

Telangana cabinet gives nod to take over Hyderabad Metro Rail from L&T

The cabinet also decided to change the Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad (TVVP) to the Directorate of Secondary Health



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The government has decided to take over the Hyderabad Metro Rail Project from L&T at the state cabinet meeting held at Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat on Monday, February 23.

after L&T clarified it would not participate in Phase 2 as an equity partner, adding it had exited the business of owning and operating transport concession projects.

work and maintenance and urge the Centre to disburse funds for Phases 2 and 3 of the Hyderabad Metro Rail project. The meeting was chaired by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, during which the State Budget Sessions, which will commence from March 16, were discussed.

introduce accident insurance for its employees and pensioners.

This insurance covers 5.19 lakh workers in addition to 2.38 lakh pensioners. It offers a cover of Rs 1.25 crore in case of accidents, and Rs 10 lakh in case of natural death if the worker is below 60 years. Regular employees working in government departments, corporations and public sector undertakings can apply.

"We will not ask a single penny as insurance premium," the minister assured, highlighting its successful implementation for Singareni and Telangana Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (TGTRANSCO) employees.

A new cashless Employee Health Scheme (EHS) to benefit 3.56 lakh regular government employees and 2.88 lakh pensioners, as well as their family members, covering a total of 17.07 individuals, will come into place.

HEZBOLLAH LEADER LAUDS AYATOLLAH KHAMENEI AS A GREAT LEADER



The Democratic News TEHRAN, Feb, 23

Secretary General of Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah Sheikh Naim Qassem said in an interview on Monday that he and the former leaders of the the Lebanese resistance leaders look up to Leader of the Islamic

message that the resistance endures, through its leadership, its fighters, and its people."

The incumbent Hezbollah leader said that he had intimate relations with the former leaders of the Lebanese resistance, saying that they all used to act under the leadership of the late Imam Khomeini and after his demise, under the current Leader of the Islamic Revolution of Iran Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

The Secretary General of Hezbollah emphasized that the funeral of the martyred leaders of Hezbollah is a renewal of the pledge to continue the resistance and regain the initiative in restoring the strength.

Iran says any agreement with US must fully safeguard national rights, interests

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson says the Islamic Republic's diplomatic apparatus is duty-bound to safeguard the rights and interests of the Iranian nation and will only accept an agreement that fully secures those priorities.

Speaking at his weekly press conference on Monday, Esmail Baghaei stressed that any potential agreement must be balanced and based on mutual respect, ruling out arrangements that fail to address Iran's core demands.

"Our duty as the diplomatic apparatus of the Islamic Republic of Iran is to ensure the rights and interests of the Iranian nation.

As a rule, we can only accept an understanding or agreement that contains the characteristics of ensuring Iran's rights and national interests; both on the nuclear issue and on the issue of lifting sanctions," he said.

YEH MOHABBAT KA YODHA: RAHUL GANDHI MEETS 'MOHAMMED DEEPAK'

The Democratic News New Delhi, Feb, 23



Deepak Kumar, popularly known as Mohammed Deepak, the Samaritan who firmly stood against Hindutva forces in Uttarakhand, met senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha (LoP) Rahul Gandhi on Monday, February 23.

Twinning in blue, Deepak and Rahul met in New Del-

hi at the latter's residence. Calling him "Mohabbat ki dukaan ka yodha hai (Deepak is a warrior of the 'Shop of Love')," the leader said he would take a membership at his gym.

Rahul said Deepak was an example of unity, brotherhood and courage, which India has always stood for. "One that will inspire every young person in the country to muster.

'Defeat is certain for them': Iran's army chief derides enemy's claim of invincibility

The Iranian Army's chief commander has derided the enemies' claim of invincibility, saying they did not expect the country to display such steadfastness in the face of their significant regional military buildup. "The enemies claim they are invincible, but this is a false claim," Major General Amir Hatami said during a graduation ceremony at the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC)'s University of Command and Staff in Tehran on Monday. "The enemy did not expect to face such steadfastness, despite deploying aircraft carriers and other weapons," he added.

Muslim Rashtriya Manch Telangana Celebrates Birthday of Indresh Kumar with Iftar Gathering in Hyderabad



Hyderabad, Feb 24

MRM Telangana Observes Indresh Kumar's Birthday; Plans Expansion to All 33 Districts A function was organized by Muslim Rashtriya Manch (MRM) Telangana State to mark the birthday of its patron, Indresh Kumar, at the state office located in Darulshifa, Hyderabad. Keeping the holy month of Ramadan in

view, arrangements for an Iftar dinner were also made for fasting participants. On this occasion, painting books were distributed among the students by MRM Telangana. MRM Telangana State Convener Najaf Ali Shaukat, a journalist, highlighted the selfless services of Indresh Kumar for the nation and elaborated on the formation and objectives of

MRM. A key decision was taken to expand MRM's organizational network to all 33 districts of Telangana. It was decided that the matter would be communicated to South India In-charge Ilyas Ahmed. Members associated with MRM in Telangana, including co-conveners and the Mahila (women's) convener, presented their suggestions during the event. A birthday cake was cut to celebrate Indresh Kumar's anniversary, followed by hospitality for the fasting attendees. Those present included Convener Najaf Ali Shaukat, Co-Conveners Sarwar Hussain and Dr. Zeeshan Abbas, Mahila Convener Shehbaz Fatima, Dr. Waseem, Zahid Mirza, Shabbir Hussain, Asghar Nawab, and others

BANSWADA VIOLENCE: AIMIM LEADERS SEEK COMPENSATION FOR MINORITY VICTIMS

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A delegation of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) legislators met Telangana Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Mahesh Bhagwat and Telangana Minority Welfare Minister Mohd Azharuddin, seeking the release of innocent Muslim youth who were arrested in the aftermath of the communal violence in Banswada last week in the state.

In a detailed representation, the delegation requested an immediate stay on further arrests and the disbursement of adequate compensation to affected shop owners whose properties were damaged in the violence. They also urged the minister



to ensure a fair and impartial investigation, take stringent action against those responsible, implement measures to maintain communal harmony and restore peace in the affected area.

The AIMIM, in its letter, said that according to video evidence, the nine Muslim youth who were arrested were not involved in the violence that took place on February 20. "Their arrests appear to be based on false

implication, and we believe they are innocent," it claimed. The party also detailed the losses suffered by Muslim businessmen, ranging from Rs 60,000 to Rs 3,00,000.

The MLAs and MLCs also requested Azharuddin to instruct the police not to arrest any more innocent individuals, and also to sanction and distribute compensation to the affected victims.

Banswada communal clash On February 20, communal clashes erupted after a Muslim man named Muzzamil allegedly objected to a saleswoman playing the song. The argument quickly escalated, leading to clashes between Muslims and Hindus. Both groups reportedly pelted stones at each other, resulting in injuries to several individuals.

Hyderabad: Bandi Sanjay to lead BJP's temple run amid GHMC poll prep

The Democratic News Hyderabad, Feb, 23

Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay will visit the Bhagya Laxmi temple at Charminar in Hyderabad on Tuesday, February 23, along with the newly elected Mayor and corporators of the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation, to offer prayers following the



Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) victory in the civic body.

BJP Corporator K Srinivas was recently elected as Mayor in Karimnagar

after the recently-concluded municipal elections in Telangana. According to party sources, the delegation will also visit the Simhavahini Mahankali temple and a temple in Secunderabad during the day. Sarpanches who won in the recent local body elections in Karimnagar are also expected to join the visit along with local BJP leaders.

Afghanistan crush Canada by 82 runs to bow out of T20 World Cup on a high

Chennai: Ibrahim Zadran struck a fluent unbeaten 95 while Mohammed Nabi took four wickets for just seven runs as Afghanistan signed off from the T20 World Cup with a comprehensive 82-run victory over Canada, here Thursday. Canada signed off without a win from the tournament, while Afghanistan had its second win.

Nearly 10 Lakh Students to Appear for Telangana Inter Exams from Feb 25

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Nearly 10 lakh students will appear for the Telangana Intermediate Public Examinations from February 25, marking one of the biggest academic events in the state. The Telangana Inter exams will continue till March 18 and will be conducted daily from 9 am to 12 noon across multiple centres.

The large-scale arrangements for the Telangana Inter exams highlight the importance of the examinations for students' academic future and higher education prospects.

Telangana Inter Exams 2026: Key Numbers

Authorities have released detailed figures for the upcoming examinations.
 Total students: 9,97,075
 First-year students: 4,89,126
 Second-year students: 5,07,949

Exam centres: 1,495
 Types of Centres
 404 Government colleges
 221 Aided colleges
 863 Private junior colleges
 7 Other institutions

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