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Mandaviya invites tips from trade unions on ELI



New Delhi: The Union Labour Minister on Wednesday invited suggestions from the central trade unions on the formulation of the proposed Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) scheme, which was announced in recent Union Budget. Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the scheme has been designed to encourage businesses to generate more employment. OUR BUREAU

GAIL to import LNG from 2026, adds one more ship

New Delhi: State-owned gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd will start importing LNG under two new contracts from 2026 and has added one more ship to transport the fuel, its Chairman Sandeep Kumar Gupta said on Wednesday. The company had in January this year signed back-to-back deals to import liquefied natural gas (LNG). IN

AP Cabinet ends reverse tendering system

Our Bureau Hyderabad

Andhra Pradesh Cabinet on Wednesday took some key decisions. This included the scrapping of the Reverse Tendering System and Special Enforcement Bureau, setting up of Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation and revamping of the Excise Department.

Excise Revamp: The State government will now adopt the old and standard process of tenders which was in vogue during 2014-19, Koush Parda Saradhi, Minister for Information and Public Relations told newsmen, while briefing the decisions of the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu in Amaravati on Wednesday. The Cabinet decided to re-

'Gas demand to grow by 5 bcm in 2024 driven by industry, transport'

Rishi Ranjan Kala New Delhi

The demand for natural gas in India is expected to grow by more than 7 per cent year-over-year (y-o-y) in the current calendar year on the back of rising consumption from the sectors of Industry and transport, the International Gas Union (IGU) said. IGU, in the 2024 edition of the global gas report, said India will continue to be the second largest growth market for natural gas after China, albeit at a slightly slower pace.

Gas consumption by the world's fourth largest liquefied natural gas importer is expected to grow 7.1 per cent y-o-y, or around 5 billion cubic meters (bcm), in 2024.

GROWTH IN VEHICLES

The world's fastest emerging economy's consumption rose by 12.7 per cent y-o-y, or around 7 bcm, in 2023. "In India, industrial and transport demand will largely continue to drive growth in gas demand, balancing a slower pace of residential and commercial natural gas demand growth," it added. Industry and trade

BJP's 12-hour strike in West Bengal partially affects life in some parts

SPORADIC VIOLENCE. Protesters block train tracks, halt buses and clash with the police in several places

Our Bureau Kolkata

The 12-hour strike called by the Opposition BJP in West Bengal followed a similar response as party workers and protesters blocked train tracks, halted buses on national highways and clashed with the police at several places across the State on Wednesday. The BJP called for the general strike in the State to protest against the "brutal repression" by the police on those who took part in the march to demand the State's resit on Tuesday, called by Paschim Banga Chhatra Samaj.

The police resorted to lathi-charge and used water cannons and tear gas to disperse protesters who tried to march towards Nabanna, the State Secretariat, demanding justice for the IGR Kar hospital rape and murder case. During the strike, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee,



COME TO A HALT. BJP workers and supporters block railway tracks at Shantipur station in Nadia district, West Bengal during the party's 12-hour general strike in Bengal to protest the police action against participants of Tuesday's 'Nabanna Abhijan' rally

Amid rising tensions over the rape and murder of a 31-year-old woman doctor, BJP workers clashed with the police at several places across Bengal as they tried to enforce the 12-hour shutdown, which partially affected daily life in the State with many people choosing to remain indoors apprehending

trouble on the roads. A lesser number of buses, taxis and private vehicles were seen plying on the roads compared with normal weekdays. BJP workers and protesters blocked train tracks and halted buses on national highways at different places. During the day, police detained several BJP leaders,

for blocking roads and train tracks. Markets and shops mostly remained open. Also, banking services were unaffected during the strike. 'WILL BRING BILL SOON' Addressing a rally, the Chief Minister said the State government will bring in a Bill soon at the State Assembly to

ensure capital punishment for those convicted of rape. "I will tell the Speaker to call an Assembly session next week. We will bring in a Bill that will ensure capital punishment for rape," Banerjee said. The Chief Minister said she issued a strong warning, "Remember if Bengal is burned, then Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Delhi will also be burned."

Banerjee's warning, however, received backlash from BJP leaders. Union Minister and West Bengal BJP President Sukanta Majumdar wrote to Home Minister Amit Shah against Banerjee for "advocating violence" in the State. Majumdar urged the Union Home Minister to take cognizance of the matter and initiate "appropriate actions."

Karnataka's Semicon Accelerator Lab 'has incubated 43 start-ups'

Sanjana B Bengaluru

The Semiconductor Fabless Accelerator Lab (FAL), a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for fabless semiconductors, which is an initiative towards developing the fabless semiconductor and electronic systems ecosystem in India, has benefited over 90 companies and incubated 43 companies in the last five years, said Karnataka Future-ready by concentrating on two things necessary for semiconductors - skilling and incubation for innovation," he said, pointing out that India is the second largest consumer of semiconductors globally.

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'Maharashtra, MP and Rajasthan are most polluted States in India'

Richa Mishra Hyderabad

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Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan — where 23.2 per cent of the global population lives — are among the most polluted countries in the world.

"In each of these four countries, the impact of particulate pollution on life expectancy is substantially higher than that of other large health threats. Tobacco use, for instance, reduces life expectancy in these countries by as much as 2 years; unsafe water and sanitation by as much as 1 year; and alcohol use by half a year. The average resident of Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan is exposed to particulate pollution levels that are 2.3 per cent higher than at the turn of the century."

Had pollution levels in 2000 remained constant, the residents in these countries would be on track to lose 2.8 years of life expectancy — not the 3.5 years that they

stand to lose in 2022, the report has revealed.

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reduction in particulate pollution levels by 2026 in 131 non-attainment cities.

"If India were to meet this target, the residents in the non-attainment cities would see their life expectancy increase by 2 years compared with 2017. India's national average life expectancy would also increase by an additional 10 months as a result," it said.

The AQL is a pollution index that translates particulate air pollution into its impact on life expectancy. Developed by the University of Cambridge's Milton Friedman Distinguished Service Professor in Economics Michael Greenstone and his team at the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago, the AQL is rooted in recent research that quantifies the causal relationship between long-term human exposure to air pollution and life expectancy.

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