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ASTROGUIDE

Viswavas: Uttarayana
Tithi: Chaitra Bahula Shashti till 6.17 pm
Star: Mula till 10.18 am
Varjyam: 8.34 am to 10.18 am; 8.29 pm to 10.10 pm
Durmuhrtham: 6.01 am to 7.41 am
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PRAYERS
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Zohar: 12.25 pm
Asar: 4.38 pm
Maghrib: 6.38 pm
Isha: 7.48 pm
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MOONSET 10.20 AM

COUNTER POINT

You're late... just 10 minutes ago, a fraudster digitally robbed me!

BRIEF

SC upholds army jawan's conviction

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has upheld the conviction of an army man for firing at his colleagues with a service weapon after being dissatisfied with the food served at the mess. The Supreme Court bench set aside the 2014 judgment of the Himachal Pradesh HC.

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1K students in US have visa revoked

Washington: More than 1,000 international students have had their visas or legal status revoked in recent weeks, and several have filed lawsuits against the Trump administration, arguing the government denied them due process when it suddenly took away their permission to be in the US.

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SC stays Nashik dargah demolition

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday halted a Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) notice ordering the demolition of the Hazrat Saatpeer Sayed Baba dargah and asked the Bombay High Court to explain why the shrine's plea was not listed for nearly 10 days.

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Come to Telangana for China's alternative: CM Invest in TG, grow, Revanth tells Japan

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday extended a warm invitation to Japanese companies to invest in the state as part of the plans to de-risk their businesses through the China+1 model.

During the India-Japan Economic Partnership roadshow on Friday, Revanth Reddy switched over to Japanese to greet the gathering, 'Konnic-hiwa, Tokyo. Namaskaram. I bring warm greetings from my people in Telangana, India's youngest and fastest developing state in India.'

"Japan is called the Land of the Rising Sun. Our state's vision is Telangana Rising. Today, I am proud to say — Telangana is Rising in the Land of the Rising Sun," Revanth Reddy told over 150 participants from the Japanese business community at the event.

"Come to Telangana, find China+1 alternative. Invest, Thrive, Grow, Succeed. Hyderabad will feel like home", Revanth Reddy exhorted Japan Inc. "I am very happy to be in Tokyo. Your city is great, with excellent infrastructure, focus on environment and innovation," he said.

■ Page 2: Learnt many things from Tokyo: Revanth



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy with NTT Data, Neysa and state government officials in Tokyo on Friday. — BY ARRANGEMENT

NTT Data, Neysa to invest ₹10K cr

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

NTT Data, a global leader in digital transformation and IT services, and Neysa Networks, an AI-first cloud platform company, will invest ₹10,500 crore to set up an AI data centre cluster at Future City here.

A tripartite memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed to this effect between NTT Data, Neysa and the state government in the presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in Tokyo

on Friday. The upcoming facility in Hyderabad will feature a 400 MW data centre cluster, designed to host the country's most powerful AI supercomputing infrastructure with 25,000 GPUs. The project aligns with Telangana's vision to be the AI capital, offering sovereign, scalable, and sustainable compute capabilities to support public and enterprise AI workloads.

■ Page 2: State offers policy stability, says CM

RSS opposes Kerala BJP chief's team

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 18

Tensions have surfaced inside the Kerala BJP after the RSS objected to the appointment of a media convenor in state party president Rajeev Chandrasekhar's new team.

RSS-aligned seer Swami Bhargava Ram has publicly questioned the selection, alleging the appointee is close to journalist Sidheeq Kappan, who is out on bail in a UAPA case and has been linked to the banned Popular Front of India (PFI).

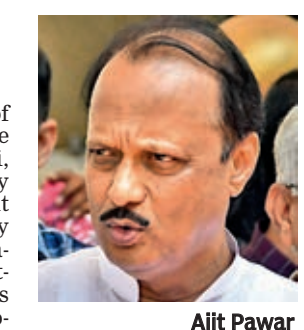
The swami has also raised "security concerns" with party leaders, sources said. Several senior BJP functionaries have separately complained to the central leadership that Chandrasekhar, named state chief last month, is filling key social media and organisational roles with "outsiders" rather than long-time karyakartas.

Ajit 'denied time' to speak 3rd time

SONU SHRIVASTAVA | DC MUMBAI, APRIL 18

Amid the reports of power struggle in the BJP led Mahayuti, Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar on Friday openly expressed his displeasure over the time allotted to him to make his speech during a programme of state sports award at Pune.

Within a span of seven days, this is the third time when Pawar was denied time to give his speech. Earlier in this week, Pawar and Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde were not given a chance to speak on the occasion of Dr B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary at Chaityabhoomi in Dadar. The duo had left the venue after the programme without speaking to the media, who were waiting for their interaction. Pawar was also not given a chance to speak on the occasion



Ajit Pawar

of the 345th death anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Raigad fort in the presence of Union home minister Amit Shah. The state sports department on Friday organised the award ceremony at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports complex in Mhalunge-Balewadi, Pune. The awards including Shiv Chhatrapati State Sports Lifetime Achievement Award and Excellent Sports Guide were given to around 150 people from the sports field in the presence of Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan.

Two Telugu IRS officers appointed in CBDT

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

Two senior income-tax officials hailing from the Telugu states have been appointed members of the Central Board of Direct Taxes, the highest statutory body dealing with levy and collection of direct taxes.

Chief commissioners L. Rajasekhara Reddy and G. Aparna Rao, both belonging to the 1989 batch of the Indian Revenue Service, were appointed by the ministry of finance on Friday during a reshuffle of senior officers.

Rajasekhara Reddy is currently principal chief commissioner, TDS, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and is the first CBDT member from Telangana. Hailing from Nirmal, Rajasekhara Reddy did his postgraduation in law, and cracked the civil services in his first attempt and joined the IRS.

Besides a five-year stint in the civil aviation ministry, Reddy also worked in the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for two and half a years. "It was a satisfying assignment in CCI," Reddy told Deccan Chronicle. He led investigations into cement cartels that were increasing prices at will and imposed heavy penalties. Similarly, for the first time the CCI penalised global tech giant Google after an investigation team led by Rajasekhara Reddy established the abuse of dominance.

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Modi, Musk talk tech deal with US

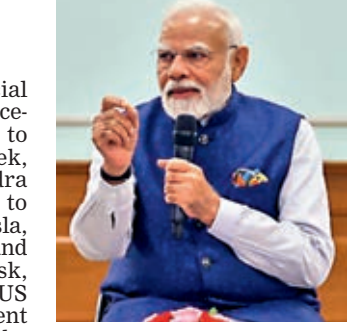
India, US committed to advance partnership

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs NEW DELHI, APRIL 18

Just days before the official visit of United States vice-president J.D. Vance to India early next week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday spoke to tech billionaire and Tesla, social media platform X and SpaceX chief Elon Musk, who also heads the US department of government efficiency (DoGE) under the Trump administration and is a key aide of US President Donald Trump.

"Spoke to Elon Musk and talked about various issues, including the topics we covered during our meeting in Washington DC earlier this year. We discussed the immense potential for collaboration in the areas of technology and innovation. India remains committed to advancing our partnerships with the US in these domains," the Prime Minister said on X.

Musk is considered one of the most influential persons in the Trump administration and is spearheading the DOGE aimed at cutting government expenditure



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NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister

and reducing the Federal workforce.

Musk has reportedly been keen that his "Starlink" global satellite Internet services make an entry into India, while New Delhi is reportedly keen on a large presence of Mr Musk's Tesla Motors in the country to

boost investment in India's growing electric vehicle (EV) market.

Tesla could also finally be making its debut and has begun hiring for a dozen jobs in Delhi and Mumbai. It is also reportedly hunting for showrooms in both cities.

The phone call between Modi and Musk comes at a time when the United States and China are engaged in a fierce trade war, with both countries imposing punishing tariffs on the other — 245 per cent on all Chinese exports to the US and a 125 per cent retaliatory tariff over and above its previously existing 67 per cent tariff by China on all United States imports.

These tit-for-tat reciprocal and retaliatory tariffs have had a severe impact on industry since China and the United States are the two largest manufacturing nations globally.

Most of America's top tech firms manufacture a vast majority of their products in China and tariffs have sent tech sector bosses searching for alternate destinations to manufacture their goods.

Nitish hosts women dialogue as election heats up in Bihar

SHASHI BHUSHAN | DC NEW DELHI, APRIL 18

In a bid to reach out to the female voters, Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar on Friday virtually launched the 'Mahila Samvad' campaign to connect and inform women about the welfare measures being taken by

the state government for their empowerment. The chief minister also flagged off 'women dialogue' awareness vehicles for all districts from his official residence at 1, Anne Marg, in Patna.

There is a tussle among the contesting political outfits to woo the women vot-

ers in the state. It may be recalled that participation of women voters had surpassed the men voters' turnout during the last Lok Sabha polls. Women voters form nearly 48 per cent of the state's total electorate.

■ Page 9: 600 vehicles fitted with large TV screens used

PRIME | GLORY India's 14 inscriptions in global culture heritage, says Centre Gita, Natyashastra join Unesco register

AMRESH SRIVASTAVA | DC NEW DELHI, APRIL 18

Manuscripts of the Bhagavad Gita and Bharat Muni's Natyashastra are among 74 documentary heritage collections that Unesco has just added to its Memory of the World Register, taking India's tally on the list to 14 and lifting the global total to 570 entries.

Unesco's citation notes that the Natyashastra — codified around the 2nd century BCE and today kept at the Bhandarkar

PROUD MOMENT

The Memory of the World (MoW) Register was set up in 1992.

CONSISTS OF BOOKS, manuscripts, maps, photographs, sound or video recordings as a documentary heritage of humanity.

INSCRIPTION in register affirms significance of the documentary heritage, makes it better known and allows for greater access for research, education, entertainment and preservation.

74 COLLECTIONS added on Thursday, bringing total to 570.

Oriental Research Institute — contains 36,000 verses that lay the foundations of Indian drama, music and aesthetics. The Bhagavad Gita manuscript, embedded in the

Mahabharata's Bhishma Parva, is recognised for synthesising diverse Hindu, Buddhist, Jain and materialist philosophies and for its worldwide readership.

Amit Shah said the honour reflects New Delhi's efforts "to enshrine our cultural wisdom at the centre of global welfare," while culture minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat called it "a historic moment for Bharat's civilisational heritage." The Memory of the World Register, established in 1992, safeguards books, manuscripts, maps, photographs and audiovisual records deemed to have "outstanding universal value." This year's additions span 72 countries and four international organisations.

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SHORT TAKES
STATE OFFERS POLICY STABILITY, SAYS CM

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The state will provide quick clearances through single window system to foster critical AI infrastructure and make the state leader in AI related digital services, Revanth Reddy said.

The investment announcement by NTT, closely follows recent big ticket data centre projects by AWS, STT, Tillman Holdings and CtrlS and reiterated Hyderabad's dominant position as India's leading data centre hub.

"Telangana offers policy stability, reliable power, skilled talent, and the fastest clearances through our single-window system — to make your investment smooth and secure. We welcome NTT Data as it begins a long-term partnership to power the next generation of AI and digital services from Hyderabad," the CM said. "On behalf of all my people of Telangana - Arigato Gozaimasu. Or in my Telugu language, Dhanayavadalu."

PROBE KANCHA LAND SCAM, KTR ASKS PM

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to order a swift investigation into the destruction of the Kancha Gachibowli forest and an alleged ₹10,000 crore financial scam. In a public appeal on X, he accused the Congress-led state government of orchestrating a massive fraud. He described it as an environmental catastrophe and a grave financial fraud. The BRS leader alleged the state mortgaged 400 acres of land — lacking legal title — to raise a ₹10,000-crore loan through intermediaries, bypassing environmental clearances and forest department approvals.

ZOO INTRODUCES FOOD COURT WITH 300 SEATS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

The Nehru Zoological Park has opened a food court near the rhinoceros enclosure, to seat over 300 visitors. The food court, being run on a 10-year lease in a public-private partnership mode, was inaugurated by R.M. Dobriyal, principal chief conservator of forests. He thanked officials for their support, including Elusing Meru, Dr Suvarna, Dr Sunil Hiremath and Vasantha.

RECORD 3 LAKH REGISTER FOR TG EAPCET

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

A record 3,05,774 candidates have signed up for the Telangana Engineering, Agriculture & Pharmacy Common Entrance Test (TG EAPCET) scheduled between April 29 and May 4. Of these, 253 candidates will take the tests in both streams. The agriculture and pharmacy (A&P) stream exams will be held on April 29 and 30 and the engineering stream from May 2 to 4. On all days, the exams will be held from 9 am to 12 noon and 3 pm to 6 pm. Hall tickets can be downloaded from April 19 for the A&P stream and for engineering, April 22. Conducted by JNTU on behalf of the Telangana Council for Higher Education (TGCHE), the exam is meant for admissions into undergraduate professional courses. The exam will be held across 16 test zones and 236 centres. The engineering stream has drawn 2,19,420 candidates, the A&P stream 86,101. City drew over 1.4 lakh applicants in four subzones, followed by Warangal, Karimnagar, Khammam, and Nizamabad. About 2.8 lakh candidates hail from the local Telangana (OU) region. The remaining 25,000 fall under the unreserved category. More female candidates, 1,58,885, will take the test than males, 1,46,828.

Notably, students from government colleges make up the majority. Around 31,650 candidates are from minority communities. Nearly 12,500 applicants have applied under special reservation categories such as NCC, Sports, CAP, and Anglo-Indian, while 775 physically handicapped students have also registered. Economically weaker sections constitute over 31,000 candidates.

Toshiba to invest ₹562 cr in new transformer biz

Japan firm to work with state to attract more investments

MOULI MAREEDU | DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

Toshiba Transmission Systems (India) Pvt Ltd (TTDI), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Japanese electronics major Toshiba Corporation, will invest ₹562 crore to establish a facility for surge arresters and expand its manufacturing facilities for power and distribution transformers and gas insulated switchgear (GIS) at its Rudraram plant.

A memorandum of understanding was signed by special chief secretary Jayesh Ranjan and TTDI Telangana chairman and managing director Hiroshi Furuta in the presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Hiroshi Kaneta, director, energy business, Toshiba Corporation, at a high-level investment meeting held on Friday.

The company is a global leader in the supply of transmission-cum-distribution (TCD) equipment for conventional and renewable energy sources. It has decided to collaborate with the state government to drive investment and innovation in products and solutions for addressing needs of the transmission and distribution sector.

This initiative matches Telangana's vision to attract high-value investments, strengthen the state's power sector growth plan, industrial capabilities, and create employment opportunities in the region.

Speaking on the occasion, Revanth Reddy said that Telangana was at the forefront of India's economic transformation, attracting global investors across multiple sectors through strategic collaborations and industry partnerships. The fresh investment by Toshiba announced reiterated the



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and other officials at Tokyo Waterfront in Tokyo on Friday.

— BY ARRANGEMENT

CM studies Tokyo's waterfront for Musi

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and the state government delegation on Friday visited the Tokyo Waterfront to study world-class development practices, against the backdrop of his flagship plan to develop the Musi River.

The visit focused on the transformation of the Sumida River, which flows through central Tokyo and has emerged as a prominent tourist and urban attraction following its systematic development. The delegation examined various aspects of the Sumida riverfront development, including the promotion of water transport, construction of

confidence of global companies in the business ecosystem of the State and the growth story of Telangana. Hiroshi Furuta said that Telangana's forward-looking policies, strong industrial ecosystem, and commitment to innovation made it an ideal destination for its latest investment.

a long flyover alongside the river, elevated corridors where required, and the establishment of associated urban infrastructure. These integrated development efforts have played a pivotal role in reshaping Tokyo's urban landscape.

This study visit holds particular significance in the context of the Musi River Riverfront Development Project, currently being conceptualised to transform Hyderabad. The Chief Minister and the delegation undertook a preliminary inspection of the riverfront with the objective of incorporating global best practices into the planning and execution of riverfront development in Telangana.

"We are excited to collaborate with the state to drive technological advancements, accelerate economic growth, and create a skilled workforce for the future.

This investment underscores our long-term commitment to India and our vision to shape the future of the power sector," he said.

LEARNT MANY THINGS FROM TOKYO: REVANTH

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People of Japan are very nice, kind, respectful and disciplined. I have learnt many things from Tokyo for developing my city of Hyderabad," the Chief Minister said.

The event began with remarks from Sibi George, Ambassador of India to Japan, who emphasised the strong and growing Indo-Japan economic ties. Toshihiro Mizutani, Director General, JETRO, Bengaluru, followed with comments encouraging deeper collaboration with Telangana.

Promotional videos on two flagship projects of the government namely Future City, India's first planned Net Zero industrial city, and the Musi Riverfront Rejuvenation Project, one of India's largest riverfront development projects, were released at the event.

Jayesh Ranjan, special chief secretary, industries and commerce, delivered a presentation outlining key investment opportunities for Japanese companies in sectors such as electronics, AI, EVs, textiles, and green energy.

PILs filed seeking ST commission

L. RAVICHANDER HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court deferred hearing in PILs over the non-establishment of the Telangana Commission for Scheduled Tribes. The panel comprising acting Chief Justice Sujoy Paul and Justice Renuka Yara was dealing with PILs filed by advocate Rapolu Bhaskar and Bhukya Deva Naik. The PILs sought directions to appoint the commission under the State Commission for Scheduled Tribes (Amendment) Bill, 2013, and Article 338A (9) of the Constitution of India. The panel directed the government to file its response within two weeks and allowed the petitioners to file a rejoinder if any within two weeks thereafter.

PLEA SEEKS FRESH LIST OF MPTCS

Justice T. Madhavi Devi took on file a writ petition challenging the final list of mandal parishad territorial constituencies (MPTCs) published by the district collector and district election authority in PA Pally



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mandal, Nalgonda district. The judge was hearing a writ plea filed by Palle Satyana-rayana, an ex-sarpanch of PA Pally, and five others, who said the list was published without first issuing a draft notification or inviting objections, as required under the guidelines. The list issued through proceedings dated February 3, 2025, was in violation of the instructions issued by the principal secretary, panchayat raj department, under memo dated January 30, 2025. The petitioners contended that the respondent authorities had failed to publish the draft MPTC list and did not dispose of the objections submitted, thereby denying them a fair opportunity to participate. The judge directed the government pleader for panchayat raj to get instructions and posted the matter next week.

FIRM APPEALS AGAINST CLOSURE

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court comprising Justice T. Vinod Kumar and Justice P. Sree Sudha took on file a writ plea challenging closure orders issued against Shree Jaya Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. The petitioner contended that the closure order issued on March 1 was contrary to the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act. According to the petitioners, the order was issued following a complaint on January 4 alleging that effluents were being discharged into agricultural fields. The petitioner denied any wrongdoing and challenged the closure as a high-handed act without due process. Respondent authorities objected to the maintainability of the petition. The panel observed that whether the writ petition was maintainable without exhausting alternative remedies was a question that would be considered at the time of final adjudication. The panel sought clarifications on the status of the application of the petitioner and remedial measures

that had been taken since the issuance of the closure order. The panel directed the respondents to file their counters by the next hearing.

PLEA OVER CAP ON ADMISSIONS

The Telangana High Court will continue to hear a plea challenging the stance of the government on the AICTE-approved student intake for 2024-25. Justice K. Lakshman was dealing with a batch of writ petitions filed by MGR Educational Society and others. The petitioners sought a declaration of Section 20 of the Telangana Education Act, 1982 as unconstitutional and ultra vires in its application to approvals granted under the AICTE Act, 1987. The petitioners contended that the college received full approvals from AICTE and JNTU for its courses and increased intake for 2024-25. The government's reliance on the Act had prevented the institution from admitting students to its sanctioned capacity.

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SURGE IN CASES | Doctors warn of rising liver disease among young people; call for moderation in eating for prevention

Food is medicine: Doctors' advice for healthy livers

SHRIMANSI KAUSHIK | DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

Your liver could be silently deteriorating — and you may not know it until it's too late. Ahead of World Liver Day, which is being observed today, doctors raised concern over a growing but under-recognised epidemic: liver diseases linked to lifestyle and diet, which are now increasingly affecting younger Indians. The solution lies in moderation. "One in five individuals in India suffers from liver disease," said Dr Anand V. Kulkarni, senior consult-

ant, AIG Hospitals. "This growing burden is fuelled by easily accessible unhealthy food, rising obesity, increasing screen time, lack of physical activity, and the normalisation of alcohol consumption." Besides, viral hepatitis — particularly hepatitis A, B, and E — is endemic in India, with the Asia-Pacific region accounting for more than two-thirds of the global burden of the disease. The consequences have been grave: a noticeable surge in liver cancer, often diagnosed late when treatment options are limited.

WORLD LIVER DAY TODAY

- Reasons for liver disease: Unhealthy food, rising obesity, increasing screen time, lack of physical activity, normalisation of alcohol consumption.
- Viral hepatitis — particularly A, B, and E. This has also caused a noticeable surge in liver cancer.
- Fat accumulation in the liver — commonly referred to as fatty liver — has become one of the leading causes of cancer.

Liver disease remains a silent threat. "The liver can withstand injury for years without producing

symptoms," said Dr Kulkarni. Subtle signs such as vague right-sided abdomi-



Department of Language and Culture director Mamidi Harikrishna looks at the exhibition of paintings by DC Cartoon Editor Shaik Subhani during an exhibition organised during World Heritage Day at JNAFAU, Masabtank, on Friday. — P. SURENDRA

Subhani's line sketches get praise from visitors

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

Nehru Art Gallery hosted a unique solo exhibition, where Deccan Chronicle Cartoon Editor Shaik Subhani's three-day show, 'Hyderabad ku Line Maarroun...' featuring 70 line drawings mapping the city and the state started on Friday. The exhibition will stay open through April 20.

"We're looking at Hyderabad's heritage the way a cartoonist does: sharp, affectionate, unfiltered," said Dr Mamidi Harikrishna, inaugurating the exhibition along with JNAFAU's acting Vice Chancellor Prof. T. Gangadhar, Raunaq Yar Khan of the Nizam's family, former AP former DGP S.A. Huda, and Hyderabad Art Society president M.V. Ramana Reddy.

"There's a deep beauty in these artworks, especially those capturing the Kakatiya era buildings. Structures like Ravappa and the Kutlu stand out," he added. "Everyday I see Deccan Chronicle as I am a fan of Subhani. I recalled the grandeur of my dynasty when I saw his sketches," said Raunaq Yar Khan, referring to the sketches of the Charminar and many others. "Monuments can fall,

but the sketches will stand for a long time," said M.V. Ramana Reddy. The gallery was filled to its capacity with art lovers. For JNAFAU's Prof. T. Gangadhar, "Line sketches have bought a beauty to these monuments. This is a new trend. This was possible only due to Subhani. He brought out the 3D dimension of monuments, which is something unique. That is possible only for an artist."

M.L. Anand, principal, JNAFAU's College of Fine Arts requested Subhani to extend the exhibition by another day for architecture students. "These drawings will help them a great deal," he said.

"Subhani's cartoons brings a cheer to my life. Seeing his other art works have been a revelation," says ex-DGP Huda. Abdul Rahman, a businessman, was fascinated by detailed line drawings of the iconic monuments. "These are more pleasant than photographs," he said.

Curated by the state department of language and culture with JNAFAU's College of Fine Arts, the show frames many historical buildings, the Charminar, Golconda fort Irani cafes, and Kakatiya-era monuments, in fluid strokes

which are Subhani's trademark.

Ramana Giri, who has been working as artist for 40 years, called the work "realistic yet contemporary." "I haven't seen landscapes like this before. Most people do line work, but this feels more realistic and contemporary. It's not just about temples and sculptures; these works bring the monuments to life. Subhani's focus and dedication are really impressive," he said. Speaking at the event, Subhani recalled his first encounter with the historic monuments, when he came to collect a prize in a cartoon contest, in 1980 as a student.

"I was stunned by the beauty of the Charminar and Macca Masjid. Since I didn't have a camera, I made hand-drawn sketches of the structures from different angles." Moved to Hyderabad in 1985, and joining the Deccan Chronicle, Subhani said he would make many rough sketches of the monuments. "After a few years, I bought a small camera and started taking photographs. I soon realised that a camera has its limitations. For an artist, there are no such limits. I could capture the entire scene through my sketches."

JEE MAIN RESULTS, AIR LIST TODAY

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Friday said the results for JEE Main Session 2, Paper-1, BE and B.Tech, will be declared on Saturday. NTA will also release All India Rank (AIR) list, considering the best scores from both sessions. The results will determine admissions to NITs, IITs and the JEE Advanced for entry to IITs.

The final answer key was initially uploaded on the official website on Thursday but the NTA took it down and released another key on Friday. The provisional answer key for Paper 2 (B.Arch/B.Planning) has not yet released. After releasing the provisional key, the agency will invite objections, review it and results will be declared after that.

The JEE Advanced process begins on April 23 with registration for the test scheduled on May 18. Only the top 2.5 lakh students from the two sessions of JEE Main will be eligible for the exam.

Farmers pin hopes on Bhu Bharati

PILLALAMARRI SRINIVAS | DC ADILABAD, APRIL 18

Farmers who suffered a lot with Dharani portal have pinned hopes on Bhu Bharati to resolve their land disputes, which have been pending for the last 20 years.

Applicants spoke about the hardships they faced with Dharani at the Bhu Bharati awareness programme held at Pusai village in Jainad mandal in Adilabad district on Friday.

Kapre Dattu of Tharoda village of Bhoraj mandal said Sada Binama caused him problems in getting patta to their lands, and now the state government gave the options for changes through Bhu Bharati, unlike Dharani. He hoped that soon he would get the patta for the land with the help of the new Act. He regretted that Dharani gave him a sleepless night and it became a nightmare for many poor people like him.

Another woman applicant, Shaluna of Bhoraj mandal, said even though they went to CCLA in Hyderabad to resolve the mistakes that occurred regarding their land,



Farmer Kapre Dattu from Tharoda village in Bhoraj mandal shares the hardships he faced with Dharani during a Bhu Bharati awareness programme held at Pusai village in Jainad mandal of Adilabad district on Friday.

● Kapre Dattu of Tharoda village of Bhoraj mandal said Sada Binama caused him problems in getting patta to their lands, and now the state gave options for changes through Bhu Bharati, unlike Dharani.

nothing happened. Responding to applicants, who poured out their hardships with the Dharani, revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy asked whether the latter applied under Bhu Bharati online or not and added that their pending problems related to lands will be resolved soon.

percent of people with diabetes. Even individuals with a normal body mass index — especially among Asians — can develop a form of NAFLD known as lean NASH due to genetic predispositions. The good news, both doctors said, was that early liver damage is reversible, and lifestyle modification is the key. "Food is medicine," said Dr Reddy, aligning with this year's World Liver Day theme. "A diet rich in anti-inflammatory and antioxidant compounds, especially from fruits and vegetables, can reduce liver inflammation significantly."

IN BRIEF

T-Sat to offer lessons on GMAT

Hyderabad: T-Sat will start special lessons on April 19 to help students prepare for the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). The lessons will be available for 30 days, with daily broadcasts from 8 to 8.30 am and 6 to 6.30 pm on T-Sat's Education Channel, said T-Sat CEO Bodanapalli Vengopal Reddy.

BANDI BLAMES CONGRESS FOR CITY WAQF MEET

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

The meeting is scheduled by AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi and the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) at Darussalam on Saturday was a Congress-sponsored programme aimed at triggering unrest, alleged Union minister of state Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Friday. He warned that the state could slip into chaos, akin to Murshidabad and parts of West Bengal, and held the Congress government accountable for any such eventuality. Addressing a press conference here, he said that of the 77,000 acres of Waqf land in Telangana, only 16,000 acres — about 20 per cent — was under the control of dargahs and masjids.

CONGRESS HITS BACK AT BANDI FOR HIS REMARKS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

The Congress hit back at Union minister Bandi Sanjay's remarks against AICC leader Sonia Gandhi, with TPCC spokesman Chanagani Dayakar saying on Friday that Sonia Gandhi had given statehood to Telangana because of which Sanjay Kumar could become a Union minister. Dayakar said the BJP-led government at the Centre had been registering fake cases against Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Congress leaders. He called the ED's seizure of the assets of National Herald as a government-sponsored crime. The chargesheet filed against the Gandhis smacked of political malice, Dayakar said.

PROBE KANCHA LAND SCAM, KTR ASKS PM

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to order a swift investigation into the destruction of the Kancha Gachibowli forest and an alleged ₹10,000 crore financial scam. In a public appeal on X, he accused the Congress-led state government of orchestrating a massive fraud. Rama Rao described it as an environmental catastrophe and a grave financial fraud. The BRS leader alleged that the Telangana government mortgaged the 400 acres of land — lacking legal title — to raise a ₹10,000-crore loan through intermediaries, bypassing environmental clearances and forest department approvals.

Dharani sank BRS: Ponguleti

Panel to be set up to look into tribal issues

PILLALAMARRI SRINIVAS I DC ADILABAD, APRIL 18

Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Friday said the people of Telangana were against the Dharani 2020 and dumped the BRS in the Bay of Bengal and voted the Congress to power. He said the Congress government would resolve the problems related to seven lakh acres of land, out of the 18 lakh acres kept in Part B in the Dharani portal.



Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy speaks at an awareness meeting on the Bhu Bharati Act in Pusal of Jainad mandal, Adilabad district, on Friday. Minister D. Anasuya Seetakka is also seen. — DC

"Lakhs of people and farmers had suffered from the Dharani, losing their land and ownership. They were in favour of the Bhu Bharati to resolve their long pending land-related problems, and that is how Indiramma Rajyam came into power in the state," he said.

Srinivasa Reddy said that the government would constitute a committee to look into the problems faced by the tribals and non-tribals regarding land in the agency areas and would evolve an amicable permanent solution without violating the 1/70 Act.

Srinivasa Reddy was speaking at a Bhu Bharati awareness meeting organised at Pusal in Jainad mandal in which farmers and local people participated in Adilabad district.

He said the state government would do justice even to BRS leaders facing land-related problems with Dharani. Srinivasa Reddy said

people need not panic if mistakes were made, as they would corrected with Bhu Bharati in a one-year period. Villagers need not go to the revenue officials; instead, revenue officials will come to the revenue villages to resolve the land-related problems.

The minister alleged that the BRS government issued pattas showing more land than the physical land to benefit its leaders under Rythu Bandhu and said he hoped that the Bhu Bharati will bring change in the society as far as land ownership is concerned.

"The BRS government literally failed to make changes in the Dharani, to do justice to the applicants even after noticing the mistakes," he said and added that the BRS and did not frame the rules to rectify the mistakes in its regime and this situation led to suicides by many farmers who lost their land and right on the lands

due to Dharani'. Rural development minister Danasari Anasuya Seetakka said having rights on a piece of land was nothing but self-respect and an asset for poor families and hoped that the Bhu Bharati Act will bring positive changes as far as ownership of the land was concerned.

She appealed to the officials concerned to be careful while resolving the land-related issues with Bhu Bharati and not to commit mistakes as were made in Dharani. Srinivasa Reddy also clarified doubts raised by Adilabad MP Godam Nagesh and MLA Payal Shankar.

MLC Vittal, GCC chairman Kotnak Tirupati, former Union minister S. Venugopala Chary, finance special chief secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, revenue secretary Buddha Prakash Jyoti, collector Rajarshi Shah, SP Akhil Mahajan and ITDA oroject officer Khushbhoo Gupta were present.

BuildNow a must for HMDA region

NABINDER BOMMALA I DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

In a boost to digital governance, the state government has extended BuildNow, the AI-powered online building approval system, to the HMDA region including the Future City and extended villages. It is operational in the GHMC zone.

"If building permission was not processed within 21 days, it is deemed to be approved in BuildNow. We are trying to reduce this duration to 15 days," said a municipal administration official.

On Friday, a 26-floor high-rise project consisting of six towers was approved in 71 seconds through BuildNow. According to MA&UD, over 500 applications have been processed in GHMC limits through BuildNow since its launch in March 2025.

"This expansion reflects our commitment to tech-driven governance, making

HOW THEY ARE DIFFERENT



- TgbPASS: Development Permission Management System (DPMS) building plan scrutiny used to take several days.
- Customer care assistance on working days from 10 am to 5.30 pm.
- BuildNow Approval in a matter of minutes.
- Round-the-clock AI-powered assistance to applicants.
- Real-time status updates on WhatsApp.
- Multi-department integrations include granting fire no objection certificate after quick scrutiny.

Telangana a leader in smart, transparent, and efficient administration," said MA&UD principal secretary M. Dana Kishore in a statement on Friday.

ETALA: RELEASE ALL PART-TIME LECTURERS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

Malkajgiri BJP MP Etala Rajendar demanded the unconditional release of all part-time lecturers working in 12 state universities who were arrested during the Chalo Secretariat protest on Thursday. The lecturers were seeking a resolution of their long-pending demands, including a minimum salary structure and job security.

In a statement, Rajendar urged the government to regularise their services and give them due weightage in the recruitment of assistant professors.

Extending his support to the lecturers' agitation, he called on the government to consider their teaching experience and prioritise candidates with UGC-NET and PhD qualifications during the regularisation process.

There are approximately 1,270 contract lecturers currently working across 12 universities in Telangana.

MLC | POLLS State BJP chief says his party aims to awaken people Cong., BRS back MIM: Kishan

M. SRINIVAS I DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

The BRS and Congress were trying to ensure the victory of MIM in April 23 MLC election from the Hyderabad local areas constituency with an aim to defeat BJP, alleged Telangana BJP president and Union coal minister G. Kishan Reddy here on Friday. "These three parties are working as one," he told party leaders at a preparatory meeting on Friday for the polls. "If the people of Telangana do not think wisely, we could face a situation similar to the Razakars' rule. There have been many instances where Majlis leaders took over Hindu houses in the Old City and forcibly evicted residents," the minister alleged. Kishan Reddy accused the Congress and the BRS of being willing to sacrifice



Telangana BJP president and Union coal minister G. Kishan Reddy speaks at Hyderabad local body MLC elections preparatory meeting in Begumpet on Friday. — K. DURGA RAO

Telangana and Hyderabad for political gains. "The BJP is contesting the election not just to win, but to awaken the people. Our aim is to save Hyderabad. We are fighting against the fanaticism and hooliganism of the Majlis party,"

the Union minister said. He said, "The former government painted Hi-Tec City and called it development. They only focused on areas where the real estate business is booming. He said there was a need to improve amenities in

Amberpet, Sanathnagar, Malkajgiri, Dilsukhnagar, Gowlipura, Charminar, Nampally, Somajiguda, Khairatabad and Kukatpally.

Kishan Reddy said the GHMC was in such poor shape it could not even afford to buy streetlights. "Funds for improving civic amenities have not increased. The situation has worsened," he said.

Appealing to voters to make a conscious choice, Kishan Reddy said real development would be possible only under a double-engine government in Telangana. Taking aim at Congress leaders' claims about foreign investments, he asked, "Where have those investments gone?" He credited the NDA government with ushering in reforms in the economy, taxation, foreign policy and in tackling terrorism and communalism.

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IN BRIEF

Woman killed in hit-and-run on NH

Nalgonda: K. Aruna Kumar, 33, of SC Colony, was killed in a hit-and-run on National Highway 65 at Kethepally on Friday. Police said Kumari was crossing the highway. Bystanders rushed her to the Nalgonda Government General Hospital, where she died. Police are reviewing CCTV footage to identify the vehicle.

Bodies of TG men to return today

Hyderabad: The bodies of Astapu Premasagar and Sargam Srinivas, who were killed by a Pakistani man in Dubai, will be repatriated to their native places by Saturday. They worked in the Modern Bakery in Dubai.

1 held for fake engine oil racket

Hyderabad: South zone task force and Mircholk police seized 710 litres of counterfeit engine oil from a godown in Noor Khan Bazaar and arrested one Shaik Qayyum who intended it to sell with the packaging of well-known brands. Qayyum, formerly a mechanic and driver, had been running the operation for five months, selling the fake oil at ₹220 per litre.

2 GOVT SCHOOL TEACHERS HELD FOR ABUSE

DC CORRESPONDENT KAMAREDDY, APRIL 18

Two government teachers from a Zilla Parishad High School in Ramareddy mandal were arrested on Thursday for allegedly sexually abusing minor girl students. Police acted after several students lodged complaints with the SHE Teams; an inquiry led to a case being registered under the Pocco Act. The accused were produced before a magistrate and remanded.

Because of the sensitivity of the case, police have withheld the names of the school, the teachers, and the victims. The latest arrests follow the detention of a physical education instructor in the same mandal last week on similar charges.

TEEN HELD FOR MISBEHAVING WITH 9-YR-OLD

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

Begumpet police charged a 16-year-old boy for misbehaving with a nine-year-old girl. The boy when noticed the minor girl crying and her parents away, took her close in the pretext of offering her a chocolate. He took her to his house, tied her and assaulted her.

Begumpet inspector B. Prasada Rao denied the claims of the assault and asserted that the accused misbehaved with the girl by touching her inappropriately. The teen has been detained in a home for juveniles.

New kidney disease report causes worry

Med. camp for Mancherial; fresh plaint from Sircilla

SHRIMANSI KAUSHIK | DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

After around 40 people were reported to be suffering from kidney diseases in Mala Gurijala of Bellampalli mandal in Mancherial district, people in a nearby district reported similar problems. A complaint was lodged by one Amar Pasham from Fazilnagar village, Vemulawada Rural mandal in Rajanna-Sircilla, about five people dying reportedly of kidney disease in the past year. Pasham posted on his handle on X (Twitter): "In our village, in the past four years, 10 people have died of kidney disease. Of these, five died in the last year itself. One of them was my mother," he said, tagging minister Damodar Rajanarsimha.

"People are in shock

- Medical aid rushed to Mala Gurijala of Mancherial district where 40 people were suffering from kidney problems.
- Social media post claims five persons have died of kidney ailments in a year in Fazilnagar, Sircilla.

As so many people have died of kidney disease in a short period of time. As a victim, who lost my mother to kidney disease, I appeal to you to conduct research on water in our village and other matters in view of the severity of the kidney problem."

As per government data, 13,732 patients take dialysis services per month from 94 centres in the state. Sixteen new dialysis centres were established in the

past year with increased work shifts and 119 additional beds in 27 centres to provide services to the moribund patients.

As per latest study conducted by a doctor in AIIMS Bathinda and George Institute of Health, Telangana is the second state after Andhra Pradesh where the most number of children are found with impaired kidney functions. These children mostly belong to rural areas.

This throws some light on the burden of kidney disease on the state. Government officials, however, have not been able to provide data on the number of children or adults suffering from chronic kidney diseases or impaired kidney functions.

The minister responded to reports of kidney

disease in Mala Gurijala by instructing health officials to set up a medical camp in the village and conduct medical examinations for all the villagers.

Rajanarsimha directed them to submit a report on how many people in the village are suffering from kidney diseases and find out the reasons for the same. He also ordered for water samples to be tested from the water used by people in the village. The same was ordered for Amar's village Fazilnagar.

"As per Dr G. Sridhar, senior consultant, nephrologist, Telangana has around 800 patients per 10,00,000 population suffering from kidney diseases. "Of these, around 150 per 10 lakh are severe cases of chronic kidney diseases," he said.

KIN: WOMAN IN MURDER-SUICIDE MENTALLY ILL

MANVI VYAS | DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

Jeedimetla police have registered a case of murder and suicide after a 30-year-old woman allegedly killed her two sons before taking her own life at her residence in Balaji Layout, Jeedimetla, on Thursday. Investigating officer G. Mallesh said the cases were booked based on a written complaint submitted by her family.

The family arrived from Khammam late on Thursday night. Her parents said she had been suffering from mental health issues since the Covid pandemic. "She was often alone and perhaps that made her feel lonely," they said. She had spoken to them at 3.30 pm and was normal.

Her brother, Lohanth Reddy, told *Deccan Chronicle*, "We are still trying to come to terms with what happened."

Balanagar ACP G. Hanumantha Rao said that Tejaswini, according to her suicide note, was suffering from an eye problem which affected her two sons. "She had written they frequently used eye drops and had breathing difficulties. We are awaiting medical reports," he said.



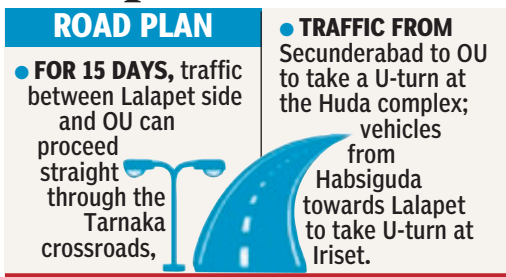
Traffic police personnel monitor the reopening of the Tarnaka crossroads in Hyderabad on Friday. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

Tarnaka road passes 1st test

PRIYA RATHNAM | DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

Tarnaka junction partially reopened to traffic after a 15-day trial on Friday, without too many glitches. The traffic flow between Uppal and Secunderabad remained unchanged, but motorists travelling between the Lalapet side and Osmania University campus had it easy since they did not have to take a U-turn for the first time in a decade.

The real impact of the reopening, police said, could be seen when school and office traffic is back on roads. Good Friday was a holiday and traffic remained thin for most of the day.



"Traffic movement so far is good," said Nallakunta traffic inspector M. Satyanarayana. "There was less traffic than usual. The intensity will increase when schools, and offices reopen."

The only drawback, he said, was the presence of a Metro Rail pillar which narrowed down the road. There are 15 pillars towards

Secunderabad. The traffic police would fine-tune its plans once the full volume of traffic was back on the roads.

However, motorists from Uppal towards Secunderabad experienced slight delays. The police had set the red signal for two minutes, and the traffic tailed back till Anuradha theatre at some points in time.

PILs seek ST commission

L. RAVICHANDER HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court deferred hearing in PILs over the non-establishment of the Telangana Commission for Scheduled Tribes. The panel comprising acting Chief Justice Sujoy Paul and Justice Renuka Yara was dealing with PILs filed by advocate Rapolu Bhaskar and Bhukya Deva Naik. The PILs sought directions to appoint the commission under the State Commission for Scheduled Tribes (Amendment) Bill, 2013, and Article 338A (9) of the Constitution of India. The panel directed the government to file its response within two weeks and allowed the petitioners to file a rejoinder if any within two weeks thereafter.

PLEA SEEKS FRESH LIST OF MPTCS

Justice T. Madhavi Devi of the Telangana High Court comprising Justice T. Vinod Kumar and Justice P. Sree Sudha took on file a writ plea challenging the final list of mandal parishad territorial constituencies (MPTCS) published by the district collector and district election authority in PA Pally mandal, Nalgonda district. The judge was hearing a writ plea filed by Palle Satyana-rayana, an ex-sarpanch of PA Pally,

and five others, who said the list was published without first issuing a draft notification or inviting objections, as required under the guidelines. The list issued through proceedings dated February 3, 2025, was in violation of the instructions issued by the principal secretary, panchayat raj department, under memo dated January 30, 2025. The petitioners contended that the respondent authorities had failed to publish the draft MPTC list and did not dispose of the objections submitted, thereby denying them a fair opportunity to participate. The judge directed the government pleader for panchayat raj to get instructions and post the matter next week.

FIRM APPEALS AGAINST CLOSURE

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court comprising Justice T. Vinod Kumar and Justice P. Sree Sudha took on file a writ plea challenging closure orders issued against Shree Jaya Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. The petitioner contended that the closure order issued on March 1 was contrary to the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act. According to the petitioners, the order was issued following a



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complaint on January 4 alleging that effluents were being discharged into agricultural fields. The petitioner denied any wrongdoing and challenged the closure as a high-handed act without due process. Respondent authorities objected to the maintainability of the petition. The panel observed that whether the writ petition was maintainable without exhausting alternative remedies was a question that would be considered at the time of final adjudication. The panel sought clarifications on the status of the application of the petitioner and remedial measures that had been taken since the issuance of the closure order. The panel directed the respondents to file their counters by the next hearing.

PLEA OVER CAP ON ADMISSIONS

The Telangana High Court will continue to hear a plea challenging the stance of the government on the AICTE-approved student

intake for 2024-25. Justice K. Lakshman was dealing with a batch of writ petitions filed by MGR Educational Society and others. The petitioners sought a declaration of Section 20 of the Telangana Education Act, 1982 as unconstitutional and ultra vires in its application to approvals granted under the AICTE Act, 1987. The petitioners contended that the college received full approvals from AICTE and Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University for its courses and increased intake for 2024-25. The government's reliance on the Act had prevented the institution from admitting students to its sanctioned capacity. The plea sought directions to treat the petitioner as a duly approved college for 2024-25 and to allow it to fill up seats either through a fresh mop-up round of TG Eapcet counselling or through spot admissions. The court had in September 2024 rejected the request for interim relief, observing that admissions had been completed. The court also dismissed the interim prayer which sought suspension of the impugned government memos. The main writ petition was posted for further hearing.

Full reports in deccanchronicle.com

SURVEY REVEALS TEMPLE LAND ENCROACHED BY GOVT OFFICES

NARENDER PULLOOR | DC NIZAMABAD/KAMAREDDY, APRIL 18

A joint survey by the endowments, revenue, land & survey and police departments has uncovered widespread encroachment on 536 acres of Sri Vishveshwar Swamy temple land, including structures built by private residents, farmers, and even government offices.

Acting on directions from Warangal zone joint commissioner Sandhya Rani, assistant commissioner V. Vijayarama Rao led a 30-member team that inspected sites in Dharmaraopet and Markal between April 15 and 17. Farmers told officials they had tilled the land "for decades" without knowing it belonged to the temple and agreed to pay lease fees once notices are issued. Executive officers V. Sridhar Rao and B. Prabhu said boundary markers will be erected soon as part of a pilot project to protect temple assets in Kamareddy and Nizamabad districts.

X USER CLAIMS 'PLASTIC RICE' GIVEN, BOOKED

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

The Hyderabad cyber-crime police filed a case against an X user for circulating a misleading video that alleged that the government was distributing plastic rice through ration shops in place of fine rice. The complaint was filed by TPCC social media state secretary Kailash Sajjan.

According to the complaint, this video is aimed to mislead the common public and to spread fear among the public and defame the government. He said he saw the video in a post from an account named @Sarmadevi28, where a person was seen placing government-distributed rice on a knife over a flame suggesting the rice was synthetic.

BILL COLLECTOR SACKED FOR FAKE HOUSING RECORD

DC CORRESPONDENT NALGONDA, APRIL 18

V. Pusa Jagadish, bill collector of Bhadrachalam gram panchayat, was sacked on Friday for falsifying online records tied to Indiramma Indlu. Jagadish wrongly updated the profiles of 12 beneficiaries to show "basement level completed" even though construction had not begun. Payment under the scheme depends on the stages of construction.

The bill collector was served a memo on April 8. He claimed "ignorance" and asked for leniency, calling it a first-time error. Officials found the explanation unsatisfactory.

Techie electrocuted after picking mangoes

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

Chetan Reddy, a 26-year-old software engineer was electrocuted near Pedda Shapur Nagar in Shamshabad on Wednesday. Inspector K. Narendar Reddy said the victim was an AP native and resident of Ibrahimpatnam.

Reddy had married Bindu, 26, six months ago. The incident occurred while the couple was returning from a college in Moinabad, where Bindu had written a law examination.

Chetan Reddy spotted mangoes inside a compound.

Stopping by the wayside, he plucked some fruits. While returning, by jumping over the compound wall, he accidentally stepped on a transformer, police said.

In an attempt to regain his balance, he grabbed a wire, and was electrocuted. Bindu, who was waiting on the road, called an ambulance. Paramedics arrived promptly and alerted the police.

Chetan Reddy's body was shifted to the Osmania mortuary for a postmortem and was later handed over to his family on Thursday. His last rites were performed in Rajahmundry on Friday.

In Loving Memory
I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

BOLLEDU CHITHARANJAN
Retd. Dy. Station Supt., SC Railway, Secbad. Called to Glory - 19.04.2021
Four years have passed, but not a single day goes by without your memory in our hearts. We treasure your unwavering affection, care and smile.
Deeply loved, sorely missed and forever remembered
Mercy Chitharanjan, Daughters, Sons-in-Law and Grandchildren.
(S/2425/D00068)

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

JOHN DASS
Mass on 20th April 2025 at St. Mary's Basilica at 11.30 am
inserted by:
Wife, Children & Grand Children.
(S/2526/D00046)

4th DEATH ANNIVERSARY
"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith." 2Tim. - 4:7

FRANK LAWRENCE D'SOUZA
DOB: 04.05.1935 DOD: 19.04.2021
Inserted by: His sorrowing Wife, Children, Grand Children & Loved Ones.
(S/2526/D00069)

FIRST ANNIVERSARY
The dead in Christ shall rise first. 1 Thess 4:16

Leela Andrew Indrupati
Retd. Teacher
DOB: 9 June 1945. DOD: 19 April 2024
We miss you. Your presence continues to surround us. In our hearts, you are always there.
Inserted by Her beloved Husband, Children and Grandchildren

4th ANNIVERSARY

Y.C. Kamalakar James
Retd. Sr. Manager SSI
DOB: 27.06.1946 DOD: 19.04.2020
From Sunrise to Sunset every moment would have been more Wonderful if you were with us. Your Memory is stored in our Hearts & Minds.
Inserted by: Wife- Y. Lural Kamalakar Son: Y. Samul Kiran Kumar, Daughter: Lenora Priyadarshini & All Family Members

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Smt. Rapaka Kezia Mani
W/o. Sri. Rapaka Stanley Victor
Date of Birth: 19-4-1947
Promoted to Glory 10-10-2023
Though you are not with us your memories are always in our hearts
Inserted by: Family Members
Ph: 9969223632

10th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Late SATTU RAMULU
(JAG Office Auditor Rd.)
DOB: 18.03.1942 DOD: 19.04.2015
You were in our lives everyday You are in our memories every minute and You will be in our Hearts every moment
"WE MISS YOU DAD"
Inserted by Family Members

1ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
Memory of Righteous is Blessed. Prov 10:7

SRI MANDA DAVID RAJU
Miss you in the quiet moments and all the ones in between.
Inserted by your Loving Family. (USA, New Zealand & India)

SHRADHANJALI

Dr. T. Madan
Left for HEAVEN on 15th April.
GAMPA FAMILY

6th Death Anniversary

Late Mr. JELLA MOSES
DOB: 20.05.1970 DOD: 19.04.2019
"Those who walk uprightly, enter into peace. They find rest as they lie in death." Isaiah 57:2
Inserted by loving daughter Ms. Jella. Deborah Moses and all sisters and their families.

OBITUARY

Sri KATURU MALLIKARJUNA RAO (B.A.B.JI)
Advocate High Court
S/o. Late Katuru Venkateswara Rao Garu Has expired on 11th April, 2025 at 8:00 PM in Hyderabad. The last rites will be performed on April, 20th, 21st & 22nd at Plot No. 33, Flat: 202, Sindhuja Habitat, Union Bank Building, Srinagar Colony, Hyderabad-500073, Vaikunta Samaradhana on 22.04.2025 Katuru Sivaramakrishna Rao Cell No. 8008143173

3rd ANNIVERSARY
Remembering the legend

SRI NARAYANDAS JI NARANG
An indomitable spirit that shines forever in our hearts. We miss you every moment in our life

13th ANNIVERSARY
Dead in Christ shall rise first. 1Thessalonians 4:16
In Loving Memory Of

Rev. B.M. SAMUEL (S.C. Rlys)
Senior Pastor
Mennonite Brethren Bethel Church
DOB: 18-05-1940 DOD: 19-04-2012
Family Members
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PROVISION OF SMART PREPAID CUM POST PAID METER

E-Tender Notice No. AP/EL/30/24-25/RT Dated: 12-04-2025. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Tender No. AP/EL/30/24-25/RT. Name of work:** At Alipurduar Division: Provision of smart prepaid cum post paid meter at Rly staff qtrs. of Alipurduar Division (Phase-II). **Tender Value:** ₹2,85,84,484.56/-, **Earnest Money:** ₹2,92,900/-, **Date & Time of closing of Tender:** 15.00 hrs. of 05-05-2025 **& opening at 15.30 hrs. of 05-05-2025.** The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in **Asstt. DEE/G & Chg., Alipurduar Jn. NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY** Serving Customers With A Smile

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Tender Notice No: EL/29/12_2025/K/69; Dated: 11-04-2025. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **Tender No: 12_2025. Name of Work :** At Kathiar Division - Comprehensive Annual Maintenance contract of UPS & Inverter of different make and capacities installed at PRS/UTS and service building/LC gates at different stations/locations over Kathiar division for two (02) years. **Approx. value of work :** ₹74,02,970.56/-, **Earnest Money:** ₹1,48,100/-, **Date & time closing of tender at 15:00 hrs. and opening at 15:30 hrs. on 09-05-2025.** For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. on 09-05-2025 in the website www.ireps.gov.in **Sr. DEE, Kathiar NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY** Serving Customers With A Smile

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Heavy thunderstorms witnessed in the city on Friday
- DEEPAK DESHPANDE

Cloudburst submerges Hyd streets

RACHEL DAMMALA | DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 18

A fierce thunderstorm, with heavy rain and gusty winds, lashed several parts of the city on Friday evening, taking residents by surprise and throwing normal life into disarray, even as it brought much-needed respite from weeks of sweltering heat. The sudden change in weather, characteristic of the April pre-monsoon season, caused traffic snarls, power cuts, and flooding in many places.

According to the Telangana Development Planning Society, the highest recorded rainfall in the city was 80.5 mm at the Owaisi Community Hall in Kanchanbagh (Bandlaguda), followed by Roopal Bazaar Community Hall in Bahadurpura, and Rein Bazaar, Yakutpura. Rainfall exceeding 60 mm was recorded in more than eight locations, with many others reporting over 50 mm.

The impact was most visible on the roads, where vehicles were seen wading through knee-deep water. Motorists faced a harrowing time navigating submerged streets and dodging fallen trees and debris. "The roads look like rivers," one resident complained on social media, as videos of waterlogged lanes and flooded manholes began circulating widely. The evening rush hour only worsened the chaos, with commuters stuck in traffic for hours across key intersections and officegoers struggling to return home. Power supply disruptions were also reported in many parts. Localities like Khairatabad and Saidabad, which received between 36 mm and 44 mm of rain, also experienced outages and signal failures.

The GHMC and its Disaster Response Force (DRF) teams were quickly pressed into service to clear debris and restore order. Hyderabad Revenue and Disaster Management Authority said it had received at least 48 tree-fall complaints from across the city. Areas like Saroornagar Police Station, Kukatpally, Vijayanagar Colony, Darussalam, High Court Road, BN Reddy Nagar, Falaknuma, Sultan Bazaar, Kachiguda, Sindh Colony and Methodist Colony reported collapsed trees. In some places, such as near the Madina Building close to the High Court, fallen trees led to major traffic jams.

The IMD has issued a yellow alert for Hyderabad and 16 neighbouring districts, warning of thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds over the next 3-4 days. Winds reaching 50 km/h are expected in isolated areas, along with the risk of waterlogging, lightning-induced power cuts, and damage to infrastructure. Friday's storm was attributed to a developing weather system drawing moisture from the southern Bay of Bengal, which has led to increased atmospheric instability.

Dark clouds roll in, followed by strong winds and a downpour.

Gachibowli, Nanakramguda, Manikonda, Narsingi, Bandlaguda, and Rajendranagar among the first to be hit. Within minutes, storm spreads across the tech zone, battering Shaikpet, Kokapet, Nizampet, Hitec City.

Storm reaches north-eastern localities such as Alwal, Trimulgerry, Karkhana, Sainikpuri, and ECIL.

It then spreads east and south, lashing Malakpet, Chaderghat, Saidabad, Santoshnagar, Champampet, Saroornagar, LB Nagar, and Kothapet as well as central areas like Ameerpet, Somajiguda, Paradise, and CTC.

Nallakunta and other areas saw a brief hailstorm. Waterlogging seen at many areas, vehicles submerged.

Many trees were uprooted near Noorkhan Bazar in Dabirpur in Old City.

- P. Surendra

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Citizens cry shrill for basic amenities

Lay new CC road linking Sainathpuram

The road from Sainathpuram, Secunderabad, near the water tank, to the burial ground is in a horrible condition. Many accidents have occurred there as a result of the bad state of the road. I request the GHMC, Malkajgiri, to please lay new CC road from Sainathpuram water tank to the burial ground.

— Murugeshashamuga Chadrasekhar, Hyderabad

Wrong billing mail riles up denizen

I have repeatedly sent emails to BSNL stating that I have not applied for any BSNL fibre connection. I have only BSNL landline A/C no 9034814746 and phone no: 040 23737979 for a long time and am paying ₹176 monthly.

Today on April 13, I have been sent a bill for ₹613.64 for services that I did not use. No fibre connection has been installed. A few days ago, when a BSNL staffer came to install, I told him I don't want the fibre connection and that I am cancelling my landline too.

— Yamarthy Krishna Mohan, Hyderabad



Road barricade protruding dangerously

This is to bring to the attention of the authorities that a traffic barricade has been abandoned at the sharp turning and steep gradient at Jubilee Hills, MLA Colony end, towards Hakeempet. The barricade protrudes dangerously into the road. The area is not properly illuminated. I request officials to arrange for the barricade to be removed in the interest of the safety of motorists, especially two-wheeler riders.

— Mohammad Abdul Khadeer, Hyderabad

Haphazard car parking in SBI Colony

It has become inconvenient for pedestrians and regular vehicle users at SBI Colony, Gandhinagar area to use the road as several cars are parked in the middle. In addition to sewerage, this is a menace. GHMC or police should correct this nuisance.

— K.R.K. Prasad, Hyderabad

Water, power shortage hits Khairatabad

We are facing water shortage as summer begins. What will be the situation in May? If the government can think about this, it will be a big relief for people.

The water board is sending water late and irregularly. We are waiting for hours and power cuts are done when water is supplied. By the time the power comes, the water stops. In Khairatabad, people go to areas where drinking water comes and fill it, put them in a cart and use all the strength they have there to push the cart.

— V. Nivedita, Khairatabad

WRITE TO US

We at Deccan Chronicle invite you to kindly send all your complaints, issues, grievances, feedback and suggestions to our government and all its departments by writing to Speak Out, the voice of the people, to our new email ID dcspeakout@gmail.com

— Editor

Remove garbage from residential area

People have dumped waste and garbage in front of our house in Syndicate Bank Colony, West Marredpally, on the main road, opposite Seshachalam Colony. I request the Secunderabad Cantonment Board authorities to clear it and keep the West Marredpally main road clean.

— T.R. Prabhu, West Marredpally



Low-pressure water supply in Jeedimetla

The residents of Jeedimetla, near the ZPH School, Quthbullapur, have been facing a problem with the water supply over the past six months. The supply is of low pressure. I request the HMWS&SB officials to immediately address our grievance of low pressure water supply.

— Gunnala Srinivas Rao, Jeedimetla



SHIFT VEGGIE MARKET FROM GOLNAKA

I am a resident of Golnaka Temple Lane, Alwal. In front of my house and in the residential area, a vegetable market approved by the GHMC springs up every Saturday and this is causing a lot of problems. We are unable to use our vehicles, as vendors place their vegetable carts on the road in front of our houses and customers park their vehicles there. People also urinate in the area. Now, in the summer, sugarcane and fruit juice vendors have joined in. The road is occupied from 4 pm to 11 pm. We have filed several complaints with the GHMC, including one on April 8, to move the vegetable market from the residential area to the road. I request the officials to take action immediately.

— BR. Grace Smitha, Golnaka



Potholed, uneven roads raise hackles of motorists

The poor condition of roads in the Old City, particularly in Kalapather and Doodhbowli divisions, is deeply concerning. Potholes, uneven road surface and lack of proper maintenance have made commuting a daily struggle. It is high time the authorities take urgent steps to repair and maintain these roads to ensure public safety and convenience.

— Mubeen Qureshi, Hyderabad

Trees damage footpath on Hill Fort Road



Trees on the footpath on Hill Fort Road, opposite Hills Tea n Snacks is growing, leading to damage of footpaths and adjoining compound wall, gate pillar and car garages causing heavy damage and loss to property and life. Request authorities to take action soon.

— Amiruddin Mohammed, Hyderabad

MAINTAIN FOREST ROAD IN DHULAPALLY

The 3-km stretch of Dhulapally forest road is always in a bad condition. One does not know who is responsible for its upkeep: The forest department or the Kompally municipality. The pits at some spots are very dangerous and affect even buses. Once in a while, officials get mud poured into the pits to cover them up. The mud gets displaced the very next day due to the heavy traffic. Hundreds of college and school buses and thousands of vehicles use this road to connect to the ORR, and industrial and warehousing belts in Jeedimetla, Gandimaisamma and Gundlapochampally. Besides, a number of heavy vehicles carrying cement concrete and sand operate at night. This is the only connecting route Jeedimetla to Maisammaguda, which is a hub for educational institutions, and from Kompally to Jeedimetla, ORR. It is very important to build a good road for the safety and convenience of motorists. I request the officials to quickly take action.

— Raj Reddy, Hyderabad

REPLACE SPEED-BREAKER AT RED HILLS

I request for replacement of speed-breaker at the same place on a new road, just before Gowtham Model School in Red Hills, Nampally H.No. 11-5-471. Now that schools are reopened, it is important to have speed-breakers, due to many young school children frequently crossing the road and due to the new cement road, all riders are driving fast.

— Mohammed Ali, Nayyar, Red Hills



Streetlights not working in Panduranganagar

I want to lodge a complaint via Speak Out regarding the streetlights not working in Panduranganagar, Attapur. I had lodged a complaint on the matter through the myGHMC app but the officials did not respond. Residents are suffering a lot at night as the road becomes very dark. I request the officials concerned to repair the streetlights.

— Govind Khandare, Hyderabad

Rehabilitate mendicants from outside temples

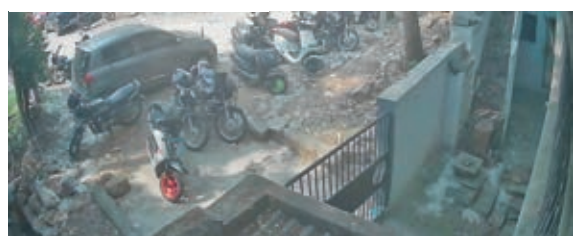
Mendicants seat themselves near the gates of temples in the Ramakrishnapuram, Saroornagar, area and pester devotees for alms. Some of them sit near the gates, pretend to take care of the devotees' footwear and expect alms. This is seen at the Prasanna Anjaneya temple at Income-Tax Colony, Sai Baba temple, Raghavendra Swamy temple and Bramarambha-Mallikarjuna Swamy temple (Alkapuri), Venkateswara temple (Sowbhagyapuram), Gyan Devi Saraswati temple (Telephone Colony), and Asthalakshmi temple (Vasavi Colony). The temple managements feign ignorance. I request the government to shift the mendicants from the temple to rehabilitation centres and shelter homes.

— Rajendra Prasad, Income Tax Colony, Ramakrishnapuram

Plug sewage flowing from drainage

This is to bring to the notice of the authorities that I am repeatedly facing the problem of drainage water flowing in front of my residence and clinic. The sewage is coming from Kutchi Bhavan, Jain Bhavan lane, and flowing on to the main road in front of my premises, giving off a very bad odour. Patients are finding it very difficult. We residents also are having a problem. I gave a petition to the HMWS&SB but they are not resolving the problem. I request the authorities to take steps to end the drainage water overflow.

— Dr Smita Pahade, Hyderabad



Stop vehicle parking at Vikrampuri Colony

Once a week, a supermarket management several times to ensure that the staff do so but they continue to park their vehicles in front of my house. I request the police to take action and ensure that the vehicles are parked elsewhere.

— Mohit Kishore Mathur, Hyderabad

BR Ambedkar Open varsity's app not working

The Dr B.R. Ambedkar Open University website shows that it operates an application for mobiles / tablets for use of learners and for getting information about admissions. The app has been removed from Google Play Store. Because downloading any app outside Play Store is risky, learners

COMPLETE NALA WORK AT TAJNAGAR

The box-type nala work at Tajnagar, Mallepally, Circle 12, was started one-and-a-half years ago but has still not been completed in all aspects. The pending work in some stretches, near the Zubaida masjid and a school, is making it very difficult for elders and schoolchildren to use the road. Despite several complaints, the GHMC is ignoring the problem. I request the state government to instruct the GHMC to resolve the issue.

— Masood Quraishi, New Mallepally

Shift kiosk comes up on footpath

An outlet has come up on the footpath in front of Site No. 4, Survey No. 83, on the Bachupally main road. Garbage is thrown near the shop and is being dumped into the site as well. I have reported the matter many times to the GHMC office at Pragathinagar, the Bachupally police and the electricity department despite which the problem persists. I request the authorities concerned, especially the GHMC, take immediate action and remove the encroachment.

— Narasimha Reddy, Bachupally



BARRICADES CAUSING TRAFFIC JAMS

The Lower Tank Bund road from Kavadiguda towards the Dr Ambedkar statue has been shut for a long time, forcing motorists to take the Tank Bund road which is causing traffic jams. My shop is located at Secunderabad. I'm a daily commuter on the Tank Bund route, and run into traffic jams, especially in the evening hours. This was not the case earlier. I request the authorities to remove the barricades and allow vehicles to pass through the Lower Tank Bund road.

— Vishesh Kedia, Hyderabad

DUMPING YARD RAISES A STINK IN TRIMULGHERRY

My neighbours and I are facing a lot of problems due to the presence of a garbage dumping yard in the neighbourhood which spreads a bad smell in front of our houses. The site is a place where garbage is transferred from smaller vehicles to bigger ones. We request the authorities to shift the dumping yard to the outskirts of the city. We have lodged complaints, approached local leaders and held protests in front of the dumping yard a number of times but they have all been in vain. I request the authorities concerned to take note of our problems and shift the dumping yard.

— T.D. Praveen Kumar, Srinagar Colony, Trimulgherry

Tiffin centres encroaching footpaths

We residents of Filmnagar are paying property tax to the GHMC but not the vendors' carts which occupy all footpaths in the area. Despite this, the GHMC is not supporting the residents. The footpaths are occupied by tiffin centres, fast food outlets and fruit vendors. This is leading to parking problems and causing huge traffic jams. The presence of

food vendors has led to the problem of littering and garbage piling up, which is attracting dogs. Legal outlets are facing a loss of business due to this. Besides, the practice of people drinking liquor next to the food stalls has started. We residents are also losing our privacy due to the presence of people standing on the roads with a direct view into

the houses. The Film Nagar Co-operative Housing Society has sent letters multiple times to the GHMC and traffic police to take action by removing the street vendors. As no action is being taken, every day a new street vendor is being added. We request the authorities to remove the street vendors and create a green belt.

— Raju S., Filmnagar



REPAIR STREETLIGHTS IN MARREDPALLY

Streetlights are not functioning properly for the past 10 days along the entire stretch of Street No. 5 at West Marredpally. It becomes pitch dark at night, especially in front of SKVS Spandana Apartments. I have lodged complaints with the GHMC and reminded officials of the problem but to no avail. Many accidents are taking place near an eatery because of the darkness. Early action will be highly appreciated.

— Parasa Rajeev, West Marredpally

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KESARI CHAPTER 2 TEL 2D (UA) ₹1295/350
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ASIAN MUKTA A2 MJR SQUARE - NARAPALLY
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INORBIT MALL-10.40, 1.45, 4.50, 7.55, 10.00, 11.00

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MIRAJ **SHALINI-10.40, 1.40, 4.40, 7.40, 10.40**

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MALKAJGIRI-10.20, 1.20, 4.20, 7.20, 10.20

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CHANDANAGAR-10.40, 1.40, 4.40, 7.40, 10.40PM

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VISWANATH 70-11.45, 2.45, 6.45, 9.45PM

MALLIKARJUNA 70-11.15, 2.30, 6.15, 9.30

KONARK 70-11.15, 2.30, 6.00, 9.15

ASIAN TARAKARAMA 70MM 11.15, 2.15, 6.00, 9.00PM

SVC SANGEETHA 70MM 11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

SVC EESHWAR 70-11.15, 2.30, 6.00, 9.15

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TALLURI 70MM 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM | **SRI AIRAM 70MM** 11.30, 6.30PM

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MAHALAKSHMI COMPL 11.15, 2.30, 6.15, 9.45PM | **LAXMIKALAMANDIR** 11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

SUSHMA 70MM-11.15, 2.16, 6.15, 9.15PM

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MAHALAKSHMI COMPLEX-KOTHAPETA

PVR **FORUM MALL | INORBIT MALL | CENTRAL | RK MALL | MUSARAMBAGH | GALLERIA | IRRUMMANZIL | ATRIUM MALL | IOCH HITECH | PRESTONE MALL**

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Cinepolis **CCPL MALL | SUDHA | MANTRA MALL | LULU MALL | DSL MALL**

OAMB **AMB MALL** | **AAA MALL**

LAXMIKALA MOOSAPET

PRASAD'S NTR GARDENS

MOVIE TIME **SKY MALL | GACHIBOWLI**

CINESQUARE | MCUBE MALL | MJR SQUARE | JP MALL | CINEPLANET | CINEMART | SIVAGANGA | SHA SHAHENSHA | RADHIKA

AMR MALL | **GPR MALL** | **NEO** | **APARNA**

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ODELA 2 TEL 2D (UA) ₹1200/250
10:45 AM, 1:35 PM, 4:30 PM
7:25 PM, 10:35 PM

KESARI CHAPTER 2 HIN 2D (UA) ₹1200/250
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GOOD BAD UGLY TEL 2D (UA) ₹1200/250
7:40 PM
10:15 PM

JACK TEL 2D (UA) 1:15 PM ₹1250/300

JAAT HIN 2D (UA) 4:05 PM ₹1200/250

OKKADU TEL 2D (UA) 4:25 PM ₹1200/250

PADDINGTON IN PERU ENG 2D (UA) 1:45 PM, 7:50 PM ₹1200/250

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CINESQUARE-7.45PM

AMR MALL 8.15PM | **GPR MALL** 10.15, 4.15PM

FORUM-10.30PM | **INORBIT-4.55PM** | **L&T GALLERIA-4.55PM** | **INORBIT-4.55PM** | **CENTRAL-5.05PM** | **PRISM-1.25PM** | **HITECH-7.35PM** | **IRRUMMANZIL-10.15PM** | **ATRIUM-4.40PM** | **MUSARAMBAGH-4.55PM**

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SHA-11.15, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

RADHIKA-10.30, 1.35, 4.30, 7.20, 10.25PM

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IN BRIEF

SIT chargesheet in Hathras stampede

Hathras : The Special Investigation Team's chargesheet in the Hathras satsang stampede case came under sharp criticism in a court on Friday, with Supreme Court advocate A P Singh, representing Bhole Baba, describing it as a "bundle of lies" influenced by media and political pressure. Chargesheet discussed in the court regarding stampede in Sikandrarao teshil on July 2 last year which claimed 121 lives.

Passia held for 16 terror attacks

Chandigarh: Punjab Police chief Friday hailed the arrest of gangster-turned-terrorist Harpreet Singh alias Happy Passia in the US as "major milestone in the success of war against terror" and said efforts are on to extradite him. Passia (29) was arrested by the FBI and the US Immigration department's Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), in Sacramento in the US. He was wanted for orchestrating 16 terror attacks including 14 grenade strikes in Punjab.

Army probes professor assault

Srinagar: The Indian Army has ordered an inquiry after a university professor alleged that he was assaulted by a group of soldiers in a village of frontier Rajouri district late Thursday evening. He said that he was attacked when he and some of his relatives were returning to their native place Kalakote after attending a pre-wedding ceremony of one of their relatives. Dr. Liaquat Ali, an assistant professor at IGNOU.

SHORT TAKES

MINISTERS CLASH ON CASTE CENSUS REPORT: LOP

DC CORRESPONDENT BENGALURU, APRIL 18

Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka (BJP) on Friday alleged that Thursday's special Karnataka cabinet meeting, convened to discuss the Backward Classes Commission's 2015 socio-economic and educational survey, descended into a shouting match between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and several ministers.

Ashoka told reporters he had "reliable information" that some ministers "nearly came to blows" after accusing Siddaramaiah of favouring certain castes and "glorifying" survey data that show Muslims as the single largest community in the state.

Meanwhile, the government disputed the account. Briefing the press after the meeting on Thursday, law and parliamentary Affairs Minister H. K. Patil said discussions on the survey "went smoothly" and produced "no discord". Ashoka warned that if Siddaramaiah remains chief minister the survey "will be stalled".

MINISTER VOWS TO ACT ON ACTRESS' ALLEGATIONS

DC CORRESPONDENT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, APRIL 18

Kerala's culture minister, Saji Cherian, stated on Friday that the allegations made by Malayalam actress Vinicy Aoshious against her co-actor, Shine Tom Chacko, who is accused of misbehaving with her on a film set, will be investigated.

Cherian stated that the complaint filed by the actress is a serious issue and requires a thorough investigation. He praised her for publicly sharing her experience and demonstrating the courage to call out inappropriate behavior, emphasising that such incidents are unacceptable in the Malayalam film industry, which is respected nationwide.

The government has vowed to take strict action if the allegations against Shine Tom Chacko are proven true. Minister Cherian also urged for the establishment of effective internal mechanisms within the film industry. He called for the film community to respond promptly when such complaints arise.

It is not secret that many internal committees on film sets exist only on paper and do not adhere to established guidelines.

Governor, NHRC, NCW visit homeless in Malda

Ananda ignores Mamata's requests, tours violence-hit areas

RAJIB CHOWDHURI & PRANMOY BRAHMACHARI KOLKATA/BERHAMPORE, APRIL 18

Ignoring West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's requests, governor C.V. Ananda Bose embarked on a visit to violence-hit areas at Jangipur in Murshidabad on Friday. In the morning, Bose traveled in train to Malda where he met the homeless villagers of Dhulian in Murshidabad at a relief centre in Parlalpur High School. He will visit the troubled areas in Murshidabad on Saturday.

He said, "I met the homeless people at the camp. They are still scared and requested for permanent protection from the Border Security Force because they were assaulted. They now want justice. Peace and harmony should be maintained in those troubled areas for their safety."

The Governor added, "This type of violence and turmoil is never tolerated. Restoring peace is under way at the ground level."

A day before his visit, the CM said, "I appeal to all not to visit Murshidabad now. I could have gone there. If I would, others will also follow. This may jeopardize the peace. A confidence building measure is underway."

Earlier, four members of National Human Rights Commission also visited the relief centre. They spoke and recorded the statements of the homeless people. Later the NHRC team visited violence torn Dhulian and Shahshergunj in Murshidabad. Meanwhile, a National



West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose arrives at Malda town railway station to visit a relief camp to meet those displaced by the violence that erupted during a protest against the Waqf (Amendment) act, 2025, in Malda, on Friday. —PTI

India hits back at B'desh over plight of minorities

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI NEW DELHI, APRIL 18

India on Friday hit back at Bangladesh and rejected its remarks after the neighbouring nation needed India on Thursday in the Murshidabad violence in West Bengal and asked New Delhi to protect the Muslims.

New Delhi termed it a "barely disguised and disingenuous attempt (on the part of Dhaka) to draw a parallel with India's concerns over the ongoing persecution of minorities



NCW Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar meets women affected by Murshidabad Riots. —PTI

in Bangladesh where the criminal perpetrators of such acts continue to roam

free", and slammed the neighbouring nation's attempts as "virtue signalling".

On Friday morning, the MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "We reject the remarks made by the Bangladesh side with regard to the incidents in West Bengal. This is a barely disguised and disingenuous attempt to draw a parallel with India's concerns over the ongoing persecution of minorities in Bangladesh where the criminal perpetrators of such acts continue to roam free."

Women Commission team headed by its chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar also visited the relief centre also. They assured justice to

the homeless. Later, Ms Rahatkar said, "We inspected and heard them. We will visit troubled areas and meet the police and

administration to ensure their safety. We will meet the Governor on Sunday and will submit a detail report to the Centre.



Police personnel stop BJP workers who were staging a protest against Congress leaders, in Chandigarh on Friday. —PTI

BJP says Cong. used NH as ATM

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 18

Hardening its stance against the Congress leadership that is facing corruption charges over the National Herald case, the BJP on Friday alleged that the Congress used the newspaper as its ATM, and the Gandhi family sought to acquire properties worth ₹2,000 crores of the National Herald without investing a penny from their pocket.

The ruling party also slammed the Opposition party for calling the ED action against Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald case "vendetta in legal guise" and linking it with politics. Accusing the chief

ministers from the Congress-ruled states of ploughing public money as advertisement into the weekly newspaper "which few people read," former Union minister Anurag Thakur claimed that both Rahul and Sonia Gandhi together owned 76 per cent share of Young Indian. The company then took over the Associated Journals Limited, which owns the newspaper affiliated to the Congress, in lieu of ₹90 crore it owed to the Opposition party, the BJP leader said, asking if a political party can give loan. The BJP leader dared Congress leaders facing corruption charges to move courts to seek quick and time-bound trial in the cases against them.

600 VEHICLES WITH LARGE TV SCREENS USED

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In last year's Lok Sabha polls, women voters participation surpassed men's turnout.

As per the records, in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the average voters turnout in Bihar was 56.28 per cent, while men's participation was at 53 per cent and women's turnout was recorded at 59.45 per cent.

It is believed that through the Mahila Samvad campaign, the NDA government in Bihar is trying to reach out to women voters across the state to win another term in power in the state. During the campaign, the women dialogue awareness vehicles will travel to all districts and spread awareness about government welfare schemes for women and facilitate dialogue, particularly in rural and remote areas.

The work done by the National Democratic Alliance government will be shown to the women electorate through the videofilms during the campaign. Nearly 600 vehicles fitted with large television screens are being used for the purpose. The suggestions received from women will be compiled by officials.

Stalin challenges Shah on NEET, delimitation

G. BABU JAYAKUMAR AND D. SEKAR | DC CHENNAI, APRIL 18

Challenging Union home minister Amit Shah to try out in Tamil Nadu the BJP's usual trick of occupying the seat of power in States by dividing the political parties there and by threatening them with raids by enforcement agencies, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin avowed that no Shah would be able to form a government in the State which would not allow any sort of domination or encroachment in its soil.

Strongly hitting out at Shah and also Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday while speaking at an government event in Andarkuppam in Tiruvallur district, where 63,124 pattas for land were distributed among other assistance to beneficiaries, Stalin recalled Modi, during his recent visit to Rameswaram, saying that Tamil Nadu was not satisfied with whatever funds were released to them and was weeping over it.

Reminding Modi that it was he, as Chief Minister of Gujarat, who had asked if the States were beggars to stand before of the Union Government with folded hands to get their dues and also accused the then Union Government of discriminating against States ruled by opposition parties, he said now, having assumed power in Delhi, he was saying that the States were weeping for funds.

Accusing Modi of running parallel fiefdoms in

Shah: Underground Naxals must give up

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 18

Union home minister Amit Shah has urged all remaining underground Naxals to surrender, declaring that the government aims to eradicate Left wing extremism nationwide by 31 March 2026. In a series of posts on X, Shah said CoBRA commandos and the Chhattisgarh Police arrested 22 armed cadres in multiple operations in Bijapur district, while 11 militants laid down arms in Sukma's Badesetti panchayat, rendering that area "completely Naxal free".

The day's tally brings recent surrenders in Sukma to 33, he added. "I appeal to the hiding Naxalites to lay down their arms as soon as possible and join the mainstream... We are determined to free the country from the scourge of Naxalism before 31 March 2026," the minister wrote. Addressing the

CRPF Raising Day at Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh, on Thursday, Shah said the insurgency now lingers in just four districts. He credited over 400 forward operating bases set up by the CRPF—particularly its guerrilla warfare CoBRA battalions—for a 70% drop in violence, and asserted that security forces are "close to ending it".

The Home Ministry's surrender-and-rehabilitation policy offers monetary aid, housing, and vocational support to ex-cadres who give up arms. Officials said fresh appeals will be made in remaining strongholds ahead of this summer's anti-Naxal operations.

With local security forces reporting fewer ambushes and shrinking rebel footprints, the Centre hopes to meet the 2026 deadline set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a "Naxal free India".

the States with the help of Governors, he said it was the State's right to demand its share of funds from the Union Government and saying that they were weeping was inappropriate.

He said he was not one who would lament over

anything or would crawl to touch anybody's feet to get things done but would stand up and fight for the State's rights.

Referring to Shah's allegation that the state was raising non-issues, he said Tamil Nadu was fighting for the rights of all States.

Rahul for Rohith Vemula Act

New Delhi, April 18: Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi has written to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, urging the state government to enact a law named Rohith Vemula Act for ensuring that no one faces caste-based discrimination in the education system.

In his letter to the CM,

Gandhi highlighted the discrimination BR Ambedkar faced in his lifetime. "Here he describes an incident during a long bullock cart journey: 'There was plenty of food with us. There was hunger burning within us; with all this we were to sleep without food; that was because we could get no water, and we could get

no water because we were untouchables'. He said Siddaramaiah would agree that what Ambedkar faced was shameful and should not be endured by any child in India. "It is a shame that even today millions of students from Dalit, Adivasi and OBC communities have to face such brutal discrimination," he added. —PTI

SC upholds Army man's conviction

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 18

The Supreme Court has reinstated the conviction of an army jawan who opened fire on fellow soldiers with an AK-47 after complaining about mess food, overturning his 2014 acquittal by the Himachal Pradesh High Court.

A bench of Justices Pankaj Mishra and S.V.N. Bhatti on Thursday restored the trial court's 2013 verdict that found the soldier guilty of attempted murder (IPC Section 307) and illegal arms use (Arms Act Section 27). "The accused, in rage, fired indiscriminately knowing the bullets could cause death," the judgment said, noting the victims suffered four grievous thigh wounds.

While affirming culpability, the court reduced the sentence from seven years' rigorous imprisonment to the 17 months already served, citing the incident's 2010 vintage and the jawan's momentary "rage" despite being

SC HALTS NASHIK DARGAH DEMOLITION

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday halted a Nashik Municipal Corporation notice ordering the demolition of the Hazrat Saateer Baba dargah and asked the Bombay HC to explain why the shrine's plea was not listed for nearly 10 days.

A bench of Justices P.S. Narasimha and Joy-malya Bagchi issued the interim stay on the civic body's April 1 demolition notice after senior advocate Navin Pahwa told the court that the dargah committee's write petition, filed in the High Court on 7 April.

part of a disciplined force. The order nullifies the High Court's July 2014 rulings that had set aside the conviction and sentence.

STUDENTS TOLD TO REMOVE SACRED THREADS BEFORE EXAM

M. B. GIRISH | DC BENGALURU, APRIL 18

Two students in Karnataka were allegedly asked to remove their religious sacred threads by security personnel before entering the examination centres for the Common Entrance Test (CET) in Shivamogga and Bidar districts on Thursday, sparking outrage.

The sacred thread, worn by many Hindus, is an important religious symbol.

In Shivamogga, one student resisted the demand to remove his sacred thread, while another student's thread was cut by security personnel at the entrance using scissors.

The cut thread was reportedly thrown into a dustbin. Additionally, some students were asked to remove their sacred "Rudraksha" mala before entering the examination center. A source told Deccan Chronicle that one student refused to remove his sacred thread when asked but was later told to remove his wrist thread.

After some time, his sacred thread was cut by security personnel, allowing him to enter the examination hall.

Following the incidents, members of the Brahmin community in Shivamogga met with deputy commissioner Gurudutt Hegde, demanding action against the responsible individuals.

Minister of higher education, Sudhakar, said he would seek a report from the Karnataka Examination Authority and take action based on the findings. He clarified that no guidelines had been issued to remove sacred threads. —PTI

EPIC VOYAGE The vessel flagged off from Cape Town for final leg to Goa

Tarini crew crosses Cape, heads home

New Delhi, April 18: Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini carrying two women officers is heading home after successfully crossing the Cape of Good Hope braving persistent rain, high-velocity winds and large waves, officials said on Friday.

The vessel was on Tuesday ceremonially flagged off from Cape Town in South Africa for the final leg of her journey back to Goa.

As part of the ongoing Navika Sagar Parikrama II, the vessel, crewed by Lt



Lieutenant Commadore Roopa A. and Lieutenant Commadore Dilna K. —X/@indiannavy

Cdr Dilna.K and Lt. Cdr Roopa. A. made a scheduled stopover at Cape Town recently. During her port call at Cape Town, the vessel served as a hub for

numerous outreach and diplomatic engagements, an Indian Navy spokesman said.

"INSV Tarini is home-bound. The crew triumphantly crossed the iconic Cape of Good Hope on April 17, marking another monumental milestone in their epic circumnavigation journey," he said. The crew faced persistent rain, winds of 40 knots (nearly 75 kmph) and waves more than five metres tall, he added.

"After successfully navigating the challenging waters of the Southern

Ocean and crossing three major Capes -- Cape of Good Hope, Cape Leeuwin and Cape Horn -- the crew is now charting a course for India, fuelled by determination and adventure," the spokesman said.

"This remarkable feat showcases the crew's exceptional seamanship, resilience and teamwork, setting a new benchmark for Indian sailing and inspiring a nation. The crew's journey is a testament to India's growing presence in global maritime exploration and adventure," he added. —PTI

SHORT TAKES

PAK MOB KILLS MEMBER OF AHMADIYYA GROUP

Karachi, April 18: A mob beat to death a member of Pakistan's persecuted Ahmadiyya minority on Friday after hundreds of radical Islamists surrounded their place of worship in the port city of Karachi, police said. A mob, many from the anti-blasphemy political group Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), stormed through narrow streets of Saddar neighbourhood chanting slogans, enraged that Ahmadis were allegedly offering Friday prayers.

NUDE PHOTOS OF DECEASED SINGER SPARK ROW

Tokyo, April 18: A Japanese record company is facing a backlash after announcing it would release a CD by a deceased singer that will include nude photographs of her taken privately. The governor of Kumamoto region in southern Japan, where the singer Aki Yashiro was from, slammed the decision as an "unforgivable" act in a blog post published Wednesday. The CD is due to be released on Monday by the record company, which has announced that the product will feature two nude photos of Yashiro, who died in 2023 aged 73, as a "bonus feature".

PILGRIMS THROG KANDY FOR RARE BUDDHA RELIC

Kandy, April 18: Tens of thousands of pilgrims thronged Sri Lanka's holy city of Kandy on Friday at the start of a rare display of a prized Buddhist relic, triggering traffic chaos and public protests. Devotees who had camped overnight outside the Temple of the Tooth complained that they were confined to a holding area after security checks and were deprived of food and water for hours. President Anura Kumara Dissanayake officially launched the exposition by offering flowers to what Buddhists believe to be the left canine tooth of the Buddha.

THREE DEAD IN SPRING STORM HAVOC IN ALPS

Saint-Julien-Mont-Denis, April 18: Two men on their way to help with rescue efforts were found dead on Friday after a spring storm drenched parts of northern Italy and dumped more than a metre of snow in other areas across the Alps, shutting ski areas, halting transport and killing at least one other person. The storm shut roads, halted trains and cut power to areas in France, Italy and Switzerland. Although snow in April is not rare in the Alps mountain range, the amount that fell in just hours was unusual and took authorities by surprise.

SINGAPORE DEF MINISTER QUILTS, TO SKIP POLLS

Singapore, April 18: Singapore's Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen announced on Friday that he is stepping down from politics, making him the first minister confirmed to be not in the running for the general election scheduled for May 3. Ng, 66, said that leadership succession is a cardinal strength of the ruling People's Action Party (PAP), which is why he's stepping aside for new blood, just as his predecessors had done. "For any government, there's always tension between renewal and experience, not sure what the best balance is, Channel News Asia quoted him as saying.

U.S. JUDGE LIMITS MUSK'S DOGE ACCESS TO DATA

Washington, April 18: A US judge ruled Thursday to restrict access to Americans' social security data for Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), after unions raised concerns about the unelected billionaire's sweeping powers. The order by District Judge Ellen Hollander bans DOGE staff from accessing data containing information that could personally identify Americans, such as their social security number, medical history or bank records.

US strikes Yemen fuel port killing at least 74

Houthi run health ministry says 171 people hurt in attack

Aden/Washington, April 17: US strikes on Yemen's Ras Isa fuel terminal on the Red Sea coast have killed at least 74 people in the deadliest attack since the US started its bombing campaign against the Houthis last year, according to the Houthi-run health ministry. US President Donald Trump ordered the intensification of strikes last month in the biggest U.S. military operation in the Middle East since he took office in January. Washington has vowed to keep attacking the Iran-aligned Houthis until the group halts attacks on Red Sea shipping. Health ministry spokesperson Anees al-Asbahi said 171 people were injured in Thursday's strikes, according to preliminary figures, with rescue teams continuing efforts to search for victims. The US military said the strikes aimed to cut off a source of fuel for the Houthi militant group. The port has a heavy military presence in addition to being a primary hub for fuel imports, Yemeni sources said. Among the dead were employees of Safer Oil Company, which operates the port, and the Yemen Petroleum Company, responsible for overseeing imported fuel shipments and their distribution, the sources added. US Central Command did not comment on the health ministry's casualty figure. "The objective of these strikes was to degrade the economic source of power of the Houthis, who continue to exploit and bring great pain upon their fellow



A burning oil tanker after US airstrikes targeted the Ras Isa oil port held by Yemens Houthi rebels in Hodeida, Yemen on Friday. — AP

Hamas rejects truce, Israeli strikes kill 24

Gaza City, April 18: Gaza's civil defence rescue agency said Friday that Israeli strikes killed at least 24 people, including 10 from the same family, after Hamas signalled its rejection of Israel's latest ceasefire proposal. The Palestinian militants' chief negotiator dismissed what he called Israel's "partial agreements" and called for a "comprehensive deal" to halt the 18-month-long war. Khalil al-Hayya also urged international pressure to end Israel's complete blockade of Gaza

that began on March 2. The appeal comes after the UN warned of worsening conditions and shortages of medicine and other essentials for the Palestinian territory's 2.4 million besieged people. Gaza's civil defence spokesman Mahmud Bassal said early Friday that crews had "recovered the bodies of 10 martyrs and a large number of wounded from the house of the Baraka family and the neighbouring houses" following Israeli strikes east of Khan Yunis in Gaza's south. — AFP

U.S. SAYS CHINA SATELLITE FIRM AIDING HOUSTIS

Washington, April 18: A Chinese satellite company is supporting attacks by Yemen's Houthis on American interests, the State Department said. "Chang Guang Satellite Technology Company... is directly supporting Iran-backed Houthi attacks on US interests," State Department spokeswoman Tammy Bruce told journalists. "Their actions — and Beijing's support of the company, even after our private engagements with them — is yet another example of China's empty claims to support peace," she said. — AFP

LEBANON SAYS ONE KILLED IN ISRAELI STRIKE

Ghaziyeh, April 18: Lebanon's health ministry said an Israeli strike Friday on a vehicle near the southern coastal city of Sidon killed one person, with Israel announcing that an attack in the same area had targeted a Hezbollah operative. "The attack carried out by the Israeli enemy against a car on the Sidon-Ghaziyeh road resulted in one dead," a health ministry statement said on the fourth consecutive day of Israeli attacks in the south. — AFP

Over 1,000 international US student visas revoked

SANGEETHA G. | DC with agency inputs CHENNAI/WASHINGTON, APRIL 18

More than 1,000 international students have had their visas or legal status revoked in recent weeks, and several have filed lawsuits against the Trump administration, arguing the government denied them due process when it suddenly took away their permission to be in the US. The actions by the federal government to terminate students' legal status have left hundreds of scholars at risk of detention and deportation. Their schools range from private universities like Harvard and Stanford to large public institutions like the University of Maryland and Ohio State University to some small liberal arts colleges. At least 1,024 students at 160 colleges, universities and university systems had their visas revoked or their legal status terminated since late March. Meanwhile, students seeking admission in US universities are facing visa rejections. — AP

HIGHER EDUCATION

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3.3 lakh students went from India to the US in 2023-24.

A LARGE NUMBER of students are from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu and mostly seek higher education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

TRUMP ADMIN SEEKS DETAILS OF HARVARD VARSITY FOREIGN FUNDING

Washington, April 18: President Donald Trump's administration said on Friday it sought Harvard University's records on foreign funding going back a decade and on some foreign ties, in the government's latest escalation against the educational institution. The Trump administration has launched a widely condemned crackdown against top U.S. universities, including Harvard, over pro-Palestinian protests and culture war issues like transgender rights and diversity, equity and inclusion programmes. — Reuters

U.S. TO STOP BROKERING PEACE DEAL FOR UKRAINE

Paris/Washington, April 18: The US will walk away from efforts to broker a Russia-Ukraine peace deal unless there are clear signs of progress soon, US President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio said on Friday. "Quickly, we want to get it done," Trump told reporters at the White House. "Now if for some reason one of the two parties makes it very difficult, we're just going to say, 'you're foolish, you're fools, you're horrible people, and we're going to just take a pass. But hopefully we won't have to do that.'"

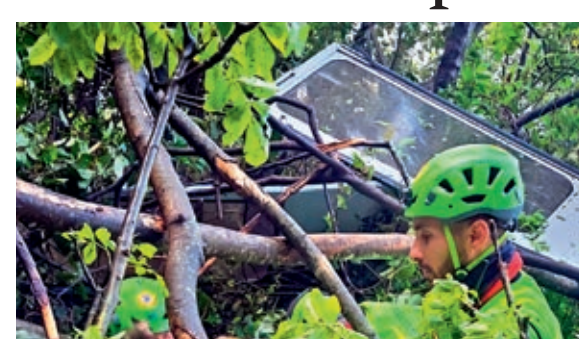
Trump's comments followed remarks by Rubio, his top diplomat, who said the sides had just days to show progress or Washington would walk. "We're not going to continue with this endeavour for weeks and months on end. So we need to determine very quickly now, and I'm talking a matter of days, whether or not this is doable in the next few weeks," Rubio said. — Reuters

170 ARRESTED FOR ATTACKS OF PAK KFC OUTLETS

Karachi/Lahore, April 18: Police have arrested scores of people in Pakistan in recent weeks after more than 10 mob attacks on outlets of US fast-food chain KFC, sparked by anti-United States sentiment and opposition to its ally Israel's war in Gaza, officials said. Police in major cities in Pakistan, including Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad, confirmed at least 11 incidents in which KFC outlets were attacked by protesters armed with sticks and vandalised. At least 178 people were arrested, the officials said this week. KFC and its parent Yum Brands both US-based, did not respond to requests for comment. A police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said one KFC employee was shot and killed this week in a store on the outskirts of Lahore by unknown gunmen. The official added there was no protest at the time and they were investigating if the killing was motivated by political sentiment or some other reason. In Lahore, police said they were ramping up security at 27 KFC outlets in city after two attacks took place and five others were prevented. — Reuters

Four dead in 'unimaginable' cable car crash near Naples

Rome, April 18: Four people died and one suffered life-threatening injuries after a cable car crashed to the ground near Naples in southern Italy on Thursday, mountain rescue services and firefighters said. The accident happened on the cable car service between the town of Castellammare di Stabia and Monte Faito, a scenic peak offering views of the Mount Vesuvius volcano and the Bay of Naples, around 45 km (28 miles) south-east of the city. The car fell after a supporting cable snapped. One of the four people killed was a cable car operator from a nearby town, Italian media said, citing local officials. The others were two British and one Israeli tourist, they reported. A second Israeli tourist was in stable but critical condition, the Naples hospital treating him said on Friday. "An unimaginable tragedy. Horrible," said Umberto De Gregorio, chairman of the EAV public transport company which runs the cable car service, on Facebook. He said the accident was hard to explain as "all tests required by law were carried out" before the service reopened for the spring and summer season last week. — Reuters



A rescuer works on the site of the Monte Faito cable car collapse. — AFP

Trump planning to sack Fed's Powell

Washington, April 18: Donald Trump is studying whether he's able to fire Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell, his top economist said Friday, a day after the president publicly criticized the head of the central bank for not moving fast enough to slash interest rates. "The president and his team will continue to

study that," National Economic Council Director Kevin Hassett said Friday when asked by a reporter if removing Powell was an option. Hassett went on to suggest that the Fed under Powell, who was appointed by Trump during his first term, had acted politically to benefit Democrats. — Bloomberg

CHINA VESSELS IN U.S. FACE LEVIES

Washington, April 18: The Trump administration took steps to impose levies on Chinese vessels docking at US ports, threatening to shake up global shipping routes and escalate the trade war between the world's two biggest economies. — Bloomberg

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PASSION | PLAY 64-year-old Enaje nailed to cross for 36th time in Philippines

'Veteran' Jesus actor plays for last time

Manila, April 18: Scores of penitents whipped themselves bloody under a scorching Philippine sun while others were nailed to crosses in a polarising Good Friday tradition drawing the most extreme of Catholic devotees. The macabre spectacle, officially frowned on by the Church, attracts thousands of Filipinos — and a smattering of tourists — each Easter weekend to sites across Asia's only majority Catholic nation. In Pampanga province, two hours north of Manila, 64-year-old

Ruben Enaje was nailed to a cross for the 36th time on Friday. Minutes after the nails were gingerly removed from his palms, he told reporters it would be for the last time. "I really can't do it anymore. They had to aim portable fans at me earlier just for me to breathe normally," Enaje said, after temperatures reached 39°C. In an unscripted moment, Enaje tumbled down an embankment while navigating the narrow path to the cross after being "pushed a bit harder than usual" by a man playing a

Roman soldier. He told reporters he had felt "dizzy" while walking to the venue, needing to rest for 30 minutes before reaching the site. He has hinted at retirement in the past, and this year local officials finally introduced his successor: Arnold Maniago, a veteran of 24 crucifixions. Maniago conceded he was "a little nervous" about taking on the role of Jesus. Among the procession, men with their faces covered by bandanas whipped themselves as they walked towards the cross. — AFP



Greek Orthodox Christian clergymen carry a cross during the stations of the cross procession on Holy Friday at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the old city of Jerusalem on Friday. — AFP

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), Planning, N.C. Railway, Prayagraj for and on behalf of the President of India invites online open E-Tenders for "Linking of track and other P-way activities between Chunar-Sonbhadra section in connection with Chunar-Chopra doubling Wkr. (Two packets System) for the following works:

E-Tender No.: CEN-CAR-CPU-2025-26-01 | Approx. Cost: Rs. 49.81 Cr

Description of work: "Linking of track and other P-way activities between Chunar-Sonbhadra section in connection with Chunar-Chopra doubling Work."

Date of closing Tender: 14.05.2025 | Completion period: 18 months

Tenders on line can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs. on 14.05.2025. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in 66125 (C)

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

Description of work: "Jhansi-Sithouli section- Dewatering of accumulated water from LHSs 16 nos under ADEN/LINE/JHANSI sub-division for 02 years."

Approx Cost: ₹ 5770631.72 | Earnest Money: ₹ 115400.00

Date of closing Tender: 14/05/2025 at 15:00 hrs

Date of Completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 24 Months.

Tender on line can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs on 14.05.2025. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in 66625(DG)

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E-Tender No.: JHS-ENGG - E - 2025-53

Description of work: "Jhansi-Khairah section: Proposal for Cover over of approach, Sump well, Repair to road surface, hump etc. at LHS no. 415 under ADEN/MBA jurisdiction."

Approx Cost: 19330240.88 | Earnest Money: 246700.00

Date of completion /period from issue acceptance letter: 06 Months

E-Tender No.: JHS-ENGG- E - 2025-54

Description of work: "ADEN/Banda Sub Division: Provision of re roofing of quarters with RCC slab/GI sheeting under ADEN/BANDA section."

Approx Cost: 23065291.95 | Earnest Money: 265300.00

Date of completion /period from issue acceptance letter: 15 Months

Date of closing Tender: 12/05/2025 at 15:00 hrs., Tender on line can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs on 12.05.2025. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in 66225 (D)

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 04/2025 dated 17.04.2025

On behalf of President of India, Divisional Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj invites the E-procurement tenders.

Description: Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Installation, testing, Commissioning, and proving of Hydraulic Re-Railing equipment at ART Kanpur and Tunda.

S.No.	Tender No.	Qty.	EMD (Rs.)	Tender Opening Date
1	19255671	02 Set	₹ 3,28,200/-	14.05.2025

Note: 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender is available on IREPS website i.e. <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-bids shall not be accepted against above tender, for this purpose, Vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Class III Digital Signature certificate issued by CCA under I.T. Act-2000. 3. Rates entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Documents being attached should be signed on their body. The above tender notice has been uploaded on <http://www.nccr.indianrailways.gov.in>. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the IREPS website may be approached. 67125 FA

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 0420252026 Date: 17.04.2025

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway, Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites online open tenders (E-Tender) as detailed below-

S.No.: 1 E-Tender Notice No.: 0420252026-15, Name of Work : Balance Work of: Proposed renovation of swimming pool, outside area and dismantling of school in Coral club at Prayagraj.

Approx. Cost (In ₹): ₹ 88,09,805.6 | Earnest Money (In ₹): ₹ 1,76,200.00

S.No.: 2 E-Tender Notice No.: 0420252026-16, Name of Work : Combined Tender for Balance work of: (A) Heavy repairs to GM Bunglow & surrounding campus at Leader Road, Prayagraj. (B) Rehabilitation of GM Bunglow at Leader Road, Prayagraj.

Approx. Cost (In ₹): ₹ 2,26,79,421.4 | Earnest Money (In ₹): ₹ 2,63,400.00

S.No.: 3 E-Tender Notice No.: 0420252026-17, Name of Work : Prayagraj Improvement to staff quarters in Malgoadam, GRP, GPO & Rajapur colony.

Approx. Cost (In ₹): ₹ 2,34,74,925.2 | Earnest Money (In ₹): ₹ 2,67,400.00

Date & Time of Closing of Tender: For S.N.: 1 to 3- 09.05.2025 at 12.00 PM

Completion Period: For S.N. 1 & 2 :- 06 Months and S.N. 3:- 09 Months

Nature of Work: For S.N.: 1 & 3:- Any Civil Engineering works and S.N. 2:- Construction of building.

Note: (1) For full details and submission of tenders, please see the Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in 66825 (MG)

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INDICATORS	%
Sensex	78,553.20 1.96
Nifty 50	23,851.65 1.77
S&P 500*	5,282.70 0.13
Dollar (₹)	85.37 -0.37
Pound Sterling (₹)	113.31 0.22
Euro (₹)	97.10 -0.22
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	95,239*422 -0.44
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	67.85 3.04
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.372 0.001
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	4.333 0.054

* As of 8:30 PM IST

NFL to pick up 18% stake in proposed JV

National Fertilizers Ltd (NFL) will pick up an 18 per cent stake for about ₹572 crore in a proposed joint venture to establish a urea plant in Assam. NFL informed that its board has given "consent to enter into joint venture agreement with other nominated companies to form a joint venture company for setting up of a new Ammonia-Urea Complex Namrup-IV Fertilizer Plant at Namrup, Assam".

Fintech platform to offer services to MSMEs

Tide, a business financial platform has collaborated with fintech firm eMSME to help its lakhs of MSME members get GST registration, Udyam registration, and Scheme Discovery Reports among others. The new features on Tide will fast-track MSME formalisation by simplifying GST and Udyam registration, unlocking access to credit, government benefits, and the wider digital economy, the company said.



Divi's inks supply agreement with global pharma co

Divi's Laboratories has inked a supply agreement with a global pharmaceuticals firm. Under the long-term agreement, the company will be manufacturing and supplying advanced intermediates as per the commercial terms agreed between the parties, Divi's Laboratories said. The company expects meaningful revenue contribution from this long-term agreement, it added without disclosing the identity of the partner.

Signature Global acquires 48 acre land for housing

Realty firm Signature Global has acquired 48 acres of land for ₹1,070 crore in Gurugram during the last fiscal to develop residential projects as part of its strategy to expand business amid strong consumer demand. Pradeep Aggarwal, founder and chairman, Signature Global (India), said, "We continuously replenish our land bank in Gurugram and surrounding areas to match the pace of our growing sales."

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70 out of 87 IPOs of 2024 are below IPO listing price

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, APRIL 18

While the secondary market has shown resilience and recovered with Sensex and Nifty-50 erasing majority of main board primary market new listings, since January 2024 trade below their initial public offer (IPO) price. Out of 97 main board IPOs since January 2024 analysed by *Financial Chronicle*, only 27 are trading above their IPO price as on April 17, while 70 IPOs trade below their public offer price.

In 2025 the primary market has seen only 10 IPOs so far and only three of them are trading above their IPO price. Primary market's revival towards beginning of April 2025 took a back seat due to US reciprocal tariff measures as volatility in secondary market has led to postponement of some big IPOs in advance stages of planning - Ather Energy, LG Electronics among others. Big IPOs like Hyundai Motor India (-13.85 per cent), Bajaj Housing Finance (-14.17 per cent), Swiggy (-17.25 per cent), Waaree Energies (-8.94 per cent), NTPC Green (-2.96 per cent), Akum Drugs (-32.93 per cent), P N Gadgil Jewellers (-34.72 per cent), Ola Electric (-33.89 per cent), Hexaware (-5.49 per cent), Vishal Mega Mart (-1.23 per cent), Brainbees (-44.19 per cent) among others trade below

TOP 10 COS BY M-CAP

	AS ON APRIL 17, 2025	VALUE CHANGE OVER LAST YEAR (IN CRORE)
RIL	17,24,768.59	▲ 74,766.36
HDFC BANK	14,58,34.32	▲ 76,483.95
TCS	11,3,588.98	▲ 24,114.55
BHARTI AIRTEL	10,71,241.74	▲ 75,210.77
ICICI BANK	10,01,48.86	▲ 67,597.00
SBI	7,11,381.46	▲ 38,420.49
INFOSYS	5,89,846.48	▲ 3,987.14
BAJAJ FINSERV	5,68,061.13	▲ 14,712.85
HIND UNILEVER	5,57,945.69	▲ 1,891.42
ITC	5,34,665.77	▲ 6,820.20

THE TOTAL MARKET capitalisation of all stocks traded on BSE is ₹420.34 lakh crore

their respective IPO price. Those that trade above IPO price include Afcons (3.24 per cent), Bharti Hexacom (109.55 per cent), Sai Life Sciences (9.36 per cent), Sagility India (39.54 per cent), Jana Small Finance Bank (26.58 per cent), KRN Heat Exchangers & Refrigeration (77.43 per cent), Diffusion Engineers (47.34 per cent), Gaia Precision Engineering (16.11 per cent) and Orient Technologies (30.41 per

cent) among others. Performance of some high profile IPOs before 2024 is also noteworthy here as there are some big gainers Mankind Pharma (98.67 per cent), Doms Industries (106.41 per cent), Ireda (246.70 per cent), Kaynes (627.97 per cent), Kfin Technologies (199.7 per cent), while losers include Tata Technologies (-45.69 per cent), Sula Vineyards (-19.34 per cent), Delhivery (-43.01 per cent).

India electronics mfg. reaches ₹11L-cr level

FC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, APRIL 18

Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Friday said that the electronics manufacturing in India has touched ₹11 lakh crore. Inaugurating VVDN Technologies' Surface Mount Technology Line at Manesar, the minister said that India's design capabilities have paved the way for complex products - from AI cameras to automobile electronics and telecom network

equipment to power electronics - being designed here, adding to India's sheen as an electronics hub. "Now addition of electronics components incentives, approved by Cabinet recently, will improve the depth of electronics manufacturing ecosystem, leading to more opportunities," he asserted. "Exports have grown six times during this period, crossing ₹3.25 lakh crore. The entire ecosystem has spurred 25 lakh jobs," the minister said.

Reluctant to ratchet up tariffs on China: Trump

Washington, D.C., April 18: The US President Donald Trump said he was reluctant to continue ratcheting up tariffs on China because it could stall trade between the two countries, and insisted Beijing had repeatedly reached out in a bid to broker a deal. Trump, speaking to reporters in the Oval Office, said officials he believed represented the Chinese leader Xi Jinping had sought to start talks. But he repeatedly sidestepped direct questions about whether he and Xi had been in direct contact. "I have a very good relationship with President Xi, and I think it's going to continue. And I would say they have reached out a number of times," he said.

US INFORMED THE WTO that the decision to impose tariffs on steel and aluminium was based on national security grounds and should not be considered as safeguard measures.

Trump was reluctant to keep raising those duties — and suggested he might be open to lowering them. "At a certain point I don't want them to go higher because at a certain point you make it where people don't buy. So I may not want to go higher, or I may not want to even go up to that level,"

Gold price on steroids, value doubles in 4 years

Yellow metal prices go up 30% from last Akshaya Tritiya levels

SANGEETHA G.
CHENNAI, APRIL 18

Investors who purchased gold four years back during Akshaya Tritiya, which falls on April 30 this year, have already seen their asset value doubling. Gold prices also have gone up 30 per cent from the last Akshaya Tritiya levels. The average price of gold around Akshaya Tritiya in 2021 was ₹47,676 per 10 gm. With Akshaya Tritiya around the corner, gold prices at the Multi Commodity Exchange are trading around ₹95,230, which is 99.7 per cent up from 2021 levels.

Gold prices have made the highest gain since the last Akshaya Tritiya when prices stood at ₹72,727 per 10 gm, gaining 30 per cent or ₹22,503 per 10 gm. The yellow metal also saw prices gain 21.53 per cent during Akshaya Tritiya of 2024 over previous years. "Gold has consistently delivered strong returns during Akshaya Tritiya, reinforcing its status as a trusted investment in India. Over the past 14 years, gold has shown positive performance in all but three instances, with

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MARCH IMPORTS climbed to \$4.4 billion - nearly double the previous month's figure and significantly higher than the \$1.53 billion recorded a year earlier.

LARGE JEWELLERY retailers are upbeat about the outlook for the April-June quarter.

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SILVER GAINS 33.6% in the past four years.

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only single-digit negative returns. Since 2018, the market has seen eight consecutive years of gains, and in the last three years, gold has posted double-digit returns. This trend highlights why Indians traditionally buy gold on Akshaya Tritiya — it has proven to be a reliable store of value," said Ajay Kedia, managing director, Kedia Commodities. Silver has gained 33.6 per cent in the past four years. However, it saw 125 per cent gain in the past

five years. Silver prices at the MCX stood at ₹42,051 in 2020 and appreciated 69 per cent in a year — the highest yearly gain in last five years. However, year-to-day gain in silver has been around 12 per cent. Despite record high prices, gold imports rebounded sharply in March after two consecutive months of decline. According to data from the ministry of commerce, gold imports climbed to \$4.4 billion — nearly double the previ-

ous month's figure and significantly higher than the \$1.53 billion recorded a year earlier, while still below the average monthly imports of \$7.3 billion set between August and December 2024. According to World Gold Council (WGC), large jewellery retailers are upbeat about the outlook for the April-June quarter. Early indicators of advance bookings for regional festivals such as Akshaya Tritiya point to strong consumer sentiment.

India ranks 6th in global deeptech

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CHENNAI, APRIL 18

Union commerce minister Piyush Goyal's remarks on start-ups have stirred up a hornet's nest, the fact remains that IT services powerhouse India is ranked 6th among the top 9 DeepTech ecosystems and 8th in DeepTech funding. According to Nasscom's data, India ranks 6th among the top 9 DeepTech ecosystems in the world mainly due to lack of funding and relatively weak DeepTech enabling or supporting ecosystem. The ecosystems in India, US, UK, Canada, Germany, France, Japan, Switzerland, and Israel were ranked based on performance and funding across differ-

ent stages. India currently has over 3,600 DeepTech start-ups, of which around 1000 start-ups have been added since 2020. Of total DeepTech start-ups, 74 per cent are into AI-related ventures, 23 per cent into big data and analytics, 5 per cent into IoT and 10 per cent blockchain. Cumulative global venture capital investments in DeepTech start-ups, over the past 10 years, reached \$590 billion in 2023 and Indian start-ups managed to grab \$10 billion in the five years till 2023 and is ranked 8th in terms of funding among the global ecosystems. In 2024, Indian DeepTech start-ups received ₹734 million, and this was just



6.33 per cent of the total funding gone into start-ups in 2024, as per the data of Venture Intelligence. In 2023, they received 1.2 billion, which was 13 per cent of start-up funding. While availability of AI focused talent is a driver for India, the country also needs to prioritise building skills across multiple technologies to truly unlock its DeepTech potential, finds Nasscom. Start-ups cite funding

for scaling, talent attraction, and global expansion as the key challenge areas. Investors are wary of long gestation periods, collaboration dynamics, and effective exits. "In multiple scenarios, it becomes very difficult to invest into DeepTech companies because the founders are solving for is very small. Technology readiness does not exist and access to global networks to conduct technology diligence is absent," finds Blume Ventures. India has to establish sectoral innovation hubs that bring together the R&D infrastructure and domain sector; academia; government together with DeepTech start-ups, Nasscom said.

Give relief to small partners: UN body

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The UN's trade and development body has asked the US to consider exempting least developed countries from reciprocal tariffs which harm the countries without boosting US' revenue collection. It includes Myanmar, Bangladesh and Cambodia which are India's competitors in various sectors including textiles. The contribution to the US trade deficit from these countries is marginal. Of them, 28 partners contribute less than 0.1 per cent of total US deficit. However, imposing reciprocal tariffs on them will disproportionately

affect their ability to export to the US market. The current 90-day pause offers an important opportunity to reassess how these countries are treated under this policy framework. "To consider exempting such countries from tariffs that offer little to no advantage for US trade policy while potentially causing economic harm abroad," UNCTAD said. It has included Myanmar, Bangladesh and Cambodia in the list. These countries compete with India in exports of textiles, apparels, jute and agri products. An exemption from US tariffs will make Indian products less competitive in Indian market.

CLEAN | DRIVE Corporates opting for office spaces that align with sustainability standards

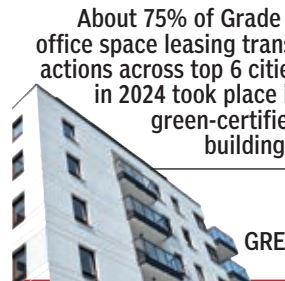
Green office space leasing rises 20%

Ahmedabad, April 18: Leasing of office space in premium green-certified buildings rose 20 per cent in 2024 to 492 million sq ft (msf) from 41 msf in the preceding year across six major cities as corporates are focusing more on sustainability, according to report by Credai and Colliers.

Green buildings command higher rental. "India has set ambitious climate targets, including achieving net-zero emissions by 2070 and reducing carbon intensity to less than 45 per cent by 2030. Real estate, being a significant

contributor to carbon emissions, has the potential in advancing these goals through green building practices, usage of energy-efficient technologies, and renewable energy integration," Credai national president Shekhar G Patel said. The shift has already gained momentum with green building adoption increasing across residential, commercial, and industrial spaces, he added. As per the report, corporates have been increasingly opting for office spaces that align with global sustainability standards

PLEASING FACILITY About 75% of Grade A office space leasing transactions across top 6 cities in 2024 took place in green-certified buildings.



AS OF 2024, green-certified office stock in India stood at 503 msf, representing 66% of total Grade A inventory.

THE SHIFT IS DRIVING GROWING PREFERENCE FOR GREEN-CERTIFIED WORKPLACES.

with respect to energy efficiency, carbon emissions, and employee well-being. About 75 per cent of Grade A office space leasing

transactions across the top six cities in 2024 took place in green-certified buildings, the report said. "Construction industry

is a major contributor to global carbon emissions, accounting for nearly 40 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions. The real estate sector stands at crossroads of transformation, where sustainability is no longer an option but a necessity," Colliers India chief executive officer Badal Yagnik said. As of 2024, green-certified office stock in India stood at about 503 msf, representing 66 per cent of the total Grade A inventory across the top six cities - Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai and Pune. — PTI



NBFCs LIKELY TO SEE TEPID GROWTH ON HIGH CREDIT COSTS

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MUMBAI, APRIL 18

Non banking finance companies (NBFCs) are likely to post modest growth in earnings for fourth quarter ended March 31 as funding challenges, balance sheet risks, and business model realignments continue to weigh. While NBFC housing finance companies and gold lenders are likely to fare better led by sectoral tailwinds, NBFC-MFIs remain under strain, even as incremental bad loans have been falling, said analysts. MSME and affordable housing financiers might see certain blips on asset quality in the near future.

NBFC focused on commercial vehicle financing also face headwinds, with the segment closing FY25 slightly down YoY despite a pick-up in March. Infra lenders may see steady credit demand, but overall growth in FY25 may be soft amid slower government spending. "Our NBFC universe is set for a weak Q4FY25, likely marking a Q2 of subdued performance. While credit costs should peak out sooner, it is tad premature to assert that the worst is behind us," said Shweta Daptardar, analyst at Elara Securities in a report.

ORANGE	PURPLE
Nicholas Pooran, LSG 357	Noor Ahmad, CSK 12
Sudarshan Sai, GT 329	Josh H'wood, RCB 12
Mitchell Marsh, LSG 295	Kuldeep Yadav, DC 11

PUNJAB RCB

Kings knock down Royal Challengers in Bengaluru

Bengaluru, April 18: Punjab Kings defeated Royal Challengers Bengaluru by five wickets in their rain-curtailed Indian Premier League match at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Friday.

Batting first, Tim David (50 off 26 balls) struck a counter-attacking fifty to lift RCB to 95 for 9 in a match that was reduced to 14 overs per side after a delayed start due to evening showers. In reply, Punjab completed the chase in 12.1 overs with Nehal Wadhwa making a brisk 33 off 19 balls.

Josh Hazlewood (3/14) bowled brilliantly for RCB, but his effort was not enough.

Earlier, RCB lost wickets at regular intervals with the likes of Arshdeep Singh, Yuzvendra Chahal, and Marco Jansen doing the bulk of the damage for the visiting team.

Pressure to score quick runs and clever bowling by Punjab Kings restricted RCB to a disappointing total.

The match started at 9.45 pm after a steady drizzle refused to fade away for a good part of the evening, and Kings' skipper Shreyas Iyer did not hesitate to bowl first.

The decision proved right as Punjab bowlers plucked three wickets in the power play segment, which was curtailed to four overs because of the delayed start.

Phil Salt started the proceedings with a crisp boundary but perished in the first over itself, trying to hammer Arshdeep Singh (2/23) out of the park and stumper Josh Inglis completed a good catch.

Virat Kohli did not last long either, as Marco Jansen peddled 20 metres back to pull off a terrific catch off Arshdeep.

Pacer Xavier Bartlett joined his teammate with the wicket of Liam Livingstone.

Livingstone tried to carve Bartlett over covers but the ball was a touch outside the off-stump and



Punjab Kings bowler Marco Jansen (left) celebrates with teammates after taking the wicket of Royal Challengers Bengaluru batsman Krunal Pandya in their IPL match at Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Friday. — AP

SCOREBOARD

Royal Challengers Bengaluru: Phil Salt c Inglis b Arshdeep Singh 4, Virat Kohli c Jansen b Arshdeep Singh 1, Rajat Patidar c Bartlett b Chahal 23, Liam Livingstone c Arya b Bartlett 4, Jitesh Sharma c Wadhwa b Chahal 2, Krunal Pandya c & b Jansen 1, Tim David not out 50, Manoj Bhandage lbw b Jansen 1, Bhuvneshwar Kumar c Bartlett b Harpreet Brar 8, Yash Dayal lbw b Harpreet Brar 0, Josh Hazlewood not out 0. Extras (nb-1) 1. **Total (for 9 wickets in 14 overs) 95.** **Fall of wickets:** 1-4, 2-21, 3-26, 4-32, 5-33, 6-41, 7-42, 8-63, 9-63. **Bowling:** Arshdeep Singh 3-0-23-2, Xavier Bartlett 3-0-26-1, Marco Jansen 3-0-10-2, Yuzvendra Chahal 3-0-11-2, Harpreet Brar 2-0-25-2. **Punjab Kings:** Priyansh Arya c David b Hazlewood 16, Prabhsimran Singh c David b Kumar 13, Shreyas Iyer c

Sharma b Hazlewood 7, Josh Inglis c Suyash Sharma b Hazlewood 14, Nehal Wadhwa not out 33, Shashank Singh c Salt b Kumar 1, Marcus Stoinis not out 7, Extras (b-4, lb-1, w-2) 7. **Total (for 5 wickets in 12.1 overs) 98.** **Fall of wickets:** 1-22, 2-32, 3-52, 4-53, 5-81. **Bowling:** Bhuvneshwar Kumar 3-0-26-1, Yash Dayal 2-1-0-18-0, Josh Hazlewood 3-0-14-3, Krunal Pandya 1-0-10-0, Suyash Sharma 3-0-25-0

18b) could not clear Bartlett at sweeper cover off Chahal, who teased the batters with those tossed up, fuller deliveries.

Jansen (2/10), who used short-pitched balls to good effect, had his own moments as he jettisoned Krunal Pandya and Impact Sub Manoj

Bhandage as RCB innings unravelled. It was despite a few customary big blows by David (50 not out, 26 balls) that included three sixes in a row off left-arm spinner Harpreet Brar. David made 32 runs for the final wicket with Josh Hazlewood off 14 balls. — PTI

Teams	P	W	L	N/R	Points	Net RR
DC	6	5	1	0	10	+0.744
PBKS	7	5	2	0	10	+0.308
GT	6	4	2	0	8	+1.081
RCB	7	4	3	0	8	+0.446
LSG	7	4	3	0	8	+0.086
KKR	7	3	4	0	6	+0.547
MI	7	3	4	0	6	+0.239
RR	7	2	5	0	4	-0.714
SRH	7	2	5	0	4	-1.217
CSK	7	2	5	0	4	-1.276

Misfiring Royals might lose Sanju

Jaipur, April 18: Skipper Sanju Samson has been rendered doubtful after picking up a side strain as an inconsistent Rajasthan Royals seek to plug holes across departments and halt a three-match losing streak in their IPL match against Lucknow Super Giants here on Saturday.

Head coach Rahul Dravid said the wicket-keeper-batter had "experienced a bit of pain in the abdominal area" following which he had undergone scans.

"Once we get a bit more clarity around the scans and the severity of (the injury) we'll take a decision going forward and we'll see what happens," said Dravid on Friday, putting a question mark on Samson's availability.

With just two wins from seven games, the Royals are languishing at eighth place on the table and are coming into the contest on the back of a gut-wrenching Super Over defeat to Delhi Capitals.

As the league hits the halfway mark, they'll need to shake off the heartbreak quickly if they hope to upstage Rishabh Pant's men and climb out of the bottom half. Plagued by inconsistency in both batting and bowling, RR's campaign has struggled to find momentum.

Samson had suffered a side strain in the previous match and had to retire hurt though he later said he was feeling



Lucknow Super Giants pacer Mayank Yadav bowls during a team practice session on Friday, eve of their match in the Indian Premier League against Rajasthan Royals at Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur.

"alright." The Royals' batting, built around Indian mainstays, has misfired far too often, leaving the middle order exposed and under pressure.

Yashasvi Jaiswal seems to have shaken off his rustiness with back-to-back half-centuries against Royal Challengers Bengaluru and DC. But it will have to be seen if he carries the momentum into match.

LSG also head into the match after losing to CSK but they are in a much better position currently, with their four wins from seven matches keeping them at fifth spot. Their batting form has been impressive overall with Nicholas Pooran and Mitchell Marsh in top form. — PTI

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