals will remain immortal as long as this world exists. He noted that India's functioning democracy—from the village level to Parliament—is made possible because of Ambedkar's visionary Constitution. He called Ambedkar the essence of the Indian nation, not restricted to any one group. The Speaker praised Telangana CM Revanth Reddy for aligning governance with Ambedkar's vision, particularly by implementing Scheduled Caste categorization—a historic first in the country. He urged everyone to follow Ambedkar's ideals to eliminate social inequalities and create a harmonious society. He also encouraged the youth to draw

inspiration from Ambedkar's struggles, take his philosophy as a model, and strive for higher goals in life.



The event saw participation from several leaders including senior Congress leader Gudem Ramulu Yadav, Telangana Social Media Coordinator Chamal Raghupati Reddy, Market Committee Chairman Mahender Reddy, former Library Chairman Sanagari Kondal Reddy, Vice Chairman Mallesh Yadav, Cooperative Society Chairman Praveen Reddy, and many Congress local leaders and villagers. The event served as a strong reminder of Ambedkar's continuing relevance in building an inclusive, equal, and progressive society.

Nizamabad Prajavani Program Temporarily Postponed

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The Prajavani program—a public grievance redressal initiative held every Monday at the Integrated District Offices Complex (Collectorate), Nizamabad—has been temporarily postponed. In an official statement released on Sunday, Nizamabad District Collector Rajeev Gandhi Hanumanthu announced the postponement of the session scheduled for April 21st. The reason cited for the deferment is the inauguration of the Rythu Mahotsavam (Farmers' Festival), which is being held at the district headquarters on the same day. The Collector informed that Prajavani will resume as usual from April 28th (Monday). He urged the public to take note of the change and cooperate with the district administration. The Prajavani program is aimed at providing a direct platform for citizens to voice their grievances and seek prompt redressal from government officials across departments. It has been a vital weekly event to ensure transparency and accessibility of governance to the public. The administration has assured that pending grievances and public issues will be taken up without delay in the upcoming sessions.



Major Accident Averted in Medak District; 30 Passengers Safe

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A major road mishap was narrowly avoided in Medak district during the early hours of the day. A private travels bus carrying 30 passengers from Rajasthan to Hyderabad met with a mechanical failure near Nagulapally on NH-44, Toopran. The incident occurred when the rear wheels of the moving bus suddenly detached, causing a dangerous situation. However, thanks to the alertness of the driver, the bus was brought under control and crashed into a side wall, coming to a halt before

overturning or causing further damage. As a result of the impact, the bus sustained considerable damage, with windows shattered. Fortunately, there was no loss of life, and all 30 passengers escaped with minor injuries or none at all. Local police were immediately informed and arrived at the scene to conduct an investigation into the cause of the mechanical failure. Authorities have praised the driver's quick thinking, which prevented what could have been a tragic accident.



This incident serves as a reminder of the importance of regular vehicle maintenance and the critical role of driver presence of mind in emergency situations.

BRS Silver Jubilee: Unique Campaign by Party Workers in Ramavaram



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As the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) gears up to celebrate its 25th anniversary, preparations are in full swing for the Silver Jubilee public meeting scheduled to take place on April 27 at Elkathurthy in Warangal district. To ensure the success of the event, the party leadership has been mobilizing support from across the state, calling for mass participation. In line with this, BRS leaders and activists are actively reaching out to the public to raise awareness about the event and encourage attendance. One such unique campaign is drawing attention in Ramavaram, Bhadradi Kothagudem district, where party workers Kapu Seethalakshmi and her husband are going door-to-door, not only extending invitations but also applying traditional vermilion dots (bottu) to women as a symbolic gesture of respect and invitation. During their visits, they are also highlighting the welfare schemes and development programs implemented during KCR's tenure, reminding citizens of the party's contributions to the state's growth. With such grassroots-level efforts, the BRS aims to turn the upcoming Silver Jubilee Sabha into a grand success, reflecting both its journey over the past 25 years and its continued connection with the people.

Farmers from Suryapet Set to Travel by Bullock Carts for BRS Silver Jubilee Celebration: Former Minister Jagadish Reddy



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Farmers from Suryapet are preparing to travel in bullock carts

to attend the BRS Silver Jubilee Sabha in Warangal. Under the leadership of former minister

and MLA Jagadish Reddy, farmers are set to travel voluntarily to show their solidarity with the BRS leadership and express their support for KCR's policies. The farmers, who are excited to hear KCR's words, are gearing up for the trip, with bullock carts being specially prepared for the occasion. They emphasize that they have lived contentedly under KCR's rule for the past 15 years, particularly benefiting from the policies that have focused on agriculture and rural development. Farmers recall how the Kaleshwaram Project transformed Suryapet by filling up dried-up ponds, bringing much-needed

water to the region. As a result, the region's agricultural productivity skyrocketed, debts were cleared, and they managed to make a living despite previous hardships. However, with water scarcity now affecting crops, many farmers have been forced to seek labor work outside their native areas. Expressing their desire for KCR's continued governance, they are determined to attend the BRS Sabha to voice their concerns and support the party. The farmers plan to depart on April 22, with their bullock carts ready for the journey from Nemikal Dandu Maisamma Temple in Atmakur (S) Mandal.

Yadadri: Devotees Flock to Yadagirigutta for Darshan; Long Waiting Time Expected

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On the occasion of summer holidays and Sunday, devotees have thronged the Yadadri Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple in Telangana, one of the most prominent pilgrimage sites in the state. Since early morning, long queues have formed as devotees patiently wait to get a glimpse of the deity. Many are also opting for special prayers and offerings. Due to the heavy crowd, the waiting time for free darshan has extended to about 3 hours, while those opting for special darshan are looking at a wait of over an hour. To manage the large influx of visitors, temple authorities have made arrangements to ensure smooth crowd management and to avoid any inconvenience to the devotees.



Taking into consideration the summer heat, temple staff have set up cooling stations with fans to offer some relief to the devotees. Despite the long wait, the atmosphere at the temple remains vibrant, with people eager to receive the blessings of Lord Lakshminarasimha.

Minister Orders NIMS Doctors to Address Growing Kidney Disease Crisis in Mala Gurajala

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The Telangana government's Health Department has focused its attention on the village of Mala Gurajala in the Bellampalli Mandal of Mancherial District, where the incidence of kidney disease has been alarmingly increasing. Over the past five years, 25 people have lost their lives to kidney-related diseases, and currently, another 40 individuals are battling the condition. In response to media reports highlighting this grave issue, Minister Damodara Rajanarsimha took immediate action, directing a team of specialists from NIMS (Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences) to visit the village.



The medical team has organized health camps and is conducting thorough blood and urine tests for the villagers. Additionally, they are providing necessary medications to those suffering from kidney diseases and other health issues.

Villagers, primarily dependent on agriculture and manual labor, have expressed their distress, noting the severe financial burden caused by frequent dialysis sessions, which they must undergo at least once or twice a month. They highlighted how kidney diseases are devastating their families financially. The government, in response, has set up these health camps to address the crisis and provide immediate relief to the villagers.

Civil Services Day: Rekindling the Spirit of Ethical Governance and Public Duty

April 21, observed as Civil Services Day, is not merely a date for ceremonial awards or token acknowledgements. It is a solemn reminder to over five million public servants across India that governance is not about prestige or position—it is a moral responsibility rooted in constitutional values. As Dr. Shailendra Srivastava, a retired IPS officer, reflects on his three-decade career, he underscores both the evolution and the existential questions facing India's bureaucracy today.



From Colonial Machinery to Democratic Pillar

India's civil services, once the backbone of colonial control, were repurposed post-independence to serve democratic ideals. Visionaries like Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel saw an apolitical, efficient bureaucracy as essential to nation-building. The "steel frame" of India was expected to uphold the Constitution, not dominate it.

Over the decades, civil services adapted—from driving land reforms and spearheading the Green Revolution to enabling Digital India and real-time governance. The expansion to include diplomatic, environmental, and tax services reflected India's growing complexity.



Navigating Contemporary Challenges

Today, civil servants confront a new generation of challenges that demand agility, innovation, and empathy:

Internal Security requires intelligence-driven policing and cyber-readiness.

Diplomacy calls for mastering geo-economics and strategic communication.

Digital Governance is rooted in data fluency and AI integration.

Environmental Stewardship mandates balancing development with sustainability.

Electoral Integrity, social inclusion,

and urban infrastructure demand proactive, citizen-first approaches.

Ethical Crossroads
Yet, with rising visibility has come vulnerability. The rise of self-promotion over silent service threatens institutional credibility. Social media stardom, bureaucratic favoritism, and narrative control are distorting civil service purpose. A bigger dilemma looms: Should experienced officers retire at 60, taking decades of wisdom with them? Or should we block fresh talent by extending tenure? A balanced, flexible approach is essential—where mentorship and succession go hand in hand.

The Way Forward

Dr. Srivastava offers a compelling

reform roadmap:

Introduce Ethics Training and a dynamic Code of Conduct

Enable whistle-blower protection and 360-degree appraisals

Encourage global learning exposure and post-retirement mentoring platforms

Conclusion

Civil Services Day should provoke reflection, not just celebration. It's time the steel frame shone—not with power, but with purpose. Civil servants are not rulers or influencers. They are guardians of the Constitution, entrusted to build a more just, inclusive, and ethical India.

The Silent Surge: AI, AGI, and the Understudied Impact on Strategic Affairs

Concerns about an artificial intelligence (AI) arms race are becoming increasingly common as technological advancements accelerate. Much of the global discourse now speculates not only on the growing capabilities of AI but on how close we may be to achieving Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) — a form of AI that can outperform human cognitive abilities across a wide range of tasks and problems. Unlike narrow AI systems that are trained for specific purposes, AGI is envisioned as being capable of autonomous reasoning, learning, and decision-making beyond its initial programming or training.

As the pursuit of AGI intensifies, what remains striking is the lack of comprehensive academic attention on how such transformative technologies may affect strategic affairs. While developers, technologists, and futurists often dominate discussions on AI capabilities and ethics, the implications for international security, military doctrines, arms control, and geopolitical stability remain comparatively underexplored in mainstream strategic scholarship.

Despite the buzz around AI in public and policy circles, the strategic studies community has yet to fully catch up. This gap is critical. As AI becomes increasingly embedded in national defense infrastructures—powering surveillance systems, auto-

mous weapons, cyber tools, and battlefield decision-making—the potential for destabilization grows. Miscalculations fueled by algorithmic opacity, adversarial use of AI to target vulnerabilities, and an over-reliance on machine-led decision-making are real and present dangers.

AGI, when realized, could compound these risks by enabling states to develop unpredictable and autonomous systems that are not just tools of warfare but actors in their own right. This opens the door to scenarios where the logic of deterrence and escalation management—foundational pillars of strategic stability—could be upended.

Another concern is the asymmetry in AI development. Not all countries are progressing at the same rate. The digital divide may lead to technological hegemony by a few nations, sparking new forms of geopolitical competition and strategic coercion. As we move deeper into the AI era, a concerted effort is needed to integrate AI and AGI-related developments into the strategic discourse. Think tanks, military colleges, and international bodies must expand research to include the systemic and ethical implications of advanced AI systems in warfare and diplomacy. Without this, the strategic community may find itself ill-prepared for the future they are rapidly approaching.



Can AI Make the Perfect Idli? A Breakfast Experiment in Bytes and Batter

Artificial Intelligence has taken over many domains with dazzling success. From composing symphonies to diagnosing diseases, we've watched in awe as algorithms do what once seemed the sole preserve of human intelligence. But can AI conquer the kitchen — more specifically, can it make a truly satisfying plate of idlis?

In my family, this question sparked the kind of debate usually reserved for politics or cricket. Opinions were flung around like mustard seeds in hot oil. My cousin, an AI engineer, firmly believed that if machines could land rockets and write poetry, they could surely steam up some idlis. My aunt, a culinary purist and idli traditionalist, was horrified. "You can't code intuition!" she declared. But it was our family matriarch who ended the discussion with quiet authority: "Artificial intelligence is good for a lot of things," she said. "But making the perfect idli is somewhere between a science and an art, and AI can't get there."

Now, as anyone who has made idlis knows, it all starts with the batter. And here lies the real challenge — getting the ratio of rice to urad dal just right, grinding it to the perfect texture, and then letting it ferment just enough. It's a delicate dance of temperature, time, and gut instinct. The result? Either fluffy, cloud-like discs of joy or sad, rubbery pucks that no amount of chutney can redeem.

To test our theory, I invited the family over for what

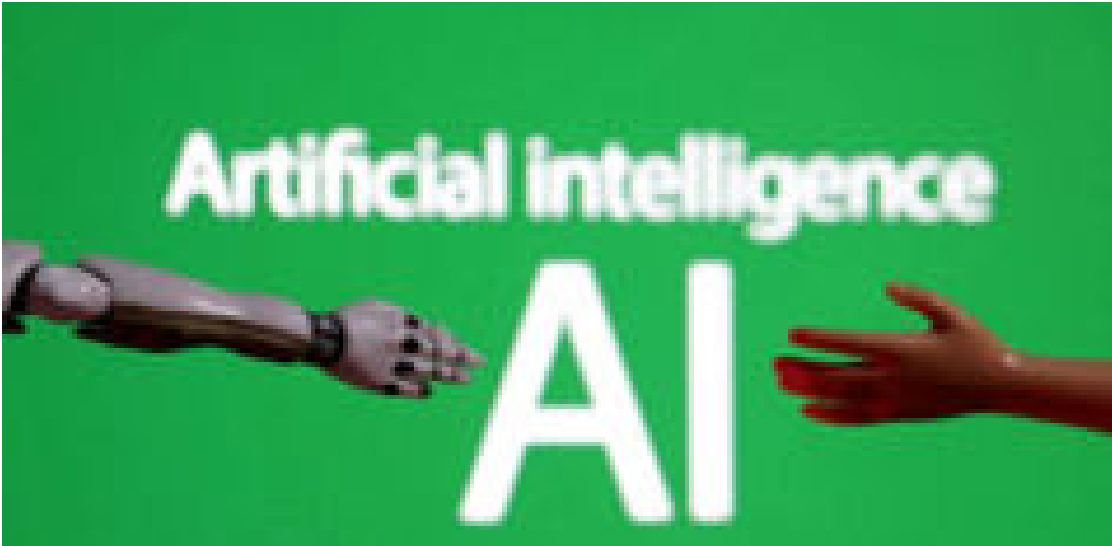
I called "The Great AI Idli Experiment." But I had a secret: instead of grinding batter myself, I used a branded, store-bought mix. The label claimed it was made with AI-powered precision — sensors monitoring temperature and humidity, algorithms calculating exact grain texture, fermentation time optimized down to the hour.

My reasoning? If AI had been employed in crafting this batter, then the idlis it produced would surely be at least semi-AI-made. I steamed the idlis using the same tried-and-tested method — a basic idli stand and steamer, nothing fancy. The kitchen filled with the familiar aroma. They looked fluffy. They felt soft. But how did they taste?

The family gathered, eyeing their plates with a mixture of skepticism and curiosity. The verdict? "Not bad," said my uncle. "Soft, but missing that little zing," noted my cousin. The matriarch chewed thoughtfully and smiled. "This," she said, "is a machine-made idli trying its best to be human."

It wasn't a total failure — AI had gotten close. But there was something missing, something intangible — maybe the hand that stirs the batter with memory, or the instinct that tells you the mix needs just a little more water.

In the end, we agreed: AI might help make a good idli, but the perfect idli? That still needs a human touch.





Ex-DGP Murder: Wife Under Probe

In a shocking development from Bengaluru, Karnataka's former Director General of Police (DGP) Om Prakash was found murdered at his residence in the upscale HSR Layout area on Sunday, April 20. His wife, Pallavi, is currently being questioned as the prime suspect in the case that has sent ripples through the state's police circles.

According to police sources, Om Prakash, 68, was discovered in a pool of blood in the living room with multiple stab wounds, reportedly inflicted with a kitchen knife. The retired IPS officer lived with his wife and daughter, the latter of whom was present in another part of the house during the incident.

What makes the case even more startling is the manner in which it came to light. Sources said that Pallavi called the wife of another retired DGP and allegedly confessed to the crime. Alarmed by the call, the woman immediately dialed the police emergency number 112 and informed authorities. Pallavi was detained by police shortly after the call. She is said to be undergoing detailed questioning as forensic teams examined the crime scene for evidence. No official motive has been confirmed yet, but investigators are looking into both personal and psychological angles.

Bengaluru Additional Commissioner of Police (West) Vikash Kumar Vikash confirmed the incident, stating: "This afternoon, around 4 to 4:30 pm, we received information about the death of former DGP and IGP Om Prakash. His son has been contacted and is in the process of filing a formal complaint. An FIR will be registered based on it." He added that no arrests have been made so far, but a detailed investigation is underway. The news has stunned many within the police community and among the public, as Om Prakash was a well-known figure in Karnataka's law enforcement history. Questions surrounding the motive and sequence of events remain, but investigators are expected to release more details as the probe progresses. The tragic incident marks a grim chapter in the life of one of Karnataka's senior-most former police officials.



16 Militants Held in Manipur Crackdown

In a significant security operation in Manipur, police have arrested 16 members of various banned militant outfits over the last 48 hours, officials confirmed on Sunday, April 20, 2025. The crackdown is part of ongoing efforts to restore peace and curb insurgent activities in the region.

Among those apprehended were two cadres belonging to the proscribed United National Liberation Front (Pambei faction), one of Manipur's most notorious insurgent groups. The duo was captured on Saturday, April 19, from Napetpalli Andro road near Nongdam village in Imphal East district. The arrests were made following a targeted operation based on intelligence inputs, police sources said.

In addition to the arrests, security forces recovered a cache of arms and ammunition during the operations. Although authorities have not disclosed the complete inventory, sources revealed that the haul included automatic weapons, live rounds, and communication devices, which are suspected to be used in planned attacks or extortion activities.

The arrested individuals are believed to have been involved in multiple unlawful activities, including recruitment drives, extortion, and disrupting public order. Police are currently interrogating the suspects to uncover more information about their network, logistics, and any possible future threats. Manipur has been grappling with insurgency for decades, with several militant outfits seeking autonomy or independence.

Modi-Vance Meet: Trade Talks Ahead

All eyes are on New Delhi as US Vice President JD Vance arrives in India on Monday for a four-day visit, marking his first trip to the country since Donald Trump's return to the White House earlier this year. His visit is being viewed as a key moment in the ongoing negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement between India and the United States.

Vance is scheduled to land at 10 am at the Palam airbase in the national capital, accompanied by his Indian-origin wife, Usha Vance, and their three children – Ewan, Vivek, and Mirabel. The Vice President's agenda is packed with official engagements, cultural visits, and high-level diplomatic talks, the centerpiece being his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Sources indicate that Modi will host a special dinner for the Vance family on Monday evening. This meeting is expected to set the tone for crucial discussions on trade, tariffs, and broader bilateral cooperation. The timing is significant, as the Trump administration's steep reciprocal tariffs—currently on a 90-day pause—have raised concerns in global markets. India was among the most impacted, facing tariffs as high as 26% on key exports to



the US. The Modi-Vance dialogue will likely focus on reducing trade barriers and paving the way for a comprehensive trade agreement, which has eluded both nations despite years of negotiations. Analysts believe this visit could provide the breakthrough needed, especially given the close personal ties between the Indian-American community and the Trump-

Vance leadership. In addition to Delhi, Vice President Vance is also expected to visit Jaipur, where he will engage with local business leaders and cultural figures. The visit underscores the US's strategic interest in deepening ties with India across trade, technology, and defense.

Meanwhile, the Indian government is reportedly making ex-

tensive preparations to welcome the Vice President and his family, with security and diplomatic teams already on the ground. With both nations seeking to reset and refresh their economic ties, this high-profile visit could prove to be a turning point in India-US relations. The world watches closely as Modi and Vance prepare for their first formal meeting.

Vaibhav Suryavanshi Wows on IPL Debut



In a historic moment for Indian cricket, 14-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi made a stunning Indian Premier League (IPL) debut for Rajasthan Royals, earning a flood of praise — including a spe-

cial shout-out from Google CEO Sundar Pichai.

"Woke up to watch an 8th grader play in the IPL!!!! What a debut!" Pichai posted on X, attaching a

video of Suryavanshi smashing a first-ball six — a moment that instantly caught global attention.

Suryavanshi, who hails from Bihar, opened the batting in Saturday's match in Jaipur and scored a fearless 34 off just 20 balls. His innings included three sixes and two fours, displaying an incredible blend of skill and confidence. Though Rajasthan Royals lost the match, the young southpaw stole the spotlight and is already being hailed as a future superstar.

Bought for \$130,500 in the November 2024 IPL auction — when he was still only 13 — Suryavanshi became the youngest player in IPL history. Born on March 27, 2011, he's also the first IPL cricketer

born after the league's inception in 2008.

His rise has been meteoric. He debuted in the Ranji Trophy at just 12 and later represented India U-19s, where he smashed a blistering 58-ball century against Australia — the second fastest youth Test ton after Moeen Ali's in 2005.

Former India batter Sanjay Manjrekar was among the many impressed, saying, "He is 14 but has the mind of a 30-year-old." His coach from Bihar, Pramod Kumar, described him as a soft-spoken boy with an unshakable love for the game. While comparisons have already begun, Suryavanshi has broken the record previously held by Prayas Ray Barman

Ramban Reels After Deadly Landslides

Devastating landslides triggered by a heavy hailstorm have claimed three lives and left dozens homeless in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district. The calamity, which struck overnight, washed away homes, shops, and roads — leaving behind destruction and despair. Local residents are now trying to come to terms with their loss. Om Singh, a resident, recounted the horror to ANI: "When I reached here, I saw the whole market, including my shop, had vanished... This is the first time I am seeing something like this." Behind him, damaged homes bore grim testimony to the scale of the disaster.

Ravi Kumar, a shopkeeper, lost both his shops in the deluge. "At 4 am, we heard the market had been washed away. We rushed over, only to find there was nothing left," he said. "We don't know who to turn to. These shops were our only livelihood. Now we have no shops, no land, nothing." He appealed to the government for immediate aid, including loan waivers. The tragic incident has triggered emergency response efforts. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ramban, Kulbir Singh, confirmed that all police stations have been placed on high alert. Around 100 people have been rescued so far from the affected area of Dharam Kund.

The landslides, described by residents as unprecedented in recent



memory, have not only resulted in loss of life and property but also exposed vulnerabilities in infrastructure and preparedness in the region. Access to essential services remains disrupted as roads and power lines have suffered significant damage. The district administration is reportedly assessing

the damage and planning relief operations. Meanwhile, affected families are relying on community support and temporary shelters.

As residents try to recover from the emotional and financial toll, the demand for government intervention grows louder. Many are

hoping for relief measures that include compensation, rehabilitation, and efforts to rebuild lives torn apart overnight. What Ramban witnessed was more than just a natural disaster — it was a night that changed everything for many families, leaving behind a haunting emptiness in its wake.



"No Choice But To Keep Fighting": Netanyahu Vows To Continue Gaza Offensive

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has reaffirmed his commitment to continue military operations in Gaza, asserting that Israel must fight on to ensure its survival. In a pre-recorded address on Saturday night, Netanyahu declared that the country has "no choice" but to pursue "victory" against Hamas, CNN reported.

"We must continue the war for our very own existence," Netanyahu stated, emphasizing the need for "perseverance and resilience" in both defeating Hamas and securing the release of the 59 Israeli hostages still believed to be held in Gaza.

The prime minister pointed to Hamas' rejection of a recent Israeli ceasefire proposal as justification for the ongoing offensive. The Israeli plan, according to CNN, included provisions for disarming Gaza but stopped short of a permanent cessation of hostilities—two elements that Hamas has consistently opposed.

"If we surrender to Hamas's demands now, all the tremendous achievements gained by our soldiers, our fallen, and our wounded heroes—those achievements will simply be lost," Netanyahu said in his message.

However, his remarks have drawn sharp criticism from the Hostage Families Forum Headquarters, a group representing the families of hostages. In a strongly worded response, the group accused Netanyahu of lacking a concrete strategy to rescue those still held captive. "Many words and slogans will not succeed in hiding the simple truth — Netanyahu has no plan," the forum stated. "It's no surprise there was no time for questions—otherwise, he would have had to answer the most basic one: What exactly is the State of Israel doing to immediately bring back all 59 hostages?"

The Israeli leader's stance also comes amid a wave of dissent within Israel's own military ranks. Israeli Army Radio, as reported by Al Jazeera, stated that over 150 soldiers from the elite Golani Brigade have signed a letter calling for an end to the war and urging the government to prioritize hostage negotiations.

This move follows previous petitions from more than 1,000 Israeli Air Force reservists and other veterans across the navy, armoured corps, and special units, demanding a shift in policy and an end to the prolonged conflict in Gaza.

Vancouver Gurdwara Vandalised with Pro-Khalistan Graffiti Amid Vaisakhi Celebrations

TPN Correspondent | Ottawa

A prominent gurdwara in Vancouver, Canada, was vandalised overnight with pro-Khalistan graffiti, sparking concern and condemnation from the Sikh community. The incident occurred at the historic Khalsa Diwan Society (KDS) gurdwara, more commonly known as the Ross Street gurdwara, and came to light on Saturday morning—the same day as the world's largest Vaisakhi parade held in nearby Surrey.

Images shared by the gurdwara administration on its official social media channels showed the word "Khalistan" spray-painted multiple times on the exterior walls near the parking area of the Sikh temple. The Khalsa Diwan Society, which hosted its own Vaisakhi parade the previous weekend in Vancouver, had barred pro-Khalistan groups from participating in the celebrations—believed to be a possible motive behind the act of vandalism.

The Vancouver Police Department has launched an investigation into the incident. Canadian media reported that the police are treating the graffiti as a potential hate-motivated act.

In a statement issued later, the Khalsa Diwan Society condemned the incident, calling it a "painful moment" for the community. "A



small group of Sikh separatists, advocating for Khalistan, defaced our sacred walls with divisive slogans like 'Khalistan Zindabad,'" the statement read.

The gurdwara said the act was aimed at creating fear and sowing discord within the Canadian Sikh community. "This is part of an ongoing campaign by extremist forces that seek to instill fear and division," KDS said. "Their actions undermine the values of inclusivity, respect, and mutual support that are foundational to both Sikhism and Canadian society."

The statement also highlighted the contributions of past generations who worked hard to establish a strong and united Sikh presence in Canada. "Extremists are undermining the dreams and sacrifices of our elders," the society said. "Their actions seek to divide us, contrary to the unity and peace we hold dear as Canadians."

'No Kings In America': Thousands Hold Anti-Trump Protests Across US

- **Rally Across U.S. Against Trump Policies in Nationwide Demonstrations**
- **Demonstrators criticize defunding of research and spread of vaccine misinformation.**
- **Coordinated protests in all 50 states aim to build long-term peaceful resistance.**



TPN Correspondent | Washington

Thousands of demonstrators gathered across major U.S. cities on Saturday for a second wave of protests against former President Donald Trump and his administration's controversial policies. From New York City to San Francisco, crowds voiced concerns over immigration enforcement, attacks on democratic institutions, and the defunding of science and healthcare programs.

In New York, protesters assembled outside the city's iconic main library holding placards with slogans like "No Kings in America" and "Resist Tyranny." A major focus of the demonstrations was opposition to Immigration and

Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the administration's deportation practices. Chants of "No ICE, no fear, immigrants are welcome here" echoed through the streets.

In Washington, D.C., crowds rallied near the White House, raising alarms about the perceived erosion of constitutional protections. Benjamin Douglas, 41, said the administration's actions represented "a direct assault on the idea of the rule of law." Carrying a sign calling for the release of Mahmoud Khalil, a detained pro-Palestinian protester, Douglas criticized the administration for using individuals as "test cases" to stoke fear and weaken legal safeguards.

Among the demonstrators in

New York was 73-year-old Kathy Vally, the daughter of Holocaust survivors. Drawing historical parallels, she warned of creeping authoritarianism, saying, "What happened in Germany is what's happening here," though she added that Trump lacked the strategic intelligence of past fascist leaders.

In Baltimore, science was another central theme. Daniella Butler, a 26-year-old PhD student in immunology, protested the administration's attacks on scientific funding and vaccine misinformation. Holding a map highlighting measles outbreaks in Texas, she declared, "When science is ignored, people die."

Smaller protests took place in

conservative areas like Galveston, Texas, where writer Patsy Oliver, 63, said she could no longer wait for elections to make a difference: "We've lost too much already."

On a San Francisco beach, several hundred participants spelled out "IMPEACH + REMOVE" in large letters, while others waved an upside-down American flag—an emblem of national distress.

The protests were coordinated by activist network 50501, symbolizing 50 protests in 50 states and one unified movement. Though turnout was smaller than the April 5 "Hands Off" demonstrations, organizers hoped to build sustained momentum through peaceful resistance.

"Day Of Life Will Come": Zelensky To Ukrainians Amid Putin's Easter Truce

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On Easter Sunday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky delivered a heartfelt message urging Ukrainians to hold onto hope and continue their fight for peace, even as the war with Russia enters its 1,152nd day. Dressed in a traditional grey vyshyvanka—a Ukrainian embroidered shirt—Zelensky stood before Kyiv's historic Saint Sophia Cathedral, offering a message filled with emotion, resilience, and quiet strength.

"Ukraine never loses faith," said Zelensky, who is of Jewish heritage, in a video shared across social media platforms. "Because this faith is in each other. In those who stand next to you. In Ukrainian



men, in Ukrainian women. Faith that evil may have its hour but God will have his day."

His words resonated deeply in a country still under siege, as families marked Easter amid air raid warnings, power outages, and the constant uncertainty of life in a warzone. Despite the solemnity of the occasion, Zelensky's speech

was a call to remain hopeful and united.

A temporary ceasefire had been declared by Russian President Vladimir Putin on Saturday, purportedly in honor of the Easter holiday. However, Zelensky dismissed the gesture as hollow, pointing out that Russian forces continued military operations under the guise of a pause.

"They pretend to stop, while still trying to strike us in the dark," he said, referencing overnight attacks reported near the front lines.

Yet, Zelensky focused not on despair, but on the strength of purpose that still unites Ukrainians. "We know what we are defending,

We know what we are fighting for. For whom and for whose sake," he said.

Ending on a hopeful note, Zelensky envisioned a peaceful future for Ukraine—a day when the country would once again gather around the same table, celebrating Easter free from the shadows of war. "The day of life will come. The day of peace. The day of Ukraine. A day that lasts a century," he said. "And we will be able to gather together again. At one table. On a peaceful Easter."

The message served not only as a spiritual reflection but also as a reaffirmation of Ukraine's collective will to endure, resist, and ultimately heal.

India Chinese Students Join Forces To Sue Trump Over F-1 Visa Revocations

TPN Correspondent | US

Three Indian and two Chinese students have filed a class action lawsuit against the U.S. government over what they describe as the "unlawful termination" of their F-1 student visas. The lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court in New Hampshire, challenges the Trump-era policies that led to the revocation of visas for "thousands" of international students on what the plaintiffs claim are often minor or unjustified grounds.

The Indian students—Manikanta Pasula, Linkhith Babu Gorrela, and Thanuj Kumar Gummadavelli—are all pursuing their Master's degrees at Rivier University in New Hampshire. The two Chinese students, Hangrui Zhang and Haoyang An, are graduate students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. Together, they represent a broader group of international students affected by recent immigration crackdowns.



According to the lawsuit, these students were stripped of their legal status in the U.S., often for minor infractions such as driving without a U.S. license or lapsed insurance. In Pasula's case, he was arrested for driving without a U.S. license despite having a valid Indian license and an International Driving Permit—both acceptable under New Hampshire law for up to 60 days. Although he paid a fine and later obtained a U.S. license, he was informed by the State Department and the U.S. Consulate General in Mumbai that his visa had been revoked.

Gorrela and Gummadavelli faced similar charges and penalties, while the Chinese plaintiffs' cases stemmed from misunderstandings or minor insurance lapses. Despite some of these charges being dismissed, their student status was still terminated, leaving them vulnerable to fines, detention, and deportation.

The students argue that the Department of Homeland Security acted unilaterally, revoking visas without due process or consistent standards. They claim this has led to severe financial and academic hardships, including the inability to complete their degrees or participate in the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program post-graduation.

Representing over half a million Indian and Chinese students in U.S. academia, this lawsuit could have far-reaching implications for international education and visa policy reform in the United States.

Markets Eye Stability Amid Global Jitters; Sectoral Trends Signal Divergence

Domestic stock markets may move mixed this week. The markets, which were shaken by Donald Trump's announcement of a break in tariffs, are expected to recover this week. Experts say that they will continue to be stable regardless of global markets. Currently, shares in the banking, finance, aviation, shipbuilding, and telecom sectors are bullish. IT, infrastructure, paper, metals, and automobile ancillaries are showing weakness. It is crucial for Nifty to remain above 23,850. It is good to be alert to international developments and Trump's comments.



Stock Recommendations

NTPC Green:



These shares, which have been in a downtrend since last December, are currently moving at the IPO level. A good base has been formed. It is noteworthy that momentum and delivery volume are gradually increasing. In this counter, which closed at Rs.108 last Thursday, investors should take a position in the Rs.100/105 range with a target price of Rs.135/145. Stop loss should be placed at Rs.95.

Gujarat Gas Limited:

These shares have been in a downtrend since August last year. A good base has been formed in it since February. There are signs of a turnaround. It



is currently hovering above the 10- and 20-day moving averages. In this counter, which closed at Rs.445 last Thursday with a gain of 3.7%, investors should enter at Rs.440/430 with a target price of Rs.520/550. Stop loss at Rs.410 is mandatory.

Premier Energies:



These shares, listed in September 2024, hit a lifetime high in December. After that, they gradually fell into a downtrend. A good base has been formed in the listing level of Rs. 880. These shares, which have shown strength in the last five sessions, are showing strength. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 967 last Thursday, investors should take a position in the Rs. 950 range with a target price of Rs. 1250. A stop loss is mandatory at Rs. 915.

LIC Housing Finance:

These shares, which have been in a downtrend since July last year, are currently continuing to stabilize. They recently broke the



January high. Relative strength and momentum are gradually increasing. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 604 last Thursday, investors should enter the Rs. 600 range with a target price of Rs. 660/680. A stop loss should be placed at Rs. 585.

Aditya Birla Capital:



ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL

This stock is gaining momentum with good momentum. There was a turnaround from the downtrend in February. Moreover, they are available with a good risk reward ratio. In this counter, which closed at Rs.198 last Thursday, investors should take a position in the Rs.195 range with a target price of Rs.220/230. A stop loss at Rs.190 is mandatory.

India's Forex Reserves Continue Upward Momentum, Rise by \$1.57 Billion



India's foreign exchange reserves continued their upward trajectory for the sixth consecutive week, rising by \$1.567 billion to reach \$677.835 billion for the week ended April 11, 2025, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday, April 19. This sustained increase follows a significant \$10.872 billion jump in the previous week ending April 4, 2025, taking the reserves closer to the all-time high of \$704.885 billion, which was recorded in September 2024.

Foreign currency assets (FCAs), which form the largest portion of the reserves, rose by \$892 million to \$574.98 billion during the week. These assets include investments in foreign currencies like the euro, pound, and yen. Their value, when expressed in U.S. dollars, also reflects the impact of currency exchange fluctuations.

India's gold reserves contributed significantly to the overall rise, increasing by \$638 million to \$79.997 billion. The consistent growth in gold holdings reflects the RBI's ongoing efforts to diversify its reserve portfolio and strengthen the country's financial cushion. However, there was a marginal dip in the Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), which declined by \$6 million to \$18.356 billion. SDRs are international reserve assets created by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and allocated to member countries to supplement their official reserves.

India's reserve position with the IMF also improved slightly, rising by \$43 million to \$4.502 billion during the reporting week.

The steady climb in forex reserves comes amid a backdrop of global economic uncertainty and continued efforts by the central bank to ensure macroeconomic stability. A robust forex reserve position helps the country maintain investor confidence, manage exchange rate volatility, and meet import requirements in times of external shocks.

As the rupee faces pressures from geopolitical risks and fluctuating oil prices, the increase in reserves offers a critical buffer. Analysts believe that if this trend continues, India could once again approach or even surpass the previous record in the coming months, reinforcing the economy's resilience on the global stage.

India's Oil & Gas Exploration: NELP Yields \$36 Billion Investment and 177 Discoveries

India attracted over \$36 billion in investments through nine bidding rounds under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) conducted before 2014, resulting in 177 oil and gas discoveries, according to a government-commissioned report. The report, prepared by a Joint Working Group (JWG) for the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, highlights the impact of NELP in expanding the exploration landscape and drawing both private and foreign investors into the upstream sector.



From 1999 to 2010, 254 blocks were awarded under NELP, attracting \$17.6 billion in exploration spending and another \$18.64 billion in the development of oil and gas discoveries. These efforts led to 67 oil finds and 110 gas discoveries. Notably, Reliance-BP's KG-D6 block and ONGC's KG-D5 block — two of India's most significant natural gas contributors — were awarded during NELP rounds.

However, challenges emerged, including prolonged delays in environmental and regulatory approvals and disputes over cost recovery under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) model. These issues prompted a strategic shift in 2016 with the introduction of the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP), which replaced the PSC regime with a Revenue Sharing Contract (RSC) model. Under RSC, companies share a pre-agreed portion of revenues with the government, simplifying operations and reducing bureaucratic friction.

The newer Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP), under the HELP framework, saw eight bid rounds between 2018 and 2022. These awarded 144 blocks and attracted \$1.37 billion in exploration investment, leading to six oil and four gas discoveries. Currently, 128 of these blocks remain active.

The government also launched the Discovered Small Fields (DSF) policy in 2015, aimed at monetizing marginal finds. Three DSF bid rounds awarded 85 areas, resulting in \$69 million in exploration and \$192 million in development investments. As of now, 51 of these areas are active.

The JWG, led by Additional Secretary Praveen M. Khanooja, recommended addressing regulatory delays, easing contract modifications, and improving operational flexibility to enhance ease of doing business in the sector. The report highlights that while NELP laid the foundation, ongoing reforms under HELP and DSF policies are reshaping India's E&P sector for greater transparency and global competitiveness.

India's Energy Storage Sector Set for ₹4.79 Lakh Crore Investment Boom by 2032: IESA

India's energy storage sector is poised for a massive expansion, with investments projected to reach ₹4.79 lakh crore by 2032, according to the India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA). The announcement was made during the 5th edition of the International Conference on Stationary Energy Storage India (SESI) 2025, recently held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.



The IESA estimates that the energy storage market will grow five-fold between 2026 and 2032, driven by strong policy support and increasing private sector engagement. As per the National Electricity Plan (NEP), storage capacity is expected to rise sharply—from 16.13 GW in 2026-27 to 73.93 GW by 2031-32. This includes both pumped storage projects and battery energy storage systems (BESS). Energy storage volume will also leap from 82.37 GWh to 411.4 GWh during this period.

Vinayak Walimbe, Managing Director of Customised Energy Solutions (CES), which founded IESA, emphasized the urgent need for investments to foster innovation and create a resilient storage infrastructure. "This is the moment to build an advanced and scalable energy storage ecosystem in India," he said.

Over 200 stakeholders from more than 10 partner countries attended the event, including policymakers, global experts, and leading energy firms. Discussions ranged from upcoming storage tenders and evolving battery standards to

energy storage's role in supporting India's renewable energy transition.

Gujarat Power Corporation's Managing Director, Arun Mahesh Babu, highlighted growing interest in long-duration storage tenders, with bids for 8-hour projects expected soon. Gujarat, with over 30 GW of renewables, is aiming for 100 GW by 2030—expected to significantly boost storage demand.

Looking ahead, SECI CMD RP Gupta revealed even more ambitious goals: 500 GWh of storage capacity by 2030 and 5,000 GWh by 2047. Falling costs are also encouraging investments, with battery storage costs dropping from ₹10 lakh/MW/month to ₹2.5 lakh/MW in just 2-3 years, said CEA Chairperson Ghanshyam Prasad.

Supported by central and state agencies and private giants like Adani and JSW Energy, the SESI conference reinforced India's goal of becoming a global clean energy innovation hub through advancements in storage, e-mobility, and green hydrogen.

Boy Swallows Gold Bar, Needs Surgery

Ancient Reptiles That Ruled Earth

In a startling and unusual case from China's Jiangsu province, an 11-year-old boy had to undergo emergency surgery after swallowing a 100-gram gold bar. The boy, identified by his surname Qian, was playing at home when the incident occurred. After swallowing the bar, Qian informed his parents that he felt an unusual swelling in his abdomen. Although he did not experience any pain or visible distress, the swelling raised immediate concern. His parents quickly took him to the Suzhou University Affiliated Children's Hospital for a medical examination.



Doctors at the hospital conducted an X-ray, which revealed a dense metallic object lodged in the boy's intestines. Further scans and tests confirmed that the item was a solid gold bar weighing approximately 100 grams — about the size of a small candy bar but far heavier and potentially far more dangerous. Medical staff acted swiftly and successfully performed surgery to remove the object. Fortunately, the operation went smoothly, and the boy is now reported to be in stable condition. The incident has sparked conversations online about child safety and parental supervision, especially around small or valuable objects that can easily be mishandled by children. While

swallowing foreign objects is not uncommon among children, ingesting something as dense and potentially obstructive as a gold bar is highly unusual — and extremely risky.

Doctors have issued a public advisory urging parents to closely monitor their children at home, particularly when valuables or hazardous items are within reach. Children's natural curiosity can often lead them to put unfamiliar or shiny objects in their mouths, sometimes with dangerous consequences. This bizarre medical case serves as a reminder that even in seemingly safe environments like the home, accidents can happen. Vigilance, awareness, and prompt medical attention can make all the difference in such situations.

Long before humans emerged, Earth was ruled by colossal reptiles that dominated the land, oceans, and skies. These prehistoric giants thrived for millions of years during a time known as the Mesozoic Era — an age that still fascinates scientists due to the creatures' mysterious rise and extinction. The Mesozoic Era, often referred to as the "Age of Reptiles," spanned roughly 186 million years and is divided into three distinct periods: the Triassic (252–201 million years ago), the Jurassic (201–145 million years ago), and the Cretaceous (145–66 million years ago). Each period saw the evolution of incredible species that left a permanent mark on Earth's history.



In the Triassic period, early dinosaurs began to appear alongside marine reptiles and the ancestors of crocodiles. The Jurassic period witnessed a boom in dinosaur diversity, including famous giants like the Stegosaurus and Brachiosaurus. By the Cretaceous, iconic predators such as the Tyrannosaurus rex — the "Tyrant Lizard King" — ruled the terrestrial ecosystems. Not all fearsome reptiles were dinosaurs. The "Super Croc" — formally known as Sarcosuchus — was a monstrous crocodile-like reptile that lived around 112 million years ago. It grew up to 40 feet long and weighed as much as 8 tons, making it

one of the largest crocodylians to ever exist.

In the oceans, Plesiosaurs and Mosasaurs reigned supreme, while the skies were dominated by winged reptiles like Pterosaurs, some with wingspans rivaling that of small aircraft. Despite their dominance, these creatures vanished suddenly around 66 million years ago during the mass extinction event likely caused by a massive asteroid impact and volcanic activity. The extinction wiped out nearly all dinosaurs, paving the way for mammals — and eventually humans — to take over. Today, fossils and ongoing research continue to unravel the secrets of these ancient rulers, offering glimpses into an Earth that once belonged entirely to reptiles.

NIV Criticized for Withholding H5N1 Data

The National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, is once again under scrutiny for its persistent reluctance to share crucial genomic data before formal publication. This longstanding practice of prioritizing research papers over immediate public access to vital information has raised serious concerns, especially in the context of deadly infections. The latest case involves a two-year-old girl from Narasaraopeta in Palnadu district, Andhra Pradesh, who died from H5N1 infection on March 16, 2025. She was admitted to AIIMS-Mangalagiri on March 4. The Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL), under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), first identified the virus as Influenza A on March 7. On ICMR's recommendation, samples were sent to NIV for subtyping.



NIV confirmed the presence of the H5N1 strain, a highly pathogenic avian influenza virus. However, even as of April 20 — over three weeks after confirmation — NIV has not disclosed which clade of the virus was involved. This detail, which can

be determined quickly using genome sequencing and phylogenetic analysis, remains unavailable to public health officials and researchers. Experts argue that such delays can have sig-

nificant consequences for outbreak response and disease monitoring. Timely clade identification helps determine the virus's virulence, transmissibility, and whether it poses a risk of human-to-human transmission. Withholding this data stalls preparedness and surveillance.

The issue is not new. NIV has previously been criticized for similar practices, including during the case of an 11-year-old boy infected with H5N1 in 2021. The reluctance to promptly release genome sequences and analysis results hampers collaboration and undermines public health efforts. Meanwhile, H5N1 continues to spread in the animal population. As of February 20, 2025, the World Organisation for Animal Health reported 99 infected cats and 18 deaths. Experts and public health advocates are urging NIV and ICMR to adopt open-access policies and prioritize transparency, especially in the face of potentially dangerous viral outbreaks.

Do You Know OK's Full Form?

Viral Mystery Bowler Shocks Batsmen

We say "OK" countless times a day — to agree, to confirm, or just to acknowledge something. But have you ever stopped to wonder what it actually means, or where it comes from? Despite its universal usage, nearly 99% of people don't know the full form or the surprising history behind the word "OK."

So, what's the full form? The most widely accepted origin is "Oll Korrekt," a humorous misspelling of "All Correct." This quirky phrase dates back to the 19th century in the United States, where playful abbreviations and intentional misspellings became a trend in newspapers and casual writing.



The term gained further popularity during the 1840 U.S. presidential campaign of Martin Van Buren, whose nickname was "Old Kinderhook" (based on his hometown in New York). Supporters started using "OK" as a slogan — meaning both "Old Kinderhook" and "Oll Korrekt." The catchy term stuck, and it soon spread beyond politics into everyday language.

Yes
Fine
I understand
Approved
Agreement or Acknowledgement
It can be written in different ways — OK, O.K., Okay, or Okey — and still convey the same meaning. In everyday Telugu conversations, even those unfamiliar with English fluently use "OK." This blending of languages is common in modern spoken Telugu and many other regional Indian languages. So, next time you say "OK," you're actually using a word with over 180 years of history, political roots, and global recognition — all from a simple misspelling that made it big!

A young cricketer from Punjab has taken the internet by storm with his unique and confusing bowling style, leaving batters utterly baffled. During a local cricket tournament in Punjab, this young bowler's unorthodox action has become the talk of the town — and for good reason. In a video that is now going viral, the bowler is seen delivering the ball in such a way that it's nearly impossible to tell which hand he's using. His deceptive action has created confusion among batsmen, who are struggling to read the delivery and often end up getting bowled clean or dismissed cheaply. Within seconds, the ball reaches the stumps before the batter can react properly. This unique display of skill has made the bowler a social media



sensation. Cricket enthusiasts and fans are sharing the video widely, expressing amazement at how the bowler manages to maintain such precision while keeping his action so unpredictable. Some are calling it "magic bowling," while others are drawing comparisons with

legendary trick bowlers of the past.

The video surfaced at a time when the cricketing world is abuzz with action — from the intense IPL 2025 season in India to the ongoing Pakistan Super League (PSL). Despite big names showcasing their tal-

ents in international and league matches, this unknown youngster has managed to steal the spotlight with a single viral clip. Local tournaments and domestic matches continue to be breeding grounds for raw talent, and this latest video is proof that the next big thing in cricket might just be found in unexpected places. The mysterious bowler's talent has sparked interest among scouts and cricket lovers, who now eagerly await more footage — and possibly a shot at professional cricket. As cricket evolves with new formats and fresh talent, this bowler's creative flair is a reminder that innovation still has a place in the gentleman's game.

ChatGPT Saves Pregnant Woman's Life

In a remarkable turn of events, artificial intelligence has once again proven its life-saving potential. ChatGPT, OpenAI's AI-powered chatbot, has gone beyond knowledge sharing to help save the lives of a mother and her unborn child. Natallia Tarrien, a content creator, recently shared her experience on Instagram, recounting how a casual conversation with ChatGPT turned into a life-saving moment. At eight months pregnant, she was casually chatting with the AI bot when she asked it a health-related question — just for fun. But the response she received shocked her and prompted immediate medical attention.



ChatGPT's reply hinted at a serious health issue, which she initially hadn't considered alarming. However, after reading its suggestion and cross-verifying with additional information, Natallia realized that her symptoms could

point to a potentially dangerous condition. She consulted her doctor right away, and medical tests confirmed that she was indeed facing a serious complication that could have endangered both her and her baby. Thanks to the AI's quick, insightful response, she received timely treatment. Today, both mother and baby are safe — and she credits ChatGPT for playing a

crucial role in saving their lives.

With the rapid advancement of technology, people increasingly turn to tools like ChatGPT and Google for answers to their everyday questions. But this incident proves that, beyond convenience, AI can sometimes offer real-world impact — even in medical emergencies. ChatGPT is known for its ability to provide fast, accurate responses across fields like technology, science, arts, sports, history, and health. While it's not a replacement for professional medical advice, this incident shows how it can prompt critical awareness that leads to life-saving action.

The story of Natallia and her unborn child highlights the evolving role of AI in daily life — not just as a source of knowledge, but as a tool that, when used wisely, can genuinely make a difference.

Arjuna Babuta Wins Silver in 10m Air Rifle at ISSF World Cup

In a nail-biting finish at the ISSF World Cup, India's Arjuna Babuta claimed the silver medal in the men's 10m air rifle event, narrowly missing gold by just 0.1 point. Babuta, with a score of 252.3, lost to Sheng Lihao of China, the reigning Olympic champion, who shot 252.4 to win gold. Istvan Peni of Hungary secured bronze with a total score of 229.8. Babuta, who had finished fourth at the Paris Games last year, showed great composure throughout the final. He climbed to third after the 10th shot, then briefly led after the 14th shot. However, Sheng regained the lead with a series of high 10s, including a near-perfect 10.9 on his 16th shot. Rudranksh Patil, a former world champion, was disqualified for a technical infraction



and finished eighth. Hriday Hazarika missed the final, finishing 10th in qualification.

RCB Secure Dominant 7-Wicket Win Over PBKS in IPL 2025

Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) avenged their earlier loss to Punjab Kings (PBKS) with a commanding 7-wicket victory in the IPL 2025 clash at Mullanpur on Sunday. A brilliant partnership between Virat Kohli (73*) and Devdutt Padikkal (61) guided RCB to chase down 158 with ease, reaching 159/3 in 18.5 overs. RCB, with this win, secured their fifth of the season, placing them in third spot. PBKS had earlier posted 157/6, with spinners Krunal Pandya (2/25) and Suyash Sharma (2/26) leading the attack for RCB. Despite a strong start from PBKS openers, RCB's spinners tightened the game, leaving PBKS struggling. Marco Jansen and Shashank Singh added some resistance with a 41-run partnership, but RCB's chase was clinical. This victory sees RCB



solidifying their position in the top half of the points table.

Hardik Dahiya and Rudraksh Singh Shine in Asian U-15 & U-17 Boxing Championships



India's boxing campaign at the Asian U-15 & U-17 Championships began with a strong start on Day 1 in Amman, Jordan. Hardik Dahiya (43kg) secured an impressive 5-0 win over Kyrgyzstan's Kubanychbek Bolushov, while Rudraksh Singh (46kg) followed suit with a dominant 5-0 victory over Ibrakhim Maral of Mongolia. These victories mark a strong beginning for India at this inaugural event organized by Asian Boxing, endorsed by the Olympic Council of Asia and the new World Boxing. India has sent a 56-member youth squad comprising 30 U-15 and 26 U-17 pugilists, competing from April 17 to May 1. The strong performance on Day 1 highlights India's ambitions in the competition.

Diamond Harbour Win I-League 2 Title; Chanmari FC Promoted to I-League 2025-26

Diamond Harbour FC clinched the I-League 2 title with a 1-0 win over Chanmari FC on April 19, but it was Chanmari who secured promotion to the I-League 2025-26. Despite the loss, Chanmari were guaranteed a top-two finish after Sporting Clube de Goa dropped points in a 1-1 draw against FC Bengaluru United, allowing Chanmari to finish second. This marks a historic moment for Mizoram, with Chanmari FC joining Aizawl FC in the I-League for the first time ever. Chanmari have 30 points from 15 matches, while Diamond Harbour, with 37 points, will aim to finish unbeaten when they face Bengaluru United on April 26. The relegation battle remains tight, with TRAU FC and NEROCA FC fighting for survival, with KLASA FC already relegated.



Union Sports Minister Mandaviya Leads FIT India Sundays on Cycle Movement in Rajkot, Actor Rahul Bose Joins in Delhi

Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, led the nationwide FIT India Sundays on Cycle movement in Bhayavadar, Rajkot, on Sunday. He was joined by My Bharat volunteers from Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and the National Service Scheme (NSS) for an energizing cycling ride, with around 200 participants symbolizing a collective commitment to a fitter, active India. The cycling event took place simultaneously across India, including state capitals, SAI Regional Centres, National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs), and Khelo India Centres (KICs). In New Delhi, over 600 citizens gathered at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, engaging in fitness activities like Zumba and rope skipping before joining the cycling movement with actor and Rugby India president Rahul Bose. Bose praised the campaign for fostering community and promoting cardiovascular health through cycling.



Mumbai Indians Beat Chennai Super Kings by 9 Wickets in IPL Clash

Mumbai Indians (MI) clinched a commanding 9-wicket victory over Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in an exciting IPL match on Sunday. Despite a solid late flourish from Shivam Dube (50 off 32 balls) and Ravindra Jadeja (53* off 35 balls), CSK could only manage 176/5. The duo shared a 79-run partnership for the fourth

wicket, providing some much-needed stability after CSK's early struggles. MI chased down the target with ease, thanks to half-centuries from Rohit Sharma and Suryakumar Yadav. MI reached the target comfortably, finishing at 177/1. CSK made one change, bringing in Ayush

Mhatre for Rahul Tripathi. Mhatre contributed a quickfire 32 runs off 15 balls, but it wasn't enough to challenge MI. With this win, Mumbai strengthened their position in the tournament, while CSK remains at the bottom of the table.





Malavika Talks South's Navel Fascination

Actress Malavika Mohanan, known for her work across Malayalam, Tamil, and Hindi cinema, is set to debut in Telugu films soon. In a recent conversation, she opened up about a unique cultural aspect she noticed while working in South Indian cinema — an apparent obsession with navel show.

Having grown up in Mumbai, Malavika said the concept was unfamiliar to her until she began acting in South films. She found the focus on actresses' bodies, particularly their navels, quite surprising. "It was a completely new phenomenon — the way navels are obsessed over. You'd see images on social media with people zooming in on those areas," she revealed.

Her candid comment has sparked conversation about the objectification of women in cinema and the industry's portrayal of female beauty.

Katrina's 'VK' Mehendi Wins Hearts



Katrina Kaif recently made headlines with a heartfelt gesture for husband Vicky Kaushal at her best friend Karishma Kohli's wedding. The couple attended the Christian-themed celebration last month, but pictures have only now surfaced on social media — and fans can't get enough.

In the viral photos, Katrina was seen flaunting a sweet 'VK' mehendi design on her right arm, representing Vicky's initials. The subtle yet romantic tribute melted hearts and set major couple goals. Dressed in a pink off-shoulder flared gown adorned with a large flower, Katrina looked radiant, completing her look with soft, nude-toned makeup. Vicky Kaushal complemented her perfectly in a black three-piece formal suit, and the duo posed happily together. Fans flooded the internet with love for their chemistry and Katrina's adorable show of affection.

Samantha Visits Tirupati With Raj Nidimoru



Samantha Ruth Prabhu was recently spotted at the Tirupati Balaji Temple, offering prayers ahead of the release of Subham, her debut film as a producer, slated to hit theatres on May 9. Dressed in a traditional light pink salwar kameez, Samantha looked serene and graceful during the spiritual outing. What drew even more attention, however, was the presence of director Raj Nidimoru, sparking fresh buzz around ongoing dating rumours between the two. Raj previously worked with Samantha as co-director on the spy thriller series Citadel: Honey Bunny.

While neither has addressed the speculation, their temple visit together has set social media abuzz. Fans are now curious whether this is just a friendly collaboration or something more. Meanwhile, Samantha remains focused on promoting Subham, a project close to her heart.

Suriya-Venky Atluri Film Set for Action

Tamil star Suriya, who enjoys a strong fan base in Telugu states, is finally set to headline a direct Telugu film. Directed by Venky Atluri, the much-anticipated project is being produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi under the Sithara Entertainments banner with a massive budget.

The film's opening action sequence will be shot on a specially constructed set, which is currently in the works. Filming is scheduled to begin in June with two weeks of intense action scenes choreographed by renowned stunt master Peter Hein. Interestingly, despite the high-octane sequences, the film is said to be a love story.

While Bhagyashree Borse was initially considered for the female lead, the latest buzz suggests that Krithi Shetty may have been replaced by Kayadu Lohar. Music is being composed by GV Prakash.



Trisha Says She Doesn't Believe in Marriage



Trisha Krishnan, who is currently in the spotlight for her role in Mani Ratnam's upcoming film Thug Life, recently addressed ongoing dating rumours with Thalapathy Vijay and shared her personal take on marriage. At a press meet alongside co-stars Kamal Haasan and Silambarasan TR, Trisha made it clear she isn't swayed by societal expectations.

When asked about her wedding plans, the actress said, "I don't believe in marriage. It's okay if it happens, okay if it doesn't too," sparking fresh conversations online.

Kamal Haasan also chimed in with his thoughts, recalling a moment when he was questioned about marrying twice. He humorously responded to MP Brittas' comment about religious ideals and family background, challenging the notion that personal choices must align with tradition. The event highlighted the stars' progressive takes on relationships and identity.