



Happy Sri Rama Navami

Wishing you joy, peace, and prosperity on this auspicious day of Sri Rama Navami.

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CM Revanth Slams Fake AI Videos on HCU Row

- CM Revanth Reddy reviews Gachibowli land dispute issue
- Terms viral photos and videos as fake and AI-generated
- Telangana government to request court probe on fake content
- Warns of strict action against those responsible
- Cybercrime wing to be strengthened with forensic tools
- Says AI fake videos are more dangerous than COVID
- Calls misinformation a threat to social harmony and truth



TPN, Correspondent| Hyderabad

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy came down heavily on the spread of fake videos and misinformation surrounding the Hyderabad Central University (HCU) and Gachibowli land controversy. Chairing a review meeting, he stated

that false visuals involving animals like deer and peacocks were circulated to mislead the public and stir unrest. The CM clarified that all such content was AI-generated and did not reflect the reality on the ground. "Fake videos created using artificial intelligence are extremely dangerous—more than



COVID-19," he warned, underlining the potential for these to ignite social conflicts. He emphasized that forensic tools are being prepared to counter deep-fakes, and the Cybercrime division will be reinforced to tackle digital misinformation more effectively. Revanth Reddy also mentioned the government

will seek a court investigation into the fake content and assured stringent action against those behind the false propaganda. The Chief Minister urged the public not to fall prey to manipulated narratives and reiterated the government's commitment to truth and transparency in handling the matter.



CM Revanth Reddy's Japan Tour Eyes Global Investments

TPN, Correspondent| Hyderabad

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is all set for a key international trip, with a visit to Japan from April 15 to 23 to boost foreign investments and explore global collaboration opportunities. The state government confirmed that the CM, along with Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu and Principal Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, will participate in the Osaka Expo 2025 during this tour.

The delegation is scheduled to meet with leaders

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- Strategic direction given to party leaders; future course of action discussed
- Introspection on MP election loss; focus on party restructuring
- District-wise review of strengths and weaknesses
- Preparations for constituency-level meetings in the coming days
- Leaders instructed to stay election-ready

BRS Prepares for the Future: Key Meeting at Erravalli Farmhouse

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) is entering a phase of strategic realignment. Following a disappointing performance in the recent MP elections, party chief K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) convened a crucial meeting at Erravalli Farmhouse with key leaders to chart out the party's future roadmap. During the session, leaders conducted a detailed review of the election set-backs, engaging in self-assessment and discussing



the need for internal restructuring.

A district-wise analysis was presented, highlighting areas of strength and pinpointing

weaknesses to address. As part of this renewed focus, the party is planning a series of preparatory meetings at the district level to energize

the cadre and streamline organization at the grassroots. MLA Maganti Gopinath has been entrusted with overseeing initial arrangements, particularly in Jubilee Hills. With early elections always a possibility, KCR urged the leadership to stay alert and begin mobilizing resources and teams. All signs indicate that BRS is gearing up for a major comeback effort, aimed at reconnecting with the people and reinforcing its political footing in Telangana.

Bandi Sanjay Urges TTD on Temple Work

- Seeks action on stalled temple project
- 10 acres allotted in Padmanagar, Karimnagar
- Bhoomi Pooja held in May 2023
- No progress since foundation was laid
- Devotees eagerly await temple construction

TPN, Correspondent| Hyderabad

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar has penned a formal letter to Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman B.R. Naidu, urging him to expedite the long-delayed construction of the Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple in Karimnagar district. The letter, dated Saturday, emphasizes the need to initiate the work without further delay.

Bandi highlighted that the Telangana government had already allocated 10 acres of land in Padmanagar for this temple.



He reminded the TTD that a Bhoomi Pooja ceremony was conducted on May 31, 2023, in the presence of several public representatives, irrespective of their political affiliations. Despite these developments, not a single step has been taken

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Minister Sridhar Babu Urges Latin American Nations to Invest in Telangana



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Telangana's Minister for IT and Industries, Mr. Duddilla Sridhar Babu, made a strong appeal to representatives from Latin American and Caribbean countries to encourage industrial investments in Telangana, citing the state's business-friendly environment and robust support mechanisms.

Speaking at the India-Latin America & Caribbean



Countries Business Conclave, organized by the Global India Business Forum (GIBF) at Park Hyatt, Banjara Hills, the Minister detailed Telangana's competitive policies, investment incentives, and the state's vision to lead India's economic future.

Sridhar Babu noted how Donald Trump's tariff policies had an unintended positive impact by shifting global industrial interest toward India. He

said Telangana is leveraging this shift and becoming a preferred destination for global investments.

The state is especially focused on promoting MSMEs and agro-processing industries, aiming to empower farmers as entrepreneurs.

He announced that six international companies, including three Korean firms, have already committed to investing in the National Investment

- Speaks at India-Latin America Business Conclave by GIBF in Hyderabad
- Highlights Telangana's incentives, MSME policies
- Notes Trump-era trade shifts as opportunity for India
- Six global firms, including 3 Korean, to invest in Zaheerabad NIMZ
- Push for industries in Tier-2, Tier-3 cities and agro-processing sector

and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) at Zaheerabad. Telangana is also encouraging industries to expand in Tier-2 and Tier-3 towns.

Citing cultural and economic similarities with Latin American nations,

Sridhar Babu invited closer collaboration and trade partnerships. The event saw participation from several GIBF dignitaries, including Mr. Joshi, Mr. Chakravarthy, and Dr. Seetharam.

Meenakshi Assures Fair Solution on Land Dispute

- Meets ministers, forms special resolution committee
- Ensures no harm to HCU students
- Student letters, concerns being reviewed carefully
- Opposition allegations will be examined transparently

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CM Revanth Reddy to Visit Bhadrachalam for Sri Rama Navami Celebrations



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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will visit Bhadrachalam on April 5 to participate in the Sri Rama Navami celebrations at the historic Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple. Accompanied by his family, the CM will attend the grand Sitarama Kalyanam, which is part of the temple's festivities running from March 30 to April 12. In keeping with tradition, CM Revanth will offer silk clothes to the deities on behalf of the state government. After the cer-

emony, he is scheduled to have lunch at the home of a ration rice beneficiary, symbolizing his government's commitment to social welfare.

The CM will be joined by ministers, local MLAs, officials, and party leaders. Given the high-profile nature of the visit and the large influx of devotees, heavy security arrangements have been made around the temple and town to ensure a peaceful and organized event. Authorities aim to provide a spiritually enriching experience for all devotees.

Meenakshi Assures Fair Solution on Land Dispute

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Meenakshi Natarajan, the AICC in-charge for Telangana, has officially responded to the Kancha Gachibowli 400-acre land dispute that has stirred student unrest at the University of Hyderabad (HCU).

Following a key meeting at the Secretariat with Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka and state ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Sridhar Babu, she confirmed that a committee has already been formed to handle the sensitive issue.

Speaking to the media, she assured that the dispute will be resolved transparently, with no harm to students or the university's functioning.

Natarajan said that inputs from students, especially letters and representations, are being considered seriously.

She emphasized that opposition claims regarding the land issue would be carefully examined, and the true facts will be communicated clearly to the public to prevent misinformation.

Later, she interacted with NSUI leaders at Gandhi Bhavan, where she was joined by senior Congress members including TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, AICC secretary Vishnunath, and CWC member Vamshi Chand Reddy. The leadership reaffirmed their commitment to standing by the students and ensuring institutional integrity is protected.

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Bandi Sanjay Urges TTD on Temple Work

forward regarding construction, he noted. Calling it a matter of great emotional and spiritual importance, the minister said devotees from Karimnagar and nearby districts have been eagerly waiting for the temple. He stressed that the project, initially welcomed with enthusiasm, should not be allowed to remain idle and requested the TTD to restart work at the earliest.

The letter is now drawing attention from various corners, as it brings back focus to a long-standing demand of the region's Hindu devotees.

CM Revanth Reddy's Japan Tour Eyes Global Investments

of major Japanese corporations, focusing on advanced technology, AI-based innovation, and investment partnerships. Government sources say preparations are in place for one-on-one meetings and possible MoUs to be discussed during the visit.

The trip also includes study and collaboration efforts around Skill University development, aiming to adopt global best practices in technical education. Officials believe this initiative will lead to both economic development and employment generation in Telangana.

Following the Japan tour, CM Revanth is expected to travel to the United States in June or July, continuing Telangana's aggressive push for international investments and tech-driven growth. The outreach aligns with the state's broader vision of becoming a global investment destination.

CM Revanth Reddy Pays Tribute to Babu Jagjivan Ram on 118th Birth Anniversary

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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy paid rich tributes to Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram, the former Deputy Prime Minister of India, on the occasion of his 118th birth anniversary. The CM offered floral tributes at Jagjivan Ram's statue in Bashir Bagh, Hyderabad, marking a respectful commemoration of the legendary leader's contributions to India's political and social landscape.

Accompanying the Chief Minister were Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar, MP Mallu Ravi, former MPs V. Hanumantha Rao, Anjan Kumar Yadav, and CM's advisor Vem Narendar Reddy. The event

witnessed a strong participation of political leaders and citizens who gathered to honor Babu Jagjivan Ram's legacy.

CM Revanth Reddy highlighted Babu Jagjivan Ram's relentless struggle for social equality, Dalit empowerment, and his pivotal role in India's freedom movement and post-independence governance.

The CM reiterated the state's commitment to uphold his ideals of social justice, inclusive development, and democratic values.

The event served as a reminder of the towering personality that Babu Jagjivan Ram was, inspiring future generations to strive for a more just and equitable society.



Harish Rao Targets Congress, Backs Project

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In a key political move, senior BRS leader and former minister Harish Rao formally welcomed several BJP leaders into the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) at an event held in Zaheerabad. Prominent among them were former CDC Chairman Umakant Patel, Baswaraju, Vijayender Reddy, and 20 other local leaders, all of whom joined in the presence of MLA Manik Rao.

Speaking on the occasion, Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on the BJP, stating that even af-



ter winning 8 MP seats, Telangana received step-motherly treatment from the Union government. He highlighted the privatization of Adilabad Cement Factory, accusing BJP of selling it as scrap.

He further criticized the Congress government in Telangana, particularly for ignoring the Basaveshwara Sangameshwara Project initiated by the previous BRS government. Rao alleged that Sangared-

- **Harish Rao welcomes BJP leaders into BRS**
- **Blames BJP for ignoring Telangana's needs**
- **Slams Adilabad Cement Factory's privatization**
- **Alleges Congress neglected key irrigation project**
- **Criticizes stalled funds for Sangareddy district**

dy's development is being blocked by withholding SDF and TIFDCI funds.

Rao concluded by saying that BRS will soon an-

nounce a clear action plan for the Sangameshwara project, reaffirming that only BRS is committed to fighting for the people.

Eatala Rajender to BJP Cadre: Perform or Resign

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BJP MP Eatala Rajender delivered a strong message to the party cadre during the BJP Medchal Urban district-level meeting.

He demanded unwavering commitment, urging all divisional leaders to be available around the clock. He warned that anyone lacking performance should step down from their positions. Ra-

jender emphasized that the intense competition for internal party roles reflects BJP's growing momentum.

Taking a dig at the Congress government, he stated that while it took a decade for the KCR regime to fall, public dissatisfaction with Revanth Reddy's leadership emerged in just ten months. Eatala accused the Congress of mishandling key issues such as the HCU land con-

troversy and temple attacks—claiming even the Muthyalamma temple faced notices. He praised BJP's consistent efforts in raising these issues.

He called upon the cadre to showcase the developmental works and funds secured by BJP MPs. Eatala added that only with this outreach could BJP succeed in the upcoming local body elections. He said Malkajgiri stands as a model in fund uti-



lization and concluded that the Wakf bill would

resolve decades-old land disputes.

Modi Rice is What's Given in Ration Shops: Bandi Sanjay's Scathing Attack

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Union Minister Bandi Sanjay delivered strong remarks slamming the Telangana Congress government over the free rice distribution scheme, claiming that the rice being given to the public is actually "Modi rice," not a Congress initiative. Speaking to the media at the BJP state office, he said it's the central government that supplies and funds the rice, while the state government simply distributes it. Yet, Congress leaders are portraying it as their own scheme without even mentioning Prime Minister Narendra Modi or the Centre.

He criticized Congress leaders for conducting street plays around the



rice scheme while denying credit to the Centre. Bandi demanded that PM Modi's photo be mandatorily displayed at every ration shop and insisted that the Centre-State cost contribution for the rice distribution be clearly shown.

Turning to other issues, Bandi condemned the arrest of ABVP worker Rohith in the HCU land

controversy, accusing police of using brutality. He said Rohith, a student and scholar, was unjustly arrested and imprisoned for simply questioning the government. He demanded that all false cases against students protesting HCU land issues be immediately withdrawn.

He also accused the Congress government of continuing the BRS's legacy of land mismanagement, claiming the previous BRS regime sold off ₹20,000 crore worth of land and now the Congress is eyeing ₹50,000 crore worth more. He warned that such actions would not be tolerated and that BJP would continue to fight against injustice both on land and in governance.

BRS Slams Congress Over Crop Loss Due to Water Crisis

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Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has strongly criticized the Congress-led Telangana government over severe crop damage in Tekulasomaram, Veligonda mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, attributing the crisis to irresponsible water management and government negligence.

Party leaders who visited the affected region expressed deep concern over the drying crops, stating that the devastating losses were not due to nature, but were a direct result of the Congress government's failure to ensure irrigation support. "This isn't a drought brought by time; this is a drought

created by Congress," they said.

Farmers who invested heavily are now facing emotional and financial ruin. Meanwhile, in Kammaregudem (Nalgonda district), farmers united to set up a large pump to draw water from a nearby canal into their village tank—an effort to save remaining crops in the absence of timely government action. BRS vowed to stand by the farmers and fight for compensation, promising to continue its agitation until justice is delivered to those who lost their livelihoods. The party also emphasized the need for stronger irrigation planning and support systems for farmers across Telangana.

Harish Rao Calls Minister Tummala on Sunflower Issue

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abad

Former Minister and Siddipet MLA Harish Rao reached out to Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao over the phone, voicing serious concerns regarding the sunflower farmers in his constituency. Harish Rao detailed the hardships being faced by these farmers and appealed for immediate intervention to support their cause. He stressed the importance of continuing the procurement centers, especially in Chinnakoduru mandal, where around 18,000 quintals

of sunflower have been harvested. Out of these, only 2,000 quintals were purchased by PACS and another 5,000 by the market committee, leaving about 11,000 quintals unsold, causing deep distress among the farming community. Harish Rao urged Minister Tummala to extend procurement operations and support oil farm cultivation, to ensure the livelihood of farmers is safeguarded. His proactive approach aims to bring relief to distressed sunflower farmers and press for sustainable solutions at the policy level.



Bandi Sanjay Praises Raja Singh, Clarifies BJP Leadership Plans

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abad

Union Minister and senior BJP leader Bandi Sanjay made striking remarks about party MLA Raja Singh, stating that he is a unique leader with no equal. Calling him a role model for Hindu Dharma, Bandi Sanjay lauded Raja Singh's dedication and influence within the party and among the public. Addressing the media, Sanjay also spoke about the ongoing speculation surrounding the Telangana BJP state president position. He clarified that the appointment of a new president would be made soon and that the decision rests entirely with the party's central leadership, particularly BJP national president JP Nadda. Sanjay dismissed media rumors and public discourse around the leader-

ship post, stating that in the BJP, every leader is eligible, and those who can best serve the party will be given responsibility. Referring to Tamil Nadu BJP leader Annamalai's recent statement about leadership change, he emphasized that such transitions are routine and part of party discipline. He reaffirmed that the BJP is set to come to power in Telangana, expressing confidence in the party's growing strength and public support. These remarks come at a crucial time as BJP gears up for upcoming local body and assembly elections in the state. Bandi Sanjay's endorsement of Raja Singh and clarity on leadership indicate a calculated strategy to consolidate the party's ideological base and strengthen internal unity.



TTD Funds Must Be Used for Religious Purposes Only: MP Raghunandan Rao

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Medak MP Raghunandan Rao expressed gratitude to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and TTD Chairman for considering the recommendation letters from Telangana public representatives for Sri Venkateswara Swamy darshan. After visiting the temple at Tirumala today, Raghunandan Rao addressed the media and emphasized that every rupee collected by the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) should be used solely

for religious and spiritual activities, not diverted for other purposes. He urged the TTD and AP Government to support underfunded temples in Telangana, many of which lack basic resources for dhoopa, deepa, and naivedyam (rituals and offerings). He requested that TTD funds be extended to such temples to uphold and promote Hindu traditions across the Telugu states. Highlighting a major development, he credited Lord Venkateswara's blessings for the long-awaited Waqf Act Amendment Bill being passed in Parliament under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. He revealed that he came directly from Parliament to Tirumala to offer prayers in gratitude. He thanked all the political parties and fellow MPs who supported the Bill's passage and reiterated his commitment to protecting religious institutions and traditions.



KTR Criticizes Dip in Hyderabad Office Leasing, Urges Revanth to Take Note

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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) raised concerns over the decline in office space leasing in Hyderabad during the Congress government's tenure. Responding to a report published by real estate consultancy Colliers India, KTR took to social media platform X (formerly Twitter) to highlight the downturn. According to the report, while India witnessed growth in office leasing between January and March 2025, cities like Hyderabad and Kolkata saw a dip. Specifically, Hyderabad recorded a 41% decline in leasing activity during this period. KTR urged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to address this sharp fall before planning any new IT parks. He emphasized that this trend is not part of a national slowdown, as cities like Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, and Pune registered significant growth in office leasing. He reminded that Hyderabad once led the charts in office space leasing, but under the current government, it has seen a notable decline. KTR called for introspection within the administration and suggested forming a committee to gather feedback from all stakeholders.

His remarks serve as a sharp critique of the Congress government's performance in the IT and commercial infrastructure space, urging immediate corrective steps to revive investor confidence and reclaim Hyderabad's position as a top commercial hub



Fine Rice Distribution Becomes a National Model: Minister Konda Surekha

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Telangana's Congress-led government is drawing national attention for its ambitious and people-centric welfare policies, with the fine rice distribution scheme emerging as a standout example. Describing the program as "historic" and "model-worthy," Forest, Environment, Endowments and Charitable Affairs Minister Konda Surekha highlighted its long-term impact during a public event in Warangal East constituency on Saturday. Speaking at the 27th Division while distributing fine rice at local ration shops, the minister said the initiative was born from a deep concern to feed



the underprivileged. Beneficiaries are already making good use of the improved quality rice, and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. She also pointed out a crucial differ-

ence between the past and present systems: earlier, the distribution of low-quality rice led to a rise in middlemen who profited by selling subsidized rice elsewhere. The introduction of fine rice has plugged those leaks, ensuring that every beneficiary uses it for their own household needs. Minister Surekha reaffirmed the Congress government's commitment to keeping its promises. She expressed confidence that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Telangana will not only fulfill its welfare goals but also progress from a debt-ridden state to a developed one through sustained ministerial efforts and smart governance.

Minister Komatireddy Praises Police Department's Social Initiatives

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State Minister for Roads, Buildings, and Cinematography Komatireddy Venkata Reddy lauded the police department for organizing social initiatives alongside maintaining law and order. He participated as the chief guest in the Mega Job Mela held at the Police Parade Grounds in Nalgonda on Saturday. The event was organized under the supervision of the district police. The Minister appreciated the effort of providing employment with salaries starting from ₹30,000, and noted that organizing such a large-scale job fair by the police is a first for the district. He highlighted the participation of even highly educated youth and announced that another job fair would soon be held in Nalgonda. He praised the police for their role in implementing Mission Parivarthan, aiming to make Nalgonda a drug-free district, and thanked Prateek Foundation for supporting the initiative. District Collector Ila Tripathi advised job-seekers not to be discouraged by initial low pay, stressing the importance of experience. She shared her own journey, starting with an



₹18,000 internship in Mumbai. SP Sarath Chandra Power said 112 companies participated, offering 2,500 vacancies. Over 4,000 registrations were received. He emphasized that such initiatives provide youth with employment and help prevent anti-social behavior. Appointment letters were handed out, and arrangements including food were made for all attendees.

"How Can Revanth Visit Bhadrachalam After Betraying Lord Rama?" – BJP's Rani Rudrama Slams CM

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BJP spokesperson Rani Rudrama launched a scathing attack on Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, questioning his scheduled visit to Bhadrachalam on the occasion of Sri Rama Navami. She accused the CM of betraying both the people and Lord Rama by failing to fulfill his pre-election promises. Speaking at a press conference at the BJP office, Rani Rudrama said, "Revanth Reddy had promised to construct Lord Rama temples in 100 constituencies. Has he even laid a foundation stone in one?" She criticized the government for not taking action to merge the five villages and 1,000 acres associated with Bhadrachalam, currently part of Andhra Pradesh, back into Telangana. "It's been over a year since Congress came to power. Why hasn't the CM addressed this with the Centre?" Rani Rudrama also reminded that Revanth had publicly vowed to make Bhadrachalam a municipality. "Why hasn't he written to the central government as required?" Taking a dig at the previous BRS government, she said



KCR too had promised ₹100 crore to develop Bhadrachalam as a 'Temple City' but failed to deliver. She alleged that the current government is walking the same path of neglect and deception. "Revanth Reddy should only visit Bhadrachalam after fulfilling the promises he made in the name of Lord Rama," she asserted.

Greece-inspired luxury, Bridge Epsilon Villas arrives in Tukkuguda

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The city witnessed a spectacular unveiling of Bridge Epsilon Villas brochure, an architectural masterpiece inspired by the grandeur of Greece, at Tukkuguda on Friday. The much-anticipated launch was launched by Sri. Sukumar, the ace film director of Pushpa, and Vamsi Paidipally, the National Award-winning director, who lauded the project's unique aesthetics and the promise of an ultra-luxurious lifestyle. Located just 5 minutes away from ORR exit 14 on the main Lemoor Road and spread across 20 acres of prime real estate, Bridge Epsilon Villas redefines luxury with its meticulously planned 4 & 5 BHK East-facing villas, each exuding an air of elegance, grandeur, and exclusivity. With a sprawling 139,000 sq. ft. of world-class amenities, the project sets a new bench-



mark in Hyderabad's real estate landscape, offering an unparalleled blend of architectural finesse, modern comfort, and opulent living.

Designed with an inspiration drawn from the timeless aesthetics of Greek architecture, Bridge Epsilon Villas showcases majestic facades, classical columns, and pristine white exteriors with azure accents,

reminiscent of Santorini's picturesque landscape. The grandeur of Greek mythology and artistry is intricately woven into the elevations, promising an exotic and sophisticated living experience.

Speaking at the event, Ujwal Rao, Director of Bridge Group, expressed his vision for the project: "We wanted to bring the unparalleled beauty and elegance of Greece to Hyderabad.



Every aspect of Bridge Epsilon Villas, from its stunning elevations to the intricate details in craftsmanship, reflects a seamless blend of Greek magnificence and modern engineering precision.

Beyond its architectural brilliance, Bridge Epsilon Villas stands tall in terms of construction quality and engineering excellence. Each villa is built

with premium materials, ensuring durability, sustainability, and superior finish. Vikram, Director of the Group, emphasized the meticulous attention to detail in the construction process: "We have sourced the finest materials and employed cutting-edge construction techniques to craft homes that exude luxury while being robust and environmentally conscious. The project is designed

with state-of-the-art engineering solutions to ensure structural integrity and long-term sustainability.

Bridge Epsilon Villas is pioneering a first-of-its-kind podium parking concept, ensuring a completely traffic-free living environment within the gated community. This innovation not only enhances safety but also provides an uninterrupted, serene ambiance for families to thrive in a peaceful, vehicle-free landscape.

The project also boasts breathtaking theme-based landscaping and mesmerizing water sculptures, further elevating the charm and serenity of this opulent address. These meticulously designed outdoor spaces create a tranquil retreat within the heart of the city, offering residents a lifestyle of unparalleled grandeur and leisure.

Rachakonda CP Launches 860 Community CCTV Cameras in LB Nagar Zone



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In a major step toward enhancing public safety, Rachakonda Police Commissioner G. Sudheer Babu inaugurated 860 community CCTV cameras in the LB Nagar Zone. Speaking at the launch event, attended by police officials from all departments, the Commissioner emphasized the crucial role of surveillance technology in crime prevention.

Of the total cameras, 480 have been installed across 118 temples under 8 police stations to ensure security at religious places. An additional 380 CCTV cameras were set up in 14 colonies and 4 villages, reinforcing community-based safety.

"Each CCTV camera is equivalent to 100 police personnel. These cameras work 24/7 and play a vital role in curbing crime," said Sudheer Babu. He added that the department plans to install 360 more cameras over the next two months.

He proudly stated that Telangana ranks first in the country for the highest number of CCTV cameras and acknowledged public cooperation as a key factor in achieving this milestone.

The CP also announced banishment orders under Section 21 of the City Police Act for two habitual offenders — Rajesh (33), involved in 19 cases including 4 murders, and Surender alias Suri, a rowdy-sheeter from Meerpet with 21 cases. He urged citizens to immediately alert the police if these individuals are seen within city limits, reaffirming that there is no place for criminals in the city.

Security Lapse at Telangana Secretariat Yet Again

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Another security breach has come to light at the Telangana Secretariat, raising fresh concerns about the safety protocols at the state's highest administrative office.

Reportedly, two imposters posing as employees attempted to gain access to the Secretariat premises. Though officials acted swiftly to contain the situation and prevent the matter from becoming public, questions remain over why the fake staffers tried to enter the



building and what their intentions were.

What Happened?

The incident occurred during a

high-level review meeting chaired by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy with ministers, regarding the Kanchanagachibowli land dispute. While the meeting was underway, two individuals attempted to reach the 6th floor, claiming to be employees. However, the security personnel noticed suspicious behavior and intercepted them.

Sources said that the imposters were handed over to the police for further questioning. This isn't

the first time such a breach has occurred—in recent months, individuals with fake ID cards have also managed to enter the Secretariat, raising alarms over repeated lapses in security checks.

There are also allegations that police personnel are suppressing information to prevent embarrassment to the administration. The exact motives of the imposters and their identity remain unknown.

Major International Drug Cartel Busted by NAB in Hyderabad



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Under the leadership of Director Sandeep Sandilya, the Narcotics and Control Bureau (NAB) has uncovered a massive international drug cartel operating between India, the U.S., and Nigeria. After three months of surveillance, NAB arrested three key members and identified ten more involved in drug trafficking and money laundering.

The cartel used modern technology and a cash-on-delivery model, with young women — often disguised in burqas — delivering drugs. A breakthrough came when a woman was tracked in Tolichowki, leading officials to the entire supply chain. Each delivery reportedly paid her ₹50,000.

NAB revealed that over ₹500 crore was funneled via hawala from India to Nigeria over five years, in-

volving Nigerian nationals and forex agents. U.S.-based Nigerian networks played a crucial role, with American women's bank accounts used for laundering money. Synthetic drugs like MDMA and Ecstasy were imported from Europe, while cocaine was smuggled from Latin America. Drugs were often delivered via parcels, particularly to metro cities like Hyderabad and Bengaluru.

Seized items included 15 grams of cocaine worth ₹12.5 lakhs and 50 grams of MDMA. NAB urged landlords to verify foreign tenants using Form C and warned forex agents to maintain proper records or face action.

Director Sandilya also raised concerns over student involvement and emphasized education and surveillance to curb drug abuse.

Bad News for Liquor Lovers... Wine Shops Closed Today

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It's a bad day for liquor lovers in Hyderabad and Secunderabad twin cities. All wine shops will remain closed today (April 6) in view of the Sri Rama Navami festival.

The Rachakonda Police Commissionerate issued orders stating that all liquor outlets must be shut from 10 AM to 10 PM to ensure law

and order during the festival celebrations.

Along with wine shops, toddy compounds, bars, restaurants, and star hotels serving alcohol will also remain closed today. Officials clarified that this move is aimed at maintaining peace and public safety across the city during the religious occasion.

Authorities also warned that strict legal action will be taken against any outlet that violates these orders and opens illegally.

As a result, large queues were seen yesterday in front of wine shops as people rushed to stock up in advance of the one-day closure.



Youth Congress Executive Meeting Held at Indira Bhavan

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A crucial executive meeting of the Youth Congress was held at Indira Bhavan (Gandhi Bhavan) in Hyderabad. The meeting saw

the participation of TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, AICC In-charge Secretary Vishnunath, Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, and AICC member Sampath Kumar as key guests. District Youth Congress presidents and office-bearers from across Telangana took part in the session.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar recalled his journey in the Congress, stating that he began as Karimnagar District President under Mahesh Goud's NSUI leadership in 1991-92. "From being an MP to now a minister, NSUI played a key role in

my political career," he said.

Urging the youth not to lose hope, he emphasized, "Work hard without expecting immediate results. The rewards will fol-

low." He reminded the members that half of the RTA board positions (out of 33) were given to NSUI and Youth Congress members, showing the party's commitment to young leadership.

Highlighting government initiatives like free 200 units electricity, Rs. 500 gas subsidy, fine rice, and paddy bonus, he said Congress is doing more than ever before.

He asked the youth to fight disinformation on social media, pro-

mote Rajiv Yuva Vikasam, prepare for local body elections by June-August, and connect with people directly on public issues.



Server Glitch Halts Rice Distribution at Ration Shops in Hyderabad



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Rice distribution at several ration shops across the city was temporarily halted on Saturday due to a server issue. The glitch disrupted operations, leaving many ration card holders waiting in long queues at fair price shops. Reports indicate that the server was down for about half an hour, particularly affecting areas within Hyderabad. As a result, the distribution of subsidized rice was suspended, causing inconvenience to the public. Upon being informed, officials from the Civil Supplies Department acted promptly and resolved the issue. Authorities later confirmed that rice distribution resumed normally after the server problem was addressed.

Good News for Students

No Entrance Exam for BC Gurukulam Admissions



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In a relief for students, the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule BC Gurukula Society has announced that no entrance exams will be conducted for admissions into Intermediate and Degree courses for this academic year.
• Until now, entrance tests were mandatory every year for admissions into BC Gurukulams.
• However, the Society has decided to scrap the entrance exam system from this year onward.
New Admission Criteria:
• Intermediate admissions will now be based on 10th-grade marks and merit.
• Degree admissions will be offered based on Intermediate scores and merit.
• Officials are currently preparing the process for degree admissions.
There are a total of 261 Intermediate colleges and 33 Degree colleges under the BC Gurukulam Society, offering around 25,000 seats combined.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar to Attend Chintan Shivir in Dehradun

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Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar will leave for Uttarakhand tomorrow afternoon to attend the national-level Chintan Shivir organized by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The two-day event is scheduled for April 7 and 8 in Dehradun, and will be chaired by Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar. Ministers responsible for Backward Classes (BC), Scheduled Castes (SC), and Scheduled Tribes (ST) welfare from across various states will participate in the discussions. The Chintan Shivir will focus on how



both the Centre and states can collaborate in implementing various welfare laws and schemes for marginalized sections of society. Topics for discussion include:

- Welfare of SCs, STs, and BCs
 - Rights and welfare of senior citizens, transgender individuals
 - Issues related to addiction and drug abuse victims
 - Support for nomadic tribes, beggars, manual scavengers
 - Economic support for the financially weaker sections
 - Implementation of disability rights and associated welfare measures
- The event aims to enhance coordination between state and central governments for ensuring inclusive social justice and empowerment across the country.

Confusion Over Family Member Entries in Ration Cards Across Telangana

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Widespread confusion has emerged across Telangana regarding the registration of family members' names in ration cards. As part of an initiative to issue new ration cards and update old ones, the state government provided citizens the option to add or correct family member details through Prajapalana camps, Gram Sabhas, and MeeSeva centers. However, numerous applicants have reported serious errors. In several instances, unrelated individuals' names were entered in family ration cards. In some cases, children belonging

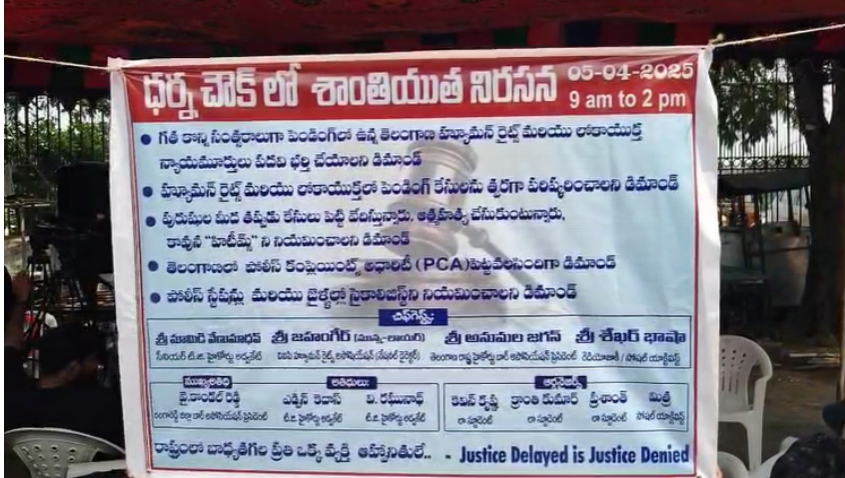
to daughters settled in other mandals have been added, and in others, a man's wife and children have been wrongly listed under his in-laws' card, while his name appears on his mother's card. Such inconsistencies have triggered widespread concern among citizens, who fear complications in availing essential government schemes and subsidies. When residents raised the issue with local authorities, they were informed that the matter would be brought to the notice of district civil supplies officials. The confusion has highlighted the

need for more streamlined verification processes and transparent data handling to avoid such critical errors that directly impact citizens' entitlements.

PSC Ration Card Search									
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Call for 'He Teams' to Protect Men's Rights: Peaceful Protest Held at Dharna Chowk

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A peaceful protest was held at Indira Park's Dharna Chowk on Saturday demanding stronger legal safeguards and support systems for men facing harassment through false cases. The protest was organized under the leadership of law student Kevin Krishna and witnessed participation from legal professionals, students, and social activists. Noted radio jockey and social activist Shekhar Basha, who attended the protest, raised a strong demand for the establishment of 'He Teams' on the lines of the existing 'She Teams' for women. Speaking at the event, Basha said that many men are being unfairly target-



ed with false cases, often stemming from personal or manipulative motives. "Some men are being mentally harassed to the point of suicide. False cases are being filed with-

out proper scrutiny. There must be a transparent mechanism to ensure justice for all," he stated. Highlighting the emotional toll on victims, Basha emphasized the need to appoint psychol-

ogists in police stations and prisons to evaluate the mental health of those accused. He urged the police and legal system to identify genuine cases through unbiased inquiries and take appropriate action against those misusing legal provisions. Several law students, including Narsireddy, Dinesh, Sumedh, and Prashanth, along with Telangana High Court advocate Edwin Kedas, participated in the demonstration and supported the call for reforms. The protest concluded with a unified appeal to the government to take prompt and balanced action to protect the rights of men, while continuing to uphold justice for all.

Auto-Borne Ganja Seized in Musheerabad; Two Arrested

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A major ganja smuggling attempt was foiled near Gandhi Hospital Metro Station under the Musheerabad Excise Station limits. Based on credible information, Ranga Reddy Enforcement CI Chandrasekhar Goud and his team intercepted an auto rickshaw illegally transporting ganja near Dharani Sai Apartments. Officials seized 1.200 kg of ganja, along with two mobile phones and the auto-rickshaw used for transportation. Two accused, Md. Sameer and Kushal, were arrested on the spot, while a third accused, Md. Ahmed, has been booked and is currently absconding. The seized narcotics, along with the auto and the accused, were handed over to the Musheerabad Excise Station for further investigation. Deputy Commissioner Dasharath and Assistant Commissioner R. Kishan appreciated the swift and effective action of the enforcement team involved in the seizure.



Leadership Must Be Cultivated from School Level: Minister Sridhar Babu



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Leadership qualities should be nurtured right from the school level to build responsible and socially conscious citizens, said Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Telangana Minister for IT and Industries. He was speaking as the chief guest at the "Leadership Day - 2025" celebrations held at Glendale Academy, Sun City, on Saturday. Addressing students, teachers, and parents, the Minister emphasized the pivotal role that schools play in shaping an individual's personality and values. He urged educators and families to go beyond academics and support students in discovering their true interests and talents. "Each child has unique potential. We must stop comparing children and instead focus on helping them set ambitious goals," Sridhar Babu said, citing former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam as an inspirational figure. He advised students to cultivate a habit of daily learning and to remain committed to their goals. Acknowledging the ever-evolving nature of technology, the Minister stressed the need for innovation and creative thinking in education. He also reaffirmed the government's commitment to empowering students in government schools with the necessary skills, exposure, and confidence to succeed across various domains. The event was also graced by GSJ Deputy Country Director Avneesh Singh, Glendale Group Director Meenu Saluja, and life coach Dr. Kannan, who shared valuable insights with the students.

Negligence by Contractor Leads to Car Accident in Tandur, Vikarabad District



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A car crashed into an under-construction bridge in the outskirts of Allapur village, Tandur mandal, late Friday night, due to the alleged negligence of a road contractor. Fortunately, no injuries were reported in the accident. The incident occurred along the Tandur-Chincholi stretch of National Highway 167, where road construction is currently underway. As per standard safety protocols, the contractor was expected to install warning and indicator boards to alert commuters about ongoing work. However, locals alleged that the lack

of proper signage led to the vehicle speeding into the construction zone in the dark. The absence of clear warnings at the site has drawn criticism from residents, who blamed the contractor for the oversight. "Had there been proper signboards in place, the accident could have been avoided," said one local resident. While the car occupants escaped unhurt, the accident has reignited concerns about road safety during construction work. Locals and vehicle users are now urging higher authorities to take immediate action and ensure such incidents do not recur.

Lord Sri Ram

A Timeless Symbol of Sanatana Dharma

conveyed the message to mankind that there is only an ability-character hierarchy that is respected, not by the birth origins and inheritance.

The epic Ramayana clearly demonstrates that Sanatana Dharma opposes a caste system. It maintains that a person's worth is determined by their values, character, and dedication to dharma rather than by where they were born. Rather than their origins, the vanaras—including Hanuman—are admired for their extraordinary traits and fearlessness. Anyone can become great, regardless of upbringing, as demonstrated by Hanuman's dual roles as a devout supporter and a celestial figure. This principle affirms that true devotion to righteousness and service eradicates any innate caste hierarchy and emphasizes how every person in Sanatana Dharma is respected for their inner traits and contributions.

Lord Rama's life and charater a guiding light for humanity

Indeed, Lord Rama's life and character have long been held as a guiding light for humanity. His unwavering commitment to dharma, his compassion, humility, and willingness to sacrifice personal gains for the greater good offer enduring lessons on moral integrity and righteous leadership. Rama's example encourages us to strive for a life of duty, selflessness, and justice—principles that continue to resonate across cultures and generations.

A king should be like a saint, willing to give up power and pleasures.

Lord Sri Ram embodies the essence of Sanatana Dharma — upholding righteousness, duty, and compassion in every aspect of life. He demonstrated deep respect for parents, obeying their wishes without question, even when it meant sacrificing his throne and comforts of the palace. In contrast, history records many rulers who imprisoned their fathers or killed their



brothers for power. Had they studied the life of Rama, perhaps they would have chosen the path of dharma over ambition.

Did not depend on the palace army and made the tribals as army.

Rama embraced both palace and forest life with the same grace — never once expressing disappointment. Even when he set out to rescue Sita Mata, he did not call upon his royal army or his brother Bharata, who was ruling in his absence. Instead, he stood with the vanaras (forest dwellers), transformed them into a powerful force, and embraced them as his equals, declaring, “They are no less

than my brothers. This shows that true leadership is not about status or wealth, but about commitment, integrity, and a connection to the people. Rama valued public sentiment, stood by his word, and led by example.

The Champion of tribal empowerment transformed them into warriors, raising their status to match his divine standing.

Lord Rama transformed the lives of forest dwellers by turning the Vanaras into a formidable army against the mystic demons of Lanka. Among these brave warriors, Hanuman—originally a Vanara—was elevated to

a divine status, revered as equal to the Lord Rama himself. This honor is a profound reminder of Rama's commitment to inclusivity; every temple of Lord Rama proudly displays a statue of Lord Hanuman, celebrating his divine contribution.

Furthermore, during the Treta Yuga, when Lord Rama incarnated as lord Krishna, the presence of a flag bearing Hanuman's image on Lord Krishna's war chariot during the Kurukshetra battle underscored the highest respect for forest dweller the lord Hanuman. This gesture exemplifies the essence of Sanatana Dharma—a society that transcends caste barriers and uplifts even the most marginalized. By bestowing the highest honors upon tribal warriors, Sanatana Dharma stands as a testament to equality, justice, and the empowerment of the down-trodden.

Conveyed the message to the world that skills and commitment will be honoured, not the one's birth caste.

The Ramayana indeed elevates vanaras the tribal beings—by highlighting their courage, loyalty, and commitment to duty. Their celebrated roles suggest that qualities such as efficiency, valor, and adherence to dharma are far more significant than the circumstances of one's birth. This narrative supports the idea that in the broader principles of Sanatana Dharma, intrinsic virtue and moral action are held in higher esteem than social hierarchies or caste distinctions. It's important to recognize that while the epic emphasizes these universal values, the evolution of social structures

in later periods sometimes introduced more rigid interpretations of caste. Nonetheless, the core message of the Ramayana serves as a reminder that true nobility arises from one's actions and character, not merely from inherited status. In Lord Rama's legacy, we find a profound lesson: true strength lies not in birth or privilege, but in the courage and spirit of every individual, regardless of their origins.

Proved that bare footed Vanaras the tribal beings can build mighty bridge on ocean, an impossible task

The construction of Ram Setu, a bridge across the ocean built by bare-foot vanaras with nothing but stones and faith, is a testament that no goal



Dr Buragadda Srinadh

is impossible when confidence and unity lead the way. Rama encouraged Hanuman to realize his own divine strength — a reminder that a good leader inspires others to discover their inner power. His rule was one of justice, inclusivity, and equality, where caste had no place, and every being was treated with dignity.

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Waqf Amendment Bill 2025: Balancing Justice, Reform, and Rights



The Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2025, officially titled the UMEED Act, represents a landmark step towards streamlining the management of Waqf properties while upholding justice, transparency, and constitutional safeguards. More than a simple amendment, the Act aims to rectify long-standing administrative and legal loopholes in India's Waqf system. The Act abolishes Section 40 of the original 1995 Waqf Act, which allowed Waqf Boards to unilaterally declare any property as Waqf land, often without due process. This provision had led to thousands of disputes and was criticized by the Sachar Committee in 2006 for undermining justice. The 2025 amendment replaces this arbitrary system with a structured legal mechanism: district collectors now have the authority to adjudicate such matters, with a right to appeal to the High Court within 90 days. Home Minister Amit Shah emphasized this during parliamentary debate, underscoring that clause 35(9) of the new bill introduces statutory appeals and aligns with Article 14's principles of equality and Article 32's protection of legal remedies. The claim that the bill undermines Waqf's inalienable status is countered by judicial precedents that distinguish religious practice from administrative functions. In *Sardar Syedna Taher Saifuddin Saheb v. State of Bombay* (1962), the Supreme Court clarified that

governance tasks do not equate to worship. The 2025 Act introduces a 12-year limitation period for claims, mirroring the Limitation Act, 1963, thus preventing indefinite litigation and potentially unlocking around 9.4 lakh acres of land worth ₹1.2 lakh crore. This land, currently tied up in over 13,000 pending cases, could be redirected towards educational and healthcare initiatives benefiting economically disadvantaged sections of the Muslim community. Another reformative step is the inclusion of two Muslim women on every Waqf Board, addressing the historical underrepresentation—only 2% female participation noted by the Sachar Committee. This democratization aligns with Articles 15(3) and 16(2), which support affirmative action and gender equity in public institutions. The Act also introduces limited representation for non-Muslims—two of the 11 members on a Waqf Board—to enhance transparency, without infringing on religious autonomy, as permitted under *S.R. Bommai v. Union of India* (1994). Claims under Article 26—that the bill interferes with religious practices—are further dispelled through precedents like *Raja Bira Kishore Deb v. State of Orissa* (1964) and *Durgah Committee, Ajmer v. Syed Hussain Ali* (1961), where the Supreme Court upheld state regulation of secular aspects of religious institutions.

Karnataka's Pay Hike for Crorepati Lawmakers

In a move that has sparked widespread criticism, the Karnataka government has approved a sweeping pay hike for its legislators—even as the state grapples with a mounting financial crisis. On March 21, the Congress-led Assembly passed bills doubling salaries and allowances for the Chief Minister, ministers, and members of both legislative houses. The Chief Minister's monthly salary was raised from ₹75,000 to ₹1.5 lakh, while ministers now receive ₹1.25 lakh, up from ₹60,000. MLAs and MLCs have seen their pay double from ₹40,000 to ₹80,000. Even pensions have been hiked from ₹37,500 to ₹75,000 per month. Altogether, this revision

is projected to cost the state an additional ₹62 crore annually.

This pay hike comes at a time when the state is struggling with debt that has surged past ₹7.6 lakh crore. Despite a record revenue collection of ₹2.6 lakh crore (excluding borrowings) for 2025–26, a major chunk—₹1.6 lakh crore—is earmarked for salaries, pensions, and interest payments. Another ₹2 lakh crore is needed to sustain welfare schemes, leaving just ₹60,000 crore (about 15% of the budget) for infrastructure and development projects. Consequently, the state has resorted to



borrowing to keep basic services running. The decision to reward lawmakers so generously seems all the more tone-deaf when placed against the backdrop of their personal wealth. According to a recent report by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), Karnataka has the highest number of ultra-wealthy MLAs in India, with 31 legislators possessing assets exceeding ₹100 crore. The state's MLAs have an average net worth of ₹63.5 crore, and a staggering 97% of sitting MLAs are crorepatis. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar alone has declared assets worth over ₹1,413 crore, making him the richest legislator in the state and

the second richest in India.

Among Congress MLAs, 132 out of 135 are crorepatis, with an average wealth of ₹67.13 crore. BJP MLAs also follow suit—63 of 66 are in the same category, averaging ₹44.36 crore. Janata Dal (Secular) is not far behind, with 18 of its 19 MLAs owning assets worth over ₹1 crore. In this context, the state's generous pay hike appears unnecessary and sends a message of detachment from the financial realities faced by ordinary citizens.

Meanwhile, the government's welfare schemes are under stress. Payments under flagship initiatives such as the Gruha Lakshmi Yojane have reportedly been delayed for five months. Pending dues to electricity supply companies (Escoms) remain unpaid, and Local Area Development Fund allocations to MLAs are stuck. Public infrastructure projects, including metro and bus services, are struggling due to lack of funds.

PM Modi Receives Sri Lanka's Top Honour



Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honoured with Sri Lanka's highest civilian award, the 'Mitra Vibhushana' medal, on Saturday for his outstanding role in enhancing India-Sri Lanka relations. The award was conferred shortly after Modi landed in Colombo for a three-day official visit. This prestigious honour recognizes Modi's exceptional contributions to strengthening bilateral ties and nurturing the shared cultural and spiritual heritage between India and Sri Lanka. According to the Sri Lankan President's Office, the Mitra Vibhushana medal was specially instituted to acknowledge extraordinary global friendships and reflects the depth of the longstanding ties between the two nations. This event also marks a diplomatic milestone, as Prime

Minister Modi is the first international leader to be officially hosted by Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake since he assumed office in September 2024. The warm welcome and the honour bestowed upon Modi underscore Colombo's strategic emphasis on deepening its engagement with New Delhi. Notably, this is the 22nd international honour Modi has received from a foreign government, further solidifying his stature as a respected global statesman. The recognition from Sri Lanka adds to a growing list of accolades for his proactive foreign policy and leadership in regional cooperation. President Dissanayake highlighted Modi's pivotal role in championing regional unity and acknowledged India's consistent support in areas ranging

from infrastructure development to humanitarian aid and cultural exchange. The medal ceremony also served as a symbolic reaffirmation of the two nations' shared historical legacy rooted in Buddhism, trade, and people-to-people connections. During his visit, PM Modi is expected to hold bilateral meetings with top Sri Lankan leaders, address issues related to economic collaboration, energy partnerships, and regional security, and participate in cultural events celebrating India-Sri Lanka friendship. The honour reinforces India's status as a key partner for Sri Lanka in its pursuit of stability, growth, and post-crisis recovery, while also reflecting PM Modi's growing diplomatic footprint in South Asia and beyond.

Dhoni Retirement Buzz Grows Louder

speculation is mounting around ms dhoni's potential retirement from the indian premier league (ipl), especially after a rare appearance by his parents at the chepauk stadium ahead of chennai super kings' clash against delhi capitals. fans and netizens have taken to social media, suggesting that the 43-year-old legend could be preparing to make a major announcement following tonight's match. the presence of dhoni's family, which is uncommon during regular season games, has only fueled retirement rumors. the speculation comes at a time when the chennai super kings (csk) are under pressure, having lost their last two matches. dhoni, who has been more selective in his appearances on the field, faced criticism for coming in too late during the team's 50-run defeat against royal challengers bangalore, a match where the chase was already out of reach by the time he stepped in. despite the recent slump, dhoni's ipl legacy remains unmatched. he is the only captain to have led a team to over 100 wins in the tournament and boasts the highest number of matches as a skipper—226 games. over the course of his illustrious career, he has played 267 ipl matches, scored 5,289 runs, and holds a batting average of 39.18 with a strike rate



of 137.70. specifically with csk, dhoni has appeared in 237 matches, amassing 4,715 runs with an even better average of 40.30 and strike rate of 139.46. as fans await clarity, delhi capitals captain axar patel won the toss in saturday's match and opted to bat first, aiming for a third consecutive victory. delhi brought

in sameer rizvi to replace the unavailable faf du plessis, while csk replaced devon conway with jamie overton and brought in rahul tripathi for mukesh choudhary. whether this is dhoni's final match or not, tonight's game could be a defining moment in the history of one of ipl's greatest icons.

BookMyShow Drops Kunal Kamra Content

Online ticketing platform BookMyShow has reportedly removed all content related to stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra from its website. The move follows a complaint letter from Yuva Shiv Sena leader Rahool N Kanal, who raised objections to Kamra's controversial content, particularly a recent joke that was labeled as "anti-national" by critics. According to reports by India Today, Kamra's profile has been removed, and no upcoming shows featuring the comedian are currently listed on the platform. This action comes in the wake of a letter dated April 2, in which Rahool Kanal urged BookMyShow to refrain from promoting or selling tickets for Kamra's performances. Kanal described Kamra as someone with a "documented history of habitual offensive behavior," alleging that his content consistently crosses the line of decency and decorum. In his letter, Kanal wrote, "I am addressing this letter in my individual capacity as a concerned citizen to bring to your attention a matter of significant public interest concerning the operations of BookMyShow." He went on to say that Kamra has used his platform to engage in a "vil-



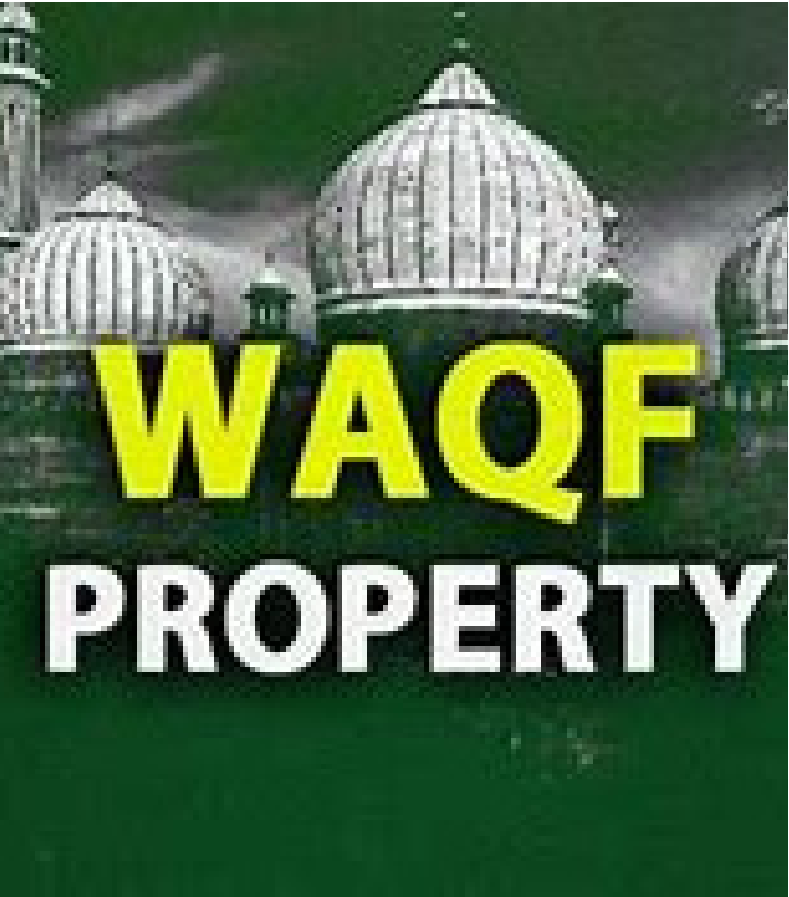
ification campaign" targeting prominent public figures, including the Prime Minister, deputy chief ministers, and other leaders. The controversy reportedly stems from a recent stand-up routine where Kamra cracked a joke that some interpreted as mocking national sentiment and leadership. Social media users and certain political outfits criticized the content, labeling it "traitorous," sparking calls for a boycott and further amplifying demands for action against the comedian. While Kunal Kamra has not officially responded to BookMyShow's action or the political letter, he has been known to defend his right to free speech in the past, often pointing out the role of satire in a healthy democracy. The incident has once again sparked a debate around censorship, freedom of expression, and political influence in entertainment spaces. BookMyShow has yet to issue a public statement on the matter.

Violence Erupts at Bokaro Plant Protest

Tensions flared in Bokaro on Thursday as a protest demanding employment at the Bokaro Steel Plant (BSP) turned violent, resulting in the tragic death of a 23-year-old youth and injuries to at least 15 others, including one person currently in the ICU. The deceased, Prem Mahto, was part of a demonstration organized by the Visthapit Apprentice Sangh (VAS)—a union representing youth displaced during the establishment of the steel plant. Mahto allegedly succumbed to injuries after being struck on the head during a CISF lathi charge as protesters tried to breach barricades near the plant's main gate. The protest triggered a city-wide shutdown from Thursday night and brought plant operations to a standstill, with thousands of workers stranded inside. Authorities responded quickly to the escalating situation. Bokaro Deputy Commissioner Vijaya Jadhav confirmed that a three-member inquiry committee has been formed to investigate the incident. An order has also been issued for the arrest of the BSP's Chief General Manager. The district administration has announced a compensation of ₹20 lakh for

Mahto's family. The roots of the unrest lie in long-standing grievances of displaced families. According to protester Sahdev Sao, the plant was set up in 1967-68 on 34,000 acres of acquired land with promises of over 20,000 jobs for displaced locals. However, many of these promises remain unfulfilled. "We've been demanding jobs since 2016. Back then, we even breached the canal in protest, which led to the arrest of 52 protesters for seven months," said Sao. Another youth, speaking anonymously, stated that in 2016, the government identified 4,328 displaced persons eligible for employment. However, only 1,500 were offered apprenticeships between 2016 and 2022, with the number of recruitments decreasing in each phase. Despite an official meeting held in February, no progress followed. Frustrated by delays, youth and their families launched a fresh sit-in protest on April 3, which ultimately culminated in Thursday's violent confrontation. The incident has raised serious concerns over the state's handling of displacement and job promises tied to industrial development.

Waqf Bill Passed, 8.8 Lakh Properties Listed



The waqf (amendment) bill 2025 has been passed by parliament with ease in both houses, ushering in new rules that may affect over 73,000 disputed waqf properties across the country. the bill, which underwent more than 12 hours of debate, marks a major update in how waqf assets—properties endowed by muslims for religious or charitable purposes—are recorded and managed. according to data from the ministry of minority affairs, there are a total of 8.8 lakh waqf properties listed across 30 states and union territories, based on entries in the waqf assets management system of india (wamsi), the government's official database. out of the total, more than 6.2 lakh properties—roughly two-thirds—are classified as graveyards, agricultural land, mosques, shops, or houses. graveyards make up 17.3%, while agricultural land and mosques account for 16% and 14%, respectively.

n interestingly, while up has the most waqf properties, punjab has the highest proportion of disputed properties, suggesting sharp regional contrasts in land contention. these disputes now fall under the new framework of the amended legislation. a waqf is a unique form of property in islamic tradition, where the ownership is believed to rest with god, while the property is managed for a religious, charitable, or community purpose. the amended bill is expected to bring greater transparency, digitization, and dispute resolution mechanisms. the move has stirred public debate and political activity, particularly in regions with ongoing land disputes involving waqf properties. in some areas, the passage of the bill has even triggered shifts in local political affiliations, including christian groups joining the bjp amid related disputes.

Waqf properties by type

Top 5 types of waqf properties

Graveyard	152,523
Agricultural Land	140,778
Mosque	121,653
Shop	115,964
House	92,868

Source: WAMSI • Created with Datawrapper

JP Morgan Predicts U.S. Recession Due to New Tariffs; India's Exports May Be Impacted

- **U.S. GDP expected to shrink and unemployment may rise to 5.3%.**
- **Fed Chair Powell warns tariffs could worsen inflation and slow growth.**
- **India faces a 26% tariff on exports starting April 9.**

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JP Morgan has forecasted that the United States is likely to enter a recession this year, primarily driven by the economic effects of newly imposed tariffs, as announced by President Donald Trump. In a note to investors released on Friday, Michael

Feroli, the firm's chief U.S. economist, predicted that the country's gross domestic product (GDP) will contract due to the weight of these tariffs.

Feroli further stated that this economic downturn could push the U.S. unemployment rate to 5.3%, as a result of reduced economic activity. This prediction comes after Presi-

dent Trump revealed on April 2 that his administration would be imposing reciprocal tariffs on various countries as part of a broader strategy to rebalance trade relations with major U.S. trading partners.

The Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell also voiced concerns over the potential impact of the new tariffs. During a business journalism conference on Friday, Powell warned that these tariffs could cause more significant economic damage than previously anticipated.

He explained that the tariff hikes would likely lead to higher inflation and slower economic growth, complicating the Federal Reserve's ongoing

efforts to control inflation.

According to Trump's tariff plan, a 10% tariff will be applied to imports from all countries beginning on April 5. Additionally, countries with the largest trade deficits with the U.S. will face individualized, higher tariffs starting April 9. India, in particular, will be affected by a 26% tariff on its exports.

Despite this negative outlook, global brokerage firm Jefferies has taken a more optimistic view regarding the impact on India.

The firm noted that key sectors of Indian exports, such as information technology (IT) services, pharmaceuticals, and automobiles, will not be directly affected by the new tariffs.



However, Jefferies warned that a potential slowdown in the U.S. economy could still negatively impact Indian exports, particularly in IT services, due to weakened de-

mand. While the 26% tariff on Indian goods may seem "reasonable" compared to other countries' tariffs, the broader economic challenges in the U.S. could pose greater risks.

Death Toll from Myanmar Earthquake Surpasses 3,300, UN Urges Global Aid

TPN Correspondent | Yangon, Myanmar

The death toll from the devastating earthquake in Myanmar has risen to over 3,300, according to state media reports on Saturday. The earthquake, which struck on March 28, caused widespread destruction across the country, leaving 3,354 people dead and over 4,500 injured. Additionally, 220 people are still missing, with many survivors left without shelter.

Over a week after the disaster, survivors are still struggling to find adequate housing. Many are sleeping outdoors as their homes were either destroyed or are too unsafe to occupy due to the risk of further collapses. According to a United Nations estimate, more than three million people have been affected by the 7.7-magnitude quake, exacerbating the country's already dire situation, which has been complicated by four years of ongoing civil war.

The UN's top aid official, Tom Fletcher, visited the city of Mandalay, which is located near the earthquake's epicenter and has sustained signif-



icant damage. He described the destruction as "staggering" and called for the international community to urgently support Myanmar's recovery efforts.

The new death toll was announced following the return of Myanmar's military junta leader, Min Aung Hlaing, from a regional summit in Bangkok. His attendance at the summit was met with controversy, as protesters accused him of being a "murderer," and anti-junta groups condemned his presence.

The military junta has been in power since a 2021 coup that ousted the civilian government of Aung San Suu Kyi, sparking a

violent conflict that continues to this day.

Despite the ongoing internal conflict, international aid is slowly reaching Myanmar. Neighboring countries like China, Russia, and India were among the first to provide rescue teams to help locate survivors. In addition to earlier contributions, the United States has pledged an additional \$7 million in aid to support relief efforts.

The prolonged fighting in Myanmar has left the country's infrastructure and economy in tatters, significantly hindering global aid efforts in the aftermath of the earthquake.

Nationwide Protests Planned Against Trump and Musk's Administration

TPN Correspondent | US

Opponents of President Donald Trump and billionaire Elon Musk are gearing up for widespread protests across the United States on Saturday, aiming to voice their opposition to the administration's policies on government downsizing, the economy, human rights, and various other issues.

The protests, which are being organized under the banner "Hands Off!", will see over 1,200 demonstrations take place nationwide. These rallies have been planned by more than 150 groups, including civil rights organizations, labor unions, LGBTQ+ advocates, veterans, and fair elections activists. The events are set to take place in major cities, including the National Mall in Washington, D.C., state capitols, and various other locations throughout all 50 states.

The demonstrations come in response to what protesters see as harmful government policies and corporate practices that disproportionately impact marginalized communities and working-class Americans. Protesters are expected to highlight a range of issues, includ-

ing government budget cuts, the erosion of civil liberties, climate change denial, and corporate influence on politics. Many of the activists involved have expressed concerns about Musk's business practices and his growing influence, particularly his role in the tech industry and its intersections with politics.

The "Hands Off!" protests aim to create a unified voice against policies that critics say threaten social justice, the economy, and the environment. With rallies organized across the country, participants are hoping to send a strong message to the administration, demanding accountability and advocating for changes that prioritize the welfare of everyday Americans.

The demonstrations are expected to draw a diverse group of participants, each bringing their own grievances and concerns to the forefront. Organizers hope that these rallies will galvanize public sentiment and



encourage political action leading into upcoming elections. The protests also serve as a reflection of the ongoing national debate over government power, corporate influence, and the future direction of the United States.

Yoon's removal has also sparked concerns about the future stability of the government. South Korea's constitution requires the holding of a new presidential election within two months, and political parties are already gearing up for a highly charged electoral battle.

In the meantime, South Korea's prime minister will serve as the acting head of state until the election can be held, ensuring that the government continues to function despite the political upheaval.

North Korea leader Kim Jong Un visits military training base

TPN Correspondent | North Korea

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un visited a military training base of the Korean People's Army's special operations units on April 4, 2025, as reported by state media on April 5. During the visit, Kim observed a general tactical training session and a small-arms shooting contest, which involved combatants from various special operation units under the ongoing training program.

Kim Jong Un emphasized the importance of strengthening North Korea's special operations forces as a key aspect of the nation's current military strategy. The state news agency KCNA quoted him as saying that enhancing these forces is central to his vision of building a more formidable military. However, KCNA did not reveal specific details regarding the tasks Kim outlined to improve the operational capabilities of these units.

As part of his visit, Kim also oversaw the test-fire of a newly developed sniper rifle, designed for use by the special operations units. Kim expressed



satisfaction with the rifle's performance, highlighting the success of the weapon, which was developed using North Korean technology.

The visit comes amid increasing concerns about North Korea's military activities, including its deployment of special operations forces to Russia to participate in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. According to South Korea, North Korean troops have been stationed in Russia to support Russian forces. This deployment was initially downplayed by both Moscow and Pyongyang, but in October 2024, Russian President Vladimir Putin did not deny the presence of North Korean troops on the battlefield, while a North Korean official con-

firmed that such a deployment would be in accordance with international law.

Analysts suggest that North Korea may be gaining valuable experience by contributing troops and weapons to the conflict in Ukraine, potentially using these insights to strengthen its own military forces. However, Ukrainian officials have reported heavy casualties among the North Korean troops involved.

Kim Jong Un's inspection of the special operations units and his focus on enhancing their capabilities further underline his commitment to developing North Korea's military strength amidst ongoing regional and international tensions.

Trump Imposes 25% Tariff on Imported Vehicles to the U.S.

President Donald Trump has unveiled a new 25% tariff on cars and car parts that are imported into the United States, marking a significant change from the current 2.5% import tax. This decision is part of the administration's broader economic strategy aimed at boosting domestic production and protecting American industries from foreign competition.

The tariff will apply to vehicles and car components from countries outside the U.S., further intensifying trade tensions with global partners. While the policy is intended to encourage more car manufacturing within the U.S., it raises concerns about the potential for higher consumer prices and strained relations with trading partners. The new tariff policy follows a series of similar trade measures introduced by Trump since taking office. The administration has implemented tariffs on various goods, including steel and aluminum, in an effort to protect U.S. manufacturers from what it sees as unfair competition. However, critics argue that these tariffs could



harm American consumers by raising the cost of imported goods, leading to higher prices for cars and car parts in the domestic market.

In his announcement, President Trump expressed confidence that the new tariff would lead to "tremendous growth" in the U.S. car industry. The administration believes that by making foreign-made cars more expensive, American manufacturers will have a competitive advantage, potentially leading to job creation and increased production within the country.

The impact of the tariff will extend beyond the U.S.,

with countries like the United Kingdom and other car-exporting nations potentially facing higher costs for their vehicles and parts sold to the U.S. market. These countries may seek to negotiate exemptions or retaliate with tariffs of their own, which could lead to further trade disruptions.

As the situation develops, the full impact of these tariffs on global trade and consumer prices remains to be seen. The move highlights the Trump administration's focus on protecting U.S. industries, but it also underscores the complexities of global trade in a highly interconnected economy.

Tata Capital files for confidential IPO with Sebi, eyes ₹15,000 cr listing

Tata Capital, the financial services arm of the Tata Group, has submitted a confidential pre-filing for its initial public offering (IPO) to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi). This step marks the beginning of the group's plan to list its financial subsidiary while ensuring the protection of sensitive business information, according to reports from Moneycontrol.

Tata Capital, a non-banking financial services (NBFC) company and a subsidiary of Tata Sons, has hired 10 investment banks to advise on the IPO. These include prominent institutions such as Kotak Mahindra Capital, Citi, JP Morgan, Axis Capital, ICICI Securities, HSBC

Securities, IIFL Capital, BNP Paribas, SBI Capital, and HDFC Bank.

The IPO will likely include a mixture of primary and secondary share offerings. Tata Sons and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) plan to reduce their stakes in the company. However, Tata Sons is expected to retain a significant role in the stake sale, ensuring its continued influence in the business. On February 25, the board of Tata Capital approved the IPO, which will feature a fresh issue of up to 230 million shares alongside the offer for sale by existing shareholders. The success of the IPO will depend on market conditions and regulatory approvals.

As of March 31, 2024, Tata Sons held 92.83% of Tata Capital, with the remaining shares owned by other Tata Group entities and IFC. A recent Fitch Ratings report suggests that the public listing will not reduce Tata Sons' stake below 75% in the foreseeable future.

Tata Capital's IPO represents a significant move for the Tata Group, which continues to expand its footprint in various sectors. The listing will provide an opportunity for public investors to participate in the company's growth while also enhancing the financial services business's market presence.



India remains attractive destination for global capital: Experts



India continues to stand as an appealing destination for global capital, buoyed by a strong economic outlook, progressive policy reforms, and a resilient market, experts said on Saturday.

Despite the recent reciprocal tariffs imposed by the US on Indian goods, experts noted that these measures remain relatively modest compared to other Asian countries. This situation preserves India's competitive edge and provides a strong proposition for viable export opportunities.

Manoj Purohit, Partner and Leader, FS Tax, Tax and Regulatory Services at BDO India, highlighted India's position as one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. He noted that India benefits from a large consumer market, a skilled workforce, and a government that is committed to implementing business-friendly reforms. The government's emphasis on infrastructure, digital growth, and ease of doing business has further bolstered investor confidence.

One of the recent steps in reinforcing India's investment climate was the RBI's decision to maintain the existing corporate bond and G-sec limits for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs). This move signals the government's

intent to keep India's market accessible to offshore investors, ensuring continued foreign inflows.

Trade diversification and strategic partnerships have also created new avenues for investment, making India an attractive market for long-term investment despite potential short-term challenges such as tariffs. Purohit pointed out that India's robust economic fundamentals make it resilient to temporary disruptions like rising inflation, tight earnings, and high valuations.

Market participants are closely monitoring the potential long-term effects of proposed tariffs, along with upcoming announcements from the RBI regarding its monetary policy stance. There is anticipation of a possible rate cut, which could influence investment strategies in the next cycle.

The upcoming week is critical, with key domestic and global events on the horizon. Investors are likely to track developments related to tariff tensions, and domestic economic indicators, including the IIP and CPI data, will be closely watched. Additionally, the Q4 earnings season kicks off with IT giant TCS scheduled to announce its results on April 10.

Market Outlook for FY26

Cautious Start Amid US Tariff Hikes and Geopolitical Concerns

The new financial year (FY26) has begun on a cautious note, largely driven by the unexpected imposition of higher tariffs by the US, market experts noted on Saturday. While the initial market sentiment remains subdued, any positive developments from the ongoing India-US bilateral trade talks could provide a potential catalyst to support the market's recovery. Sectors like IT and metals have significantly underperformed compared to the broader market, reflecting growing concerns about the US economy's outlook and the possibility of retaliatory trade actions from other countries. Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Investments Limited, highlighted that investors will be closely watching for any countermeasures taken by global trade partners, which could escalate geopolitical and economic uncertainty. This cautious sentiment is reflected in the rally of gold and bond prices, as investors flock to safe-haven assets in response to the growing risk of a trade war. On Friday, benchmark indices ex-



tended their losses, with the Nifty falling 345.65 points, or 1.49%, to 22,904.45. The fear of a trade war, fueled by US President Donald Trump's reciprocal tariffs, has led to widespread concern that aggressive trade policies could result in retaliatory measures, disrupt global supply chains, and hinder global economic growth.

The broader markets experienced a sharp decline, with the Nifty Midcap 100 and Nifty Smallcap 100 indices dropping 2.91% and 3.56%, respectively. All sectoral indices faced signifi-

cant losses, particularly IT, Auto, Pharma, PSU Bank, Realty, Oil and Gas, and Metals, which saw declines between 3% and 6%.

Market analysts suggest that the key support level for the Nifty lies around 22,700-22,800. Holding above this level will be crucial for a potential recovery towards the previous week's high of 23,565. However, failure to maintain support could lead to a further decline, potentially reaching 22,300.

In the coming week, investors will also focus on the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy meeting and the resumption of the Q4 FY25 earnings season. A positive outcome from the MPC meeting could benefit rate-sensitive sectors, while key economic indicators, such as inflation figures and US jobless claims, will offer critical insights into the health of the global economy.

India Ranks 10th in Private AI Investment, Improves Position in Tech Readiness:UN

India has emerged as a significant player in the global AI landscape, ranking 10th in private investments in AI in 2023, according to the United Nations' 2025 Technology and Innovation Report. The report, published by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), highlights that India is one of only two developing countries with substantial private AI investments, alongside China.

The report reveals that the US leads global AI investment, contributing USD 67 billion, which accounts for 70% of worldwide private investment. China follows in second place with USD 7.8 billion, while India ranks tenth with USD 1.4 billion. This marks a notable achievement for India in the evolving field of AI, with the technology expect-

ed to reach a market value of USD 4.8 trillion by 2033, transforming industries worldwide.

India has also shown improvement in the UNCTAD's Readiness for Frontier Technologies Index, rising from 48th place in 2022 to 36th in 2024. This index measures a country's ability to adopt and deploy cutting-edge technologies, combining factors like ICT deployment, research and development (R&D), skills, industrial capacity, and access to finance. India performed particularly well in R&D, ranking 3rd globally, but still faces challenges in ICT infrastructure (99th) and skills development (113th).

Despite these challenges, the report notes that India, along with other de-

veloping countries like China and Brazil, is outperforming its income level in technology readiness. The report emphasizes that AI and other frontier technologies, while offering productivity gains, could also exacerbate inequality if not managed properly. To mitigate this risk, the report stresses the importance of investing in workforce reskilling and adaptation.

AI is expected to reshape global economies, and while access to AI infrastructure remains concentrated in a few developed countries, nations like India are beginning to carve out their place in the AI revolution. The future, according to the report, will require global collaboration to ensure that AI benefits not just capital but workers as well, creating new industries and jobs.

Companies defend India's startup proposition after Piyush Goyal's jibe stirs debate

Several prominent Indian entrepreneurs rallied in defense of the startup ecosystem after Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal questioned the value and innovation of Indian startups. His remarks, made at a recent Startup Mahakumbh event, sparked a debate, especially from figures like Zepto CEO Aadit Palicha and Zoho founder Sridhar Vembu, who defended the contributions of startups in India.

Goyal had suggested that Indian startups should shift focus from consumer-based businesses like food delivery and ice cream production to high-tech sectors such as robotics, AI, and semi-

conductors. He criticized food delivery startups for creating jobs that, in his view, only turned youth into "cheap labor" for wealthy consumers. He further pointed to China's advancements in electric mobility and AI as a model for India to aspire to, urging Indian startups to be bolder in their approach.

Palicha, who co-founded Zepto, hit back, emphasizing that consumer internet companies like his have made significant contributions to job creation, foreign direct investment (FDI), and innovation in India's supply chain. He noted that Zepto alone



had created over 1.5 lakh jobs and contributed more than ₹1,000 crore in taxes annually. "We need to build great local champions in the internet sector," he argued, suggesting that consumer internet companies were integral to scaling technologies like cloud computing and AI, as seen with global giants like Amazon and Facebook.

Zoho's Sridhar Vembu supported Palicha, viewing Goyal's challenge as a call for engineers to solve India's technological hurdles. Vembu emphasized that smart engineers could overcome these challenges and bring India clos-

er to technological excellence.

Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma also chimed in, highlighting the maturity differences between India's startup ecosystem and those of more developed markets like the U.S. and China. He noted that India's ecosystem is still evolving, and its startups are playing to their strengths as they gradually mature.

While Goyal's remarks stirred controversy, the entrepreneurs underscored that India's startup ecosystem, though still developing, holds vast potential for future innovation and growth.

Why This Man Hates Mumbai Living

Mumbai, often hailed as the city of dreams, doesn't always live up to that reputation—at least not for everyone. A recent post on Reddit has gone viral after a man shared his deep regret about relocating from Delhi to Mumbai for work. Just a month into his new life, he's already contemplating a transfer to Gurgaon. In his post, the user vents about the harsh realities of adjusting to Mumbai life, with sky-high rents, perpetual construction, and an overwhelming population being top of the list. The man explained that renting a flat in Mumbai is a far more complicated ordeal compared to Delhi. While in Delhi, one can simply pay and move in, in Mumbai, the process includes meeting multiple people and often dealing with rigid housing societies that impose strict regulations—especially on bachelors. He pointed fingers at “society uncles” who he claimed interfere excessively in the personal lives of tenants. Rules like “no female guests overnight” or “no male friends staying too long” are imposed even after paying steep rents. The user's frustrations extended to the overall vibe of the city as well. He noted that despite assuming Mumbai and Delhi wouldn't be too different culturally, he finds Mumbaikars to be far more conservative than he expected. The constant noise, dust, and the city being in a state of construction all the time have left him yearning for the comparatively freer lifestyle of Delhi or the comfort of Gurgaon. His post resonated with several others who have either faced similar issues or feel the struggle of adapting to Mumbai's intense housing and social environment. While Mumbai offers opportunities and energy, for some, like this user, the cost—both financial and emotional—may outweigh the dream



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West Bengal Man Builds ‘Bed Car’

The internet has once again been left amazed by the brilliance of Indian “jugaad” after a man from West Bengal turned an ordinary bed into a fully functional car. In a now-viral video from Murshidabad, Nawab Sheikh can be seen cruising down the road—not in a traditional vehicle, but in what appears to be a bed on wheels. The sight has not only amused passing motorists but also sparked widespread curiosity and admiration online. The video, widely shared on Instagram, shows Mr. Sheikh confidently behind the wheel of his unconventional ride. What was once a standard bed has been ingeniously transformed into a mobile vehicle, complete with four wheels, a motor, and a functional steering system. The setup even includes



brakes, ensuring it's not just a quirky prop but a fully operational mode of transportation.

Adding to the charm of the invention are the details: a proper mattress, a colorful bed-sheet, fluffy pillows, and hilariously, side mirrors mounted on the footboard—blending comfort with functionality in the most unexpected way. At one point during the video, Mr. Sheikh stands up on his creation to strike Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's iconic arms-wide-open pose before smoothly returning to his seat and continuing his drive.

The clip has become a viral sensation, drawing reactions that range from laughter to amazement. Many social media users have praised the creativity and engineering behind the “bed car,” calling it the ultimate symbol of Indian innovation. Others joked that Mr. Sheikh has achieved the dream of literally driving from bed.

While the invention may not be road-legal, it serves as a perfect example of how ingenuity, humor, and technical know-how can come together in the most entertaining and unexpected ways—proving once again that when it comes to desi jugaad, there are no limits.

Man Pets Cobra, Internet Stunned



In a scene that looks straight out of a surreal nature documentary, a man was captured on camera calmly interacting with a giant cobra, leaving viewers across the internet completely stunned. The viral video, posted on Instagram, showcases an encounter that defies logic and fear—one where mutual calm seems to replace instinctive panic. The clip begins with the man, dressed casually in a yellow T-shirt and blue jeans, crouching calmly in front of the massive snake. The cobra, hood raised and mouth agape, appears ready to defend itself—but the man shows no signs of fear or hesitation. Instead, he focuses intently and reach-

es out to gently touch the snake's head. The cobra reacts, but not in a hostile manner. The moment is tense, yet strangely peaceful.

As the cobra stands tall and circumspect, the man maintains his calm demeanor. He doesn't flinch or back away. Instead, in what has left many viewers breathless, he slowly leans in and touches his forehead to the cobra's head—a gesture that feels spiritual, almost like a silent exchange of trust or energy. The two remain still for a heartbeat before the man gently pulls back, unharmed and composed.

The internet was quick to react, with a mix of admiration, disbelief, and concern. While some praised

the man's courage and composure, others questioned the wisdom of engaging so closely with a venomous creature. Wildlife experts caution against such interactions, warning that even the calmest cobra is still dangerous and unpredictable.

Nevertheless, the video has sparked conversations about human-animal connections, fear, and respect for the wild. Whether seen as a daring stunt or a rare moment of harmony between species, the encounter is undeniably captivating. For now, the identity of the man remains unknown—but his fearless bond with one of nature's most feared creatures has made him an internet sensation

Viral Picnic Table Spans Three Nations

Imagine having lunch with one hand in Austria, your feet in Slovakia, and your back resting in Hungary. Sounds like a geography puzzle—but it's entirely possible thanks to a unique and now-viral picnic table placed at the precise spot where these three countries meet. Nestled in a quiet corner of Central Europe, this picnic site has captured the attention of travel enthusiasts and social media users alike. The table sits in a public park designed to celebrate the geographical junction of Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary, offering a rare and whimsical chance to be in three countries at once.

What makes this destination even more captivating is its artistic setting. The park is adorned with sculptures crafted by international artists, all centered around the theme of a triangle—a simple shape with profound symbolism in this context. Representing the unity and convergence of the three nations, the triangle becomes more

than just geometry; it's a symbol of connection, cooperation, and curiosity.

The concept isn't entirely new—places like the Four Corners in the United States, where Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah touch, have long attracted tourists for similar reasons. But the picnic table at this European tri-point brings a more relaxed, scenic charm to the concept. Visitors don't just pass by for a quick selfie—they stay for lunch, soak in the landscape, and marvel at the novelty of casually existing in multiple countries all at once.

Social media has played a key role in the picnic table's rising fame. Many who stumbled upon it online now dream of planning a trip there, lured by the idea of literally crossing borders with each bite of lunch. Whether you're a geography geek, an art lover, or just someone looking for a travel story worth telling, this table offers a passport-free way to connect across cultures—one meal at a time.



Sobbing Man Nabbed for Chicken Theft

In one of the most bizarre yet oddly emotional incidents to surface online, a video from Washington state has gone viral, showing a sobbing man being arrested in the woods after stealing his ex-girlfriend's pet chicken, Polly. The footage, released by the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, has left the internet both amused and bewildered.

According to the sheriff's report, the drama unfolded when a woman called 911 last week, alleging that her former partner had broken into her house and fled—clutching her beloved chicken. Witnesses say the man shouted, “I've got Polly!” sev-

eral times before making his escape. What followed was a short manhunt through a forested area near a main road.

The bodycam footage shows officers sweeping the area until they found the man hiding in the woods, visibly emotional and still holding Polly. “Don't hurt my chicken,” he cried, hugging the bird tightly. Remaining calm, one officer replied, “That's fine. Just hold your chicken. I'm not gonna hurt your chicken,” while instructing the man to show his hands and surrender. Despite the surreal nature of the situation, the arrest was handled with care. The

man eventually complied, walking out of his hiding place still in tears. Officers allowed him to gently place Polly in the back of the patrol vehicle before taking him into custody.

The police confirmed that Polly the chicken was safely returned to her rightful owner and was unharmed during the ordeal. While the motive behind the theft remains unclear, social media users have reacted with a mix of laughter and sympathy. Some joked about the “feathered custody battle,” while others praised the officers for their calm and compassionate response.





Delhi Capitals ended their 15-year winless streak at Chepauk with a commanding 25-run victory over Chennai Super Kings in the IPL 2025 clash held on Saturday. Led by KL Rahul's masterful knock, DC posted 183/6 before restricting CSK to 158/5 in their 20 overs. KL Rahul was the star of the match, delivering a classy yet aggressive innings of 77 runs off 51 balls, featuring six boundaries and three towering sixes. His composed approach anchored the Delhi innings and laid a solid foundation. Tristan Stubbs added a quickfire unbeaten 24 off

12 balls, but DC were denied a bigger total thanks to a tight final over by CSK's Matheesha Pathirana (1/31). In response, CSK's batting faltered under pressure as DC's bowlers kept things tight. Despite a packed MA Chidambaram Stadium cheering them on, the hosts couldn't chase down the target. This marks DC's third consecutive win in the season, while CSK continues to struggle for momentum.

Rajasthan Royals Crush Punjab Kings with 50-Run Victory

Rajasthan Royals handed Punjab Kings a disappointing welcome back to their new home ground in Mullanpur with a commanding 50-run win in their latest IPL 2025 clash. Batting first, Rajasthan Royals posted a competitive total of 189/6, thanks to skipper Sanju Samson's classy half-century and impactful contributions from Jos Buttler and Riyan Parag. Samson anchored the innings with well-timed strokes while maintaining a steady run rate. In reply, Punjab Kings struggled from the outset. RR's disciplined bowling attack, led by Trent Boult and Yuzvendra Chahal, dismantled the PBKS batting line-up, restricting them to just 139. Despite home support, PBKS failed to build any meaningful partnerships. This dominant win boosts RR's position on the



Sift Kaur Samra Clinches India's First Gold at ISSF World Cup 2025

India's 23-year-old shooting prodigy Sift Kaur Samra made headlines by winning the country's first gold medal at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Buenos Aires. Competing in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) final, Samra displayed nerves of steel and outstanding accuracy to clinch the top podium finish. Initially trailing Germany's Anita Mangold, Samra mounted a strong comeback in the latter stages of the 45-shot final, eventually finishing with an impressive score of 458.6. Mangold settled for silver with 455.3, while Kazakhstan's Arina Al-tukhova took bronze with 445.9. Samra, a student of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, and the current world record holder in this event, continues to shine on the global stage. Her win further solidifies her reputation as one of India's top shooting talents. The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) lauded her performance, describing it as "extraordinary" and a testament to her champion mindset. With this victory, Samra adds another feather to her cap following her record-breaking performance at the 2023 Asian Games, and boosts India's morale ahead of future international competitions.



"Didi Supports Me A Lot": Mahima Tete on Training with Sister Salima at Senior Camp

Rising hockey star Mahima Tete is making waves at the Senior National Camp in SAI, Bengaluru, where she trains alongside her elder sister and Indian team captain, Salima Tete. Mahima, who recently helped Hockey Jharkhand win the 15th Senior Women National Championship, is now focused on breaking into the senior national team. "I've always wanted to follow in my sister's footsteps. She supports me a lot during training and helps me improve," Mahima shared. Initially part of a 65-member core group, Ma-

hima impressed selectors and secured a spot in the final 40-member senior camp list. She acknowledges the leap in intensity from domestic play and aims to match the pace and fitness of international players. Despite being ill during the national championship final, Mahima played the full game, pushing herself to help her team win their first-ever gold. Looking ahead, she aims to work hard enough to earn a place in the starting line-up.



Manchester Derby Set for Showdown as United Seek Redemption Against City

Old Trafford will witness high-stakes drama on Sunday as Manchester United take on defending champions Manchester City in a much-anticipated derby clash in the 2024-25 Premier League season. Manchester United come into the contest on the back of a 1-0 defeat to Nottingham Forest and currently sit 13th in the standings with 37 points from 30 games. City, meanwhile, are in fifth place with 51 points from 30 matches, following a 2-0 win over Leicester City. Injury concerns loom large over both sides. United will be without key players including Luke Shaw, Kobbie Mainoo, Lisandro Martinez, Jonny Evans, Amad Diallo, and Ayden Heaven. City too face absences, with Rodri, Nathan Ake, John Stones, Manuel Akanji, and Oscar Bobb ruled out. Erling Haaland remains doubtful but may still feature. The Red Devils will be desperate for a turnaround in front of home fans, while Pep Guardiola's men look to strengthen their top-four hopes. A fiery Manchester derby awaits.



Barcelona, Real Madrid Legends Arrive in Mumbai for 'Legends Face-off' on April 6

Football fever is gripping Mumbai as legendary players from FC Barcelona and Real Madrid have arrived for the much-anticipated 'Legends Face-off', set to be held on April 6, 2025, at DY Patil Stadium. The event marks a major moment in Indian football history, bringing one of the sport's greatest rivalries to Indian soil. Former stars including Javier Saviola and Edmílson from Barcelona Legends, and Fernando Morientes and Pepe from Real Madrid Legends, addressed a pre-match press conference, expressing their excitement and admiration for India's growing passion for football. "I'm thrilled to be here. The energy in India is electric. We hope this match boosts football's popularity here," said Edmílson. Saviola added, "It's emotional to see our careers celebrated by Indian fans. I hope this inspires future footballers." The match promises to be more than nostalgia—it's a celebration of the beautiful game and its unifying power.



Rashmika Mandanna Birthday Celebrated by Film Teams



National crush Rashmika Mandanna celebrates her birthday today, receiving warm wishes from her upcoming film teams Kubera and The Girlfriend. The Kubera team, led by director Sekhar Kammula, shared a heartwarming BTS video from the sets. Meanwhile, The Girlfriend unit released the teaser of the song Reyi Lolothula, sung by Hesham Abdul Wahab, Chinmayi Sripada, and Vijay Deverakonda, with lyrics by Rakendu Mouli and a poetic touch by director Rahul Ravindran. Rahul shared the teaser on X, wishing Rashmika: “You are precious! May God bless you with love, joy, and health.” Produced by Allu Aravind, The Girlfriend stars Rashmika and Dheekshith Shetty. Kubera, featuring music by Devi Sri Prasad and cinematography by Niketh Bommi, is set to release on June 20, 2025.

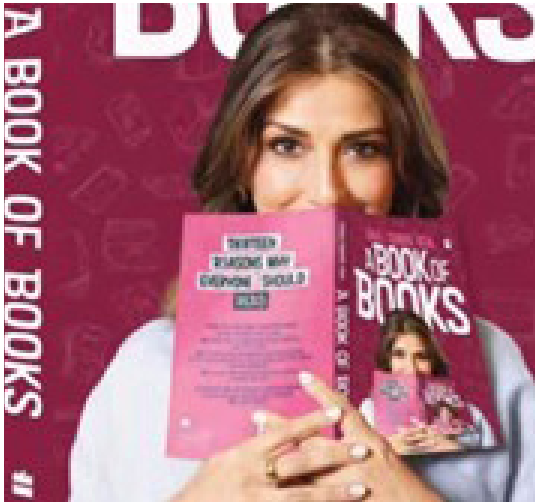


Kaajal Shankhwaarr Gets Candid About KINK 2, Industry Bias, and Beyond

Actress Kaajal Shankhwaarr, known for her role in KINK Season 2: Kiss, Ishq n Konnections, opened up about the show's success and behind-the-scenes reality. While fans have embraced the series, Kaajal revealed, “Some scenes were edited unfairly — like one where I was shown slapping someone, but they cut out the part where I was pushed first.” She expressed concern about misrepresentation and credited co-actor Nisha Yogini, whose efforts, she felt, went unnoticed. Kaajal acknowledged the risks of speaking up in the industry: “Many producers boycott actors for being outspoken, but I’ll always stand up for what’s right.” Off-screen, Kaajal unwinds with her iguana and cats, cooks, paints in her signature Wabi-Sabi style, and supports animal welfare and old-age homes. With dreams of directing and exploring Europe, she balances life with discipline and affection: “I never leave without kissing my pets.”

Sonali Bendre’s ‘Book of Books’ Arrives April 23

Award-winning actress and author Sonali Bendre Behl is set to release her second non-fiction book, A Book of Books, on April 23, announced HarperCollins India. Celebrating her enduring love for reading, the book presents ‘13 reasons why everyone should read’, along with thoughtful recommendations for all age groups and genres. In her statement, Bendre said, “Reading has been my constant companion... this book is a guide, a journal, and a friend in every reader’s journey.” Following her 2015 debut The Modern Gurukul, this new work continues her literary mission through Sonali’s Book Club, a thriving online reading community.



A Book of Books is priced at ₹599 and is now available for pre-order.

Mahesh Babu Finally Gets Passport Back, Heads Abroad!



Superstar Mahesh Babu, fresh off the first schedule of SSMB29 in Odisha, is now on a fun foreign trip with his family. But before taking off, he gave fans a playful moment at the airport—flashing his passport for the cameras! This comes after director SS Rajamouli jokingly “confiscated” Mahesh’s passport, likening it to caging a lion, a video of which went viral earlier. SSMB29, helmed by Rajamouli, promises to be a

massive action-adventure drama. With top stars like Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran on board, and Hollywood technicians involved, expectations are sky-high. The film is being produced by K.L. Narayana under Durga Arts with music by Oscar-winner M.M. Keeravani. As Mahesh heads abroad for a well-deserved break, fans are enjoying every bit of the fun-filled updates!

Aishwarya Raj Bhakuni on Staying Grounded Amid Fame



Actress Aishwarya Raj Bhakuni, currently seen as Parvati in Veer Hanuman, believes fame is never permanent. Known for her roles in Shrimad Ramayan, Tenali Rama, Jhansi Ki Rani, and Vighnaharta Ganeshha, Aishwarya says she easily disconnects from her character once the camera stops rolling. “As soon as I remove my makeup and costume, I become myself again,” she shares, reflecting on her years of experience. The actress credits her family and close friends for keeping her grounded, saying their love and support keep her focused. She also appreciates the role of social media in helping her stay authentic, stating, “It allows me to be myself.” For Aishwarya, staying humble and real is the key, even in an industry where fame can be fleeting.

Global star Ram Charan is all praise for the upcoming film Peddi, directed by Buchi Babu Sana. Taking to social media, Ram Charan revealed that he watched the “glimpse” video ahead of its April 6 release at 11:45 AM and was thrilled by the visuals and music. Sharing a powerful music bit with the catchy line “Peddi Peddi,” Charan lauded music maestro A.R. Rahman, calling

his work “extraordinary” and “electrifying.” He expressed immense excitement and assured fans they would love the sneak peek too. Produced on a massive scale, Peddi marks a major collaboration between Charan, Buchi Babu, and A.R. Rahman, setting high expectations among fans and movie buffs alike. Stay tuned for the Peddi glimpse release tomorrow!

