



In a nutshell

Manoj Kumar passes away

MUMBAI: Actor-film-maker Manoj Kumar, who personified the angst and aspirations of an evolving 'Bharat' in films such as "Upkar", "Purab Aur Paschim" and "Roti, Kapda Aur Makaan", died in a Mumbai hospital early Friday. He was 87. The actor had been ailing for a while and died of age related issues at the Kokilaben Ambani Hospital around 3.30 am. The last rites of the actor, whose films ruled the box office in 1960s and 1970s, will take place on Saturday at Mumbai's Pawan Hans crematorium.

Inter results on or before April 24

HYDERABAD: The Telangana Board of Intermediate Education (TG BIE) will release the Intermediate Public Examinations results on or before April 24. The spot evaluation of the intermediate answer scripts, which have already commenced at 19 spot evaluation camps across the State, will conclude on April 10. Following this, the results will be uploaded to the server and processed before releasing them. A total of 9,96,971 students registered for the examinations that were conducted at 1,532 centres from March 5 to 25.

NEET resolution: Setback for TN

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Friday informed that the Assembly resolution seeking NEET exemption for the State that was sent for Presidential assent, has been declined and called the rejection a "dark chapter in federalism." Opposition AIADMK slammed the DMK over the NEET issue, with the former accusing the ruling party of deceiving people while the latter said the CM's "NEET drama has ended" and challenged him to approach the Supreme Court. Stalin said the State would continue its struggle to abolish NEET.

Engg student dies on cricket field

HYDERABAD: An engineering student died, reportedly of cardiac arrest while playing cricket at CMR Engineering College, Medchal, in the city here on Friday. The youth Vinay Kumar (21), a native of Khammam district was a fourth-year student. The incident occurred in the evening during a cricket tournament being organised on campus. Vinay, who was fielding, suddenly collapsed in the middle of the match. The college staff and students rushed him to a nearby hospital, where he was declared dead. Doctors suspect he died of a cardiac arrest.

CM obsessed with land acquisition?

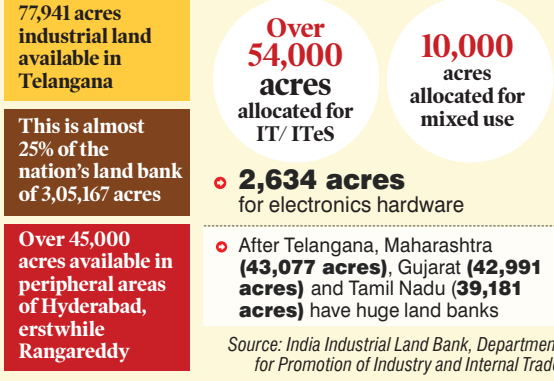
Despite vast land bank, govt pursuing new acquisitions targeting eco-sensitive zones

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Telangana boasts of having the country's largest industrial land bank with over 77,941 acres available. But Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's aggressive push for more land acquisitions - often in ecologically fragile or agriculturally rich areas - raises uncomfortable questions about the government's lack of foresight and policy.

According to India Industrial Land Bank under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, the industrial land available in Telangana is 77,941 acres, of which around 45,000 acres are available in and around the peripheral areas of Hyderabad and erstwhile Rangareddy district. This is almost 25 per cent of the

Telangana's industrial landscape



entire nation's land bank of 3,05,167 acres.

After Telangana, Maharashtra (43,077 acres), Gujarat (42,991 acres) and Tamil Nadu (39,181 acres) have huge land banks available for industrial development. Out of the industrial land bank available in

Telangana, over 54,000 acres have been allocated for IT/ITeS alone, 10,000 acres for mixed use, 2,634 acres for electronics hardware and the remaining land is put for defence and aerospace, food processing, textiles, automobiles, chemicals and pharma. (SEE PAGE 2)

Dogs kills deer on UoH campus



The injured deer being shifted for treatment to a veterinary hospital where it eventually succumbed to injuries.

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

With their homes shattered and green cover lost after Telangana Congress government bulldozed Kancha Gachibowli land, animals and birds are getting more exposed to attacks by street dogs on the UoH campus.

A spotted deer was killed in an attack by dogs on the University of Hyderabad campus here on Friday

morning. The incident was reported near the J-Hostel where a pack of street dogs grievously injured the deer.

A few students and university security personnel quickly responded to the injured animal, providing immediate care before transporting it for further treatment. The video of the injured deer being transported has been widely shared on social media.

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Minor girl raped on moving train

CITY BUREAU
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A minor girl was harassed and raped by a man in the bathroom of a moving train —Raxaul - Secunderabad Express. The suspect, who is a co-passenger, had recorded the assault to threaten her. The incident occurred on Thursday, when the 16-year-old girl along with her family from Odisha who was travelling on the train, went to the washroom around 2 am when the train reached Kelzar in Maharashtra.

As per available information, the suspect followed her to the washroom and harassed her. He misbehaved with her, allegedly dragged her into the bathroom where he overpowered and raped her. He further used his mobile phone to record the act. The girl escaped and informed her parents. On reaching Secunderabad railway station, the girl's parents lodged a complaint with the Railway Police.

Ensure safety of Hindus and minorities, Modi tells Yunus

BANGKOK

In his first meeting with Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged India's concerns over the safety of minorities, including Hindus, and conveyed that any rhetoric that vitiated the environment was best avoided.

During the 40-minute meeting that took place on the sidelines of the Bay of

Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral and Technical Co-operation (BIMSTEC) summit here, Modi also underscored India's support for a democratic, stable, peaceful, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh.

At the meeting, Yunus also flagged the issues of the extradition of deposed Bangladesh prime minister Sheikh Hasina and border killings. This was the first meeting between Modi and

Yunus since Hasina's ouster in August last year. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval were also present during the meeting.

The Prime Minister told Yunus that the strict enforcement of the law and prevention of illegal border crossings, especially at night, are necessary for maintaining border security and stability. PTI

Waqf Bill passed, awaits President's nod

NEW DELHI

The Waqf (Amendment) Bill was passed by Rajya Sabha in the wee hours of Friday after a marathon debate, involving heated exchanges between the treasury and opposition benches.

The Upper House debated the Bill for nearly 14 hours and then cleared it with 128 votes in favour and 95 against. The legislation was earlier cleared by the Lok Sabha after nearly 12 hours debate, with 288 votes in favour and 232 against. With this, both the Houses have cleared the decks for

CONGRESS, MIM MOVE APEX COURT

NEW DELHI: Congress MP Mohammad Jawed and AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Friday challenged the validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 in the Supreme Court, saying it violated the Constitutional provisions. Jawed's plea alleged the Bill imposed "arbitrary restrictions" on Waqf properties and their management, undermining the religious autonomy of the Muslim community. The petition, said the proposed law discriminated against the Muslim community by "imposing restrictions not present in the governance of other religious endowments".

amendments in the Waqf Bill of 1995 and repealing the Mussalman Wakf Act of 1923. The next course of action is the Presidential as-

sent for the Bill, following which it will turn into a law. The Bill will be sent to President Droupadi Murmu soon and her approval will

pave the way for amending the 1995 laws, governing Waqf properties. According to a leading portal, the government is expecting a smaller window for the approval, unlike the Citizenship Amendment Act.

The NDA government, which is projecting the Waqf Amendment Bill as one of key milestone decision in first year of Modi 3.0 is expected to notify it for implementation, soon after getting President's nod. Interestingly, one of the major highlights of Rajya Sabha voting was Biju Janata Dal (BJD)'s stand. (SEE PAGE 2)

China slaps 34% tariff on US goods

BEIJING: China on Friday slapped a 34 per cent additional tariff on imports from the US in a tit-for-tat response to President Donald Trump's move to impose a similar levy on Chinese goods. Beijing also announced export controls

on certain rare earth metals, aiming to hit American defence, computer, and smartphone industries. The tariffs on all products imported from the US will be imposed from April 10. (REPORT PAGE 8)

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