

LoP Gandhi flags threat to India's oil supply amid West Asia tensions

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at risk and calling for decisive leadership in the face of global uncertainty. In a post on X, LoP Gandhi said the world has entered a "volatile phase" and cautioned that "stormy seas lie ahead". Highlight-

ing India's dependence on energy imports, he noted that more than 40 per cent of the country's oil supplies transit through the Strait of Hormuz, making them vulnerable amid rising hostilities in the region. He added

that the situation is even more precarious for LPG and LNG supplies "The conflict has reached our backyard, with an Iranian warship sunk in the Indian Ocean. Yet the Prime Minister has said nothing," Gandhi said in his post. He stressed that at such a critical juncture, India requires "a steady hand at the wheel" to navigate geopolitical and economic challenges. In a sharp attack on PM Narendra Modi, Gandhi alleged that the country has a "compromised PM who has surrendered our strategic autonomy", asserting that strong and independent foreign policy leadership is essential to safeguard national interests. The remarks

come amid escalating tensions after the Iranian frigate IRIS Dena — which had recently participated in the Milan naval exercise in India — was sunk in the Indian Ocean in a US strike. Iran has condemned the attack as an "atrocious act at sea," while Washington has acknowledged responsibility. Experts note that the unfolding crisis around the Strait of Hormuz has exposed the vulnerability of energy-importing nations like India at a critical juncture. With fertiliser supplies, LNG flows and crude shipments under strain just ahead of the key planting season, the risks extend beyond fuel prices to food security and inflation.

Dargah at Vemulawada temple already relocated, Telangana govt tells HC

The High Court posted the next hearing on March 16.

Hyderabad: The Telangana government has informed the High Court that the historic Dargah Hazrath Syed Tajuddin Khaja Bagh Sawar has been relocated from the Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy temple in Vemulawada to facilitate renovation work being taken up on the premises.



Advocate General A Sudarshan Reddy, who represented the state government, informed Justice B Vijayasesh Reddy during a hearing on the matter on Monday, March 2, that even the religious structures of Hindu deities, including the Kotilingala Anjaneya Swamy idol, were shifted to a larger and safer location

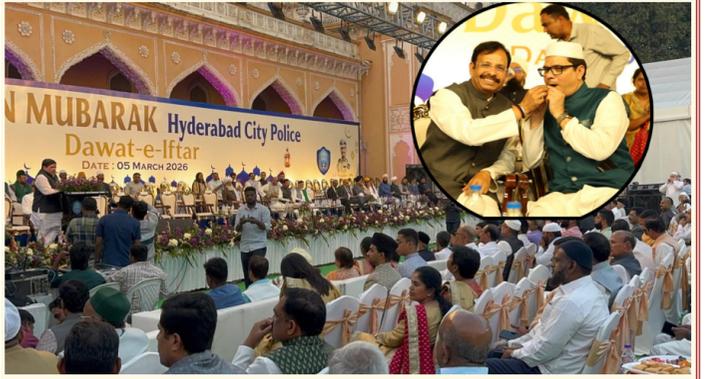
to enable the redevelopment plan of the Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy temple's premises last month. Affirming the Telangana High Court's duty to protect the religious structures and the rights of the devotees, Justice Vijayasesh Reddy stated that the interim order issued on February 26 on the case directing that no coercive steps of any

nature, including relocation, demolition or alteration of the dargah could be taken, would not apply presently, as the Advocate General has already submitted that the dargah has been relocated. The High Court was hearing a petition filed by one Mohammad Nazima challenging the illegal fencing, barricading and obstruction of the Dargah by the Rajanna Siricilla district administration and temple authorities. The petitioner's counsel contended that the dargah has been standing for over 800 years as a symbol of communal harmony alongside the famous Vemulawada temple.

HYDERABAD MUSI ACTIVISTS WRITE TO AICC IN-CHARGE AGAINST GANDHI SAROVAR PROJECT

Hyderabad: Activists of the Musi Jan Andolan (MJA) on Thursday, March 5, wrote a letter to All India Congress Committee's (AICC) in-charge of Telangana Meenakshi Natarajan, expressing serious objections and grave concerns over the Gandhi Sarovar Project being built as part of the proposed Musi Riverfront Development Project. The key concern highlighted in the letter was the unfair acquisition of 10.34-acre land located in Bandlaguda Jagir village of Gandipet mandal in Rangareddy district, which directly impacts the residents of Madhu Park Ridge Apartments. "Residents have unanimously opposed the move, as it threatens their homes. Additionally, the Telangana government has sought transfer of 98.20 acre of defence land for the project, and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has met Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on February 12, 2026, inviting him for the foundation stone laying ceremony, disregarding public opposition and democratic processes," the letter read. The MJA also pointed out how the project has drawn sharp criticism, including from Mahatma Gandhi's great-grandson Tushar Gandhi, who stated on X (Twitter) that "displacing residents to create space for a Gandhi statue is the most unGandhian action... Babu would have said, 'Not in my Name, Stop it!'"

Hyderabad City Police celebrate 'Dawat-e-Iftar' at Chowmahalla Palace



Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. A dawat-e-iftar was organized by Sajjanar today at Chowmahalla Palace, Khilwat, Hyderabad. On this occasion Ulema-e-Karam, Minister of State, various political leaders, DGP of Telangana and other dignitaries participated in the programme.

DRUG BUST: CCS AND ABIDS POLICE ARREST THREE WITH 72 GRAMS MDMA NEAR BASHEERBAGH

Hyderabad police arrest three persons with 72 grams of MDMA drug near Basheerbagh during a joint operation by CCS Special Crime Team and Abids Police.



Hyderabad: In a major Hyderabad drug bust, the Special Crime Team of CCS Hyderabad along with Abids Police arrested three persons with 72 grams of MDMA (methamphetamine) drug near Basheerbagh. The accused were allegedly attempting to sell the banned narcotic substance to customers in the city. The Hyderabad MDMA drug seizure highlights the ongoing efforts by police

to crack down on illegal narcotics being circulated in the city. Three Arrested in Hyderabad MDMA Drug Case During the Hyderabad drug crackdown, police apprehended three individuals who were allegedly planning to sell MDMA (methamphetamine) to potential buyers. The arrested persons were identified as: Jog Singh (25) — Businessman, resident of Vinayak Nagar, Jeedimetla, Hyderabad; Chunaram

Chaudary (27) — Footwear shop owner at Chattabazar, resident of Ashok Bazar, Afzalgunj; Amrith Purohit (32) — Optical supply worker, resident of Kukatpally. All three accused originally belong to Rajasthan. MDMA Drug Seized by Hyderabad Police recovered illegal narcotics and other items during the Hyderabad MDMA drug seizure operation. Items seized include: 72 grams of MDMA (methamphetamine) packets, 4 mobile phones. Authorities said the accused were carrying the drugs with the intention of selling them to customers for high profits. Accused Planned to Sell Drugs Near BJR Statue, Basheerbagh. According to investigators, the accused had collected information about potential buyers and locations where they could sell the drugs.

Telangana Free Bus Travel Scheme: 273.24 Crore Women Benefit from RTC Free Bus Travel



Hyderabad: The Telangana free bus travel scheme for women, introduced under the Mahalakshmi Scheme, has benefited 273.24 crore women, girls, and transgender passengers traveling

in RTC buses across the state. The latest figures show that the RTC free bus travel facility in Telangana has significantly improved mobility and financial savings for women. Ac-

ording to official data, women have collectively saved around ₹9,360.06 crore by using the free travel facility in Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) buses since the scheme was launched. Mahalakshmi Scheme: Free Bus Travel for Women in Telangana. The Mahalakshmi Scheme free bus travel for women in Telangana was launched to make transportation affordable and accessible. Key highlights of the scheme include: 273.24 crore women, girls, and transgender passengers benefited ₹9,360.06 crore saved collectively by women travelers. Free travel available in Palle Velugu and Express buses. Implemented across TSRTC buses within Telangana. The scheme has become one of the major welfare ini-

tiatives aimed at empowering women in the state. Free Travel Available in Most RTC Buses. The Telangana RTC free bus travel scheme for women has been implemented in a large portion of the public transport system. Current coverage includes: 81% of TSRTC buses operating in the state. Free travel within state limits. Available on Palle Velugu and Express services. This wide implementation has made the scheme accessible to women across both rural and urban areas of Telangana. Passenger Numbers Rise After Free Bus Travel Scheme. The introduction of the free bus travel scheme in Telangana RTC buses has also increased the number of passengers using public transport.

Telangana's free bus travel scheme under the Mahalakshmi program has benefited 273.24 crore women and

girls in RTC buses, saving them ₹9,360 crore in travel costs.

For SSC students, discipline, time management & digital balance play a crucial role : Prof Dr Syed Danish Mehdi

Speaking to the Press, Prof Dr Syed Danish Mehdi said, As SSC-tenth standard board examinations are approaching Parents/Students should keep in mind that success is not driven by long study hours alone, but by disciplined preparation, a well-structured timetable, and mindful control of screen time. These three pillars together can significantly enhance students' focus, confidence, and performance. Discipline is the backbone of effective exam preparation. For 10th standard students, this means developing consistent study habits, setting clear daily goals, and following routines. Discipline trains the mind to stay focused even when motivation dips.



A balanced timetable is one of the most powerful tools for exam preparation. Instead of random study sessions, students should divide their day into focused study blocks, revision time and short breaks. Prof Dr Danish emphasised that a stabilized time table allocates time to all subjects based on difficulty and syllabus weightage. It ensures adequate sleep and relaxation to

avoid burnout. He further added that excessive screen time has become a major distraction for students. Prolonged use of mobile phones and online entertainment can reduce concentration and increase stress levels. So Parents/Students need to fix limits for non-academic screen usage and Keep mobile phones away during study hours. Preparing for 10th standard exams is a shared journey for students and parents. With discipline, a structured timetable, and conscious reduction of screen time, students can unlock their true potential. Parents play a vital role by encouraging healthy routines, monitoring digital habits, and providing a supportive environment at home.

IN REGARDS SHAHADATH OF SUPREME LEADER SYED ALI KHAMENEI (R.A) PEACEFUL PROTEST RALLY WAS HELD IN HYD

In Regards Shahadath of Supreme Leader Syed Ali Khamenei (r.a) Today a peaceful protest rally was held against America & Israel from Somajiguda Maktha to Khairatabad Circle in Hyderabad. The rally was attended by Shaik Rafath Jahan,



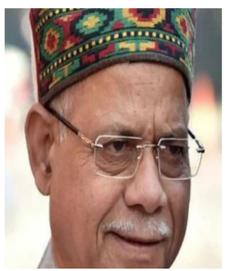
National Working President of AIMIM INQ, who addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of unity, justice and peaceful democratic protest. The rally was organized by Mohammed Khaja, Telangana State President of AIMIM INQ. Many supporters and party members participated in the rally in a disciplined and peaceful manner. Protesters carried photographs of the martyred Ayatollah Syed Ali Khamenei (r.a) and recorded their protest against the United States and Israel. The program concluded successfully with a strong message of peace, unity and solidarity.

BJP VETERAN SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA APPOINTED NEW TELANGANA GOVERNOR

Shukla served as Minister of State for Finance in the Narendra Modi government from 2017 to 2019.

Hyderabad: Shiv Pratap Shukla, currently serving as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, has been appointed the new Governor of Telangana in a major reshuffle announced by the President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday night, March 5. Incumbent Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma has been transferred to Maharashtra as part of major gubernatorial appointments, a communique issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan said. Who is Shiv Pratap Shukla? Shukla, 73, is a veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) politician from Uttar Pradesh who served as Minister of

State for Finance in the Narendra Modi government from 2017 to 2019. He was also a Rajya Sabha member representing Uttar Pradesh. Born on April 1, 1952, in Rudrapur in Uttar Pradesh's Deoria district, he studied law in Gorakhpur and began his political career through student politics associated with the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP). He later joined the BJP in 1983. Shukla served multiple terms as a member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council before being elected to the Rajya Sabha. He had been serving as the Governor of



Himachal Pradesh since 2023. The reshuffle also sees Kavinder Gupta, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, appointed as the new Governor of Himachal Pradesh in place of Shukla.



March 4, 2026 On the occasion of Holi, as every year, Oudh and Loban (incense) were offered at the shrine of Imam Hussain (A.S.) at the historic Hussain Tekri in Jaora. On this occasion, C.O. Abdul Hakim, senior BJP leader and Co-Covener of Telangana Muslim Rashtriya Manch Syed Sarwar Hussain, along with Kazim Rizvi, Imran, and the in-charge police officer of Hussain Tekri were present. It is noteworthy that every year on the occasion of Holi, the tradition of offering oud and loban at the shrine of Imam Hussain (A.S.) is observed, with full cooperation from the local administration and police. Speaking on the occasion, Syed Sarwar Hussain expressed his gratitude to the administration for maintaining peace and ensuring proper arrangements. A large number of devotees were present during the ceremony, conveying a message of communal harmony, brotherhood, and unity.

2 workers dead after scaffolding collapses in Hyderabad's Tolichowki

Hyderabad: Two workers died and three were injured after a scaffolding collapsed in Al Hasnath Colony of Tolichowki on Thursday, March 5. Two workers died on the spot and their bodies have been shifted to Osmania General Hospital (OGH). The three who have been injured are undergoing treatment at Olive Hospital. One of them is in critical condition, police said. Bricks and bamboo were seen scattered around the accident site as people carried the injured in autos. Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin also visited the site.