

Advertisement

LIVE

20:00



Iran allows Pakistani oil tanker passage through Strait of Hormuz

19:33



4 arrested in Varanasi for Iftar on boat in Ganga

19:09



Rupee falls 12 paise to settle at record low of 92.40 against US dollar

19:08



Who will be India's next Chief of Defence Staff?

18:51



[See More >](#)

Sri Lanka announces 4-day working week as contingency measure

Mon, 16 March 2026

20:23



Sri Lanka on Monday announced a four-day working week with every Wednesday a public holiday as a contingency measure for possible fuel shortages in view of the war in West Asia.

Currently, the island nation follows a five-day work week.

"It was decided to declare every Wednesday a public holiday with effect from March 18," commissioner general of essential services Prabath Chandrakeerthi said.

Clarifying that this would not apply to health, ports, water supplies and customs, he said, "It would be applicable to schools, universities and the judiciary."

The government expects the private sector to apply the same measure, the commissioner said.

The decision was taken at a special meeting convened by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake with the participation of the full state machinery "to discuss strategies for ensuring the continuity of public services amidst the energy disruption by the Middle East conflict".

Last week, Sri Lanka raised fuel retail prices in a bid to stop hoarding. From Sunday, a fuel rationing system was launched to minimise usage and hoarding, while the government appealed to the sparing use of fuel.

However, long queues formed near fuel stations since Sunday with the announcement of the new rationing system.

According to the government, talks are ongoing with both India and Russia to ensure a continuous supply of fuel. -- PTI

TOP STORIES



LIVE! Who will be India's next Chief of Defence Staff?



Mamata vs Suwendu returns, this time in Bhabanipur
The political rivalry in Nandigram that defined West Bengal's 2021 assembly...



Taking all steps to address LPG crisis: Centre to HC
The Central government has assured the Bombay High Court that it is taking...



Gulf War: Missile Threat Forces Sailors to Flee
'After we were alerted about the war, none of us could sleep for the next two...



When Pakistan Bombed Kabul Hospital
Pakistani airstrikes targeted Kabul, Afghanistan on March 16-17, 2026, with...

