

Weather Forecast

HYDERABAD

H 33° C

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Identify All Pakistanis In India, Send Them Back

Amit Shah To Chief Ministers

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

In a significant move following the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, India's Home Ministry has directed all state governments to identify and deport all Pakistani nationals residing in their jurisdictions. Sources confirmed that Home Minister Amit Shah had personally communicated this directive to all Chief Ministers across the country. The directive comes in the wake of India's diplomatic response to the terror attack, which claimed the lives of several individuals in Pahalgam. The Indian government has canceled all visas issued to Pakistani nationals, effective from April 27, except for medical visas, which will be valid for only 48 more hours. Additionally, India has suspended the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), a crucial agreement between India and Pakistan governing the distribution of water from the Indus River and its tributaries. This suspension is part of India's broader diplomatic counter-offensive following the attack.



India has also presented evidence to foreign diplomats, including those from the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy, France, Germany, Russia, and China, proving Pakistan's involvement in the attack's planning and execution. This series of steps reflects India's firm stance on addressing security concerns and protecting national interests in the aftermath of the terrorist attack.

Telangana DGP Warns Pakistanis to Leave India by April 27



Over 200 Pakistanis in Hyderabad
DGP orders them to leave India
Visas to be revoked after April 27
Medical visa deadline: April 29
Strict legal action if they stay

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Acting on directions from Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Telangana DGP Jitender has issued a stern warning to Pakistani nationals currently residing in the state. With intelligence reports indicating that over 200 Pakistanis are staying in Hyderabad alone, the police have declared a high alert across the region. In a strong statement, DGP Jitender ordered all Pakistani nationals in Telangana to leave India by April 27, warning that their visas

would be canceled after the deadline. Those on medical visas have been granted a short extension until April 29. He made it clear that no Pakistani national would be allowed to stay beyond these dates under any circumstances. The DGP also warned that if any Pakistanis are found staying illegally, they would be tracked down and strict legal action would follow. "We will comb every corner and take them out," he said,

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CM Revanth Reddy Leads Candlelight March, Backs Centre's Action Against Terror

- Revanth condemns Pahalgam terror attack
- Telangana stands with the grieving nation
- Bipartisan support for national security
- Urges unity against inhuman violence



TPN,Correspondent |Hyderabad

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy strongly condemned the brutal Pahalgam terror attack that killed innocent tourists, stating that such acts are direct assaults on humanity. In a symbolic gesture of unity and national grief, he led a candlelight march in Hyderabad from People's Plaza to Indira Gandhi statue at Necklace Road on Friday evening. Joining him were Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, TPCC President Mahesh Goud, Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi, several cabinet ministers, and politi-

cal leaders across parties. The leaders paid solemn tributes to the victims and expressed solidarity with their families. Addressing the gathering, CM Revanth said, "Attacking tourists is an attack on the soul of humanity. Terrorism must be eradicated, and this is a time for all of us to stand united beyond politics. Telangana fully supports every step the Central Government takes to protect national security." He emphasized that in times of crisis,

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Historic Bharat Summit Positions Telangana as Global Investment Hub

- 350+ delegates from 100 countries attended.
- Discussions centered on peace, justice, and sustainability.
- Telangana showcased its development initiatives.
- Bhatti Vikramarka emphasized investment opportunities.
- Salman Khurshid praised the summit's success.



TPN,Correspondent | Hyderabad

Hyderabad hosted the inaugural Bharat Summit, marking a significant milestone in India's diplomatic and economic landscape. Organized by the Indian National Congress under the leadership of AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, the summit attracted over 350 delegates from 100 countries. Themed around "Peace, Non-Violence, and Social Justice," it featured eight panels discussing topics such as feminist futures, disinformation, and youth politics. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikra-

marka highlighted the summit's role in showcasing Telangana's development initiatives, including the Clean & Green New Energy Policy, the Regional Ring Road, and the Indira Giri Water Development Project. He emphasized that the summit not only demonstrated the state's progress but also positioned it as a prime destination for global investments. Bhatti urged international representatives to consider investing in Telangana, noting that the state's growth trajectory aligns with global sustainability goals. Former Union Minister Salman Khurshid lauded the summit as a historic success, praising Telangana's

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Maoists Urge Halt to Massive Anti-Naxal Operation in Border Forests

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

A sensational letter released by Maoists has called on the Central and State governments to immediately halt the large-scale anti-Maoist combining operations underway in the dense forests along the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border. The letter, issued by Bastar in-charge Rupesh, also appealed for the initiation of peace talks. Security forces from Telangana, Chhattisgarh, and Maharashtra have launched a massive operation targeting Maoist Battalion No. 1, believed to be operating in the forest regions of Karregatta, Nadpalli, and Pujari Kanker. Intelligence suggests that top leaders of the Maoist Central Committee and key commanders are currently stationed in these areas. The central government has labeled the operation as one of the largest anti-Naxal actions in history. Reports indicate that nearly 10,000 highly trained commandos are advancing towards the suspected Maoist strongholds with an aim to dismantle their presence completely. While security forces press on, the Maoists' letter marks a significant development, urging for dialogue over continued conflict. With operations intensifying, the situation in the tri-state forest region remains tense and closely monitored.



Phone Tapping Case: Prabhakar Rao Seeks Anticipatory Bail, Hearing Postponed to April 29

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In a key development in the controversial phone tapping case, former senior government official Prabhakar Rao has filed a petition in the High Court seeking anticipatory bail. His counsel, senior advocate C. Niranjan Reddy, argued on his behalf, stating that Prabhakar Rao is currently in the United States and is willing to return to Hyderabad immediately if bail is granted. The lawyer informed the court that Prabhakar Rao, aged 65, has over 30 years of government service in various capacities and has received several accolades for his



dedicated service. He is also reportedly battling cancer, adding to the appeal for bail on humanitarian grounds. Drawing a parallel, the

counsel noted that the Supreme Court had already granted anticipatory bail to co-accused Shravan Rao in the same case. He further claimed that the phone tapping case is politically motivated and denied allegations that Prabhakar Rao had destroyed any evidence. However, opposing the plea, public prosecutor Siddharth Luthra strongly argued that age or illness cannot be grounds to evade investigation. He asserted that there is strong evidence against Prabhakar Rao and claimed that hard disks

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KTR Alleges CM Revanth Tapping Ministers' Phones, Warns Congress Leaders

- Revanth tapping ministers' phones: KTR
- Congress-BJP collusion in Telangana politics
- No full farm loan waiver yet
- Congress fooled people with fake promises
- BRS leader ready to resign if proven

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In a sensational political twist, BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has accused



Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of phone tapping his own ministers.

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KTR Slams Kaleshwaram Dam Report: Calls It a Political Move by NDA

- KTR questions NDSA report's intent
- Claims report politically motivated by NDA
- Says inspections not done properly
- Alleges bias against BRS government
- Congress using it as political weapon



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has launched a scathing attack on the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA), rejecting its final report on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. Speaking in a recent TV interview, KTR stated the report should be seen not as an “NDSA report” but as an “NDA report,” alleging that it was prepared with political motives by leaders of the BJP and Congress. The NDSA report pointed out serious flaws in the design, construction, and maintenance of the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages, even recommending the complete removal of Block 7 of

Medigadda. KTR, however, argued that the report was released without proper inspections or testing at the site. He cited examples from other states—like the Morbi bridge collapse in Gujarat and frequent bridge failures in Bihar—where NDSA did not respond with similar urgency. He criticized the timing of the report's release—just two days before BRS's foundation day—as a deliberate political strategy to tarnish the party's image. KTR also accused the central government of using national institutions to pursue a political agenda. With the Congress preparing to use the findings to corner KCR and the BRS further, political heat over Kaleshwaram is set to intensify in Telangana.

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emphasizing that surveillance has already begun on Pakistani nationals in Hyderabad. Earlier, the Union Home Ministry had directed all states to identify and expel Pakistani nationals

within 48 hours. Amit Shah personally instructed chief ministers to initiate swift action. The Attari-Wagah border will remain open until April 30 to facilitate their exit.

CM Revanth Reddy Leads Candlelight March, Backs Centre's Action Against Terror

political divisions must dissolve in favor of a unified national response. The march was also seen as a message of peace and a call for zero tolerance toward terrorism. Citizens from across the city joined the rally to express their

anger, sorrow, and unwavering spirit. The event follows a nationwide outpouring of grief and protest in the wake of the Pahalgam attack, with the Centre signaling strong retaliation.

Historic Bharat Summit Positions Telangana as Global Investment Hub

development efforts and the potential for increased foreign investments. He emphasized that such international engagements would create employment opportunities for the youth and strengthen In-

dia's global standing. The Bharat Summit has set a precedent for future international dialogues, reinforcing India's commitment to peace, justice, and sustainable development.

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destroyed and dumped in water were recovered by the investigation team. Luthra urged the court not to grant anticipatory bail.

With the hearing still underway, the High Court adjourned the matter to April 29 for further proceedings.

KTR Alleges CM Revanth Tapping Ministers' Phones, Warns Congress Leaders

Speaking to a media outlet on Friday, KTR warned Congress ministers to remain vigilant, claiming that Revanth is constantly afraid of internal threats to his position and hence resorting to surveillance. He further alleged a secret understanding between the Congress and BJP, stating that BJP leaders are supporting Revanth in blaming the BRS for various issues. KTR criticized the Congress government for indulging in conspiratorial politics and misleading the public on key promises. KTR reiterated his challenge to the Congress—if they prove that

full farm loan waivers have been implemented in any village, he is ready to resign. He stated that no village in Telangana has seen 100% loan waiver as promised by the Congress before the elections. Lashing out at the Congress leadership, he said that ministers are busy planning how to loot the state while the CM is preoccupied with impressing Delhi bosses. He added that the people now realize they were fooled by false promises like Kalyana Lakshmi gold, Dalit Bandhu grants, and Indiramma housing funds, and are eagerly awaiting a return of KCR.

CM Revanth, Owaisi Join Peace Rally Condemning Pahalgam Terror Attack

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In a rare show of political unity, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi participated in a peace rally organized by the Telangana Congress in Hyderabad. The rally was held at People's Plaza to protest the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. Starting from People's Plaza, the rally proceeded to the Indira Gandhi statue at Tank Bund. Several ministers, Congress leaders, and AIMIM party workers joined the event, expressing solidarity with the victims of the attack. The All India Congress Committee (AICC) had earlier convened a high-level meeting in Delhi, following which it issued a call for peace rallies across the country. The decision included organizing candlelight marches and peaceful gatherings in every state and division to condemn terrorism and express national unity.



Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the Telangana rally was part of AICC's broader initiative. He added that CM Revanth Reddy personally took the lead in organizing the event to send a strong message of peace and support to the victims' families.

Simultaneously, a candlelight protest was held at the AICC headquarters in Delhi, with key leaders like Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi in attendance, highlighting the party's nationwide response to the attack.

Cabinet Expansion in Telangana: Confusion Continues as Aspirants Wait

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Even after more than four months since the Congress government was formed in Telangana, the long-awaited cabinet expansion remains uncertain, causing restlessness among party ranks and hopeful leaders. Despite earlier reports suggesting that the expansion was finalized and the swearing-in ceremony scheduled, the high command halted the process at the last moment, reigniting internal tensions. Adding to the speculation, TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud made significant comments today. Speaking to a news channel on the sidelines of the ongoing Bharath Summit in Hyderabad, he stated that the formation of the PCC committee is likely in May and that cabinet expansion discussions are still in progress. Goud explained that the matter is under the purview of the AICC and the Chief Minister and emphasized that multiple equations — including caste balance and regional representation — are being carefully considered. He acknowledged that while there are



six vacant cabinet posts, the number of aspirants is far higher, making the process more complex. He also reiterated his hope that the expansion would be conducted in line with caste representation. Meanwhile, political circles are abuzz with questions about whether the expansion will happen anytime soon. Some leaders from various districts have openly demanded cabinet

berths, while others have approached the high command directly. The recent meeting between Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy and AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan has only fueled further speculation. Caught between ambitious leaders and an indecisive high command, the cabinet expansion in Telangana remains a political suspense story with no clear resolution in sight.

Minister Uttam Says One Thing, Does Another: Harish Rao Slams Congress Govt on Paddy Procurement



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BRS senior leader and former minister T. Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on the Telangana Congress government, accusing it of betraying farmers and mishandling paddy procurement. During a visit to a procurement centre at Palamakula in Nangunur mandal, Siddipet district, Harish Rao said the Congress regime had become a burden to farmers, not a support. He alleged that despite Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy claiming farmers would be paid within 48 hours, payments were still pending even after a week. Rao also criticized the lack of procurement centres in Khammam, Nalgonda, and Suryapet districts, forcing farmers to sell paddy to middlemen for ₹2,000–₹2,100 per quintal, instead of the MSP of ₹2,320. He pointed out that last year, the government promised to procure 1.53 lakh metric tonnes but bought only 52,000 metric tonnes — barely a third. The remaining two-thirds were sold at throwaway prices, he said. Rao further slammed the Congress for failing to implement full farm loan waivers and cutting back on Rythu Bandhu aid. With recent unseasonal rains damaging crops in over 3-4 lakh acres, Harish Rao demanded ₹20,000 per acre as compensation. He also highlighted operational inefficiencies, such as poor-quality gunnies and deductions of 2 kg per quintal during weighing. Calling the Congress regime a “farmer's nightmare”, Harish Rao urged immediate intervention to address the crisis.

MIM Clinches Hyderabad MLC Seat: Mirza Riaz ul Hasan Registers Big Win



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The All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) secured a significant victory in the Hyderabad Local Authorities MLC election. Party candidate Mirza Riaz ul Hasan Effendi won with 63 votes, defeating BJP's Dr. N. Gautam Rao, who secured just 25 votes, by a clear margin of 38 votes. The vote counting took place at the GHMC headquarters, beginning at 8 a.m. on the morning following the April 23rd polling. Of the 112 eligible voters, 88 exercised their franchise, resulting in a 78.57% voter turnout, as confirmed by Returning Officer Anurag Jayanthi. Interestingly, Congress and BRS chose not to field candidates in this contest. While Congress representatives participated in the polling, 24 BRS corporators abstained, following party working president K.T. Rama Rao's directive. Mirza Riaz ul Hasan's victory reinforces MIM's stronghold in the Hyderabad region, with the party once again proving its grassroots influence. The result also sparked political reactions, with BJP alleging covert support from Congress to MIM, hinting at a broader political understanding.

Jeevan Reddy Urges CM to Hike NREGS Wages and Provide Summer Allowance

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Senior Congress leader and former minister T. Jeevan Reddy has written a letter to Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, urging him to immediately address the concerns of NREGS workers suffering under intense summer conditions. He appealed for an increase in the daily wage to ₹400, and demanded the state provide special summer allowance in light of rising temperatures. In his letter, Jeevan Reddy expressed disappointment that neither the central nor the state governments have taken any decision regarding summer compensation, which traditionally includes 25% allowance in March and 30% for April and May. He highlighted that Telangana currently pays only ₹307 per day under the scheme, up from ₹300 last year, a mere ₹7 increase, which he called inadequate. Reddy also pointed out that



states like Haryana and Punjab are already paying ₹400 daily wages, setting a precedent Telangana should follow. With NREGS workers struggling to survive on minimal wages without any seasonal relief, he urged the CM to take prompt steps to ensure fair compensation and improve living conditions for rural laborers.

MIM Clinches MLC Seat in Hyderabad; BJP's Gautam Rao Alleges Congress-MIM Nexus

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The Hyderabad Local Authorities MLC seat has been secured by MIM candidate Mirza Riaz ul Hasan Effendi, who won with 63 votes, defeating BJP's Dr. N. Gautam Rao, who managed 25 votes—a clear margin of 38 votes. The voting and counting were conducted at the GHMC headquarters. Following the result, Gautam Rao made sensational remarks, alleging a deep political understanding between the ruling Congress and MIM. He claimed that the Congress had fully supported MIM, acting precisely as per their directives. He further accused Congress, BRS, and MIM of being secretly aligned while pretending to be separate entities to mislead the public. Rao also slammed BRS working president KTR, accusing him of preventing corporators from voting, and demanded immediate action from the Election Commission. He went a step further, urging the de-recognition of the BRS party,

citing unethical practices during the election. This MLC victory reinforces MIM's influence in Hyderabad, while also intensifying political tensions between opposition parties ahead of upcoming polls.



BJP Leader Kasam Venkateswarlu Criticizes MIM, Congress, and BRS Alliance

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BJP State General Secretary Kasam Venkateswarlu has strongly criticized the alliance between the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), Congress, and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), labeling it an "unholy alliance." He accused MIM of obstructing Hyderabad's development, citing instances where the party opposed metro expansion in the Old City. Venkateswarlu also questioned the rationale behind Congress and BRS's support for MIM, suggesting that their collaboration undermines democratic values. He called on both parties to clarify their positions and be transparent with the public. Furthermore, he demanded that the Election Commission take action against BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao for allegedly preventing corporators from casting their votes during elections, which he believes undermines democratic processes. Venkateswarlu emphasized the need for accountability and transparency in governance, urging the public to be aware of the political dynamics at play.



Mallu Ravi Stresses Digital Literacy at Bharat Summit 2025

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At the prestigious Bharat Summit 2025, held at HICC in Hyderabad, Congress MP Mallu Ravi took center stage during the panel discussion on "Fact vs Fiction." Highlighting the growing threat of misinformation, he emphasized that false narratives are fueling unrest in society, and stressed the importance of digital literacy as a right. Mallu Ravi proposed the formation of "Truth Committees" at the village level, aiming to empower youth to act as fact-checkers in their communities. Under the slogan "Sach Batao - Desh Ko Bachao" (Tell the Truth - Save the Nation), he announced a nationwide movement to combat disinformation. He also called on people to pause and verify before sharing information, and vowed to support responsible journalism. Independent journalism, he said, should never be attacked but instead strengthened and protected. Earlier, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka opened the session, describing the Bharat Summit as a historic initiative rooted in Congress's core values. He noted that global delegates discussed social justice, peace, and development, making the summit a landmark for Telangana's position on the global stage.



Kaleshwaram Is Not BRS Property: Minister Uttam Fires Back at Opposition

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Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy lashed out at the BRS party, declaring that the Kaleshwaram Project is not a private estate of BRS. Addressing the media on Friday, the minister stated that public funds and lives are involved, and any misuse will not be tolerated. Referring to the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) report, he said it has clearly exposed BRS's faults in the project's construction. He criticized the BRS government for projecting the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages as achievements despite them being



functionally useless. He slammed the former administration for incurring ₹1 lakh crore in debt at high interest rates, pushing the state into financial distress, and accused BRS lead-

ers of misleading the people even now. Uttam assured that the cabinet would review the NDSA report, conduct a comprehensive study, and take action. He alleged that the project was not built for farmers but for personal enrichment by previous rulers. He stressed that those responsible would face legal consequences and that no one would be spared. He also demanded that BRS leaders apologize to Telangana farmers, stating that despite dysfunctional barrages, the state saw a record grain output—a result of farmer resilience, not flawed infrastructure.

Minister Tummala Warns of Stern Action Based on Vigilance Report

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Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao expressed serious displeasure over the irregularities in cotton procurement at various centers across Telangana. Responding to media reports on Friday, he instructed the Agriculture and Marketing Department officials to take immediate action. He revealed that vigilance inquiries are underway in all market yards, and assured strict action based on the final reports. Tummala directed the Agriculture Secretary and Marketing Director to expedite the probe and submit the report at the earliest.

He also instructed the Marketing Director to seek explanations from all district marketing officers and market secretaries, emphasizing that no malpractice harming farmers would be tolerated by the government. 162 Market Committees Get New Panels The minister announced that 162 out of 197 market committees in the state have been given new governing bodies. He highlighted that 2,268 nominated posts have been filled in record time since the formation of the state—calling it an unprecedented move. These panels are expected to curb



corruption, ensure fair minimum support price (MSP), and provide essential facilities to farmers. Tummala blamed the previous government for neglecting market committees, which

led to farmer losses. He added that CM Revanth Reddy has been briefed and that remaining ATMA and nominated posts will also be filled soon.

"Terrorists Must Fear Before We Talk Nation": Thalasani's Bold Remarks

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In a fiery press meet at Telangana Bhavan, former minister and BRS MLA Thalasani Srinivas Yadav strongly condemned the recent Pahal-gam terror attack, urging the central government to respond with serious and strict action. He declared that "If we are to think about the country, we must make terrorists tremble first." Thalasani emphasized BRS's roots, stating it was born for Telangana's self-rule, highlighting KCR's leadership during the second phase of the Telangana movement that began in 2001. He credited KCR's indefinite hunger strike as a turning point that compelled the Centre's declara-



tion on statehood. Praising BRS governance, he cited achievements like the Ambedkar statue, new Secretariat, and martyrs' memorial, all built under KCR's leadership. Thalasan i also announced a grand BRS public meeting involving over 50,000 participants from Greater Hyderabad, hinting at major political shifts post the event. He concluded by stating that BRS membership drives and committee appointments would follow soon, aiming to revitalize the party base.

BRS Should Hang Their Heads in Shame: Uttam Kumar Reddy Slams Kaleswaram Failures

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Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy came down heavily on BRS leaders, stating they should be ashamed over the Kaleswaram Project's structural failures, as highlighted in the final National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) report submitted to the Telangana government. Addressing the media in Hyderabad, Uttam criticized the design, construction, and collapse of key components of the project—done entirely during BRS rule. He accused the previous government of using poor-quality material and pushing the project forward without proper planning, putting nearly ₹1 lakh crore of public funds at risk.

He slammed the BRS for building Kaleswaram not to serve farmers, but to fill their own pockets. Despite the non-functional status of major structures like Medigadda and Sundilla, Telangana achieved record crop yields, which he said highlights the resilience of farmers, not the success of the project. Calling the BRS governance a betrayal of public trust, he demanded the party apologize to Telangana's farmers and pledged that the Cabinet would soon take action based on the NDSA report.



High Alert in Hyderabad

Muslims Protest Pahalgam
Terror Attack with Black Ribbons

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Following intelligence alerts in the wake of the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, the Hyderabad police have declared a high alert across the city. The Central Intelligence Agency's advisory prompted security reinforcements, especially in sensitive zones like Charminar and Mecca Masjid.

In a symbolic protest against the attack, AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi called upon the Muslim community to offer prayers wearing black ribbons as a sign of mourning and condemnation. On Thursday, Owaisi visited a mosque in Shastripuram where he personally distributed black ribbons to worshippers. He then led a group to Mecca Masjid, where special prayers were offered while donning the ribbons.

Following the prayers, a rally was conducted, raising slogans against Pakistan, denouncing its alleged involvement in the terror attack. The police, anticipating large gatherings, deployed heavy security around major religious and public locations to ensure peace and order.

Speaking to the media, Owaisi supported the Indian government's stern response to the Pahalgam attack and urged for stricter measures to prevent such incidents in the future. He emphasized the need for unity against terrorism and reiterated his stand with the nation during such times of crisis.



Balanagar SI Ram Narayana
Suspended Over Corruption Charges

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Balanagar Police Station Sub-Inspector Ram Narayana has been suspended following serious allegations of corruption, confirmed Cyberabad Commissioner Avinash Mohanty.

According to sources, five different cases are under scrutiny where SI Ram Narayana is accused of corrupt practices. In one particular case involving a woman, he allegedly influenced the investigation in favor of three individuals, raising concerns of partiality and misconduct.

The suspension comes as part of Cyberabad Police's commitment to maintaining integrity and transparency within the department.



Judson University Spot
Admissions Begin in Hyd



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Judson University from the United States has announced spot admissions for the 2025 academic year. Dr. Nikki Fennern, Executive Vice President of the university, shared the details at a session held at Career Wings Consultants in Chaitanyapuri, Hyderabad.

She stated that Career Edu Group, a top player in international education consulting, is offering an excellent opportunity for students aiming to study in the U.S. This initiative is in collaboration with Judson University, and a special spot admission event will be held on April 26 at Himayatnagar.

Students interested in STEM-focused Master's and Doctoral programs can secure spot admissions with no application fee or I-20 deposit. Admission confirmation will be provided within 24 hours, and the I-20 document will be issued within three days. Scholarships up to \$9,200, including the CC President's Scholarship, are also being offered.

Programs available include MS in Computer Science, Master of Business Informatics, and a Doctorate in Computer Science. Students who graduate from Judson University will have the benefit of direct campus placement opportunities.

Dr. Fennern encouraged students to meet university representatives directly to clarify any doubts. For further details, interested candidates can contact 9052000710 or 7995866681.

The event also saw participation from International USA Counselor Navya, Director Irfan Ahmad, and Marketing Manager Abdul Salaam. They urged students to make the most of this valuable chance to pursue higher education in the U.S.

Hyderabad Police Honours Narcotics Enforcement
Teams for Cracking 36 Major Drug Cases

Dedication, professionalism, and teamwork applauded
Cash prizes and certificates awarded
Top officers lauded enforcement success

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In a proud moment for city policing, Sri. CV Anand, IPS, Director General & Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City, felicitated the Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (HNEW) for their exemplary efforts in tackling the narcotics menace.

At a special ceremony held at the Police Commissioner's Office, Basheer Bagh, certificates of appreciation and cash prizes were presented to Sri. GS Daniel Shanti Kumar, Inspector of HNEW Team-I, Sri. K. Srinivas, Inspector of HNEW Team-II, and their combined team of 80 personnel. These officers were honoured for successfully solving 36 cases under

the NDPS Act, including the arrest of three major drug kingpins within the Hyderabad Police Commissionerate limits.

Commissioner Anand praised the teams' dedication, skillful investigative techniques, and their commitment to operating within the bounds of law, highlighting their vital role in maintaining public safety. "The successful resolution of these 36 important drug cases, especially those involving key drug peddlers, stands as a testament to the professionalism of our HNEW personnel," stated Anand.

Senior officials Sri. YVS. Sudheendra, DCP Task Force, and Sri. Ande Srinivasa Rao, Addi-

Three drug kingpins arrested in crackdown
HNEW praised for skillful investigations



tional DCP Task Force, were also present, adding to the celebration of one of the city's finest law enforcement achievements.

Bajrang Sena Telangana Condemns Pahalgam
Terror Attack, Demands Stern Action



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The Bajrang Sena Telangana on Thursday strongly condemned the Pahalgam terrorist attack, in

which innocent tourists were reportedly targeted based on their religion. In a symbolic gesture of protest and solidarity with the

victims, Bajrang Sena leaders submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, through Hyderabad District Collector Sri Anudeep Durishetty.

Led by State President Shri N.R. Laxman Rao and General Secretary Thakur Vikasingh, the letter expressed outrage at the brutal nature of the attack and the increasing boldness of such terror outfits. The Bajrang Sena urged the Central Government to take swift and uncompromising action against those responsible.

Later in the evening, the organization conducted a silent protest at Veer Savarkar Statue, Kachiguda X Roads, where they

burned photos of the terrorists as a symbolic act of defiance. This protest aimed to send a clear message against terrorism and show unwavering support for national integrity.

The protest saw participation from Srinivas Gupta (Vice President), Jairaj Yadav (TDP Senior Leader), Gulab Srinu, Praveen Yadav, Naresh, Sujeet, and several others.

The Bajrang Sena reiterated its commitment to national security and demanded the government take decisive steps to prevent such barbaric acts in the future.

Rohingyas Pose Threat to National Security:
BJP's Stern Warning in Balapur

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has raised a serious alarm regarding the rising presence of Rohingya migrants in Balapur Mandal, warning that their illegal settlement is fast becoming a threat to national security.

According to BJP leaders, Rohingyas are misusing refugee status, creating fake Aadhaar and voter cards, and blending in with local citizens. More concerning, reports suggest that religious camps and suspicious madrasas are emerging around their settlements—raising grave national and internal security concerns.



In response, BJP leaders submitted a representation to Balapur Police, urging immediate action. Speaking on the issue, Badangpet Municipal BJP President Ral-

lagudam Ramakrishna Reddy stated: "India is known for its compassion towards refugees. But if the refuge itself turns into a threat,

we must act to protect our nation and culture. Immediate control is essential."

The party is demanding:

- Surveys in suspected localities
- Cancellation of fake documents
- Intelligence surveillance on religious establishments
- Deportation of illegal immigrants

Senior leaders including Cherukupalli Venkata Reddy, Poreddy Srinivas Reddy, Navar Srinivas Reddy, and many others participated in the protest and pledged continued vigilance.

The BJP vowed to escalate the issue further if swift action is not taken.

Illicit Liquor Mixing Racket Busted in Hyderabad Bar

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In a major breakthrough, the Prohibition and Excise Enforcement team caught individuals red-handed while adulterating liquor at a bar in Hyderabad. The incident came to light on Friday in Ayyappa Society under the Lingampally Prohibition & Excise Station limits.

The bar in question, Troops Bar, had not renewed its license nor paid the renewal fee. Acting on suspicion, AES Jeevan Kiran, along with Excise officials, raided the premises. They caught Sathyanarayana from Kukatpally and Punit Patnaik in the act of mixing low-cost liquor into high-priced bottles.

During the operation, the team seized:

- 75 adulterated liquor bottles
- 55 empty bottles
- Alcohol worth ₹1.48 lakh

The suspects were caught pouring ₹1000-worth Oaksmith liquor into sealed bottles of ₹2690-worth Jameson, thereby



deceiving customers and making illegal profits.

Investigations revealed that the bar had been buying liquor from other outlets and replacing high-priced alcohol with low-quality substitutes for profit.

Cases have been registered against the bar owner Uday

Kumar Reddy, manager V. Sathyanarayana Reddy, and employee Punit Patnaik. They have been handed over to Lingampally Excise Station.

The operation team included AES Jeevan Kiran, Enforcement CI Subhash Chandra Rao, SI Venkateshwarulu, officers Akh-

il, Sudhakar, Kishan, Srinivas, Sudeep Reddy, Pentareddy, and Durga Shyam Prasad.

Excise Enforcement Director V.B. Kamalasan Reddy, Deputy Commissioner P. Dasharath, and Assistant Commissioner R. Kishan appreciated the team for cracking the case efficiently.

Agori Exposed

Eye-Witness Reveals Shocking Details of Fake Tantrik

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In a startling revelation, Hari Mudiraj, an eye-witness from Maharajpet village, exposed the truth behind a man known as “Agori” alias Srinivas, who was recently arrested by Mokila police in a case involving extortion and death threats. Agori, who claimed to be a spiritual practitioner, allegedly demanded ₹9 lakhs from a victim, promising to perform deadly rituals. Police arrested Srinivas and during investigation, brought in Hari Mudiraj as a key witness. Hari revealed that the so-called Agori was not a woman, as he appeared, but a man named Srinivas. He disclosed that Srinivas wore artificial hair, which he once removed in front of him. Far from being a vegetarian ascetic, Agori was a non-vegetarian and consumed alcohol, Hari claimed. Further investigation indicated that Srinivas had cleverly siphoned funds, transferring money to third-party accounts to avoid suspicion. In one disturbing instance, he allegedly misled a female film producer, promising success in her career, and took her to Ujjain for nude rituals under the guise of spiritual healing. Hari stated that many were duped by Srinivas, who posed as a powerful tantric. The accused has been remanded to custody, and police are continuing their probe into his past activities. This case highlights the danger of spiritual frauds, and officials urge the public to remain cautious.



Minister Seethakka Unveils Book on Gram Panchayat Governance at Telangana Secretariat

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Telangana Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Minister Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka officially released the book titled “Gram Panchayati Governance”, authored by retired Railway officer K.V. Rao, during a ceremony held at her chamber in the Telangana Secretariat on Friday. The book comprehensively covers a range of topics including the history of Panchayati Raj in India, the Telangana Panchayati Raj Act, village assemblies, election processes for Sarpanch and Deputy Sarpanch, their qualifications, duties, and funding mechanisms, tax collection, fund utilization, Gram Panchayat Tribunal, and Village Progress Planning. Minister Seethakka praised the author for compiling such an informative and practical guide, stating that the book will significantly help in raising awareness about rural governance. She emphasized the importance of such literature especially as the country celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Indian Constitution and Telangana prepares for upcoming local body elections. “This book comes at a crucial



time and will be highly beneficial for public representatives, officials, and citizens to better understand the structure and functioning of local governance,” the Minister added.

Union Minister Kishan Reddy Mourns the Demise of Former ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Kasturirangan

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Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy expressed deep sorrow over the demise of renowned scientist and former ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Kasturirangan. Taking to social media, the Minister extended his condolences and paid glowing tributes to the late scientist's immense contributions to India's space and education sectors. Kishan Reddy noted that Dr. Kasturirangan was not only a pivotal figure in Indian space research but also played a key role in reshaping India's educa-



tion system. He highlighted that under

Dr. Kasturirangan's leadership, the committee responsible for drafting the National Education Policy (NEP-2020) laid strong foundations for a future-ready India, deeply rooted in Indian values and culture. Calling his services “ever memorable,” the Minister stated that Dr. Kasturirangan's work in both space science and education reform will continue to inspire generations. He concluded his message with prayers for the departed soul, writing “Om Shanti.”

Massive Fire Accident in Miryalaguda; Property Loss Estimated at ₹10 Lakh

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A major fire accident occurred in Miryalaguda town of erstwhile Nalgonda district, resulting in significant property damage. The blaze broke out in a tyre showroom, reportedly due to an electric short circuit, causing thick smoke to engulf the area and triggering panic among nearby shop owners and residents. According to preliminary reports, tyres worth nearly ₹10 lakh were destroyed in the fire. Firefighters rushed to the scene and worked tirelessly to bring the flames under control and prevent further spread. No casualties have been reported, but the financial damage is estimated to be substantial. Local police have registered a case and launched an investigation to determine the exact cause of the fire. Authorities have urged business owners to ensure all safety protocols and electrical systems are regularly checked to avoid such incidents in the future.



BRS Youth March from Siddipet to Elkhathurthy Ahead of Party's Rajotsava Sabha

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Ahead of the grand Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Rajotsava Sabha scheduled to be held in Elkhathurthy on April 27, thousands of party youth and activists have embarked on a massive padayatra (foot march) from Siddipet under the leadership of MLA and former minister T. Harish Rao. The march was officially flagged off on Friday morning, with Harish Rao waving the iconic pink BRS flag to launch the enthusiastic procession. The youth wings and student wings of the party are leading the march, which is expected to culminate at the Sabha venue in two days. Preparations for the Rajotsava celebrations are reportedly complete, and the BRS expects a massive turnout of over 1 million people. The march is being seen as a symbolic show of unity, strength, and dedication of the party cadre ahead of the significant gathering. Harish Rao conveyed his best wishes to the participants and lauded their commitment to the party's values and its historic journey.



Tribal Women Protest in Nagarkurnool Over Severe Drinking Water Shortage



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Scorching summer heat and lack of access to clean drinking water have left residents of tribal hamlets in distress. In a striking demonstration of their plight, tribal women from the

Agrahara Thanda in Charkonda Mandal hit the streets with empty pots, demanding immediate government action. The women raised slogans and expressed anguish over the non-availability of Mission Bhagiratha water, which they say has not reached their hamlet for weeks. They alleged that repeated complaints to local officials have gone unheard, leaving them to travel long distances in search of water. “This never happened during the KCR government. Now we are reminded of the hardships from the past,” said one pro-

testing woman, recalling earlier water crises under previous regimes. The demonstrators urged the state government and concerned authorities to respond swiftly and restore water supply to their village, warning that the situation could worsen if not addressed immediately. The protest highlights the widening rural water crisis in tribal regions during peak summer and calls attention to gaps in the implementation of critical water supply schemes like Mission Bhagiratha.



CM Revanth Reddy Moves High Court to Quash BJP Case

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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has approached the High Court seeking relief from a case filed against him by the BJP during the ongoing 2024 Lok Sabha election campaign. The case, currently under trial in the Nampally Special Court for public representatives, was filed

by BJP state general secretary Kasam Venkateswarlu. The FIR stems from comments made by Revanth Reddy during a public rally titled Jana Jathara, held in Kothagudem on May 5. In the rally, Revanth reportedly played a fake video claiming that the BJP, if elected to power in Telangana, would abolish

SC and ST reservations. The BJP termed this an attempt to mislead voters and incite social unrest. In response, Revanth Reddy filed a quash petition in the High Court, seeking dismissal of the case. In his plea, he also requested exemption from appearing before the lower court until the

High Court delivers its judgment. On Friday, the High Court bench took up the matter for preliminary hearing and adjourned the case to June 12 for further proceedings. The outcome could have implications for the ongoing political battle between the Congress and BJP in Telangana.

Pahalgam Attack: Pakistan’s Desperation and the Vance Factor in Shifting US-India Ties



The recent terror attack in Pahalgam, which claimed the lives of 26 innocent civilians, occurred during US Vice President J.D. Vance’s visit to India — a coincidence too pointed to ignore. While the visit was largely private, its broader implications reinforce the deepening strategic partnership between India and the United States. Vance’s interactions in India, both public and private, emphasized how this evolving relationship is driven by top-down diplomacy and grass-

roots engagement alike.

At the same time, the timing of the Pahalgam attack signals Pakistan’s desperation to remain relevant in the global narrative, especially with respect to Kashmir. The assault was likely a message to Washington that Kashmir is still a contentious issue, even as the world, including the US, moves on. Since India’s abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, Pakistan’s protests have been largely ignored. The Biden ad-

ministration, like its predecessors, focused on strengthening US-India ties in response to the changing global power structure and Pakistan’s increasing alignment with China.

The Trump administration, now in its second term, is continuing to reduce America’s global footprint, prioritizing domestic investments and strategic partnerships, particularly in the Indo-Pacific. Trump’s past suggestion to mediate the Kashmir dispute

was swiftly rejected by New Delhi, and since then, Pakistan has mostly disappeared from the US-India conversation.

In February 2025, a joint statement during Prime Minister Modi’s visit to Washington urged Pakistan to take “decisive action” against terror groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad and to bring the 26/11 and Pathankot attackers to justice. Pakistan’s response — dismissing the statement as “misleading and one-sided” — only highlighted its diplomatic isolation.

Pakistan today finds itself adrift — plagued by economic collapse, domestic unrest, and waning international support. Even China is scaling back its investments. With fewer cards to play, Pakistan appears to be reverting to old tactics: using terror as a tool to force global attention.

But this time, the world, and particularly the US, is less receptive. As Vance noted, a strong India-US partnership could define the 21st century. Pakistan’s continued miscalculations may only deepen its global irrelevance.

China's Real Problem Is At Home

China's Multifaceted Response to U.S. Tariffs: Strategic Retaliation or Risky Gamble?



In response to the United States’ escalating tariff measures under former President Trump, China has launched a series of calculated retaliatory moves, aiming to assert pressure across multiple fronts. The Chinese National Film Administration’s decision to “moderately reduce” American film imports is just one of the more symbolic steps, part of a broader strategy to counter the April 2 tariff hikes.

China’s retaliation unfolds across four key dimensions: tariff escalation, export restrictions, pressure on American companies, and international diplomacy. Initially, China responded with targeted tariff increases on U.S. agricultural and energy imports. Following Trump’s April tariffs, China raised its own tariffs on American goods, reaching up to 125%—while still keeping them marginally below U.S. levels, signalling a willingness to negotiate.

However, given that U.S. exports to China are significantly less than Chinese exports to the U.S., similar tariff levels have a disproportionate impact on Chinese producers. Recognising this, China diversified its response beyond trade.

One major move was tightening export controls on rare-earth metals like gallium and germanium, crucial for electronics and defense. While these materials are essential, they’re used in small quantities, and the U.S. has stockpiles to cushion short-term disruptions. Long-term, China’s weaponisation of rare-earths may incentivise global supply diversification, eroding its dominance.

A more impactful tactic has been targeting U.S. companies operating in China. Firms were blacklisted, export restrictions were imposed, and investigations launched—hitting sectors from aerospace to agriculture. While these measures hurt U.S. interests, they also risk undermining China’s appeal to foreign investors, accelerating the “China+1” diversification trend.

Internationally, China has positioned itself as a defender of free trade and WTO norms, engaging with countries like the EU and ASEAN members. Yet, global support has been limited, with many wary of China’s own trade practices.

Ultimately, while China’s multi-pronged strategy demonstrates flexibility, it also reveals economic vulnerabilities—especially its weak domestic consumption. With the U.S. having greater economic endurance, China’s ability to sustain this confrontation is uncertain. Unless Beijing pivots to boost domestic demand, these trade tensions are likely to persist, regardless of political changes in Washington.

Global Pandemic Treaty Marks a Turning Point in International Health Cooperation

After nearly four years of negotiations, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) in Geneva has finalized a global pandemic treaty that is poised for adoption by the World Health Assembly. This landmark agreement aims to bolster the world’s ability to prevent, prepare for, and respond to future pandemics. The treaty is being hailed as a historic milestone in global health governance, especially in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis that exposed deep flaws in international health systems and cooperation.

Although the United States withdrew from the negotiations on the day President Trump took office—thereby weakening the overall power of the agreement—all other World Health Organization



(WHO) member states are expected to sign the treaty. Despite the absence of the U.S., the rest of the global community considers the treaty a significant achievement, shaped by hard-earned lessons from the pandemic.

The push for a pandemic treaty began during the height of

COVID-19 and led to the establishment of the INB in December 2021. Negotiations were marked by intense debates, particularly around the sharing of scientific data and the equitable distribution of medical resources. Developed nations advocated for immediate access to critical scientific information, while countries in the Global South insisted that such access be tied to fair and timely distribution of vaccines, diagnostics, and medicines. This demand stemmed from their experiences during the pandemic, where they often found themselves at the back of the line for essential supplies.

The final draft of the treaty reflects compromises from both sides. It includes a “pathogen access and benefit-sharing”

system, allowing pharmaceutical companies access to genomic sequences and pathogen samples in exchange for a commitment to allocate at least 20% of vaccines, drugs, and diagnostics to the WHO during pandemics. It also stresses the rapid and timely sharing of scientific data and improved protection for healthcare workers.

The treaty adopts a holistic approach to global health, emphasizing stronger national health systems, coordinated funding mechanisms, and enhanced global supply chains. It also calls for steps to minimize the risk of diseases transferring from animals to humans. With this agreement, the world takes a critical step toward preventing future global health emergencies.

Scrolling Through the Past: Hyderabad, history and the problem with fame seeking Insta reels

We’ve all been there—doom-scrolling endlessly on Instagram, often without realizing how our feeds are being shaped by what we like and watch. If you’re like me—a history nerd with a soft spot for both obscure facts and crassly funny Hyderabad reels—your algorithm probably reflects that wild mix. But every now and then, a reel pops up that makes you pause—not because it’s brilliant, but because it’s loud, superficial, or worse, misinformed.

One of the first “historical” reels I came across was about Abids, a well-known area in Hyderabad. It claimed the locality was named after the Jewish valet of the sixth Nizam, Mahbub Ali Pasha. While not entirely off-mark, the way it was presented missed the richness of the narrative. The bigger issue here is how some content creators, often driven by likes and views, reduce complex histories to quick, flashy sound bites, sometimes at the cost of accuracy.

I usually don’t care about what people post. Everyone has the right to create. But when it comes to history—especially the histo-

ry of Hyderabad—we have a responsibility to get it right. History isn’t just about facts; it’s about context. And if you’re going to present it with a point of view, that’s fine—just make sure it’s informed.

Take, for instance, the never-ending debate around the legend of Bhagmati, said to be the lover of Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah, Hyderabad’s founder. Countless reels have been made on this, and yet, the truth remains elusive. Some argue she existed, others say she didn’t. But honestly, does it change the essence of Hyderabad?

What matters more is the cultural synthesis the city represents. The Qutb Shahi rulers embraced Telugu culture and built a shared legacy with the Hindu population. That’s what we should highlight.

I’d love to see more young creators dive into history with care—dig deeper, verify facts, and craft content that informs, not misleads. Hyderabad’s layered past deserves better than surface-level storytelling. And trust me, doing that extra bit of research? It’s worth it.





India to Block Indus Water Flow

In a bold declaration amid rising tensions with Pakistan, Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil on Friday said India is determined to stop the flow of Indus River water into Pakistan. The announcement came after a high-level strategy meeting chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi.

Speaking to reporters, Paatil stated, “We are working on a strategy to ensure that not a single drop of water flows from India into Pakistan. This is a strong and clear message that India will not tolerate terrorism in any form.”

The meeting, convened to follow up on directives issued by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, focused on India’s response to the recent Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people, mostly tourists. Paatil emphasized that the government is taking the issue seriously and intends to act decisively.

Home Minister Shah reportedly made several key suggestions during the meeting to ensure swift and effective implementation of the Prime Minister’s instructions, particularly in sectors related to national security and water management. The move to block Indus River waters marks a significant escalation in India’s stance, as it directly challenges the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960, which governs water sharing between the two nations. The treaty, brokered by the World Bank, has survived several conflicts, but recent events have led India to reconsider its commitments.

On Thursday, India had already announced the revocation of all visas issued to Pakistani nationals and urged Indian citizens living in Pakistan to return. These actions reflect a comprehensive diplomatic and strategic pushback following the attack claimed by The Resistance Front, a proxy group linked to the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror outfit.

India’s plan to stop the flow of water into Pakistan is expected to involve diversion projects and dam infrastructure already under construction in Jammu and Kashmir. Experts believe this could drastically alter regional dynamics and further strain Indo-Pak relations.

While Pakistan has labeled such actions as an “act of war,” India maintains its stance is rooted in national security concerns and a firm resolve to combat terrorism.

Rahul Gandhi Urges Unity After Attack

Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, expressed deep sorrow over the recent terror attack in Jammu & Kashmir’s Pahalgam, calling it a deliberate attempt to divide the nation. Speaking to reporters on Friday during his visit to the Indian Army hospital in Srinagar, where the injured were being treated, Gandhi urged citizens across the country to stay united in the face of terrorism.

“It’s been a terrible tragedy. I came here to understand what’s happening and to offer help. The people of Jammu & Kashmir have unequivocally condemned this horrific act and are standing in solidarity with the nation,” Gandhi said. He also extended his condolences to the families who lost their loved ones and praised the resilience of the survivors he met. Gandhi emphasized the need for collective resolve against terror,



noting that the attack aimed to incite division and fear. “The terrorists want to divide us. It’s crucial that every Indian stands together to defeat what they’re trying to do,” the Rae Bareilly MP stated.

However, Gandhi voiced concern over reports of harassment

and threats faced by Kashmiri students and citizens across India in the aftermath of the attack. “It is heartbreaking to see some people targeting my brothers and sisters from Kashmir. We must not let hate dictate our actions. Unity is our greatest strength,” he added.

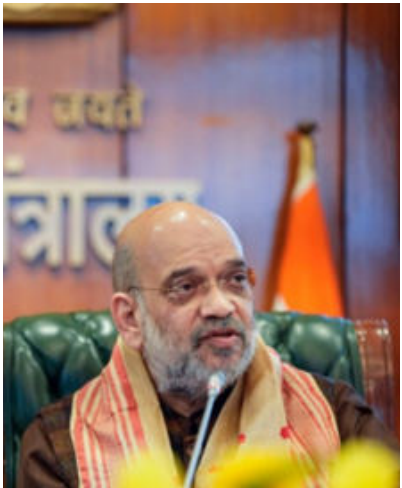
The Congress leader met Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who briefed him on the situation. Gandhi assured them of full support from both himself and his party.

The terror attack, which occurred on Tuesday in Baisaran, often referred to as ‘mini Switzerland,’ claimed the lives of 26 tourists, including one Nepali national. The Resistance Front, a proxy of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba, claimed responsibility.

In response, India downgraded diplomatic ties with Pakistan, suspended the Indus Waters Treaty, and revoked visas for Pakistani nationals. Pakistan, in retaliation, closed its airspace to Indian aircraft and warned that any diversion of water under the treaty would be considered an “act of war.”

Amit Shah Orders Deportation of Pakistanis

In a significant development following the deadly Pahalgam terror attack, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday instructed all state chief ministers to identify and deport Pakistani nationals residing in India beyond the designated deadline.



Nepali tourist. The Home Ministry also advised Indian citizens currently in Pakistan to return home at the earliest in light of the rapidly escalating tensions between the two nations.

“The Home Minister has made it

clear that no Pakistani national should remain in the country beyond April 27,” a senior official said. “State governments are being instructed to identify Pakistani nationals residing within their jurisdictions and initiate necessary steps for their deportation.”

The Home Ministry’s directive comes amid heightened national security concerns and diplomatic fallout with Islamabad. The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy group of the banned Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), has claimed responsibility for the gruesome Pahalgam attack, which has since drawn nationwide condemnation.

matic ties with Pakistan, suspending the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960, and revoking visas of all Pakistani nationals currently in India. The Ministry of Home Affairs is reportedly working with state intelligence units and immigration departments to compile data on all Pakistani citizens residing in the country—legally or otherwise. Security agencies have been placed on high alert to ensure full compliance with the deportation deadline. As tensions continue to rise, the government’s message is clear: any Pakistani citizen who remains in India past the April 27 cutoff will be subject to deportation proceedings in coordination with law enforcement and immigration authorities.



President Murmu to Attend Pope’s Funeral

President Droupadi Murmu, accompanied by Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, departed for Vatican City on Friday to attend the state funeral of His Holiness Pope Francis. Representing the Government and people of India, the delegation aims to offer condolences and pay respects to the late Pope during the two-day official visit.

Alongside President Murmu and Mr. Rijiju, the Indian delegation includes Minister of State George Kurian and Goa’s Deputy Speaker Joshua Peter De Souza. Announcing the visit on social media platform X, Rijiju wrote, “Leaving for Rome (Vatican City) with Hon’ble President Smt Droupadi Murmu Ji to attend the State Funeral of His Holiness Pope Francis and offer condolences on behalf of the Govt and people of India.”

Pope Francis, the first Latin American head of the Roman Catholic Church, passed away on April 21 at the age of 88. He died at his residence in the Vatican’s Casa Santa Marta. Ascending to the papacy on March 13, 2013, Pope Francis was widely admired for his humility, compassion,

and reformist vision. His tenure followed the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, President Murmu will lay a wreath in tribute at the Basilica of Saint Peter on April 25. The following day, she will join global dignitaries at the funeral Mass in Saint Peter’s Square, where world leaders will bid farewell to one of the most influential spiritual figures of the 21st century.

In a statement, the MEA highlighted Pope Francis’s global legacy: “His Holiness Pope Francis will be remembered as a beacon of compassion, humility, and spiritual courage by millions across the world.”

In honour of his passing, India has declared a day of state mourning on April 26. The national flag will be flown at half-mast across all buildings where it is regularly hoisted, and there will be no official entertainment that day. The Ministry of Home Affairs had previously declared a three-day mourning period on April 22, 23, and 26.

BJP’s Raja Iqbal Becomes Delhi Mayor

In a significant political win, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) regained control of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on Friday as Raja Iqbal Singh was elected the new mayor. The victory comes two years after the party lost the coveted civic body post.

Singh defeated Congress candidate Mandeep Singh in a direct contest, with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) notably boycotting the election. The absence of AAP, which holds considerable strength in the MCD, cleared the path for a smooth BJP victory.

Raja Iqbal Singh, a seasoned politician, previously served as Mayor of North Delhi Municipal Corporation and was also the Leader of the Opposition in the unified MCD. After his win, he was seen flashing the victory sign alongside fellow BJP councillors at the Civic Center in New Delhi.

The BJP’s return to the mayoral post was marked by loud celebrations, with party members raising slogans like “Bharat Mata Ki Jai” following the election result.

The Congress, which has seen a sharp decline in its municipal strength over the years, could not pose a significant challenge despite con-

testing the election. The AAP’s decision to boycott the polls stemmed from internal dissent and procedural disagreements, according to party sources.

With Singh taking the helm, the BJP hopes to streamline municipal governance and regain ground lost in Delhi’s recent civic and assembly elections. The party leadership has emphasized cleanliness, infrastructure improvement, and corruption-free governance as key focus areas under Singh’s mayorship.

This win also carries symbolic weight for the BJP, signaling its resilience in Delhi’s shifting political landscape. The mayoral post not only influences civic administration in the capital but also serves as a key indicator of grassroots political trends.

Meanwhile, AAP has criticized the electoral process and termed the boycott a protest against “undemocratic” practices, although it hasn’t ruled out participating in future municipal proceedings.

Raja Iqbal Singh is expected to assume office immediately and begin consultations on key issues affecting the capital’s urban management.





'Doing Dirty Work For US, West.': Pak Minister Admits Funding Terrorism

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In a startling revelation, Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif admitted that Islamabad had done the "dirty work" for the United States and Western powers, including the UK, over the past three decades. The comment came during an interview with Sky News, where he was directly questioned about Pakistan's history of supporting and funding terror groups.

When asked if Pakistan had a long-standing role in backing terrorist organizations, Asif responded, "We have been doing this dirty work for the US for the past three decades, including the West and the United Kingdom." He quickly added that it was a "mistake" and one that Pakistan "suffered" from. Asif noted that if Pakistan had not supported the West during the Soviet-Afghan War and the post-9/11 US-led war against the Taliban, the country's track record would have been "unimpeachable."

His comments come in the wake of the horrific terror attack in Pahalgam's Baisaran Valley, where 26 innocent civilians were killed. The massacre has once again brought international attention to Pakistan's role in harbouring and supporting terror outfits operating in the region.

Pakistan's involvement in the Soviet-Afghan war of the 1980s saw the country becoming a key player for the West, particularly the United States, due to its strategic location and porous border with Afghanistan. Pakistan provided training and shelter to armed militants fighting Soviet forces. This eventually led to the rise of the Taliban and other extremist factions. After 9/11, Pakistan again played a pivotal role, supporting the U.S.-led invasion to topple the Taliban regime that had sheltered al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

Now, Pakistan is once again under scrutiny for its alleged links to the recent Pahalgam terror attack. The Resistance Front (TRF), believed to be an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) led by 26/11 mastermind Hafiz Saeed, has claimed responsibility. According to Indian intelligence sources, the attack was orchestrated by a group of foreign and local terrorists, with logistical support from overground workers.

The same group is suspected to be behind earlier attacks in Sonamarg, Boota Pathri, and Ganderbal, revealing an alarming trend of rising cross-border terrorism.

Donald Trump Signs Order To Expand US Deep-Sea Mining For Rare Earth Minerals

- The move could generate \$300 billion and 100,000 jobs over a decade.
- The policy aims to reduce reliance on China and form mineral alliances with U.S. partners.
- Experts warn of irreversible harm to deep-sea ecosystems.

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President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Thursday aimed at accelerating U.S. efforts in deep-sea mining for rare earth minerals in both domestic and international waters. The move is designed to bolster America's access to critical minerals used in defense, clean energy, and advanced manufacturing, but it has drawn sharp criticism from environmental groups and international regulators.

According to White House officials, the policy could unlock more than a billion metric tons of mineral-rich deep-sea nodules, potentially injecting \$300 billion into the U.S. economy over the next decade and creating up to 100,000 jobs. These nodules, found at depths of 13,000 to 20,000 feet, contain valuable elements such as manganese, cobalt, nickel, copper,



and iron — key to the production of batteries and renewable energy technologies.

The executive order directs the Secretary of Commerce to expedite the approval process for exploration and commercial recovery licenses in areas beyond national jurisdiction within 60 days. It also emphasizes forming strategic partnerships with allies to counter China's dominant role in seabed mineral ex-

traction.

Despite its economic ambitions, the order has sparked alarm among conservationists and scientists. Emily Jeffers, a senior attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity, called the decision "an environmental disaster in the making," warning that mining one of Earth's least understood ecosystems could lead to irreversible ecological damage. Currently, deep-sea mining

is regulated by the International Seabed Authority (ISA), a UN-affiliated body responsible for creating a global framework for mineral extraction on the ocean floor. However, the U.S. is not a signatory to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and does not participate in the ISA.

Some U.S. companies, like Impossible Metals, are already moving forward with plans to mine within U.S. territories such as the waters around American Samoa — effectively bypassing ISA jurisdiction. Meanwhile, Canadian firm The Metals Company recently surprised observers by stepping back from pushing ISA regulations and instead seeking approval through U.S. channels.

As the global race for critical minerals heats up, Trump's move signals a bold shift in U.S. resource strategy — but one that could come at a high environmental cost.

Apple Eyes Full iPhone Assembly Shift to India Amid Growing Trade Tensions

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Apple is reportedly planning to relocate the entire assembly of iPhones destined for the U.S. market to India as early as next year, marking a major shift in the tech giant's global manufacturing strategy. The move comes as Apple continues to diversify its supply chain and reduce its long-standing dependence on China, according to a report by the Financial Times.

The decision, however, hinges on two key factors: India's ability to quickly scale up its supply chain infrastructure and the



evolving nature of trade talks between the U.S. and China. Ongoing pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump to decouple from China, due to persistent trade tensions, has accelerated Apple's plans to explore alternative manufacturing bases.

In anticipation of this shift, Apple's contract manufacturers in India have already begun ramp-

ing up production. Foxconn's facility in Bengaluru is set to become operational this month and, at full capacity, could produce up to 20 million iPhones annually. Tamil Nadu-based Foxconn currently contributes close to 50% of Apple's overseas shipments from India.

Over the past year, iPhone production in India has reached record levels, with devices worth \$22 billion assembled locally. Exports from Foxconn's Indian plant have surged more than 40% compared to the previous financial year, underscoring the growing significance of India in Apple's global supply chain.

India now accounts for nearly 20% of Apple's total iPhone output worldwide, reflecting a sharp rise in both manufacturing activity and local market performance. In the first quarter of 2025 alone, over 3 million iPhones were shipped within India—a record figure that signals the brand's growing footprint in the country.

This growth has been fueled by consumer-friendly financing options such as no-cost EMIs, cashback offers, and online discounts, making premium Apple devices more accessible to Indian buyers.

China Mulls Tariff Exemptions on U.S. Goods Amid Trade War Pressures

In a significant shift, China is considering exempting select U.S. imports from its steep 125% retaliatory tariffs, signaling growing anxiety in Beijing over the economic strain of its trade conflict with Washington. This move marks one of the clearest signs yet that Chinese leadership is feeling the domestic fallout of the ongoing trade war.

According to sources, China's Ministry of Commerce has formed a task force to compile a list of goods that may be eligible for tariff relief. Businesses have been asked to submit their own recommendations for exemptions. Financial publication Caijing reported that eight semiconductor-related items are under review for potential exemption—though not memory chips.

A list of 131 product categories, including vaccines, chemicals, and jet engines, has been circulating on Chinese social media and among business and trade groups. While Reuters was unable to independently verify the list, the development underscores the pressure on Chinese authorities to ease trade tensions. Both China's customs department and the Ministry of Commerce have not responded to requests for comment.

The move toward exemptions reflects Beijing's acknowledgment of the economic turbulence resulting from tit-for-tat tariffs between the world's two largest economies. The policy shift comes as China's economy grapples with tepid consumer demand, weak spending, and growing deflationary risks in the wake of the pandemic.

Although Beijing has maintained a tough



stance, insisting it is prepared to fight to the end unless U.S. tariffs are lifted, the reality on the ground tells a different story. The government has urged affected exporters to redirect efforts toward domestic markets, but companies report weaker demand, reduced profitability, and unreliable customers at home.

China's willingness to carve out tariff exemptions mirrors a similar approach taken by Washington, which has already allowed some electronic imports to bypass tariffs. While these exemptions offer short-term relief to Chinese businesses, they also indirectly benefit the U.S. economy and ease pressure on the Biden administration.

Ultimately, the proposed tariff exemptions represent a dual strategy: alleviating domestic economic stress while cautiously keeping the door open for potential de-escalation in the U.S.-China trade war.

"With You As You Hunt Down...": US Spy Chief To PM Modi On Kashmir Attack

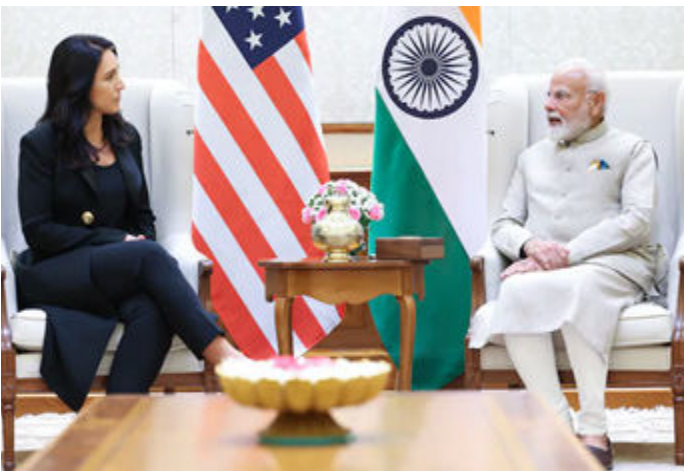
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In the aftermath of the brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, that claimed 26 innocent lives, including a foreign national, global condemnation has poured in, with strong support for India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The attack, carried out by terrorists reportedly asking victims to prove their allegiance to Islam, has sparked outrage across India and the international community.

U.S. Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard wrote directly to Prime Minister Modi, expressing deep sorrow over the "horrific Islamist terrorist attack that killed Hindus" and assuring America's full support. "We are with you and support you as you hunt down those responsible for this heinous act," Gabbard said in her letter.

The terror group 'The Resistance Front,' a proxy for the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba, claimed responsibility for the attack. Investigations have traced connections to Pakistan and its illegally occupied territories, reinforcing concerns about Pakistan's continued role in cross-border terrorism. The Indian government, in a high-level security review chaired by PM Modi, confirmed these cross-border links and emphasized that the attack followed successful elections and visible developmental progress in the region.

India has responded diplomatically and firmly. PM Modi vowed to pursue the attackers and their supporters "to the ends of the world" and punish them "beyond their imagination." Fearing Indian retaliation, Pakistan has reportedly heightened military readiness, restricted its air-



space, and initiated continuous aerial surveillance along the border.

Support for India has come from across the globe. U.S. President Donald Trump affirmed that "America stands strong with India," while Russian President Vladimir Putin called for the perpetrators to be brought to justice and pledged deeper cooperation in counterterrorism. Israeli PM Netanyahu, French President Macron, and Italy's Giorgia Meloni echoed similar sentiments.

Notably, the Islamic world also condemned the attack. Countries such as Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Iran, and Jordan expressed their solidarity with India. PM Modi was in Saudi Arabia meeting Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman when the attack occurred, symbolizing India's expanding diplomatic ties in the region.

From Asia to Europe and beyond, leaders have sent condolences and expressed unwavering support to India, as the world unites in condemning this horrific act of terror.

Markets Slide Amid Geopolitical Tensions, But Weekly Gains Intact; IT Stocks Shine, Media & Realty Lag

Domestic stock markets witnessed a roller coaster ride today. They ended with heavy losses on Friday. The deteriorating relations between India and Pakistan and the tense situation on the borders led to negative sentiment. As a result, the benchmark indices fell to their daily lows after moderate losses. After noon, buying in heavyweights increased, which compensated for half of the losses. Media and realty sectors were hit. Overall, the Nifty lost 207 points and the Sensex lost 588 points. However, the markets gained for the second consecutive week.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 79,801 in the previous session, opened at 79,830 on Friday. It touched an intraday low of 78,605. It reached an intraday high of 80,130. It ended at 79,212, down 588 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,289, touched a low of 23,847 and a high of 24,365. It closed down 207 points at 24,039. The Nifty Bank fell 537 points to settle at 54,664.

In the Nifty50, 9 companies gained and 41 lost. SBI Life, Tech Mahindra, TCS, Infosys, UltraTech were the top gainers. Shriram Finance, Adani Enterprises, Trent, Eternal, Axis Bank were the top losers. Today, the benchmark as well as the micro, small and mid-cap indices were mixed. Media, realty, healthcare, finance, pharma, PSU bank, metal, consumer durables, auto, oil, FMCG indices rose.



Market breadth on NSE today completely shifted in favor of sellers. Out of a total of 2947 stocks traded, 455 gained and 2428 lost. 25 stocks touched their 52-week highs and 19 stocks touched their 52-week lows. 53 stocks reached the upper circuit and 146 stocks reached the lower circuit.

In Q3 of FY25, DCB Bank's net profit increased by 13.7% to Rs. 177 crore from Rs. 155 crore. In Q4, RBL Bank's net profit fell by 80% to Rs. 68 crore from Rs. 352 crore. The rupee weakened by 17 paise to settle at 85.44 against the dollar. Jefferies has maintained its buy rating on SBI Life with a target price of Rs 2000. Nomura has given

a buy rating to Tech Mahindra with a target price of Rs 1630. It has also maintained it on SBI Life. Shriram Finance's net profit is Rs 2139 crore. SBFC Finance, Ugro Capital and Vakrangi will release their results on Saturday. Cholamandalam Investment's net profit increased by 18.2% to Rs 1259 crore from Rs 1065 crore. Bank of Maharashtra's net profit rose to Rs 1493 crore from Rs 1218 crore. It is learnt that the Centre is planning to allow 49% stake in nuclear power plants to foreigners. Hindustan Zinc's Q4 net profit rose 47% to Rs 3003 crore from Rs 2038 crore. Atul's net profit rose to Rs 130 crore from Rs 59 crore.

India's Passenger Vehicle Industry Eyes 5 Million Units Amid Slower Growth



India's passenger vehicle (PV) industry is on track to surpass 5 million units in combined domestic and export sales in the current fiscal year, according to a report by Crisil Ratings. This marks a historic fourth consecutive year of record-breaking volumes, even as overall growth slows to a modest 2-4%, following a sharp 25% surge in FY23 post-pandemic.

The growth trajectory is being driven primarily by utility vehicles (UVs), which are expected to expand by 10% this fiscal year. New model launches, declining interest rates, increasing adoption of compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles, and rural market tailwinds are fueling this momentum. UVs now contribute 68-70% of total PV volumes, highlighting a strong structural shift toward premiumisation in the Indian automotive market.

"While overall PV growth will be moderate, UVs are set to continue their strong run, supported by a rich pipeline of new launches," said Anuj Sethi, Senior Director at Crisil Ratings. He also noted that improving rural sentiment—driven by an expected above-normal monsoon and falling interest rates—will boost demand for entry-level vehicles.

OEMs (original equipment man-

ufacturers) are well-positioned to manage this growth, thanks to healthy cash flows and significant cash reserves. The report estimates PV sector capex will remain high at ₹30,000 crore this fiscal. These investments are focused on increasing capacity, advancing electric vehicle (EV) capabilities, deepening localisation, and enabling digital transformation. Still, the financial burden is manageable, with capex-to-Ebitda ratios holding steady at 0.5x.

CNG vehicles continue to gain traction due to their lower running costs and expanding infrastructure, now supported by over 7,000 fuelling stations. CNG's share of PV sales could touch 15% this year.

On the export front, while the domestic market made up 85% of volumes last year, OEMs are increasingly targeting alternative markets like Mexico, South Africa, the Gulf region, and East Asia. However, geopolitical tensions may pose risks.

The entry of global premium EV brands, including Tesla, is expected to heat up competition, particularly in the premium segment, which currently accounts for under 10% of the market. High tariffs, however, may continue to restrict EV imports in the near term.

India Imposes 12% Safeguard Duty to Curb Surging Steel Imports

India has imposed a 12% provisional safeguard duty on select steel imports for a period of 200 days, aiming to control the rising influx of finished steel products from major exporting countries like China, South Korea, and Japan. The move, effective from April 21, 2025, comes as the country witnesses a sharp increase in steel imports, reaching a nine-year high in FY2025.



According to a government source directly involved in the matter, the temporary tariff is expected to significantly reduce steel shipments from the three key exporting nations. "South Korea, China, and Japan are the main sources of steel imports. With the new duty in place, we expect volumes from these countries to come down," the source told Reuters, speaking on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the issue.

India is currently the world's second-largest producer of crude steel, but despite robust domestic production, imports of finished steel have risen for a second consecutive year. The surge has raised concerns among domestic steelmakers, prompting the government to take protective measures to support local industry.

The new safeguard duty is designed to offer temporary relief to Indian steel producers, who have been grappling with growing

competition from cheaper imported steel. The tariff will be reviewed after the 200-day period based on the import trends and domestic market conditions.

South Korean steelmakers, including major players like Pohang Iron and Steel Company (POSCO) and Hyundai Steel, are reportedly opposing the new duty. Both companies are among the largest exporters of steel to India, but have not yet issued official responses to the development.

Trade experts also suggest that the safeguard duty could alter global trade flows, especially in the wake of recent U.S. tariff measures. There is a possibility that steel initially destined for the U.S. could be diverted to markets like India, leading to further challenges in managing the domestic market balance.

While the safeguard duty is seen as a short-term measure, it underscores the government's intent to protect local industry amid shifting global trade dynamics and rising protectionism.

Gold Prices Swing in April Amid Global Developments; Rates in Delhi and Major Cities

Gold, traditionally viewed as a reliable safe-haven asset, has seen significant price volatility through April, leaving investors and buyers uncertain about their next move. Prices of the precious metal have surged and dropped sharply in recent weeks, driven by a combination of global economic developments and shifting investor sentiment.

A key factor influencing gold's movement has been the evolving geopolitical and financial landscape. The recent announcement by U.S. President Donald Trump to retain Jerome Powell as the Federal Reserve Chairman has brought a degree of monetary policy stability. Additionally, the easing of trade tensions between the U.S. and China has helped calm market nerves, leading to fluctuating demand for gold, often considered a hedge during times of uncertainty.

As of today, gold prices in India reflect these fluctuations. In Delhi, 24-karat gold is priced at ₹9,834 per gram, while 22-karat gold is available at ₹9,020 per gram. For buyers interested in lighter and more affordable options, 18-karat gold is priced at ₹7,380 per gram in the capital.

These price points are being closely watched by both investors and jewellers, particularly with the wedding and festive season approaching—periods that traditionally witness heightened demand for gold. The domestic market is also responding to



international cues, including changes in the U.S. dollar value, interest rate expectations, and global gold reserve movements by central banks.

Gold prices across other major Indian cities are also reflecting similar trends, with minor regional variations influenced by local demand, taxes, and logistics. Experts suggest that unless there is a major economic disruption or a sharp rise in inflation, gold prices may continue to remain volatile but within a broad range.

For now, both investors and retail buyers are trading cautiously. While some see the current dips as an opportunity to accumulate, others prefer to wait for more stability before making large purchases. Either way, gold remains firmly in focus as global financial markets continue to navigate uncertain terrain.

Shepherd to UPSC: Dhone’s Journey

Birdev Siddhappa Dhone, a 27-year-old shepherd from Karnataka, has become a symbol of determination and grit after successfully clearing the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination in his third attempt. Hailing from Belgaum, Dhone was tending to his uncle’s goats when he received the life-changing news—he had secured an All India Rank of 551 in one of India’s most competitive exams.

Raised in a modest background, Dhone’s early life revolved around livestock and agricultural duties. His journey toward the prestigious UPSC exams wasn’t easy, marked by financial constraints and a lack of access to quality educational resources. Yet, driven by a dream to serve the nation, he pursued his goal relentlessly. “The celebration was simple and rooted in our tradition. My uncle tied a yellow pheta (turban) on my head and applied bhandara (turmeric powder) on my forehead,” Dhone shared with The Indian Express. A photo capturing that heartfelt moment



quickly went viral, turning him into an online sensation.

This success comes after years of hard work, perseverance, and repeated failures. It was his third attempt at cracking the civil services exam, and he didn’t let past setbacks deter him. His story has struck a chord with aspirants across the country, especially those from rural and underprivileged backgrounds. Birdev’s sto-

ry is not just about passing an exam; it’s a powerful reminder that determination, belief, and cultural roots can be just as important as academic strategy. His journey stands as a beacon of hope for thousands chasing dreams against all odds. As he looks ahead to a future in public service, Dhone’s inspiring path from shepherding to the civil services is sure to remain etched in the hearts of many.

Football, Fireworks, and Foolish Fun

A jaw-dropping video has gone viral on Instagram, showing a group of boys engaging in a dangerously bizarre game—playing football inside a closed room filled with exploding firecrackers.

The clip, shared by the handle @sarcamax, captures the chaotic scene: firecrackers lit on the floor, sparks flying, and smoke clouding the room, as the boys nonchalantly kick a football around. In one shocking moment, the football itself appears to catch fire, yet the boys continue their game, seemingly enjoying the mayhem.

Despite the room turning into a virtual inferno with spinning firecracker tops and flaming debris, none of the boys show any sign of alarm or attempt to leave the room. Instead, laughter and excitement fill the smoky space as the fire intensifies. The risky stunt has stirred a mix of shock and disbelief



among viewers. The video is captioned, “Why do women live longer than men? Also, men.” — a tongue-in-cheek comment on the stereotypical tendency of young men to engage in reckless and often hazardous behavior for fun or viral fame. Reactions to the video have been polarizing. While some netizens found the clip amusing, many criticized the irresponsible act, warning about the potential for serious injuries or worse. Safety advocates have condemned the behavior, reminding viewers that fire-

works should never be used indoors under any circumstances.

Experts caution that such stunts, often done in the name of social media content, can lead to dire consequences. Burns, smoke inhalation, and even structural fires are real risks in such situations.

As this clip continues to circulate widely online, it serves as both a viral moment and a serious reminder of the dangers of mixing play with pyrotechnics—especially in confined indoor spaces.

Suspended Student’s AI Startup Gets Funded



In a surprising twist, Chungin Lee, a 21-year-old Columbia University student suspended for creating a controversial AI cheating tool, has secured Rs 45 crore in funding to expand his startup. The tool, originally called “Interview Coder,” was designed to assist candidates during technical interviews at major tech firms like Amazon, Meta, and TikTok.

The AI-powered application could discreetly listen to interview audio, analyze the interviewer’s screen, and provide real-time suggested responses—essentially helping users cheat without being detected. When Columbia University discovered Lee’s creation, it suspended him for violating academic and ethical standards.

However, the suspension didn’t stop Lee’s momentum. His tool, now rebranded as Cluely, gained traction among a growing audience interested in leveraging AI for professional advantage. While critics argue the tool undermines fairness in recruitment, others view it as a disruptive innovation reshaping the interview landscape.

Cluely’s recent funding round, backed by prominent investors, has propelled it into the spotlight. Despite ethical debates, Lee’s venture has been praised for its technical sophistication and bold challenge to traditional hiring methods.

“Getting suspended was a setback, but it taught me resilience. Cluely isn’t about cheating—it’s about leveling the playing field,” Lee reportedly said. His journey reflects a broader tension in the tech world: innovation versus integrity.

The Cluely platform is now being developed to offer legal, transparent tools for interview preparation and real-time assistance, distancing itself from its earlier controversial origins. Whether the startup will continue to spark debate or inspire a shift in hiring tech, Lee’s story is already a headline-worthy case of turning controversy into capital.

Woman Escapes Flyover Crash Death

A heart-stopping video has gone viral on social media, showing the terrifying moment a woman narrowly escapes death after a car crashes off a flyover and a massive signboard falls just inches from her.

The video, shared by Instagram account @fatal_clipss, captures the shocking incident as it unfolds. A red car is seen losing control, smashing through a flyover barrier, and plunging onto the road below. As the car crashes, it dislodges a large signboard, sending it hurtling toward the pavement below—directly in the path of a woman walking nearby.

The woman, unaware of the impending danger, glances upward just in time. In a split-second re-



action, she sprints backward as the signboard comes crashing down. The heavy structure slams into the exact spot where she had been walking only moments before.

The miraculous escape has stunned viewers online, with many calling it a case of sheer luck and perfect timing. The woman’s quick instincts are being praised across platforms, while others are left shaken by how close she

came to being crushed.

“An inch closer and it would’ve been fatal,” one user commented, while another wrote, “She literally outran death.”

Authorities have yet to confirm the condition of the car’s occupants or the cause of the crash, but the incident has sparked renewed concerns over road safety and infrastructure maintenance, particularly on aging flyovers.

As the footage continues to spread online, the woman’s lucky escape stands as a powerful reminder of how quickly life can change—and how even a second’s delay can mean the difference between life and death.

Japan Unveils Lightning Control Drones

In a groundbreaking scientific leap, Japan has developed the world’s first technology capable of controlling and redirecting lightning strikes. This innovation is aimed at significantly reducing the devastating impact lightning causes each year—damage estimated at over Rs. 113.66 billion annually in Japan alone.

The revolutionary system, developed by Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation (NTT), uses specially designed drones that can fly into storm clouds and influence where lightning strikes. The drones interact with the electrical charge inside clouds, effectively guiding the lightning to strike in pre-designated, safe zones, such as uninhabited fields or controlled discharge stations.

Until now, lightning has remained one of nature’s most unpredictable and destructive forces. Its sudden strikes can destroy buildings, kill



people, start fires, and disrupt power lines. Traditional prevention methods such as lightning rods offer only localized protection and cannot prevent or redirect strikes entirely.

This Japanese innovation is the first weather-control technology that claims to directly manage lightning before it even reaches the ground. According to developers, the drones

can be launched quickly in regions under lightning threat, offering a proactive solution rather than reactive damage control.

The technology is still undergoing field trials but has already shown promising results. If scaled successfully, it could revolutionize disaster prevention, offering a template for other countries facing similar threats from severe storms and lightning-related damages.

Experts believe this could also open doors to more advanced weather modification systems in the future, including storm management and climate disaster mitigation.

As climate change leads to more frequent and intense thunderstorms globally, Japan’s pioneering step toward controlling lightning could be a significant milestone in combining science and safety for the betterment of society.

Smiley Moon Delights Early Skywatchers

Skywatchers were treated to a magical sight early this morning as a rare celestial alignment formed what looked like a “smiley emoji” in the sky. Around 5:30 AM, stargazers across parts of India, especially in Udupi, Karnataka, witnessed a delightful phenomenon where the waxing crescent moon appeared to be grinning, flanked by two bright planets—Venus and Saturn.

The positioning was purely natural, but its visual effect was striking. Venus shone brightly on one side of the moon, with Saturn glowing softly on the other, giving the illusion of eyes on either side of a smiling mouth formed by the crescent moon. The scene resembled a classic emoji, prompting awe, excitement, and a flurry of photos and videos on social media.



Residents of Udupi and nearby areas gathered in the early hours to witness the rare event. Many shared their images online with captions like “The sky smiled today!” and “A cos-

mic grin to start the day.” For many, it was a spiritual or symbolic moment, taken as a sign of hope and positivity.

Astronomers explained that while such alignments are rare, they are not unheard of. They occur when the moon and planets align in a way that reflects both distance and angle from Earth’s perspective. Events like these highlight the elegance and unpredictability of celestial mechanics.

Though brief, the smiley-face formation brought a sense of joy and wonder to those lucky enough to witness it. As always, the skies remind us that even in the early hours, nature is full of surprises waiting to unfold—sometimes with a smile.

MS Dhoni plays 400th T20 match, creates IPL history

Mahendra Singh Dhoni added yet another record to his legendary cricketing career by becoming only the fourth Indian cricketer to play 400 T20 matches. The milestone was achieved during Chennai Super Kings' (CSK) IPL 2025 clash against Sunrisers Hyderabad at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Friday. Dhoni, now 44, continues to be a key figure in CSK's campaign, having taken over the captaincy once again after regular skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad was ruled out of the tournament with an elbow fracture. Gaikwad suffered the injury during a match against Rajasthan Royals earlier in the season. This marks Dhoni's return as CSK captain for the first time since the IPL 2023 final, where CSK clinched their fifth title in a last-ball thriller against Gujarat Titans. Although he had handed the reins to Gaikwad at the start of the current season, Dhoni stepped up once again to lead from the front following the young batter's exit. Throughout his T20 career, Dhoni has accumulated 7566 runs at a strike rate of 135.90 and holds the record for the most stumpings in the format with 34 dismissals. His leadership resume remains unparalleled, having led CSK in 239 matches including all of their title victories.



His brief exit from the captaincy in 2022 and eventual return reflect his enduring value to the franchise. **Dhoni joins an elite list of Indian cricketers with the most T20 appearances:**

- **Rohit Sharma:** 456 matches
- **Dinesh Karthik:** 412 matches
- **Virat Kohli:** 408 matches
- **MS Dhoni:** 400 matches

Despite being past his prime as a batter, Dhoni continues to be lightning quick behind the stumps and a guiding force for CSK. His milestone further cements his place as one of the format's all-time greats.

Swiatek Survives Eala Scare In Madrid

Teen Filipina tests defending champ in three-set thriller

Defending champion Iga Swiatek had to dig deep to avoid an early upset at the Madrid Open, coming from behind to defeat 19-year-old Alexandra Eala 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 and advance to the third round on Thursday. Facing the rising Filipina for the second time this season, Swiatek once again struggled in the early exchanges. Eala, who famously beat the Pole in straight sets at the Miami Open in March, carried that confidence into Madrid, breaking Swiatek in the opening game and holding firm against early pressure. The world number 72 broke again for a 5-2 lead and converted her third set point to take the opener, capitalising on Swiatek's six missed break opportunities. "I felt like I was making too many errors from everything," Swiatek admitted. "There wasn't like one specific adjustment... I just had to be more patient." Eala again struck first in the second set, breaking for 1-0, but this time the four-time French Open champion responded immediately. The set remained tense, with both players trading breaks, but Swiatek raised her level late, breaking Eala to love in the 10th game to level the match. The decider saw Swiatek settle into her groove, breaking twice to move ahead 5-1. Although Eala clawed back a break and saved a match point,



she eventually hit long on the final point, handing Swiatek the win. "I always love playing here, for sure I'm proud of my performances in the last two years," Swiatek told Spanish broadcaster TVE. The Pole, who is yet to hit top form this season, will next face Czech teenager Linda Noskova in the third round. Elsewhere in Madrid, Anastasiya Sevastova knocked out fellow Latvian and 2017 French Open winner Jelena Ostapenko 7-6 (7/2), 6-2. Fifth seed Madison Keys also progressed, beating Lucia Bronzetti 6-4, 6-3 to set up a third-round clash with Anna Kalinskaya.

RR's Playoff Hopes Fade After Fifth Straight Loss

Rajasthan Royals (RR) are staring at early elimination from the IPL 2025 playoffs race after suffering their fifth consecutive defeat, this time against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB). Chasing 206, the Royals were in control until the final two overs, needing just 18 runs with wickets in hand. But yet again, their middle-order failed to deliver, resulting in an 11-run loss. This marks RR's third straight failure in run chases that were within reach. Previously, they faltered against Delhi Capitals (DC) and Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), failing to score nine runs in the final over on both occasions. Against RCB, despite needing only 18 off the last 12 balls, a flurry of late wickets saw them collapse under pressure. This latest defeat sets an unwanted IPL record for the franchise. It's the first time in their history that they have lost five matches in a row in a single season. The only other instance of a five-match losing streak came across two seasons — the last two games of IPL 2009 and the first three of 2010. RR currently sit in eighth position on the points table, with just two wins from nine matches. With seven losses and only five games remaining, the team faces an uphill task to make it to the playoffs. Key players like Dhruv Jurel and Shimron Hetmyer, who were retained for a combined ₹25 crore, have failed to finish games under pressure. Their underwhelming performances in crunch moments have been a major factor in RR's downfall this season. The team has also faced hurdles off the field. Captain Sanju Samson missed five out of the nine matches due to injury, further weakening their prospects. Adding to their troubles, the Rajasthan Cricket Association's (RCA) ad-hoc committee convener Jaydeep Bihani accused the franchise of match-fixing—allegations that



the Royals have firmly denied. Reports suggest that the accusations may be linked to a reduction in match tickets allocated to RCA this season. With both on-field struggles and external controversies mounting, Rajasthan Royals find themselves in a dire position, needing a quick turnaround to keep their playoff hopes alive.

SRH script history with first-ever win over CSK at Chepauk

Sunrisers Hyderabad made history on Friday night by defeating Chennai Super Kings for the first time at the MA Chidambaram Stadium, Chepauk, securing a five-wicket victory and putting CSK on the brink of elimination from IPL 2025.

Chasing a modest target, SRH showed composure with key contributions from Ishan, Kamindu Mendis, and Nitish Reddy. The trio's calm yet timely aggression steered the visitors home with precision.

Mendis played a pivotal role, not just with the bat but also on the field—taking a sensational catch to dismiss Dewald Brevis and bowling vital overs. His composed finish, nudging the winning runs wide of long-on for two, capped off a brilliant all-round performance.

The loss adds to CSK's mounting troubles this season, making their playoff hopes increasingly slim. Meanwhile, SRH's confidence soars with this landmark victory at a venue where they had never previously triumphed.



Players meet BCB president, raise concerns over treatment

A group of current and former national cricketers, led by veteran opener Tamim Iqbal, held a sudden meeting with Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) President Faruque Ahmed at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium. The players expressed deep dissatisfaction with the board's recent handling of several disciplinary and corruption-related matters, which they said had insulted and demoralized them. One of the key issues raised was the confusion surrounding Towhid Hridoy's suspension. Initially banned for two matches due to on-field misconduct, Hridoy returned after serving just one match. Later, the board again suspended him, which left the players questioning the legality and fairness of the decision. "How can you



suspend him again after he was allowed to play two matches?" Tamim asked, calling the situation "funny and confusing." Another issue involved the BCB's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU), which summoned players Naeem and Sabbir from Shinepukur Club to reconstruct a controversial dismissal from an earlier match. The cricketers felt humiliated by the method used. "There is no rule in any anti-corruption com-

mission in the world that allows you to insult players in front of the media," Tamim said, stressing the need for respectful and lawful investigation procedures. Tamim also criticized the leaking of names of ten players during the last Bangladesh Premier League (BPL), some of whom he said were innocent. "Leaking their names was insulting. We were all disappointed with this," he added. The players urged the board to resolve the Hridoy issue before the next match and to ensure due process in all disciplinary actions going forward. The BCB president, along with two directors, assured the players that their concerns would be considered seriously and that swift action would be taken where necessary.



Ruhani Sharma's Bold New Photoshoot

Ruhani Sharma turned heads with her latest sultry photoshoot, donning a white t-shirt paired with black lingerie. With her tousled hair and intense gaze, she exudes confidence while leaning against a wall, making the shoot feel like a high-end lingerie campaign.

Though her recent romantic drama *Sriranga Neethulu*—co-starring Suhas and directed by Praveen Kumar VSS—didn't leave a mark at the box office, Ruhani's screen presence remained memorable.

Up next, she's gearing up for the Tamil comedy-thriller *Mask*, directed by Vikarnan Ashok. The film features Charlie, Bala Saravanan, and VJ Archana Chandhoke, with music by GV Prakash Kumar. *Mask* could offer Ruhani the breakthrough she needs to reinvigorate her cinematic journey.

Allu Arjun's Triple Role Buzz Grows

Allu Arjun's much-anticipated collaboration with director Atlee has sparked major buzz, especially with fresh rumors suggesting he'll be seen in a triple role. Currently in pre-production across Mumbai and Chennai, the film recently saw Allu Arjun participate in a look test—fueling excitement among fans.



The viral buzz hints that Allu Arjun will portray a father and his two sons, marking a rare triple-role performance for the star. While this news hasn't been officially confirmed by either Allu Arjun or Atlee, it's already become a hot topic in fan circles and social media.

more updates are expected soon. With Atlee's knack for high-octane drama and Allu Arjun's charisma, this project is shaping up to be one of the most awaited films in the making.

The leading lady is yet to be finalized, and

Puri, Vijay Sethupathi's 'Beggar' Buzzes

After back-to-back flops with *Liger* and *Double iSmart*, director Puri Jagannadh is banking on a comeback with *Beggar*, starring Vijay Sethupathi in the lead. The title alone has sparked intrigue, with strong buzz suggesting Sethupathi plays a beggar—a role ripe for raw, gripping storytelling.



Joining him are acclaimed actors Tabu and Radhika Apte, adding further weight to the film's ensemble. Known for crafting gritty, underdog characters, Puri is planning a fast-paced, pan-India film, aiming to wrap production in just 60 days.

Vijay Sethupathi, reportedly excited by the project, has allotted bulk dates. A large slum set is under construction where most of the film will be shot. *Beggar* could very well mark the redemption of Puri Jagannadh if he can recapture his trademark mass-meets-depth magic.

Sarangapani's Fate: Funny, Fearful & Full of Surprises



Sarangapani receives a shocking prediction — he's destined to commit a crime in the future. Deeply disturbed, he takes a drastic decision to prevent this fate and protect his relationship with Maithili. As he attempts to rewrite his destiny, questions arise: What action does he take? Does the prophecy come true? Is Maithili aware of it? How does his loyal friend Chandra (Vennela Kishore) respond? And what part does the enigmatic Ahobila (Tanikella Bharani) play in this strange saga?

The film thrives on Priyadarshi's comic brilliance, playing the lovable yet paranoid Sarangapani. Vennela Kishore adds flair with sharp one-liners and hilarious expressions, while Viva Harsha livens up the second half with his quirky charm. Roopa Koduvayur shines with elegance and subtle performance, and the supporting cast delivers well. Cleverly written comedy dialogues and the trio's chemistry make for an engaging and entertaining watch that balances superstition, suspense, and laughs.

Sree Vishnu's 'Single' Locks May 9 Release

Sree Vishnu's upcoming romantic comedy *Single* is officially set to hit theatres on May 9, as confirmed by the makers through a quirky announcement video featuring the film's cast. Directed by Caarthick Raju, the film stars Ivana and Ketika Sharma as the female leads.

Originally, Pawan Kalyan's period actioner *Hari Hara Veera* Mallu was slated for a May 9 release, but its delay has cleared the path for *Single* to

shine at the summer box office. With minimal competition, the film is expected to do well commercially.

Single is jointly produced by Vidya Koppineedi, Bhanu Pratapa, and Riyaz Chowdary under Geetha Arts and Kalya Films. Music is composed by Vishal Chandrasekar, while Vennela Kishore adds comic flavor in a crucial role. Full-scale promotions are expected to begin shortly.



Gymkhana: Boxing Meets Banter



Gymkhana is a light-hearted sports drama set in Alappuzha, where Jojo (Naslen) and his four friends take up boxing after failing their 12th exams. They join a local gymkhana and start training under Antony Joshua (Lukman Avaran), an ex-boxing champ with a mysterious past. As the boys train for the Kerala State Amateur Championship, the story explores whether they're truly committed or just messing around—and what secrets lie in their coach's past.

Director Khalid Rahman offers a fresh, humorous twist on the sports genre, steering away from intense drama. Naslen impresses with his expressions and comic timing, and his performance holds strong in Telugu as well. Supporting actors like Ganapathi and Franco Francis add flavor, especially in the second half. Clever use of popular memes and Telugu punchlines gives the film its charm, though it leans more toward comedy than gripping sports drama.