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In Telangana, Mahatma Gandhi's timeless warning — "Nature has enough to provide for man's needs, but not for his greed" — rings louder than ever. As Hyderabad's relentless urban expansion swallows its few remaining green lungs, Mahatma Gandhi's warning — "Nature has enough to provide for man's needs, but not for his greed" — is more relevant than ever; especially in Telangana, where Hyderabad's relentless urban expansion and environmental neglect expose a stark hypocrisy. While the INC routinely pays homage to Gandhi's ideals through symbolic tributes, its actions under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy tell a different story. The Gandhian vision of a 'constructive programme,' emphasising sustainability and self-reliance, has been discarded in favour of unchecked development and vested interests, accelerating ecological degradation. The consequences are undeniable — Telangana faces extreme heatwaves, unpredictable rainfall, and a growing public health crisis, all fuelled by environmental mismanagement. Yet, instead of prioritising sustainable policies, the government continues to sideline ecological concerns for short-term political and economic gains. This growing disconnect between rhetoric and reality raises a pressing question: how much longer will the people and wildlife — of Telangana bear the cost of this manmade neglect? Despite these evident challenges, the government has ordered the felling of approximately 450 acres of forest land in the

Gachibowli area, in the Rangareddy district in Hyderabad, near the Hyderabad University. This operation, conducted from midday and extending under the cover of night, has triggered widespread public outcry, expressing huge concern over the displacement of vast wildlife including peacocks and potentially endangered species, and the destruction of a vital green belt within the city. Social media bleeds with images of ecological carnage, a testament to the callous disregard of the principles of mutual co-existence between nature, humans and wildlife. Mahatma Gandhi's words seem to lay in the dust — his principles betrayed. This isn't development; it's a calculated assault on the very lifeblood of our planet ignoring and failing the vision outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals agenda for 2030. Even by the wailing cries of the Indian National Bird, the peacocks in hundreds and thousands with other species — some endangered — having been abandoned from their natural habitat did not create a flutter in the hearts of the who's who to halt "Operation Kancha Gachibowli" and stop this manmade destruction; so much so that the Supreme Court had to intervene and directed the state government to immediately halt further deforestation. The court also ordered the Registrar (Judicial) of the Telangana High Court to visit the site and submit an interim report by 3.30 pm on April 3, 2025. The order comes after five days of the ravage caused by the state government at

Kancha Gachibowli forested area. "Until further orders, no activity of any sort, except the protection of trees already existing, shall be undertaken by the State," said a bench of Justices B R Gavai and A G Masih. This is not merely about the loss of trees; it's about the erosion of a complex ecosystem, a delicate web of life that sustains the city's ecological health. The images and videos circulating online of deer, peacocks, and other scheduled animal species, who are now forced to flee, is a poignant symbol of the cost of unchecked development. The razing of 400 acres of vital green space in Kancha Gachibowli — a sanctuary for countless species — for the sake of yet another allegedly IT park, is a blatant betrayal of any pretence of environmental stewardship. This isn't "development." It is an ecological vandalism dressed up in the shiny rhetoric of progress. The state's environmental policies — if they even exist beyond hollow pronouncements — are being shredded like the very trees they were meant to protect. It further raises several key questions — Where was the rigorous assessment of alternatives? Where was the consideration for the irreplaceable biodiversity sacrificed at the altar of profit? What measures are being taken to mitigate the environmental impact of deforestation and address the displacement of wildlife? Finally, how does the government reconcile its actions with the broader discourse on climate change and environmental responsibility? This is a calculated act of environmental destruction, a

direct assault on the very foundations of sustainability. Moreover, the auctioning off of this land is a declaration: profit trumps preservation. This verdant enclave, a vital green lung in the city's concrete sprawl, is now a battleground, where the survival of wildlife and the sanctity of ecological balance hang precariously in the balance. A comprehensive and transparent response from the Telangana government, including a thorough environmental impact assessment and a clear articulation of its development strategy, is necessary to address the public's concerns and ensure accountability. Furthermore, the incident highlights the need for a consistent and integrated approach to environmental policy, one that transcends symbolic gestures and translates into concrete action. India's international leadership in biodiversity protection and deforestation — is facing a critical juncture. The delicate balance between development and environmental preservation requires a sophisticated approach, one that foregrounds sustainable pathways and enforces responsibility for the irreversible harm done to vital ecosystems. The situation in Kancha Gachibowli holds global significance in the purview of conscious efforts to mitigate climate change, serving as a crucial measure of India's commitment to its environmental principles and its unwavering pursuit of sustainability, in alignment with the philosophy of "Vasudaiva Kutumbhakam" (The World Is Our Family).

# The new rules of global trade

Financial markets are rattled, old alliances are strained, and a new economic order is emerging from the turbulence. For India, it's both a warning and an opening. In the world of economics and global finance, leaders are expected to act like chess grandmasters — calculating moves, predicting ripple effects, and maintaining balance. However, U.S. President Donald Trump has never played by the conventional rulebook. Instead, he behaves more like a quark — an unpredictable, elementary particle that defies classical physics — shaking the very structure of global trade. His recent tariff decisions, especially the 90-day pause on reciprocal tariffs and the astonishing rise of Chinese levies to 125 per cent, have sent shockwaves through financial markets, policymaking corridors, and diplomatic tables across the globe. The question looming large: is Trump's tariff medicine a masterstroke or a global economic blunder? Trump's announcement of a 90-day pause with a lowered reciprocal tariff of 10 per cent might seem like a temporary balm, but beneath the surface lies a geopolitical earthquake. For China, the world's manufacturing powerhouse, the 125 per cent duty effectively turns its goods radioactive in the US market. While some may see this as economic retaliation, others view it as the opening salvo of a prolonged trade war — a war where missiles are replaced by levies and stock exchanges. Global markets didn't wait long to respond. From Wall Street to Shanghai, red arrows flashed on trading screens. The tariff tremors were felt in every major economy as investors scrambled to assess the long-term damage. The Dow dipped, the yuan trembled, and crude prices jolted. It wasn't just about Chinese toys or American soybeans anymore; it was



about trust, stability, and the very framework of globalisation. Trump's economic doctrine rests on one core belief — America First. His logic is straightforward: if other countries impose high tariffs on American goods, then America must mirror them with equal or greater force. Hence, the idea of a "reciprocal tariff" was born. India, for example, was slapped with a 26 per cent import duty, justified by Trump's claim that India imposes over 50 per cent in combined tariffs and non-tariff barriers on American products. But here's where the irony becomes poetic. While the US believes such actions are punitive, countries like India may benefit from this economic standoff. As American companies shift supply chains out of China to avoid the tariff trap, India emerges as a natural alternative. Its young workforce, improving infrastructure, and digital readiness position it as a promising destination for industries fleeing the dragon's grasp. Moreover, the trade war forces China to seek alternate markets for its products and technology, and India — with its 1.4 billion people — cannot be ignored. But India must tread carefully.

While it gains bargaining power in bilateral trade negotiations, it must protect its domestic industries from being flooded by surplus Chinese goods at slashed prices. Trump's tariff gambit also rattles the World Trade Organisation, whose authority has already been waning. His actions, unilateral and swift, undermine the consensus-based global trading order. The WTO, conceived to prevent such economic warfare, now risks being reduced to a ceremonial relic. With Trump rewriting the rules, institutions built post-World War II, from Bretton Woods to Geneva — appear helpless. History, however, is not on Trump's side. In 1930, the US Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act tried similar protectionist measures, raising import duties on over 20,000 goods. The result? A deeper, longer Great Depression. Again, in the 1970s, Nixon's 10 per cent import tax combined with the oil crisis led to stagflation — a toxic cocktail of inflation and unemployment. The lesson is clear: tariffs may protect in the short term but often punish in the long run. Trump may believe he's reviving Rust Belt factories and reclaiming lost manufacturing glory, but the economic universe doesn't work in isolation anymore. In a hyper-connected world, supply chains snake across borders, and a tariff on one nation boomerangs through ten others. The iPhone in your hand, assembled in China and designed in California, uses rare-earth elements from Africa and chips from Taiwan. You cannot tariff your way into prosperity without igniting unintended consequences.

Still, Trump remains undeterred. On 2 April, standing in the White House Rose Garden, he proclaimed "Liberation Day", unveiling his 185-country reciprocal tariff list, ranging from 10 per cent for Afghanistan to 50 per cent for Lesotho. He branded 15 nations as the "Dirty Fifteen", allegedly commercial threats to America. India, ominously, ranks 11th on this list. But here lies the paradox. Trump's erratic style may yet yield an unexpected dividend for India. As China and the US lock horns, India gains manoeuvring space. New export opportunities arise, investment redirections follow, and global attention shifts. But only if India plays its cards with finesse — balancing its ties with both economic giants, while strengthening internal capacity. The Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) warns that arbitrary tariff hikes — whether incoming or outgoing — can corrode economic health. After all, trade is not war. It is negotiation. It is mutual gain. It is diplomacy in spreadsheets. Trump's tariff storm is not just an economic event, it is a political statement. It says America will no longer be the generous superpower underwriting the global economy. It will be transactional, like its president — a businessman who sees countries not as allies but as clients. Whether this quark-like behaviour will collapse the atom or reshape it is still unfolding. But one thing is sure: the world cannot afford to ignore Trump's tariffs. For India, the chaos brings opportunity. For China, it signals the need for recalibration. For the world, it is a reminder that the global economic order is far more fragile than we think. And as Trump tweets his next move, stock markets hold their breath.

# Amidst visa crackdown, Australia bans Indian students from five states!

After the tense situation that is coming up in the United States due to the strict implementations that are being enforced by the Trump administration, Indian students are looking at Australia as another alternative. However, the Australian administration is also going particularly hard on this aspect as they have reportedly placed a ban on Indian students from five states. This is a part of the larger congregation that is being done by the Australian government with regard to its

visa crackdown. Several Australian universities have recently imposed strict restrictions on student applications from five Indian states Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Gujarat as well as Jammu & Kashmir. These measures come amid growing concerns over fraudulent visa applications and the misuse of student visas as a means of backdoor entry into the Australian workforce. Universities such as Federation University, Western Sydney University,

Victoria University, and Southern Cross University have either paused or significantly tightened scrutiny on applications from these regions. According to the Department of Home Affairs, the visa rejection rate for Indian applicants has risen to 24.3%, the highest since 2012. Cases where students switch to cheaper vocational courses or drop out entirely to work full-time have also drawn government attention. While the Australian government maintains that it does not

endorse region-based bans, it allows universities to determine their own admission policies. In response, the Association of Australian Education Representatives in India (AAERI) has called these bans discriminatory and urged for more balanced evaluation processes. It appears that Indian students globally are now facing tough situations in several countries, including United States, Australia, and the United Kingdom.

## Alien Act In USA: Trump Going All Out?



The President of United States, Donald Trump is going all out with regard to his strict immigration policies as he is looking to keep immigrants at bay. He is leaving no stone unturned to make sure that his country is free from the immigration migration that has been troubling them for the last few years. In this context, the Trump administration has

introduced a new policy where everyone entering United States must enrol with the Federal authorities, if they are going to stay in the country for more than 30 days. The United States government has introduced a new regulation requiring all foreign nationals who remain in the country for more than 30 days to register with federal authorities. This policy is being enforced under the provisions of the Alien Registration Act of 1940, following a recent executive order signed by President Donald Trump, titled "Protecting the American People Against Invasion." The directive applies to a wide range of foreign residents, including those on temporary visas, student visas, work permits, and even legal permanent residents. According to the order, individuals must complete their registration through a designated online system by submitting personal information such as their full name, address, visa status, and in certain cases, biometric data like fingerprints. The administration claims the move is aimed at strengthening national security and monitoring foreign presence in the country more effectively. Non-compliance with the registration requirement carries serious consequences. Individuals who fail to register within the stipulated time frame may face penalties, including fines of up to \$5,000, imprisonment for up to six months, and even the possibility of deportation. The directive has raised concerns among immigrant communities and legal experts, who see it as a potentially discriminatory measure that may lead to legal and humanitarian challenges.

## Vijayashanti And Husband Face Serious Threats!

Like a peaceful day suddenly interrupted by a storm, Vijayashanti and her husband's lives have been thrown into turmoil by a troubling threat. The senior actress, who is set to play a strong IPS officer in Arjun Son of Vyjayanthi, starring Kalyan Ram, was expecting



a smooth lead-up to the film's April 18th release. Instead, she and her husband have found themselves in a heated conflict with Chandrasekhar Reddy, who previously handled her social media accounts. After the couple confronted him about financial discrepancies, Reddy allegedly sent threatening messages, warning them with violent threats. Now, with a police complaint filed and the investigation underway, the couple hopes for a resolution. The situation has become serious, but it's in the hands of the authorities to take the next steps. This storm will eventually pass, and with the investigation moving forward, it's likely Vijayashanti and her husband will come through stronger, ready for the success of her much-anticipated film and the calm after this unsettling chapter.

## US Company Fires 200 Employees Over Telugu Groups Donation Scam

A major US company Fannie Mae, has recently fired around 700 employees with about 200 of them let go due to alleged involvement in a donation scam. Many of these employees are said to be from the Telugu community. The

issue is tied to misuse of the company's "matching grants program," which is meant to support verified charitable donations. According to reports, some employees worked closely with nonprofit groups like the Telugu Association of North America (TANA). They reportedly misused the donation system to redirect funds for personal benefit. One of the employees involved held a key position in TANA while another was related to a former



leader of the American Telugu Association (ATA). This incident mirrors an earlier scandal at Apple in January 2025. In that case, over 100 staff members were fired for abusing Apple's "Matching Gifts Programme." Reports claimed they created fake donation records and took the matched funds for them selves. Investigations into these scams have grown wider. TANA is now under the scanner, with the FBI, IRS, and the

US Department of Justice all involved. In December 2024, a court in California ordered TANA to submit donation records from 2019 to 2024. These records include details of funds received, spent, and the roles of individuals involved in the organisation during that period. Additionally, the Santa Clara County

District Attorney's Office charged six former Apple employees with misusing the company's charity program, causing financial damage of over \$150,000. They also falsely claimed \$100,000 in tax deductions through overreported donations. These developments have sparked concerns over how corporate charitable programs are being exploited. It also highlights the need for stronger monitoring of non-profit partnerships.

## DCM Kalyan's Wife Anna Tonsures Hair In Tirumala



It is known that the Konidela Household recently suffered a brutal care as the youngest son of Pawan Kalyan, Mark Shankar got injured in a fire accident that happened in Singapore. Fortunately, he did not suffer major injuries and is recovering well now. In this context, Anna Konidela, the wife of Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister MPawan Kalyan, visited Tirumala on Sunday evening to fulfill a vow made to Lord Venkateswara after couple's son, Mark Shankar, narrowly escaped a recent fire acci-

dent in Singapore. Believing his survival to be a divine blessing, Anna made a vow to the deity, it seems. After arriving in Tirumala, she followed TTD protocols by signing the declaration forms at Gayatri Sadan in the presence of officials. She then visited Sri Varaha Swamy temple and received theertha prasadam. Later, she offered hair at the Padmavati Kalyana Katta along with other devotees. On Monday early

morning, she will participate in the Suprabhata Seva and have darshan of Lord Venkateswara. She is also expected to offer a donation for the TTD's Nitya Annadanam scheme and partake in prasadam at the Tarigonda Vengamamba Annaprasada Center. The fact that the deputy chief minister's wife tonsured her hair as an offering and also signed the declaration form as a token of gratitude to the almighty shows the kind of prayers that went in for the young Mark Shankar.

