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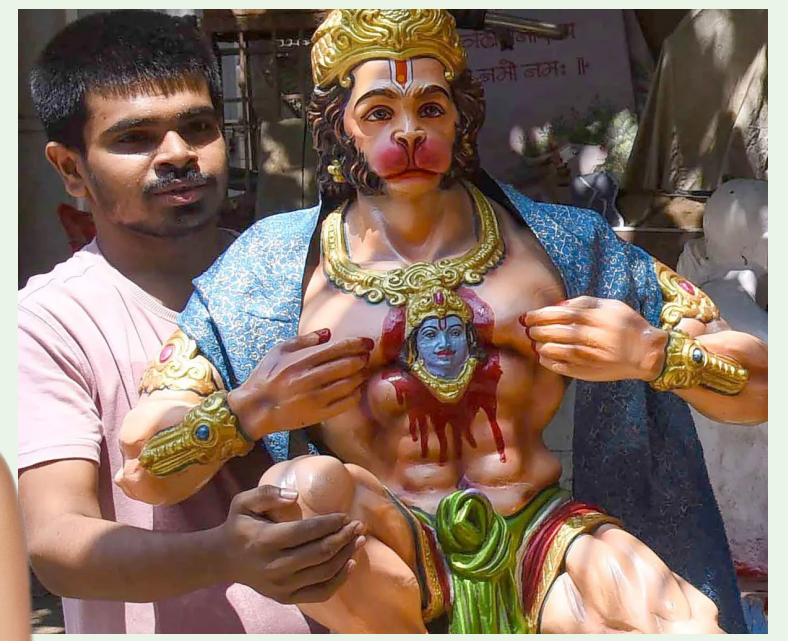


Connolly leads nervy PBKS home on IPL debut

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PC Performs Seva at Golden Temple

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An artist gives the finishing touches to a statue of Lord Hanuman ahead of Hanuman Jayanti at Kalachowki, in Mumbai district of Maharashtra on Tuesday

MUMBAI

SHORT TAKES



W.A. RAISE CONCERNS REGARDING FOOD SECURITY IN INDIA

Conflict in West Asia involving Israel, the United States, and Iran is triggering geopolitical and economic impacts, effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz, disrupting twenty percent of global oil and liquefied natural gas trade.

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REVISED INCOME TAX ACT KICKS IN APRIL 1

India will roll out the Income-tax Act, 2025, from April 1, Wednesday, replacing the six-decade-old Income-tax Act, 1961, in a major reform aimed at simplifying the country's tax framework while retaining the existing tax structure.

MONEY MATTERS 09

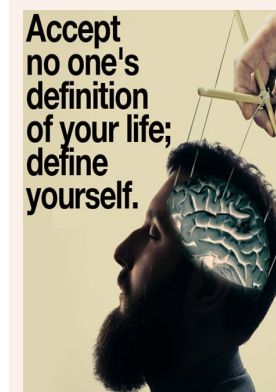


WORKING INDIA JOB CREATION CRITICAL

India's challenge is not just job availability, but job quality. Unemployment and underemployment and whether the government has concrete plans to address the needs remains largely ignored.

OPINION 06

THE DAILY MANTRA



Accept no one's definition of your life; define yourself. No matter what others opinions of you, your destiny will always be in your hands. You decide what you are capable of, no-one else. There are no limitations except those you create in your own mind.

Harvey Fierstein

LUNAR "U-TURN"

The 10-Day Flight Plan

NASA begins countdown for humanity's first launch to the moon in 53 years



Cape Canaveral, Florida, March 31: The NASA has initiated the final countdown for humanity's first crewed mission to the Moon in more than 50 years, marking a major milestone in space exploration. The launch of the Artemis II is scheduled for April 2 at 3:54 am IST from

the Kennedy Space Center. The 32-storey Space Launch System rocket will carry four astronauts aboard the Orion spacecraft on a 10-day mission that will orbit the Moon before returning to Earth with a Pacific Ocean splashdown. The mission will not include a lunar landing,

instead performing a flyby to test systems critical for future deep-space exploration. The launch was previously delayed due to hydrogen fuel leaks and a clogged helium pressurisation line, both of which have since been resolved. Officials report that the rocket is now in good

condition, with weather forecasts also favourable for liftoff. The Artemis II crew represents a significant shift from the Apollo program era, which sent only American men to the Moon between 1968 and 1972.

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FOUR STATES FOUR BATTLES AND ONLY TWO CLEAR WINNERS RIGHT NOW

POLL NUMBERS CUT THROUGH THE NOISE AND EXPOSE THE REAL FRONTRUNNERS

HIMANTA AND MAMATA SURGE AHEAD

STALIN WALKS A TIGHTROPE

PINARAYI STARES AT RESISTANCE ON THE GROUND



BY C. SUBRAHMANYAM

Latest pre poll data across Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala shows two dominant incumbents; one vulnerable favourite and one embattled leader. The electoral map is not uniform. It is sharply tilted in favour of Himanta Biswa Sarma and Mamata Banerjee while M. K. Stalin faces a knife edge contest and Pinarayi Vijayan confronts serious anti incumbency. Strip away the astrology chatter and the campaign rhetoric. What remains is cold electoral arithmetic. Seat projections, voter preference data and ground sentiment are all pointing in one direction. This

is not a uniform wave election. It is a split battlefield where two leaders are cruising and two are under pressure. **ASSAM: HIMANTA'S MACHINE IS RUNNING WITHOUT FRICTION** There is no ambiguity here. Himanta Biswa Sarma is not just leading. He is dominating the narrative and the numbers. Seat projections consistently place the NDA far ahead of the opposition with margins that are not marginal but decisive. The BJP's pitch around governance delivery and security messaging is cutting through across demographics especially among women voters and first time voters. The opposition is pres-

ent but not competitive. That is the blunt reality emerging from multiple datasets. Multiple independent polls (Net work 18/CNBC-TV18, IANSMatrize, News18) project NDA 80-98 seats out of 126, and Himanta is the overwhelming CM choice (48% preference). BJP is targeting 50% vote share; anti-incumbency is minimal, development + border-security narrative working strongly with women and Gen-Z voters. **Political reading:** This is what electoral consolidation looks like when it clicks. There is no visible erosion of authority and no credible statewide counter narrative.

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Musi rejuvenation works to be carried out in democratic manner: Bhatti

HYDERABAD, MARCH 31

Deputy Chief Minister and Chairman of the Musi Cabinet Sub-committee Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the Musi River rejuvenation works will be carried out in a democratic manner.

Bhatti Vikramarka on Tuesday held a detailed review meeting with officials at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat, along with Minister and Musi Cabinet Sub-committee member Ponnamp Prabhakar, to assess the progress of the Musi rejuvenation project.

He announced that public opinions on the Musi rejuvenation will be invited online from March 31 to April 15 through the email ID musirrdc@gmail.com. All valuable suggestions received online will be thoroughly analysed in consultation with officials, and the Sub-committee members will directly engage in phased con-



sultations with those who provided inputs.

The Deputy Chief Minister informed that the foundation stone for the Omkareshwara Temple works on the banks of the Musi River was laid on March 28. He instructed officials to prepare a comprehensive roadmap for the works to be undertaken from that day, covering Musi Phase-1 and Phase-2.

He advised officials to divide responsibilities and proceed efficiently, including coordination regarding Defence lands,

consultations with displaced families, finalisation of construction designs, and discussions with bankers.

Bhatti Vikramarka urged officials to move forward with enthusiasm by understanding the commitment of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the entire Cabinet, stating that this project would stand as a milestone in their careers.

He also assured that Musi Sub-committee members will be available round the clock to support officials with any suggestions or requirements.

Special Chief Secretary Ranjan, Musi Riverfront Development Corporation MD E.V. Narasimha Reddy, Joint Managing Director Gauthami, officials Vinay Krishna Reddy and Ashok Reddy, Collectors Harichandana, Narayana Reddy and Manu Chowdary, GHMC Commissioner Karan, and others participated in the meeting.

Ministers inspect progress of Phule statues CM to inaugurate on April 11



HYDERABAD, MARCH 31

Ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar and Konda Surekha on Tuesday inspected the progress of the construction work for the statues of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule, located at Lake View Park opposite the IMAX Theatre on Tank Bund in Hyderabad, which are scheduled to be inaugurated by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on April 11.

Subsequently, they held a meeting with key leaders to review the arrangements for the unveiling ceremony of the statues.

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CS reviews Praja Paalana progress Gram Sabhas to begin April 2

HYDERABAD, MARCH 31



outreach and governance initiative of the state government.

During the review, the Chief Secretary directed all district collectors to conduct Gram Sabhas and Ward Sabhas from April 2 strictly in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) already communicated to them.

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