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**Nishant Kumar attends JD(U) meeting at Sanjay Jha residence**



**Pak IRGC operative convicted for plot to kill US officials, including Trump**



## Iran targets US air combat center, prez apologises

New Delhi: Tensions in the Middle East escalated on Day 8 as Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian rejected the US call for unconditional surrender, calling it a "dream they should take to their grave," while Iranian forces launched repeated attacks on Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and the UAE. He clarified that Iran will not target neighbouring countries unless provoked, apologising to regional states and emphasising respect for their sovereignty.

US President Donald Trump mocked Iran for "apologising" to Gulf countries over Tehran's attacks on them, describing it (Iran) as the "loser of the Middle East," and asserted that Iran would be hit very hard until they surrender or completely collapse.

He said Iran was looking to take over and rule the Middle East. It is



the first time that Iran has ever lost, in thousands of years, to surrounding Middle Eastern Countries, he added.

Fresh explosions rocked Dubai on Saturday morning as Iran continued to

strike its Gulf neighbours amid Tehran's war with the US and Israel. A drone strike at Dubai International Airport, the world's busiest and a major transition hub, caused utter chaos and forced a brief suspension of flights.

Meanwhile, Israel conducted another wave of airstrikes on Tehran and Isfahan, targeting military infrastructure. Qatar intercepted a missile attack, and Dubai International Airport partially resumed operations after a temporary suspension due to prior alerts.

## Domestic LPG price hiked by Rs 60, commercial cylinder up Rs 115

New Delhi: The price of domestic LPG cylinders has been increased with effect from Saturday, March 7, with the cost of a 14.2-kg household cooking gas cylinder rising by Rs 60 across the country, according to sources.

Similarly, the price of a 19 kg commercial LPG cylinder has also been increased by Rs 115 from the same date, impacting businesses such as hotels, restaurants and small commercial establishments.

As per the source, the price of a 14.2 kg domestic LPG cylinder in Delhi has increased from Rs 853 to Rs 913.

In Mumbai, the new rate of a domestic LPG cylinder now stands at Rs 912.50, up from Rs 852.50 earlier. In Kolkata, the price has risen from Rs 879 to Rs 930, while in Chennai it has increased from Rs 868.50 to Rs 928.50. The revised rates will be implemented with immediate effect.

## MP's concern

As far as the five major cities of Madhya Pradesh are concerned, LPG cylinders will now be available in Bhopal for Rs 918, Indore for Rs 941, Gwalior for Rs 996, Jabalpur for Rs 919, and Ujjain for Rs 972. The most expensive domestic gas cylinder will be available in Narmadapuram for Rs 1035.

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**UP DyCM's helicopter makes emergency landing**

Lucknow: A helicopter carrying Keshav Prasad Maurya was forced to make an emergency landing in Lucknow on Saturday after smoke was detected inside the aircraft mid-flight, triggering a brief scare.

## PM Modi lays foundation stone for Kota Airport



The airport project, estimated to cost about Rs 1,500 crore, is expected to significantly improve connectivity and boost trade and tourism once operational.

The Prime Minister said improved air connectivity would ease travel for residents and businesses that currently rely on distant airports in cities such as Jaipur and Jodhpur.

Highlighting the broader transformation underway in the region, Modi said Kota is rapidly emerging as a connectivity hub through improved air, rail and road networks.

He noted that under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, Kota's two major railway stations are being upgraded with modern facilities to improve passenger experience and infrastructure.

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday laid the foundation stone of the proposed airport in Kota through a virtual address, describing the project as a major step toward accelerating economic growth and connectivity across Rajasthan's Hadoti region.

Addressing the ceremony, Modi said the day marked "new hope and a new achievement" for the region comprising Kota, Bundi, Baran and Jhalawar.

## Over 130 Naxals surrender with 124 weapons

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy today inspected the sophisticated weapons handed over to the police by Maoists who surrendered at the Integrated Command and Control Centre in Hyderabad.

A total of 130 Maoists laid down their arms in the presence of the Chief Minister. Among those who surrendered were three State Committee members, one Regional Committee member, 10 Divisional Committee members, 46 Area Committee members and 70 party

members.

The surrendered Maoists handed over 124 weapons to the police. The seized arms included one INSAS LMG rifle, 31 AK-47 rifles, 21 INSAS rifles, 20 SLR rifles, 18 .303 rifles and 33 other firearms.

The Chief Minister reviewed the surrendered weapons at the Command Control Centre and interacted with officials regarding the development. The large-scale surrender is being seen as a significant step towards strengthening peace and security in the state.

## India gear up to defend title against New Zealand

Ahmedabad: More than a billion pairs of eyes on the game. Eleven men tasked with winning one last match that will send a cricket-mad country into raptures.

The pressure will be prodigious when Suryakumar Yadav and his boys in blue set out to defend their T20 World Cup title against nippy New Zealand at the gigantic Narendra Modi Stadium here on Sunday

night.

The teams have had contrasting runs to the final though. India has lost only one match in the tournament, New Zealand two.

The hosts suffered an early scare against South Africa and then won all their games in the Super Eight before putting up a mountain of runs against England in the semifinal that eventually went a bit close.

## Storm Brewing in LS: Budget session resumes on Monday

New Delhi (UNI) When Parliament reconvenes for the second phase of the Budget Session on Monday, March 9, the political atmosphere is expected to be charged with confrontation and constitutional drama.

Opposition parties have formally moved a rare no-confidence motion against Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, accusing him of abandoning the neutrality expected of the Chair and acting in a manner "calculated to undermine the rights of

members of the House." The motion, signed by at least 118 MPs across several parties, sets the stage for one of the most unusual procedural confrontations in the recent history of the Indian Parliament.

The resolution, submitted through Congress chief whip K Suresh and supported by members of the Indian National Congress, SP, DMK, RJD and other opposition formations, questions Birla's conduct during the first phase of the session.

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