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Total pilgrims: 74,636
Koranes: 43,084
Khandi Koranes: 4,654 CR
Laddu sales: 4.21 Lac
Annaprasadams: 3.18 Lac
Medical treatment: 4,253
Waiting Compartments: Out side line at Octopus Building (Near Gopuram Dam Circle)

Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadarshanam
(with out SSD Tokens): 24 H

PM Modi embarks
on six-day France
and Slovakia visit;
G7 and innovation
ties in focus



NEW DELHI (TSIT)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday departed for a six-day visit to France and Slovakia, a diplomatic tour that will combine high-level bilateral engagements, technology and innovation partnerships, outreach to the Indian diaspora, and participation in the G7 Summit, as India seeks to deepen its strategic engagement with Europe and amplify the voice of the Global South on the world stage. The visit, scheduled from June 13 to 18, begins in the French city of Nice, where Modi will hold talks with French President Emmanuel Macron and jointly inaugurate the flagship "Bharat Innovates" event, a major platform bringing together innovators, start-ups, investors and academic institutions from India and across the world. Ahead of his departure, Modi said the tour would focus on strengthening economic and cultural linkages while advancing India's partnerships with key European nations.

CM Revanth puts officials on high alert amid heavy rains

HYDERABAD (TSIT)

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Saturday directed officials to remain on high alert in view of heavy rains and take immediate measures to prevent inconvenience to residents in the Hyderabad Core Urban Region (CURE).

The Chief Minister instructed senior officials, including the Chief Secretary, Director General of Police and the CURE Special Chief Secretary, to conduct reviews on a war footing and ensure prompt response to rain-related issues.

He directed departments such as Police, Traffic Police, Municipal Administration, HYDRAA, Electricity and Water Board to work in close coordina-



tion and respond swiftly to any emergencies.

Revanth Reddy also advised officials to pre-empt teams at identified water-logging points and other vulnerable locations based on weather forecasts, ensuring quick action to minimize disruptions and safeguard public safety, according to an official statement.

Jaishankar raises Indian mariners' killing with Rubio; calls US strike on commercial shipping unjustified

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday raised with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio the killing of three Indian mariners in a US military strike on a merchant vessel in the Gulf of Oman. Jaishankar, currently on a visit to Europe, spoke to the US Secretary of State on phone.

Following the conversation, the external affairs minister described the "lethal" actions by the US military against commercial shipping as unjustified. "Spoke to US Secretary of State Marco Rubio this evening. I reiterated India's strong protest at the attacks by the US Navy in the Gulf that killed three Indian mariners," Jaishankar said on social media.

"Such lethal actions against commercial shipping are not justified," he



said. India on Friday summoned US Charge d'Affaires Jason Meeks and told him that the American military's lethal strikes on commercial vessels with Indian crew members off the coast of Oman are unacceptable.

The senior diplomat was summoned on Wednesday night as well. A Palau-flagged oil tank-



er, Marivex, carrying 24 Indian seafarers, was disabled by US forces on June 8. All crew members were safely rescued.

On June 10, the US struck another Palau-flagged tanker, Settebello, killing three out of the 24 Indian sailors on board.

Another vessel, Jalveer, a Guinea-Bissau-flagged tanker with 20 Indians, was attacked on

Thursday.

Following the attack on Jalveer, India said three merchant ships with Indian crew members came under attack from American military off the coast of Oman this week resulting in the death of three nationals.

It was New Delhi's first public acknowledgement that US Navy targeted the three ships with Indian crew members.

After Meeks was summoned on Friday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said a "strong protest" was lodged with him regarding the continuing attacks by US naval forces on commercial vessels carrying Indian mariners in the Gulf of Oman. The ministry said it once again "conveyed its deep concern over the use of lethal and deadly force against civilian shipping".

Police search Abhishek's Kolkata residence for over 4 hours

KOLKATA (TSIT):

In a dramatic pre-dawn operation that triggered a fresh political storm in West Bengal, police personnel, accompanied by central forces, conducted



a raid at TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee's residence here on Saturday in connection with an alleged financial fraud, officials said. The operation, led by a team from Paschim Medinipur's Salboni Police station and assisted by Kolkata Police personnel, began shortly after 3 am and continued for more than four hours, triggering sharp reactions from the TMC.

Congress launches nationwide campaign on exam leaks, unemployment; Rahul Gandhi to lead student conventions

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

The Congress on Saturday announced the first phase of a nationwide campaign against paper leaks, examination irregularities and unemployment, with Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi set to lead a series of student conventions across the country aimed at mobilising youth on issues affecting education and recruitment. In a statement, Congress General Secretary (Organisation) K C Venugopal said the campaign was being launched under the guidance of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and the leadership of Rahul Gandhi, whom he described as a consistent advocate for students and young people facing growing uncertainty over their futures.



As part of the initiative, Gandhi will address large student conventions in Kota on June 17, Allahabad on July 10, Patna on July 11 and Delhi on July 14. The events are expected to bring together students, competitive examination aspirants, youth organisations, educators and others affected by examination-related controversies. Announcing

the campaign, Venugopal said the Congress would highlight the difficulties faced by millions of young Indians due to repeated paper leaks, increasing examination expenses and what the party termed the government's failure to ensure a fair and transparent education and recruitment system. "Under the guidance of the Hon'ble

Delhi: Palam 360-led delegation meets CM Rekha Gupta

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

A delegation representing villages across Delhi today met Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and discussed a range of issues affecting the capital's rural belt, including demolition drives, sealing actions, circle rates, the master plan and development works.

The delegation was led by Palam 360 chief Chaudhary Surrender Solanki and included prominent rural leaders from different parts of Delhi.

Speaking after the meeting, Solanki said the delegation apprised the Chief Minister of concerns arising from recent demolition and sealing actions in some areas, stressing that the entire village community should not suffer because of the actions of a few individuals.

Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth appointed new Army chief, to take charge on June 30

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth has been appointed as the next Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), the government said in a statement on Saturday. Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth, presently serving as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff, will assume charge as the next Army chief on June 30, 2026.

The present Chief of the Army Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi, will retire from service on the same day. Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth, an alumnus of National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla, was commissioned into the Armoured Corps in December 1986.

In a career spanning over four decades, he has had a distinguished military career with extensive experience across operational, strategic, capability



development and institutional domains, contributing significantly to the Indian Army's combat effectiveness and long-term transformation.

He has commanded in diverse operational environments ranging from an Armoured Regiment in the Desert Sector, an Armoured Brigade in the Western Theatre, and a Counter-Insurgency Force in Jammu & Kashmir.

5 IAF personnel killed as AN-32 crashes while landing at Assam's Jorhat airbase



NEW DELHI (TSIT)

Five Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel were killed after an AN-32 transport aircraft crashed while landing at the Air Force Station in Assam's Jorhat district on Saturday. The co-pilot of the ill-fated aircraft survived and is undergoing treatment, IAF officials said.

They have been identified as Sqn Ldr Prashant Singh, Flt Lt Shubham Kumar, Sgt

Jitendra Sharma, Agniveervayu Khemaram Kumawat and Agniveervayu Danish Alam. The IAF has ordered a court of inquiry to ascertain the cause of the accident.

The aircraft had taken off from the IAF base at Jorhat with six people, including the pilots, on board. According to sources, the pilot reported a technical malfunction immediately after take-off and decided to return to the air-

base. However, while attempting to land, the aircraft skidded off the runway and crashed, sources said. A fire broke out after the crash-landing, resulting in the deaths of five personnel.

"An IAF AN-32 aircraft met with an accident today while landing at Jorhat. A court of inquiry is being constituted to ascertain the cause of the accident," the IAF had said earlier in a post on X. The incident occurred at the IAF's Rowrah airbase in Jorhat district. Senior IAF officials rushed to the spot soon after the accident.

The Antonov AN-32 is a twin-engine turboprop transport aircraft of Soviet origin and forms a key part of the IAF's transport fleet. It is widely used for tactical airlift, troop movement, cargo delivery and logistics support, particularly in remote and high-altitude areas. Further details are awaited.

Rajnath Singh reviews Combined Graduation Parade at Air Force Academy, Dundigal; 231 cadets commissioned

DUNDIGAL (TSIT):

A total of 231 Flight Cadets (194 men and 37 women), including the first batch of women cadets from the National Defence Academy (NDA), were commissioned as officers in the Indian Air Force (IAF) following their graduation from the Air Force Academy (AFA) her on Saturday.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reviewed the Combined Graduation Parade of the 217th Course and awarded the Commission to the graduating cadets, marking the successful completion of their pre-commissioning training for the Flying and Ground Duty branches of the IAF.

On the occasion, nine officers from the Indian Navy, three officers from



the Indian Coast Guard, and two officers from Vietnam were awarded their wings. In addition, three officers received Brevets upon the successful completion of their navigation training.

Congratulating the graduating cadets, Rajnath Singh said they

were joining a service that has consistently served as both a shield and a sword for the nation. "The Indian Air Force altered the course of the 1947-48 war in Kashmir through the Srinagar airlift and scripted history in just 13 days with decisive air

strikes during the 1971 war. Its indomitable spirit and unmatched valour were once again demonstrated during Operation Sindoor in 2025, when terror hideouts were destroyed with clarity and precision. The operation was successfully executed not only because of

our indigenous platforms but also due to the IAF's trained, courageous and disciplined officers. I am confident that the force will continue to play a pivotal role in future operations as well," he said. The Defence Minister called upon the newly commissioned officers to remain vigilant in the face of evolving security challenges and to recalibrate their responses as situations demand.

"Warfare traditionally involves two vectors: the soldier and their equipment. However, in modern warfare, neither the adversary is often visible nor the weapon being used. Systems such as radars, satellites, drones, sensors, and robotics make it impossible to detect the combatant or their machinery.

DGP C.V. Anand to Receive National Award for Telangana Police's Excellence in Passport Verification

Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand will receive the prestigious Institutional Performance Award for State Police from the Ministry of External Affairs on behalf of Telangana Police for its outstanding performance in passport verification services during the financial year 2025-26.

award highlights the department's commitment to delivering citizen-friendly services through technology-driven policing and streamlined verification procedures. Selection was formally communicated by B. S. Mubarak through an official letter addressed to DGP C.V. Anand. The award will be presented during the Passport Seva Divas and Passport Officers' Conference 2026 to be held on June 18 and 19 at Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan. On June 19, Union External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will present the award to DGP C.V.



Anand at a special ceremony organized as part of the Passport Seva Divas celebrations.

The Ministry of External Affairs has also invited the DGP to participate in the High-Level Segment of the conference, recognizing Telangana Police's significant contribution to

improving passport verification services across the state. Expressing satisfaction over the achievement, DGP C.V. Anand said the award reflects the dedication, professionalism, and service-minded approach of Telangana Police personnel. He noted that police verification plays a vital role in the passport issuance process and emphasized that the recognition was made possible through the department's technology-enabled systems, transparent procedures, and commitment to providing prompt services to citizens. Senior police officials

said the award has brought national recognition to Telangana Police and further enhanced its reputation as a progressive and people-centric police force. They added that the honour would motivate the department to continue strengthening public service delivery and adopt innovative practices to ensure faster and more transparent citizen services. The prestigious award marks yet another milestone under the leadership of DGP C.V. Anand and reflects Telangana Police's continued pursuit of excellence in governance, technology-enabled policing, and public service.

CM Revanth to launch Telangana Rs.14,000-crore ham roads programme on June 17

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will launch Telangana's ambitious Rs.14,000-crore Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) Roads Programme in Nalgonda district on June 17, marking one of the biggest infrastructure initiatives in the State. The Chief Minister will lay the foundation stone for the first HAM roads package at Dharveshipuram village in Kanagal mandal. A massive public meeting is being organised on the occasion, with an expected turnout of nearly one lakh people. State Roads & Buildings Minister Komatireddy



Venkat Reddy said the project has been divided into 34 packages covering around 6,300 km of roads across Telangana. These roads will be upgraded into double-lane corridors to improve connectivity, reduce travel time, and boost economic activity. He added that the Panchayat Raj Department

will also take up an additional Rs.7,000-crore road development programme to strengthen rural connectivity. The government aims to complete HAM road works within two years. The Minister further stated that foundation stones will also be laid for the SLBC Tunnel Project, AMRP canal lining works worth Rs.450 crore, and drinking water projects for Nalgonda Municipal Corporation during the Chief Minister's visit.

WARM WELCOME TO DEPUTY CM BHATTI VIKRAMARKA

Karimnagar, June 13, TSIT: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, who reached Karimnagar on the way while visiting Manchiryal district, State Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnampalabharathi made a brief stop at the R&B Guest House. On this occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Minister Ponnampalabharathi were warmly welcomed by District Collector Chitra Mishra, Police Commissioner Goush Alam and other high officials. Later, they reviewed the latest conditions in the district, the ongoing development works and the implementation of public welfare programmes. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka suggested that the officials should work in co-ordination to take the district forward in the path of development in all fields.



Development Works Should Not Be Obstructed

Khammam, June 13: Public development works should not be hindered for political reasons, Khammam Local Bodies MLC Tata Madhusudhan said while inspecting the ongoing construction of a low-level bridge across the Pagideru stream at Tummalapalli village in Konijerla mandal on Saturday. Accompanied by local leaders and farmers, the MLC reviewed the progress of the bridge project and interacted with residents to understand the difficulties caused by the delay in its completion. Villagers and farmers informed him that the bridge, sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs 75 lakh, had remained stalled despite receiving adminis-



trative approvals. Expressing concern over the delay, Tata Madhusudhan said development projects aimed at improving public infrastructure should be completed without unnecessary obstacles. He assured the villagers that he would take up the

issue with the concerned officials and extend all possible support to ensure the bridge work is completed at the earliest. The MLC also urged the government to ensure timely supply of fertilisers and seeds to farmers during the ongoing agricultural season.

Congress Will Form Government at Centre, Rahul Gandhi Will Be Prime Minister: Veerlapalli Shankar

RANGAREDDY : Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar expressed confidence that the Congress party would return to power at the Centre in the next general elections and that Rahul Gandhi would become the Prime Minister. Addressing a voter awareness seminar on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls organised by the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) in Shadnagar, the MLA criticized the BJP-led Central government, alleging that democratic values were being weakened and accusing the party of engaging in divisive politics. Referring to recent developments involving Telangana Congress affairs in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, Veerlapalli Shankar said the legal devel-



opments surrounding her case had become a topic of discussion in political and legal circles. He alleged that attempts were being made to tarnish the image of national leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. Stating that people were closely watching the country's political situation, the MLA said Congress was well-positioned to form the

next government at the Centre under Rahul Gandhi's leadership. Among those present were TPCC spokesperson Yogeshwar Reddy, Rangareddy DCC President Challa Narsimha Reddy, State Legal Cell President Jyotsna Choudary, Shadnagar Municipal Chairman Agganoor Baswa, and other Congress leaders and party workers.

Making Rahul Prime Minister is Every Congress Worker's Responsibility Komatireddy Venkat Reddy



Hyderabad TSIT: State Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Saturday called upon Congress workers to act as vigilant warriors in safeguarding the voting rights of citizens and ensuring that no eligible voter's name is removed from the electoral rolls. Addressing a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) awareness programme for Congress Booth Level Agents (BLAs) at MNR Gardens in Nalgonda, the Minister said protecting the right to vote is the foremost responsibility of every Congress worker. He urged party cadres to work with dedication and commitment towards strengthening the Congress and realizing the goal of seeing Rahul Gandhi become the Prime Minister of India. Komatireddy said Telangana is witnessing rapid development under the leadership of A. Revanth Reddy and stressed that Congress workers must remain active at the grassroots level to protect democratic values. He noted that Rahul Gandhi has been consistently fighting across the country to safeguard the voting rights of citizens and said Congress workers should carry forward that mission by remaining alert at the booth level. Highlighting the importance of electoral rolls, he warned that even minor errors or omissions could significantly influence election outcomes. "Every vote is precious in a democracy. A small mistake in the voters' list can alter the final result. Therefore, the voter list revision process must be

taken with utmost seriousness," the Minister said. Komatireddy instructed BLAs to actively participate in the door-to-door voter enumeration programme scheduled from June 25 to July 24 and thoroughly scrutinize the draft electoral rolls to be published on July 31. He advised party workers to identify discrepancies immediately and file objections without delay. Emphasizing the importance of booth-level vigilance, he remarked that election defeats often begin with negligence at the grassroots level rather than on polling day itself. He urged every BLA to maintain complete knowledge of voters and electoral rolls within their respective booths. Launching a sharp attack on the BJP, Komatireddy alleged that the party was "not only stealing votes but also stealing seats." He strongly condemned the rejection of the Rajya Sabha nomination of Congress candidate and Telangana Congress in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, describing it as a serious violation of democratic principles. He praised Meenakshi Natarajan as a committed leader who dedicated her life to public service and stood firmly with the poor. Rejecting her nomination while fielding a third candidate despite limited political strength, he said, amounted to an assault on democratic traditions. Minister also expressed concern over alleged large-scale deletions of voter names during the SIR process in several states and urged Congress workers to remain vigilant to ensure that every eligible voter's

India-Vietnam Business Collaboration Gets a Boost with Explore2Expand Vietnam Initiative

Hyderabad TSIT: In a major initiative aimed at strengthening economic, innovation and academic ties between India and Vietnam, Invest Vietnam and the International Council for Innovators and Entrepreneurs (ICIE) have jointly launched Explore2Expand Vietnam, a platform designed to connect Indian businesses, startups, investors, innovators and academic institutions with emerging opportunities in Vietnam. The announcement was made during a strategic meeting held at the Invest Vietnam Office in Hanoi by Nguyen Dinh Nam, Chairman and CEO of Invest Vietnam, and Sundeep Kumar Makthala, Founding Convener of ICIE and Lead Promoter of Explore2Expand (E2E). As part of the initiative, an Indian delegation has been invited to participate in Explore2Expand Vietnam 2026, scheduled to

be held from June 24 to 27 in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. The programme is intended to provide participants with first-hand exposure to Vietnam's rapidly expanding business, manufacturing, innovation, academic and investment ecosystems. Speaking on the occasion, Nguyen Dinh Nam said Vietnam offers immense opportunities for Indian businesses, exporters, startups and investors. He noted that the delegation would serve as an effective platform for business matchmaking, knowledge exchange and long-term partnerships between organizations from both countries. Sundeep Kumar Makthala highlighted Vietnam's emergence as one of Asia's most attractive destinations for manufacturing, exports, innovation and foreign investment. He said the initiative would enable Indian



organizations to engage directly with key stakeholders, explore new markets and establish meaningful collaborations across Southeast Asia. At the same time, it would create opportunities for Vietnamese organizations to expand their engagement with India. During the four-day mission, the delegation will interact with representatives from Invest Vietnam, the Embassy of India in Vietnam, Indian business

chambers, the Vietnam National Innovation Center (NIC), startup and innovation communities, ICTComm Vietnam, universities, research institutions and leading industry players. The engagements are expected to provide valuable market insights, networking opportunities and pathways for trade, investment, innovation, academic collaboration and international expansion. Programme is open to business leaders, entre-

preneurs, startups, innovators, manufacturers, exporters, traders, students, faculty members and research scholars seeking global exposure and partnerships. Organizers said Vietnam's strategic location in ASEAN, robust manufacturing ecosystem, investor-friendly policies and growing technology sector make it an ideal destination for international expansion. Registrations for Explore2Expand Vietnam are currently open, with organizers expecting strong participation from across India. In a significant step towards enhancing economic, innovation, trade and academic cooperation between India and Vietnam, Invest Vietnam and the International Council for Innovators and Entrepreneurs (ICIE) have jointly launched Explore2Expand Vietnam, a dedicated platform aimed at connecting Indian businesses, startups, investors, innovators and educational institutions with emerging opportunities in Vietnam. The initiative was announced during a strategic meeting at the Invest Vietnam Office in Hanoi between Nguyen Dinh Nam, Chairman and CEO of Invest Vietnam, and Sundeep Kumar Makthala, Founding Convener of ICIE and Lead Promoter of Explore2Expand (E2E). As part of the programme, an Indian delegation has been invited to participate in Explore2Expand Vietnam 2026, which will take place from June 24 to 27 across Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. The four-day engagement is designed to offer participants direct exposure to Vietnam's fast-growing business, manufacturing, innovation, academic and investment landscape.

Jhansi Rajender Reddy Meets Medchal-Malkajgiri CP B.Sumathi Invites Her to Women Empowerment India Programme

Hyderabad, TSIT: TPCC Vice President and VET Founder Jhansi Rajender Reddy met Malkajgiri Police Commissioner B.Sumathi in Hyderabad on Saturday and invited her to participate in the upcoming Women Empowerment India programme scheduled to be launched later this month. During the meeting, Jhansi Rajender Reddy handed over the official invitation to the Commissioner and explained the objectives of the initiative, which focuses on promoting women's empowerment, safety, education, self-employment, leadership development and social awareness. She said the programme aims to create a strong platform for empowering women by providing them with awareness, encouragement and opportuni-



ties to excel in various fields. The initiative, she added, seeks to strengthen women's participation in social, economic and leadership roles while fostering confidence and self-reliance. Jhansi Rajender Reddy requested Commissioner Sumathi to attend the inaugural event and extend her support towards making the programme a success. The

two also discussed issues related to women's safety and the importance of creating a secure environment that enables women to pursue education, employment and leadership opportunities without fear. The meeting reportedly focused on measures to enhance women's welfare, social development and security, as well as the need for greater collaboration between government agencies, civil society organisations and community leaders in advancing women's empowerment. Speaking after the meeting, Jhansi Rajender Reddy said the Women Empowerment India programme would be organised on a large scale and would bring together experts, public representatives, social activists and women achievers from different sectors.

Shiv Sena Telangana Demands Strict Action in Khammam Minor Girl Assault Case

Hyderabad, TSIT: Shiv Sena Telangana State President has urged the Telangana Government to ensure stringent punishment for the accused in the alleged sexual assault and attempted murder of a 12-year-old minor girl in Khammam district. Addressing the media after visiting the victim at (NIMS) Hospital in Hyderabad, Shivaji said he had brought the incident to the attention of Union Minister of State for Health, Family Welfare and AYUSH. According to Shiv Sena leaders, the Union Minister immediately responded and interacted with the victim's parents through a video call. During the conversation, he enquired about the girl's condition, assured the family of support, and encouraged them to remain strong during the diffi-



cult period. Minister is also said to have spoken to NIMS hospital authorities and instructed them to provide the best possible medical treatment to the child. The victim's parents reportedly appealed to the Minister to ensure that no other child suffers a similar ordeal in the future. Expressing strong condemnation of the incident, Shivaji demanded the harshest possible legal action against the accused, identified as Mohammed

Ghouse Pasha. He alleged that there had been attempts to suppress information about the incident and questioned why the matter had not received wider public attention earlier. Shiv Sena leader also questioned the response of political parties, public organisations and community groups, asking them to speak out in support of the victim and her family. He urged all sections of society to unite in seeking justice for the minor girl.

DGP C.V. Anand Reviews Monsoon Preparedness at Malkam Cheruvu, Stresses Public Safety



Hyderabad TSIT: State Director General of Police C.V. Anand on Saturday visited Malkam Cheruvu and adjoining areas near the Botanical Garden to review pre-monsoon preparedness measures being undertaken within the Cyberabad Commissionerate limits, with a special focus on waterlogging mitigation and traffic management during the rainy season. During the visit, Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr.M.Ramesh Reddy and CMC Commissioner Srujana Gummalla briefed the DGP on identified waterlogging points across Cyberabad, factors contributing to traffic congestion during heavy rains, and the preventive measures being

implemented to address these challenges. Inspecting the surroundings of Malkam Cheruvu, the DGP reviewed ongoing efforts to ensure the smooth movement of traffic and minimize inconvenience to the public during the monsoon season. He also examined the status of pending development works, drainage improvements, and roadwidening projects being taken up in the area.

C.V. Anand interacted with officials on the ground and sought details regarding the progress of various infrastructure works aimed at preventing flooding and traffic disruptions. He offered several suggestions on strengthening preventive measures and devel-

oping long-term solutions to recurring waterlogging issues.

Emphasizing that public safety must remain the top priority, the DGP directed all concerned departments to work in close coordination and maintain constant vigilance during the monsoon period. He stressed the importance of swift response mechanisms to tackle emergencies arising from heavy rainfall and ensure the safety and convenience of commuters. The inspection was attended by Sheriffingampally Traffic ACP Hanumanth Rao, ACP Chandrasekhar Reddy, Raidurgam Traffic SHO Pawan, officials from various civic departments, and police personnel.

Revanth, Karnataka Bioenergy Board Chairman Discuss Renewable Energy Cooperation



Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy and Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board Chairman S.E.Sudheendra held discussions on strengthening cooperation in the bioenergy sector during a meeting at Bengaluru Airport. Meeting took place after the Chief Minister's flight from Delhi to Hyderabad was diverted to

Bengaluru due to adverse weather conditions at Hyderabad Airport on Friday night. During the interaction, Sudheendra briefed the Chief Minister on various bioenergy initiatives being implemented in Karnataka and discussed opportunities for promoting clean and green energy projects in Telangana. The two leaders exchanged views on establishing bioenergy production units and expanding investments in the renewable energy sector. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy highlighted Telangana Government's commitment to promoting sustainable energy solutions through the Telangana Renewable Energy Development Corporation Limited (TGREDCO). He stressed the need for greater collaboration and knowledge-sharing to accelerate the implementation of bioenergy projects in the State.

COMMISSIONER SRIJANA REVIEWS MONSOON PREPAREDNESS IN TELLAPUR DIRECTS TEAMS TO REMAIN ON HIGH ALERT

Hyderabad TSIT: With rain alerts continuing across the region, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner Srijana Gummalla conducted a field inspection in Tellapur on Saturday evening to review monsoon preparedness and assess the situation in vulnerable areas.

Accompanied by the Zonal Commissioner and Engineering Department officials, Commissioner Srijana inspected locations prone to waterlogging and reviewed the functioning of stormwater drainage systems. She examined measures being taken to ensure the smooth flow of rainwater and prevent flooding during heavy downpours.

During the inspection, the Commissioner directed Monsoon Emergency Teams and Engineering officials to remain on high alert and maintain round-the-clock monitoring of



sensitive areas. She instructed officials to take immediate preventive and corrective measures wherever required to avoid inconvenience to the public.

Commissioner Srijana emphasized that all vulnerable locations should be kept under constant surveillance and that prompt action should be taken to address any water stagnation issues. She also reviewed the preparedness of field staff and

the availability of resources for emergency response during the monsoon season.

Officials informed the Commissioner that monsoon teams, engineering personnel and field-level staff are continuously monitoring waterlogging-prone areas, drainage networks and other sensitive locations across the city. Necessary interventions are being carried out to improve rainwater discharge and minimize the impact of heavy rainfall.

Highlighting the importance of inter-departmental coordination, Commissioner Srijana instructed all concerned departments to work in close coordination to strengthen monsoon preparedness and ensure public safety.

TRP leaders invite Swarupa Rani for Rajyadhikara Samarabheri in Bhuvanagiri

Jogulamba Gadwal, June 12 (TSIT): Leaders of the Telangana Rajyadhikara Party (TRP) formally invited Samajwadi Party State Women's President Ms. Swarupa Rani to participate in the grand public meeting titled "Rajyadhikara Samarabheri," scheduled to be held on July 5 in Bhuvanagiri.



As part of the invitation programme, TRP leaders presented the official invitation card to Ms. Swarupa Rani. TRP State Women's President Ms. Patel Vanajakka also met her and extended a personal invitation to attend the event.

Speaking on the occasion, party leaders highlighted Swarupa Rani's contributions towards women's rights, social justice, and the welfare of marginalized com-

munities. They noted her consistent efforts in empowering women and creating political awareness and social consciousness across the state. The leaders emphasized that her work in promoting equality, social justice, and democratic participation has been widely appreciated. They stressed the need to further strengthen women's participation in political and social movements to ensure inclusive

development. The "Rajyadhikara Samarabheri" public meeting is being organized with a focus on securing greater political representation for Backward Classes (BCs), Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and minority communities. Organizers expressed confidence that the event would become a strong platform to highlight issues of social justice and equitable political participation.

ALLEGATIONS OF FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES SURFACE AGAINST DMHO MEDICAL OFFICERS IN GADWAL

Jogulamba Gadwal, June 12 (TSIT): Serious allegations of financial irregularities and misuse of government funds have surfaced against a couple serving as Medical Officers in the District Medical and Health Office (DMHO), triggering concern within the district health administration. The allegations are currently under discussion in departmental circles, raising questions over accountability and transparency in the use of public health funds.

According to departmental sources, the officers are accused of diverting funds allocated for various public health programmes and welfare initiatives. The alleged irregularities have reportedly prompted calls for a thorough investigation by higher authorities. One officer is alleged to

have misused funds meant for tuberculosis eradication and other healthcare programmes. It is claimed that money intended for patient care and disease control activities was diverted to personal accounts and those of relatives, allegedly bypassing established financial procedures and government guidelines.

Further allegations have also emerged regarding misuse of funds under the government's "Kayakalp" initiative, which focuses on improving cleanliness, infrastructure, and patient care in government health facilities. Sources claim that funds meant for hospital maintenance and development were allegedly diverted for personal use and transferred to accounts linked to relatives.

Telangana allocates Rs.2,216 crore for temple development, Rs.1,000 crore for Godavari Pushkarams.

MANCHERIAL, JUNE 13, TSIT. Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Saturday said the Telangana government has accorded high priority to the development of temples across the State, allocating Rs.2,216 crore over the past two-and-a-half years for the renovation and expansion of religious institutions.



Addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone for the reconstruction and development works of the Sri Rama Sahitha Satyanarayana Swamy Temple at Gudem village in Dandepalli mandal of Mancherial district, Mr. Vikramarka announced that an additional Rs.1,000 crore had been earmarked for the upcoming Godavari Pushkarams. The funds would be utilised for the construction of Pushkar

ghats and for providing essential amenities to pilgrims. The Deputy Chief Minister said the government was pursuing a balanced approach by promoting spirituality, infrastructure development and public welfare simultaneously. He noted that substantial investments were being made to restore and modernise prominent temples while respecting the faith and sentiments of devotees. Recalling that the development of the Gudem tem-

ple was raised during the concluding public meeting of the 'People's March' padayatra, Mr. Vikramarka said the government had sanctioned funds and initiated works within just 37 days, reflecting its commitment to fulfilling public aspirations. He stated that the temple would be developed into a major spiritual destination at an estimated cost of about Rs.70 crore. Spiritual corridor planned Mr. Vikramarka said the

government had prepared a comprehensive plan for the development of pilgrimage centres along the Godavari river basin. As part of the initiative, a spiritual corridor connecting Basara and Bhadrachalam would be developed at a cost of Rs.802 crore, focusing on temple infrastructure, beautification and improved facilities for devotees.

He expressed confidence that the project would provide a significant boost to spiritual tourism in Telangana.

Pushkaram preparations Referring to the successful conduct of the Saraswati Pushkarams in the past, the Deputy Chief Minister said the government was making elaborate arrangements for the forthcoming Godavari Pushkarams. The Rs.1,000-crore allocation would support the development of ghats, roads, drinking water facilities, sanitation infrastructure and pil-

grim accommodation. Irrigation and rural development

Alongside religious infrastructure, the government was also prioritising agricultural development, Mr. Vikramarka said. He laid the foundation stone for mini lift irrigation schemes near Modela, Dwaraka and Gudirevu villages under the command area of the Sripada Yellampalli Project at an estimated cost of Rs.74.40 crore. The projects are expected to provide irrigation facilities to thousands of acres of agricultural land. He also inaugurated and laid foundation stones for various rural development works, including community buildings costing Rs.9.70 crore under the Panchayat Raj Department, cement concrete roads worth Rs.2.30 crore and drainage works worth Rs.2 crore in Laxetipet municipality.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(Under Rule 8(1) Immovable Property)

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the LIC Housing Finance Limited, Hyderabad under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest / costs etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

1.Name of the Borrower(s): 1) Smt. Keshapaga Laxmi (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 71060006414/7001060001993. Demand Notice Date : 10.03.2026; DNPP Date : 03.04.2026 ; Date of Symbolic Possession : 10.06.2026. Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs. 27,83,581.65 (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty One and Paise Sixty Five Only) as on 09.03.2026 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.

Description of Immovable Property: All that the Residential Flat No. 102, in First Floor, in House Bearing No. 2/17/66/SC/102, of "Shradhpath Classic", having Plinth situated at T/93 (including Common areas & Car Parking) Together with Undivided Share of Land measuring 38.07 Sq. Yards, or 31.8 Sq. Mtrs. (out of Total Land measuring 450 Sq. Yards), Constructed on Plot No. 86, in Survey Nos. 773 & 823, Situated at Block No. 17, Annapurna Colony, Uppal Khalsa, Under GHMC Uppal Circle, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State, belonging to Smt. Keshapaga Laxmi Wife of Late Keshapaga Madhu Regd. Vide Sale Deed Doc No. 13998/2017 dated 26.10.2017. and bounded by: Boundaries of Entire Land: North : 30' Wide Road, South : Plot No. 9, East : Neighbour's Land, West : Plot No. 65. Boundaries of Residential Flat No. 102, in First Floor: North : Area Open to Sky, South : Area Open to Sky, East : Area Open to Sky, West : Corridor, Lift & Flat No. 101.

2.Name of the Borrower(s): 1) Mr. Paduri Rama Subba Rao (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 710500019168. Demand Notice Date :06.10.2025. Date of Symbolic Possession : 10.06.2026. Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.23,93,472.15 (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Two and Paise Fifteen Only) as on 06.10.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.

Description of Immovable Property: All that the Semi-finished Flat No. 504, in Fifth Floor, of "SAJANI RESIDENCY" measuring 1156 Sft. of Plinth Area (including common area), and car parking area 96 Sft., together with undivided share of land measuring 49.15 Sq. Yards, or 41.08 Sq. Mtrs., out of total land measuring 983 Sq. Yards or 821.7 Sq. Mtrs., being constructed on Plot Nos. 91 & 92, in Survey Nos. 672, 711, 72, 731, 741, 743 & 781 situated at Block No. 9, Ravindra Nagar, Habshiguda, under GHMC Uppal Circle, Uppal Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, under S.R.O., Uppal, belonging to Mrs. Nurjahan Begum, W/o. Sri P. Rama Subba Rao, registered vide Sale Deed Document No. 3699/2015 dated: 20.04.2015 and bounded by: Boundaries for Total Land: North : Plot Nos. 88, 89 & 90 South : 25'-0" Wide Road East : O.U. Land West : 30'-0" Wide Road Boundaries for FLAT NO. 504 North : Flat No. 503 South : Open to Sky East : Open to Sky West : Corridor

3.Name of the Borrower(s): 1) Mr. Sataria Vamsi (Primary Applicant) A/c No: 710400036477. Demand Notice Date : 03.02.2025 ; Date of Symbolic Possession : 11.06.2026. Outstanding Loan Amount : Rs.60,16,289.88 (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Nine and Paise Eighty Eight Only) as on 01.02.2025 together with applicable incidental charges, costs.

Description of Immovable Property: All that the Residential House on Plot No. 145 Part (East Side) measuring 200 Sq. Yards or 167 Sq. Mtrs. with a Plinth area of 1650 Sq. Yards in R.C.O. in Survey Nos. 13 Part, 14, 16 Part, 17, 18 Part, 19, 20 Part, 21 Part, 22 Part, 23 Part, 24 Part, 25 Part, 26 Part, 27 Part, 28 Part, 29 Part, 30 Part, 31 Part, 32 Part, 33 Part, 34 Part, 35 Part, 36 Part, 37 Part, 38 Part, 39 Part, 40 Part, 41 Part, 42 Part, 43 Part, 44 Part, 45 Part, 46 Part, 47 Part, 48 Part, 49 Part, 50 Part, 51 Part, 52 Part, 53 Part, 54 Part, 55 Part, 56 Part, 57 Part, 58 Part, 59 Part, 60 Part, 61 Part, 62 Part, 63 Part, 64 Part, 65 Part, 66 Part, 67 Part, 68 Part, 69 Part, 70 Part, 71 Part, 72 Part, 73 Part, 74 Part, 75 Part, 76 Part, 77 Part, 78 Part, 79 Part, 80 Part, 81 Part, 82 Part, 83 Part, 84 Part, 85 Part, 86 Part, 87 Part, 88 Part, 89 Part, 90 Part, 91 Part, 92 Part, 93 Part, 94 Part, 95 Part, 96 Part, 97 Part, 98 Part, 99 Part, 100 Part, 101 Part, 102 Part, 103 Part, 104 Part, 105 Part, 106 Part, 107 Part, 108 Part, 109 Part, 110 Part, 111 Part, 112 Part, 113 Part, 114 Part, 115 Part, 116 Part, 117 Part, 118 Part, 119 Part, 120 Part, 121 Part, 122 Part, 123 Part, 124 Part, 125 Part, 126 Part, 127 Part, 128 Part, 129 Part, 130 Part, 131 Part, 132 Part, 133 Part, 134 Part, 135 Part, 136 Part, 137 Part, 138 Part, 139 Part, 140 Part, 141 Part, 142 Part, 143 Part, 144 Part, 145 Part (West Part).

As the above borrower has failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the dates mentioned above. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the LIC Housing Finance Limited for the amounts mentioned against their names with further interest accrued interest thereon and costs. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 11.06.2026. Place: Hyderabad. Sd/- Authorised Officer, LIC Housing Finance Limited.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guntur, Chennai-600032
Administrative Office: 6th Floor (Level 2), Building No. 02, Aarun Q Park, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710. Branch At # 7-89, 1st, Ambedkar Centre Narsampet, Narsampet, Warangal (Rural) - 506132

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer M/s. Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.30-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guntur, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No. 02, Aarun Q Park, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710 and branch office at Narsampet (hereinafter referred as Company Lender), under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 13th day of June, 2026.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Radhika Porika, W/O Raghuvver, Age : 34 Yrs, Occ: Business, Radhika Dairy Farm And Tailoring, # 1-130, Nallagunta, Venkatapur, Mulugu, Warangal-506345. Cell: 9676061113. 2) Raghuvver Porika, S/O Sakrunaik, Age : 38 Yrs, Occ: Self Employee, # 1-130, Nallagunta, Venkatapur, Mulugu, Warangal-506345. Cell: 8967606112. And Also At: Raghuvver Porika, S/O Sakrunaik, Age : 38 Yrs, Occ: Self Employee, # 5-230/39, 242.00 Sq. Yards Or 202.312 Sq. Mtrs, And 548.00 Sq. Feet At, Bandrupalli Vill, Mulugu Dist. 3) Sudakar Naik, Guguloh, S/O Chandru, Age : 37 Yrs, Occ: Assistant Manager(Hr), Indian Oil, # Jamathanda, Nainia, Warangal-506368. Cell: 855812827.	Rs. 22,66,701/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Seven Hundred One Only)

Description of Property: NRSMTF2306150004 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property Holder Name Is Raghuvver Porika Mortgage Deed Dated 17.06.2023 Registered As Document No.5150/2023 On The File Of The Office Of Sub-Registrar At Sro Mulugu)
House With Open Place Bearing Pg No.5-230/39 To An Extent Of 242.00 Sq. Yards Or 202.312 Sq. Mtr. With Construction Of Acc Sheet Roof Plinth Area Of 648.00 Sq. Feet Situated A Bandarupalli Village And G.P. Mulugu Mandal Of Mulugu District Within The Limits Of Grampanchayat Bandrupalli, And Within The Registration District Warangal And Within The Jurisdiction Of Joint Sub Registrar, Mulugu Is Bounded By : East: House Of L. Yakub, West: Open Place Of A. Sammaiah, North: Grampanchayath Road, South: House Of K. Narsiah

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place: Mulugu. Date: 13.06.2026. Sd/- Authorised officer, Shriram Finance Ltd.

ICICI Home Finance Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kuria Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India
Branch Office: D. No. 16-11, 20/6/1/1, 1st Floor, Opp. TV Tower, Malakpet, Near Musarambagh Metro station, Dilslukhnaagar, Hyderabad, Telangana-500036. Branch Office: Ground Floor, Usha Kiran Complex, S.D. Road, Secunderabad - 500003 [See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	SARFAESI Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Aditham Anuradha (Borrower) Murthy Vssn Aditham (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHSEK00001300116	Plot No. 300 "Prayaj Water Front City-Phase - 2 S.No. 44/2, 44/4, 44/5 Part, 56/1, 56/2 and 59 Part, Situated at Muraharapalli Village, Medchal Mandal and Medchal District Hyderabad	Rs. 17,87,518/-	Rs. 36,22,362/-	June 23, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	June 30, 2026 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM	June 29, 2026 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession
2.	Mohammad Parvez (Borrower) M Santhoshi (Co-Borrower) Loan No. LHKKY00001684037 & LHKKY00001684064	Flat No.401 In 4th Floor In Sv Residency Plot Nos. 889 and 890 Njr & and Klr Nagar Bearing Sy Nos. 91(P) 92, 93, 152(P), 159 160, 161, 162, 163(P), 164, 165, 167, 168/2, 169, 170 & 171 Situated at Medchal Vill., Under Medchal Municipality, Medchal Malkajgiri- 500090 Telangana	Rs. 53,73,993/-	Rs. 40,31,370/-	June 23, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	June 30, 2026 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM	June 29, 2026 05:00 PM	Symbolic Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link - https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgages/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till June 29, 2026 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article or before June 29, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article or before June 29, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300 or ValueTrust Centralised HelpDesk No. 6200-22-6200.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicifh.com/

Date: June 14, 2026. Place: Hyderabad, Malkajgiri. Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited", CIN Number- U65922MH1999PLC120106

"Tirupati Meeting Was a Betrayal Convention, Another Betrayal to Women": Botsa Satyanarayana

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council Botsa Satyanarayana launched a scathing attack on the coalition government, describing its public meeting held in Tirupati as a "betrayal convention" rather than a celebration of two years in office. Addressing the media at his camp office in Visakhapatnam along with former minister Gudivada Amarnath and district YSRCP president KK Raju, Botsa alleged that the government had failed to fulfil its election promises. He said that while coalition leaders were claiming the Super Six schemes had become a "super hit", key promises such as Aadabidda Nidhi and unemployment allowance remained unimplemented. According to



him, the Tirupati meeting itself exposed the government's betrayal of women. Botsa said the massive participation in YSRCP protests across the state reflected growing public dissatisfaction with the coalition's two-year rule. "Only sound was heard in Tirupati, but there was no public response," he remarked. The former minister alleged

that the Education Department's failures had been exposed through the DSC recruitment process. Though schools had reopened, students were yet to receive uniforms, books and school kits. He questioned Education Minister Nara Lokesh's claims and accused the government of failing to conduct the DSC process transparently. Botsa said farm-

ers cultivating tobacco, chilli and mango crops were not getting remunerative prices, while aqua farmers were being forced to agitate and organise "Chalo Amaravati" protests due to mounting problems. Refuting allegations made by BJP leaders, Botsa asserted that the previous YSRCP government under Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy had resisted the privatisation of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. He cited Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's earlier remarks in support of his claim. He also announced that YSRCP leaders would meet the Steel Plant CMD and seek a detailed inquiry into the series of industrial accidents that occurred over the last two years.

GM, South Coast Railway Conducts Intensive Inspection of Tirupati-Guntakal Section

Visakhapatnam: Shri Sandeep Mathur, General Manager, South Coast Railway (SCoR), conducted an intensive inspection of Tirupati Railway Station and the Tirupati-Guntakal section on Saturday, his first such visit after the formation of the new South Coast Railway Zone. The inspection aimed at reviewing infrastructure development, passenger amenities and ongoing projects across the zone. At Tirupati Railway Station, the General Manager reviewed the progress of the Station Redevelopment Project and inspected various passenger facilities and infrastructure works, including the circulating area, lifts, escalators, platforms and concourse. He interacted with construction officials and stressed the importance of completing works on time while maintaining high quality standards. Officials of Guntakal Division made a detailed presentation on ongoing projects, developmental activities, operational achievements and future plans. As part of the inspection, Shri Sandeep Mathur visited



Razampeta Railway Station and reviewed developmental works in the circulating area, waiting hall, parking area and other passenger amenities. At Kadapa Railway Station, he inspected the circulating area, platforms and passenger facilities, with special focus on the progress of works being carried out under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. He directed officials to ensure quality and timely

completion of all projects. The General Manager also undertook a window trailing inspection from Tadipatri to Gooty to assess track conditions, safety measures and ongoing works in the section. At Gooty, he inspected yard remodelling works and instructed officials to expedite their completion. He later continued the inspection of railway infrastructure between Gooty and Guntakal through a window trailing

inspection. The General Manager was accompanied by Shri B.S.K. Rajkumar, Principal Chief Engineer; Shri O.B. Suresh Kumar, Principal Chief Signal and Telecom Engineer; Shri Vineet Kumar, Principal Chief Operations Manager; Shri Ankush Gupta, Chief Administrative Officer, South Coast Railway; and Shri Chandra Sekhar Gupta, Divisional Railway Manager, Guntakal Division.

Devotees donate gold and silver ornaments worth Rs.1 crore to Srisailem temple

Srisailem: Devotees have donated gold and silver ornaments worth nearly Rs.1 crore to the revered Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, Srisailem, marking a significant offering to Lord Mallikarjuna Swamy and Goddess Brahmaramba Devi.



his wife Smt. Vidhyullatha from Peddapura in Kakinada district, offered a range of sacred items including gold namams, a silver

Jatajootam with crescent motif, silver puja articles, a gold Rudraksha mala, and mangalsutras. The total offerings included 42,516 kg

of silver items and 73.5 grams of gold ornaments. The donors stated that the approximate value of the offerings is around Rs.1 crore. The items were formally handed over to Executive Officer Sri Y. Srinivas Rao in the presence of Dharmakarta Mandal member Sri Ala Anil Kumar and family members, including Rohan, Rakesh (Director, South Indian Shopping Mall), and Aditya Krishna, among others.

Session on Reading English Newspapers Held at VMRDA Children's Arena

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : A special workshop on reading English newspapers was organized at the VMRDA Children's Arena, with senior IRS officer Ravi Kiran Edara serving as the Chief Mentor. A large number of high school students, accompanied by their parents and teachers, participated in the programme.



the stepping stones towards achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat. Emphasizing the importance of the mother tongue, he said it serves as a strong foundation for learning any other language, includ-

ing English. He advised students to focus more on reading and listening to quality English through books, newspapers and documentaries rather than concentrating solely on grammar. Drawing a comparison

with modern AI models, he explained that the human brain learns naturally through pattern recognition in sentences rather than exclusively through grammatical rules. The session also witnessed enthusiastic participation from children, who read sentences from sample newspaper clippings and took part in discussions on the meaning and usage of difficult words. Bal Vikas Foundation Honorary Secretary Prakash Rao and VMRDA Chief Administrative Officer Hariprasad said that, under the guidance of VMRDA Chairperson M.V. Pranav Gopal and Metropolitan Commissioner N. Tej Bharath, several such programmes would be organized in the coming months at the VMRDA Children's Arena for the benefit of children.

YSRCP Will Continue Agitation Until Implementation of Super Six Promises: Varudu Kalyani

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) YSRCP Women's Wing President and MLC Varudu Kalyani alleged that the coalition government's two-year rule should be termed as "Two Years of Betrayal and Crisis" rather than "Two Years of Trust". Addressing the media at the YSRCP office in Visakhapatnam on Saturday, she accused the government of failing to fulfil several key promises made during the election campaign. She said the coalition had promised to provide Rs.1,500 per month to women under the "Aadabidda Nidhi" scheme but had failed to implement it even after completing two years in office, thereby betraying nearly two crore eligible women in the State. She recalled that the previous Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy government had regularly credited financial assistance to women through the "Cheyutha" scheme.



Ms. Kalyani also alleged that the government had neglected promises relating to "Talliki Vandanam", "Annadata Sukhibhava", unemployment allowance and the creation of 20 lakh jobs. She said the coalition had misled people with its

Super Six and Super Seven assurances and pointed out that no allocation had been made for the Aadabidda Nidhi scheme even in the third State Budget. Claiming that the coalition leaders had promised to provide more welfare schemes than the

previous YSRCP government, she alleged that women, farmers and unemployed youth had been deceived. Varudu Kalyani asserted that the YSRCP would continue its agitation until all the Super Six promises were fully implemented.

Gummadi Gopalakrishna Expresses Gratitude to Governor on Receiving Sangeet Natak Akademi Award



respects to the Governor for recognizing his services to the field of Telugu verse drama and for providing the encouragement necessary for the preservation and promotion of the classical Telugu theatrical tradition.

He stated that receiving the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award is not merely a personal honour, but a recognition bestowed upon the Telugu verse drama tradition, artists and theatre lovers. He said that the award has given him renewed enthusiasm and inspiration to serve with greater dedication towards the development of Telugu theatre, culture and traditional art forms. Gummadi Gopalakrishna further stated that he would continue to strive through the State Nataka Akademi to preserve the rich heritage of Telugu theatre for future generations and to foster greater interest in the dramatic arts among the youth.

Visakhapatnam. (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Nataka Akademi Chairman Sri Gummadi Gopalakrishna has expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Sri S. Abdul Nazeer, for graciously mentioning and appreciating him on the occasion of receiving the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Award. On this occasion, Sri Gummadi Gopalakrishna said that he humbly conveys his

Bhimavaram Bulls Crush Simhadri Vizag Lions by 104 Runs

Visakhapatnam : Bhimavaram Bulls registered a commanding 104-run victory over Simhadri Vizag Lions in the first match of Day 5 of APL 2026 Season 5 held at the ACA-VDC Cricket Stadium in Visakhapatnam on Saturday. After winning the toss, Simhadri Vizag Lions elected to field first. Batting first, Bhimavaram Bulls got off to an aggressive start and piled up a massive 219 runs in their allotted 20 overs. Opener Revanth Reddy started with a fluent 58 off 34 balls, including two sixes, while middle-order batter B. Satwik unleashed a blistering knock of 63 off 29 deliveries, smashing eight sixes. The Vizag bowlers struggled to contain the Bulls' batting line-up, with Vijay and Vinay claiming two wickets each. In reply, Simhadri Vizag Lions never looked settled and failed to make an impact with the bat. Wickets fell regularly as the



top, middle and lower order collapsed under pressure. Mahip Kumar was the lone bright spot for the side, scoring 36 runs off 24 balls with four boundaries and a six to emerge as the top scorer. The rest of the batsmen failed to reach double figures, and the team was bundled out for 115 in 17.5

overs. The emphatic win highlighted Bhimavaram Bulls' all-round dominance in both batting and bowling. With this defeat, Simhadri Vizag Lions remain winless after three matches in the season. B. Yashwanth was named Player of the Match for his impressive performance.

Steel Plant Workers' Deaths Are Political Murders, Not Industrial Accidents: IFTU

Visakhapatnam : The Indian Federation of Trade Unions (IFTU) has alleged that the recent deaths of workers at the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant are not mere industrial accidents but "political murders" resulting from the privatization policies and negligence of the Central and State governments. Addressing a press conference on Saturday, IFTU National Vice-President P. Prasad said that the four key elements required for the functioning of an industry—Man, Machine, Material and Management—have been systematically weakened. He alleged that the reduction of skilled manpower, inadequate maintenance and replacement of machinery, use of substandard materials and management functioning under corporate interests have contributed to repeated accidents. He further claimed that the growing influence of corporate capital has led to the dilution of industrial safety stan-



dards, turning such incidents into "industrial political murders." IFTU State General Secretary M. Venkateswarlu said the accidents were the result of government negligence and demanded that criminal cases be registered against those responsible, including management officials and government authorities, under Sections 105, 308, 287 and 120B of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). IFTU State Vice-President K.V. Ramana alleged that the four Labour Codes introduced in 2020 had weakened safety provisions under labour laws

and called for their repeal. He urged the governments to strengthen the old labour laws and implement stringent safety measures to prevent such incidents in the future. The union demanded Rs.1 crore compensation for the families of the deceased workers, Rs.50 lakh compensation for the injured and permanent employment for one member from each affected family. IFTU State Committee member B. Geetha, Srikakulam district leader Krishna Veni, Visakhapatnam district leaders C.H. Venkata Rao and B. Govindu, among others, were present at the media conference.

Centre inks MoU with Assam and Nagaland for oil and gas exploration



New Delhi, Jun 12: In a major development, the Centre has signed a historic tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Governments of Assam and Nagaland for the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas in the two northeastern states. The MoU was signed in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Assam Chief Minister

Himanta Biswa Sarma, and Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio.

Speaking on the occasion, Amit Shah described the agreement as a historic step, stating that it would strengthen oil and natural gas exploration prospects in the country. He said the MoU removes key hurdles in realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a prosperous and developed Northeast.

Shah further said that the Prime Minister has given special focus to the development of the northeastern region since 2014, and termed the agreement a strong example of cooperative federalism that would boost economic growth in Assam and Nagaland. Highlighting global energy concerns amid the ongoing West Asia conflict, Shah stressed that energy security is vital for national development. He said the initiative would enhance India's long-term self-reliance in the energy sector.

Modi leaves for week-long France, Slovakia tour; G7 Summit, bilateral talks on agenda

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday left for a week-long visit to France and Slovakia, during which he will attend the G7 Summit and hold discussions with world leaders on a range of bilateral and global issues.

"France occupies a special place in India's strategic vision. Earlier this year, President Macron visited India, and we elevated our relationship to a Special Global Strategic Partnership," Modi said.

"When I meet President Macron in Nice, we will review the progress made since February, and chart the next steps in our cooperation. I look forward to our discussions on pressing global issues of mutual interest as well," he said. Modi said he was looking forward to holding discussions with Slovak President



Peter Pellegrini and Prime Minister Robert Fico in Bratislava.

The prime minister said India's participation in the G7 Summit in Evian, France, reflects the confidence reposed in the country by its partners and its growing global profile. Free bus travel for

women, transgender persons begins in Kerala from June 15 "This is the eighth consecutive G7 Summit to which India has been invited. At the G7, India will not only speak for itself, but it will also give voice to the aspirations of the Global South," he said.

Sabarimala gold scam accused Murari Babu dies while on bail

Kochi, June 13 : Travancore Devaswom Board's former Administrative Officer and Sabarimala gold scam second accused Murari Babu died at a private hospital, where he was undergoing treatment for cancer, here on Saturday.

Murari Babu was under investigation in connection with the alleged theft of gold-plated panels from the Sabarimala temple's

door frames and 'Dwarapalaka' (guardian deity) sculptures.

A native of Perunna in Changanassery, he died at Amrita Hospital after being diagnosed with cancer.

The funeral will be held at his residence in Perunna at 3 pm on Saturday. The Special Investigation Team had been probing allegations that gold-plated panels removed from Sabarimala

were allegedly misappropriated.

Murari Babu, who was suspended from service after being named an accused, had claimed during questioning that the recording of the gold panels as copper was based on a letter from the temple priest. Born into a financially modest family, Murari Babu joined the police as a constable in 1994 but quit before completing training.

India summons US charge d'affaires over strikes on merchant ships with Indian crew



NEW DELHI: India on Friday summoned US charge d'affaires Jason Meeks and told him that the American military's "lethal and deadly" strikes on commercial vessels with Indian crew members off the coast of Oman are "unacceptable".

Instagram, WhatsApp and Facebook suffer global outage; services restored Meeks was summoned to the headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), a day after the government said three Indian crew members of a tanker were killed in the US action.

India on Thursday said three merchant ships with Indian crew members came under attack from the American military off the coast of Oman this week, resulting in the death of three nationals. It was New Delhi's first public acknowledgement that the US Navy targeted the three ships with Indian crew members.

A Palau-flagged oil tanker, Marivex, carrying 24 Indian seafarers, was disabled by US forces on June 8. All crew members were safely rescued. On June 10, the US struck another Palau-flagged tanker, Settebello, killing three out of the 24 Indian sailors on board. Another vessel, Jalveer, a Guinea-Bissau-flagged tanker with 20 Indians, was attacked on Thursday.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on Thursday that the three separate strikes on the Settebello, Marivex, and Jalveer "came from the US Navy". Jaiswal said two of the three vessels were subject to sanctions administered by the US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), while another had been classified as non-compliant.

Not speaking to wife for 13 days not cruelty: SC

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has ruled that merely not speaking to a spouse for 13 days cannot, by itself, be treated as 'cruelty' under Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code, and set aside the conviction of a Coimbatore-based engineer.

A bench comprising Justices Maheshwari and Atul S Chandurkar delivered the verdict while allowing an appeal filed by Jayesh Khanna, who had challenged his conviction by a trial court and its subsequent confirmation by the Madras High Court.

The case relates to the death of Jayesh Khanna's wife, Sangeetha, who died by suicide at her parents' house on January 31, 2015. Jayesh Khanna was working as an engineer in Oman at the time.

According to the prosecution, Sangeetha had gone to her parents' home without informing her husband's family. It was alleged that her husband, upset over the decision, stopped speaking to her over the phone. Police subsequently registered a case alleging that the resulting mental distress had driven her to take the extreme step. Free bus travel for women, transgender persons begins in Kerala from June 15A case was registered against Jayesh

Khanna and his family members under Sections 498A and 304B of the IPC. During the trial, the woman's parents levelled allegations of dowry harassment. However, the court found that those allegations were not proved and acquitted the husband's parents and other family members.

The trial court, however, held Jayesh Khanna guilty under Section 498A, observing that he had allegedly not spoken to his wife between January 18 and January 31, 2015. The court treated the alleged conduct as mental cruelty that could have contributed to her suicide. The Madras High Court later upheld the conviction.

Allowing the appeal, the Supreme Court observed that mental cruelty must be assessed in the context of the facts and circumstances of each case. The bench said there could be no uniform standard to determine mental cruelty, as an act that appears insignificant to one person may cause serious emotional distress to another. However, the court noted that the allegation that the husband had not spoken to his wife for 13 days had not been established through cogent evidence.

Lord Ayyappa devotees organisation seeks CBI probe into Sabarimala gold loss



THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: An organisation of Lord Ayyappa devotees has expressed dissatisfaction with the ongoing SIT probe into the Sabarimala gold loss cases and urged the Kerala government to hand over the matter to the CBI. Murugan R Selvan, the national president of the Sabarimala Ayyappa Seva Samajam (SASS), on Friday said that the Congress-led UDF was accusing the CPI(M) of being behind the gold loss and questioned why it was not, therefore, handing over the probe to the CBI.

Kia India Kickstarts Phase IV of Project D.R.O.P in 250 facilities across Delhi-NCR; Reinforces its Sustainable Future Vision



NEW DELHI, India, 13 June 2026: Kia India, country's leading mass-premium carmaker, has taken another leap towards its long-term commitment towards sustainable development and responsible environmental stewardship. In partnership with Indian Pollution Control Association (IPCA) and the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), the company today announced the rollout of Phase-IV of Project D.R.O.P. (Develop Responsible Outlook for Plastic) in Delhi National Capital Region at the NDMC Convention Centre in Connaught Place, New Delhi. Under Phase-IV, Project D.R.O.P. aims to facilitate responsible management of plastic waste across 250 facilities spanning Delhi, Noida, and Ghaziabad, further strengthening the initiative's contribution towards building cleaner and more sustainable urban ecosystems.

structured and integrated plastic waste collection mechanism. This is aimed at strengthening segregation, collection, and responsible disposal practices across New Delhi.

On the commencement of the Phase IV of Project D.R.O.P, Mr. Atul Sood, Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Kia India said, "As India's urban ecosystems continue to evolve, the need for structured and sustainable waste management systems has become more critical than ever. Through Project D.R.O.P., Kia India is committed to enabling meaningful behavioural change and supporting robust grassroots infrastructure for responsible plastic waste management. We are proud to collaborate with IPCA and NDMC in bringing this initiative to the national capital region and creating a scalable model that can inspire broader environmental transformation across the country."

The keynote address was delivered by the Chief Guest Shri Kuljeet Singh Chahal, Vice Chairperson, NDMC, who lauded the initiative as a timely and impactful step towards addressing urban environmental challenges and strengthening sustainable waste management practices within the national capital region.

Yashoda Hospitals to host 2-day international conference on AI in healthcare 2.0

Hyderabad, June 13, 2026: Yashoda Hospitals, Hitec City, today inaugurated the 2 Days International Conference on AI in Healthcare 2.0, India's largest international medical conference dedicated to Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare. Organized under the theme "Powering Precision & Personalizing Care," the two-day conference, being held on June 13 and 14, has brought together more than 2,000 leading doctors, healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers, and AI technology experts from across the globe.

The conference was inaugurated by Mr. Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Minister for Information Technology, Electronics, Communications, Industries & Commerce, Government of Telangana, along with Dr. G. S. Rao, Managing Director of Yashoda Hospitals. Serving as a premier platform for global discussions on AI-driven

innovations, emerging technologies, and future opportunities in healthcare, the conference highlights the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in reshaping patient care, diagnostics, treatment planning, and healthcare delivery.

Building on the overwhelming success of its inaugural edition, the conference has emerged as India's largest international AI-focused healthcare summit. Under the leadership of Dr. Chinnababu Sunkavalli, Organizing Chairperson, the event features extensive discussions on Precision Medicine, AI-powered Diagnostics, Digital Pathology, Robotic Surgery, Drug Discovery, Clinical AI Applications, and other cutting-edge healthcare technologies.

The conference hosts distinguished experts and thought leaders from globally renowned organizations, including Google, Microsoft,



IIT Hyderabad, IIT Hyderabad, ISB, Novartis, Stanford University, King's College London, Medtronic, and TCS. Special attractions include the Policy Pavilion and Startup Innovation Sessions, which showcase

breakthrough technologies, innovative healthcare solutions, and collaborative opportunities.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Minister for IT, Electronics, Communications, Industries

& Commerce, Government of Telangana, said "As Artificial Intelligence continues to drive transformative change across industries worldwide, healthcare is undergoing a significant evolution. The Telangana Government is committed to fostering AI, digital innovation, and deep-tech ecosystems. This conference has strengthened collaboration among researchers, startups, industry leaders, and policymakers, further positioning Telangana as a global innovation hub."

Addressing the gathering, Dr. G. S. Rao, Managing Director of Yashoda Hospitals, said "The adoption of AI in healthcare is significantly improving the quality, speed, and accuracy of medical services. From early disease detection and clinical decision-making to personalized treatment approaches, AI is delivering remarkable outcomes. By bringing together global experts on a single plat-

form, this conference has facilitated meaningful discussions on the future of healthcare while creating new opportunities for innovation, partnerships, and research."

Dr. Chinnababu Sunkavalli, Clinical Director and Robotic Surgical Oncologist, Yashoda Hospitals, Hitec City, remarked "Artificial Intelligence is not merely a technological advancement; it is a transformative force redefining the future of healthcare. AI is playing a critical role in enabling more accurate diagnoses, efficient clinical workflows, and personalized treatment strategies. By bringing together healthcare leaders, researchers, technology innovators, and policymakers from around the world, this conference serves as a catalyst for the next wave of healthcare transformation. It also represents an important step towards strengthening Hyderabad's position as a global HealthTech hub."

EDITORIAL

Rise And Fall Of Trinamool's Once-Unchallenged Yuvraj

I went to meet Abhishek Banerjee at his office on Camac Street in Kolkata a few years ago. I reached before the time. There was heavy security outside the Camac Street office. The entire road was being cleared by security personnel. Right in front of the office, there was a street food lane bristling with stalls selling ghugni, sandwiches, chowmein, roti-tarka etc. I got off my car to take a stroll around the stalls to try and understand the people and the market around that area. But the road was blocked. I enquired what was the matter? "Don't you know? The crown prince is coming," One person replied. "The Yuvraj Arrives! I then went to meet Abhishek Banerjee. I realised that he had political maturity and understanding. He claimed that everyone who met him appreciated him and his work. But from me, he wanted to know his flaws. And, I did tell him a few things. My first point was that he was becoming disconnected from ordinary people. I explained the kind of reactions I was seeing. I told him that people felt he was becoming distant from the masses. At such a young age, this kind of image creates a problem.

I still remember when Abhishek used to arrive at the airport and travel to Delhi. There would be big cars, police vehicles, convoys, and Z-plus security around him. The editor of the newspaper where I worked earlier once told me many years ago that he was curious to know who was arriving because there was such a huge security arrangement - state police, paramilitary forces, and so much protection. Then it was revealed that it was Abhishek Banerjee. At that time, he was just 25. For a 25-year-old young politician, such a huge VIP security arrangement was something ordinary people did not always connect with. Regarding security, he said he had removed the police picket outside his house. He was trying to reduce it, but it was not completely in his control. The security agencies were providing him protection because of threat perception. I also told him that wearing black glasses created a sense of distance. He replied that it was not a style statement. He had almost vision in one eye after an accident, and he had to wear glasses on doctor's advice. However, my point remained that these things were creating distance between him and ordinary people.

Buddhabeh Bhattacharjee also had to wear black glasses because his eyesight was poor, but even then, such things sometimes create a psychological distance. I have seen a similar situation with Karunanidhi. People sometimes did not accept certain images easily. Despite having a strong public connection, some symbols created distance. Mahatma Gandhi's old-school politics was about direct connection and penetration among people.

Influence Within The Party
Today, Abhishek Banerjee is around 38 years old. He entered politics at a relatively young age and, from the very beginning, received exposure that few regional leaders of his generation got. He travelled extensively across India and abroad and had the opportunity to observe different political systems and organisational structures. As a result, he developed a modern political outlook and tried to introduce a more contemporary style of political management.

From Driver to People's Singer... "Nalgonda Gaddar" in the Village Hearts

Dr. Edikoju Srinivasachari

From Driver to People's Singer... "Nalgonda Gaddar" in the Village Hearts Every movement born on Telangana soil has a voice. That voice is more than a song — it is the heartbeat that marks the time. It is the cry born of a farmer's sweat, the pain buried in a laborer's stoop, the anger of an unemployed youth, the life-struggle hidden behind a village woman's tears. Not every generation produces such voices. Only rare voices that rush into a generation's heart and stay there become history. One such rare popular voice now on everyone's lips is "Nalgonda Gaddar." Hearing that name brings to people more than a throat — it brings a roar. A folk blaze. A breath that stirs assemblies. Courage to the flag-carrying worker. A song that turns a farmer's silence into words. Filled with the earth-scent of Telangana, the breath of village life, and the zeal of movements, this voice has become a distinct identity across the two Telugu states. His real name is Kasala Narsireddy, but people know him more by the title "Nalgonda Gaddar." That's because the force in his singing reminds listeners of the people's poet Gaddar. The passion in his voice, the natural rural tongue he sings in, and his stance on the people's side led people to award him this epithet. The name ceased to be just a label; it became a mark of popular respect. He was born in Gundrappalli village of Chandur mandal in Nalgonda district. Growing up on soil that carried the history of Telangana's armed struggle, he saw village truths early. He was born on May 3, 1976 to Kasala Ashireddy and Bhadramma, the second of their four children, into a middle-class farming family. Life meant looking to the sky for rain; harvests brought joy, failed crops brought tears. Raised in such hardship, Narsireddy learned life's struggles from a young age. In those days, arts in the village were not confined to stages; they were part of life. Songs at Bathukamma festivals, dappu at Bonalu, folk tales at fairs, burra katha at night, rhythm even



in the farmer's plowing voice — he grew up amid those sounds. Whenever songs were sung in the village, he ran to listen and then sang them repeatedly. That devotion shaped him into a folk singer. Because of family circumstances his formal education did not go far; he studied up to inter (higher secondary) and then entered life's struggle. He did small jobs and later became a driver. He drove a vehicle for politician Komatireddy Venkatareddy for 15 years. But even with hands on the steering wheel, a singer lived within him. Words kept forming in his mind as he drove. Whenever he got a chance at meetings or gatherings, he sang. His rural style, natural passion and emotional intensity immediately won people's hearts. The biggest influence that shaped him was the people's poet Gaddar. As a child he listened to Gaddar's songs on an old tape recorder at home. Those songs — full of movement spirit, village-flavored flame, and fearless advocacy for people — left a deep imprint on his heart. When he sang Gaddar songs at school programs people would exclaim, "He sings just like Gaddar." Later, village gatherings invited him to sing. Once, when he was introduced as "now Nalgonda Gaddar Narsanna will sing," the name took hold across Telangana. However, he didn't

merely imitate Gaddar. He absorbed Gaddar's spirit and built his own distinctive voice. His singing carries the roar of movements while also conveying a mother's tenderness. He can sing a farmer's pain, ignite activists with zeal, enliven political meetings, and uphold the village person's self-respect. A song he sang for his mother Bhadramma moves every heart. In that song, the bond shown is not only a son's love, but the life of rural families. Likewise, a song about his father Ashireddy evokes the farmer's entire existence: the bond with the soil, the companion that is the land. These lyrics reflect peasant life and human ties to the earth. During the Telangana movement his voice became a drumbeat of activism. Traveling from village to village, he carried Telangana's necessity to the people through song. Hearing him stirred youth, raised activists' morale, and electrified gatherings. During the RTC strike he sang "If your bus doesn't move, our lives can't go on," a song that instilled new courage among workers and awakened public sentiment. Times changed and election campaigns did too. Now DJs, social media reels, and WhatsApp statuses dominate campaigning. In this new political culture, Nalgonda Gaddar became a brand. From village council polls to parliamentary elections, his songs played in every hamlet. Remarkably, even rival candidates within the same constituency used his songs. His tunes filled WhatsApp statuses, campaign vehicles, and ringtones because his lyrics are simple and his language instantly understandable to village folk. Crucially, his voice emotionally anchors a candidate's image for listeners. His song sung for KCR — "Galagala Pareti Gangamma thallanti..." — earned a distinct recognition in Telangana politics. Hearing it immediately recalls Kaleshwaram, water abundance in Telangana, and KCR's leadership as the state's first chief minister. Similarly, "Thalli Telangana tyagalu mattilo poosina punnami vo..." revived the Telangana movement's spirit among people.



DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH

Democracy is not just a system of voting; it is also a continuous process of governance in accordance with the needs, conveniences, and aspirations of the people. In any democratic system, administrative boundaries are not permanent. They are reorganized according to time, circumstances, population, development, and public convenience requirements. Administrative units are created to ensure citizens have easy access to governance and government services. If an administrative system begins to cause inconvenience rather than convenience to the public, the need for its reconsideration becomes natural and justified. The demand to separate the Siwani subdivision of Haryana from Bhiwani district and include it in Hisar district is a practical, logical, and public-interest demand that has been raised continuously for the past ten years. This demand isn't the result of political gain, regional rivalry, or emotional impulse. It's driven by numerous compelling reasons, including the Siwani region's geographical location, transportation system, economic activities, social relations, and administrative needs. Launched in August 2016 by a few conscious citizens and social workers, this campaign has gradually become the collective voice of the entire region. At the time, it was just an idea, but today it has become the shared aspiration of thousands. The most important feature of this demand is its consistency and mass support. The movement formally began in August 2016, when six conscious citizens—Badwa's prominent social worker Mahendra

Lakhera, Sunil Singhmar (Advocate), Lal Singh Lahu, Dr. Satyawan Saurabh, Surendra Bhukkal, and Mukesh Bhukkal—joined forces to elevate the issue beyond personal inconvenience and raise it as a matter of public interest. Perhaps no one at the time imagined that this initiative would become the voice of Siwani's collective consciousness in the years to come. Initially, the struggle was limited to a few meetings, memorandums, and discussions, but as ordinary people began to see their everyday problems connected to this demand, the movement's scope expanded. Farmers, businessmen, students, employees, and social organizations began to support the issue. As a result, the campaign became the common voice of the entire Siwani subdivision, not the initiative of any one individual, committee, or organization. This struggle, which has been going on peacefully and democratically for almost a decade, is proof that this demand is not the result of any momentary sentiment, but is a serious issue related to the real needs and public convenience of the area. If we look at this issue from a geographical perspective, Siwani's connection to Hisar seems more natural. Many villages in the Siwani region are relatively close to Hisar, while Bhiwani is much further away. In many places, the distance to Hisar is approximately 25 to 30 kilometers, while reaching Bhiwani requires a journey of 65 to 70 kilometers or more. This difference is not only a matter of distance, but also of time, money, and labor. For the average citizen, farmer, student, or businessman, this additional distance directly impacts their daily routine and economic situation. When people have to spend more time and resources on administrative tasks, it raises questions about the utility of the system. In terms of transportation, life in Siwani appears to be more closely connected to Hisar. Regular bus services, shared vehicles, and other modes of transport are relatively more readily available to Hisar. People can easily commute to and from Hisar for daily work, education, employment, and business. In con-

trast, traveling to Bhiwani can often prove time-consuming and inconvenient, requiring many to change buses or wait for long periods. Administratively, connecting an area to a district that requires less time and less expense for the public to reach is considered in keeping with the spirit of good governance. The situation becomes even more clear when we consider the educational and healthcare needs of the Siwani region. A large number of students travel to Hisar for higher education. Universities, colleges, technical institutes, and other educational facilities are concentrated in Hisar. Similarly, Hisar is the primary reliance of the population for specialized medical services, major hospitals, and specialist doctors. When the majority of a region's population naturally gravitates toward a single city to meet its primary needs, the administrative system must also recognize this reality. Currently, administrative orders are administered from Bhiwani, while the necessities of life are met from Hisar. This contradiction has been causing inconvenience to the public for years. Siwani also has deep economic ties with Hisar. Farmers' agricultural produce, merchants' business relationships, market activities, and employment opportunities are heavily linked to Hisar. Hisar is a major hub of regional economic activity, and the people of Siwani are naturally connected to it. The administrative structure of any region should be considered to reflect the direction in which the economic flow is directed. This facilitates the implementation of development plans and accelerates regional development. Siwani and Hisar also share a deep social and cultural connection. Family ties, social contacts, marriage ties, educational exchanges, and cultural activities connect the two regions. Considerable similarities are also evident in folk life, language, and social behavior. Communication between the public and the government becomes more effective when administrative boundaries reflect social realities. Conversely, if administrative boundaries do not reflect the actual lifestyles of the people, they

become merely formal boundaries. Another hallmark of this movement is that it has been entirely peaceful, democratic, and constructive. Over the years, people have attempted to convey their views to the government through memorandums, meetings, public dialogues, and social campaigns. Keeping a public issue alive without any form of confrontation or violence is an example of democratic maturity. This is why this demand is no longer just the opinion of a few individuals, but has become a widespread public opinion. This movement was given a clear identity by the slogan that has been giving voice to the public sentiment of the Siwani region for years—"We refuse Bhiwani, we want Hisar district." This is not just a slogan written by Dr. Satyawan Saurabh, but a concise declaration of the region's geographical reality, administrative convenience, and public aspirations. This is why this slogan became popular in community gatherings, social meetings, and public meetings, and became the ideological identity of the movement. Today, when governments talk about "ease of living" and "ease of governance," the Siwani issue poses a true test of those principles. If an administrative change can save thousands of people time, facilitate access to government services, stimulate economic activity, and provide greater public convenience, it deserves serious consideration. Administrative restructuring is also aimed at bringing governance closer to the people and minimizing hardship for citizens. The demand to include Siwani in Hisar district is not a political protest, but rather a demand for convenience, practicality, and administrative justice. This demand is not a question of raising or lowering the prestige of any district, but rather a request to acknowledge the real needs of the people. In a democracy, the sensitivity of government is evidenced by its courage to listen to the public's problems and make decisions based on the circumstances. This voice, which has been raised for nearly a decade, remains as relevant today as it was in 2016. Over time, its support has grown, and the arguments in its favor

have become stronger. It is no longer merely a slogan—"We refuse Bhiwani, we want Hisar district"—but has become a symbol of the collective aspiration, geographical reality, and demand for administrative justice in the Siwani region. This is an opportunity for the government to seriously consider this issue, taking into account public sentiment, geographical realities, and administrative practicalities. If the government is truly committed to public convenience and the principles of good governance, it is time to listen to this decade-old, peaceful, and just demand of Siwani and take a positive decision on it. Bhiwani is refused, Hisar district is required. People should do Siwani but refuse Bhiwani. This is the demand of every person, now Hisar should be a district. Hisar is just a short distance from Siwani. If we go to Bhiwani, it will take many hours. Public convenience says, listen to the right call. This is the demand of every person, now Hisar should be a district. The bus tracks say, where is the world connected? Life goes on with Hisar, every day again and again. Why are you still maintaining distance, the rights of the people? This is the demand of every person, now Hisar should be a district. Education, market, hospital, got admission in Hisar. Everyday life, special things related to it. Time and money are wasted, only a burden is created. This is the demand of every person, now Hisar should be a district. Relationships, public opinion, behavior remained the same. The same foundation was found for culture and society. Now public sentiments get their due and expansion — This is the demand of every person, now Hisar should be a district. The voice of the people has been rising for ten years. Look at this style of peaceful struggle. Save the dignity of democracy, listen, O government— This is the demand of every person, now Hisar should be a district. 'Saurabh' the public asks, when will we be saved. Accept this geographical truth as appropriate. This time, take a decision in the interest of Siwani. This is the demand of every person, now Hisar should be a district.

Cockroach Party, Toolkit and the conspiracy to incite Gen-G – who is behind the scenes?



Priyanka Saurabh

Today is an age of information and communication. The internet, social media, and digital platforms have accelerated the exchange of ideas at an unprecedented pace. There was a time when the formation of public opinion was limited to newspapers, magazines, and television. Now, with a simple mobile phone and internet connection, anyone can reach millions. This change has given new strength to democratic dialogue, but it has also created new challenges. Amidst these challenges, new words and concepts emerge that gradually become part of public discourse. In recent years, "cockroach party" has emerged as one such term, establishing its place in the social media vernacular. The term is not the name of any formal political party, but rather a symbolic expression. It is used to describe groups, campaigns, or online activities that suddenly create a significant amount of buzz around an issue. Viral posts, memes, videos, and trending hashtags on social media are often associated with the term. Many consider it part of an organized digital campaign, while others simply view it as a natural consequence of

social and political reactions. This is why serious discussion on this topic is needed. First, it's important to understand that social media works differently from traditional media. Here, the success of any content depends more on its emotional impact than its factual value. If a post angers, frightens, excites, or emotes people, its chances of going viral increase exponentially. This is why even small issues can sometimes escalate into massive public debates. Algorithms also promote content that generates the most reactions. As a result, real issues are often overshadowed, and emotional noise takes center stage. Psychologist experts explain that humans are more influenced by stories than facts. If an event is presented in a compelling story or narrative, people are more likely to accept it. This same principle is used in digital campaigns. A small incident is presented as a symbol of a broader social injustice, political conspiracy, or cultural conflict. People then take a stand for or against that narrative without further investigation. This process often gives rise to mob mentality. It is in this context that the term "toolkit" came into discussion. A toolkit is typically a guide designed to guide a campaign. It may include suggested hashtags, sample posts, promotional materials, video links, contact information, and program information. This is not a new concept. Social movements, non-governmental organizations, political parties, and citizen campaigns have long pro-

duced such documents. In the digital age, their reach and impact have increased. Problems arise when a toolkit's purpose appears to be more than just raising awareness, but rather to incite public sentiment or increase social polarization. In such cases, allegations are made that a particular group or force is attempting to systematically influence public opinion. However, it is equally important to emphasize that it would not be appropriate to dismiss every toolkit as a conspiracy document. Sometimes, these are simply common campaign management tools. Therefore, any document or campaign should be evaluated based on its purpose, content, and impact. Gen-Z, the current young generation, appears to be at the center of this entire discussion. This generation was born and raised in a digital world. Their information-seeking habits differ from previous generations. Instead of reading newspapers or listening to lengthy debates, they acquire information through short videos, memes, reels, and social media posts. Consequently, they absorb new information quickly, but often don't take the time to verify its veracity. This is why Gen-G is considered the most effective target for any campaign. If a message addresses young people's emotions, identity, concerns about the future, or a sense of social justice, it can spread very quickly. Sensitive images, emotional videos, powerful music, and inspiring slogans are widely used to appeal to young people.

Sometimes these become a vehicle for positive social change, but sometimes these same techniques also popularize misinformation and extremist ideas. This raises an important question: Is there truly an organized conspiracy at work to incite the younger generation? The answer to this question is not simple. History shows that foreign powers, ideological organizations, and political groups in various countries have attempted to influence public opinion. The digital age has made these efforts easier. Through fake accounts, bot networks, sponsored content, and coordinated campaigns, any topic can be artificially polarized. This is a real challenge that cannot be completely dismissed. But on the other hand, it would be wrong to assume every social unrest is the result of a foreign conspiracy. Issues like unemployment, economic inequality, educational problems, administrative failures, and social injustice naturally breed discontent among people. If these problems are not addressed, any campaign or narrative can easily gain popularity. Therefore, to understand any movement or digital campaign, it is essential to consider its social and economic context. It's also important to distinguish between foreign interference and international collaboration. In a globalized world, organizations, research institutes, and civil society groups from different countries interact with each other. This collaboration can be a normal part of democratic processes.

CORRUPTION-FREE KARNATAKA, CM D.K. SHIVAKUMAR INSTRUCTS OFFICIALS TO PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS IN SIR

Bengaluru : CM D.K. Shivakumar has instructed the officials on important issues including corruption-free Karnataka, protection of voting rights in SIR, construction of ring road grid at taluk level, precautionary measures in the wake of rain shortage, establishment of youth era, fake finance scheme, suppression of rowdies and drug networks, and formulation of CSR policy for rural education.

After holding a 7-hour long meeting with the Deputy Commissioners, SP, CEO, DFO and senior government officials at Vidhana Soudha, Shivakumar held a media conference and gave the information on Saturday.

"We have appealed to the officials to work as one team, Team Karnataka. People come to us because of a problem. If there is no problem, no one will come to the DC or Taluk office. People who come with a problem should

be responded to positively and the problem should be resolved. Everyone should be present at the office by 10 am, and as soon as the officers appear in the district offices, their thumbprints should be sent to the Chief Secretary. Everyone from the village accountant, revenue officer, PDO to any departmental officer, to the District Collector, must be present at their central office. Their addresses and phone numbers should be available on the websites," he said.

Building a corruption-free Karnataka

"Building a corruption-free Karnataka is the goal of our government. No one should pay a bribe of Rs 10 in the offices of taluk and district officials. A phone number has been posted in government offices to complain against this. Some people file false cases and extort. We will also look into that. I have told the officials that if they do anything wrong, whether it is



me, our ministers or MLAs, do not listen to them. I have told them that if anyone comes to pressure them to work against the law, inform me immediately. I am not saying that I will change everything at once. I have

requested your cooperation in this effort. Do not allow work that will bring a bad name to our government. We will follow social justice in the category of officials," he said.

Instruction for construction of

ring road grid at taluk level

"To facilitate traffic planning, a plan should be made to build a ring road in all taluks immediately. The district collectors have been instructed that even if we do not build the road immediately, a grid should be made for this. Directions have been given to make a plan for this in the taluk and district headquarters areas," he said.

Distribution of uniforms, shoes, textbooks to children in a month

"In view of the start of the academic year, all children should be brought to school. There is information about how many schools have zero attendance, and a decision will be taken in the next cabinet meeting. Students' uniforms, shoes, and textbooks should be distributed in the next month. There are 964 schools with zero enrollment. There are 3,542 schools with 1-5 children enrolled, and there are 12,696 schools with 6-20 students

enrolled. We have information that there are 4,997 schools with 21-30 children enrolled," he said.

Precautionary measures in the wake of rain shortage

"The rainy season is starting and sowing work is starting. Action should be taken to ensure availability of seeds and fertilizers. There is a possibility of El Niño impact and short-term rain is forecast. Action should be taken to deal with this. The precautionary measures to be taken in the wake of rain shortage have been discussed. There is a 30% rain shortage and action should be taken to supply fodder. Officials and public representatives have been instructed to visit each hostel and check the quality of food there," he said.

Action to curb fake finance schemes, rowdies and drug networks

"Despite the government having implemented a bill to curb fake finance, such cases are coming to light, and it has been

instructed that the SP and the District Collector should use their intelligence to curb such schemes. The government has decided to curb ganja and drug cases. Our police officers are working at their best and strict action has been instructed to be taken against drug peddlers," he explained.

"A team of five policemen has been formed in each police station to curb rowdies. I have instructed to take necessary steps to prevent cyber crime. Solve the problems of the people at the district level. Our district in-charge minister should participate in the public relations meeting. MLAs should hold public relations meetings at the panchayat and hobli levels. The necessary financial arrangements will be made for that. Then the people will come to the district headquarters and Bangalore less. This will enable this pro-people government to reach out to the people," he said.

Hubballi Gears Up to Host Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 Season 5



Hubballi : The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) hosted a press conference in Hubballi on Saturday ahead of the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 Season 5, highlighting the city's role as one of the three host venues for this year's tournament.

The interaction was attended by KSCA President Venkatesh Prasad, Chairman of the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 Governing Council M.S. Keshava, Governing Council Member A.V. Shashidar, Chairman of KSCA Dharwad Zone Altaf Kittur, Convenor of KSCA Dharwad Zone Veeranna S. Savadi, Chairman, Infrastructure, Dharwad Zone Veeresh Undi, along with other dignitaries and members of the media. Speaking at the event, Venkatesh Prasad expressed his excitement

about the tournament's return to Hubballi.

"We are very excited about the second phase of the tournament taking place in Hubballi. We've already seen the fantastic organisation of the Ranji Trophy Final here. It was praised from all quarters — be it the BCCI, the players, the Karnataka players, the Jammu & Kashmir players, or the President of the BCCI. Hubballi is such a place; whatever responsibility you give it, I think Hubballi does it exceptionally well," he said. He also spoke on the appointment of KSCA Managing Committee Member Avinash Vaidya as Manager of the Indian team for the tour of Ireland and England.

"It's a matter of great pride for us at KSCA and he is truly deserving of it," Prasad said.

Venkatesh Prasad

spoke about KSCA's plans to further strengthen cricketing infrastructure across the state, revealing that the association is working towards upgrading facilities in Bengaluru, Mysuru and Hubballi with LED floodlights. He noted that the initiative forms part of KSCA's continued efforts to enhance venues and provide improved playing conditions and spectator experiences. The fifth edition of the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 will be played from June 20 to July 12 across Mysuru, Hubballi and Bengaluru. Hubballi will host 12 matches from June 27 to July 3 as six franchises — Coastal Kings Mangaluru, Gulbarga Mystics, Hubli Tigers, Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters, Mysore Warriors and Shivamogga Yodhas — compete for the coveted title.

NEP Will End 'PhD by Default' Culture, Says Jitendra Singh

Bengaluru, June 13 (UNI) union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday stirred a debate on the quality of higher education and research in India, asserting that many PhD holders have entered doctoral programmes 'by default' rather than by choice, aptitude or commitment to scientific inquiry.

Speaking at the RISE 2026 conclave in Bengaluru, the minister said India's education system had for decades encouraged students to view advanced degrees as fallback options when other career aspirations did not materialise, contributing to concerns over employability and the quality of research output. In a candid assessment of the country's academic landscape, Dr Singh said a section of PhD holders struggling to find suitable employment had pursued research not because of a passion for knowledge creation but because they were left searching for alternative career paths.

"Many of those who are unable to find jobs despite having PhDs are not employable because they have done a PhD by default. They wanted to become doctors, civil servants or pursue some other profession. When those opportunities did not work out, they moved into research and doctoral studies," he said.

The minister remarked that some students choose doctoral programmes after failing to secure admission in professional courses or after being unsuccessful in competitive examinations.

On-the-Spot Resolution of Issues – e-Khata Services Made Easier

Bengaluru : The "My e-Khata, My Right" campaign, launched under the State Government's ambitious Bhoo Guarantee Scheme, has received an encouraging response from citizens. A total of 5,351 applications have been disposed of over the past five weeks.

Citizens are visiting the special camps organized at 50 locations across five City Corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) to avail themselves of various e-Khata-related services. The cam-

paign has simplified the process of obtaining e-Khata services and is providing on-the-spot solutions to khata-related issues. Officials at the camps are verifying applications, scrutinizing documents, resolving technical errors, correcting information, and addressing other concerns directly at the venue. 12,629 Citizens Visited Campaign Centres in Five Weeks Under the State Government's sixth guarantee initiative, the Bhoo Guarantee Scheme, the "My e-Khata, Nanna Right" cam-

paign has attracted 12,629 visitors across the five City Corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority during the last five weeks. Of these, 5,351 applications have been disposed of. On June 13, a total of 1,399 citizens visited the campaign centres seeking services related to e-Khata, mutation, corrections, new e-Khata applications, B-to-A Khata conversion, grievance redressal, and other matters. Of these, 922 applications were resolved on the spot.

"A Degree is Not the End, But the Beginning of Responsibility" – Dr. C. N. Manjunath

Mysore: Padma Shri Dr. C. N. Manjunath, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Bangalore Rural) and former Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, participated as the Chief Guest at the 19th Graduation Ceremony organized jointly by Cauvery Group of Institutions and St. Alphonsa College at the KSOU Convocation Hall, Mysuru.

Addressing the graduating students, Dr. Manjunath emphasized that technical knowledge alone is not sufficient for success in healthcare professions; communication skills, compassion, empathy, and human touch are equally important. He stated that patients often remember not only the treatment they receive but also the kindness, respect, and reassurance offered by healthcare professionals.

He highlighted that a smile, a comforting word, and a caring attitude can significantly improve a patient's confidence and healing process. "A good healthcare professional must possess not only knowledge and skills but also a mother's heart filled



with compassion and concern for others," he remarked.

Speaking about healthcare accessibility, Dr. Manjunath lauded the Government of India's initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat, which has provided healthcare security to crores of citizens across the country. He also appreciated the role of Jan Aushadhi Kendras, which have made essential medicines affordable and reduced the financial burden on patients.

Encouraging the graduates, he said that graduation is not merely the receipt of a degree but a transition from learning to responsibility, from aspiration to achievement, and

from knowledge to wisdom. He urged students to continue learning throughout their lives, noting that "Learning has no limits because life never stops teaching."

Dr. Manjunath further advised students to maintain humility, professionalism, ethical values, and dedication in serving society. He stressed that true success in healthcare lies in earning the trust, affection, and blessings of patients through quality service and compassionate care.

He also expressed concern about lifestyle-related diseases, noting that changing food habits, sedentary lifestyles, and stress have contributed

significantly to the growing burden of non-communicable diseases in India. He called upon the younger generation to promote preventive healthcare and healthy living.

Congratulating the graduating students, Dr. Manjunath wished them success in their professional journeys and encouraged them to contribute meaningfully to society and the nation through their service.

The graduation ceremony was presided over by Dr. G. R. Chandrashekar, Chairman, Cauvery Group of Institutions, Mysuru, in the esteemed presence of Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar, Chairperson, Suraksha Education Trust and Managing Director, Cauvery Group of Institutions, Mysuru. Prof. K. S. Rangappa, NASI Distinguished Chair Professor and Former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mysore and Karnataka State Open University, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The event witnessed the participation of faculty members, administrators, parents, distinguished guests, and graduating students.

Corporation Budget Grants to be Utilized Based on Expert Advice: Commissioner K N Ramesh

Bengaluru: As announced during this year's budget presentation meeting of the Bengaluru South Municipal Corporation, the Commissioner of the Corporation, K N Ramesh, organized the first meeting for a discussion between Corporation officials and public representatives who are experienced experts regarding the utilization of Corporation grants.

Experienced experts Ashwin Mahesh, Shri Prasanna Rao, and Smt. Padmasree Balaram attended the meeting, discussed with the Corporation officials, and offered their valuable suggestions regarding the utilization of grants.

Steps to Plant Saplings for Temperature Reduction experts opined that since there was extreme temperature in the Corporation limits during the last summer, it is highly necessary and appropriate to plant native species of tree saplings on public places and on both sides of the roads under the 'Green Bengaluru South'



grant, and protect and nurture them by installing protective guards, with a view to reduce the temperature in the coming days.

Identify Vacant Plots Adjacent to High Traffic Roads

To reduce traffic congestion on high-traffic roads within the Corporation limits, the Commissioner instructed the engineers to identify vacant government or private lands adjacent to those roads, and submit the said information in the next meeting in order to discuss and enter into agreements with the respective land-

owners for arranging vehicle parking, constructing bus bays, and constructing footpaths in those places.

Emphasize Solar Energy Usage to Cut Electricity Costs

To reduce the electricity consumption cost of streetlights within the Corporation limits, the experts stated that the usage of solar-powered streetlights is crucial, and it is appropriate to mandatorily install solar panels on all buildings of the Corporation. The Commissioner instructed the engineers of the electri-

cal department to effectively use CCMS technology to immediately resolve any complaints regarding streetlights.

Emphasize Maintenance of Public Toilets

There are more than 74 public toilets within the Corporation limits, and in several places, there is a lack of proper water facility and maintenance. The Commissioner directed the officials to ensure continuous water supply to public toilets and focus on the cleanliness of the toilets.

Bi-RIDE Invites Tender for Soladevanahalli Train Maintenance Depot: A Strategic Milestone for Bengaluru Suburban Transport Project

BENGALURU : In a significant leap forward for the Bengaluru Suburban Transport Project (BSTP), the Bengaluru Integrated Rail Infrastructure Development Enterprise (Bi-RIDE) has officially invited bids for the construction of the Soladevanahalli Train Maintenance Depot. This critical infrastructure component, estimated at a cost of * 200.03 Crores (excluding GST), will serve as the operational backbone for the city's expanding suburban railway services. The deadline for bid submissions has been set for August 12, 2026.

This strategic infrastructure development closely follows the work order issued on May 6, 2026, for the procurement of 153 Coaches from the

Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai. The new depot is being specifically facilitated to ensure the seamless upkeep, periodic maintenance, and reliable deployment of these upcoming rolling stocks. Planned strategically near the Chikkabanavara suburban station, the depot will oversee the operation and maintenance of trains exclusively for Corridor 2 and Corridor 4. To seamlessly facilitate this massive undertaking, 26 acres of private land have already been successfully acquired by the administration.

Highlighting the critical importance of the new facility, Lakshman Singh IRS, Managing Director of Bi-RIDE, stated, "A modern train maintenance depot is the beating heart

of any robust suburban railway network. Following our recent order for 153 state-of-the-art coaches, establishing the Soladevanahalli Depot ensures we have the world-class workshop required for their periodic maintenance and safety inspections. This infrastructure is not just about keeping trains running; it is a strategic investment in delivering high-frequency, reliable, and safe suburban transit to the people of Bengaluru, while staying true to our net-zero carbon commitments." Functioning as a highly comprehensive workshop, the depot will feature stabling lines, workshop lines, an inspection bay, a repair bay, and a fully automatic coach washing plant.

Recognizing that the suburban railway system cannot operate at its intended high capacity without these essential facilities, the project also aligns perfectly with the strict net-zero carbon policy of Bi-RIDE. The depot will actively harness natural resources by integrating extensive solar power generation and advanced rainwater harvesting systems. The construction of this state-of-the-art facility is being financed through a loan sanctioned by the KfW Development Bank in Germany, fully supporting the long-term vision of guaranteeing high-frequency operations, unwavering safety standards, and a modern commuting experience for all Bangaloreans.

DMK sole arch-rival, party can fight reels with reels: Edappadi

CHENNAI: AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami on Saturday told party functionaries that the ruling TVK was not the party's principal political adversary and reiterated that the DMK remained AIADMK's main rival, while stressing the need for a stronger social media presence to improve the party's electoral prospects.



As part of the AIADMK's constituency-wise review meetings on its performance in the last Assembly election, Palaniswami held detailed discussions with office-bearers from the Kancheepuram Assembly constituency at the party headquarters, MGR Maaligai, in Royapettah.

According to party sources, he spent nearly three hours meeting with district-and constituency-level functionaries to understand the reasons for the party's defeat in Kancheepuram. He later addressed the gathering for about 20 minutes, outlining the party's future strategy. During the meeting, Palaniswami reportedly told cadres that TVK was not AIADMK's real political opponent and maintained that the DMK remained the party's primary electoral rival. What helped TVK achieve electoral success through social media can also be used effectively by AIADMK in the future. Cadre must expose the ruling govern-

ment's shortcomings in real time. Highlighting the growing importance of digital campaigning, he said AIADMK should make effective use of social media platforms, including Instagram reels and other online channels, to counter the ruling government and communicate its shortcomings to the public in real time.

"What helped TVK achieve electoral success through social media can also be used effectively by AIADMK in the future," he is learnt to have told party functionaries.

Several district office-bearers reportedly informed Palaniswami that the party's inability to effectively manage and respond on social media platforms was one of the major reasons for its electoral setback. They also claimed that AIADMK had lost momentum during the final three days before polling.



Honble Ministers chaired a review meeting on online patta transfer and automatic patta transfer for non-subdivision cases

Madras HC asks Centre, State to reply on petition to regulate bike taxi services



MADURAI: The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court has directed the Central and Tamil Nadu governments to file their responses to a petition seeking a regulatory framework and licensing system for bike taxi services in the State.

The petitioner sought directions to the government to formulate rules for operating bike taxi services, create a regulatory mechanism and grant licences for such services. He also sought an interim restraint on authorities from taking action against bike taxi riders until a policy is framed.

A division bench comprising Justices Satish Kumar and Jothiraman issued the direction while hearing a petition filed by Madurai resident Naveen Kumar and adjourned the matter for

further hearing. The petitioner sought directions to the government to formulate rules for operating bike taxi services, create a regulatory mechanism and grant licences for such services. He also sought an interim restraint on authorities from taking action against bike taxi riders until a policy is framed.

option to the public. However, the State has not framed any specific regulations governing their operation.

The petitioner contended that bike taxi riders are frequently penalised with fines, vehicle seizures, and criminal cases under the Motor Vehicles Act, even as digital platform companies continue to operate the services without a clear regulatory framework. He argued that bike taxi operations are fully dependent on app-based platforms and cannot function independently like autorickshaws or rental cars.

Recording the submissions, the Madurai bench of the MHC directed the Centre and the State government to file counter-affidavits and posted the case for further proceedings.

Will make Tiruchy no 1 district in 5 years: TN Minister Ramesh



TIRUCHY: HR&CE Minister S Ramesh on Friday announced that monthly review meetings involving all government departments would be held to ensure prompt redressal of public grievances and effective delivery of basic amenities, particularly drinking water, while asserting that Tiruchy would be transformed into one of the best districts in

the State within 5 years. Chairing a district-level review meeting, the minister reviewed ongoing projects and upcoming schemes and directed officials to complete works on schedule. He stressed the need for transparency in administration and instructed officials to prioritise genuine public demands and resolve issues without delay. Speaking to report-

ers after the meeting, Ramesh said the state government was committed to clean governance, preventing corruption and ensuring the timely implementation of welfare schemes. He said the government's focus remained on public welfare and not on serving individual interests. The minister said the monthly reviews would help monitor departmental performance and facilitate quicker resolution of issues. Special emphasis would be placed on improving basic civic amenities, including drinking water supply.

He added that several new schemes and development projects would be implemented in Tiruchy as part of efforts to make the district a model district within the next five years. Deputy Speaker M Ravishankar, District Collector Pratik Dayal, City Police Commissioner N Kamini and other officials attended the meeting.

Speaker issues notice to 4 former AIADMK MLAs



CHENNAI: The Secretariat has issued notices to four former AIADMK MLAs who voted in favour of the TVK-led government during the confidence motion and later resigned from their Assembly memberships.

Speaker JCD Prabhakar said notices were served to the four former legislators, K Maragatham Kumaravel, P Sathyabama, S Jayakumar and Esakki Subaya, on June 9, seeking their response to allegations raised by the AIADMK leadership against them.

The speaker said the former MLAs had been directed to submit their replies within seven days of receiving the

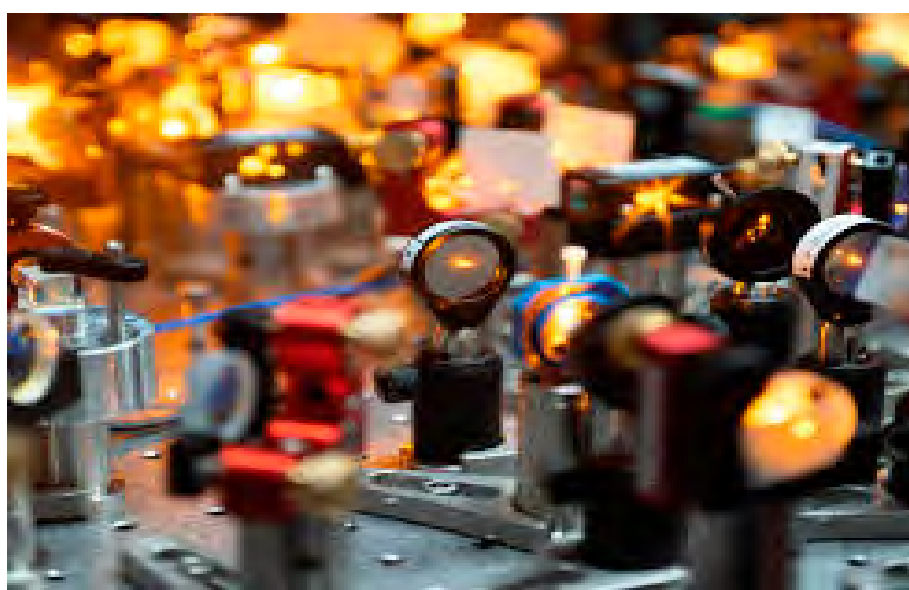
notices. They are required to respond by June 16.

"The notices seek their explanation regarding the allegations levelled by the AIADMK leadership. A final decision on the matter will be made after their responses are received and examined," the speaker said. The issue assumes significance as the four legislators had supported the ruling TVK government during the trust vote before subsequently resigning from the Assembly. It may be noted that 25 of the 47 AIADMK MLAs voted in favour of the confidence motion, violating the party whip.

Exploring the unknown: a unique quantum state of matter emerges at Columbia

Physicists at Columbia University have taken molecules to a new ultracold limit and created a state of matter where quantum mechanics reigns. There's a hot new BEC in town that has nothing to do with bacon, egg, and cheese. You won't find it at your local bodega, but in the coldest place in New York: the lab of Columbia physicist Sebastian Will, whose experimental group specializes in pushing atoms and molecules to temperatures just fractions of a degree above absolute zero.

Writing in Nature, the Will lab, supported by theoretical collaborator Tijl Karman at Radboud University in the Netherlands, has successfully created a unique quantum state of matter called a Bose-Einstein Condensate (BEC) out of molecules. Breakthrough in Bose-Einstein Condensates Their BEC, cooled to just five nanoKelvin, or about -459.66 °F, and stable for a strikingly long two seconds, is made from sodium-cesium molecules. Like water molecules, these molecules are polar, meaning they carry both a positive and a negative charge. The imbalanced distribution of electric charge facilitates the long-range interactions that make for the most interesting physics, noted Will. Research the Will lab is excited to pursue with their molecular BECs includes exploring a number of different quantum phenomena, including new types of superfluidity, a state of matter that flows without experiencing any friction. They also hope to turn their BECs into simulators that can recreate the enigmatic quantum properties of more complex materials, like solid crystals. "Molecular Bose-Einstein condensates open up whole new areas of research, from understanding truly fundamental physics to advancing powerful quantum simula-



tions," he said. "This is an exciting achievement, but it's really just the beginning." It's a dream come true for the Will lab and one that's been decades in the making for the larger ultracold research community. The science of BECs goes back a century to physicists Satyendra Nath Bose and Albert Einstein. In a series of papers published in 1924 and 1925, they predicted that a group of particles cooled to a near standstill would coalesce into a single, larger superentity with shared properties and behaviors dictated by the laws of quantum mechanics. If BECs could be created, they would offer researchers an enticing platform to explore quantum mechanics at a more tractable scale than individual atoms or molecules.

It took about 70 years from those first theoretical predictions, but the first atomic BECs were created in

1995. The achievement was recognized with the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2001, just around the time Will was getting his start in physics at the University of Mainz in Germany. Labs now routinely make atomic BECs from several different types of atoms. These BECs have expanded our understanding of concepts such as the wave nature of matter and superfluids and led to the development of technologies such as quantum gas microscopes and quantum simulators, to name a few. But atoms are, in the grand scheme of things, relatively simple. They are round objects and usually do not feature interactions that may arise from polarity. Since the first atomic BECs were realized, scientists have wanted to create more complicated versions made from molecules. But even simple diatomic molecules made of two

atoms of different elements bonded together had proved tricky to cool below the temperature needed to form a proper BEC. The first breakthrough came in 2008 when Deborah Jin and Jun Ye, physicists at JILA in Boulder, Colorado, cooled a gas of potassium-rubidium molecules down to about 350 nanoKelvin. Such ultracold molecules have proved useful to perform quantum simulations and to study molecular collisions and quantum chemistry in recent years, but to cross the BEC threshold, even lower temperatures were needed. In 2023, the Will lab created the first ultracold gas of their molecule of choice, sodium-cesium, using a combination of laser cooling and magnetic manipulations, similar to Jin and Ye's approach. To go colder, they brought in microwaves. Microwaves are a form of electromagnetic radiation with a long history at Columbia. In the 1930s, physicist Isidor Isaac Rabi, who would go on to receive the Nobel Prize in Physics, did pioneering work on microwaves that led to the development of airborne radar systems. "Rabi was one of the first to control the quantum states of molecules and was a pioneer of microwave research," said Will. "Our work follows in that 90-year-long tradition."

While you may be familiar with the role of microwaves in heating up your food, it turns out they can also facilitate cooling. Individual molecules have a tendency to bump into each other and will, as a result, form bigger complexes that disappear from the samples. Microwaves can create small shields around each molecule that prevent them from colliding, an idea proposed by Karman, their collaborator in the Netherlands. With the molecules shielded against lossy collisions,

Quantum breakthrough paves way for 'unbreakable' metals

Scientists have developed a quantum mechanics-based method to predict the ductility of metals, proving particularly effective for materials used in high-temperature conditions. This innovative approach, highlighting the importance of local atomic distortion, allows for rapid testing of thousands of materials, streamlining the development process for industries like aerospace and energy.

A team of scientists from Ames National Laboratory and Texas A&M University developed a new way to predict metal ductility. This quantum-mechanics-based approach fills a need for an inexpensive, efficient, high-throughput way to predict ductility. The team demonstrated its effectiveness on refractory multi-principal-element alloys. These are materials of interest for use in high-temperature conditions, however, they frequently lack necessary ductility for potential applications in aerospace, fusion reactors, and land-based turbines. The team found that higher (increased) charge activity is responsible for improved ductility in body-centered cubic metals. The yellow region, which represents the higher electronic charge in the interstitials (area in between the atoms), corresponds to the increased charge activity that leads to higher ductility. The light blue regions are interstitials with weaker charge activity. In this image, each atom is represented by a different color, tantalum (Ta), molybdenum (Mo), and tungsten (W) as specified above. The blue, pink, and red contours show charge distribution around each site. Credit: U.S. Department of Energy Ames National Laboratory. Ductility describes how well a material can withstand physical strain without cracking or breaking. According to Prashant Singh, a scientist at Ames Lab and leader of the theoretical design efforts, there are currently no robust ways to predict metal ductility. Additionally, trial-and-error experimentation is expensive and time-consuming, especially in extreme conditions. A typical way to model atoms is with rigid spheres that are symmetrical. However, Singh explained that in real materials, the atoms are different sizes and have shapes. When mixing elements with different-sized atoms, the atoms continually adjust to fit within the fixed space. This behavior creates local atomic distortion.

Elon Musk becomes world's first trillionaire as SpaceX soars in stock market debut

Elon Musk on Friday became the world's first trillionaire after shares in his SpaceX rocket company soared during the biggest-ever stock market debut. The Tesla and SpaceX founder comfortably cemented his status as the world's richest man, with his total net worth standing at \$1.11tn (£828bn) according to the Bloomberg rich list. It came as the rocket, telecommunications and artificial intelligence (AI) company listed on the Nasdaq stock exchange with a value of \$2.2tn. The company said its shares would be offered at \$135 each, but trading opened at \$150 and briefly reached \$176.50 in a show of investor enthusiasm for potential business related to space and companies associated with Musk. SpaceX shares closed on Friday at about \$161. The initial public offering (IPO) of SpaceX raised \$75bn from investors and underwriters of the deal before shares of the company hit the open stock market on Friday. Musk's 42% ownership stake in SpaceX gives him essentially unilateral control over everything it does. He can spend the money being invested however he likes. According to Bloomberg, his shares in SpaceX were worth \$767.1bn at close of trade, and he has another \$53.8 in



SpaceX options. He also has \$168bn in Tesla shares, and a further \$116.4bn in Tesla options. Musk's status as the world's first trillionaire immediately sparked debate about wealth inequality. His wealth is now similar to the entire economic output of Poland or Switzerland. Such unheard of wealth has already turned Musk into a powerful and divisive figure in global politics. He gave hundreds of millions of dollars to the re-election campaign of US President Donald Trump after criticising the country's leadership, and for several months last year, Musk led the Department for Government Efficiency (Doge). Through drastic cuts

to government spending, Musk was responsible for the closure of the US Agency for International Development (USAID). Such cuts could cause more than 14 million additional deaths by 2030, according to a warning published by researchers in the Lancet medical journal. He has also criticised leadership in the UK and elsewhere, often on topics of immigration and promoting of racial divisions. Musk has repeatedly clashed with UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, including over the murder of 18-year-old British student Henry Nowak. Democratic US senators Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren were among a slew of politicians to

condemn the trillionaire milestone. Warren said it should be a "wake up call" and argued it underlines the need for wealth taxes. However, Musk is a trillionaire only on paper, as it is almost entirely tied to the value of his stockholdings in Tesla and now SpaceX. He is unable to sell any of his SpaceX stock for at least a year. SpaceX's public listing is also expected to have made millionaires of more than 4,400 of its current and former staff through the shares in the company they had been given as part of their pay. SpaceX's valuation is largely based on optimism about its potential future earnings, as opposed to

financial results it has demonstrated so far. It is currently not profitable, meaning it loses more money from its operations than it makes. The company lost more than \$9bn in 2025 and 2026 so far, according to its financial filings, due to its huge spending on AI and other infrastructure investments. The biggest focus of its business is the manufacture and launch of rockets with reusable parts. SpaceX also manufactures and launches Starlink internet satellites, and through this year's acquisition of xAI, another company Musk owned and operated, SpaceX entered into the AI business, too. SpaceX has said it will use the money to "fuel its growth strategy" around rockets, satellites for its growing Starlink internet service, and AI, including speculative plans to build data centres in orbit. Nancy Tengler, who heads Laffer Tengler Investments and put in an order to buy shares of SpaceX, called the company's AI business a "cash incinerator" despite Musk's ambitions for the segment. "It's important to take some of the projections with a grain of salt," Tengler said. Nevertheless, she is buying into the company for its long-term potential.

L'Oreal leases 90,000 sq ft in Hyderabad for its global tech hub



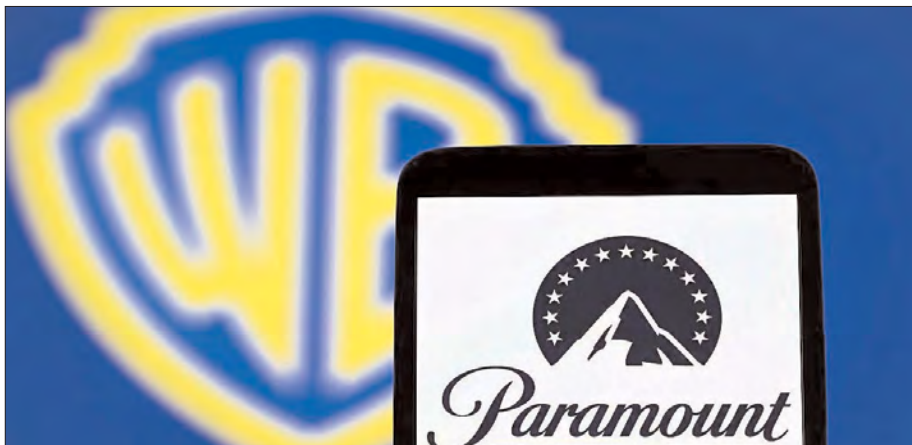
Hyderabad: French beauty giant L'Oreal India has leased 89,628 square feet of office space at Meenakshi Eco Park in Nanakramguda, Hyderabad, in what marks a concrete step toward establishing the company's first global Beauty Tech Hub in the city. According to documents reviewed by RE Journal, the lease covers the third floor of the development and was registered on 4 March 2026, with effect from 1 February 2026. The agreement runs for 60 months, with a lock-in period of 36 months. The starting monthly rent has been fixed at Rs 74 per square foot, with a 15 per cent escalation clause every three years. In addition to the leased space, L'Oreal has secured a hard

option on a further 85,813 square feet at the same development, giving the company room to scale up its Hyderabad operations. The lease comes weeks after L'Oreal announced at the World Economic Forum in Davos in January 2026 that it would invest over Rs 3,500 crore (approximately Euro 350 million) to set up a global Beauty Tech Hub in Hyderabad. The hub, announced in partnership with the Telangana government, is positioned as a flagship centre for artificial intelligence, data, and digital innovation. L'Oreal CEO Nicolas Hieronimus described it as a "landmark" collaboration and said the facility would sit "at the heart" of the company's AI and digital ambitions globally. The centre

is expected to generate around 2,000 highly skilled jobs, including AI specialists, tech engineers, and data scientists, by 2030, and will be operational by November 2026. It will join L'Oreal's existing network of tech hubs across France, the United States, China, Singapore, Spain, Poland, Canada, Brazil, and Mexico. Nanakramguda, part of Hyderabad's Financial District, has emerged as a preferred destination for global capability centres and multinational firms, with companies such as TCS, Wipro, ICICI, Broadridge, and Infosys among those based in the area. The starting monthly rent has been fixed at Rs 74 per square foot, with a 15 per cent escalation clause every three years.

Warner Bros \$111bn sale to Paramount approved by US justice department

Paramount Skydance's \$111bn (£82.8bn) acquisition of Warner Bros Discovery has been approved by the US Department of Justice. The approval marks a key development in the merger that will reshape media, allowing the takeover bid of the Hollywood studio, which owns CNN and HBO, to continue. The pending sale has been filled with contention, from Paramount's battle with Netflix over the company to scrutiny over industry consolidation and worries about politics. David Ellison, the leader of Paramount, is the son of Larry Ellison, a major donor to President Donald Trump. But it's not a done deal yet, as states like California are reviewing the sale and could sue to block it. In a statement on its decision, the justice department said it had conducted a "rigorous" investigation of the proposed deal and found it was "not likely to result in harm to competition or American consumers." Instead, the department said it found the deal would likely "increase competition across



the media and entertainment ecosystem, with benefits for American consumers and workers." Rob Bonta, California's Attorney General, said in late February that he was concerned any takeover of Warner Bros would further consolidate and limit competition in the entertainment industry, which has seen layoffs and cuts in recent years. Earlier this month, Bonta said he would soon decide on taking formal legal action to block the merger. A spokesperson for Bonta told the BBC said there was no

update on that review and said it "remains under investigation". More than 1,400 Hollywood actors, directors and filmmakers in April signed an open letter opposing the merger. "The result will be fewer opportunities for creators, fewer jobs across the production ecosystem, higher costs, and less choice for audiences in the United States and around the world," the signatories said. Skydance merged with Paramount in 2025 and cut about 10% of its workforce in the process. While people in Hollywood

fear jobs cuts and the impacts of fewer studios being in power, Paramount executives have said it was looking forward to what they say will be billions of dollars in cost-savings. By taking over Warner Bros, Paramount will become one of the most powerful forces in Hollywood, adding news network CNN, TV networks HBO, TBS, TNT, TCM, as well as studios DC Studios and New Line Cinema to its current stable of assets. Those include Paramount Pictures, CBS, Showtime and Nickelodeon.

Anthropic suspends new AI tools over US government security concerns

Anthropic has suspended its powerful new AI model after US authorities raised security concerns just days following its public release. In a statement published on its website, Anthropic said it was ordered to suspend foreign nationals from using Claude Fable 5, a program that the company self-described as "too powerful". "The net effect of this order is that we must abruptly disable Fable 5 and Mythos 5 for all our customers to ensure compliance," the company wrote. Anthropic and the Trump administration are involved in a separate ongoing lawsuit over an order to stop government agencies using the company's AI tools. The BBC has approached the US Department of Commerce for comment. Claude Fable 5 is a version of Anthropic's Claude Mythos, an AI program rivalling competitors OpenAI's ChatGPT and Google's Gemini. Anthropic said US national security authorities had not identified specific concerns. "Our understanding is that the government believes it has become aware of a method of bypassing, or 'jailbreaking' Fable 5,"



the company said. Jailbreaking is a process of getting past software restrictions designed to protect a cyber network, allowing hackers to access sensitive information or unblock features. "We reviewed a demonstration of this specific technique being used to identify a small number of previously known, minor vulnerabilities," Anthropic said. "These vulnerabilities all appear relatively simple, and we have found that other publicly-available models are able to discover them as well without requiring a bypass." Ahead of the release of Claude Fable 5, the company touted various "safeguards" it had implemented to prevent cyber hacking.

Finance, technology and government leaders had expressed concerns about its public rollout, following a private release in April for pre-viewing and testing vulnerabilities within its own system. Anthropic said it enabled pre-release access for a handful of organisations because the tool was so intelligent that it could be dangerous because of its ability to exploit or hack computer systems. The company self-proclaimed that it was "too powerful to release" before Claude Fable 5 was publicly released, which some critics questioned as inflated hype and marketing spin. "Fable's capabilities exceed those of any model we've ever made generally available," the com-

pany said. Gina Neff, Professor of Responsible AI at Queen Mary University London, told the BBC that the decision to restrict access to the model could limit the development and safe testing of these AI systems. She warned it could also restrict collaboration with governments around the world. "We're in uncharted territory at this point," she said. "People within the AI industry have been warning us that these tools are getting better very rapidly and that we have to be able to build up capabilities to keep our companies safe from cyber attacks. She said the UK government's AI Security Institute found in its tests that the model could exploit defences and systems 73% of the time. "It's a step change in capability in cyber security," she added. Anthropic has found itself in the crosshairs of the Trump administration recently. Donald Trump has criticised the company publicly and then US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth labelled it a "supply chain risk" – the first time a US company has ever publicly received such a designation.

Govt hikes onion procurement rate to Rs 16.5 per kg

New Delhi: The government has raised the onion procurement price under its buffer stock programme to Rs 16.50 per kg with effect from Saturday, June 13, from Rs 15.80 per kg currently, as part of its efforts to boost farmers' income. Farmers in Maharashtra are seeking a procurement rate of Rs 30 per kg in view of high input costs in the state, the country's largest onion-producing region. The buffer stocks are maintained annually under the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) for market intervention purposes. The government has set a procurement target of 2 lakh tonnes for the year, down from 3 lakh tonnes procured in 2025-26. Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi chaired a meeting on Thursday with officials from the Department of Consumer Affairs to strengthen onion procurement and ensure better returns for our farmers. "Based on prevailing mandi



prices and quality requirements for storage-grade onions, the Minimum Assured Procurement Price (MAPP) has been revised to Rs 1,650 per quintal with effect from 13 June 2026," the minister said in a social media post on Friday. The pricing methodology has also been refined to make procurement more responsive to market conditions, he added. The Centre had earlier revised the price to Rs 15.80 per kg from Rs 12.70

per kg, citing market dynamics and the need to protect farmers. Onion procurement for the current season commenced on May 15. Onion output is estimated at 307.37 lakh tonnes in 2025-26 as compared to 307.67 lakh tonnes in 2024-25, as per the latest government data. Earlier this week, farmers in Maharashtra demanded a minimum procurement price of Rs 3,000 per quintal (Rs 30 per kg).

HYDERABAD'S MANAM BETS USD 9 MN ON HOMEGROWN CHOCOLATE

Hyderabad: Manam Chocolate, a Hyderabad-based bean-to-bar craft chocolate company, has raised USD 9 million in a Series A funding round led by venture capital firm Omnivore, with participation from the Turner Morrison consortium, as the brand moves to take on imported Belgian and Swiss chocolates in India's fast-growing premium confectionery market. The company said the fresh capital will be deployed to expand its retail footprint, with an immediate focus on launching new experiential store formats across the Delhi-NCR region over the next 12 months. Further expansion into Mumbai or Bengaluru is planned in subsequent phases. The company aims to increase its revenue from Rs 53 crore to Rs 260 crore. Founded in 2021 by Chaitanya Muppala, Manam currently operates three outlets: its flagship Manam Chocolate Karkhana in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, a beverage bar in Knowledge



City, and a recently launched store at Eldeco Centre in New Delhi. Unlike conventional chocolate manufacturers that rely on imported cocoa, Manam builds from the ground up. Through its parent company, Distinct Origins Pvt Ltd, the brand works with a network of over 250 farmers cultivating more than 3,000 acres of cacao across three states, with a significant presence in Andhra Pradesh's West Godavari dis-

trict, one of India's largest cacao-growing regions. The company also runs the Distinct Origins Cacao Fermentary in Tadikalapudi, West Godavari, described as one of the largest fine-flavour cacao fermentation facilities in the world, where proprietary, science-led processes are used to develop distinct Indian cacao profiles. Gifting accounts for approximately 65 per cent of the company's revenue, according to Indian

Startup Times, catering to corporate, social, and personal occasions. The company plans to scale from its current three stores to 18 outlets over the next two years, while diversifying its product portfolio. Commenting on the fundraiser, Muppala said the investment marks a milestone in the company's efforts to build a globally respected Indian craft chocolate brand. "We have focused on strengthening every part of

the value chain, from cacao cultivation and fermentation to chocolate making. This investment will help us scale further, expand into key markets and continue showcasing the potential of Indian cacao," he said. Omnivore partner Reihem Roy said the investment reflects growing interest in origin-led consumer brands that create value at the farm level. "Premium consumer brands like Manam Chocolate demonstrate how farmer-linked supply chains can improve livelihoods while building resilient food systems. As climate pressures reshape global cacao supply, investment in alternative, high-quality origins such as India represents both a commercial opportunity and a contribution to a more resilient global food system," he said. India's premium chocolate market is estimated at USD 1.64 billion as of 2025 and is projected to grow at an annual rate of over six per cent through 2030, according to industry estimates.

Israel carries out air strikes on Lebanon, state media says, as Iran claims deal with US near

Israel has carried out air strikes in the south of Lebanon after ordering people to leave about 20 locations, Lebanese state media has said. At least one person has been killed following a strike on the town of Marrakeh, in Lebanon's Tyre district, according to the Lebanese National News Agency. Israel's prime minister had previously warned his country would strike Hezbollah if it continues attacks against northern Israel. The strikes come as Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, whose country is mediating talks between the US and Iran, wrote on X "we are closer to a peace deal than ever before". Finalisation is "likely expected in the next 24 hours", he added. Iran's foreign minister said earlier that a deal to end fighting with the US is close. The agreement also envisages an end to the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon, Seyed Abbas Araghchi also said. Araghchi said the deal



includes reopening the Strait of Hormuz and told state TV it includes the lifting of a US blockade of Iran. However, he said talks on Iran's nuclear programme would begin later. US officials have confirmed some of the details of the agreement, saying economic benefits for Iran would depend on Tehran meeting its obligations. Previous reports from the US have suggested Lebanon may not be part of this deal - with Iran reported-

ly insisting on it. The war began with US and Israeli strikes across Iran on 28 February, prompting Iran to attack Israel and US-allied states in the Gulf - as well as effectively closing the Strait of Hormuz, a key shipping route for the world's oil and liquefied natural gas. Despite having agreed a ceasefire in April, the US and Iran have exchanged intermittent fire, including two rounds of tit-for-tat strikes this week. US

President Donald Trump said on Thursday that he had cancelled "scheduled attacks" against Iran, because negotiators had "just made a great settlement" - a deal that was likely to be signed imminently. On Friday, Iranian media published some details from the alleged 14-point deal which Trump said had "nothing to do with the terms that were agreed to" and "bears no relation to the truth". A few hours later, Pakistan's prime

minister said the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the US and Iran had been agreed and awaited finalising. On Saturday, Sharif wrote on X that his country "is preparing for the electronic signing of the peace deal... followed by technical level talks next week". Iran's Araghchi was quoted in state media saying there are "supporters and opponents" of the latest terms of the deal among Iran's top security body, the Supreme National Security Council. However, he added that a collective decision had not been reached. "For now, we must wait. If approved, the agreement will be signed remotely," he said. Israel is not involved in the talks which are meant to lead to an extension of the ceasefire and the start of negotiations on key issues, including Iran's nuclear programme. For decades, Iran has been accused by Western countries of trying to build a nuclear weapon. It has denied the

accusations saying its programme is for peaceful purposes - to generate electricity and for research purposes. In a detailed briefing with journalists on Friday afternoon, US officials said the deal would reopen the Strait of Hormuz, in return for the US lifting its blockade on Iranian shipping. Those steps would come into effect more or less immediately. This would be followed by a 60-day period of negotiation - focusing on Iran's enriched uranium - an essential ingredient to make a nuclear bomb. Officials said that this would result in all that material being destroyed on site and then removed from the country, though the precise mechanism for doing so is still to be worked out. On the economic side, officials stressed there would be no money provided up-front - an apparent rejection of earlier Iranian news reports suggesting some Iranian assets would be unfrozen before substantial negotiations had begun.

WOMAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN SHARK ATTACK AT SYDNEY BEACH



A woman has been seriously injured after being bitten by a shark at a beach in Sydney, police have said. New South Wales Police said emergency services were called to Coogee Beach in the east of the city on Saturday morning. The woman, 35, was "pulled from the water by members of the public who commenced first aid", police said, and suffered "serious arm and leg injuries". She was then airlifted to hospital by helicopter. Several beaches in the area were closed as a precaution. Attack eyewitness Nicola Logan told Reuters news agency that she saw a "massive pool of blood" in the water, then "a lady kind of motioning to swim, lots of

splashing, and then a ski paddler was out trying to bring her in". It comes after a male diver died last week after being bitten by a suspected 4.5m (14.8ft) shark south-east of Perth, Western Australia. In May, a father-of-two who was killed by a shark near Perth. Shark attacks around Australia are more common than in many other parts of the world, though they are often not fatal. Since records began in 1791, there have been almost 1,300 recorded shark attacks in Australia, with more than 260 of them resulting in death. Popular swimming and surfing spots in Australia tend to have measures to protect against shark attacks.

US KILLS LEADER OF VENEZUELA'S TREN DE ARAGUA GANG IN AIRSTRIKE, TRUMP SAYS



The US military has killed the leader of the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua in an airstrike, President Donald Trump has announced. "At my direction, the United States Southern Command delivered a swift and lethal kinetic strike to successfully execute Niño Guerrero," Trump wrote on social media. Niño Guerrero, whose full name is Héctor Rusthenford Guerrero Flores, was the longtime leader of Tren de Aragua. The gang is one of the most notorious criminal groups in Latin America and has been a target of the Trump administration. The president has accused the group of engaging in "irregular warfare" against the US and declared it a foreign terrorist organisation. Trump posted footage of what appears to be the airstrike, showing a green building with a nearby shed being blown up, debris flying into the air. Trump said the military action was "coordinated closely with our friends in Venezuela, with whom we are working very well". Venezuelan authorities con-

firmed their involvement in what they described as a "joint operation". In January, American forces seized then-Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro from his compound in a dramatic overnight raid to face criminal charges in New York. The US accused him of collaborating with the gang. The indictment named Guerrero Flores as a co-conspirator. Since then, the US has sought to tighten ties with Maduro's successor, Delcy Rodríguez, lifting sanctions on her and pushing to collaborate on the extraction of Venezuela's oil reserves - the most plentiful on earth. Under Guerrero's leadership, Tren de Aragua expanded into Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile and diversified from extorting migrants into sex-trafficking, contract killing and kidnapping. It was originally a prison gang that Niño Guerrero turned into a "transnational criminal organisation", according to the US state department, which had offered millions for information leading to his arrest.

KING LEADS TRIBUTES TO 'GIANT OF THE ART WORLD' DAVID HOCKNEY



The King has joined the art world in paying tribute to David Hockney, one of the UK's most important and popular artists, who has died at the age of 88. In a personal message, King Charles said he and the Queen were "greatly saddened" to learn of the death of "a giant of the world of art and painting, a Yorkshireman through and through, and a dear

friend and inspiration to so many". Artist Dame Tracey Emin said she felt privileged to have known Hockney, adding: "A great artist and a wonderful man, who with the power of art changed the perception of Britishness. A proud chain-smoking homosexual, who flew the flag higher than any other British artist."

SWITZERLAND TO VOTE ON PLAN TO CAP POPULATION AT 10 MILLION

Can a country put a fixed limit on its population? That is the question Switzerland will be answering on Sunday when voters go to the polls to decide on a proposal to cap their population at 10 million, a move that has exposed divisions about immigration in the Alpine nation. The move is backed by the right-wing Swiss People's Party, which describes it as a "sustainability initiative" aimed at easing pressure on housing, public services and the environment. Dubbing it a "chaos initiative", the government, other political parties, business leaders and trade unions argue it will deprive hospitals and hotels of much needed staff, and damage hard-won relations with the European Union, leaving non-EU member Switzerland isolated in a



very risky world. Switzerland's population has grown rapidly since 2002, when it stood at 7.3 million. Now it is 9.1 million, 27% of whom are Swiss residents who were born abroad. Switzerland's system of direct democracy means all major decisions are taken via the ballot box. Campaigners sim-

ply have to gather 100,000 signatures to ensure a nationwide vote. Many voters are concerned by overcrowded trains, expensive apartments and rising health costs. The latest opinion polls indicate this could be a very close vote. They suggest voters are inching towards a no vote by a wafer thin margin, with 52%

opposed - but polls remain divided, with 45% saying they are in favour of the proposal and a significant number of voters still undecided. Helin Genis and Nils Fiechter have a good deal in common, but their diametrically opposed views on limiting the Swiss population are indicative of the polarised nature of this referendum. Both are young local politicians from immigrant families. Fiechter is 29 and Genis is 31. Helin's parents are originally from Turkey, while Nils's mother is from Canada and he holds dual citizenship. "We have lost control," complains Fiechter, who represents the Swiss People's Party in canton Bern's parliament. "Unchecked immigration is leading to Switzerland no longer being Switzerland."

Married at First Sight Australia stars not told partners had drug and violence convictions

Married at First Sight Australia stars say the show left them feeling unsafe and unprotected because their on-screen partners had criminal pasts which they were not told about, a BBC investigation can reveal. It comes after the British version of the show, known to many as MAFS UK, was plunged into crisis after BBC Panorama reported rape allegations from two women contestants - allegations the men involved have denied. One woman from last year's Australian series says she was not told the man she had been matched with had a previous drug conviction and only found out after the show ended. "There should be informed consent," she told us. We can



also reveal that another groom from the same series had a past conviction for affray, which we understand his on-screen bride was not made aware of. Nine former cast members from MAFS Australia have spoken to the BBC and are now calling on the show to improve its background checks and to stop

allowing individuals with previous convictions or allegations on the show. MAFS Australia is not made by the same production company as MAFS UK. Endemol Shine Australia is behind the show, which airs in Australia on Channel 9. In a joint statement, Channel 9 and Endemol Shine

Australia said they had "strong protocols in place to ensure participant safety and wellbeing". As well as being a huge hit in Australia, the show is popular in the UK and is shown on Channel 4. The broadcaster has pulled all the UK episodes of MAFS from its streaming service All 4, but MAFS Australia remains available to watch. Both programmes show single people agreeing to "marry" total strangers after meeting for the first time at their mock weddings. The marriages are not legally binding, but viewers see the couples go on "honeymoons", before moving in together and navigating their relationships - all while being filmed, almost every day.

Trump's name being removed from Kennedy Center after judge order



Workers have begun taking down US President Donald Trump's name from the front of the Kennedy Center in Washington, a day after the court deadline for its removal. The president's name had been added to the performing arts venue unlawfully, a federal judge found last month, ordering it to be taken down by Friday 12 June. Crews erected scaffolding on Friday as onlookers gathered into the evening, though thunderstorms delayed the work until early on Saturday. A last-minute attempt by the Trump administration to pause the order was rejected by the judge. The case stems from a broader legal dispute over the renaming of the cultural institution, which US law designates as a memorial to President John F Kennedy. In the early hours of Saturday, workers hung long plastic sheeting from the structure, obscuring the removal of the letters. Some onlookers chanted

"take it down", according to the BBC's US partner CBS. US District Court Judge Christopher Cooper ruled in late May that the venue in central Washington DC cannot be renamed without congressional approval. He also blocked the centre's temporary closure during upcoming proposed renovations. An appeals court declined to intervene immediately, allowing the removal to proceed pending further arguments. The Trump administration had argued that changing the centre's name could create confusion if the decision were later overturned. The US president announced the addition of his name to the institution, among other rebranding measures across the nation's capital, last year. In February 2025, he replaced several trustees on the centre's board and appointed himself as a trustee before being voted in as the arts centre's chairman.



Tornadoes, severe weather hit US Midwest

Kidnapped Nigerian retired general dies in captivity



A retired Nigerian army general who had been kidnapped by gunmen in the country's north-west has died while being held captive, the military has said. Maj Gen Rabe Abubakar, who had a high-profile job as military spokesman between 2015 and 2017, was abducted with his wife while travelling in Katsina state last month. No group has said it was behind the kidnappings. The abduction and death of Abubakar high-

lights the continuing security challenges facing parts of north-west Nigeria, where criminal gangs known locally as "bandits" frequently carry out kidnappings for ransom, as well as cattle rustling and attacks on rural communities. Some militant jihadists have also operated in the region. An alleged militant camp in Sokoto state was the target of a US airstrike on 25 December last year. Katsina has been one of the states most affected by the violence. Local media reported that the retired officer had been going to a wedding on 30 May when armed men attacked his vehicle and seized him, his wife and their driver. Days before news of his death emerged, a video shared on social media appeared to show Abubakar in captivity.



Gill Surpasses Kohli, Dhawan To Script History; India Cruise In Chase

Shubman Gill keeps three-down India going in the chase of 195 against Afghanistan in the first ODI at Dharamsala. Earlier, Rahmanullah Gurbaz scored a century but debutants Gurnoor Brar and Harsh Dubey shared six wickets among them to help the hosts bowl out Afghanistan for 194 in 24.5 overs. India got off to a brilliant start by reducing Afghanistan to 25 for 3 in 4.3 overs after opting to bowl first. However, Gurbaz's fiery knock put the batting team back in the game. He slammed 102 runs in 51 balls, with the help of eight fours and as many sixes. Dubey picked three wickets for 47 runs, while Brar conceded only 27 while claiming three scalps. Gill's innings is now the highest score by an Indian at Edgbaston, surpassing the previous record of 149 set by Virat Kohli during the 2018 tour. It also stands as the highest score by an Indian captain at the

venue. Interestingly, Kohli was leading the side when he played that memorable knock in Birmingham. Gill also surpassed Sachin Tendulkar's record for the most runs by an Indian captain in an away series at the age of 25. Gill has so far scored an unbeaten 323 runs in the series, going past Tendulkar's 290-run tally from the 1997 tour of Sri Lanka. Meanwhile, Ravindra Jadeja played a composed and impressive innings on Day 2, scoring 89 before falling just 11 runs short of what could have been his second century at Edgbaston. Having already scored a ton at this venue, another hundred would have made him the first Indian to register multiple centuries at Edgbaston. Earlier, Yashasvi Jaiswal set the tone for a strong total with a blazing knock of 87 off 113 deliveries, providing India with a powerful start. Though he narrowly missed out on a well-

earned century, his innings gave India early momentum. For those unaware, India made three changes to the playing XI, bringing in Akash Deep, Washington Sundar, and Nitish Reddy in place of Jasprit Bumrah, Sai Sudharsan, and Shardul Thakur. Notably, the 25-year-old was under tremendous pressure before arriving in England for the five-match series. He had an average of 14.66 in England, and there was immense criticism after being appointed as captain. Gill was dropped from the fourth Test against Australia and there were questions whether he had done enough overseas to be named the leader of the locker room. In the ongoing series against England, Gill proved his worth with back-to-back centuries. In the first Test at Headingley, the youngster scored 147 runs in the first innings, and at Edgbaston, he played to his merit, scoring a dashing double century.



ROHIT SHARMA EMULATES VIRENDER SEHWAG'S HUGE FEAT, JOINS ELITE LIST OF OPENERS

Former India captain Rohit Sharma on Saturday completed 16,000 runs in international cricket to join an elite list of openers. By doing so, he became the seventh opener overall and the second Indian opener to breach the landmark of 16,000 runs as an opening batsman in international cricket. The all-time list is led by Sri Lanka great Sanath Jayasuriya, who finished his legendary career with 19,298 runs at the top of the order. Sehwag, meanwhile, hung his boots after amassing 16,119 runs in exactly 400 games. Rohit was run out for 16 after a horrible mix-up with captain Shubman Gill. The 39-year-old was struggling a bit after copping a blow to his wrist while batting. Earlier today, Rohit (39 years and 44 days old) also became the oldest player to feature in an ODI for India, breaking a record that stood for nearly 37



years. That milestone previously belonged to 1983 World Cup hero Mohinder Amarnath, who was 39 years and 36 days old when he made his final ODI appearance against the West Indies in Mumbai on October 30, 1989. Rohit's fitness was a huge concern heading into the series,

having recently featured for Mumbai Indians in IPL 2026. However, the former India captain was cleared to feature in the squad. In the second ODI, Rohit will have the opportunity to overtake Sehwag as the batter with the most runs for India as an opener in international cricket.

WWE Confirms Secret Referee For Huge Title Match After Gunther Makes His Decision

A major question hanging over next week's WWE SmackDown finally got an answer after Gunther revealed who he wants overseeing his Undisputed WWE Championship match against Cody Rhodes. The identity of the special guest referee had been kept under wraps, but by the end of the night, the decision was official. The announcement puts Sami Zayn in an unusual position. Instead of competing or standing in either man's corner, he will now be the person responsible for enforcing the rules when Rhodes and Gunther meet again. With tensions already running high between Zayn and the champion, the decision immediately changes the feel of the upcoming title



match. Gunther's rematch demand was rooted in what happened during his last title challenge. The issue goes back to Gunther's previous meeting with Cody Rhodes at WWE Clash in Italy. Rhodes left that match with the championship still

around his waist, but the finish remained a sore point for The Ring General. During the deciding pinfall, Gunther's foot was underneath the bottom rope. Under normal circumstances, that should have stopped the count. The referee

never saw it. His view was blocked during the sequence, and the match continued until the three-count was completed. Gunther protested afterwards, but the result stood. That controversy stayed with him. Since then, he has continued pushing for another opportunity against Rhodes and wanted extra oversight for the rematch. Not just another referee. A special guest referee. Sami Zayn's fallout with Cody Rhodes created an unexpected opening. Earlier in the same night, Zayn's relationship with Rhodes took another hit. Despite referring to Rhodes as his best friend, Zayn confronted the champion and slapped him across the face.

"MY BIGGEST FEAR HAPPENED":

Jade Cargill Breaks Silence After Unexpected Wardrobe Mishap During SmackDown Match

Jade Cargill walked into SmackDown with a chance to move one step closer to championship gold. By the end of the night, though, fans weren't only discussing the Queen of the Ring tournament. A completely different moment from the match ended up becoming one of the most talked-about parts of her appearance. The former AEW star competed against Charlotte Flair, Lyra Valkyria, and Sol Ruca in a Fatal Four-Way Queen of the Ring tournament match. Cargill's night didn't go according to plan inside the tournament, but after the show, she grabbed attention with a social media post where she openly joked about an unfortunate wardrobe



issue that happened during the contest. A top-rope sequence led to an unexpected moment during the match. The incident happened while Charlotte Flair and Jade Cargill were battling on the ropes. Flair was setting up for a superplex and eventually connected with the move.

During the landing, Flair's shoulder ended up on top of Cargill's hair. The contact accidentally pulled Cargill's wig off in the middle of the match. Cargill reacted quickly and put it back on almost immediately. The match continued, but viewers could see her frequently keeping a hand

near her head afterwards as she tried to make sure everything stayed in place. Jade Cargill later admitted it was the situation she always worried about. After SmackDown ended, Cargill addressed the moment herself on social media rather than ignoring it. She posted a lighthearted message, admitting that losing her wig during a match had been her "biggest fear." Cargill also joked that she survived the situation, adding that her wig came out on top. Instead of turning the mishap into a bigger issue, the WWE star appeared to laugh it off publicly and move on from an awkward moment that happened live in front of the audience.

Brazil Receive Neymar Blow Ahead Of FIFA World Cup 2026 Opener vs Morocco



Among the biggest stars at the FIFA World Cup 2026, Neymar is definitely one. Not only is he a class footballer, but also a crowd-puller. The fact that he is a key part of Brazil's redemption journey at the FIFA World Cup makes him even more important. However, Brazil will be without Neymar for their opening FIFA World Cup group-stage match against Morocco, with coach Carlo Ancelotti admitting that the superstar forward could miss the entire group phase as he continues his recovery from a calf injury. Speaking before Saturday's clash against the 2022 World Cup semi-finalists in New Jersey, Ancelotti said Neymar is making progress but is not ready to return yet. "He is working hard to be fit again as quickly as possible. We hope he can return to full training next week," Ancelotti said.

Brazil also face Haiti on June 19 and Scotland on June 24 in Group F. However, the coach did not guarantee Neymar's availability for either game. The 34-year-old Santos striker was absent from training again on Friday and has not played since being unexpectedly called up by Ancelotti. Neymar also missed Brazil's warm-up matches against Panama and Egypt as he continued his rehabilitation from the injury. Despite concerns about his fitness, Ancelotti explained why he included the veteran in his World Cup squad. "He can be a good example for the younger players in our squad," the Italian said. Ancelotti, who is the first non-Brazilian manager to lead the five-time world champions, believes Neymar's influence goes beyond his on-field performances.

IRAN BEGIN WORLD CUP PREPARATIONS AMID SECURITY CONCERNS AND UNCERTAINTY BACK HOME

Iran's preparations for the 2026 FIFA World Cup have already begun in team's training base in Tijuana, Mexico with heavy security surrounding them. US President Donald Trump claims that the deal to end Iran war is close, while Tehran says 'nothing' finalised. For its football team Outside Estadio Caliente, where Iran are training ahead of the tournament, armed security personnel patrol the area throughout the day. Open-top security vehicles are circling the complex, while officers equipped with rifles are guarding key access points. Away from the security presence, however, the team has received a warm welcome from local residents. Messages in

Farsi and Spanish have been placed around the training base, and football fans have gathered outside hoping to see the Iranian players. For many in Tijuana, hosting a World Cup team has become a source of excitement. However, access to training sessions remains tightly restricted. Captain Alireza Jahanbakhsh has been one of the few players to speak publicly about the experience of being in Mexico. He even sat down for an interview. Reflecting on an earlier visit to the country, Jahanbakhsh recalled an incident in which he and a friend were confronted by armed robbers. He said the situation changed when the attackers discovered they were

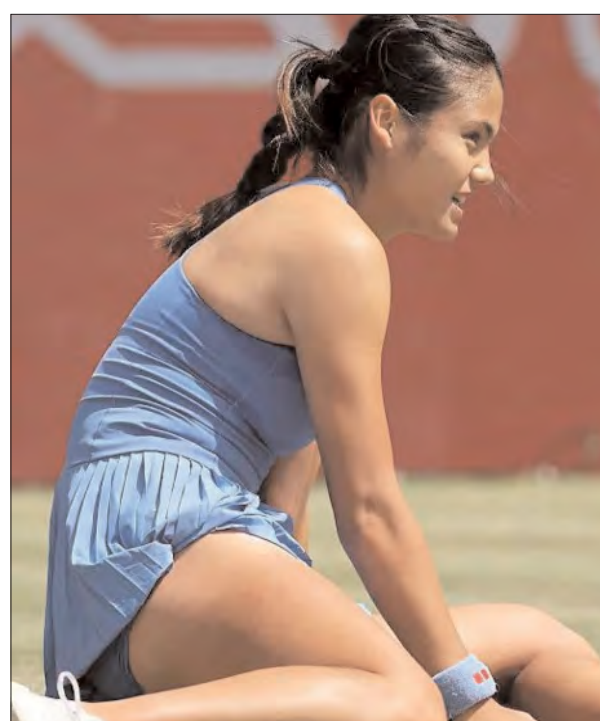


Iranian. "They love Iranians," Jahanbakhsh said, describing an encounter that ended without serious harm. The story has now attracted attention across international media and has briefly shifted focus away from the challenges sur-

rounding the team's preparations. Local club officials in Tijuana had little time to prepare. Work was carried out over several weeks to meet FIFA requirements, while security measures around the site were increased. Iran did not get the kind of preparation

they had hoped for. They had to make do with a recently organised match against Club Tijuana, when they defeated their Under-21 side 3-0 in a training match. A proposed friendly against Grenada was cancelled too. Iran will open their World Cup campaign against New Zealand on June 16 before facing Belgium and Egypt in matches scheduled to be played in the United States. There had been uncertainty over whether the Iranian squad would be allowed to enter the U.S. because of ongoing political tensions. American authorities have since confirmed that players and officials will be permitted to travel for tournament matches. Questions however remain for sup-

porters hoping to follow the team. Iran's World Cup ticket allocation was temporarily suspended because of complications linked to U.S. sanctions. FIFA says it is working to help Iranian fans attend matches, but many supporters are still waiting for clarity on travel and ticket access. There have been recent signs that diplomatic efforts are continuing. U.S. President Donald Trump has said progress is being made towards an agreement that could reduce tensions. But a formal deal is still awaited. For the moment, under the shadow of the patrol vans, and armed guards, the Iran players continue to prepare in their bubble in Mexico, ahead of the tournament.



Raducanu battles into Queen's semis but Boulter goes out

Emma Raducanu overcame an injury scare to reach the Queen's semi-finals but Katie Boulter's title bid ended with a straight-sets loss to Donna Vekic. British number one Raducanu went off court for medical treatment in the second set of her quarter-final but came through to beat Kamilla Rakhimova 6-3 7-5. The match was also interrupted in the first set because of the noise of a series of military aircraft flying overhead as part of the King's Trooping the Colour flypast in central London.

Raducanu has matched her best WTA Tour-level result on grass, the semi-final at Nottingham in 2024, as well as her career-best result at a WTA 500 event when she reached the semi-finals at Washington in 2025. The 23-year-old will return later on Saturday to face American teenager Iva Jovic at 17:20 BST for a place in Sunday's final of the weather-hit championships. She has yet to lose a set in the tournament but now faces the prospect of having to win two matches in a day to con-

Alpine's Pierre Gasly Reinstated To Monaco Grand Prix Podium



I wish Transfer Trimurthulu becomes a big hit: Blockbuster director V. V. Vinayak at Trailer Launch Event



Produced under the Vadde Creations banner by actor-producer Vadde Naveen and presented by Vadde Jishnu, Transfer Trimurthulu marks the directorial debut of Kamal Teja Narla. The film features Vadde Naveen, Rashi Singh, Shilpa Tulaskar, Vivek Raghuvanshi, Raghu Babu, Siva Narayana, Vadlamani Srinivas, Jwala Koti, Devi Prasad, Surya, Baba Bhaskar, Pramodini, Sathvik Raju, Anjali Priya, Gayatri Chaganti, and others in key roles. The film is scheduled for release on June 19. As part of the promotions, the trailer was launched on Friday in the presence of renowned director V. V. Vinayak, who attended the event as the chief guest. Speaking at the event, V.

Vinayak said, "Thank you to Vadde Naveen garu for inviting me to this event. I worked as an assistant director and co-director on one of his films. It was during my association with Naveen garu that the foundation for Aadi was laid. He always treated me with great affection and respect. I know that nearly 90 percent of the films in his career were not projects he did with complete personal satisfaction. He has never truly been content with the films he worked on. On one occasion, I was shocked by the level of influence and reputation he enjoyed. Going forward, I hope he continues to make only the films he genuinely believes in. I wholeheartedly wish Transfer Trimurthulu becomes a huge success." Vadde Naveen said,

"Vinayak was humble then, and he remains the same today. His journey makes me feel immensely proud. I thank him for taking the time to be here for us. The entire team worked on this film with great passion and dedication. The industry has undergone tremendous technical changes over the past decade. Along with a strong courtroom drama, this film also offers an engaging suspense element. No Friday ever belongs to a single film. It is not about competing with others; audiences support good content. We have ensured that this film stays close to realism, and its content is very strong. We are also receiving excellent support from the Zee team. Our film is arriving on June 19, and I hope everyone enjoys it."

Deva Katta Clarifies Rumours, Says He Is Focused on Developing His Next Film

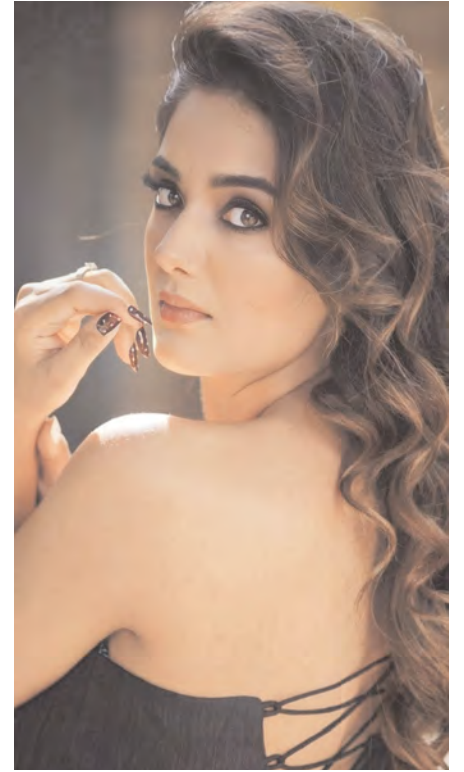
Filmmaker Deva Katta has addressed recent speculation surrounding his professional commitments, clarifying that he is currently focused on writing and developing his next film. In a social media post on Thursday, the director shared that he has been spending most of his time working on his upcoming project and expressed enthusiasm about the journey ahead. While stopping short of revealing further details, Katta indicated that he looks forward to sharing updates about what he described as his "most ambitious work yet" when the time is right. The filmmaker also used the opportunity to dismiss rumours suggesting that he is directing portions of other projects. Calling such reports rumours circulated "in bad taste to get clicks," Katta stated that he is "not at all



directing even a single shot from any other films." The clarification comes at a time when the filmmaker remains associated with multiple creative ventures, including his work as a dialogue writer on Varanasi and the recently released political drama series Mayasabha.

Rakul Preet Singh Launches Intriguing First Look Of Natasha Singh As Reporter Sakshi in Hit & Run

Hit & Run, starring Sanjay RRao and Natasha Singh in the lead roles, is an upcoming crime thriller. Presented by Sri Urukunda Eeranna Swamy, the film is being produced by Satish Reddy Allam and K Shekar under the banners of Satish Reddy Allam Entertainment and Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Creations. Sai Krishna Sagar is directing the project. The recently released first-look poster featuring Sanjay RRao received an encouraging response from audiences. The poster, which hinted at the film's intriguing concept, significantly raised expectations for the movie. Today, actress Rakul Preet Singh has unveiled the first-look poster of the film's female lead character. Natasha Singh will be seen playing the role of reporter Sakshi in Hit & Run. She gazes over her shoulder with an intriguing expression, while the intense red-and-black backdrop creates a gripping crime-thriller atmosphere. The torn-paper design, shattered car windshield, traffic signal, and investigation-board visuals subtly hint at a complex mystery and dangerous events linked to the story.



'Police Complaint' movie success celebrations in grand style

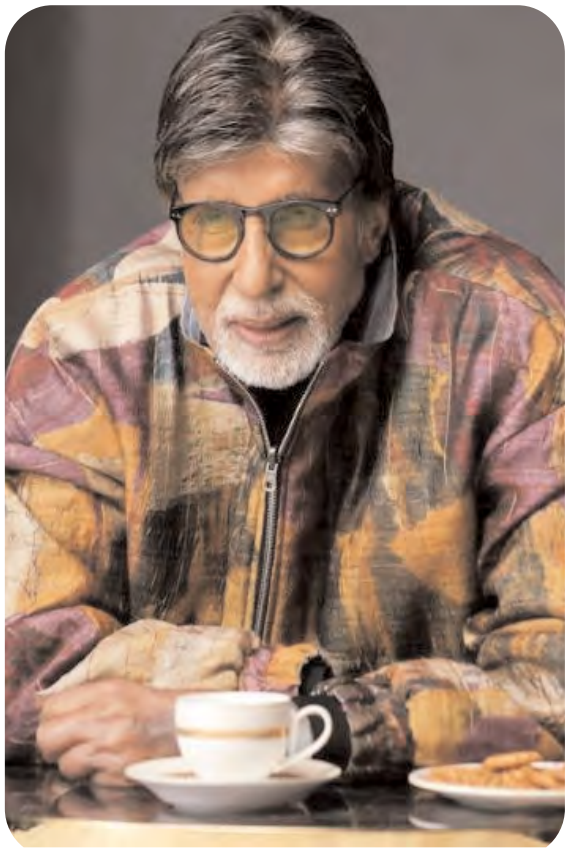


Varalakshmi Sarathkumar, Naveen Chandra, Krishnasai, and Ragini Divedi in the lead roles, the horror-action thriller 'Police Complaint' produced by Balakrishna Maharana under the banner of MSK Pramidha Sri Films, hit the screens on June 12 and received positive reviews. The film, directed by creative director Sanjeev Megoti, is impressing the audience and is performing successfully. In the wake of the film receiving a good response from all sections of the audience, the film crew held a grand success celebration at the

Hyderabad Film Chamber. They celebrated the film's success by cutting a cake. Speaking on the occasion, Producers Council Secretary Prasanna Kumar said that the film's heroine Varalakshmi Sarathkumar contacted the Producers Council in the wake of the film unit's allegations that she did not participate in the film's promotion. I told her that we resolved this dispute positively with the intervention of the elders. With this, director Sanjeev Megoti apologized to Varalakshmi even though it was not his fault. He said that the humility and

patience he displayed were another reason for this success. He said that the film's progress with good collections is also a good development for the industry. Director Sanjeev Megoti said, "Our knowledge is more than the knowledge of our heroine Varalakshmi Sarath Kumar. That is why we apologized to her only on the advice of elders like Prasanna Kumar. Moreover, I cannot say that the problem has been completely solved. All in all, we were satisfied with a controversy. We feel that the success has finally come as a good sign."

Age is just number: Amitabh Bachchan, 83, shoots 12 films in 1 day



KEERTHY SURESH WANTS ANOTHER 'MAHANATI'



Actress Keerthy Suresh has expressed her desire to take on more performance-driven roles similar to her National Award-winning portrayal in Mahanati. While balancing commercial entertainers, she hopes filmmakers continue offering strong, content-rich characters that challenge her as an actress and leave a lasting impact on audiences.

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OH..! 'SUKUMARI' IS A PERFECT FAMILY ENTERTAINER. AUDIENCE WILL DEFINITELY ENJOY IT: HERO THIRUVEER AT THE TEASER LAUNCH EVENT

Thiruveer, Aishwarya Rajesh, Bharat Darshan, Maheshwar Reddy Mooli, Ganga Entertainments' O..! Sukumari' hilarious teaser launch Young talent Thiruveer and versatile Aishwarya Rajesh are teaming up for the first time in a romantic comedy set in a rural setting called 'O..! Sukumari'. Bharat Darshan is making his directorial debut with this film. It is being produced by Maheshwar Reddy Mooli under the banner of Ganga Entertainments, who produced the critically acclaimed film 'Shivam Bhaje'. After releasing the first look of the lead actors, the team has now brought out the teaser of the film. Thiruveer, who is actively involved in local politics, dreams of marrying a kind-hearted girl. When he sees a girl named Damini, he immediately considers her as his life partner and starts arranging the wedding. However, her family hides a strange secret: anyone who touches her will receive an electric shock. Director Bharat Darshan has crafted an entertaining story with a rural setting, local politics and an innovative twist. Cinematographer CH Kushender has captured the rural backdrop with beautiful visuals. Music by Bharat Manchiraju



has given the teaser an upbeat feel. Balagam fame Tirumala M. Tirupati is the art director, Ka fame Sri Varaprasad is the editor, and Swayambhu fame Anu Reddy Akkati is the costume designer. Poornachari has written the lyrics. Thiru Veer has naturally settled into his role and impressed with his excellent comedy timing. Aishwarya Rajesh has brought an interesting twist to her

role by appearing as a village girl. Muralidhar Goud, Mad fame Vishnu Oy, Jhansi, Aamani, Anandkota Jayaram and others have played key roles. Overall, the teaser is captivating the audience with its entertainment, interesting concept, and humorous scenes. The film will be released in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada languages.

A Heartwarming Tale Awaits: "Illu" to Stream on ETV Win from June 14

M anohara Arts and ETV Win have jointly presented Illu, a heartfelt drama produced by Kishore Mariseti and directed by Rohit and Shashi. Featuring music by Vivek Sagar, cinematography by Shashank Raghavula, and editing by Avanti Ruia, the film stars Harshvardhan and Bindu Chandramouli in pivotal roles, alongside Anish Kuruvilla, Pawan Ramesh, Camp Sashi, and others. Ahead of its streaming premiere on ETV Win from June 14, the makers organized an exclusive screening and press meet for the media. Actor-director Rahul Ravindran, who attended the event as a special guest, praised the film, saying,



"Presenting a simple story in a natural and beautiful manner is a very difficult task. Illu achieves that effortlessly and offers a deeply calming and soulful experience. I am sure audiences will connect with it when it starts streaming on

June 14." Actress Bindu Chandramouli expressed her happiness about being part of the project. "I have known directors Rohit and Shashi for a long time, and I thank them for giving me this opportunity."

AHEAD OF WEDDING, AAMIR KHAN MAKES APPEARANCE WITH WIFE-TO-BE GAURI SPRATT



A amir Khan is once again in the spotlight, and this time it is his personal life that has grabbed attention. The actor recently made a public appearance with his wife to be Gauri Spratt, and the video has quickly become a talking point online. In the clip shared by Viral Bhayani, Aamir and Gauri can be seen arriving together at an event, holding hands as they posed for the cameras. Their appearance comes amid reports that the actor is set to marry Gauri in a private ceremony on July 5 On the work front, Aamir continues to stay busy as both an actor and producer. His banner

is backing Lahore 1947, starring Sunny Deol and Preity Zinta, which is scheduled for an August 13, 2026 release. Reports have also stated that he is involved with Ek Din, starring his son Junaid Khan and Sai Pallavi, while 3 Idiots 2 is also in development with Rajkumar Hirani and Abhijat Joshi working on the project. With his personal life making headlines and multiple projects keeping him in the news, Aamir Khan is clearly entering another eventful phase, both on and off screen. Aamir and Gauri can be seen arriving together at an event, holding hands as they posed for the cameras.