



**CONGRESS AND UDDHAV THACKERAY RELY ON INFILTRATORS TO SURVIVE IN POLITICS: HM AMIT SHAH**

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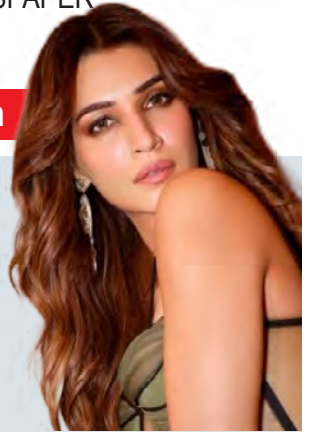
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OM NAMO VENKATESAYA

19-06-2026

Total pilgrims: 74128  
Korams: 36,057  
Mandi Korams: 3,58 CR  
Laddu sale: 3,58 Lac  
Annaprasadam: 2,75 Lac  
Medical treatment: 3,345  
Holding Compartments: Out side line at Mallatharam.

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

**4 killed after temple roof collapses in Maha's Parbhani**



NEW DELHI: A portion of roof in front of the sanctum at the Yashwadi temple in Maharashtra's Parbhani district collapsed during construction work on Saturday, killing at least four people and leaving several injured. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis expressed grief over the incident.

In a post on social media platform X, the Prime Minister's Office said: "I am deeply saddened by the loss of lives due to the wall collapse in Parbhani, Maharashtra." The Prime Minister also said: "My condolences are with those who have lost their loved ones in this accident. Praying for the swift recovery of the injured." Maharashtra Chief Minister Fadnavis also condoled the loss of lives in the tragedy. "In a tragic incident in Yashwadi of Parbhani district, part of the roof under construction at the Hanuman temple collapsed, resulting in the deaths of some devotees. I offer my heartfelt condolences to them," he said in a post on X. Chief Minister Fadnavis added: "We share in the grief of their families. The injured in this incident are receiving treatment. Local administration officials are at the scene, and relief and rescue operations are also underway swiftly." Located in Yashwadi village, about 190 km from Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, formerly Aurangabad, the temple is a revered shrine for thousands of devotees.

## Stop gambling with children's future: Rahul slams govt over NEET aspirant exam centre mix-up

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday lashed out at the Modi government after a NEET-UG aspirant from Nagpur was allotted a centre in Abu Dhabi for the re-exam, saying it should "stop gambling" with children's future. The family of the Nagpur NEET aspirant claimed that he was allocated a school in Abu Dhabi as his exam centre for the June 21 retest. The National Testing Agency (NTA) said the grievance is being addressed and the candidate will be allocated a centre in Nagpur, after due verification, in the next few hours.

In a post in Hindi on X, Gandhi said, "A student from Nagpur had been preparing for the NEET re-exam for a month. He downloaded his admit card just a day before the exam. His assigned centre was in



Abu Dhabi. He has no passport, his family lacks the funds to send him abroad, and there is no time left. He wept all night and is refusing to take the exam -- can one even imagine the level of stress involved?"

Karnataka Minister bats for Mekedatu dam, says state seeks its share of Cauvery water "How did this even happen? No student should have to face the issue of being unable to reach their exam centre. In reality, the NTA is merely testing the patience of the country's students and



their parents," the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha said.

A system that cannot provide a student with a centre in their own city -- and instead assigns one abroad -- has no right to conduct examinations, Gandhi asserted. "This is exactly what I said in Kota: this is no longer an education system. It is the exploitation of an entire generation's money, time, and mental peace," he said.

He said, "Stop gambling with our children's future. They deserve a

sensitive, responsible, and accountable education and examination system -- and we will ensure they get it."

Gandhi on Thursday launched a signature campaign to amplify issues related to the nation's education system, such as paper leaks and high fees, asserting that it is a platform for students to make demands directly to the government.

His appeal for participation in the campaign came a day after he interacted with students at a convention in Kota, Rajasthan. During this interaction, he described India's education system as a "rejection system" rather than a selection system, claiming it places excessive financial burden and causes significant stress to students and middle-class families.

## CM Revanth writes again to Kishan Reddy on Hyderabad metro issues



HYDERABAD TSIT:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has once again written to Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy seeking the Centre's intervention for the resolution of pending issues related to the Hyderabad Metro Rail project. In his letter dated June 20 Chief Minister requested Kishan Reddy to facilitate a meeting with Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to discuss Hyderabad Metro Phase-II, IRFC financing, Metro takeover proposals, and other pending matters.

Revanth Reddy recalled that he had already highlighted the Metro-related

issues in his earlier letter dated June 16 and stressed the need for an expeditious resolution. He urged the Centre to intervene and help clear the pending proposals at the earliest.

Chief Minister informed Kishan Reddy that he would be in New Delhi on June 22 and 23 and requested that a meeting with the Railway Minister be scheduled during his visit. He also stated that he would personally bring all relevant documents, including proposals related to Metro takeover, financing agreements with the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), and Metro Phase-II plans.

## PM Modi releases 23rd instalment of PM-Kisan scheme

GANDHINAGAR (TSIT):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday released the 23rd instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme from Tarkeshwar city of Hooghly district in West Bengal, transferring more than Rs 18,880 crore directly into the bank accounts of 9.44 crore farmers across the country through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). In Gujarat, 51.28 lakh farmers received more than Rs 1,025 crore under this instalment, credited directly into their bank accounts without intermediaries. The PM-Kisan scheme, launched in 2019, provides eligible farmer families with Rs 6,000 annually in three equal instalments of Rs 2,000.



## CM Shivakumar announces one more Karnataka Bhavan in Delhi for civil services aspirants



BENGALURU (TSIT)

Karnataka Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Saturday announced a series of decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting, including the construction of Karnataka Bhavan-4 in New Delhi for civil services aspirants, approval for 620 new buses for state transport corporations, and major investments in healthcare infrastructure across the state.

The Cabinet also approved exemptions for certain rural agricultural structures from regulatory provisions, sanctioned a 200-bed super-specialty hospital at Yadgir, cleared

funding for medical infrastructure projects, and initiated a restructuring of Karnataka's administrative and legal coordination mechanisms in Delhi.

"We have also decided to construct Karnataka Bhavan-4 in New Delhi. This facility is not meant for legislators or officials. It is intended for students preparing for IAS, IFS, IRS and other competitive examinations," Shivakumar told reporters after the second Cabinet meeting of his government. He said the proposed Karnataka Bhavan-4 would be developed by the Public Works Department at an estimated cost of Rs 80 crore and would provide accommodation and study facilities for students preparing for national-level competitive examinations.

According to officials, the existing Karnataka Bhavan in the national capital is used to administrative purposes.

TELANGANA SIR:

## House-to-house enumeration to start from June 25



CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER (CEO) C SUDHARSHAN REDDY...

HYDERABAD (TSIT):

House-to-house enumeration process under the SIR of electoral rolls would be taken up in Telangana from June 25 to July 24, a top official said on Saturday, June 20. Addressing a press conference, state Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C Sudharshan Reddy said the primary objective of Special Intensive Revision

(SIR) is purification of electoral rolls and to see to it that all the eligible citizens are included on the electoral rolls.

He said that all arrangements have been made for a door-to-door visit by the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) during which distribution of enumeration forms will be done. "BLOs will be visiting every household at least three

times during which they will distribute the enumeration forms and also collect the filled forms from electors. BLOs play a crucial role in the entire SIR process," he said.

In addition, Booth Level Agents have also been trained in assisting BLOs in filling up of enumeration forms, he said. The CEO appealed to the electors to co-operate in the SIR process when BLOs visit door-to-door for distribution and collection of enumeration forms. "House-to-house enumeration process will start from June 25 and continue upto July 24," he said and clarified that no extension will be given beyond July 24. The entire SIR 2026 programme will be carried out with strict adherence to the instructions and guidelines issued by the ECI in a transparent way, Reddy added.

## CM Naidu Attends Baba Ramdev's Yoga Session at Undavalli Caves



THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES, VISAKHAPATNAM:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu attended and observed a yoga session conducted by yoga guru Baba Ramdev at the historic Undavalli Caves on the occasion of International Yoga Day. Wearing a T-shirt bearing the "Yogandhra" logo, the Chief Minister highlighted the importance of yoga in promoting physical and mental well-being.

Speaking on the occasion, Chandrababu Naidu lauded Baba Ramdev for popularising yoga among the masses and thanked him for his contribution to spreading the practice across the country. He also credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for

securing global recognition for yoga, noting that International Yoga Day is now celebrated in around 190 countries.

The Chief Minister described the Undavalli Caves as a site of immense historical and spiritual significance and said the state government is developing Amaravati as a pollution-free, net-zero capital city. He also emphasized efforts to increase green cover, promote natural farming, and encourage chemical-free food production.

Naidu further stated that the government's "Sanjeevani" public health initiative focuses on preventive healthcare, incorporating yoga and pranayama as key components to improve the overall health of citizens.

## India always spread peace in world: President



RAIRANGPUR (TSIT)

President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday said India has always spread peace in the world because issues can only be resolved through mutual discussion, not war.

"Whenever the world reeled under war-like con-

licts and uncertainties, India spread the message of peace... Issues can be resolved through mutual discussion, not through war," she said, while addressing a public gathering at Rairangpur in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, where she, along with Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, attended the second anniversary celebrations of the state's BJP government. India's glory has enhanced at the international level due to PM Modi's "influential leadership", she said, while praising him for his dedication towards the country and its people.

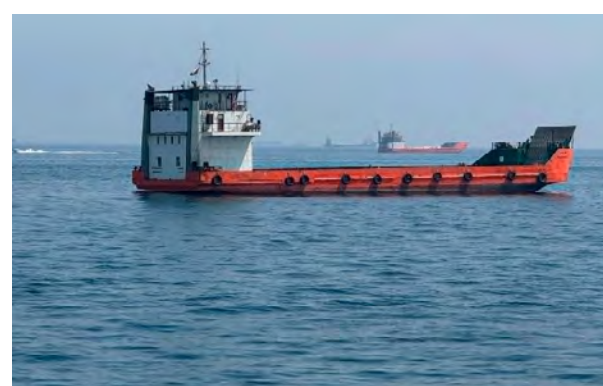
The entire world witnessed India's management skills during the COVID-19 pandemic. During that period, India not only successfully vaccinated its people, but also provided vaccines to several foreign countries, she said. India has always been the first to extend a helping hand to countries facing natural calamities, she added.

## Iran closes Strait of Hormuz again, cites MoU violation by US & Israel

TEHRAN (TSIT)

Iran on Saturday announced the closure of the Strait of Hormuz once again, citing alleged violations of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by the US and Israel, local media reported.

Just days after announcing an agreement lifting naval blockades, Iran's top joint military command, Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, said the closure comes in response to the "explicit breach" of the first clause of the post-war MoU by the US and Israel and "ongoing violations" of the ceasefire in southern



Lebanon, Iran's semi-official Mehr news agency reported. The headquarters said that in light of the US' clear breach of its commitments regarding the first article of the MoU on

ending the war and Israel's attacks in Lebanon, it is announcing that the Strait of Hormuz will be closed to vessel traffic.

The MoU between Iran and the US was signed on

June 18 by Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and US President Donald Trump through a simultaneous digital process without an in-person ceremony.

"The agreement's first article provides for the immediate and permanent termination of military operations between Iran, the US, and their respective allies across all fronts, including Lebanon, and commits the parties to refrain from future military action or threats of force," the report by Mehr noted. Iran on Friday introduced new regulations for vessels transiting

the Strait of Hormuz, requiring ships to register in advance and obtain permits and insurance before entering one of the world's most critical energy shipping routes, after the earlier reopening of the waterway under a US-Iran agreement. The new requirements were announced by Iran's newly established Persian Gulf Strait Authority (PGSA), which was created as part of the framework agreed between Washington and Tehran to restore commercial shipping through the strategic passage after more than three months of conflict.



## Uttam Kumar Reddy Gives New Hope to Water-Starved Krishna River Bank Villages

RS 394-CRORE RAJIV GANDHI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME NEARS COMPLETION. MINISTER CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY WITH FARMERS



remaining components expected to accelerate in the coming weeks.

Addressing farmers, the Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to ensuring that every acre in the tail-end ayacut receives its rightful share of irrigation water. He stressed that development must reach the most disadvantaged farmers and that no village should be deprived of river water benefits due to its location at the end of the canal network. Uttam Kumar Reddy also highlighted the importance of supplementary irrigation projects alongside the Nagarjuna Sagar system to ensure equitable distribution of water and strengthen agricultural sustainability.

For the farming communities of these Krishna riverbank villages, the Rajiv Gandhi Lift Irrigation Scheme represents more than an infrastructure project—it symbolizes the promise of assured irrigation, improved livelihoods and a more secure agricultural future. As the giant pipeline network takes shape, farmers are optimistic that the Krishna waters flowing beside them will soon become a dependable source of prosperity for generations to come.

Hyderabad TSIT: Thousands of farmers living along the banks of the Krishna River in Suryapet district received a renewed sense of hope on Saturday as Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy reviewed the progress of the ambitious 394-crore Rajiv Gandhi Lift Irrigation Scheme during his birthday visit to Dondapadu village.

For generations, farmers in the region have faced the irony of living near the Krishna River while struggling with inadequate irrigation water. The project is now set to change that reality by ensuring reliable water supply to nearly 14,000 acres under the Mukteshwarapuram Major and Ganapuram Major ayacuts, besides improving water security in several villages across

Kodad, Huzurnagar, Chilukuru and surrounding mandals.

As hundreds of farmers gathered to greet the Minister on his birthday, many described the irrigation project as the most meaningful gift for the region. The scheme is expected to benefit villages including Kandibanda, Ramapur, Huzurnagar, Dondapadu, Ganapuram, Uchhipudi, Erravaram, Ramalakshimpuram, PK Banda, Kogarrayi and Palanagaram.

Reviewing the works, Uttam Kumar Reddy noted that significant progress has already been achieved. Out of the total 22-kilometre pressure-main pipeline, fabrication of 16 kilometres has been completed, while six kilometres have already been laid. Major civil works are progressing steadily, with the

## Minister Konda Surekha Launches SITA to Transform Temple Administration in Telangana

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha inaugurated the State Institute of Temple Administration (SITA) at the Endowments Department Headquarters in Boggulakunta, Hyderabad, on Saturday, describing it as a landmark initiative that will usher in a new era of reforms, professional training and modern governance in the Endowments Department.

Speaking at the inauguration, the Minister said SITA would play a crucial role in strengthening temple administration through skill development, technology adoption and capacity building for priests and department employees. She noted that coordinated efforts by archakas and staff are essential for the successful implementation of programmes undertaken by the department.

Konda Surekha said the revival of SITA after 12 years reflects the commitment of the state government under the leadership of Chief Minister A.



Revanth Reddy towards institutional reforms and employee welfare. She expressed confidence that the institute would enhance the management of temples, protection of temple lands, revenue administration and preservation of religious traditions.

The Minister called upon priests and employees to work with dedication and integrity to help establish Telangana as a leading spiritual destination in the country. She described the opportunity to serve the Endowments Department and oversee initiatives for temple development and employee welfare as a blessing.

On the occasion department orders to 38 employees, including 18 staff members promoted as Senior Assistants and 20 employees elevated from Grade-III to Grade-II Executive Officers. The Minister personally handed over the promotion orders.

Financial assistance was also distributed to retired employees under the Archaka and Other Employees Welfare Fund Trust, with beneficiaries receiving enhanced welfare benefits and gratuity payments following recent revisions to the scheme.

Senior officials of the Endowments Department, temple administrators, priests and representatives of religious organizations attended the programme.

## Minority Education a Top Priority for Revanth Reddy Government

Minister Mohammed Azharuddin



Hyderabad TSIT: Minister for Public Enterprises and Minority Welfare Mohammed Azharuddin said the Telangana Government under the leadership of Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy, is firmly committed to promoting educational development among minority communities.

Minister inaugurated the newly constructed Residential Educational Institutions Society (TMREIS) school building at Boyapalli village in Mahabubnagar district on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, Azharuddin said the government is strengthening modern educational infrastructure to ensure quality education for minority students. He highlighted various initiatives, including residential

schools, scholarships, coaching facilities, textbooks, and skill development programmes aimed at empowering students and improving their future prospects.

"Education is the foundation of development. The more you learn, the greater the opportunities available to you. Students should work hard, excel in their studies, and make the best use of the facilities being provided by the government," he said.

Minister urged students to identify and nurture their talents and emphasized that discipline, dedication, and hard work are essential for achieving success in life. He said the government is making all efforts to transform Telangana into a model state in the field of education in line with the vision of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

The event was attended by TMREIS Chairman Faheem Qureshi, Telangana State Minorities Finance Corporation Chairman Ubaidullah Kotwal, Minority Welfare Secretary B. Shafiqullah, Mahabubnagar MP D.K. Aruna, Mahabubnagar MLA and Government Whip Yennam Srinivas Reddy, government officials, public representatives, community leaders, corporators, local leaders, and party workers.

Participants appreciated the government's efforts toward minority educational empowerment and expressed confidence that the new TMREIS school building at Boyapalli would provide students with a better learning environment and enhanced educational opportunities.

## CMC Commissioner Srijana Reviews Monsoon Preparedness, Sanitation and Civic Services



Hyderabad, TSIT: Commissioner of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Srijana conducted a comprehensive

review meeting with officials of the Quthbullapur Zone, focusing on monsoon preparedness, sanitation management, civic services, public

grievance redressal and the progress of developmental works. During the meeting Commissioner directed officials to strengthen inter-departmental coordination, expedite pending engineering works and ensure that all approved projects are completed within stipulated timelines. Officials were also instructed to complete tender processes promptly and intensify field-level monitoring.

**BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II**  
Tribunal complex at Hyderabad  
O.A.No.144 of 2026

Between: **IDBI Bank Ltd L.B.Nagar Branch, L.B.Nagar, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana Rep by its Authorised Officer cum Deputy General Manager .....** Applicant

And **M/s.Seva Balaji Agro Industries Pvt Ltd & others .....** DEFENDANTS

**SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION**

To,  
1. M/s. Seva Balaji Agro Industries Pvt Ltd Rep by its Directors Regd Office: Plot No. 428, Flat No. 101, Brindavanam Apartments, Kakatyia Hills, Road No. 9, Madhapur, Hyderabad, T.G. - 500082  
2. Mrs. Bhukya Anitha w/o Mr. B. Chandra Shekar, age 37 yrs, Female, R/o. 6-23, A3, Sathenapally Colony, Bheerampally, Ameerpet, Medak, T.G. - 500102  
3. Mr. Bhukya Pruthviraj s/o. S. Rajeshwar, age 27 yrs, Male, R/o. 8-9, Gangapur, Kadem Mandal, Pembro Post, Adilabad, Telangana - 504203  
4. Mrs. Ajmeera Amrutha w/o Mr. Gangadhar, age 53 yrs, Female, R/o. H.No.1-33, Sathenapally, Khanapur, Nirmal, Telangana - 504203 DEFENDANTS

Please take the summons in the above D.A. No. 144 of 2026, filed by the applicant for recovery of money of Rs. 1,08,46,580.65/- against you. The Hon'ble Tribunal ordered summons to you by way of paper publication in Telugu/English daily newspaper and posted the matter to 20/7/2026. In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:  
(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;  
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;  
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;  
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;  
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets;  
(vi) you are directed to appear before Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, 1st Floor, Tribunal Complex, Abids, Hyderabad - 500001 in person or through an Advocate and file written statement on at 10.30 a.m. and show cause as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.  
Take Notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.  
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 11th June, 2026.  
(By order of the DRT II, Hyderabad) Recovery Officer  
Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

**ICI Home Finance** Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400051  
Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400059  
Branch Office: Ground floor, Usha Kiran Complex, S.D.Road, Secunderabad - 500003

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower 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 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 the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICI Home Finance Company Limited. 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.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Maleriyakath Sudharshan (Borrower), Cholayoli Gopika Sukumaran (CO-Borrower), 3-11-38/2 HCL Nagar Mallapur VTC Uppal Rangareddy, I.E. Nacharam, Flat, I.E. Nacharam, Rangareddy- 500076 Telangana, LHSEC00001654597	All That The Residential Flat No 401 In Fourth Floor Municipal House No. 2-3-124/180 & 181/401 (ptin No. 1015502450) Of Mr Heights Apartment Having Plinth Area Of 1160 Sq.Fts Including Common Area Of Land Admeasuring 40 Sq.Yds Or 33.44. Sq.mts Out Of Total Land Admeasuring 400 Sq.Yds Constructed On Plot No 180 And 181 In Survey No 124 Situated At Venkatram Colony, Cherlapally Vill., Under Ghmc Kapra Circle, Kapra Mad. Medchal-malkajigiri Dt, Telangana - 500089, Boundaries For Flat No. 401: North: Open To Sky, South: Open To Sky, East: Corridor, Staircase & Lift, West: Open To Sky, Entire Land Boundaries: North: Plot No. 169 & 170. South: 30 Ft Wide Road. East: Plot No. 179. West: Plot No. 182. Bounded By /date Of Possession 15-jun-26	16-03-2026 Rs. 48,78,639/-	Hyderabad- Secunderabad
2.	Maleriyakath Sudharshan (Borrower), Cholayoli Gopika Sukumaran (CO-Borrower), 3-11-38/2 HCL Nagar Mallapur VTC Uppal Rangareddy, I.E. Nacharam, Flat, I.E. Nacharam, Rangareddy- 500076 Telangana, LHSEC00001654622	All That The Residential Flat No 401 In Fourth Floor Municipal House No. 2-3-124/180 & 181/401 (Ptin No. 1015502450) Of Mr Heights Apartment Having Plinth Area Of 1160 Sq.Fts Including Common Area Of Land Admeasuring 40 Sq.Yds Or 33.44. Sq.mts Out Of Total Land Admeasuring 400 Sq.Yds Constructed On Plot No 180 And 181 In Survey No 124 Situated At Venkatram Colony, Cherlapally Vill., Under Ghmc Kapra Circle, Kapra Mad. Medchal-Malkajigiri Dt, Telangana- 500089, Boundaries For Flat No. 401: North: Open To Sky, South: Open To Sky, East: Corridor, Staircase & Lift, West: Open To Sky, Entire Land Boundaries: North: Plot No. 169 & 170. South: 30 Ft Wide Road. East: Plot No. 179. West: Plot No. 182. Bounded By / Date Of Possession 15-jun-26	16-03-2026 Rs. 1,20,610.07/-	Hyderabad- Secunderabad

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.  
Date: June 21, 2026  
Place: Rangareddy  
Authorized Officer  
ICI Home Finance Company Limited

For Advertisement Please contact:  
9948480279, 7330778889

**BANJARA HILLS BRANCH**  
8-2-403/4, Ground Floor, Road No.4, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad- 500034, Tel.: 040-23354941/233508006

Ref. BNJ/SARFAESI/2026-27/7511-279 Date: 15-06-2026

**DEMAND NOTICE**  
**NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002**

Whereas the notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/Guarantor as mentioned below have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facilities obtained by them from the bank and the loan has been classified as Non performing asset (NPA). The notice was issued to them under section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unreserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name of the Borrower : To, 1.Mr.Giri Munnanoor S/o.M Durgaiah, Plot No.24, Sy.No. 595, Ameerpet Village, Ameerpet Mandal,Sangareddy District, Telangana-502023.  
Also at: Mr.Giri Munnanoor S/o. M Durgaiah, New Chouta Cheruvu, Anumula Mandal, Rajivaram, Nalgonda District, Telangana-508577.  
Also at: Mr.Giri Munnanoor S/o.M Durgaiah, Flat No.101, Kranthi Ceon, Jayabheri Pine Valley, Gachibowli, Hyderabad-500032

Name of the Guarantor: Mr. Munnanoor Shankaraiah S/o. M Durgaiah, H.No.15/73, Road No.4, Ramachandrapuram, Sri Sai Nagar, Ashok Nagar,Hyderabad- 502032.  
NPA Date: 13-06-2026 Housing Loan A/c No.863975110000279. Demand Notice Dt: 15-06-2026.  
Amount Outstanding: Rs.47,78,173.74 + Uncharged Interest from 15-05-2026 @ 10.00% p.a +2.00% as penal interest at monthly rests with costs, expenses etc + Charges.

**DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

All that the house constructed on Plot No.24, admeasuring 167 Sq.Yds., which is equivalent to 139.62 Sq. Mtrs., in Sy. No.595 having total built up area of 2538.00 Sq.Ft., (Ground Floor 1269.00 Sq.Ft., & First floor 1269.00 Sq. Fts), Roof covered with RCC, Situated at Ameerpet Municipality and Mandal, Sangareddy District, Telangana State., Registration Sub-District Sangra Reddy, Registration District Medak at Sangareddy and bounded by: Plot Boundaries: North - Plot No.23, South - Plot No.25, East - 25 wide Road, West - Plot No.49

If you the above mentioned person's fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any other provisions of law.

Date : 20-06-2026, Place : Hyderabad Authorized Officer BANK OF INDIA

**OSBI State Bank of India**  
Home Loan Centre- Godavarihills (64139) 5-6-174, 2nd Floor, Tirumala Complex Rajiv Rahadari, NTPC Ramangundam Peddapalle District 505125.

**DEMAND NOTICE**

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, Read with rule 3 of the security interest Enforcement Rules 2002

A Notice is hereby given that the following Borrowers/ Co-borrowers & Guarantors have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facilities obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses but they have been returned unreserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice

Name and Address of Borrower : 1) Smt Thakur Gayathri, W/o. Thakur Suman Singh (Late), 2) Miss Thakur Ruthwik Rani, D/o. Thakur Suman Singh (Late), H.No. 7-4-173, Vidya Nagar Jagtial - 505327 A/c. No. 4032704712/41775974410 Demand Notice Date: 09.06.2026 Date of NPA: 24/05/2026. Amount Outstanding Rs 38,18,094/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Eighteen thousand Ninty Four only) as on 09.06.2026 along with further interest and incidental expenses and costs etc, thereon

Description of Immovable Properties : All that the Semi Finished RCC Roofed House property bearing G.P. H.No. 5-1291/A, in Sy.No.325 in Plot No.10, situated at Sivar Mothe village, Jagtial Mandal under the limits of Grama Panchayath Mothe, within the Jurisdiction of Registration Sub-District Jagtial and Registration District Karimnagar, admeasuring 167.22 Sq mtrs (200 Sq Yards) Vide Regd sale Deed Doc. No. 4105/2021 Dated 31.07.2021 in favour of Sri. Thakur Suman Singh S/o. Haman Singh, registered at Sub-Registrar office Jagtial and bounded as follows : -North : House of V/Sathyaranayana (Plot No.11), South : Plot of Ch Suresh (Plot No.9), East : 18 Feet Wide Road, West : 15 Feet Wide Road

Name and Address of Borrower : 1) Smt Padigapati Kavitha, W/o. Padigapati Venkateswar Reddy (Late), 2) Smt Padigapati Sreeja, D/o. Padigapati Venkateswar Reddy (Late), 3) Smt Padigapati Sreya, D/o. Padigapati Venkateswar Reddy (Late), 4) Smt Padigapati Kavitha W/o Padigapati Venkateswar Reddy (Late), MMG of Ms Padigapati Shersta Reddy, D/o. Padigapati Venkateswar Reddy (Late), H.No. 7-3-124/7, Vidya Nagar Jagtial - 505327, Property address Under construction property, in Sy.No.514/Ka/1, Mothe Sivar, Jagtial Town & Dist. - 505327 A/c. No. 44536316452; 44722523434; 4487558675 Demand Notice Date: 12.06.2026 Date of NPA: 01.06.2026. Amount Outstanding Rs 25,82,198/- (Rupees Twenty five Lakhs Eighty Two thousand One hundred and Ninety Eight only) as on 10.04.2026 along with further interest and incidental expenses and costs etc, thereon

Description of Immovable Properties : All that the property bearing Sy.No.514ka/1 and having its total area 121.00 Sq Yards or 101.17 Sq Meters situated at sivar Mothe Village, Jagtial Mandal under the limits of Erstwhile G.P. Mothe now merged in Jagtial Municipality, within Jurisdiction of Registration Sub-District Jagtial, and Registration District, Karimnagar Vide Regd sale Deed Doc. No. 4246/2024 Dated 20.06.2024 in favour of Sri. Parigapati Venkateswar Reddy S/o. Jagannadha Reddy, registered at Sub-Registrar office Jagtial and bounded as follows : North : Land of Kappala Srikanth, South : Land of B. Jagann Mohan Reddy, East : 15 Feet Wide Road, West : Land of Sirkonda Rajanna

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower (s) and / or their Guarantors (s) whenever applicable are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publications of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

Sd/- Authorized Officer

**SAINIK WELFARE DEPARTMENT**  
**NOTICE FOR TENDERS**

Director, Sainik Welfare invites bid for :-  
Renovation of conference hall with false ceiling work, Wall Panelling with plywood water proof & fire proof, Embedded Lightening arrangements, Lappam and distemper of walls. Bid form can be collected from Director, Sainik Welfare, Sainik Aramghar, Durganagar Colony, Somaiguda, Hyderabad-500082 on before 02.07.2026.  
Contact: 9133300238/9133355852

**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I, ANNAM TAKSHITHA (Old Name), H.No. 3-60, Bank Colony, Gopalpur, Hanumakonda Dist-506015, T.G. have changed my name from ANNAM TAKSHITHA to ANNAM TAKSHITHA RAO (New Name) D/o. ANNAM LAXMI NARSIMHA RAO for all future purposes.**

**Form No.3**  
[See Regulation-15(1)(ii)]  
**BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, 1st Floor, Tribunal Complex, Abids AT HYDERABAD**

O.A.No. 220 of 2026

Summons under sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule 2(A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

O.A.No. 220 of 2026

BETWEEN:  
Indian Overseas Bank  
Secunderabad Branch (0200) #17-79/A & B 1-7-95 to 111 Legend Crystal, Mandalay Lane P.G Road, Secunderabad Telangana - 500003. ... Applicant  
And  
Smt. Ashwini Narayanas And others ...Defendants

1. Name and address of Defendant No.1  
Smt. Ashwini Narayanas  
W/o. Ramababu, 15-11-16/MR(New) and 15-11-16/MR(Old), Plot No.6, Sy.No.85, in Ward No.16, Block No.11, Near Arora P.G. College and Mzba Church, East Prashanth Nagar Colony, Teelagauguda, Mossarambagh, Hyderabad, Telangana-500036.

2. Name and address of Defendant No.1  
Smt. Ashwini Narayanas, Plot No. B22, Flat No.503 Avaron Ridge, Nagewar Rao Colony, R.K. Pura, Saroornagar, Hyderabad-500035.

3. Name and address of Defendant No.2  
Y.V. Tarun Kumar  
S/o. Vijay Kumar, 2801, 1st Plot Street Toranzo, OM MSVOG, Canada.

4. Name and address of Defendant No.2  
Y.V. Tarun Kumar  
H.No.1-10-120, Temple Ahalw, Near Water Tank, Ahalw, Secunderabad, Telangana-500010.

5. Name and address of Defendant No.3  
Y. Jashwant Kumar  
S/o. Y. Naresh Kumar, H.No.2-2-1122/3/3A/3B New Nallakunta, Near Railway Bridge 52, Shailaja Vihar Apartment, Hyderabad - 500 444.

**SUMMONS**

WHEREAS, O.A. No 220 of 2026 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 29-07-2026. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application Under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.1,87,23,529.40 Ps (Application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-  
(i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;  
(ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;  
(iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;  
(iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;  
(v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Presiding Officer on 29-07-2026 at 10.30A.M. Failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.  
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date 15-06-2026

REGISTRAR  
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II

**Bank of India KHAIRATABAD BRANCH**  
Ground Floor, P.T.I. BUILDING, A.C. GUARDS, MASAB TANK, HYDERABAD-500004, Phone: 040-2332322, 2332324.

**DEMAND NOTICE**

The notice returned date is 08-06-2026

To, Applicant: Mr.Vijay Kumar Kata 4-6-137/22/B1 East Srinagar Alwyn Colony, Kukatapalli, Hyderabad, Telangana India,500072. Co-Applient: Mrs.Showry Yami Chinnna Bathini 4-6-137/22/B1 East Srinagar Alwyn Colony, Kukatapalli, Hyderabad,Telangana India,500072. Applicant:Mr.Vijay Kumar Kata Sy No.58 and 59, Boduppal,Medchal-Malkajigiri, Hyderabad, Telangana-500056. Co-Applient: Mrs.Showry Yami Chinnna Bathini Sy.No.58 and 59, Boduppal,Medchal-Malkajigiri Hyderabad, Telangana-500056

**NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002**

At the request made by you, the Bank has granted to you various credit facilities aggregating to an amount of Rs.23,00,000/- We give hereunder details of various credit facilities granted by us and the outstanding dues thereunder as on the date of this notice:-

Nature of Facility	Sanctioned Limit	Outstanding dues
(a) Home Loan (860975110000377)	Rs.23,00,000.00	Rs.25,40,745.08 plus in.w.f.a. 29.05.2026 @9.55% p.a + 2.00% as penal interest at monthly rests with costs, expenses etc.

2. The aforesaid credit facilities granted by the Bank are secured by the following assets/properties (particulars of properties/assets charged to Bank) :-  
All that the house on Plot No.20 Eastern part in Survey nos.58 & 59 admeasuring 166 sq.yds or 138.77 sq. mtrs, situated Boduppal village under Boduppal municipality, Medchal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajigiri and bounded by :North: 30-0" wide road, South :Plot No.48&49, East:Plot No.21, West:Plot no.20, Western part

3. As you have defaulted in repayment of your dues to the Bank under the said credit facilities, we have classified your account as Non-Performing Asset with effect from 29.05.2026 in accordance with the directions/guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

4. For the reasons stated above, we hereby give you notice under Section 13(2) of the above noted Act and call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities by paying to the Bank sum of Rs.25,40,745.08 with further interest thereon @ 9.55% p.a. plus 2.00% as penal interest compounded with monthly rests w.f.a 29.05.2026 and all costs, charges and expenses in Home Loan account (860975110000377) incurred by the Bank, till repayment by you within a period of 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which please note that we will entirely at your risks as to costs and consequences exercise the powers vested with the Bank under Section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, against the secured assets mentioned above.

5. While we call upon you to discharge your liability as above by payment of the entire dues to the Bank together with applicable interest, all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank till repayment and redeem the secured assets, within the period mentioned above, please take important note that as per section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of secured assets will be available to you only till the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.

6. The amounts realized from exercising the powers mentioned above, will firstly be applied in payment of all costs, charges and expenses which are incurred by us and/or any expenses incidental thereto, and secondly in discharge of the Bank's dues as mentioned above with contractual interest from the date of this notice till the date of actual realization and the residue of the money, if any, after the Bank's entire dues (including under any of your other dues to the Bank whether as borrower or guarantor) are fully recovered, shall be paid to you.

7. If the said dues are not fully recovered from the proceeds realized in the course of exercise of the said powers against the secured assets, we reserve our right to proceed against you and your other assets including by filing legal/recovery actions before Debts Recovery Tribunal/Courts, for recovery of the balance amount due along with all costs etc. incidental thereto from you.

8. Please take note that as per sub-section (13) of the aforesaid Act, after receipt of this notice, you are restrained from transferring or creating any encumbrances on the aforesaid secured assets whether by way of sale, lease, license, gift, mortgage or otherwise.

9. The undersigned is a duly authorized officer of the Bank to issue this notice and exercise powers under Section 13 of aforesaid Act.

10. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Bank.

Date: :06.06.2026  
Place: Hyderabad  
BANK OF INDIA, Authorized Officer  
KHAIRATABAD BRANCH

## AP Police Receives Best Performance Award in Passport Verification Services for 2nd Consecutive Year

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: Andhra Pradesh Police has been honoured with the Best Performance Award for excellence in Passport Police Verification Services for the second consecutive year. The award was presented during the Regional Passport Officers' Conference held as part of Passport Seva



Divas-2026 in New Delhi on June 19. On behalf of Andhra Pradesh Police, Smt. A. Ramadevi,

Superintendent of Police, Intelligence, received the prestigious award from Dr. S. Jaishankar, Union Minister of External Affairs. The award recognises the outstanding efforts of Andhra Pradesh Police in ensuring timely, transparent and citizen-friendly passport verification services across the state. The department's

contribution has significantly strengthened the passport issuance process and improved service delivery to citizens. This marks the second consecutive year that Andhra Pradesh Police has received the honour, reflecting its continued commitment to professionalism, efficiency and public service.

## IAS Trainee Officers Visit Visakhapatnam Port

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : As part of the Andhra Pradesh Darshan programme, IAS officers of the 2025 batch undergoing training as Assistant Collectors visited Visakhapatnam Port on Saturday. The visit was organized to provide the trainee officers with first-hand exposure to the operations, infrastructure and management practices of one of the country's major ports. On the occasion, Port



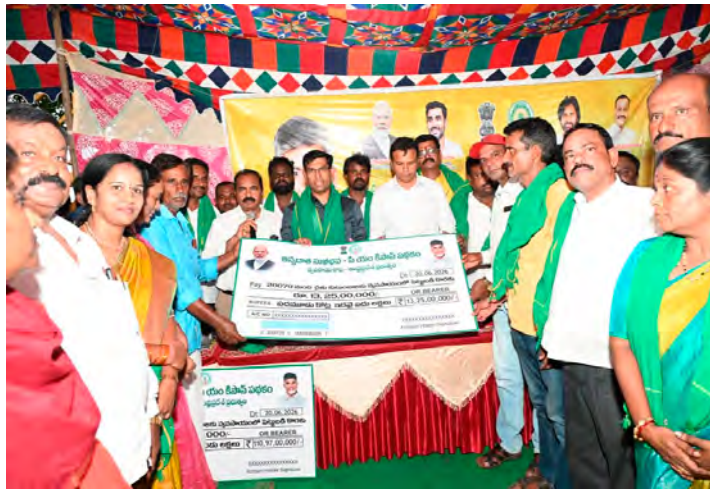
Chairperson J.S. Bindra welcomed the officers and delivered a comprehensive presentation on the port's modern infrastructure, operational capabilities and its significant contribution to regional and national economic development. During

an interactive session, the trainees were briefed on various aspects of the port, including cargo handling capacity, infrastructure development, modernization and mechanization initiatives, covered storage facilities, solar power gener-

ated water from sewage treatment plants, investment opportunities, industrial development, the International Cruise Terminal and the Truck Parking Terminal. The officers were also informed about the potential for further expansion of import and export activities through the port and the future development plans aimed at enhancing its competitiveness and efficiency.

## Rs.111 crore credited to 1.65 lakh farmers under PM Kisan and Annadata Sukhibhava

Tirupati: District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar stated that the State Government is implementing several welfare programmes for the well-being of farmers. On Saturday evening, the District Collector participated as the chief guest in the Annadata Sukhibhava - PM Kisan 2026-27 First Instalment District-Level Programme held at the Tahsildar Office in Vadmalapet Mandal, along with Nagari MLA Bhanu Prakash and District Agriculture Officer Prasad Rao.



tively to the difficulties faced by mango farmers. In view of the fall in mango prices, the Chief Minister held direct discussions with farmers and announced an additional incentive of Rs.4 per kg, similar to last year. This will provide significant relief to the farmers.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector said that the Central and State Governments are jointly implementing the PM Kisan and Annadata Sukhibhava schemes, providing Rs.20,000 per year as financial assistance to every farmer family. The Central Government contributes Rs.6,000 while the State Government provides an additional Rs.14,000.

He assured that urea and other fertilizers required for the Kharif season will be made available to farmers without any shortage. Distribution of urea is being carried out through the APAIMS app, and technical issues faced in the initial phase have been resolved. The government has decided to supply three bags of urea at once to small and marginal farmers cultivating less than

one acre. Farmers without e-Crop registration or Pattadar Passbook need not worry, as arrangements will be made to supply urea to all those actually cultivating the land.

Given the possibility of deficient rainfall this year as warned by scientists, the Collector urged farmers to use water judiciously and follow the guidelines of the Agriculture Department while choosing crops. He advised farmers not to limit themselves to traditional crops but to focus on commercial and horticultural crops suited to market demand. Mango farmers can improve fruit quality and earn higher income by using fruit covers. He encouraged farmers to adopt

natural farming practices, which help achieve better yields at lower cost. He also suggested that farmers opt for high-yielding paddy varieties.

The Collector stated that the government is implementing several programmes for farmers' welfare, including Annadata Sukhibhava and PM Kisan schemes, special assistance to mango farmers, agricultural mechanization, timely supply of urea and DAP fertilizers, free veterinary services and vaccines for dairy farmers, and up to 90% subsidy under drip and sprinkler irrigation schemes to improve water use efficiency.

He added that the government is giving priority to water resource conservation through the 'Jaladhara - Jalaharati' programme. Repair works of tanks, feeder channels, and supply canals, along with desilting, are being taken up under MGNREGS to ensure every drop of water is used effectively. He called upon farmers to make the best use of government programmes to achieve higher yields and increased income.

\*\*Nagari MLA Bhanu Prakash\*\* said that farmers' welfare is the main objective of the government. He assured that modern technology will be promoted in agriculture to ensure higher profits for farmers. He stated that the govern-

ment is standing by the farmers in every possible way to make agriculture a profitable profession. In addition to input subsidies, soil health tests are being conducted and suitable crops for each type of soil are being recommended. Soil samples are collected from every farmer's field, tested, and appropriate advice on soil health, suitable crops, and fertilizer use is provided. Agricultural implements are being supplied at subsidized or free of cost rates to reduce farmers' expenditure.

He highlighted that the government is taking special measures to expand the use of technology in agriculture. Drone technology enables faster and wider coverage for spraying, reducing labour and the use of fertilizers and chemicals. The government is promoting drip irrigation with subsidies to ensure efficient use of water resources and is giving priority to the expansion of horticulture crops. The MLA advised farmers to shift towards alternative and commercial crops according to changing market conditions. Especially farmers near urban areas can earn higher income by cultivating vegetables, flowers, and fruits as commercial crops. He expressed confidence that in the coming days, agriculture will become a festive and profitable business.



## Businessmen donate Rs 20 lakh to TTD Annaprasadam Trust

Hyderabad, June 20: Hyderabad-based businessmen Vadlamudi Lalith Kumar and Yalamanchili Krishnarao donated a total of Rs 20 lakh to the TTD Sri Venkateswara Annaprasadam Trust.

The donors met TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu at the TTD Hyderabad Camp Office and handed over donation cheques of Rs 10 lakh each towards the trust's activities.

Receiving the contribution, B.R. Naidu appreciated the philanthropists for supporting the noble cause of providing free Annaprasadam to lakhs of

devotees visiting Tirumala every day. He described the Annaprasadam programme as a sacred service and a "Mahayagnam" that serves devotees without discrimination.

The Chairman said such donations play a vital role in sustaining the daily distribution of free meals to pilgrims and encouraged more devotees and philanthropists to contribute to the trust.

The donors expressed their happiness in participating in the service-oriented initiative and supporting TTD's efforts to provide food to devotees visiting the holy shrine.

# Centuryply Strengthens Its Relationship with Andhra Pradesh

Vijaywada, 20 June 2026: Centuryply (I) Ltd further strengthened its bond with the state of Andhra Pradesh after having established its integrated plant in Badvel, Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh at an initial investment of 1000 cr. While hosting Shri Nara Lokesh Garu, Hon'ble Minister of Information and Technology, Electronics & Communication and Human Resource Development, Govt of Andhra Pradesh in Kolkata at an event by the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Andhra Pradesh emerged as a lucrative state for investors. Speed, stability and service were the three highlights of the state, as mentioned by the Hon'ble Minister.



the leadership just shared, 100 rupees that's getting invested in India, out of those 25 rupees is actually coming to the great state of Andhra Pradesh. A lot of people ask me, what makes Andhra Pradesh different? Why Andhra Pradesh? I'll give you three yeses. The first one is speed. The second is stability. The third S is service. Once you shake hands, it's no longer your project, it becomes our

project. We are here to help, we're here to solve problems, and we're here to deliver on the promise. Andhra Pradesh today is a \$220 billion economy, will be a \$2.4 trillion economy, and we would love to have you as a partner of our growth trajectory and story."

Shri Keshav Bhajanka, Vice President, ICC and Executive Director, Century Plyboards (I) Ltd., said, "The vision, foresight, and strategic think-

ing of Shri Nara Lokesh Garu are truly exceptional and unmatched. 2 months back we had met and his possibility of exploring investors from Bengal were discussed. We are extremely fortunate and privileged to have had this opportunity to have him present among us here today. Personally, I am deeply humbled to witness someone of his caliber return from Stanford and dedicate himself to the cause of nation-building. We look forward to a brighter future for our brand in Andhra Pradesh." Century Plyboards had also commenced its commercial dispatch of medium density fibreboard (MDF) from Badvel plant in 2024.

The brand doubled its MDF capacity from 900 to 1900 cubic meters post the Badvel plant launch. The Badvel unit of Centuryply has provided an employment to about 2200 people. Besides, the company purchases raw material required directly from the farmers in Badvel region. To meet the future needs, the farmers are being encouraged to plant trees that are useful for manufacturing plywood in 80,000 acres in the next 8 years.

## TTD command centre helps devotee recover lost bag



Tirumala, June 20: The Tirumala Command Control Centre successfully helped a devotee from Telangana recover a bag containing valuables after it was accidentally left behind at the Alipiri checkpoint.

According to officials, devotee Vanga Mallesh Goud lodged a complaint at the Command Control Centre around 11.30 pm after realizing that his bag had been left near the scan-

ner at the Alipiri security checkpoint.

Acting promptly, Command Control Centre personnel examined CCTV footage and traced the vehicle that had inadvertently taken the bag. The vehicle, bearing registration number TG 07 AD 0269, was located at Balaji Guest House No. 4 in Tirumala at around 3.30 am. Officials recovered the bag and handed it over to the devotee after

proper verification. All belongings in the bag, including 50 grams of gold, were found safe and intact. Expressing his gratitude, Mallesh Goud appreciated the swift response and dedicated efforts of the Command Control Centre staff. He also recorded his appreciation in the centre's feedback register, commending the officials for their efficient and timely service.



UYYALA SEVA IN SRISAILAM....

## SVIMS conducts super specialty and cancer screening camps in tribal areas

Tirupati, June 20: Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), with the support of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), organized Super Specialty Medical Camps and Pink Bus Cancer Screening Camps in tribal areas as part of its "Health for All" initiative.

Speaking at a camp held at Kovanur Primary Health Centre in KVB Puram Mandal, SVIMS Director and Vice-Chancellor Dr. R.V. Kumar said two Pink Buses are providing free cancer screening services



in villages and towns. He noted that medical tests worth Rs.5,000 to Rs.10,000 are being conducted free of cost, while patients diagnosed with cancer receive treatment through the Dr. N.T.R. Vaidya Seva scheme.

Dr. Kumar said that since 2018, the Pink Buses have conducted 770 camps and screened 43,596 people for cancer. Of them, 3,043 patients were referred to SVIMS and 776 underwent successful treatment and recovered.

He added that under various healthcare initiatives, including the Sri Venkateswara Pranadana Scheme and Dr. N.T.R. Vaidya Seva, lakhs of people have received free medical services over the years. Specialists from gynaecology, ophthalmology, general medicine, dentistry, paediatrics, dermatology and other departments participated in the camp. Free medicines and oral hygiene kits were distributed to beneficiaries. Saplings were also planted on the hospital premises during the programme.

### Congress and Uddhav Thackeray rely on infiltrators to survive in politics: HM Amit Shah



Kolhapur (Maharashtra), June 20 : Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah on Saturday accused Congress and Shiv Sena UBT chief Uddhav Thackeray of surviving in politics by turning infiltrators into a vote bank. However, he clarified that India is not a 'Dharamshala' and under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, every aspect of India's security is being ensured.

Addressing a public rally in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, HM Shah said that over the course of 12 years, under the leadership of the Prime Minister, the Bharatiya Janata Party and the NDA have expanded from Somnath to Ganga Sagar and across the entire country. "People used to say that you would reach every part of the country, but what about West Bengal? However, in the last election, the people of West

Bengal have also bestowed their blessings and support upon the Bharatiya Janata Party. Bengal has also blessed the BJP. The people of Bengal have given us their blessings, and PM Modi and the BJP owe a debt to the people of Bengal," he added. "I assure you that not only will infiltration across Bengal's borders be stopped, but every infiltrator will also be identified and removed one by one," he said. "PM Modi has set the record for being the longest-serving elected Prime Minister of the country. Whenever the history of independent India is written, these 12 years will be remembered for building a Viksit Bharat, the cultural renaissance of India, and the country's growing prestige across the world.

### RESIDENTS SEEK FAIR PROBE

Khammam (TSIT): Residents of Raghavayya Nagar have urged the authorities to conduct an impartial inquiry into the ongoing land dispute near the Ashtalakshmi Temple, stating that they have been in lawful possession of their properties for over 45 years and have not encroached on any government land. According to the residents, their families had legally purchased agricultural lands in Survey Nos. 84 and 85 of Pakabanda several decades ago. A portion of the land was later acquired by the government for the Nagarjuna Sagar Project canal. They said revenue records, registered documents, LRS certificates and survey reports support their

ownership claims. The residents alleged that the dispute is being raised only over nine plots located beside the 2-L Minor canal near the road leading to Mamata College, while a nearly 10-km canal stretch remains undisputed. They questioned why the issue is being confined to a 250-metre stretch alone. They said they had approached the court and obtained stay orders after fencing was allegedly erected in their plots during temple-related activities. Despite the court orders, construction activities continued and FIRs were subsequently registered, they claimed. The residents also expressed concern over alleged attempts to alter the status of the 2-L Minor

canal after more than four decades and sought a comprehensive inquiry into missing or unavailable revenue records. They maintained that survey affidavits and reports from the revenue and irrigation departments indicate there was no encroachment. Stating that they do not seek any land beyond what is covered by their legal documents and government-issued NOCs, the residents said they would fully cooperate with authorities if any excess land is found in their possession. They appealed for a transparent examination of all records, departmental reports and court proceedings before arriving at a final decision.

### Health Camp for Senior Citizens at Pranam Day Care Centre

Mulugu, June 20, TSIT : On the orders of Mulugu District Collector Hemant Borkade Sahadeva Rao, a dental health camp was organized for the elderly at Pranam Day Care Center in Mulugu District Center with the instructions of District Welfare Officer Premalatha. Special Medical Team District Hospital Dr. Veeramalla Harish, Nursing Officer G Tirupati — conducted a dental checkup for the elderly in the day care center. In this camp, BP and sugar tests were done for the elderly, dental tests were done for all the members of the center and medicines were given to the needy. Dr. A Appiah, CS RMO, Mulugu District Hospital, who was the chief guest at



the event, said that all the elderly should make it a habit to brush every morning and night and avoid sugary things, gutka and tobacco. He said that BP and sugar should be checked regularly and if there is a minor problem, consult a doctor immediately. All members of the day care center wish to be healthy and happy by consuming nutritious food.

### MADIGA MAHASHAKTI MEETING TO BE HELD IN MAHABUBABAD ON JUNE 29

Mahabubabad :Byline Balne Suman The Madiga Mahashakti emerged for the rights that have been denied politically and economically for the last 78 years. Honorable Shri Motkupalli Narasimhulu Garu, former minister, celebrated the birth anniversary of late Babu Jagjivanram. On 05-04-2026, a flag was unfurled in Basheerbagh and a procession was organized with lakhs of activists. A speech was made in the presence of activists and party leaders about how injustice is being done to the Madigas in the current situation. The fact that there are three M.P.s in Telangana state and the Rajya Sabha seat was not given to any of the 70 lakh Madigas is a coincidence. Is it a conspiracy... As part of an effort to inform the Madiga people of the state about these issues, demonstrations and meetings were organized with thousands of Madiga youth activists in Warangal, Peddapalli and Suryapet districts. There is a surge in the Madiga youth who are facing political discrimination. As part of



this, a Madiga Mahashakti demonstration will be held in Mahabubabad town of the joint Warangal district on 29.06.2026. In this, other social B.C. Thousands of people are going to participate in support of these Madiga Mahashakti activists. In an effort to unify the Madigas, regardless of their affiliation with parties, Honorable Motkupalli Narsimhulu Garu is inviting all the Madigas belonging to various parties and all the Madiga caste associations to this Madiga Mahashakti program.

### SBI Employees Organise Mega Blood Donation Camp in Memory of Comrade Y. Taraknath.

MANCHERIAL, June 20, TSIT : As part of their social service initiatives, the State Bank of India Employees' Union organised a mega blood donation camp in Mancherial on Friday to mark the 22nd death anniversary of Comrade Y. Taraknath. The camp was conducted at the SBI branch premises in Reddy Colony, where bank employees voluntarily donated blood. Organised under the supervision of Comrade K. Srinivas, the programme was inaugurated by Ritesh Kumar Gupta, Regional Manager of SBI, Mancherial. Speaking on the occasion, the participants described blood donation as one of the noblest forms of humanitarian service, noting that a single donation could help save lives. They said such camps play a vital role in meeting the blood requirements of patients during emergencies, accidents and surger-



ies. The speakers appreciated the employees for coming forward with a sense of social responsibility and contributing to a noble cause. The blood collected during the camp was handed over to the blood bank for use by needy patients. Among those present were Alok Verma, Chief Manager; Ramakrishna, HR Officer; Chanduri Mahender, District General Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society; V. Madhusudan Reddy, State Management Committee Member; SBI employees, union leaders and blood bank staff.

### Greenery is a Gift to Future Generations - Minister Juppally Krishna Rao

Nagarkurnool (TSIT) State Minister for Excise, Tourism and Culture, Juppally Krishna Rao, called upon everyone to act responsibly in protecting the environment and preserving ecological balance in Nagarkurnool district. As part of Vanamah otsavam-2026, the Minister participated in a plantation drive organized by the District Forest Department on Saturday at government land near Indira Mahila Shakti Bhavan in Nagarkurnool town and planted saplings.

### 'Annadata Sukhibhava' Strengthens Farmers with Rs.20,000 Annual Assistance

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu said that the coalition government's Annadata Sukhibhava-PM Kisan scheme is providing strong financial support to lakhs of farming families across the state. He was speaking at the fund disbursement programme held at Linganguntla village in Palnadu district. The minister stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the government is committed to revitalising the agriculture sector and making farming more profitable. As part of the Super Six promises, every eligible farmer family is being provided Rs.20,000 annually, including Rs.14,000 from the State Government and Rs.6,000 under the PM-Kisan scheme of the Central Government. He said that in the first instal-



ment of the current year, Rs.7,000 was credited directly into farmers' bank accounts, comprising Rs.5,000 from the State Government and Rs.2,000 from the Centre. More than 46.85 lakh farmer families have benefited from the scheme, with Rs.3,125.47 crore released in the first instalment alone. Atchannaidu noted that several agricultural support programmes, including soil health management, drip and sprinkler irrigation, farm mechanisation and drone technology, are being strength-

### Harkara Venugopal Rao's Birthday Celebrated

Hyderabad, TSIT: The birthday of Government Advisor Harkara Venugopal Rao was celebrated with enthusiasm at his office on Saturday. Colleagues, well-wishers and staff members extended their heartfelt greetings and wished him good health, happiness and continued success in public service. Among those who participated in the celebrations were G. Nagabhushanam, TPCC General Secretary and former Vice Chairman of the Labour Advisory Board, and Balakrishna, who conveyed their best wishes to Venugopal Rao on the occasion. A cake-cutting ceremony was held as part of the celebrations, and attendees lauded Venugopal Rao's contributions and commitment to public welfare. Event was marked by a cordial atmosphere, with participants expressing their appreciation for his leadership and service.



### Anjaiah Yadav Alleges Illegal Soil Mining in Shadnagar

RANGAREDDY: Former Shadnagar MLA Y. Anjaiah Yadav alleged that a soil mafia is illegally excavating and transporting valuable soil from the constituency to Hyderabad, posing a threat to agricultural lands and water resources. Addressing a press conference at the BRS office in Shadnagar, he claimed that fertile soil from Bobbili Cheruvu and other water bodies is being transported in hundreds of lorries while the police and revenue departments remain silent. He questioned why no action was being taken against those involved in the alleged illegal activity. Anjaiah Yadav also accused officials of targeting farmers while ignoring large-scale soil excavation and transportation. He urged the government to take immediate steps to stop illegal soil mining and protect the region's natural resources. BRS leaders Vankayala Narayana Reddy, Eeta Ganesh, M.S. Natarajan, Laxman Nayak, Devender Yadav, Penumuni Gopal, Cheepiri Ravi Yadav, Jatta Kumar, Yugandhar, Ashok, Vishwa, Ramakrishna and Rajashekhar were present.

### Experts Bust Common Cataract Myths, Urge Timely Surgery for Vision Restoration

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Cataract specialists at the Kode Venkatadri Chowdary Campus, Vijayawada, have urged the public to avoid misconceptions surrounding cataracts, warning that misinformation often leads to delayed treatment and avoidable vision loss. As part of Cataract Awareness Month, the specialists highlighted some of the most common myths and facts about the condition. Doctors clarified that no eye drops, vitamins, or herbal remedies can dissolve or cure cataracts. Cataracts occur due to clouding of the eye's natural lens, a structural change that cannot be reversed through medication. Surgery remains the only proven and effective treatment. The specialists also pointed out that cataracts are not limited to the elderly. Congenital cataracts can affect newborns, while younger adults may develop cataracts due to eye injuries, prolonged steroid use, uncontrolled diabetes, or radiation exposure. Addressing another widespread misconception, they said patients no longer need to wait for a cataract to become "fully ripe" before undergoing surgery. With modern phacoemulsification technology, cataracts can be safely removed at any stage. Delaying surgery can make the procedure more difficult and increase the risk of complications. Experts noted that modern cataract surgery is a quick and minimally invasive procedure, typically completed within 30 minutes under local or topical anaesthesia, without requiring an overnight hospital stay. Most patients experience significant improvement in vision within a day and resume normal activities shortly thereafter. "Cataracts are the most treatable cause of blindness in the world. No one should lose sight because of fear of surgery or false hope in unproven remedies. Early consultation and timely treatment can restore vision and improve quality of life," said Dr. Shaeza Samreen, Cataract Specialist at the Kode Venkatadri Chowdary Campus, Vijayawada.



### Revenue Services Must Be Delivered Transparently to the Public: District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar

Tirupati, June 20 : District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar stated that revenue department officials should work with dedication to deliver the services provided by the department to the public more efficiently and transparently, while also adopting modern technology. On Saturday, the Revenue Day celebrations were held at the Conference Hall of the Collectorate. District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar, along with Joint Collector R. Govind Rao, DRO Narasimhulu, Deputy Collectors Rosamund and Shiva Shankar Naik, and Revenue Association District President S. Shiva Prasad, participated in the programme. They lit the traditional lamp to inaugurate the event. Speaking on the occa-



sion, the Collector said that the Revenue Department is one of the most important departments compared to all others. He extended greetings to all revenue officials and staff on the occasion of Revenue Day. He emphasized that all services, including revenue-related services, should be delivered with a sense of responsibility rather than as a burden. He stressed the need for accuracy while taking decisions related to revenue matters. The Collector urged all officials and staff working in the Revenue Department to acquire technical knowledge and develop their

skills. Only then can revenue services be delivered to the public more easily. He stated that it is the duty of every revenue officer to ensure that people do not face any difficulties while availing services. He instructed them to pay special attention to the protection of government lands, prevention of encroachments, and updating of records. He directed officials to resolve people's problems at the village and mandal levels quickly so that public trust in the government increases. He also advised staff, who are usually busy with daily revenue work, to take care of their health along with their duties. He called upon them to deliver services with dedication by managing their time efficiently for the tasks assigned to them.

### GITAM Medical Colleges Confer Degrees on 315 Graduates



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : GITAM Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (GIMSAR) and GITAM Dental College celebrated their Graduation Day at Gadiraju Palace, Visakhapatnam, on Saturday, awarding degrees to 315 students. The graduates included 153 MBBS, 80 BDS, 50 MD/MS, and 32 MDS students, marking a significant milestone for the institution. Addressing the gathering, chief guest Dr. C.N. Manjunath, MP from Bengaluru Rural and noted cardiologist, emphasized the importance of ethics, communication skills, affordable healthcare, and compassionate patient care. He said that while technology and Artificial Intelligence are transforming health-

care, they can never replace the human touch and clinical expertise of doctors. Visakhapatnam MP and GITAM President M. Sribharat urged the young doctors to uphold humanitarian values and work towards restoring public trust in the healthcare system. He reaffirmed GITAM Hospital's commitment to providing quality and affordable healthcare services. GIMSAR Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. B. Geethanjali and Principal Dr. G. Sambasiva Rao highlighted the institution's focus on competency-based medical education, research, and innovation. They also announced plans to introduce a post-graduate course in Emergency Medicine and expand super-specialty programmes.

## EDITORIAL

### Reform Without Rupture: Narendra Modi Through A Burkean Conservative Lens

Twelve years is a long time in politics, especially when anti-incumbency is a strong trend in many democracies. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has completed 12 consecutive years in power. Prior to this, he served as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for 13 uninterrupted years. This makes it an appropriate moment to reflect on the ideological foundations of his approach to statecraft and governance. Commentators have described Narendra Modi through multiple ideological lenses: nationalist, developmentalist, and civilisational, while critics have characterised his politics as majoritarian and populist. This article does not seek to engage in a comprehensive assessment of these competing formulations.

Rather, it argues that an important aspect of his political thought remains underexplored: how his approach to governance and statecraft can be understood alongside the European conservative tradition associated with the British political thinker and statesman Edmund Burke (1729-1797). This does not suggest any direct intellectual influence or lineage. PM Modi comes from a distinctly Indic political and intellectual background, not the Anglo-European conservative tradition. Even so, a comparison can help highlight certain similarities in how both approach tradition, change and political authority. This article examines some of the core ideas of Burke and sees whether PM Modi's model of statecraft and governance resonates with them:

- Tradition and inherited wisdom matter in politics
- Reform Without Revolution
- Change must be prudent, gradual, and empirically grounded
- The State as Trustee of Future Generations
- Pragmatism Over Ideological Purity
- Burke's Philosophy of Conservatism
- Edmund Burke's Reflections on the Revolution in France (1790) remains the foundational text of modern conservatism. Burke's central concern was not opposition to change itself but opposition to revolutionary, abrupt change detached from historical experience and inherited wisdom. He argued that societies are not artificial constructions that can be redesigned according to abstract theories. Rather, they are organic inheritances shaped by generations of accumulated experience.
- Burke famously described society as a partnership extending beyond the living:
- "A partnership not only between those who are living, but between those who are dead, and those who are to be born." This idea lies at the heart of Burkean conservatism. Political leaders are not and should not try to be architects creating society anew, but trustees responsible for preserving and improving an inherited civilisation.
- Consequently, Burke's standard of statesmanship combined two seemingly opposite ideas: "a disposition to preserve and an ability to improve."
- This balance between preservation and reform provides a useful framework for understanding Narendra Modi's political project. Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi
- Perhaps the strongest Burkean element in PM Modi's worldview is his emphasis on civilisational continuity.

# India's New Surveillance Challenge From Pakistan Lies 500 km Above Earth

A US-based firm recently shared a post on LinkedIn explaining how Pakistan's earth observation satellite, PRSC EO3, is an anomaly because of its orbit. The US-based company COMSPOC found that the electro-optical imagery satellite, which requires sunlight to capture images of the ground, was placed in a 38-degree inclined orbit around Earth. The orbit is unusual for an optical imagery satellite, with a sun-synchronous inclination of nearly 90 degrees. COMSPOC says the satellite sacrifices global coverage, but it allows it to capture Pakistan, Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of India, with frequent visits. Additionally, ThePrint, in its investigation, found that Pakistan's latest earth observation satellite network has grown since 2025, allowing it to capture changes in India and the Indian Ocean region through its orbital architecture. ThePrint's report states that these satellites are mapping India at least twice every two days.

I dug deeper into Pakistan's satellite network, tracking its position and revisit rates using open-source satellite monitoring platforms, and found that its Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites capture India, the Bay of Bengal, and the Arabian Sea multiple times, providing nearly real-time intelligence on activities in India. While the counter-argument to the observation from Pakistan could be that they share a border with India, therefore, it will naturally capture, however, each satellite, especially PRSC EO3, makes multiple visits over India, covering territory from south to north during the entire day. During this investigation, I monitored five Pakistani



satellites: PRSC EO1, PRSC EO2, PRSC EO3, PRSC HS-1, PRSS-1, and PakTes-1a. While PRSS-1 was a joint venture between Pakistan and China, the others were developed by Pakistan's Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO). These assets, launched in 2018 (PRSS-1 and PakTES-1A) and between 2025 and 2026, comprise a seven-satellite constellation. Additionally, although PRSS-2 is another Sino-Pakistani project, its real-time location remains unconfirmed for this investigation.

#### What Makes It Unusual?

ThePrint's report provides a useful starting point for understanding the orbital configuration of Pakistan's satellites. My investigation found that three of Pakistan's low Earth orbit (LEO) Earth-observation

satellites-PRSC-HS1, PRSS-EO1 and PakTES-1A-orbit at inclinations between 97 and 98 degrees, placing them in near-polar sun-synchronous orbits. Sun-synchronous orbits are particularly useful for surveillance, reconnaissance and Earth observation missions because they allow satellites to pass over the same location at nearly the same local time during each revisit. For example, if a satellite images Delhi at 10 a.m. IST during one pass, it will capture the city at roughly the same time on subsequent passes. This ensures consistent lighting conditions, enabling analysts to compare imagery over time and detect changes more accurately. As a result, most optical Earth-observation satellites operate in sun-synchronous orbits. What stands out, however, is the role of PRSC-EO3.

Unlike the other satellites, EO3 operates in an inclined orbit of 38 degrees. Consequently, around an hour after the sun-synchronous satellites pass over India, EO3 crosses southern India and the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). While sun-synchronous satellites image territory along a north-south ground track, EO3 maps the region along a west-east path, providing a different viewing geometry and expanding overall coverage of a landmass. A similar pattern emerges with PRSC-EO2. The satellite has a Right Ascension of the Ascending Node (RAAN) of 298 degrees, compared to 243 degrees for EO1. RAAN determines the orientation of a satellite's orbital plane in space. Consider the Earth as a clock, so 298 degrees means that EO2's orbit points roughly at 10 o'clock and EO1's orbit

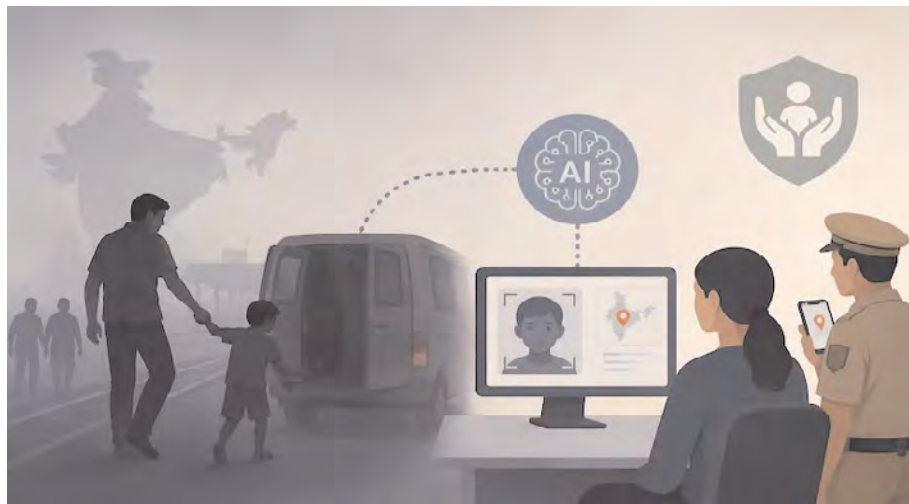
roughly at 8 o'clock. Similarly, EO3's orbit is at 1 o'clock. RAAN is crucial to understanding the orbital planes of satellites and their revisit rates. The 55-degree difference between the two satellites places them in distinct orbital planes, offering important clues about how Pakistan has distributed its satellites to improve revisit opportunities over India. This separation in orbital planes enables EO2 to observe areas from different geometries and at different times than EO1, PakTES-1A and PRSC-HS1. When those satellites cross India, EO2 typically follows roughly 90 minutes later, passing over parts of the country, particularly the north-east, during certain orbital cycles. This staggered arrangement increases the frequency with which specific regions can be observed.

The effect becomes more apparent when Earth's rotation is taken into account. A satellite in low Earth orbit completes one revolution in approximately 95 minutes. During that time, the Earth rotates eastward by nearly 24 degrees. As a result, when EO2 returns for its next orbit, the ground track beneath it has shifted westward. In one pass, the satellite may image north-eastern India; on the next, it can cover parts of central India before continuing over Pakistan. This orbital configuration allows successive passes to capture different parts of the subcontinent, improving overall coverage and observation opportunities. Therefore, the satellites capture changes in India multiple times during daylight alone, providing nearly real-time intelligence on activities in India.

## BUILDING SAFER FUTURES:

### REIMAGINING CHILD PROTECTION WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

In January 2026, two young sisters went missing from Ranchi, Jharkhand, triggering an urgent search. With limited leads and vast geographies to cover, Ranchi Police sought support from Just Rights for Children's Raksha AI tools. Drawing on years of child protection data, trafficking patterns, migration trends, GIS mapping and machine learning, Raksha AI responds to the critical question: If the children had been trafficked, where were they most likely to be found? The tool identified a high-risk trafficking corridor spanning Lohardaga, Khunti and Gumla. Despite massive manhunt, the girls were not in these hotspot districts. It appeared that the prediction had failed.



#### The tech experts of Raksha AI urged

"The model is not predicting a single village or building. It is identifying the most likely operational geography. Continue searching within the surrounding radius." The police expanded their efforts to nearby locations within the same movement corridor highlighted by the analysis. Then came the breakthrough. On 14 January 2026, the two sisters were safely rescued from the Chitarpur area of Ramgarh district, Jharkhand, within the radius identified by Raksha AI. The information generated through technology

aided search and rescue operation, further led to the rescue of another 52 missing and kidnapped children, the arrest of 21 traffickers/kidnappers, and the dismantling an organised crime network. This technology aided police and civil society intervention demonstrates how technology, data and partnerships can make child protection systems smarter, faster and more effective. Technology is the amplifier in timely interventions to prevent crimes against children and ensure their protection. However, more often than we would like, we are only able to reach the child after harm has occurred. According to the Crime in India 2024 report by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the crimes against children increased by 5.85 percent in 2024 compared to the previous year. Today, the real and the vir-

tual world are intertwined in unprecedented ways. Criminal networks operate across states and countries, online platforms create new avenues for exploitation, and millions of data points are generated every day. Yet much of this information remains fragmented across departments, institutions, and jurisdictions, limiting its potential to inform swift response. Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Material (CSEAM) is being created, shared, and circulated at unprecedented speed across online platforms, encrypted channels, and digital networks. AI-generated deepfakes and synthetic CSEAM, sometimes based on images of real children, compound real harms at scale. Meanwhile, offenders increasingly use technology to operate across jurisdictions and

conceal their identities in ways unimaginable a decade ago. Artificial intelligence presents a paradox, a Pandora's box of boons and harms. The same technology misused by offenders can also help protect children by enabling prevention rather than merely improving response mechanisms. At its best, AI can uncover trafficking routes by analysing historical data and movement patterns, identify emerging and dominant hotspots of child labour, child marriage, and exploitation. It can monitor online environments for indicators of child sexual abuse and can predict vulnerabilities and risks before they escalate into crimes. This reality makes it imperative that AI be developed and deployed responsibly, with child rights, safety, transparency, and accountability at its core.

## A MEANS OF PROTECTION OR A RESTRICTION ON FREEDOM?



Priyanka Saurabh

The Indian Constitution recognises individual liberty as the cornerstone of democratic governance. Article 21 states that a person may be deprived of life and personal liberty only according to procedure established by law. Furthermore, the framers of the Constitution, while considering national security, public order, and the stability of the state, recognized the provision of preventive detention. Its purpose is to detain a person based on a potential future act, not to punish him for a crime. However, over time, the question has become increasingly serious as to whether the extraordinary provisions of preventive detention are truly being used to protect public order or are becoming a tool to restrict individual liberty. A recent decision by the Allahabad High Court has brought this debate back to the forefront. Recently, the Allahabad High Court struck down a preventive action taken under the National Security Act, stating that the state had failed to distinguish between ordinary law and order problems and a serious public order threat. The Court clarified that not every criminal inci-

dent affects public order. If action against a person is possible under ordinary criminal laws, resorting to preventive detention would be contrary to constitutional freedoms. The Court also underlined that preventive detention powers are extraordinary and should be used only in very limited circumstances. This decision is significant because the Indian judiciary has long reiterated the principle that "law and order" and "public order" are not synonymous. A crime against an individual or a local disturbance may constitute a law and order issue, while public order concerns arise when the broader public life, social peace, and normal activities of the community are affected. However, in practice, the administration often ignores this distinction and resorts to preventive detention even in ordinary criminal cases. Preventive detention in India is constitutionally recognized under the provisions of Article 22. Since independence, this power has been exercised through various laws—the Preventive Detention Act, the Maintenance of Internal Security Act, the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, the National Security Act, and various state-level detention laws. These laws were primarily intended to address terrorism, smuggling, communal violence, organized crime, and serious threats to national security. In such cases, normal criminal procedures are often insufficient,

as waiting for a crime to occur can be extremely risky for the state and society. Preventive detention is argued to be a crucial tool for protecting public interest and national security, as modern security challenges have become increasingly complex. Terrorist networks, cybercrime, cross-border violence, and organized crime groups pose threats that require states to take preventive measures to address them. Intelligence is often available, but cannot be presented as sufficient evidence for prosecution in court. In such circumstances, preventive detention is considered an important means of protecting public interest and national security. Despite this, serious concerns have consistently been raised about preventive detention. The first problem lies in its very nature. The normal criminal justice system is based on the principle of guilt and evidence, whereas preventive detention is based on apprehension and administrative satisfaction. This means that a person can be deprived of liberty not for a proven crime, but based on potential future activities. This system inherently conflicts with democratic principles. The second problem relates to the excessive extent of administrative discretion. Detention orders are often issued by the District Magistrate or the State Government. Although there are mechanisms for subordinate advisory boards and judicial review, decisions at the initial stage largely

depend on administrative satisfaction. In many cases, it has been found that the language of detention orders is mechanical and lacks adequate analysis of the actual threat. A third concern is that preventive detention is often used to conceal shortcomings in the regular criminal justice process. If the police fail to gather sufficient evidence, the prosecution is weak, or the accused is granted bail, laws like the National Security Act are invoked against them. This undermines the practical significance of the constitutional right to bail and a fair trial. The Allahabad High Court also expressed concern about this trend in a recent decision. The fourth problem relates to its impact on human rights and civil liberties. Detainees can be held for long periods without trial. Although there are provisions for informing them of the grounds for detention and providing them with an opportunity for representation, much information is withheld from them in the name of national security or public interest. As a result, the right to effective defense is limited. Critics also argue that preventive detention is sometimes used to control political dissent, protests, or criticism of the administration. Criticism of the state and peaceful protest are part of civil rights in a democracy. Using preventive action against these acts as a threat to public order would be contrary to the spirit of constitutional democracy.

# Prepare solutions to technical hurdles before Mangaluru cabinet meeting: CM D K Shivakumar

Bengaluru, Jun 20: A cabinet meeting will be held in Mangaluru shortly, and solutions to all technical issues must be prepared before the meeting, chief minister D K Shivakumar has instructed. He was speaking while chairing a meeting on coastal tourism development held at the conference hall of Vidhana Soudha on Friday.

D K Shivakumar directed officials to prepare a report within the next 15 to 20 days on the technical hurdles arising from Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) norms and the Forest Department. He said investor-friendly and simplified procedures should be created, and solutions must be found to address the difficulties faced by entrepreneurs due to various



departmental issues.

He stressed that priority should be given to promoting coastal culture at the international level while generating more employment opportuni-

ties and boosting economic growth. The 45 projects currently approved are expected to create 4,500 jobs, and this number should increase further, he said. He also noted that beaches

should be incorporated into tourism projects without causing damage to the coastal environment. The chief minister said a single-window system should be implemented to facilitate various approvals and prevent technical hurdles from delaying development projects. He also appealed to entrepreneurs to focus on the development of hell-tourism. Energy and Tourism minister K J George, actor Rishab Shetty, MLAs G T Devegowda and Satish Sail, chief secretary Dr Shalini Rajneesh, Tourism Development Corporation chairman Srinivas, additional chief secretary Tushar Girinath, Tourism Department secretary Trilok Chandra, and others were present at the meeting.

## Karnataka freezes Rs 436 crore in cyber fraud cases, ranks second in country

Bengaluru, Jun 20: The state of Karnataka has achieved remarkable success in protecting citizens' money from cyber fraud, stated home minister Priyank Kharge. The police department has successfully frozen a total of Rs 436 crore in bank accounts linked to cyber-crimes, placing the state second in the country for such recoveries. The minister shared these

details during his visit to the police wireless headquarters on MG Road, where he inspected the facilities and held discussions with senior officials. Kharge, who also holds the information technology, biotechnology, and e-governance portfolios, explained that Karnataka achieved this significant milestone by effectively utilizing the 'lien mark' process to freeze

fraudulently transferred funds. Second only to Maharashtra Highlighting the state's performance, the minister noted that Maharashtra ranked first by freezing Rs 548 crore (17 per cent) out of a reported Rs 3,203 crore lost to cyber fraud. Following closely, Karnataka successfully froze Rs 436 crore (17 per cent) out of a reported Rs 2,640 crore, safeguarding

the hard-earned money of the public. A statement from Kharge's office revealed a significant surge in citizens reporting cybercrimes since the introduction of dedicated complaint facilities. The launch of a web platform in 2025 and a WhatsApp chatbot in 2026 has made it easier for victims to reach out to the police wireless unit.

## Shubhang Hegde's all-round show helps Bengaluru Blasters overcome Gulbarga Mystics by six wickets



Mysore : Bengaluru Blasters scored a thrilling six-wicket victory over Gulbarga Mystics in the opening match of the DACSS Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament in Mysore on Saturday.

Batting first, Gulbarga posted a challenging 201 in their 20 overs with handsome contributions from Prakhar Chaturvedi (64, 38 balls, 6 fours, 4 sixes) and Aarav Mahesh (63, 41 balls, 6 fours and 3 sixes).

A contribution by captain Manish Pandey (19) and a 12-ball 20 by Thippa Reddy boosted the total past 200. Shubhang Hegde and Shreevathsa Acharya claimed two wickets each for 44 and 36 runs respectively for Gulbarga. In reply, Bengaluru Blasters started confidently with Bhuvan Mohan Raju and Rohan Patil adding 88 runs for the opening partnership in 7.1 overs. They rotated the strike with clever strokes and kept the target in check. Bhuvan Mohan Raju's 29-ball 56 (3 fours, 4 sixes, strike rate 193.10) in the end became the fulcrum on which Bangalore Blasters built their victory run.

## PM disburses incentives worth Rs. 2,400 crore under Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana



Bengaluru: Ministry of Labour & Employment, organized a special programme at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi as part of the national event for disbursing benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY).

The main programme was held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, where the Prime Minister, disbursed incentives amounting to Rs. 2,400 crore to more than 15 lakh beneficiaries across the country. As part of a nationwide outreach effort, regional programmes were organized simultaneously at 200 locations across the country.

In Bengaluru the programme was graced by K.A. Sebastian, Welfare Commissioner and State Head for Labour Welfare Organisation, Ravi Kishan, Deputy Director, ESIC At Old HMA Auditorium, Suranjan Das Road, Jeevan Bima Nagar. More than 240 participants, including 120 beneficiaries, 40 employers, Industry Association representatives, public representatives, senior State Government officials, and EPFO officers and staff were present. Nearly 20 Appointment letters were distributed by the employers to the newly employed employees during the programme.

The session highlighted the Government's commitment to creating employment opportunities, strengthening social security, promoting skill development, and empowering the youth of the nation. The speaker emphasized how these initiatives are helping young professionals build successful careers, become self-reliant, and contribute meaningfully to the vision of a Viksit Bharat.

The Prime Minister, addressed the gathering and gave his valuable guidance to youth that the beneficiaries under the PMVBRY Scheme underlined the empowerment of youth with great opportunities ahead for a Viksit Bharath and large-scale creation of jobs. The scheme shall also work as an enabler for the young minds to become active participants in nation building by dedicating to create innovation in various sectors viz MSME, Agriculture, Drone Manufacturing etc.

"Employment generation gains momentum when the Government, industry, and youth work together. The initiative is a reflection of a new India where young people receive opportunities, industries receive encouragement, and employment generation becomes a national mission", Narendra Modi remarked.

He also conveyed his best wishes to all participants and reaffirmed the Government's steadfast commitment to nurturing the aspirations, creativity, and enterprise of the country's young citizens, as India continues its journey towards becoming a developed nation.

Highlighting the significance of labour reforms, labour Minister Dr. Mabsukh Mandaviya said that the coming into effect of the four Labour Codes represents a historic step towards ensuring dignity, security and welfare for workers. Citing data released by the International Labour Organization, Dr. Mandaviya noted that India's social security coverage has expanded from 19 per cent to 64.3 per cent over the past decade, which is among the highest increases globally. He further highlighted that nearly 17 crore jobs were generated between 2014 and 2024 as against 2.9 crore jobs created during ten years prior to 2014. Quoting recent research, Dr. Mandaviya stated that between 2017 and 2023, India's employment elasticity stood at 1.11, indicating that every 1 percent increase in Gross Value Added was accompanied by a 1.11 percent increase in employment, compared to the employment elasticity of 0.008 recorded under earlier.

## Bengaluru: ASC Centre passes out eighth batch of Agniveers

Bengaluru : The eighth batch of Agniveers trained under the Government of India's flagship Agnipath Scheme passed out from the Army Service Corps (ASC) Centre (North) here on Saturday after successfully completing their training as Mechanical Transport Drivers.

The Passing Out Parade, held at the ASC Centre (North), marked the culmination of training that commenced on January 5, 2026. The batch underwent rigorous instruction to support the operational requirements of Army Service Corps units across the Indian Army. The ceremony featured an Attestation Parade, presentation of awards to meritorious Agniveers, and a special Gaurav Padak ceremony honouring the parents of Agniveers for their steadfast support and contribution to national service. Brigadier Vikram Shekhawat, Sena Medal, Commandant, ASC Centre (North), reviewed the parade and presented awards to outstanding trainees. Addressing the newly inducted soldiers, Brig Shekhawat urged them to uphold the Indian Army's core values of duty, honour, integrity, loyalty, selfless service, courage and respect while serving the nation. The Army Service Corps Centre (North) is one of the premier training establishments of the Indian Army, imparting specialised training to Mechanical Transport Drivers who play a crucial role in sustaining military logistics and operations.

## Railway Board Approves Gol Gumbaz Express Operations via Hubballi and Gadag Bypass Routes

Minister M. B. Patil Thanks Union Railway Ministers for Fulfilling Long-Pending Demand

Bengaluru: The Railway Board, on Friday, has approved the operation of the Gol Gumbaz Express, which runs between Mysuru and Pandharpur, via the Hubballi and Gadag bypass routes. Welcoming the decision, Infrastructure Development Minister M. B. Patil said it fulfils a long-pending demand of the people of Vijayapura and Bagalkote districts. He said repeated representations had been made seeking the operation of trains bound for Vijayapura through the Hubballi and Gadag bypass routes. The Railway Board has now responded positively, a move that will significantly benefit passengers. Patil, who is also the Vijayapura District Minister, thanked Union Railway Ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw and V. Somanna for their support in securing the approval.

He said the revised routing would reduce travel time by around 55 minutes.

also urged the Railways to make permanent the special train service currently operating twice a week between Vijayapura and Bengaluru.

Once the Gol Gumbaz Express begins operating via the bypass routes, it will no longer enter the main railway stations in Hubballi and Gadag. However, to ensure passenger convenience, the train will halt at Hubballi South and Gadag Bypass stations.

Patil also requested the Railways to introduce an additional train service between Mysuru and Pandharpur at the earliest, in line with the State Government's demand.

He noted that trains entering the city stations at Hubballi and Gadag add considerably to the journey time for passengers travelling to and from districts such as Vijayapura and Bagalkote. The State Government had therefore been consistently pursuing the matter with the Centre, seeking operation of these trains through the bypass routes. Several rounds of correspondence and follow-up meetings were held in this regard.

Patil expressed satisfaction that both Ashwini Vaishnaw and V. Somanna had responded favourably to the request.

## Raksha Foundation distributes 2 lakh notebooks to students



Bengaluru, June 20: Raksha Foundation distributed two lakh free notebooks, scholarships and laptops to students at its 14th Annual Education Support Programme held at Chandragupta Maurya Playground in Jayanagar on Friday.

Addressing the gathering, Karnataka Legislative Assembly Leader of Opposition R. Ashoka stressed that education should not be politicised

and called upon all legislators to support students studying in government schools. He said strengthening education is the best way to build a progressive society and praised Raksha Foundation for its continuous efforts in supporting students over the past 14 years.

Raksha Foundation President and MLA C.K. Ramamurthy said the organisation has been working to promote quality edu-

cation through notebook distribution, scholarships, laptop assistance and merit awards. He noted that the Foundation is also involved in healthcare, child welfare and environmental initiatives.

Ramamurthy announced that two lakh notebooks are being distributed to students in Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru, Turuvekere and Ramanagera districts. He reiterated the Foundation's commitment to ensuring that every child has access to education. The programme also included the distribution of wheelchairs to persons with disabilities and donations to Jayadeva Hospital, Geetha Education Society and Vatsalyapuram Seva Trust. Several public representatives, dignitaries and social workers attended the event.

## Nick Celebrates International Yoga Day in collaboration with I.I.M.U.N bringing Bittu, Happy and a Whole Lot of Yoga at Spark A Change Foundation!



Bengaluru: Who says wellness can't be fun? With a little movement, a lot of laughter and some familiar Nicktoons, Nick India brought a playful twist to International Yoga Day as it joined hands with I.I.M.U.N. (India's International Movement to Unite Nations), one of the world's largest youth-run organisations, for a special initiative at Spark A Change Foundation. Nick India and I.I.M.U.N. came together to introduce kids and families to the joys of yoga through an interactive session led by yoga instructor Rajani Pawar.

## No drinking water shortage in Karnataka for two months: Ramalinga Reddy

Bengaluru, June 20: Karnataka Water Resources Minister Ramalinga Reddy has assured citizens that there will be no shortage of drinking water in the state for the next two months despite lower-than-expected monsoon rainfall.

Speaking to reporters at Vidhana Soudha, the minister said that although the state has received less rainfall since the onset of the monsoon, sufficient water is available to meet



drinking water needs. He noted that around 11

TMC of water is currently stored in the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) reservoir, which supplies water to Bengaluru and nearby regions. He also expressed hope that forecasted rains in the coming days would further improve the situation.

Ramalinga Reddy reiterated Karnataka's commitment to the proposed Mekedatu Drinking Water Project, stating that it is intended solely to provide drinking water to Bengaluru and surrounding districts. He

criticized opposition to the project and emphasized that no water from the scheme would be diverted for agricultural purposes.

The minister said Karnataka would continue discussions with Tamil Nadu and the Centre on river water issues, stressing that dialogue is preferable to prolonged legal disputes. He added that the Mekedatu project would benefit both states while ensuring Karnataka's future drinking water security.

# On a high: CM Vijay-led TVK claims membership crossed 2-crore mark

Party cadres celebrated the achievement on social media, stating that the surge in membership reflected the growing reach of the party across the State

CHENNAI: Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam's (TVK) membership has crossed the two-crore mark, party sources said on Saturday, marking a major milestone for the Vijay-led party that came to power in Tamil Nadu a month ago. IUML formally severs its DMK ties; to begin political journey with ruling TVK



According to Daily Thanthi report, Party cadres celebrated the achievement on social media, stating that the surge in membership reflected the growing reach of the party across the State.

Launched in February 2024, TVK witnessed a

rapid expansion of its organisational network across Tamil Nadu ahead of the 2026 Assembly election. The party's membership drive gained momentum through booth-level committees, youth out-

reach programmes and district-wise enrolment campaigns.

TVK emerged as a dominant political force in its maiden Assembly election, winning 108 seats and securing 34.92 per cent of the vote

share. The party formed the government after defeating both the DMK and AIADMK, ending decades of Dravidian political dominance in the State. Following the victory, Vijay was sworn in as the Chief Minister on May 10. TIDCO floats tender to oversee construction of Kovilpatti flight training facility With its membership now exceeding two crore, TVK has become one of the largest political organisations in southern India in terms of enrolled members. Party leaders said the achievement underlines the rapid expansion of the party's organisational network and growing public support after assuming office.



Speech delivered by the Honble Chief Minister in the Legislative Assembly on the government resolution opposing the proposed Mekedatu dam across the Cauvery River...

## Southern Railway announces special trains between Tirupattur, Chinnasalem and Salem for NEET re-test

CHENNAI: Southern Railway will operate special trains between Tirupattur-Salem and Chinnasalem-Salem on Sunday to facilitate students appearing for the NEET re-test. IUML formally severs its DMK ties; to begin political journey with ruling TVK The railway administration said the special services have been arranged to help candidates travel conveniently to examination centres in Salem. According to Salem Railway Division, the special train from Tirupattur will leave at 7.45 am on Sunday and reach Salem at 10.45 am.



TIDCO floats tender to oversee construction of Kovilpatti flight training facility Similarly, the special train from Chinnasalem will depart at 10 am and arrive in Salem at 11.20 am.

The special trains are being operated in view of the NEET re-test scheduled to be held across the country on Sunday. Railway officials said the services are intended to ensure hassle-free travel for students appearing for the examination.

## Tamil Nadu reshuffles IAS officers; changes in MTC, Tourism, Mining and Urban Development

CHENNAI (TSIT): The Tamil Nadu government on Saturday effected a minor reshuffle of IAS officers, making changes in key positions across the Tourism, Geology and Mining, Urban Development and Handlooms sectors. IUML formally severs its DMK ties; to begin political journey with ruling TVK According to orders issued by Chief Secretary M SaiKumar, TPrabhushankar, Managing Director of the Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC), has been appointed Director of Geology and Mining.



D Mohan, who was serving as Director of Geology and Mining, has been posted as Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Handloom Weavers' Cooperative Society (Co-optex). Commissioner (Health) of the Greater Chennai Corporation, has been appointed Director of Tourism. He will continue to hold additional charge as Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation (TTDC). J Innocent Divya, who has returned from leave, has been posted as Managing Director of the Tamil Nadu Handloom Weavers' Cooperative Society (Co-optex).

## TIDCO floats tender to oversee construction of Kovilpatti flight training facility

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) has floated a tender to appoint an 'independent engineer' for monitoring construction of the proposed Flying Training Organisation (FTO) at Kovilpatti in Thoothukudi district, marking the latest step in the State government's efforts to establish a dedicated pilot-training hub. The tender comes months after TIDCO revived the project under the public-private partnership (PPP) model with a revised concession framework following an earlier attempt that failed to attract firm private-sector participation.



Officials had then cited concerns relating to commercial viability, infrastructure readiness and risk allocation. According to the tender notice issued on Saturday, the selected independent engineer will oversee construction of the facility and ensure compliance with technical specifications, project milestones and contractual obligations during implementation. Interested firms have been invited to submit proposals by July 15. The proposed FTO will be developed at the unused Kovilpatti airstrip, located about 6 km from the town. Under the concession model, the private operator will upgrade the runway, establish hangars, classrooms, hostels and allied

infrastructure, and operate the facility in accordance with Directorate General of Civil Aviation norms. The project is aimed at meeting the aviation sector's growing demand for trained commercial pilots and reducing dependence on overseas flight-training academies. "The facility, once operational, can emerge as a key pilot-training centre in southern India while giving a new lease of life to the dormant airstrip," an official said.

## IUML formally severs its DMK ties; to begin political journey with ruling TVK

Another DMK ally, VCK, joined the TVK government while the Left parties extended their unconditional support to the government from outside.

CHENNAI: The IUML officially announced its exit from the DMK-led alliance in Tamil Nadu and that it will continue its political journey with the ruling TVK, thus bringing curtains down on the decades-old historic alliance with the Dravidian major. The Indian Union Muslim League cannot continue in the DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance in the present political circumstances, while respecting the people's mandate for the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, the party said in a resolution passed today, stating that it was leaving the DMK's alli-



ance. The party had supported the TVK in the government formation in May, and its legislator A M Shahjahan, elected from Papanasam Assembly con-

stituency, has been accommodated in Vijay's Cabinet as minister for Minorities Welfare. Immediately after the Assembly election results were announced on

May 4, Congress, a long-standing ally of the DMK, entered into a post-poll pact with the TVK and joined the Cabinet. Two of its lawmakers have been made ministers. It also announced its decision to continue its poll alliance with TVK for future elections.

Another DMK ally, VCK, joined the TVK government while the Left parties extended their unconditional support to the government from outside.

There are indications that the Vaiko-led MDMK, which contested in four constituencies as

part of the DMK-led alliance, under the DMK's rising sun symbol, and won two seats, is also likely to explore future alliance prospects with the Vijay-led party.

A total of 14 resolutions were passed at the state general council meeting of the IUML held at its Royapuram office here with 480 members in attendance. One of the resolutions formally approved the party's decision to withdraw from the DMK alliance, stating that it cannot continue in the DMK alliance in the present political circumstances.

## AIADMK leader Edappadi Palaniswami's relative, actor Mansoor Ali Khan join TVK

CHENNAI: Former AIADMK functionary Menaka Balakrishnan, a relative of party general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami (EPS), actor Mansoor Ali Khan, and several people from other political parties joined the ruling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) at the party headquarters in Chennai on Saturday. The induction programme was held in the presence of senior TVK leaders, as the ruling party continued its membership and expansion drive across the State. The party claimed its strength has already crossed the two-crore mark. Among those who joined the party were former AIADMK minister Gomathi Srinivasan. Welcoming the new

entrants, TVK leaders expressed confidence that their induction would strengthen the party at the grassroots level. Addressing the gathering, senior leader and Minister Aadhav Arjuna said those joining TVK would be given due recognition in the party. Referring to former minister KA Sengottaiyan, presently a member of the Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay-led Cabinet, Aadhav said the veteran leader was among the first to raise his voice when the AIADMK began deviating from its path. He alleged that removing a leader with over five decades of political experience from the party was a mistake on the part of the AIADMK leadership.

## GLP-1 drugs may improve fertility by boosting metabolic health: Study

New Delhi, Jun 20: Medications used for obesity and type 2 diabetes, including GLP-1 receptor agonists such as semaglutide, may offer additional benefits for reproductive health, according to emerging research. Studies suggest that these drugs could help improve fertility outcomes by addressing obesity-related metabolic problems, including hormonal imbalance, insulin resistance and inflammation that can affect reproductive function in both men and women.



Anschutz Medical Campus, examined the impact of injectable semaglutide among participants aged 12 to 35 years with PCOS and obesity. The study found that participants who achieved significant weight loss after semaglutide treatment showed improvements in reproductive health indicators. Researchers said the findings suggest that addressing metabolic issues may help restore hormonal balance and improve fertility.

Obesity is known to affect fertility by disrupting reproductive hormone signals. In women, excess weight can interfere with ovulation, menstrual cycles and egg quality, while in

men it may contribute to lower testosterone levels and reduced sperm quality. "GLP-1 medications can help a patient lose weight safely, which can help regulate hormone balance and improve chances of ovulation," experts said.

Separately, a review of five randomised controlled trials presented at ENDO 2026 examined the effects of GLP-1 drugs such as semaglutide and liraglutide on male reproductive health. The analysis found no evidence that GLP-1 therapies harm male fertility. Some studies reported improvements in testosterone levels, sperm quality and reproductive hormone markers among men with

obesity. Researchers said the possible fertility benefits are likely linked mainly to improvements in metabolic health. Weight loss achieved through GLP-1 drugs can improve blood sugar control, reduce inflammation and enhance insulin sensitivity, factors that may positively influence reproductive function.

However, experts cautioned that the findings are still preliminary. Neither semaglutide nor other GLP-1 receptor agonists are currently approved as fertility treatments. Larger clinical studies will be required to determine whether these improvements lead to higher pregnancy rates, better birth outcomes and long-term reproductive benefits.

The findings add to growing evidence that improving metabolic health may play an important role in supporting fertility among people struggling with obesity-related reproductive challenges.

## Yoga may improve memory, mood in Alzheimer's patients, finds AIIMS study

New Delhi, Jun 20: Yoga may help improve cognitive function, reduce depressive symptoms and partially restore healthy gut bacteria among people with Alzheimer's disease, according to a new study by researchers at AIIMS Delhi. The collaborative study by the Departments of Anatomy and Neurology at AIIMS, published in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease in June, found that a structured 12-week yoga programme was linked to improvements in memory performance, mood and gut microbiome composition among patients with mild Alzheimer's disease.



Dr Rima Dada, Professor in the Department of Anatomy at AIIMS and corresponding author of the study, said the findings provide early evidence that lifestyle interventions such as yoga may help create a healthier microbial environment in the gut.

"The enrichment of beneficial bacteria and reduction of pro-inflammatory

microbes after yoga point towards biological mechanisms that could contribute to improved brain health," she said. Dr Manjari Tripathi, Head of the Department of Neurology at AIIMS Delhi, said yoga cannot be considered a cure for Alzheimer's disease but may serve as a supportive therapy in early stages of the condition and mild cognitive impairment.

The study examined patients diagnosed with mild Alzheimer's disease along with cognitively healthy individuals. Alzheimer's patients participated in supervised 60-minute yoga sessions every day for 12 weeks, after which researchers assessed cognitive performance, depressive symptoms and gut microbial changes. Researchers found significant improvement in Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) scores, a standard measure of cognitive ability, after the yoga intervention. Depression scores measured through the Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9) also showed a noticeable decline. The study also found positive changes in gut bacteria. Beneficial microbes associated with the production of short-chain fatty acids,

which are linked to reduced inflammation and improved gut and brain health, increased after yoga. These included bacteria such as Faecalibacterium prausnitzii, Roseburia intestinalis, Bifidobacterium and Akkermansia.

At the same time, potentially harmful and inflammation-related microbes including Collinsella aerofaciens and Klebsiella species showed a decline. Researchers observed that the gut microbiome profiles of Alzheimer's patients moved closer to those of healthy participants after the yoga programme, indicating partial restoration of microbial balance. The authors suggested that yoga may influence the gut-brain axis by reducing stress, improving nervous system regulation and supporting the growth of beneficial bacteria. "These microbial and functional improvements were accompanied by enhanced cognitive performance and reduced depressive symptoms, suggesting beneficial modulation of the gut-brain axis in Alzheimer's disease participants."

# JIO PLATFORMS FILES FOR USD 4 BN IPO

New Delhi: Jio Platforms Ltd, the digital services arm of Reliance Industries, on Friday, June 19, filed draft papers for an initial public offering that is being billed as the largest ever, with a potential fundraising estimated at around USD 4 billion (about Rs 37,700 crore). Jio Platforms will offer up to 27 crore fresh shares, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP). This would amount to 2.9 per cent of the total equity base post issue. "The net proceeds of the issue are proposed to be utilised in ...prepayment, in full or in part, of certain outstanding borrowings availed by the material subsidiary, namely, RJIL...and general corporate purposes," the draft paper said. Sources said the company expects to raise around Rs 37,700 crore, making it the country's biggest-ever IPO. The estimated fundraising is expected to value Jio Platforms at around USD 137 billion. IPO proceeds will be used for repayment/prepayment of outstanding borrowings of Rs 27,500 crore and general corporate purposes, according to a source. Jio Platforms has previously attracted



some of the world's largest technology and private equity investors. In 2020, Jio Platforms raised Rs 43,574 crore from Meta, the promoter of Facebook, for a 9.99 per cent stake, and Rs 33,737 crore from Google for a 7.73 per cent stake. In addition, Jio Platforms raised approximately Rs 7,475 crore for around a 15.2 per cent stake from a marquee group of global financial sponsors, sovereign investors and strategic investors, including Silver Lake, Vista Equity Partners, General Atlantic, KKR, Mubadala, ADIA, TPG,

L Catterton, PIF, Intel Capital and Qualcomm Ventures. Reliance Industries currently owns 66.43 per cent stake in Jio Platforms, while Meta holds 9.99 per cent, acquired in 2020 through a USD 5.7 billion investment. The IPO will be the first public offer from the group since 2008 and the first-ever for a consumer-focused company within the conglomerate. Billionaire Mukesh Ambani on Friday, June 19, said the transfer of day-to-day management responsibilities at his oil-to-telecom-and-retail

conglomerate Reliance Industries to his children is "almost complete", marking the final stages of a closely watched succession process at India's most valuable company. Speaking at the annual shareholders meeting, Ambani said Akash, Isha and Anant are now leading key businesses across the group and will drive the conglomerate's next phase of growth, including major initiatives in telecommunications, retail, digital services and new energy. Ambani, 69, lavished praise on his three children as he said the "gen-

erational transfer of day-to-day management at Reliance is almost complete", signalling that the succession process at India's largest conglomerate has entered its final phase. "The future of your company is not only in safe hands, but in hands that will take Reliance to far greater heights," he told shareholders. Just like the previous year, he gave the floor to twins Akash and Isha, 34, to present a business plan for the telecom and retail segments, respectively. Youngest, Anant, 31, who in May last year was appointed as executive director on the board of Reliance — the first among the siblings — for a second year in a row, delivered a business update for the energy segment. Succession has long been one of the most closely watched issues at Reliance. Ambani, who joined the company's board in 1977 at the age of 20, assumed control of the conglomerate following the death of founder Dhirubhai Ambani in 2002. He, however, had a protracted dispute over control of the conglomerate with his younger brother, as their father did not leave a will.

## HCLFOUNDATION INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR EDITION XII OF HCLTECH GRANT

### Highlights

■ 24 crore will be granted to NGOs for transformative projects across water, biodiversity, health and education categories

HCLFoundation, which drives the corporate social responsibility agenda of global technology company HCLTech in India, announced Edition XII of HCLTech Grant to provide a platform to non-profits in India to create sustainable, community-led change across rural India. A total of ₹24 crore will be provided to NGOs, selected by an esteemed jury, for transformative projects in sustainable rural development across the themes of water, biodiversity, health and education. Four winning NGOs from each category will receive ₹5 crore each, while eight other NGOs will receive ₹50 lakh each for their proposed projects. The last date for submitting applications on www.hclfoundation.org/hcltech-grant is June 30, 2026. "At HCLFoundation, we believe that some of the most transformative solutions emerge from grassroots organizations that are deeply connected to the communities they serve. Through this edition of HCLTech Grant, we aim to provide a platform for NGOs to unleash their potential, scale innovative ideas and create sustainable change that improves lives and strengthens communities across the country. We look forward to partnering with organizations that are driving meaningful impact and contributing to India's development journey," said Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Director, HCLFoundation. The HCLTech Grant-supported projects have significantly advanced sustainable development through the years, uplifting 2.3 million lives across 61,000 villages in India. The Grant-funded ini-

tiatives have led to the planting of 3+ lakh saplings, the rejuvenation of 68,300+ hectares of land and a reduction of 67,000+ tons in CO2 emissions. So far, over ₹203 crore has been committed by HCLFoundation through HCLTech Grant. In Edition XI of the Grant, Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti (GRAVIS) from Rajasthan, Live Foundation from Jharkhand, Goodwill Foundation from Mizoram and Mahila Jan Adhikar Samiti from Rajasthan were selected for grant of ₹5 crore each for projects ranging from water harvesting in the Thar desert and biodiversity conservation in Jharkhand to enhancing healthcare access in Mizoram and enabling gender equality through education in Rajasthan. HCLFoundation also announced the HCLTech Grant Edition XII Pan India Symposiums 2026 in an effort to bring together NGOs, experts, government, corporates and policymakers on one platform across India to deliberate on how CSR can contribute towards nation building. This year, the Symposiums have been scheduled in Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Nagpur and Delhi.

## ICICI Pru Signature Secure launched, an industry first ULIP combining guaranteed maturity benefit, life cover and tax-efficient wealth creation

Mumbai, June 2026: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched ICICI Pru Signature Secure, Indian life insurance's first Unit Linked Insurance Plan (ULIP) with an in-built guaranteed maturity benefit. ICICI Pru Signature Secure is a Non Participating Linked Individual Savings Life Insurance Plan and has been designed for customers looking for the reassurance of tax efficient guaranteed benefits. The product offers a simple proposition - invest once, stay protected through life cover during the policy term and receive a maturity benefit at the end of five years. On maturity, the customer receives the higher of the fund value or the guaranteed maturity benefit, providing the reassurance of a guaranteed outcome. For instance, a 45-year-old customer looking for a one-time investment solution can invest ₹5 lacs in ICICI Pru Signature Secure and remain protected through life cover during the policy term. The customer can choose a life cover (Sum Assured) of ₹6.25 lacs and gets a guaranteed maturity benefit of ₹7 lacs in this case. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Vikas Gupta, Chief Product Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "Customers seeking guaranteed returns have traditionally relied on instruments such as



fixed deposits, bonds and other guaranteed-return products. However, customers are increasingly looking for solutions that can help them achieve better post-tax outcomes along with guaranteed returns and financial protection. ICICI Pru Signature Secure has been designed to address this need by bringing together the benefits of a ULIP, an in-built guaranteed maturity benefit and life cover within a single proposition. The product enables customers to make a one-time investment while remaining focused on their long-term financial goals with greater confidence. The plan also offers life cover throughout the policy term, helping customers secure the financial future of their loved ones." Notably, the product provides a guaranteed maturity benefit of up to 140% of the initial premium paid. At maturity, customers receive the higher of the fund value or the guar-

anteed maturity benefit. In addition, the product comes with zero premium allocation charges and policy administration charges. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance remains committed to delivering superior value to its customers. The Company achieved a claim settlement ratio of 99.3% with an average turnaround time of 1.1 days in FY2026, demonstrating its commitment to supporting customers and their families when it matters the most. Over the past 25 years, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has had the privilege of serving customers across generations. The Company remains focused on building a future-ready organisation led by technology that continues to adapt thoughtfully, act with agility and create meaningful impact by expanding access to insurance while delivering long-term sustainable value to all stakeholders.

## Campus Activewear Introduces Élan by Campus, a New Expression of Effortless Elegance, with Jim Sarbh as the Face of its Latest Campaign

Campus Activewear Limited, one of India's leading sports and athleisure footwear brands, today announced its entry into the growing neo-casual footwear category with the launch of Élan by Campus, crafted for the modern man who seeks a refined blend of style, comfort and versatility. Marking the launch is the brand's latest campaign, 'Most Elegant Man in Town', fronted by acclaimed actor Jim Sarbh, whose distinctive personality and understated confidence bring the collection's spirit to life. The launch expands Campus Activewear's portfolio beyond sports and athleisure to address evolving consumer preferences and lifestyle needs. Designed for men who move seamlessly across different moments of life, Élan by Campus offers an elegant alternative to conventional formal footwear, blending elevated style with all-day comfort. The collection brings together elevated design with everyday wearability, mak-



ing it an effortless choice across varied occasions - from office hours and business meetings to dinner plans, weekend outings, and everything in between. At the heart of the launch is a visually striking campaign film that brings the idea of the Effortless Elegant Man through a fashion first lens. In the film, Jim Sarbh appears as himself, relaxed, self-assured and entirely at ease, entering a minimal, stylized world before slipping

into Élan by Campus shoes as music sets off the tone. What follows is not a transformation, but a reveal of his many dimensions - the composed professional, the fluid traveler and the expressive fashion-forward man. Through movement, mood, and cinematic visual language, the film presents elegance as something innate, an attitude defined by quiet confidence, versatility, and presence rather than performance.

With cinematic visuals, fluid movement and a contemporary aesthetic, the campaign reflects Campus Activewear's evolving approach to deeper storytelling resonance through culture, style and aspiration. With sharp visual treatment, styling and a premium tonality, Élan by Campus is positioned as a modern expression of elegance for men who don't try too hard to stand out, they simply do.

## Crompton extends its 85-year legacy to India's fastest-growing house wires segment, delivering on the promise of performance, reliability & safety

June 2026, Mumbai: Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd., one of India's most trusted consumer electrical brands with leadership in fans, pumps, lighting, and appliances announced the launch of Crompton Armor Wires, marking its entry into the house wires category. At launch events held across Tamil Nadu, Telangana & Karnataka, the company's leadership unveiled the new range of Crompton Armor House Wires, designed to serve as the core electrical backbone of Indian households. This expansion is a natural adjacency to Crompton's existing portfolio, building on a trusted 85-year legacy of engineering excellence. To capture the massive opportunity in the cables and wires sector valued at nearly ₹1.25 lakh crore - Crompton is deploying a robust South-first go-to-market plan. Starting with Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Karnataka, the brand is

leveraging its strong distribution network to ensure a seamless entry into this new category. By extending its proven Crompton 2.0 playbook anchored in premiumization, consumer-first innovation, and deep trade engagement—the company aims to raise benchmarks in performance, safety, and reliability within the residential ecosystem. The Crompton Armor range includes multiple variants designed to address diverse household needs, with differentiated safety, insulation, and performance features. At the premium end is Crompton Armor Ultra, engineered with 10% more copper and the ability to operate at higher temperatures (up to 90°C). The range will include flexible house wires, designed to meet relevant quality standards while reinforcing Crompton's reputation for reliability and innovation. As Indian homes continue to evolve with higher appliance



usage and increased electrical loads, the need for durable and safe wiring solutions has become more critical than ever. Crompton Armor Wires are designed to meet these evolving demands, ensuring long-term performance and reliability.

**Future-ready wires. More current. Higher heat tolerance. Safer homes.**

- Optimized Performance Across Needs: Multiple variants designed to meet varying household electrical requirements
- Enhanced Safety: Low-smoke and low-toxic-gas properties for safer indoor environments
- Reliable Performance Under Stress: Armor Ultra Superior Material

Quality: 99.9%+ pure copper ensures efficient and consistent power flow

operates at up to 90°C, ensuring stability under heavy load and varying environmental conditions.

- Long-Term Durability: Flame-retardant, anti-termite, and anti-rodent properties for sustained protection
- Global Standards: 100% RoHS compliance and adherence to rigorous national safety norms

The go-to-market strategy goes beyond retail, focusing on a comprehensive engagement model that empowers electricians, contractors, and key retailers, while also building strong preference among architects and builders. South India has been chosen as the launchpad owing to Crompton's strong brand equity and distribution strength, making it the ideal region to build early national momentum. Promet Ghosh, MD & CEO, Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd., said, "At Crompton, consumers and electricians have trusted us for over 85 years to

deliver safety, quality, and performance across core electrical categories. Our foray into residential house wires is a natural extension of that legacy and a strategic growth opportunity. This category offers a compelling business model, and we are investing in building a strong and scalable presence through product quality, distribution expansion, and deeper engagement with the ecosystem. At the same time, there is a clear need to drive greater awareness around the importance of choosing the right wiring solutions, given its direct impact on household safety and long-term performance. We are focused on establishing a strong presence in South India before expanding nationally, leveraging our brand strength, distribution network, and proven execution capabilities." Shaleen Nayak, Business Unit Head - Lighting, Solar, Wires & Cables, Crompton

Greaves Consumer Electricals Ltd., added, "Residential wires is a critical yet often under-considered part of home infrastructure, where product quality directly impacts safety and long-term performance. With Crompton Armor Wires, we are focused on scalability and durability and compliance with safety standards that modern households expect. Our Crompton Armor Ultra range, with 10% more copper and superior insulation, is designed to support the evolving power needs of modern homes. As we enter this category, our priority is to ensure strong availability, support our channel partners, and build confidence across electricians and consumers alike. Along with Crompton Armor we are also launching the Crompton Saathi App for electricians, this app will act as a one stop shop for all information related to the product and applicable incentives.

# ISRAEL AND HEZBOLLAH CONTINUE STRIKES DESPITE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT

About two dozen people have reportedly been killed by Israeli airstrikes on southern Lebanon, less than 24 hours after a new ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah was announced. Local officials said 16 people had been killed in the Nabatieh district and seven in neighbouring Saïda, with others injured, after Israeli warplanes, drones, and artillery targeted several areas. The Israeli military said it struck "Hezbollah terrorist targets" after the group fired over 50 projectiles at Israeli forces in the region. Washington has criticised Israel's ongoing operations in Lebanon, which was drawn into the US-Iran war when Hezbollah launched rockets into Israel in retaliation for a strike that killed Iran's supreme leader. Washington also fears that the continuing tensions between Israel and Lebanon could undermine the US peace deal with Iran, which includes a commitment to end fighting on "all fronts" including Lebanon. US envoy,



Steve Witkoff, is reported to be heading to Switzerland for initial talks with Iran to help cement the agreement. While it may have helped prevent a wider regional escalation for the time being, the deal leaves unresolved the central disputes at the heart of the conflict, including Israel's military presence in southern Lebanon and the future of Hezbollah's weapons. A

Hezbollah official told the BBC it does not recognise the ceasefire that was announced by US officials on Friday afternoon, and it rejects the Israeli objective to operate freely inside Lebanon. Senior Hezbollah official Hassan Fadlallah said his group had the right to respond to Israeli attacks. "What concerns us is that the enemy fully and comprehensively respects the

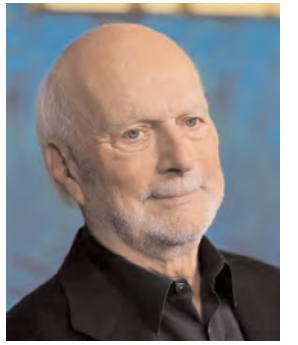
ceasefire, and doesn't attempt to attack our country and villages or seek to occupy any new position," he said, as quoted in Lebanon's state-run National News Agency (NNA). Previous ceasefires between Israel and Hezbollah have still seen near-daily cross-border strikes, with both sides accusing each other of violating the agreement. Before Friday's ceasefire was

announced, Israel said it had no intention of withdrawing its forces from Lebanon and had insisted that its conflict with Hezbollah was separate from the war on Iran. Earlier on Friday Lebanon's health ministry said 47 people were killed and 97 wounded in Israeli air strikes, while the Israeli military said four of its soldiers were also killed. Ali, a Red Cross first responder in Nabatieh, told the BBC that it was "the most intense night" he can remember. Those strikes came a day after the US and Iranian presidents signed an initial peace deal aiming to end the war, including in Lebanon, with immediate effect, but strikes continued. The consequences of the ongoing fighting are visible across southern Lebanon. At hospitals in the south, exhausted doctors continue treating the wounded, while emergency workers increasingly find themselves on recovery missions rather than rescue operations. At Najdi Hospital in Nabatieh, ambu-

lances bypass the emergency room and head straight to the morgue. Ali says there is no more room inside, and through the doorway, bodies in white bags can be seen laid out on the floor. Many residents had returned to their villages after previous ceasefires and temporary truces, believing the worst of the fighting was behind them. "The problem is that we got used to it," Ali says. "I have been with the Red Cross for more than 30 years, and deaths now are only a number for us." The two countries first agreed to a ceasefire in April, but this failed to stop the fighting. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered the Israeli military to intensify its strikes on Hezbollah and advance deeper into Lebanon, after Hezbollah struck communities in northern Israel with drone and rocket attacks. Ceasefire commitments have been repeatedly renewed since then, but followed by airstrikes and attacks from both sides.

## James Burrows, legendary director of Cheers and Friends, dies aged 85

James Burrows, legendary director of some of America's most-loved sitcoms, has died aged 85. Best-known as co-creator of the sitcom Cheers, Burrows directed more than 1,000 episodes of other TV comedy classics including Friends, Big Bang Theory, and Will and Grace. Attorney Tom Hoberman confirmed Burrows' death "with great sadness" to CBS News, the BBC's US partner. In a career spanning more than 50 years, Burrows won 11 Emmy Awards and five Directors Guild of America Awards. In a statement shared with US outlet People, his family said: "We celebrate the extraordinary life and enduring legacy of James 'Jimmy' Burrows, who passed away peacefully today surrounded by his loving family. "For more than five decades, Burrows was one of the most influential and beloved directors in television history. As a legendary director,



mentor, and creative force, he helped shape generations of comedy and brought immeasurable joy to audiences around the world." Born in Los Angeles in 1940, Burrows spent much of his childhood in New York. As a young adult, he attended the graduate programme of the Yale School of Drama, where he got his first experience of directing. After several years behind the camera, he co-created the sitcom Cheers alongside the brothers Glen and Les Charles. The show quickly became a 1980s TV hit in both the US and UK.

## African and Caribbean nations call for formal apology for transatlantic slavery



African and Caribbean countries have called for a formal apology and reparations from countries that benefited from the transatlantic slave trade. The demands come at the end of a three day conference in Ghana which looked to advance the push for reparatory justice. It follows a landmark UN resolution earlier in March which recognised transatlantic slavery as the "gravest crime against humanity", urging UN member states to contribute to a reparations fund. Around 12-15 million African men, women and children were captured and trafficked to the Americas to work as slaves from the 15-19th century. A 19-point reparations plan has been endorsed as part of the "Next Steps" conference in the Ghanaian capital of Accra. It calls for comprehensive debt relief, the restitution of looted cultural property, and the establishment of a global reparations fund, though no specific amount was stated. It also addresses the disproportionate impact of slavery on African women and girls. The conference leaders also called on countries formerly involved in the slave trade to offer their

"full, formal and unconditional apologies". Ghana's President John Dramani Mahama told delegates: "History does not ask us to inherit guilt, but it asks us to inherit responsibility". French President Emmanuel Macron also gave a virtual note at the conference, where he recognised that enslaved people were "dehumanised and treated as goods". However, he cautioned against reducing reparations for slavery to financial compensation alone, saying they should not be seen as a "cheque written to bring the story to a close". The UN General Assembly vote took place in March, with 123 votes in favour, and three votes - the United States, Israel and Argentina - against declaring the transatlantic slave trade a crime against humanity. 52 countries, including the United Kingdom and European Union member states abstained. Unlike UN Security Council resolutions, those from the General Assembly are not legally binding. The UK has long rejected calls to pay reparations, saying today's institutions cannot be held responsible for past wrongs.

## AUSTRALIA CONFIRMS FIRST CASE OF H5N1 BIRD FLU AS VIRUS REACHES EVERY CONTINENT



The H5N1 strain of bird flu has for the first time been found in Australia, the country's agriculture ministry confirmed. It means the highly contagious variant has now reached every continent. The disease was found in a migratory seabird, a brown skua, in remote Western Australia. Agriculture Minister Julie Collins said on Saturday. The bird was

found on a beach at the Cape Le Grand National Park near the town of Esperance, about 700km (434 mi) south-east of Perth, according to local media. Australia was previously the only continent where the H5N1 bird flu strain had not been found. The strain can spread quickly among poultry and wild bird populations. Human cases tied to the disease remain uncommon. "We all knew we couldn't be bird flu-free forever," Collins told a press conference. Collins added that there was a second suspected case of bird flu - a southern petrel that was found exhausted on an Esperance beach, though she added that there was no "evidence of mass mortalities at this time".

## Zelensky stripped of highest Polish honour over WW2 name of army unit

Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky has been stripped of Poland's highest state honour, the Order of the White Eagle, over Kyiv's decision to name a military unit after controversial World War Two fighters. Polish President Karol Nawrocki branded Ukraine's decision late last month to name the unit after the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) "outrageous", "incomprehensible" and "deeply disappointing". Nawrocki stressed the diplomatic row would not impact Poland's support for Ukraine against Russia. Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiba denounced Warsaw's move, calling it a "strategic mistake" and "disrespectful". Many in Ukraine regard the UPA, which existed in the 1940s and 1950s, as



heroes who fought for Ukrainian independence against the Soviet Red Army as well as Nazi Germany and Polish authorities. So for Ukrainians the title "Heroes of Poland during World War II," Nawrocki said in a video released on the president's official website. "That is why the Ukrainian authorities' decision to glorify the UPA is not only outrageous, it is also

overwhelming majority of Polish society, the UPA remains, above all, a formation responsible for the brutal crimes committed against citizens of the Republic of Poland during World War II," Nawrocki said in a video released on the president's official website. "That is why the Ukrainian authorities' decision to glorify the UPA is not only outrageous, it is also

incomprehensible and deeply disappointing," he said. "It hurts not only our historical memory. It also undermines the trust built up over the years and in recent months," he added. The Polish president pointed to the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian refugees welcomed into the country following the launch of Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022. "Poles opened their borders, their homes, and their hearts to millions of Ukrainians," he said. He went on to say: "Ukraine's path toward European structures also requires a willingness to honestly confront the difficult chapters of its own history. A united Europe was built on the rejection of totalitarianism and the cult of violence."

## O'LEARY EXTENDS RYANAIR CONTRACT IN DEAL THAT COULD NET HIM OVER £130M

Ryanair boss Michael O'Leary has extended his contract to 2032, in a deal featuring a bonus scheme that could earn him more than 150m (£130m). Since becoming chief executive in 1994, Ryanair has grown from a relatively small regional airline into Europe's largest low-cost carrier. If O'Leary remains at the Ryanair group until April 2032, he would be granted the option of buying 10 million shares at 26.70 per share if annual profit reached 4 billion or if the share price exceeds 42 for 28 successive days. "Achievement of these very ambitious targets would create substantial



additional value for all Ryanair shareholders," Ryanair said in a statement. Ryanair group chairman Stan McCarthy said that in spring, the company's board had "commenced discussions" with O'Leary on his contract. "I am pleased to report that

this process, which included extensive engagement with Ryanair's largest shareholders, has successfully concluded with Michael agreeing to extend his leadership of the Ryanair Group for the next six years to April 2032, for the benefit of all shareholders," he added. Last year, it was reported that O'Leary was on track to pocket bonuses worth more than 100m. This was after shares in the budget airline closed above 21 (£17.65) for a 28th consecutive day in May 2025, meeting a key performance target.

### Highlights

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## US TO STOP FUNDING HIV PROGRAMMES IN SOUTH AFRICA



The US government says it will stop funding programmes in South Africa intended to tackle the spread of HIV and Aids. More than eight million South Africans are living with HIV - the highest number of any country in the world. The US State Department appeared to link the decision to South Africa's alleged failure to protect the white-minority Afrikaner community - an allegation the South African government has repeatedly rejected. South Africa's health ministry responded by saying that though it had not been informed of this decision, it had "long been working on a self-reliance plan". Until 2025, the US was supporting South Africa's efforts to deal with the virus with an estimated \$400m (£300m) a year through the President's Emergency Fund for Aids Relief (Pepfar). But since the inauguration of President Donald Trump, relations between the two countries have increasingly soured.

Shortly after he came into office, Trump issued an executive order alleging that "countless" South African policies dismantled equal opportunities and fuelled violence "against racially disfavoured landowners". This is disputed by the South African government, which says its Black Economic Empowerment policy is needed to correct economic inequality dating from the apartheid era. The executive order also highlighted South Africa's case against Israel at the International Court of Justice and its links to Iran. The White House said that given these "unjust and immoral practices", further aid to South Africa would not be provided. Trump has also falsely alleged that there is a "white genocide" taking place in South Africa, which has led to the administration setting up a refugee programme for Afrikaners - descendants of western Europeans who settled in southern Africa in the 17th Century.



Tourist dies in Dominican Republic luxury resort fire

## JAPANESE POP GROUP XG WENT FROM BRUTAL FIVE YEAR TRAINING TO GLOBAL POP STARS



Every night, before they take the stage, the seven members of pop group XG form a circle and join hands. Band leader Jurin shouts "Hesono", and the other members reply with a loud shout of "Oh", flinging their arms towards the sky. They're not the only band to have pre-show ritual - but there's a special message behind XG's chant. Hesono (or, more accurately) is the

Japanese word for umbilical cord. It can symbolise someone's fate or destiny from birth. For XG, the phrase represents the intensity of their bond. "We're so strongly connected, we're always thinking the same things," says Chisa, the group's oldest member. "In our early days, I actually had a dream we were connected by an umbilical cord, like a mother and child."



## Rohit Sharma, Prasidh Krishna Achieve Massive Record In India's 3rd ODI Against Afghanistan

Pacer Prasidh Krishna tore apart Afghanistan's top-order with a career-best 5 for 23 but skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi's valiant 102 carried his side to 218 all out against India in the third and final ODI in Chennai on Saturday. Opting to bat first, Afghanistan were in all sorts of trouble at 36 for four after Prasidh discovered the perfect length at the Chepauk pitch with a four-wicket burst during his opening spell. But Shahidi, who took 131 balls for his maiden ODI hundred, marshalled the remaining resources well to save Afghanistan some blushes. The left-hander first milked 105 runs off 117 balls for the fifth wicket with Azmatullah Omarzai (50, 56b) and then a 57 runs off 53 balls for the sixth wicket with Mohammad Nabi. Before the Afghans mounted a rescue act, Prasidh hogged the limelight with a very fine spell marked by hitting the fuller length that tempted the batters to drive.



Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Ibrahim Zadran and Rahmat Shah, all attempted to drive outside the off-stump off Prasidh, giving regulation catches to Rohit Sharma at first slip. It was the third time in India's ODI history that a fielder took three catches off the same bowler. VVS Laxman off Irfan Pathan against Zimbabwe in 2004 and Virat Kohli off Jasprit Bumrah against

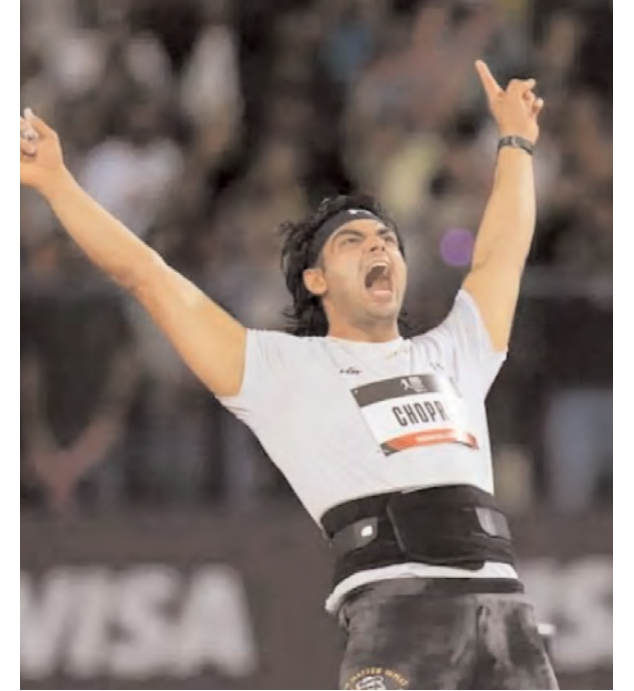
Bangladesh in 2018 are the two other instances. However, what made Rohit and Prasidh's combination special is that it was the first time a fielder and bowler combined for three consecutive wickets, and also the first three wickets. Darwish Rasooli tried to pull the pacer, but Shreyas Iyer ran from mid-off to take a fine catch that gave Prasidh his fourth wicket inside the first

10 overs. The Karnataka man also joined an elite list of pacers like Jasprit Bumrah, Javagal Srinath and Mohammed Siraj etc to have achieved that feat. At 36 for four, a capitulation seemed imminent. But Shahidi and Omarzai resisted the Indian bowlers bravely, and often managed to score at over five runs an over. Shahidi played the anchor role to perfection,

and often used late cuts and little dabs to the gaps to collect runs and raised his fifty in 64 balls. In contrast, Omarzai was more aggressive and brought up his half-century in 55 balls which contained sixes off left-arm spinner Harsh Dube and off-spinner Washington Sundar. But a feeble pull off Prince Yadav ended in the hands of Prasidh at long leg. However, Shahidi, who battled cramps after reaching 80, continued unfazed and scored his first one-day international century off 128 balls fittingly with a late cut four off Washington. But once Nabi was departed wickets began to fall quickly around Shahidi, who had to conjure his last ounce of energy to bat through the pain barrier to take Afghanistan past the 200-run mark. The tourists' otherwise modest was amplified by the five-run penalty imposed on them after Shahidi ran on the pitch's danger zone in the last ball of the 39th over.

## NEERAJ CHOPRA POSTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AFTER FOURTH-PLACE FINISH AT DOHA DIAMOND LEAGUE

India's javelin star Neeraj Chopra expressed satisfaction after making a successful return to competition at the Doha Diamond League 2026, where he secured qualification for the upcoming Commonwealth Games with an 85.69m throw in his first event of the 2026 season. Sharing a video of his effort on X on Saturday, Chopra wrote, "Happy to be back on the field. 85.69m felt good, and ready for the season ahead!" The 28-year-old was competing for the first time in eight months after recovering from a back injury that had sidelined him since the end of last season. While he narrowly missed out on a podium finish in Doha, the outing provided encouraging signs as he returned to the international circuit. Chopra began the competition with a foul throw but gradually found his rhythm in a high-quality field. His best effort of 85.69m came on the third attempt, lifting him to third



place at the end of the third round and comfortably taking him past the qualification mark for the Commonwealth Games. The Tokyo Olympic gold medalist followed it up with a throw of 83.45m in the fourth round. However, he could not improve further and recorded another foul on his fifth attempt. As a result, he slipped to fourth place and missed out on advancing to the final three-athlete shootout.

## Clavicular Announces Looksmaxing Ascension Summit in Miami: Tickets, Dates, VIP Experience, And More

Kick streamer Clavicular is taking his content beyond livestreams and social media posts with a new in-person event called The Ascension Summit. Announced on June 17, the summit is designed around the same self-improvement and looksmaxing ideas that helped him build an audience online. Instead of teaching through videos alone, the creator plans to meet followers directly and share the methods he says helped shape his appearance, confidence, and fitness journey. What attendees can expect from The Ascension Summit The event will offer both online and in-person access, giving supporters different ways to take part. While the summit itself begins on June 28, one part of the experience is getting more attention than the rest: a limited VIP program that includes a private yacht session with Clavicular. The event is scheduled to take place in Miami next month, with multiple ticket options available depending on how closely attendees want to interact with the streamer. People who don't plan to travel

can still join through a virtual ticket priced at \$97. According to the event website, that package includes a livestream of the summit, speaker presentations, and a question-and-answer session. For those attending in person, general admission costs \$297. The event description lists activities such as a Looksmaxing Masterclass along with "mog battles," a term commonly used within looksmaxing communities. Organizers have not shared attendance numbers so far, but the summit has already stood out because of how heavily it focuses on the self-improvement niche that made Clavicular popular. The VIP package comes with a private yacht mastermind session The most limited option available is the VIP Experience. Only ten people will be accepted into the program, and getting in requires more than simply buying a ticket. Applicants must fill out a separate form that asks about their background, social media presence, and how much they are willing to invest in personal development.



## Shubman Gill, Gautam Gambhir Urged To 'Bite The Bullet' And Take Big Call In 3rd ODI Against Afghanistan

Aakash Chopra did not include Harshit Rana as he picked India's playing XI for the third and final ODI match against Afghanistan on Saturday. India have already won the three-match series and may look to rest some players in the final game. Harshit Rana was added to the squad on Friday after a long absence due to injury for the fast bowler. However, while picking the playing XI, Chopra picked Yashasvi Jaiswal and replaced Arshdeep Singh with Nitish Kumar Reddy. "Yashasvi has been playing only one match. So let him play. Bite the bullet and say that we want to play Nitish Kumar Reddy if he is fit, so we will play like this only. Make Arshdeep Singh sit



out and play Nitish Kumar Reddy. Say that you won't make Yashasvi sit out because I have got no idea when he would get a chance to play again," he said on his YouTube channel. Earlier, India assistant coach Ryan

ten Doeschate confirmed that speedster Harshit Rana has fully recovered from his injury after completing rehabilitation and clearance at the National Cricket Academy (NCA). Rana has been added to the India squad for the third

and final One-Day International match against Afghanistan, which will be played on Saturday at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai, although he is unlikely to feature in the next match, confirms Doeschate.

## 'Everything I do is for you' - how tragedy is driving Diomande

When Ivory Coast's teenage sensation Yan Diomande lines up on the wing against Germany in their second World Cup match on Saturday (21:00 BST), he will be the subject of huge attention from millions around the world. Just how good is he? Can he put on a show against one of the best teams in the competition? How would his speed and dribbling translate to the Premier League? But Diomande's own focus will be on one thing - making his little sister Roxanne proud. She died a year ago, aged 15, after her drink was spiked. "Everything I do on a football pitch, it's for you," the 19-year-old wrote in a heartfelt and searingly honest letter published by The Players' Tribune, external this week. Diomande - who scored 12 goals for RB Leipzig in his debut season in the Bundesliga last year - outlined how much his sister's belief in his ability as a footballer has underpinned his career so far. "I don't even look at it like a game," he wrote. "I look at it like a stage. This is my chance to show the whole world what you saw in me. "Every time I score, I'll make sure everybody knows your name. I'll make sure they don't forget you." Diomande con-



tinued: "Now, I don't feel anything. It's like I'm not even human. Since you died, I'm just blank. "I don't try to forget, because I know I won't forget. All I can do is use the pain to work harder, and to do everything we dreamed about." We call him golden boy' Such a painful loss was rendered even more difficult for Diomande as he was living away from his loved ones, playing for Spanish side Leganes.

## Paraguay's Matias Galarza Scripts History, Scores Fastest Goal Of FIFA World Cup 2026

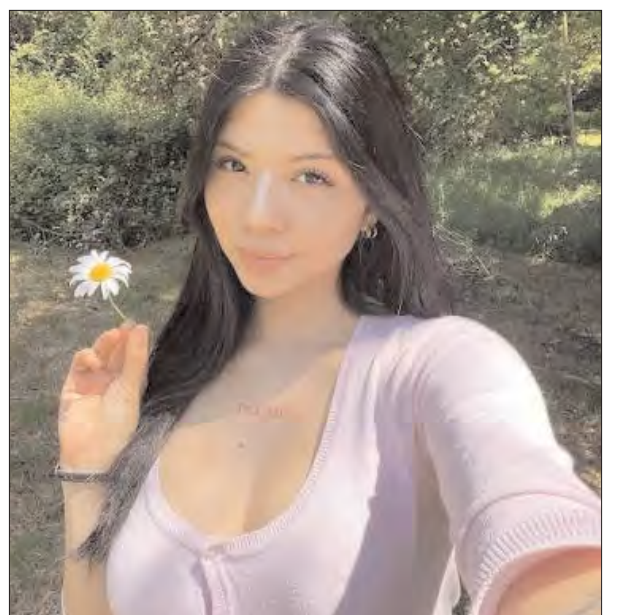
Paraguay's Matias Galarza scripted history by scoring the fastest goal of FIFA World Cup 2026 during the Group D match against Turkey on Saturday. It took just 65 seconds for Paraguay to take the lead in the match as Galarza scored from a sensational long-range effort. Earlier in the day, Morocco's Ismael Saïbari claimed the record when he scored after just 72 seconds during the match against Scotland. However, the record did not last long as Galarza capitalised on a fiery start by Paraguay and handed his team the lead in a must-win game for them. Earlier, Matheus Cunha scored twice as Brazil eased past Haiti 3-0 on Friday to breathe life into their FIFA World Cup campaign and close in on a spot in the last 32. After a much-criticised display in their opening 1-1 draw with Morocco, the five-



time world champions underlined the gulf in class with outsiders Haiti, who became the first country to exit this World Cup. Cunha's scruffy goal in Philadelphia gave Brazil the lead midway through the first half, and he struck again as C a r l o

Anelotti's side asserted their dominance. Vinicius Junior added a third before the break. Brazil play Scotland in their final Group C game in Miami on June 24. Haiti's first World Cup appearance since 1974 will end after they play Morocco in Atlanta. The Selecao currently have the edge over Morocco for top spot on goal difference.

## Who Is Minarivel? French Streamer Faces Backlash Over Response To Live-Stream Harassment



Who is Minarivel and what kind of content does she make? Before this incident, Minarivel was known mainly within French streaming circles. She streams on Twitch under the username @minarivel and is also active on X under the name minanami. The 22-year-old creator describes herself as a "chaotic, sentimental nine-tailed fox" streamer. She has been streaming since 2025 and mostly does IRL streams She currently has more than 10,000 followers on Twitch. What happened during the Paris live stream? The clip came from a public broadcast recorded near Châtelet-Les Halles in Paris before the France vs. Senegal World Cup match in 2026. Minarivel and another streamer were filming outdoors while

wearing French flag face paint and interacting with viewers. During the stream, a man approached them and moved into the frame. According to accounts of the incident, he put an arm around Minarivel, kissed her, and touched her intimately while the broadcast was still live. Her friend reacted more visibly to what was happening, while the stream continued after the interaction ended. Why is Minarivel criticizing people who shared the video? After the clip spread online, Minarivel reportedly addressed the situation on her own platforms. She said she did not allow the kiss because she wanted it, but because she was worried about how the man might react if she rejected him more forcefully in public.

## Lionel Messi Red Card Debate In Focus As Algeria Lodge Official Complaint With FIFA

Algeria have officially lodged a complaint with FIFA over what they described as poor refereeing during their 3-0 defeat to Argentina in the FIFA World Cup 2026, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters on Friday (local time). According to Reuters, the complaint was submitted to FIFA's refereeing commission and highlighted a number of incidents that Algeria believe were not dealt with appropriately during the Group J encounter. One of the key incidents cited in the letter reportedly occurred during

the first half when Argentina captain Lionel Messi appeared to step on the calf of Algeria skipper Aissa Mandi, according to Reuters. Fans called for Messi to be sent off after he made contact from behind with a raised boot. However, no disciplinary action was taken against the Argentine captain, who remained on the pitch and later went on to score all three goals in Argentina's victory. As per Reuters, Algeria have also raised concerns over an alleged elbow by Argentina midfielder Alexis Mac Allister on Ibrahim Maza in

the second half of the Group J match in Kansas City, which went unpunished by Polish referee Szymon Marciniak. Marciniak, who officiated the 2022 World Cup final between Argentina and France, was reportedly close to the incident when Mac Allister appeared to challenge Maza with a raised elbow. Coming to the match, Messi produced a stunning performance as Argentina defeated Algeria 3-0 in their FIFA World Cup 2026 opener, scoring a hat-trick and leading the defending champions in dominant fashion. The Argentine skipper

opened the scoring with a powerful long-range effort before doubling the lead with a poacher's finish following a rebound. He completed his hat-trick in the 76th minute with a composed curling strike to seal the win for the defending champions. The hat-trick was Messi's first in FIFA World Cup history and saw him draw level with Germany's Miroslav Klose as the joint-highest scorer in men's World Cup history with 16 goals. The milestone came just days before Messi's 39th birthday and exactly 20 years after he scored his first World Cup goal in 2006. Making his



## Director S.V. Krishna Reddy and Producer Achhi Reddy Launched the Teaser of "Hreem"



The teaser of the upcoming film "Hreem", starring Pawan Tata and Chaminda Varma as the lead pair, was launched in Hyderabad by renowned director S.V. Krishna Reddy and noted producer Achhi Reddy. The film also features Tanikella Bharani, Rajeev Kanakala, Banerjee, and Bhadram in important roles. Presented by Sujatha Mallala and produced by Shiva Mallala, the movie is directed by Rajesh Ravuri and is based on a horror-mystical thriller storyline. Producer Achhi Reddy said - "The teaser of Hreem is very good. It shows producer Shiva Mallala's passion. He should earn a good name as a producer and go on to make many bigger films. Heroine Chaminda Varma should gain recognition through this film. All the best to hero Pawan as well.

Rajeev Kanakala is someone who could have been a hero; now, as a character actor, he has become one of the most wanted artists in the industry. Tanikella Bharani garu has also played an important role. These experienced actors are going to scare us and entertain us in this film. Director Rajesh Ravoori should achieve success with Hreem. I wish the entire team all the best." Director S.V. Krishna Reddy said - "I am happy that Shiva Mallala is producing a good film like Hreem. The teaser is appealing. Though the title is Hreem, it feels like cream. Heroine Chaminda Varma has performed very well. Rajeev Kanakala, Banerjee, Tanikella Bharani—the entire casting is good. The release date will be announced soon. Whenever it releases, I hope this movie achieves great success." Producer Shiva

Mallala said - "I have been in journalism for nearly 25 years. Now I am coming before you as a producer. Throughout this journey, my media friends, family friends, family members, and Prabhu garu, who is like a father to me, supported and encouraged me. Opportunities did not come searching for me; I went searching for opportunities. When an opportunity came, I stepped forward boldly. I took risks, thinking about how deep I could fall even if I failed. Even when I worked as a critic and reviewed films, I always felt that this industry belongs to all of us. It is easy to speak negatively, but I know how hard a team works for a film. Cinema is a collective effort. If we are passionate, it becomes easy to overcome any obstacle. While making this film, my entire team supported me greatly and

encouraged me as a producer. Director Rajesh narrated a story called Karnapishachi. The core point of that story impressed me very much. I narrated it to my friends Srinivas, Satish, and Shailaja, and they also became curious about it. The two-minute video shown on screen today was the reason this film went onto the sets. Director Rajesh and DOP Aravind shot a five-minute demo. I sent that demo to a producer friend of mine in Chennai. After watching it, he asked how much it cost. When I said not even a rupee had been spent, he was surprised. He appreciated the team and said they could make a good film within budget. Our director and DOP said they could shoot in a guerrilla style and still deliver good output, so I came forward to produce the project.

## SRI VISHNU: 'COMRADE KALYAN' IS A COMPLETE BIG-SCREEN ENTERTAINER

'Comrade Kalyan' is a very good entertainer. I have spoken a new language in this film. Audience will enjoy it a lot on the big screen: King of Entertainment Sri Vishnu at the launch event of Oriya Pilla song -Sri Vishnu launches the song 'Oriya Pilla' from the film 'Comrade Kalyan' - The song became a chartbuster with Sid Sriram's amazing voice 'King of Entertainment' Sri Vishnu, who entertains with different stories and entertaining performances, will be coming to the audience with an action entertainer with a new theme 'Comrade Kalyan'. Directed by Janakiram Marella, presented by Kona Venkat, the film is being produced by Venkata Krishna Karnati and Seetha Karnati under the banner of Skanda Vahana Motion Pictures LLP. The title glimpse of the film has already received a wonderful response. The story is set against the backdrop of the Andhra-Odisha border in 1992. Mahima Nambiar is playing the female lead. The film team launched the first song 'Oriya Pilla' from the film today. The song introduces the romantic world of 'Comrade Kalyan' and presents a tender love story. Composed by music director Vijay Bulganin, the melody conveys heart-touching emotions along with a catchy tune. Sid Sriram brings this song, reminiscent of vintage sweetness, to life with his mesmerizing voice. He wonderfully conveys the joy and innocence of first-time love with his voice. The lyrics



provided by Bhaskarabhatla beautifully reveal the feelings of a young man who falls in love with an Oriya girl. The naturally flowing words enhance the softness of the song and immediately connect with the listeners. Visually, the song is also impressive. While Sree Vishnu impressed with his natural acting as a young man immersed in love, Mahima Nambiar stood out with her beauty and screen presence. The chemistry worked on this film. We started shooting only after the script came out wonderfully. Most of the filming took place in forests and rural areas. We enjoyed a lot during the shooting. Sudarshan garu, Satya garu, Brahmaji garu, Raghubabhu garu and everyone worked very fun along with me. Vijay Bulganin gave very wonderful songs. The four songs in the film are also very special. They are easy for

ematography and Vijay Bulganin has composed the music. Chota K. Prasad is the editor. At the song launch event, hero Sri Vishnu said: Hello everyone. Thank you to everyone who came to this event by name. It is a great pleasure to do the film 'Comrade Kalyan'. It is a period film. Kona Venkat came to me with a wonderful story based on an incident that happened in the 90s and added fiction to it. Excellent technicians worked on this film. We started shooting only after the script came out wonderfully. Most of the filming took place in forests and rural areas. We enjoyed a lot during the shooting. Sudarshan garu, Satya garu, Brahmaji garu, Raghubabhu garu and everyone worked very fun along with me. Vijay Bulganin gave very wonderful songs. The four songs in the film are also very special. They are easy for

everyone to sing and remember. Bhaskarabhatla garu's lyrics are very catchy. Every film done with Srikanth garu has been successful. Shine Tom Chacko is a very energetic actor. His contribution to this film was a big plus. Many wonderful locations were found because of him. He is a very energetic person. His role in the film is also very different. The audience will enjoy watching that role. Thank you to everyone who worked on this film. I spoke a new language for this film. You will enjoy it a lot on screen. Writer and producer Kona Venkat said: Hello everyone. I felt a special satisfaction while watching this song. I feel very proud about this film. This is also the first song we recorded. The idea of 'making a song with the word 'Oriya Pilla' was also my own. Vijay presented that idea in a wonderful musical form. Bhaskarabhatla garu wrote 'Adhrutham Chenchadu' in this song. But in this film, luck is not in spoons, but in buckets. A very big star cast is acting in this film. This is a journey of almost a year and a half. I liked the idea that Janakiram said a lot. After that, we added each element and produced this film in a wonderful way. Sri Vishnu is this generation's all-rounder. An actor with a positive image loved by all sections of the audience. He has many fans in the family audience. He is working with the aim of making at least three films a year and providing employment to many. Sri Vishnu is a boon to the Telugu industry.

## Rise Of Linga From Vishal's Makutam Packs A Ferocious Punch

Puratchi Thalapaty Vishal, who scored consecutive commercial successes with Mark Antony and Madha Gaja Raja, is now gearing up for his most ambitious venture, Makutam. Currently in the final leg of production, the film is written and directed by Vishal himself. This indeed marks his directorial debut. Produced on a grand scale by Super Good Films, Makutam also stands as the prestigious banner's 99th production. The project has attracted immense attention ever since its announcement, thanks to its scale, vision, and emotional significance. The film became very emotional for everyone associated with it, following the demise of legendary producer RB Choudary. Makutam has steadily built anticipation through its striking promotional material, while the recently released teaser further amplifies expect-



tations. The makers have now kick-started the musical promotions with the first single, "Rise Of Linga," an electrifying track that introduces Vishal's character in a blazing fashion. Designed as a character anthem, the song establishes Linga as a commanding presence whose very name evokes fear, power, and authority. Composed by GV Prakash Kumar, the track thrives on pulsating beats, raw

energy, and a rugged gangster-rap flavour that perfectly complements the character's larger-than-life aura. The aggressive rhythm and hard-hitting arrangement create a charged atmosphere, while the lyrics celebrate Linga's fearless attitude, unmatched dominance, and towering reputation. Adding further intensity to the number is Vishal himself, who joins GV Prakash Kumar and V7H on vocals. Their spirited rendition injects authenticity and swagger into the track, making it an impactful character introduction rather than just another promotional song. More than a musical release, "Rise Of Linga" serves as a declaration of intent. With its explosive soundscape, powerful lyrics, and commanding presentation, the song successfully captures the essence of Linga and offers a glimpse into the high-voltage world of Makutam.

## "A Big Conspiracy Is Being Carried Out Against Small Films"

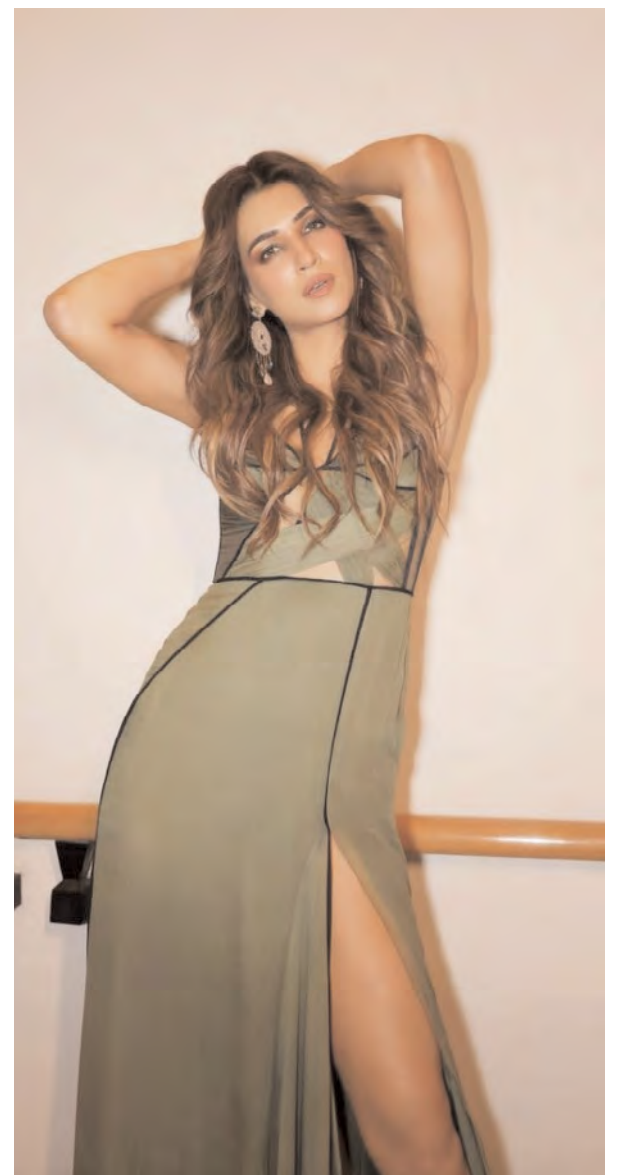
Actor and director Sheraz Mehdi has alleged that a major conspiracy is being carried out against small-budget films in the Telugu film industry. Addressing a press conference at the Film Chamber regarding the difficulties faced during the release and re-release of his film O Andala Rakshasi, he expressed deep concern over the treatment of low-budget filmmakers. Sheraz claimed that the issue is not limited to his film alone and that many producers of small-budget movies are facing injustice. He alleged that theaters often promise screens to small films but withdraw their commitments at the last minute. According to him, politics and favoritism are influencing the theater allocation system, causing significant losses to smaller productions. He stated that in major cities such as Hyderabad, small films are given only a limited number of shows, often at less favor-



able time slots when audience turnout is low. As a result, many films fail before they even get a chance to reach viewers. Sheraz further said that the challenges faced by small films extend beyond theatrical releases. He claimed that low-budget productions encounter obstacles in securing audio rights, satellite rights, OTT platform deals, and overseas distribution opportunities. He also expressed concern that opportunities for new

directors and producers are shrinking. Speaking about O Andala Rakshasi, Sheraz said that everyone who watched the preview appreciated the film and believed it had strong potential. However, he alleged that influential figures within the industry were preventing the film from getting the recognition it deserved. He stated that despite submitting multiple complaints to the Film Chamber, he had not received a satisfactory response. Sheraz expressed hope that Bharat Bhushan would take steps to address the issues faced by small filmmakers. The director also revealed that he had sent legal notices to PVR, INOX, and Asian Cinemas regarding what he described as unfair theater allocation practices. He added that if his film had received adequate support during its initial release, there would have been no need for a re-release.

## KRITI SANON STUNS IN OLIVE GREEN GOWN



Kriti Sanon is currently trending online for her bold beach avatar in Cocktail 2, her latest release alongside Shahid Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna. Her scenes from the film have gone viral on social media, with many praising her fitness transformation and confident screen presence. Despite mixed reviews for the film overall, Kriti's performance has emerged

as one of its biggest talking points. Away from the big screen, Kriti continues to impress with her style choices too. In her latest pictures, she wore an olive green satin gown with a plunging neckline and a thigh-high slit, finished with black piping detail. She paired the look with subtle jewellery and soft waves, keeping the focus entirely on the dress.

## 'Police Complaint' Enters Successful Second Week in Theatres

The horror thriller-action entertainer 'Police Complaint' has successfully entered its second week of theatrical run. Starring Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, Naveen Chandra, Krishna Sai, and Ragini Dwivedi in lead roles, the film is produced by Balakrishna Maharana under the MSK Pramida Sri Films banner. The movie is directed by creative filmmaker Sanjeev Megoti, known for films such as Aghora, Paurusham, Aaptha, Dandu, Raghava Reddy, and Adiparvam. Despite being released amid controversies, Police Complaint has continued its successful run across all centers and has entered its second week with strong audience support. Producer Balakrishna Maharana expressed happiness

over the film's performance and revealed that the number of screens has been increased in several regions due to growing demand. He also stated that a special song dedicated to the late Superstar Krishna has received an overwhelming response from fans. Director Sanjeev Megoti said the film is based on the unique concept of the "Chain Reaction of Karma," blending horror-thriller elements with action entertainment. He added that the story has been crafted to offer audiences a fresh cinematic experience, while the distinctive characterization has helped the film connect with viewers across all age groups. The film combines action, comedy, romance, and thriller elements and features an ensemble cast

including Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, Naveen Chandra, Krishna Sai, Ragini Dwivedi, Aditya Om, Ravi Shankar, Prithvi, Srinivasa Reddy, Saphagiri, Krithi Varma, Preeti Sundar, Sharath Lohitashwa, Gemini Suresh, Dil Ramesh, Sattenna, Vijay Bhaskar, Madhu Nambiar, Anil Raj, Sriharsha, Devender, Pushparam, DSP, and many others. With nearly 52 senior artists appearing in the film, the makers say the cinematography by S.N. Harish Sondekoppa and the action sequences choreographed by Dragon Prakash and Ravi Teja have emerged as major highlights. Director Sanjeev Megoti attributed the film's success to its unique storyline, strong ensemble cast, and engaging thriller elements.

