



Star actress Katrina Kaif in talks for Tumbbad 2, as makers eye a big casting boost for the much-anticipated sequel. The film, starring Nawazuddin Siddiqui, is slated for a December 2027 release.

Kum. Lakshmi Ananya Tatavarty is set to present her Rangapravesha, marking a significant milestone in her Bharatanatyam journey and her formal transition from a dedicated student to a full-fledged classical dancer.



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Any moment spent with someone special becomes a special memory for the rest of life..."

### BRIEFS

## LPG Hike to Hit Jobs, Raise Food Prices

> Vikrama Vahini | Delhi

The steep hike in commercial LPG cylinder prices by ₹993 to ₹3,071.50 has raised concerns in the hospitality industry, with hotels and restaurants warning of rising costs, potential job losses, and higher menu prices. Industry bodies have urged the government to roll back the increase, calling it a major setback for the sector.

Industry representatives cautioned that small and mid-sized establishments would be the worst affected, as rising input costs could force many to cut staff or reduce operations, slowing the sector's recovery.

The price hike is expected to have a ripple effect on overall inflation, particularly impacting urban dining and consumer spending patterns.

## Bengal to Re-vote in 15 Booths Today

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The Election Commission of India has ordered repolling in 15 booths across West Bengal's Diamond Harbour and Magrahat Paschim constituencies on May 2, following allegations of EVM tampering and electoral irregularities.

Polling will take place from 7 am to 6 pm, covering 11 booths in Magrahat Paschim and four in Diamond Harbour. The decision comes after complaints, primarily by the Bharatiya Janata Party, alleging that EVM buttons were tampered with using tape in parts of Falta, under the Diamond Harbour Lok Sabha seat.

The EC declared the earlier polling held on April 29 void under provisions of the Representation of the People Act, citing serious violations such as booth jamming and rigging. Further reports suggest that repolling may be extended to additional booths in Falta, pending final review.

Officials reiterated a zero-tolerance stance on electoral malpractice, stating strict action will follow if violations are confirmed.

## Defence Finance Shake-Up: Sahay, Das Appointed

> Vikrama Vahini | Delhi

The Ministry of Defence on Friday announced key appointments in its financial leadership, with Vishvajit Sahay taking charge as Secretary (Defence Finance) and Anugraha Narayana Das assuming office as Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA).

Sahay, a 1990-batch IDAS officer and former CGDA, brings over three decades of experience in defence finance and administration. Das, a 1991-batch officer, succeeds him as CGDA and has extensive expertise in financial management, procurement, and auditing. The Ministry said the reshuffle aims to strengthen financial governance and oversight in defence operations.

# Fuel, LPG Hike Likely Soon!

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

Petrol, diesel and domestic LPG prices are likely to see an increase in the coming days as the Centre reviews the impact of rising global crude oil prices triggered by escalating tensions in West Asia.

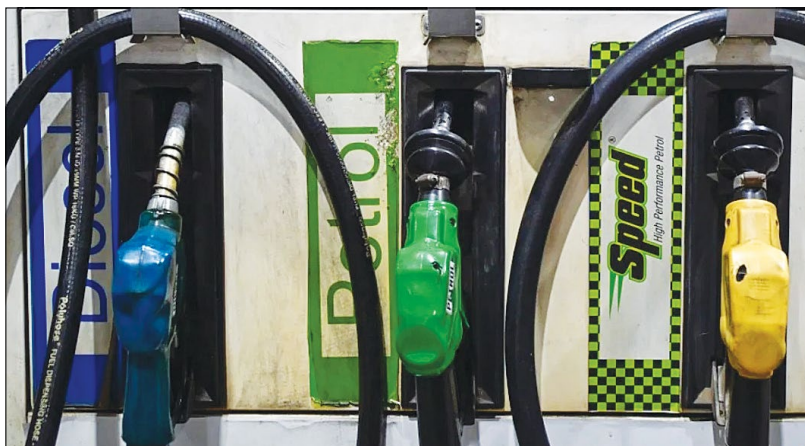
Government sources indicated that petrol and diesel prices could go up by around ₹4-5 per litre, while domestic LPG cylinders may witness a hike of ₹40-50.

If implemented, this would mark the first revision in fuel prices in nearly four years, with rates largely remaining unchanged since 2022.

The possible hike comes despite earlier indications that prices would remain stable after the recent Assembly elections. However, a sharp surge in global crude oil rates has prompted a fresh review.

### Global Pressure on Oil Prices

Officials said the ongoing conflict in



West Asia has heightened concerns over supply disruptions and shipping risks, pushing international crude prices upward. The volatility in energy markets has significantly increased input costs for oil marketing companies.

Officials further clarified that the

final decision on fuel price revision will be taken after a detailed assessment of international market trends and domestic inflationary impact, with the government aiming to balance consumer burden and fiscal stability before announcing any change in petrol, diesel, and LPG rates. **PG2**

## Rs.993 LPG Hike Across Cities

> Vikram a Vahini | New Delhi

State-owned oil marketing companies have sharply increased the price of 19-kg commercial Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders by ₹993, effective May 1, pushing rates to record levels across major cities. In the national capital, the price now stands at ₹3,071.50 per cylinder.

### Steep Rise Hits Commercial Sector

This is the third consecutive hike in recent months, following increases of ₹144 in March and nearly ₹200 in April.

The sharp rise is expected to significantly impact hotels, restaurants, and small businesses that rely heavily on LPG for daily

operations.

Industry stakeholders have warned that the hike could lead to increased menu prices, reduced margins, and possible job cuts, particularly affecting small and mid-sized establishments.

### Global Factors Behind Price Increase

The surge in LPG prices is linked to ongoing geopolitical tensions in West Asia, particularly the conflict involving the US, Israel, and Iran.

### Fuel Price Revisions Extend Beyond LPG

Alongside LPG, bulk diesel and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices have also been revised upward, according to Indian Oil Corporation. **PG2**

# Jail Video Call Row Exposes Security Lapse

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

A video showing an undertrial prisoner allegedly making a video call from inside Parappana Agrahara Central Prison has gone viral on social media, sparking serious concerns over security lapses in the high-security jail.

The prisoner, identified as Akbar, is seen in the viral clip allegedly using a mobile phone inside the prison premises while speaking to his wife.

According to reports, the video

**A viral video of an undertrial prisoner making a video call from inside Parappana Agrahara Central Prison has raised serious concerns over security lapses, prompting an official inquiry into possible breaches and monitoring failures within the high-security facility.**

surfaced after his wife shared a screen recording of the call on Instagram, which quickly spread online.

The incident has triggered widespread criticism, with questions being raised over how a mobile phone could be accessed and used inside a

heavily guarded central prison. The visuals have further intensified concerns about repeated security violations within the facility.

Sources indicated that the prisoner has since been released from jail. However, the viral footage

has reignited debate over internal monitoring and enforcement systems in the prison.

Over the past few years, Parappana Agrahara Central Prison has faced multiple allegations of inmates using mobile phones, engaging in gambling activities, and even hosting parties inside the premises, raising doubts over administrative control and surveillance effectiveness.

Following the latest incident, the prison department has initiated an

inquiry to investigate how the mobile phone was smuggled inside and used without detection.

Officials are also examining possible lapses in staff monitoring and security protocols.

Authorities said further action will be taken based on the findings of the investigation, as the incident once again highlights ongoing challenges in maintaining discipline and security inside Bengaluru's central prison.

## Kharge Rules Out Leadership Date

> Vikrama Vahini | Kalaburagi

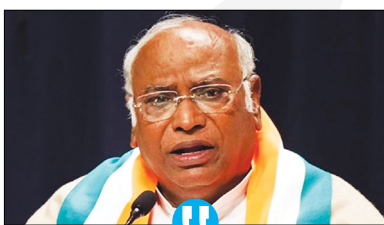
Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday moved to put an end to speculation over a possible leadership change in Karnataka, stating that no date has been fixed for any decision on the matter and urging restraint over ongoing political discussions.

Speaking to reporters, Kharge said the party high command would take a decision only after detailed consultations with senior leaders. "As of now, no date has been finalised, so it is premature to speculate on any changes," he said.

He emphasised that the Congress follows a collective and consultative decision-making process for all major organisational and political matters. Kharge urged leaders and the public not to indulge in unnecessary speculation regarding leadership changes in the state.

The remarks come amid continuing internal discussions within the Karnataka Congress over alleged leadership-sharing arrangements between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, reportedly linked to the party's victory in the 2023 Assembly elections.

A section of party leaders and supporters have been pushing for Shivakumar to be elevated to the Chief Minister's post for the remainder of the government's term, citing an informal



**Mallikarjun Kharge dismissed speculation over a leadership change in Karnataka, stating no timeline has been fixed and that any decision will follow consultations with senior leaders, amid ongoing discussions over a possible power-sharing arrangement between Siddaramaiah and D. K. Shivakumar.**

power-sharing understanding. However, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has maintained that he will complete his full five-year tenure.

Despite differing viewpoints within the party, both camps have publicly sought to downplay internal differences. The leadership debate has gained momentum after the Congress government completed the halfway mark of its term, leading to renewed political speculation over a possible transition formula.

Kharge reiterated that any final decision will be taken by the party leadership at the appropriate time, keeping in mind the interests of Karnataka and the organisation.

## Punjab House Row Over CM Mann

> Vikrama Vahini | Chandigarh

A special Labour Day session of the Punjab Assembly descended into chaos on Friday after Opposition leaders accused Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann of attending proceedings under the influence of alcohol and demanded that he undergo an alcohol test. Assembly Speaker Kulraj Singh Sandhwan rejected the demand, triggering heated exchanges. Heated Exchange in House

The controversy began when Mann objected to Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira for allegedly using a mobile phone inside the House. Khaira responded by raising personal remarks, leading to a sharp verbal confrontation. As tensions escalated, Mann struggled to continue his speech, further fuelling Opposition allegations.

Opposition Mounts Allegations  
Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa backed Khaira's claims and demanded that all MLAs, including the Chief Minister, undergo an alcohol test. The Shiromani Akali Dal also joined the attack, calling the situation "shameful" and seeking a public dope test.

Walkouts Disrupt Proceedings  
Amid the uproar, Congress MLAs staged a walkout, followed by members of the BJP and Akali Dal.



**On the occasion of Vaishakha Purnima on Friday, the world-renowned Goddess Tulja Bhavani of Maharashtra was adorned with special decorations. A large gathering of devotees participated in the Mahapuja and received special, feeling blessed.**

# OTP DELIVERY, NO DUAL LPG CONNECTIONS UNDER NEW RULES

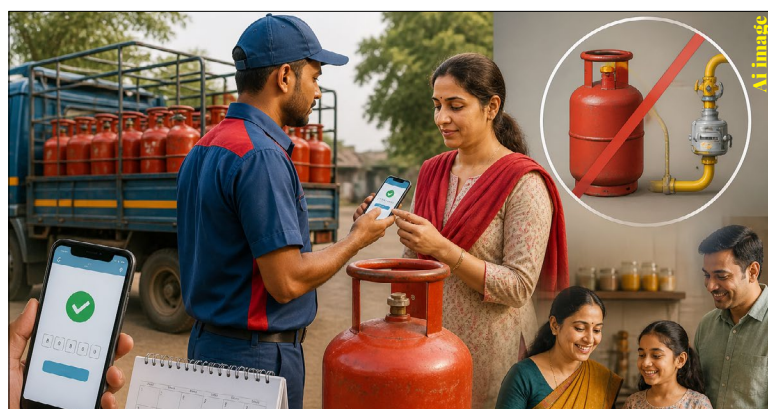
> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has introduced a sweeping set of reforms to the domestic LPG distribution system, effective May 1, 2026, aimed at curbing misuse and ensuring equitable fuel supply amid global energy uncertainties triggered by tensions in West Asia.

### Revised Booking Timeline

Under the new guidelines, the gap between two LPG bookings has been extended to regulate consumption and prevent hoarding.

Urban consumers must now wait 25 days between refills, up from the earlier 21 days, while rural consumers face a longer waiting period of 45 days.



The updated digital system will automatically reject bookings made before the stipulated interval.

### Mandatory OTP-Based Delivery

In a major shift, the government has made OTP-based verification

compulsory for LPG delivery. Customers will receive a Delivery Authentication Code (DAC) on their registered mobile number upon booking.

The cylinder will be handed over only after the OTP is shared with the delivery personnel. Traditional methods such as paper receipts or "blue books" have been discontinued, making the process fully digital and secure.

### 'One Kitchen, One Fuel' Policy

The new rules also prohibit households from holding both piped natural gas (PNG) and LPG connections simultaneously.

Consumers with dual connections

will be required to surrender one, as part of the government's "one kitchen, one fuel" policy. Aadhaar-linked verification, especially under schemes like Ujjwala, will be used to identify and eliminate duplicate or ineligible connections.

### Focus on Transparency and Supply Stability

Officials said the reforms are designed to prevent diversion of subsidised cylinders and improve transparency in distribution.

With global energy supply chains under strain, the government aims to ensure that genuine consumers receive uninterrupted access to cooking fuel during challenging times.

Editorial

Rising War, Rising Prices

The ongoing tensions involving United States, Israel, and Iran are casting a long and troubling shadow over the global economy, with India already beginning to feel the strain. As the conflict shows no clear signs of de-escalation, its ripple effects are becoming increasingly visible in energy markets. India, heavily dependent on imported crude oil, faces the immediate risk of supply disruptions and price volatility. Early signs of fuel shortages and rising costs are emerging, raising concerns about inflationary pressures that could intensify in the coming weeks.

The central government may find it difficult to sustain control over fuel prices if the geopolitical situation continues to worsen. Any prolonged disruption in oil supply chains will inevitably lead to higher transportation and production costs across sectors. The recent hike in commercial LPG cylinder prices is a clear indicator of this trend. This increase will directly impact small businesses, especially the hospitality sector, where hotels and restaurants are likely to pass on the burden to consumers. Consequently, the common citizen will bear the brunt through rising food prices and overall cost of living, deepening economic stress at the grassroots level.

In this challenging scenario, it is imperative for the government to act swiftly and strategically. Diversifying energy sources, tapping into strategic petroleum reserves, and accelerating investments in renewable energy could offer some relief. Additionally, targeted subsidies and policy interventions may be necessary to cushion vulnerable sections of society. While global conflicts are beyond India's direct control, proactive domestic measures can mitigate their impact. The coming weeks will test not only economic resilience but also policy agility in safeguarding the interests of millions.

-Editor

ASHOK MOCKS CONGRESS RIFT, TARGETS KHARGE CM BID

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

Leader of Opposition R. Ashok has launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, alleging that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is directly responsible for the seven deaths caused by the recent wall collapse at Bowring Hospital during heavy rains.

Speaking to reporters, Ashok said the ongoing leadership tussle within the Congress has created confusion in the state administration. He sarcastically remarked that the situation reflects the proverb "when two people fight, the third benefits," referring to reports of AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge expressing interest in the Chief Minister's post.

He claimed that Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's expectations of becoming CM have been unsettled, while Kharge's entry into the discussion has further

deepened internal confusion. Ashok alleged that the party is turning into a "house of confusion" due to competing leadership ambitions.

Criticising the government's handling of governance, Ashok said there is no visible development in the state, while roads remain full of potholes and civic issues persist. He also accused the government of failing to prepare adequately for monsoon rains despite prior warnings.

Referring to the Bowring Hospital incident, Ashok said the Chief Minister should have reviewed unsafe buildings, ensured drainage preparedness, and taken preventive measures in advance. Instead, he alleged that junior officials were being held responsible. He maintained that the deaths were a direct result of administrative failure at the highest level, and not the fault of officials on the ground.



K'taka Leaders Slam LPG Price Hike

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday strongly criticised the Centre over the increase in commercial LPG prices, calling it "organised looting", while Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar termed it a "backstabbing" of voters after elections.

The remarks came after the Centre revised commercial LPG cylinder prices, a move Congress leaders alleged was postponed until the completion of Assembly elections.

Siddaramaiah, in a post on X, said the price of a commercial LPG cylinder had increased by ₹993 on May 1, taking the cost to ₹3,071.50. He also claimed that prices had been revised six times in the last four months, increasing the overall burden by ₹1,518.

"This is not governance — this is organised looting," he said, adding that the hike would impact hotels, restaurants, small eateries, and catering services, ultimately

increasing food prices for the common public.

He further said the timing of the hike on Labour Day was "cruel irony", stating that workers had been given "higher costs, shrinking incomes, and more hardship".

Shivakumar also accused the BJP-led Centre of misleading voters during elections and increasing prices immediately afterwards. "They cheated the voters of this country. After polling, they increased prices. It is backstabbing," he said.

He warned that the Congress would stage protests across Karnataka until the price hike was withdrawn.

The Deputy Chief Minister also said that Karnataka's five guarantee schemes were helping people cope with inflation and had become a model for other states.

The sharp political reactions reflect growing tensions between the Congress and BJP over inflation and rising cost of living following recent elections.



Vijayendra Questions Cong Over Minority Funds

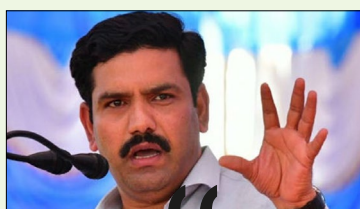
> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

Karnataka BJP president Vijayendra Yediyurappa on Friday criticised the Congress government over its reported allocation of development funds for minority colonies, accusing it of pursuing "appeasement politics" and raising questions on equitable development.

Addressing reporters, Vijayendra asked, "Did Hindus not vote for the Congress party?" and alleged that development funds were being directed only towards minority communities.

He said while the government has the right to spend on minority welfare, it should not be done in a way that "insults other communities".

The BJP leader claimed that the Siddaramaiah-led government had failed to ensure balanced development



BJP leader Vijayendra Yediyurappa criticised the Indian National Congress government over alleged minority-focused funding, accusing it of appeasement politics and lack of balanced development. He also defended the Centre on LPG price hikes, citing global factors, and urged CM Siddaramaiah to focus on governance rather than politicising the issue.

across Karnataka and instead focused on criticising the Centre.

"Apart from blaming the Narendra Modi government, what has the Congress done in the last three years?" he asked, alleging that even funds meant for MLAs, including opposition members, had not been released.

On the issue of rising commercial LPG prices, Vijayendra defended the Centre, stating that the increase was linked to global crude oil price fluctuations and geopolitical tensions involving the US and Iran. He said the government had tried to control prices, but external factors had led to unavoidable increases.

He also urged the Chief Minister not to politicise the LPG price hike and instead focus on addressing public concerns in the state.

Rs.993 LPG Hike Across Cities

> From PG1

However, specific revised rates were not disclosed. The company clarified that these changes are limited to select industrial segments and are part of routine monthly adjustments aligned with global benchmarks.

**New Commercial LPG Rates Across Cities**

Following the hike, prices of 19-kg commercial cylinders in major cities are as follows: Mumbai ₹3,024, Bengaluru ₹3,152, Delhi ₹3,071.50, Ahmedabad ₹3,091, Kolkata ₹3,202, Chennai ₹3,237, and Pune ₹3,084.

**Domestic Consumers Remain Protected**

Oil companies reiterated that retail prices of petrol, diesel, and 14.2-kg domestic LPG cylinders remain unchanged, insulating

households from international price volatility. Commercial LPG accounts for only about 1% of India's total LPG consumption, which stands at approximately 33 million tonnes annually.

**New LPG Delivery Rules Expected**

In addition to the price hike, revised LPG booking and delivery rules are expected to be implemented nationwide.

Proposed changes include a longer booking interval and mandatory OTP-based delivery verification to improve transparency and prevent misuse.

The combined effect of rising prices and regulatory changes is expected to reshape consumption patterns and operational strategies across the commercial fuel sector.

Congress Lacks Respect for Women: B.Y. Vijayendra

> Vikrama Vahini | Hubballi

BJP State President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra on Friday launched a sharp attack on the Congress party, alleging that it lacks respect for the women of the country.

He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had taken a firm decision to implement the Nari Shakti Adhiniyam to ensure 33% reservation for women. However, he accused the Congress and its allies of conspiring in Parliament to prevent the passage of the bill at that time. "This clearly shows that the



Congress party has no respect for the women of this country," Vijayendra told reporters in Hubballi. He said women empowerment must be given higher priority and added that the

Prime Minister had envisioned bringing women to the forefront of society through reservation in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies.

If the Congress continues to oppose

such initiatives, women voters, mothers, and sisters of the country will give the party a fitting response in the future, he said.

He further expressed confidence that despite opposition "conspiracies," Prime Minister Modi would succeed in reintroducing and passing the bill in the near future. Vijayendra also said the BJP is organising a major women-led protest in Hubballi to expose the Congress's stand.

Responding to questions on rising commercial LPG cylinder prices, he

said global conditions, including tensions between the US and Iran, have affected economies worldwide.

He accused the Congress of "searching for faults where none exist," and said such criticism would not benefit them in any way. Vijayendra also asserted that the BJP remains committed to strengthening women's participation in politics and governance at all levels, and said the party will continue to highlight what he described as the Congress's "anti-women" stance through democratic.

NEWS

VASUDEVAHOLL GETS DATTA NIDHI AWARD

> Vikrama Vahini | Kolar

M. Vasudevaholl, Treasurer of the Karnataka Working Journalists' Association, has been selected for the prestigious Datta Nidhi Award presented by the Kasaragod District Kannada Journalists' Welfare Association in memory of Brahmakya Edneer Keshavananda Bharati Swamiji.

The association, which has been serving for over two decades, has earned recognition in Kerala for its efforts to promote Kannada language, culture, and arts in the

Kasaragod region. It has also played a key role in fostering unity between Kannada and Malayalam journalists.

The award, which includes a cash prize, citation, and memento, will be presented at a to be held on May 16, 2026, at the Subbaya Katte Aided Higher Primary School auditorium in Kasaragod district.

The event will be presided over by State Working Journalists'

Association President Shivananda

Tagadur. Several dignitaries, including Karnataka Legislative Assembly Deputy Speaker Rudrappa Lamani, Minister N.S. Boseraju, Manjeshwar MLA A.K.M. Ashraf, Chief Minister's Media Advisor K.V. Prabhakar, and

Karnataka Border Area Development Authority Chairman Somanna Bevinamarada, are expected to attend the and confer the award.



INDI Alliance "Divide India" Plot: No Injustice to South – Shobha Karandlaje

> Vikrama Vahini | Hubballi

Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje on Friday dismissed concerns over the proposed Lok Sabha seat reallocation, asserting that southern states would not face any injustice and would, in fact, gain up to 50 per cent more seats.

Addressing a "Janakrosha Mahila Protest" organised by the BJP Mahila Morcha in Hubballi, Karandlaje accused the Congress and its allies of spreading misinformation on the issue.

She alleged that parties under the INDIA bloc, including the Congress in Karnataka, DMK in Tamil Nadu, and Left parties in Kerala, were attempting to mislead the public.

"The southern states will not be deprived. They will benefit from the reallocation process, but Congress leaders are making false claims," she said.

Escalating her attack, the Union Minister accused opposition parties of pursuing divisive politics and attempting to weaken national unity. She also referred

to them as part of a "tukde-tukde gang", alleging a conspiracy to divide the country.

Highlighting the BJP's governance approach, Karandlaje said Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasises inclusive and decisive policy-making. She also pointed to former Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa's initiatives in Karnataka, particularly in promoting women's empowerment, and said the BJP has consistently prioritised women-centric policies.

The remarks come amid ongoing political debate over constituency delimitation and its potential impact on different regions of the country.

Karandlaje further said that the delimitation exercise is a constitutional and data-driven process carried out to ensure fair representation based on population changes, and should not be politicised for electoral gains. She urged opposition parties to wait for official outcomes instead of creating confusion among people.



HEALTH & Lifestyle

Heat Stroke Risk Persists Even at Night: Experts Warn

Heat stroke, often associated with extreme daytime temperatures, is now emerging as a serious risk even during nighttime, as rising temperatures and humidity levels prevent the body from cooling down effectively, health experts have cautioned.

**Not Just a Daytime Threat**

Experts say the intensity of summer heat is no longer limited to daytime hours. In recent times, nights have remained unusually warm, offering little relief after sunset.

When night temperatures fail to drop sufficiently, the human body struggles to regulate its internal temperature, increasing the risk of heat-related illnesses, including heat stroke.

**Why Nighttime Heat Is Dangerous**

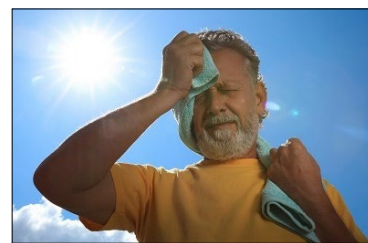
According to specialists, the body relies on cooler night temperatures to recover from daytime heat exposure.

However, high humidity and persistent warmth can prevent sweat from evaporating efficiently, reducing the body's natural cooling mechanism. This can lead to overheating, even while resting or sleeping.

**Vulnerable Groups at Higher Risk**

Certain groups are more susceptible to nighttime heat-related health issues.

These include children, the elderly, and pregnant women, whose



bodies may not regulate temperature effectively. Individuals with pre-existing health conditions or weakened immunity are also at greater risk.

Additionally, people living in poorly ventilated or confined spaces without adequate airflow face increased danger.

**Preventive Measures to Stay Safe**

Experts recommend ensuring proper ventilation in living spaces during the night. Keeping rooms cool through fans, coolers, or air-conditioning can significantly reduce risk.

Staying hydrated by drinking water before bedtime and at intervals during the night is essential. Wearing light, loose-fitting clothing can also help the body stay cool.

**Need for Greater Awareness**

Health professionals emphasise that heat stroke is not confined to daylight hours and awareness about nighttime risks is crucial. Taking timely precautions can help individuals protect themselves from the growing threat posed by rising temperatures, both day and night.

SCIENCE & Technology

Antarctic Telescope Spots 'Alien' Star System

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

Astronomers have discovered a rare and unusual planetary system, TOI-201, where planets appear to be changing their orbits in real time—a phenomenon never observed so clearly before.

The discovery, made using NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) along with the ASTEP telescope at Antarctica's Concordia Research Station, shows that gravitational interactions within the system are causing noticeable shifts in planetary motion.

The system consists of three celestial bodies—a super-Earth orbiting its star every five days, a gas giant completing an orbit in 53 days, and a distant massive brown dwarf (TOI-201c) with an eight-year orbit. Scientists say the brown dwarf's strong and tilted gravitational pull is disturbing the inner planets, causing their orbits to wobble and shift.

Researchers observed unusual transit delays, including one planet appearing nearly 30 minutes late during its expected passage in front of its host star. Multiple international teams later confirmed the anomalies.

According to scientists, the system is undergoing active orbital evolution, a process typically seen in young planetary systems. They believe that within a few centuries, changes could even make one of the planets stop transiting from Earth's viewpoint.

Published in Science Advances, the study offers rare insights into how planetary systems evolve and may help scientists better understand the early dynamics of our own solar system.

## SC GRANTS BAIL TO PAWAN KHERA

**► Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi**  
The Supreme Court on Friday granted anticipatory bail to Congress leader Pawan Khera in connection with an Assam Police FIR registered over allegations that he made claims about multiple passports held by Riniki Bhuyan Sarma, wife of Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.



The apex court clarified that its observations were limited to the issue of anticipatory bail and would not impact the merits of the ongoing criminal proceedings, which will be decided separately in accordance with law.

A bench of Justices J.K. Maheshwari and A.S. Chandurkar had reserved its order on Khera's plea after he challenged the Gauhati High Court's decision rejecting his anticipatory bail application.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court observed that the High Court's decision appeared to be based on an "erroneous appreciation of material on record," noting that the burden had been improperly shifted onto the accused. The court further stated that the allegations and counter-allegations prima facie appeared to be politically motivated and influenced by rivalry, and did not justify custodial interrogation at this stage.

The case originated from an FIR filed in Assam following a complaint by Riniki Bhuyan Sarma over Khera's public statements regarding alleged multiple passports.

Khera had earlier obtained transit anticipatory bail from the Telangana High Court, which was later stayed by the Supreme Court, leading him to approach the Gauhati High Court, where his plea was rejected. The Supreme Court's latest order now grants him interim protection from arrest in the case.

## ECI Introduces QR ID for Counting Centres

**► Vikrama Vahini | Chennai**

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has introduced a QR code-based Photo Identity Card (PIC) system on its ECINET platform to prevent entry of unauthorised persons into counting centres and enhance election security.

According to Tamil Nadu Chief Electoral Officer Archana Patnaik, the new system will be implemented for the first time in Tamil Nadu, Assam, Kerala, West Bengal, Puducherry, and in by-elections across five states. The initiative will later be extended to all Lok Sabha and Assembly elections.

The QR-based identity system is part of over 30 reforms introduced by the ECI in the past year, including standardised QR-coded identity cards for Booth Level Officers (BLOs).

Officials said the move aims to improve transparency, security, and efficiency in the electoral process. A three-tier security mechanism has been put in place at counting centres.



## Bengaluru Man Held in Blackmail Case

**► Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru**

The Bengaluru police have arrested a man for allegedly impersonating a police officer, lawyer, and media representative to sexually exploit and blackmail multiple women.

The accused, identified as Honeyur Chandregowda, a resident of Subrahmanyapura and reportedly associated with the Ramanagara District Children's Commission, was arrested by Rajarajeshwari Nagar police based on a complaint filed by a woman victim.

According to police, the accused targeted divorced and vulnerable women by promising marriage and building relationships with them.

He is alleged to have secretly recorded intimate videos and later used them to extort money by threatening to leak the content.

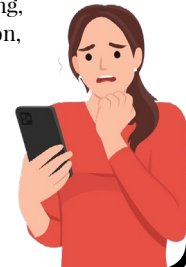
In one reported case, the accused allegedly extorted ₹5 lakh from a woman by blackmailing her with private videos recorded without consent.

The case came to light after the complainant accessed the accused's mobile phone and discovered objectionable videos and photographs of more than 20 women. She immediately informed the police, leading to his arrest.

During the investigation, police seized his mobile phone and reportedly found extensive evidence of exploitation involving

multiple victims. Preliminary findings suggest that the accused used fake identity cards and impersonated officials to gain the trust of women.

Police also said the accused had previously acted as a policeman in a film and allegedly used those images to reinforce his false identity. A case has been registered under sections related to sexual exploitation, cheating, criminal intimidation, and blackmail. Investigations are underway to determine whether more victims are involved.



## Court Restrains RTV Telugu Over Defamatory Content Against Bank

**► Vikrama Vahini | Hyderabad**

In a significant ruling, the City Civil Court in Hyderabad has restrained media house RTV Telugu and its head Ravi Prakash from airing or publishing any defamatory and unverified content against Euro Exim Bank.

The court observed that the channel failed to present credible evidence to support the serious allegations made against the bank. It directed RTV Telugu to immediately stop broadcasting such content and remove all previously aired defamatory videos and related social media posts.

Further, the court barred the channel from using misleading titles, derogatory remarks, or making unsubstantiated claims against the bank. It emphasised that irresponsible reporting without factual backing cannot be allowed, particularly when it harms an institution's reputation.

The court also noted that branding the bank as a "scam" or "fraudulent" entity without evidence violates principles of responsible journalism.

## ASHOK SLAMS CONGRESS ON MINORITY GRANTS

**► Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru**

Opposition Leader R. Ashok on Friday criticised the Congress government, alleging that despite its claim of ensuring "equal share for all," it was providing special grants only to Muslims while ignoring Dalits and backward classes.

Addressing reporters, Ashok accused the ruling Indian National Congress of indulging in vote-bank politics, particularly in the wake of political developments in Davanagere. He claimed that the government's actions could trigger a strong reaction from other communities.

Ashok also stirred political speculation by referring to Mallikarjun Kharge, stating that recent developments have raised discussions about his possible elevation as Chief Minister, even as D. K. Shivakumar was earlier seen as the likely contender. He remarked that internal power struggles within the party were creating uncertainty.

Further criticising the state



**Opposition Leader R. Ashok accused the Indian National Congress government of favouring minorities in fund allocation and engaging in vote-bank politics. He also sparked speculation over leadership changes involving Mallikarjun Kharge and D. K. Shivakumar, while linking rising LPG prices to global tensions and urging relief measures.**

leadership, Ashok said that instead of a leadership change, the government itself might face instability. He also took a dig at Shivakumar, suggesting he would have no option but to follow the party high command's directions.

## Armstrong Murder Case: Key Accused Held

**► Vikrama Vahini | Chennai**

A key accused in the murder case of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leader and former Tamil Nadu unit president K. Armstrong was arrested at Bengaluru International Airport (BIA) while allegedly attempting to flee abroad, police said on Friday.



The accused, identified as Aswathaman, was intercepted by immigration officials moments before he was scheduled to board a flight to Bangkok. The arrest was made based on a Lookout Circular (LOC) issued against him.

Following the alert, Bengaluru police informed Chennai police, after

which a special team was sent to Bengaluru. The accused was taken into custody and brought to Chennai under a transit warrant for further questioning.

Police said Aswathaman had recently been released on conditional bail. Authorities are now examining whether he violated bail conditions. Legal experts are also being consulted, and officials indicated that they may move the Supreme Court seeking cancellation of his bail.

Aswathaman is the son of late history-sheets Nagendran, who was also named as a prime accused in the

Armstrong murder case.

K. Armstrong was murdered on July 5, 2024, in a brutal attack near his under-construction house in Chennai's Perambur area by a six-member armed gang. The case had triggered widespread political reactions across Tamil Nadu.

Police have so far arrested 26 persons in connection with the case, including some political functionaries, who were later expelled from their respective parties.

The Madras High Court had earlier cancelled bail granted to several accused, and many were subsequently re-arrested.

# SC to Hear TMC Plea on Bengal Counting Row

**► Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi**

The Supreme Court of India is set to hear on Saturday a petition filed by the All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) challenging a recent order of the Calcutta High Court regarding the deployment of personnel for vote counting in the West Bengal Assembly elections.

The plea contests the High Court's decision to uphold the directive issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI), which authorised the appointment of counting supervisors and assistants from central government departments and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), instead of relying solely on state

government staff.

**High Court Upholds ECI Decision**

The Calcutta High Court had dismissed TMC's petition on Thursday, stating that there was no illegality in the Election Commission's move. The court observed that the poll body was within its to ensure a fair and transparent counting

process by deploying personnel it deemed appropriate.

**TMC Raises Concerns**

The TMC, however, has raised concerns over the neutrality of central government and PSU employees, arguing that the decision could impact the fairness of the counting process. The

party has sought urgent intervention from the apex court ahead of the counting day.

**Polling and Counting Schedule**

Polling for the 294-member West Bengal Assembly was conducted in two phases on April 23 and April 29. The counting of votes is scheduled for May 4,

making the Supreme Court hearing crucial in determining the procedures to be followed.

The outcome of the hearing is expected to have significant implications for the conduct of vote counting in one of the country's most closely watched state elections.

### ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Peddi' Set for June 4 Release

**► Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi**

The much-anticipated film Peddi, starring Ram Charan and Janhvi Kapoor, is slated for a worldwide theatrical release on June 4, 2026. The makers announced the new release date on Friday through an official social media post, accompanied by a striking poster of the film.

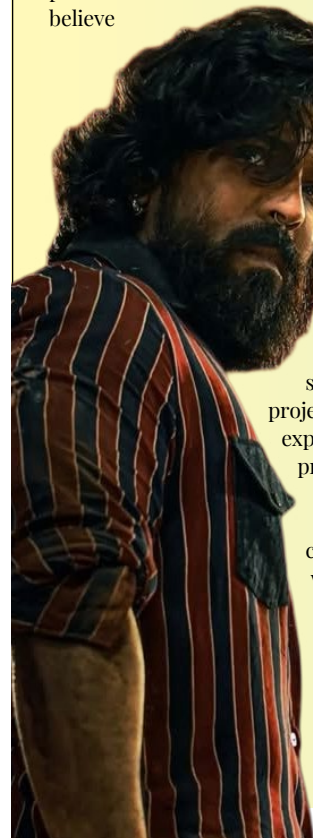
Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, the film was earlier scheduled to hit theatres on March 27 but has now been postponed.

The announcement tagline, "Grit is his story. Determination is his weapon," hints at an intense and action-driven narrative.

Peddi marks Janhvi Kapoor's second Telugu-language project following her appearance in Devara: Part 1, signalling her growing presence in the South Indian film industry.

The film has already generated significant buzz among fans, with expectations riding high on its storyline, performances, and large-scale production. Industry observers believe

the revised release date could position Peddi for a strong box office opening, given the star power of its lead actors and increasing anticipation surrounding the project. The film is expected to feature high production values, elaborate action sequences, and a compelling storyline, with the makers reportedly focusing on delivering a pan-India cinematic experience to attract audiences across multiple languages and regions.



## SANDALWOOD BACKS DHRUVA SARJA'S 'KD'

**► Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru**

The Kannada film 'KD', starring Dhruva Sarja and directed by Jogi Prem, has received widespread support from the Sandalwood film industry, with several celebrities extending their wishes and encouragement ahead of and following its release.

Released on April 30, the film opened to a positive response at the box office. Fans have appreciated Dhruva Sarja's intense performance, while the film's blend of action and emotional storytelling has been well received by audiences. Produced on a grand scale by KVN Productions, 'KD' has been mounted as a big-budget entertainer with high technical values.

What has particularly stood out is the strong show of solidarity from the Kannada film fraternity. Several prominent actors, directors, and technicians took to social media platforms to congratulate the team and wish the film success. Posts and stories praising the film and its cast have been widely shared, boosting the morale of the entire team.

Among those who extended wishes are A.P. Arjun, Tarun Sudhir, Darling Krishna, Uggram Manju, Dhananjaya, Naveen Shankar, Ragini Dwivedi, Dixit Shetty, Chandan Shetty, Chaitra Achar, Jyothi Rai, Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar, Pramod, Tanisha Kuppanda, Amrutha Iyengar, Prithvi Ambar, Simple Suni, Sanjana Anand, Roopesh Shetty, Yash



Shivakumar, Bhavana Rao, Chetan Kumar, Sathish Ninasam, and Chickanna, among others.

Industry observers note that it is relatively uncommon for such a large number of celebrities to publicly support a film outside their immediate circles, making the response to 'KD' particularly significant.

The film had already generated buzz even before its release, especially with its music.

Composed by Arjun Janya, the soundtrack has been well received, with audiences responding enthusiastically to the songs in theatres. Music is considered a key highlight

of the film, in line with director Jogi Prem's style of giving strong emphasis to songs and emotional depth in storytelling.

The film registered a strong opening on its first day, and the makers are optimistic about its performance in the coming days. With the Labour Day holiday and the weekend approaching, 'KD' is expected to witness increased footfall and sustained audience interest.

Plans are also underway for the film's release in other languages, which is expected to expand its reach beyond Karnataka and tap into a wider audience base across regions.

## Koratata Siva, Balakrishna Join for 'NBK 112'

**► Vikrama Vahini | Mumbai**

Acclaimed filmmaker Koratata Siva has announced his next project with Telugu superstar Nandamuri Balakrishna. The upcoming film, tentatively titled 'NBK 112', marks a major collaboration between the director and the veteran actor.

The announcement was made by production house Yuvasudha Arts on its official X (formerly Twitter) handle on Friday. The post featured a promotional poster along with the tagline, "Power meets purpose.

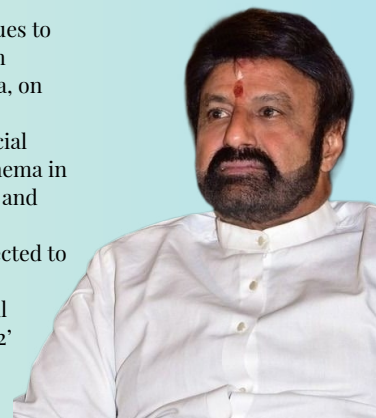
Mass becomes a moment. Shoot begins soon," generating significant excitement among fans.

While further details regarding the storyline, cast, and technical crew are yet to be revealed, the project is already being described as a mass entertainer with strong commercial appeal, given the combination of Koratata Siva's storytelling style and Balakrishna's screen presence.

Nandamuri Balakrishna, known for his powerful performances in

action-packed roles, continues to be one of the leading stars in Telugu cinema. Koratata Siva, on the other hand, is widely appreciated for blending social themes with commercial cinema in films such as 'Srimanthudu' and 'Janatha Garage'.

The collaboration is expected to bring together mass entertainment and impactful storytelling, making 'NBK 112' one of the most anticipated upcoming Telugu films.



### BUSINESS

## GST Hits Record ₹2.43 Trillion in April

**► Vikrama Vahini | Kolkata**

India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections surged to a record ₹2.43 trillion in April 2026, marking a nearly 9% increase compared to the same month last year, according to government data. Net GST collection for the month stood at ₹2.11 trillion, while revenues from imports showed a sharp rise of 25.8%, contributing significantly to the overall growth. In contrast, GST from domestic transactions grew at a slower pace of 4.3%, reaching ₹1.85 trillion.

Officials noted that higher import-related revenues played a key role in boosting overall collections, despite disruptions in energy supplies due to geopolitical tensions. GST refunds during the month increased by 19.3% to ₹31,793 crore.

Major states such as Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Gujarat reported strong GST collections, while Uttar Pradesh and Haryana also recorded notable growth. Kerala and Telangana witnessed exceptional increases, whereas Bihar, Assam, and West Bengal lagged behind.

For the full financial year 2025-26, total GST collections crossed ₹22.27 trillion, registering an 8.3% year-on-year growth.

The government had earlier reduced GST rates on several items in September 2025 to stimulate consumption, which supported demand despite global economic pressures.

Economists said the robust GST performance reflects sustained consumption demand and improved compliance mechanisms across sectors.

However, they cautioned that global uncertainties, including fluctuating energy prices and currency volatility, could influence revenue momentum in the coming months, making continued monitoring essential for fiscal stability.

Officials added that digital invoicing and tighter tax monitoring have also contributed to improved revenue collection efficiency.

SPORTS

### FIFA Congress: No Handshake Row

> Vikrama Vahini | Vancouver

A tense moment marked the FIFA Congress after Palestinian Football Association President Jibril Rajoub and Israel Football Association vice-president Basim Sheikh Suliman refused to shake hands during the event in Vancouver.

Both officials were invited on stage by FIFA President Gianni Infantino but stood apart and did not interact. Rajoub later left the stage following a protest away from the microphones.

During his address, Rajoub urged FIFA to act on allegations that Israel had violated anti-discrimination rules by allowing clubs based in West Bank settlements. He also stated that the Palestinian Football Association would approach the Court of Arbitration for Sport after FIFA's earlier decision not to suspend Israel over the issue.

FIFA had previously cited the complex legal status of the West Bank as the reason for its ruling, while also imposing a USD 190,000 fine on the Israel Football Association in a separate disciplinary case involving discrimination and racist abuse.

After the exchange, FIFA President Infantino appealed for cooperation between both sides, urging unity in the interest of football and children's future.

However, tensions remained high, with Rajoub questioning Israel's continued membership in FIFA, while Israeli officials expressed willingness to engage through football channels.

### Rahul Stunned by Suryavanshi's Rise

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

India wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul has showered praise on teenage sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi for his sensational performances in the ongoing IPL, calling him a "new-generation cricketer" who is transforming the game.

Rahul said he had never imagined that a 15-year-old could achieve such feats, including two centuries in the league. "What Vaibhav Suryavanshi is doing is unbelievable. I never even dreamt that someone at 15 would score two centuries in the IPL," he said.

Suryavanshi, who has already amassed over 400 runs and hit 37 sixes this season, has emerged as one of the standout young performers in IPL 2026. Rahul also appreciated other young talents, including Ayush Mhatre, for their impact on the tournament.

He noted that the rise of fearless young players is reshaping T20 cricket in India. "A few years ago, there were concerns about the lack of power-hitters, but today Indian players are leading the way. This is largely because of the IPL," Rahul said.

The Delhi Capitals wicketkeeper also stressed the importance of team success over individual milestones. "Personal achievements mean little. I want to win IPL trophies like MS Dhoni. My focus is on championships rather than runs," he added, referring to Dhoni's five IPL titles as his benchmark.

## Kailash Yatra 2026: Registration May 19

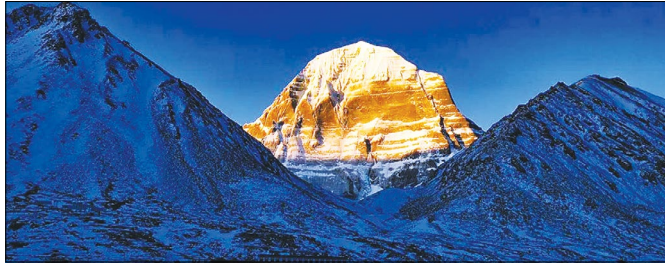
> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has announced that the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra 2026 will be conducted from June to August, with online registrations opening on May 19, 2026.

The pilgrimage will be organised through two routes—Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and Nathu La in Sikkim. The ministry said a total of 20 batches have been planned, with the first 10 batches carrying 50 pilgrims each. The yatra will be conducted in coordination with Chinese authorities.

Applicants can register through the official portal kmy.gov.in, with the entire selection process made fully digital. The MEA clarified that no physical documents or letters are required, and all communication will be handled online.

Pilgrims will be selected through a computer-generated, random, and gender-balanced



selection process. Applicants may choose one route or indicate preference for both routes during registration. The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra is considered one of the most sacred pilgrimages for Hindus and also holds significance for Buddhists and Jains, as Mount

Kailash is regarded as the abode of Lord Shiva. The pilgrimage was resumed last year after a suspension of over five years due to the COVID-19 pandemic and India-China border tensions.

The MEA also noted that various travel packages will be available. An 11-day helicopter route from Kathmandu to Kathmandu is priced at ₹3.45 lakh for Indian passport holders, while foreign nationals will require a visa and pay approximately USD 4,170.

Road-based routes are also available through different options listed on the official website.

## Bangladesh MP Flags Refugee Crisis Over BJP Surge in Bengal

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

A senior Bangladeshi leader has expressed concern over a possible refugee crisis in Dhaka, warning that large-scale deportation of undocumented migrants could occur if the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) comes to power in West Bengal, as indicated by recent exit polls.

Speaking in the Bangladesh Parliament, Akhtar Hossain, Member Secretary of the National Citizens' Party (NCP), said a BJP-led government in West Bengal could lead to the return of alleged Bangladeshi nationals, potentially triggering a major migration challenge for Bangladesh.

Hossain claimed that exit poll trends suggest a BJP victory in West Bengal and warned that such a political shift could result in the movement of a large number of migrants across the border. He further said there was uncertainty over how different sections of migrants, including Muslims, would be affected.

He also stated that Bangladesh is dealing with complex regional dynamics and cautioned that any large-scale deportation could create a significant humanitarian and administrative burden. Reacting strongly, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey criticised the



remarks and accused the Trinamool Congress (TMC) of enabling illegal infiltration. He said the Bangladeshi leader's comments reflect concerns about a stricter stance on illegal immigration under a BJP government in West Bengal.

In a social media post, Dubey shared a video of Hossain's speech, alleging that the statement indirectly highlighted issues of infiltration and political support for such activities. He further targeted the TMC, claiming its allies were being "exposed" over the issue.

The remarks come amid a closely contested political scenario in West Bengal, where early projections indicate a tight race between the BJP and the TMC.

## Mojtaba Khamenei Fit, Active

> Vikrama Vahini | Tehran

Iran has dismissed reports circulating in the United States regarding the alleged ill health of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei, stating that he is in good health and actively managing state affairs.

Ayatollah Mohsen Qomi, a member of the Assembly of Experts and Deputy for International Affairs in the Supreme Leader's office, said such claims are part of "enemy propaganda" aimed at creating confusion and provoking reactions. Qomi confirmed that Mojtaba Khamenei was present in a building that was previously targeted in an attack, but said he survived and continues to oversee key national matters, including negotiations and operational decisions.



## NY RETURNS 650+ ANTIQUITIES TO INDIA

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

In one of the largest recoveries of Indian cultural heritage, New York authorities have returned 657 antiques valued at approximately USD 14 million to India, marking a significant step in efforts to repatriate stolen artefacts.

The antiques, recovered during multiple raids conducted in the United States, were formally handed over to Indian authorities at a ceremony held at the Consulate General of India in New York. Officials clarified that the event was scheduled months in advance and was not linked to any diplomatic visit or political timing.

New York County District Attorney Alvin Bragg Jr. announced the return, stating that the artefacts were part of a large and organised

trafficking network that specifically targeted Indian cultural and religious heritage. He noted that investigations have revealed a wide international smuggling operation involving stolen artworks sourced from India and sold through illegal channels in the US art market.

According to officials, several of the returned items are linked to convicted art smuggler Subhash Kapoor, who has been accused of running a global network dealing

in stolen antiques. Authorities said that more than 600 pieces were successfully traced and recovered through coordinated investigations over several years. Among the significant artefacts returned are a bronze figure of Avalokiteshvara, a Buddhist deity seated on a double-lotus base with a lion-flanked throne, and a red sandstone Buddha figurine depicting the deity in a protective posture. Investigators said the Buddha idol was looted from

northern India and smuggled to the United States through illegal channels.

A dancing Ganesha idol, linked to Kapoor's co-conspirator Ranjeet "Shantoo" Kanwar, was also among the returned items. Several of these artefacts had surfaced in private collections and museums in the US over the past few decades before being identified as stolen property.

Officials from both countries said the repatriation reflects growing international cooperation in combating illicit trafficking of cultural property. Bragg emphasised that while this return marks a major achievement, further investigations are ongoing to trace additional Indian artefacts still held illegally abroad.

## ATF Prices Up 5% for International Flights

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices for international airlines have been increased by 5% effective Friday, marking the second consecutive monthly rise in jet fuel rates, while domestic airlines have been exempted from the latest hike.



Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices for international airlines have been increased by 5% for the second consecutive month, driven by rising global crude oil prices amid West Asia tensions. While international carriers face higher fuel costs, domestic airlines have been exempted under the government's capped pricing policy aimed at protecting local operators.

According to state-owned oil companies, the ATF price in Delhi has been raised by USD 76.55 per kilolitre to USD 1,511.86 per kilolitre for international carriers. The increase comes amid sustained high crude oil prices driven by geopolitical tensions in West Asia.

Oil firms said global energy price volatility continues to influence aviation fuel rates, which are adjusted in line with international benchmarks.

However, domestic airlines will not be impacted by the latest revision, as the government has maintained a capped

increase policy to protect local carriers. Jet fuel prices in India were deregulated more than two decades ago and are now aligned with global market trends. Earlier, domestic airlines had seen a capped 25% increase in ATF prices, while international carriers faced steeper adjustments.

Industry experts attribute the recent surge to rising crude oil prices, with Brent and WTI futures remaining elevated due to supply concerns linked to geopolitical tensions and restricted flows from key producing regions.

Analysts warn that continued instability in global oil markets could further impact aviation fuel costs in the coming months.

Experts further noted that the latest ATF hike could increase operational costs for international carriers operating to and from India, potentially impacting ticket pricing on select long-haul routes. However, they added that strong passenger demand and competitive airline pricing strategies may help absorb some of the immediate cost pressures in the short term.

## Ananya Tataavarty's Bharatanatyam Debut Marks Artistic Milestone

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

Kum. Lakshmi Ananya Tataavarty is set to present her Rangapravesha, marking a significant milestone in her Bharatanatyam journey and her formal transition from a dedicated student to a full-fledged classical dancer.

A Journey Rooted in Discipline and Passion

Born in 2010 and currently studying in the eleventh grade, Ananya began her Bharatanatyam training at the age of seven in Pune under the guidance of eminent Dr. Lakshmi Pandithar. What started as an introduction to classical dance gradually evolved into a deep passion, shaped by years of disciplined practice and a growing understanding of the art form's spiritual and cultural essence.

Her early training laid a strong foundation in technique, expression, and devotion. Advanced Training in Bengaluru In 2023, following



her family's relocation to Bengaluru, Ananya continued her artistic journey under the tutelage of renowned danseuse Vidushi Dr. Priya Ganesh.

This phase marked a new chapter in her growth, where her skills were further refined and her interpretative abilities deepened. Under expert guidance, she enhanced her command over abhinaya, mudras, and stage presentation.

Performances and Artistic Growth Over nearly nine years of training, Ananya has performed on several national and international platforms, earning appreciation for her grace, precision, and stage presence.

Beyond accolades, her transformation from a young learner into a confident and expressive performer stands out as a testament to her dedication and commitment.

Theme of the Rangapravesha:

Ananya's Rangapravesha not only marks the culmination of years of rigorous training but also signals the beginning of her journey as an accomplished classical artist with aspirations for higher studies and research in Bharatanatyam.

