

## There should be no compromise on ethical use of AI, PM Modi tells CEOs

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday told top CEOs and experts working in the field of Artificial Intelligence that there should be no compromise on the ethical use of AI. The Prime Minister was interacting with the CEOs in a meeting held at his Lok Kalyan Marg residence, in the run-up to the IndiaAI Impact Summit in February. The session was aimed at fostering strategic collaborations, showcasing AI innovations, and accelerating India's AI mission goals. PM Modi highlighted the importance of data security and the democratisation of technology. He said that there should be no compromise on the ethical use of AI and emphasised the need to ensure an ecosys-

tem which is transparent, impartial, and secure. India's AI ecosystem should reflect the character and values of the nation, he added. The high-level roundtable saw participation from CEOs of companies working in AI, including Wipro, TCS, HCL Tech, Zoho Corporation, LTI Mindtree, Jio Platforms Ltd, AdaniConnex, Nxtra Data and Netweb Technologies, along with experts from IIIT Hyderabad, IIT Madras and IIT Bombay. Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw and Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Jitin Prasada also participated in the interaction. During the interaction, the CEOs expressed strong support towards the goal of

becoming self-sufficient in AI technology. They also acknowledged the efforts and resources the government is putting to put India as a leader in AI on the global stage. The Prime Minister emphasised the need to embrace new technology in all spheres and use it to contribute to national growth. He also urged the use of indigenous technology across key sectors. While speaking about the upcoming AI Impact Summit, he highlighted that all individuals and companies should leverage the summit to explore new opportunities and leapfrog on the growth path. He also stated that through Unified Payments Interface (UPI), India has demonstrated its technical prowess, and this can be replicated in the field

of AI as well. The Prime Minister highlighted that India has a unique proposition of scale, diversity and democracy, due to which the world trusts India's digital infrastructure. In line with his vision of 'AI for All', he stated that we need to create an impact with our technology as well as inspire the world. He also urged the CEOs and experts to make

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## Phone tapping case: Now, Telangana Police SIT to probe KCR

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Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) supremo and former chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR), was on Thursday, January 29, served notice to appear before the Telangana Police

Special Investigation Team (SIT) for questioning on Friday, January 30, in relation to the phone tapping case. The nine-member SIT is being headed by Hyderabad City Police Commissioner

VC Sajjanar. It was formed soon after the Congress came into power in the state. As per the notice, KCR will be questioned at his Erravalli farmhouse in Siddipet from 3 pm onwards on

Friday, instead of the Jubilee Hills police station in Hyderabad, citing his age. BRS Working President KT Rama Rao (KTR), Siddipet MLA Harish Rao and former BRS Rajya Sabha MP Jogi Pal Singh Santosh Rao have been questioned in the last two weeks in connection with the case. Both leaders called the investigation "nothing but a diversionary tactic" meant to shield administrative failures and protect Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's position. Details of the phone-tapping case

The phone-tapping case pertains to accusations against the BRS government of surveilling phone conversations of over 600 people, including Opposition

## Hyderabad Shocker: Two Senior Citizens Found Dead in Locked Flat Under Mirchowk Police Limits

In a tragic discovery early on the morning of January 29, the body of an unidentified elderly man was found under the Dabbeerpara Flyover, falling within the jurisdiction of Rein Bazar Police Station. According to official reports, at approximately 9:15 A.M., the police received an urgent call via Dial 100, alerting them that an unknown man was lying unconscious at the location. Immediately, a police team was dispatched

to the scene to conduct a preliminary investigation. Upon arrival, the authorities found the man unresponsive. Initial examinations suggested that the deceased was an elderly beggar, approximately 60 years of age, who reportedly earned his living on a day-to-day basis by begging. There were no visible injuries or marks of assault on the body at the scene, indicating that foul play could not be confirmed at first glance.

Description of the Deceased: Approximate Age: 60 years Height: Around 5 feet 7 inches

Complexion: Brown Hair and Beard: White Build: Lean Clothing: Brown and white checkered shirt and a white dhoti

Religion: Appears to be Muslim

The circumstances surrounding his death remain unclear, and authorities have appealed to the public for assistance in identifying the deceased. Rein Bazar Police have urged anyone who may have information regarding the man's identity or relatives to come forward, as efforts continue to trace his background.

An official investigation has been initiated, and further forensic and procedural measures are being carried out to establish the cause of death and any other relevant details. Police have stated that inquiries are ongoing, and they are coordinating with nearby shelters, hospitals, and local communities to gather any possible leads.

## KTR claims political vendetta over phone tapping SIT's notice to KCR

Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President KT Rama Rao has condemned SIT notice to party president and former Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao in the phone tapping case and termed it as a 'clear example of the most heinous politics of vendetta'. Rama Rao alleged that the notice to KCR is an attempt by the Telangana government to cover up its failures and divert public attention from administrative shortcomings. Rama Rao took to 'X' to react strongly to the notice issued by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) to his father and BRS chief KCR. "This is not an investigation. This is not justice. This is political malice," he said. Calling KCR a great leader, Rama Rao said he fought for statehood to Telangana with an unwavering resolve, risking his life, and ultimately achieved the goal. Stating that KCR is a leader who resides in the hearts of the people of Telangana, Rama Rao said that the Congress government cannot erase the history of Telangana with notices and threats.

## ECONOMIC SURVEY SAYS GOVT ON COURSE TO ACHIEVE 4.4 PC FISCAL DEFICIT TARGET

New Delhi: The government is well on track to meet the fiscal deficit target of 4.4 per cent of GDP estimated for the current financial year based on broad trends, the Economic Survey 2025-26 tabled in Parliament on Thursday, January 29, said.

According to the survey prepared by Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran, the central government's fiscal trajectory stands out for combining consolidation with sustained public investment, earning three sovereign rating upgrades this year. Between FY20 and FY25 (Provisional Actual), the share of capital spending in the total central government expenditure increased from about 12.5 per cent to 22.6 per cent, while effective capex as a share of GDP rose from roughly 2.6 per cent to 4 per cent, the survey said. Even as states are overshooting their revenue deficit, the central government, through its Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure/Investment (SASCI), has successfully incentivised states to maintain capital expenditure at around 2.4 per cent of GDP, it said, adding the expansion of unconditional cash transfers across several states has contributed to rising revenue expenditure, with implications for fiscal space and public investment at the state level. As



of November 2025, the Union government's fiscal deficit stood at 62.3 per cent of the Budget Estimates, it said. It is to be noted that the government overachieved its fiscal deficit target of 4.8 per cent of GDP, against the 4.9 per cent of GDP pegged for FY25. The fiscal deficit declined from a high of 9.2 per cent of GDP in FY21 to 4.8 per cent in FY25 and is budgeted at 4.4 per cent in FY26. Over the same period, the survey said, the revenue deficit as a proportion of GDP has narrowed steadily, reaching its lowest level since FY09, thereby leaving a greater allocation for capex and reflecting a sustained improvement in the quality of expenditure.

## Medaram Jatara: BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy clashes with police

Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader Padi Kaushik Reddy on Thursday, January 29, engaged in a scuffle with the Telangana police officers while enroute to participate in the four-day Medaram Jatara tribal festival. Accompanied by his wife, daughter and supporters, he was stopped after police cited Telangana High Court's order that only a limited number of vehicles are permitted to the festival. What followed was a heated argument and blatant threatening of the police, questioning how they could stop him. "You also have a family. You also have children, right? Think about that," the Huzurabad MLA says to the officers who calmly try to resolve the matter. However, it only escalated as Kaushik and his supporters staged a sit-in

on the road, chanting "CP (Commissioner of Police) Down, Down! Police Down Down! Look at what the police are doing. You must protect us. We will not sit quietly. We want justice! We want justice!" As the police try to disperse his supporters, an angry Kaushik springs up and threatens the officers, saying, "Why are you doing this? Why are you acting this way?" "I have a job. Even if I lose my job, I will speak," he adds on. He eventually left the premises. Medaram Jatara kickstarts on Thursday Medaram Jatara, dubbed as Asia's biggest Adiavasi spiritual congregations to honour tribal goddesses Sammakka and Saralamma, kick-started in Telangana on Thursday,

## Telangana plans air-quality portal, special teams for complaints in GHMC



Hyderabad, January 28 (Safir News)

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Spokesperson and Minority Leader Syed Sarwar Hussain has been Appointed as the Telangana State Co-Convenor of the Muslim Rashtriya Munch. He hails from Golkonda district, Hyderabad, and has been actively involved for many years in addressing minority issues, social service, and public outreach.

After taking oath for his new responsibility in the Bharatiya Janata Party and Muslim Rashtriya Munch, Syed Sarwar Hussain stated that, following the slogan "Sab ka Saath, Sab ka Vikas," he would work diligently to take the Leadership vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP's Minority Welfare policies to the Muslim community.

He emphasized that the Muslim Rashtriya Munch serves as a strong platform for providing education, employment, and development opportunities to Muslim youth.

He further stated that continuous efforts would be made to ensure the welfare of minorities in Telangana, resolve their issues, and help them benefit from various government schemes.

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## HYDRAA seals Neerus showroom in Jubilee Hills over fire safety violations

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Hyderabad: Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRAA) intensified fire safety inspections across commercial establishments in the city on Thursday, January 29, sealing Neerus showroom in Jubilee Hills Rd No 36 and seizing a commercial complex in Nampally area for violation of safety norms. HYDRAA commissioner AV Ranganath took serious note of violations at the Rahim and Mannan Estates Standard Furniture building, which has six floors and a cellar in Nampally. There were large quantities of furniture stored on all floors, including staircases, effectively blocking fire exits.

He expressed anger over the sales on two floors, the manufacturing of clothes on the three floors above, and the shops being run without a no-objection certificate (NOC). The Commissioner ordered the premises to be sealed for violating fire safety norms. Officials from HYDRAA, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), the Fire Department and the Electricity Department immediately took action, disconnecting the power supply and stopping all commercial operations

in the building. There were large quantities of furniture stored on all floors, including staircases, effectively blocking fire exits.

## Baramati plane crash: Pilots' assn urges everyone not to spread rumours

The association said it will extend any assistance required for DGCA and AAIB in the interest of a fair, transparent, and professional investigation.

New Delhi: Pilots' grouping ALPA India has expressed its condolences to the families of those who died in the Baramati plane crash and urged everyone to refrain from spreading rumours or creating narratives about the accident. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, two pilots and two others died in the Learjet 45 plane crash near Baramati airstrip on Wednesday morning. "We firmly believe that both pilots would have exercised the highest standards of professionalism and did everything humanly possible, to their very last breath, to safeguard the aircraft and those on board," the Airline Pilots' Association of India (ALPA India) said in a release. It also urged everyone to refrain from speculation, rumours, or creating narratives without the benefit of verified facts and a proper investigation. "We are confident that DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) and AAIB (Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau) will conduct a thorough, fair, and transparent investigation and will come out with their findings in due course," it said.

