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2 soldiers killed in accidental blast near LoC in Uri sector

Srinagar (TSIT): Two Army personnel lost their lives after sustaining critical injuries in an accidental explosion near the Line of Control (LoC) in the Uri sector of Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday, officials said.

According to official sources, the incident took place in the Kamalkote area of the Uri sector. The soldiers were critically injured in the explosion and were immediately evacuated to the Army's Base Hospital in the Badami Bagh Cantonment area of Srinagar. "They have been identified as Arjun Jadhav and Vikram Balakrishna, both from Maharashtra. Despite the best efforts of doctors, they succumbed to their injuries," officials said. Both soldiers were serving with the 8 Rashtriya Rifles. The exact circumstances leading to the explosion were not immediately known, and further details are awaited. Jammu and Kashmir has a 740-km-long Line of Control running through the districts of Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora in Kashmir Valley, and Poonch, Rajouri and parts of Jammu district in the Jammu region. Apart from the LoC, the Union Territory also shares a 240-km-long International Border with Pakistan across the districts of Samba, Jammu and Kathua.

CM Revanth inaugurates future city development authority office in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD, TSIT BUREAU:

Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy on Wednesday inaugurated the Future City Development Authority office and said the government was laying the foundation today for a world-class city that would shape tomorrow's future.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said Hyderabad had a glorious history and had always grown through visionary decisions. He recalled the development of Secunderabad, Cyberabad, Hitec City, Outer Ring Road, international airport and Genome Valley, and said these projects created large-scale employment and global recognition for Hyderabad.

Revanth Reddy said Bharat Future City would play a key role in achieving Telangana's target of becoming a one-trillion-



dollar economy by 2034. He said the government would attract green pharma, GCCs, IT companies and nearly 500 leading global companies to the Future City.

The Chief Minister said the government was committed to developing Future City as a pollution-free, modern and world-class urban centre. He warned that those oppos-

ing the project would be rejected by the people, adding that the region's people themselves would protect and develop the city.

Referring to recent rains and flooding in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister said encroachments on lakes, tanks and government lands had caused waterlogging in colonies and bastis. He said the government was removing encroach-

ments without fear or favour and restoring lakes under a "lake economy" model to benefit women's self-help groups.

He cited the restoration of lakes in Rajendranagar, Kukatpally and Amberpet, and said efforts were also being made to protect Gandipet and Himayat Sagar from encroachments.

During the programme, the Chief Minister handed over the Letter of Award to the consultant selected for preparing the master plan for areas under the Future City Development Authority.

He also signed documents on the stage to include some villages within the Future City limits. Chief Minister said he would visit the FCDA office frequently, while Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and Minister Sridhar Babu would review progress every week.

Jairam Ramesh accuses Modi of undermining Nehru's legacy as PM surpasses historic tenure milestone

New Delhi (TSIT) A fresh political confrontation erupted on Wednesday as the Congress launched a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the day he surpassed Jawaharlal Nehru to become India's longest-serving Prime Minister, with senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh accusing the Prime Minister of attempting to erase Nehru's legacy while presiding over what he termed a "Murder of Democracy" in the country.

In a post on social media platform X, Ramesh highlighted what he described as the transformative achievements of independent India's first five years under Jawaharlal Nehru's leadership and contrasted them with the present political climate under the Modi government.

"Jawaharlal Nehru became Prime Minister of India on August 15, 1947, presiding over a stellar Cabinet — the likes of



which have rarely been seen in the world. Over the next five years, modern India came into being," Ramesh said.

The Congress leader listed a series of milestones achieved between 1947 and 1952, including the peaceful integration of more than 560 princely states into the Indian Union, the framing and adoption of the Constitution, the abolition of the zamindari system, the introduction of reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the launch of major irrigation and power projects, and the establishment of India's scientific and technological infrastructure, including in the field of nuclear energy.

Rahul, Abhishek Banerjee hold meeting

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee held a meeting here on Wednesday, amid efforts by the opposition INDIA bloc to strengthen coordination and maintain unity. The meeting at 10 Janpath took place a day after Trinamool Congress supreme Mamata Banerjee met former Congress president Sonia Gandhi at her residence and discussed ways to further consolidate the opposition alliance.



CM Naidu Participates in NDA Allies Meeting;

THANKS PM MODI FOR APPROVAL OF CGGPOA PROJECT IN AMARAVATI

VISAKHAPATNAM (TSIT)

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu participated in the meeting of NDA alliance partners held in New Delhi on Wednesday. Prior to the meeting, he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and congratulated him on completing a record 12 years in office as the Prime Minister of India.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu expressed happiness over the Union Cabinet's approval for the construction of the Central Government General Pool Office (CGGPOA) project in Amaravati. Through a post on the social media platform X, he conveyed his heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union



Cabinet for their decision. The Chief Minister stated that the approval of the CGGPOA project would strengthen the presence of Central Government institutions in Andhra Pradesh. He described the decision to construct modern and environmentally sustainable Central Government office buildings in Amaravati as another significant milestone in the development of the state's capital city. He further noted that

the project would provide a major boost to the creation of administrative infrastructure required for Amaravati's growth as the capital of Andhra Pradesh. Bringing various Central Government offices under one roof would enhance administrative efficiency and make public services more accessible to citizens, he said.

Chandrababu Naidu remarked that the Union Cabinet's decision reflects the Centre's continued support for the development of Amaravati. He expressed hope that the Central Government would continue to extend its cooperation for the progress and overall development of Andhra Pradesh. The approval is being viewed as a key step towards establishing Amaravati as a comprehensive administrative hub.

India-UAE partnership deepens economic ties, boosts energy and logistics cooperation

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

India-UAE relationship is driven by economic pragmatism and mutual investment opportunities, allowing both countries to pursue shared economic objectives while retaining flexibility in wider foreign policy ties, a new report has said. The report from Times Kuwait said India and the United Arab Emirates are deepening a sector-focused partnership that prioritises trade, energy security, logistics and technology cooperation.

The partnership has gained momentum through initiatives such as the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC) and expanded energy cooperation. In May 2026, New Delhi and Abu Dhabi signed a strategic partnership agreement to deepen col-



laboration in advanced technology, innovation, industrial development, maritime security and information exchange. "The agreement is expected to create new opportunities for collaboration in high-value sectors, support technology transfer and enhance the capabilities of both countries in areas critical to future economic growth," the report forecasted.

Though not structured as

a formal alliance in the traditional sense, the new framework indicates growing interest in creating integrated economic corridors and strengthening commercial linkages across multiple regions.

UAE's Fujairah energy hub is a strategic asset for India due to its unique location, offering petroleum storage outside the Strait of Hormuz and helping diversify India's energy logistics and storage options. "The

arrangement strengthens India's energy security by diversifying storage options and improving supply-chain resilience during periods of market volatility or geopolitical uncertainty," the report said.

The Middle East occupies a key position in India's economic outlook, due to it being a vital source of energy supplies, investment and acting as a trade connectivity hub. The region also hosts a large Indian expatriate community that contributes significantly to bilateral economic ties.

The partnership also complements broader regional frameworks such as I2U2 — India, the UAE, Israel and the United States — which aims to promote cooperation in technology, infrastructure, logistics, food security and investment.

PM Modi becomes India's longest-serving elected PM; surpasses Jawaharlal Nehru

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday became India's longest-serving Prime Minister, marking 12 years at the helm of the Central government. PM Modi crossed former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's record with 4,399 days in office as an elected Prime Minister.

Nehru's tenure from 1952 onwards is considered for this comparison, as he headed an interim government between 1947 and 1952 before the country's first general elections were held. While former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi served for more than 14 years in office, her tenure was not continuous, making Modi the longest continuously serving elected Prime Minister in the country's history. He has served from his first swearing-in ceremony in 2014 to securing successive mandates in 2019 and a historic third consecutive term in 2024. The PM Modi-led government's era has also been marked by a series of high-



profile infrastructure and nation-building projects, including the new Parliament building, Central Vista redevelopment, Kartavya Path, Vande Bharat trains, the Statue of Unity, INS Vikrant, the Kashmir rail link, Noida International Airport, Namohat RRTS and the Ganga Expressway. The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) will hold a crucial meeting in the national capital on Wednesday to celebrate the completion of 12 years of the NDA government at the Centre and to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi becoming India's longest continuously serving elected Prime Minister.

3 Indians missing after attack on ship off Oman coast

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

Three out of 24 Indian crew members on board a commercial vessel that came under attack off the coast of Oman on Wednesday are missing, with India strongly condemning the strike.

In its reaction, New Delhi said the targeting of commercial shipping and civilian infrastructure in West Asia must end, and free and unimpeded navigation through the international waterways should be restored at the earliest. The attack on commercial vessel Settebello came two days after a Palao-flagged vessel with 24 Indians came under attack of the US Navy as the ship tried to evade the US blockade of Iranian ports.

"We condemn the attack on the commercial vessel Settebello off the coast of Oman, earlier today. Of the



24 Indian crew on board, 21 Indians have been rescued thus far and three Indians are reportedly missing," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said. It said the Indian embassy in Oman is closely monitoring the situation and proactively coordinating with the local authorities in the ongoing search and rescue operation.

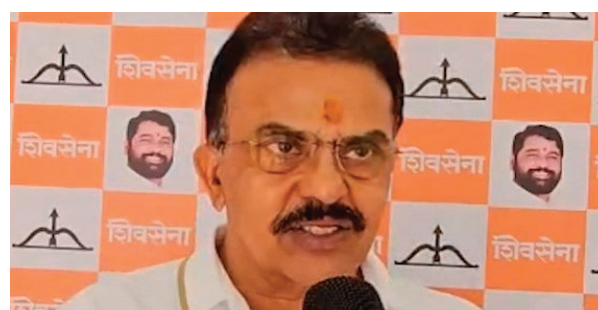
"The continuing incidents of attacks on shipping in the region are deeply worrisome and a direct result of the ongoing conflict in the region," the MEA said.

NDA says INDIA bloc 'shrinking', Congress hits back

New Delhi, June 10 : The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) on Wednesday remarked that the INDIA bloc is "shrinking" given the "internal conflicts" within the opposition parties. However, Congress said that the Opposition alliance is united despite having differences at the state level.

Talking to IANS, Shiv Sena spokesperson Sanjay Nirupam said: "On the one side, the INDIA bloc is continuously shrinking and there are reports of internal differences and conflicts among its leaders. On the other hand, the NDA alliance is continuously expanding and strengthening."

"The reason for this is that leaders of the National Democratic Alliance, led by the Bharatiya Janata



Party, remain actively connected with the people in their respective states and continuously serve the public, because of which the people give their blessings to them," he added. However, Congress MP Manickam Tagore stressed that the "INDIA bloc is united".

"It was formed to fight against the RSS, BJP, and Amit Shah. The alliance achieved significant suc-

cess," he told reporters. While acknowledging that there are differences among the INDIA bloc allies at the state level, the Congress leader said: "The INDIA bloc, under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi and other senior Opposition leaders, remains united in its fight against the RSS and BJP."

He underlined that while the Aam Aadmi Party has announced its

exit, and the DMK has also made "certain announcements", "The Trinamool Congress remains an important part of the alliance." Tagore added: "Trinamool supreme Mamata Banerjee has been a pillar of strength for the INDIA bloc, so is Samajwadi Party's Akhilesh Yadav. As many as 25 opposition parties are united."

In a veiled reference to the DMK, the Congress MP Tagore said: "Those parties who are left should also recognise that state-level differences can be negotiated for national, larger ambition to fight against the RSS, BJP and Home Minister Amit Shah, because RSS and BJP are destroying each democratic process in India."

CJI Surya Kant steps in after threats to former Bombay HC judge Gautam Patel and family

New Delhi, Jun 10: Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant has intervened in the matter of alleged threats and intimidation directed at former Bombay High Court judge Gautam Patel and his family, raising the issue with India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom during his ongoing visit there.

The intervention comes after Justice Patel revealed that a threatening letter had been delivered to his daughter's residence in London, allegedly in connection with a judgment he delivered in 2024 concerning the Dawoodi Bohra succession dispute.

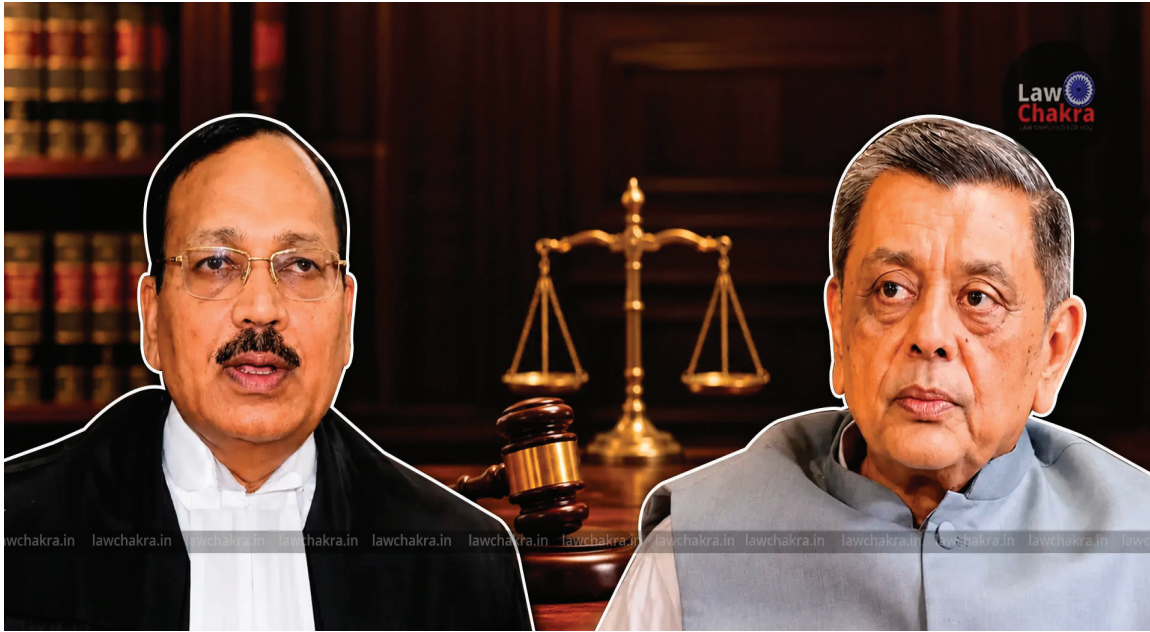
According to reports, CJI Surya Kant discussed the matter with Indian High Commissioner to the UK P Kumar and was assured that adequate security measures had been put in place.

"I had a discussion with the high commissioner, who assured that no harm would come to him or his family and that the London police have made adequate security arrangements," the CJI was quoted as saying.

Justice Patel said the latest threat letter was linked to his ruling in a case concerning the succession and identity of the Syedna, the spiritual leader of the Dawoodi Bohra community. The matter is currently under appeal.

The retired judge disclosed that his family had received several anonymous letters over the past 10 months. One communication allegedly accused him of delivering the judgment fraudulently and under pressure.

According to Justice Patel, the letter demanded that he upload a video on YouTube declaring that he had delivered an incorrect ver-



dict that had caused harm to the community.

He also alleged that those behind the threats were attempting to exploit jurisdictional boundaries by targeting his daughter in the United Kingdom.

"This is a clever attempt to leverage the jurisdictional gap between Mumbai and London. There has been no attack on me in Mumbai, for that would result in immediate local action. Instead, the attack is directed against my daughter, a British citizen, on British soil," Justice Patel said.

Reports said the Indian High Commissioner informed the CJI that the threats appeared to have originated in India, as they were linked to litigation arising from Maharashtra.

Following the discussion, CJI Surya Kant said he had contacted

the acting Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court and urged appropriate action.

"I have sent a message to the acting chief justice of Bombay High Court to take appropriate steps on the judicial and administrative side as the litigation pertained to local parties," he said.

The Chief Justice is expected to return to India on June 12.

Meanwhile, the Bar Association of India strongly condemned the alleged threats and intimidation against Justice Patel and his family, describing them as a serious attack on judicial independence and the rule of law.

The association referred to reports of anonymous threats, demands that the former judge publicly retract his verdict, an alleged break-in at a family residence, an assault on his daughter in London and a fresh written

threat received on June 5.

"The demand that a judge disown a verdict by video, under coercion, is an attempt to substitute intimidation for adjudication," the association said in a statement.

The body noted that judicial decisions can only be challenged through established legal procedures and pointed out that Justice Patel's 2024 ruling is already under challenge before a division bench of the Bombay High Court.

It also called on authorities in India and the United Kingdom to conduct a thorough investigation and ensure the safety of the former judge's family. In April 2024, Justice Patel upheld the position of Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin as the 53rd Dai al-Mutlaq of the Dawoodi Bohra community, ruling that his appointment was valid.

Media is the foundational element of the Telangana movement: Prof Srinivas Rao Vaddanam

Nalgonda, June 10 (TSIT): "The Telangana movement is unique in that the media has transcended its traditional roles of informing, influencing, and educating, elevating the aspirations of the populace to the level of policy-making as a formidable advocacy platform," remarked Prof Srinivas Rao Vaddanam of Dr BR Ambedkar Open University. Delivering a lecture on "Role of Media in the Telangana Movement: A Historical Perspective," organized by the Department of History of Mahatma Gandhi University, Prof Srinivas Rao emphasized the significant impact of the media in the prolonged public struggle for the establishment of the Telangana State. He noted that the media was instrumental in bringing the Telangana issue not only to political arenas but also to rural areas, igniting the movement's spirit among the common people. He highlighted that electronic, print, and new media have robustly supported the extensive student-led protests across various university campuses in the State, particularly in Hyderabad, Warangal, and Nalgonda. Furthermore, he mentioned that the media has played a pivotal role



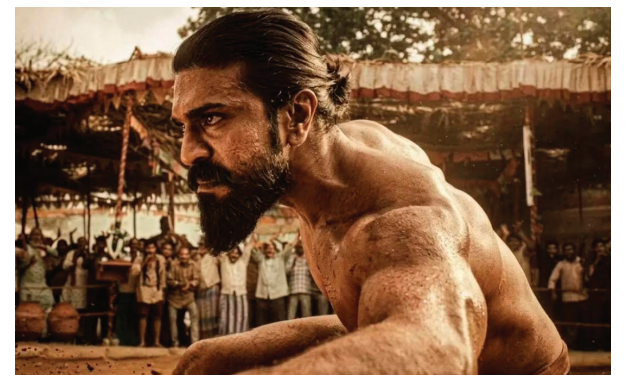
in advancing the values and aspirations of students within society. Prof Srinivas Rao expressed that the media has served as a catalyst in sustaining the aspirations of Telangana people, providing platforms for nationwide discussions and continuously fueling these aspirations. He asserted that the media has effectively undertaken diverse roles, not only delivering news but also shaping public opinion, exerting pressure on decision-makers, and fostering regional pride.

Prof Srinivas Rao concluded, "The media has persistently endeavoured to bring the existence of Telangana to rural areas, slums, student hostels, and universities, awakening the consciousness of the people through continuous engagement." He explained that the use of platforms such as

new media, social media, mobile phone messages, blogs, and YouTube channels has increased regional unity and coordination among the youth, and television debates and special programs have put the Telangana argument before the public with evidence. He noted that the media has expanded the "public sphere" and opened up new avenues for democratic discourse. He urged every student to develop writing skills in the age of social media. Principal of the University College of Arts and Social Sciences and Director of Students' Welfare Cell Dr. K Aruna Priya, Chairman of Board of Studies in History Prof K Vijaya Babu, teachers of History Department Dr. Panasa Ramakrishna, Dr. Sharif, Dr. Srinivas, Vivek, and students were present.

Omnigel associates with Peddi, bringing its presence into a sport-led cinematic narrative

Warangal, June 10, 2026: Omnigel, Cipla Health's leading pain relief brand, has announced its in-film association with Peddi, a highly anticipated Telugu sports film featuring Ram Charan and Janhvi Kapoor. Set in 1980s rural Andhra Pradesh, Peddi brings to life a powerful story of sport, resilience and community. Reflecting these themes, Omnigel has been integrated into the film's narrative through contextual and natural placements, aligning the brand closely with moments of performance, recovery and endurance. Omnigel is integrated into the film across several moments, reflecting its presence within a sport-led setting. It is also seen during the film's central sports sequence, aligning with the broader themes of performance and resilience.



This association builds on Cipla Health's ongoing efforts to explore formats beyond traditional media, with a sharper focus on platforms that are more culturally rooted and locally relevant. In the case of Peddi, the choice of a

regional, sport-led film allows the brand to be part of a narrative that reflects everyday resilience and performance, rather than communicate through conventional advertising formats.

Commenting on the strategic association, Mr. Shivam Puri, MD & CEO, Cipla Health Limited, said: "Pain and recovery are strongly connected to how people live their daily lives, whether through sports or routine activities. At Cipla Health, our key focus with Omnigel has been to build solutions that support sustained movement. Peddi, with its grounding in sport and resilience, reflects this reality in a very natural

way, making it a relevant context for us to be part of. Through this association, we are also looking at newer ways of engaging with audiences, where the brand can be present within the environments and stories they relate to."

With sport at the centre of the film, Omnigel's presence aligns with the physical demands and recovery associated with it. It also reflects the brand's relevance in everyday movement and activity. Omnigel is the leading player in pain relief brand offering solutions for everyday muscle and joint pain. It is designed to provide quick relief and help individuals stay active in their daily lives.

Rare neurological disorder successfully treated at KIMS Hospital, Kurnool

Kurnool, June 10, 2026: Doctors at KIMS Hospitals, Kurnool, have successfully treated a 61-year-old man suffering from a rare neurological condition caused by a cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) leak, helping him recover after a prolonged and critical illness. According to Dr. N. Sumanth Kumar, Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon, the patient, Srinivasulu, a resident of Kurnool, had undergone two surgeries over the surface of the brain. However, his condition continued to worsen despite treatment.



Following a detailed evaluation, doctors identified a tear in the protective covering of the upper spinal cord, which had resulted in continuous leakage of cerebrospinal fluid. The leak caused an abnormal reduction in

intracranial pressure, leading to a rare condition known as cerebral hypotension. Dr. Sumanth Kumar said the condition is difficult to diagnose and treat because of its rarity and the complexity of the underlying pathology.

Initially, the medical team attempted to seal the leak through three Epidural Blood Patch procedures. As the patient did not show adequate improvement, doctors proceeded with an open dural tear repair surgery.

Locating the exact site of the tear proved challenging. The prolonged CSF leak had caused marked enlargement of veins surrounding the spinal cord, resulting in significant bleeding during surgery. Despite these difficulties, the surgical team was able to control the bleeding and successfully repair the defect, the doctors said.

The patient remained in hospital for nearly a month, including 23 days in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Prolonged immobilisation and inability to take food orally for several days posed additional risks, including malnutrition and pressure sores.

Although the patient's condition improved immediately after surgery, it deteriorated unexpectedly the following day. He was subsequently managed with continuous

monitoring and intensive supportive care.

The patient gradually recovered and was able to speak for the first time after 25 days. Following removal of the tracheostomy tube, he resumed oral feeding and eventually regained the ability to walk independently.

Doctors said the successful outcome was made possible through the coordinated efforts of specialists from Neurosurgery, Neurology, Anaesthesia, Interventional Radiology, Radiology and Critical Care departments, supported by nursing and allied healthcare teams.

The case underscores the importance of comprehensive diagnostic evaluation and multidisciplinary care in the management of rare and complex neurological disorders, Dr. Sumanth Kumar said.

Opposition Alleges Rs.39,437 Crore Garbage Scam, Files Lokayukta Complaint

Bengaluru: Just a week after D.K. Shivakumar assumed office as Karnataka Chief Minister, Opposition Leader R. Ashok has alleged a massive scam in Bengaluru's solid waste management contracts, claiming irregularities worth Rs. 39,437 crore.



Ashok filed a formal complaint with the Lokayukta, visiting the office and submitting documents to the Registrar. Speaking to reporters, he said the complaint detailed how the Congress government allegedly violated tender norms, awarding contracts to collect commissions and favour certain contractors. The Lokayukta has reportedly assured immediate action on the matter.

The Opposition leader accused Congress leaders at both the Central and state levels of receiving kickbacks. He further alleged that despite recommendations from two committees, the government proceeded to award a 30-year contract with excessive payments, benefiting specific compa-

nies. Ashok condemned the move as a misuse of taxpayers' money and vowed to raise the issue in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly. He claimed the Karnataka Congress High Command had "turned the state into an ATM," and accused the Chief Minister of hastily approving the

contract for the benefit of one firm.

"This is the biggest scam to come to light within just one week of D.K. Shivakumar becoming Chief Minister," Ashok said, promising that the Opposition would fight the matter vigorously to hold those responsible accountable.

Hi Life Exhibition to Showcase Latest Fashion and Lifestyle Trends in Hyderabad

Hyderabad (TSIT): Fashion enthusiasts in Hyderabad are in for a treat as the Hi Life Exhibition returns, offering the season's freshest designs across fashion and lifestyle categories. Scheduled for 12th, 13th, and 14th June at Novotel HICC, the event promises an exclusive experience for shoppers and style aficionados.



Visitors can explore an extensive range of designer wear, jewellery, accessories, and lifestyle products from some of India's most renowned designers. The exhibition brings together contemporary elegance, timeless classics, and statement pieces, all under one roof.

Organizers emphasize that the event is not just



a shopping destination but also a celebration of creativity and luxury. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with designers, discover the latest trends, and immerse themselves in a curated world of fashion innovation.

With its blend of style, sophistication, and exclusivity, the Hi Life Exhibition is set to attract fashion lovers from across the city, making it a must-visit destination this June.



CM D.K. Shivakumar met Congress senior leader Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, and AICC General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi at 10 Janpath in New Delhi on Wednesday and thanked them. He also held consultations with them.

Complaint by Former Principal Regarding Failure to Issue Transfer Certificates (TCs) to Students by a Derecognized School

Bengaluru : The Deputy Director of the Administrative Division of the Bengaluru South District under the School Education Department has directed the Block Education Officer (BEO) of K.R. Puram to conduct an inquiry and submit an urgent report regarding allegations that the management of the deregistered Samar International Islamic School in Hegde Nagar, Thanisandra, is refusing to issue Transfer Certificates (TCs) to students and is engaging in illegal activities.

The inquiry has been ordered based on a complaint filed by Dr. Khurshi Ashraf Iqbal, a resident of Almas Colony, Bilal Park, Thane, Mumbai, and former Principal of Jamia Mohammadiya Mansoor Madrasa. According to the complaint, following the cancellation of the institution's recognition, the school management has allegedly been threatening students and parents and refusing to issue Transfer Certificates



despite repeated requests. Dr. Iqbal stated that after affected students approached the High Court, only three students were issued TCs. He alleged that numerous students and parents continue to visit the school daily seeking TCs, but the management is refusing to provide them, behaving in an intimidating manner, obstructing the students' education, and jeopardizing their future.

Dr. Iqbal further alleged that substantial financial assistance flows to the school management from abroad for the education of underprivileged children. He claimed that when he raised concerns that students studying in schools not properly registered with the competent authorities could face difficulties in pursuing higher education, he was removed from the institution. He stated that he is pursuing legal action against the school and urged authorities

to take appropriate legal action against the management. He questioned who would take responsibility for the students' academic future and alleged that the school management has shown little concern for the welfare of the students.

In his complaint, Dr. Iqbal requested action against the following entities: Jamia Mohammadiya Mansoor Madrasa, Mumbai, Al Jamia Mohammadiya Education Society, Mumbai, Jamia Mohammadiya Society, Mumbai, Al Jamia Mohammadiya Education Society, Mumbai, Samar International Islamic School, Mumbai - Samar International Islamic School, Hegde Nagar, Thanisandra. The School Education Department has directed the concerned authorities to obtain an explanation from the management, examine the allegations, and submit a detailed report along with supporting documents and clear observations at the earliest.

PM Modi Has Set Fire to the Kitchen by Reducing Ujjwala Cylinders to Four – Dr. Anand Kumar

Bengaluru : At a time when common people are already struggling due to rising prices of essential commodities, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has further burdened households by once again increasing LPG prices, effectively "setting fire to the kitchen," alleged Dr. Anand Kumar, National Coordinator of the AICC SC Department and Maharashtra In-charge. He also criticized the reduction in the number of subsidized cylinders under the Ujjwala scheme to four, questioning whether this was the true meaning of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas."

Under the Ujjwala scheme, beneficiaries were originally entitled to 12 subsidized 14.2 kg LPG cylinders annually. Last year, this number was reduced to nine, and now it has reportedly been cut further to four. Dr. Kumar termed this move condemnable and accused the Modi government of adding to the cost-of-living crisis by increasing LPG prices by Rs.90 within three months.

He pointed out that during the tenure of former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, an LPG cylinder cost around Rs.400, whereas it is now nearing Rs.1,000. Comparing the government's



policies to those of the East India Company, he alleged that the government was exploiting citizens financially. He remarked that it would not be surprising if people were eventually forced to abandon cooking altogether and survive on uncooked food. Dr. Kumar stated that

the BJP came to power promising "Aache Din" and portraying itself as a government for the poor. However, he argued that over the years, the cost of living for ordinary families has steadily increased. He said that while Congress governments supported poor and middle-class families through LPG subsidy schemes, the current government was imposing the burden of rising prices on the very same sections of society. In a statement, he warned that continuous increases in LPG prices could force many poor families to return to using firewood and traditional fuels. He cited studies and

reports suggesting that many Ujjwala beneficiaries have reduced LPG usage because they cannot afford refill cylinders even after receiving connections. He further alleged that when global crude oil prices declined, the central government did not pass the full benefit on to consumers and instead collected higher revenues through taxes. Conversely, when international prices rise, the burden is transferred directly to citizens. He criticized government policies in the fuel sector, alleging that they favor the wealthy at the expense of ordinary people.

ABHINAYA SARASWATI SHRUTI'S 175TH MOVIE MUHURAT 'MOTHER' AT BANDE MAHAKALI TEMPLE

Bengaluru: The muhurat for Abhinaya Saraswati Shruti's 175th movie was held at Bande Mahakali Temple. Vinod Prabhakar came to the muhurat and wished her well. N a g a t h i h a l l i Chandrashekar clapped and wished her well. Meanwhile, director Rakesh said, Mother is a very powerful story. Mother is the story of an illiterate woman from Mandya who fights to save her family. Shruti does not erase herself. Here, Shruti can be seen in a different way. She is seen in a ragged look. Director Rakesh Somanna informed that the shooting will be done for 35 days and will take place around Mandya.



Vinod Prabhakar said, Shruti Amma will be called Amma. I had tied a rakhi during Madeva's time. My sister is my mother. Whenever Madeva became silent, Shruti Amma used to get violent. When he became silent, I became violent. That combination works really well. The reason I came here is because it is Shruti Amma's 175th film. It is not that easy, it is not that easy to do 175 films. She is not a replacement for him, Shruti expressed her pride about him.

Senior actress Shruti said that this is more special than every other film. I would like to thank Rajkumar sir for bringing me to the film industry. I have been in the industry for so many years, but it was Shruti's film made by Dwarakish Anna. When I heard the story of the director sir and the mother team, I felt interested. They had the urge to do something new. Director sir was saying, I will make sure that your 175th film does not get a flop, but I will make sure that

KIADB to Go End-to-End Digital: Minister Sets a 100-day deadline

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) is set to digitise every stage of its operations, from land acquisition to the allotment of industrial plots. The move is expected to benefit all stakeholders, including farmers and industrial investors. Large and Medium Industries Minister M. B. Patil on Wednesday set a 100-day deadline for completing all work related to the digitisation initiative.



During the second departmental progress review meeting held at Khanija Bhavan after the formation of the new government, the minister outlined the key tasks to be completed within the next 100 days and issued clear directions to officials.

Speaking after the meeting, Patil said that every detail relating to plots in both old and newly developed industrial areas across the State would be digitised under the

Integrated Land Management System developed by the Government's e-Governance Department. He added that as many as 77 data fields would be maintained for each industrial plot.

Details relating to plot allotments, their current status, industries operating on them, investments

made, employment generated, compensation paid to affected farmers, court cases, and timelines granted to investors will be available instantly through the digital platform. He explained that the initiative would not only eliminate the challenges associated with preserving old records but also ensure that all infor-

mation remains securely stored on a permanent basis.

Patil noted that in the past, inadequate record management had led to a few instances where compensation was paid twice for the same parcel of land. The new system, he said, would bring complete transparency and enable investors to access the required information from anywhere, eliminating the need for middlemen.

Karnataka currently has 224 industrial areas, and records relating to thousands of plots in these areas will soon be scanned and securely digitised. The minister said the initiative forms part of the govern-

ment's broader effort to introduce citizen-friendly reforms in the Industries Department.

He directed officials to complete the scanning of plot allotment records in the older industrial areas within one month. The digitised data will then be shared with the e-Governance Department for the development of software tailored to KIADB's requirements.

Subsequently, the system will be integrated with the Rural Development Department's e-Swathu platform. This will facilitate various processes, including the issuance of e-Khatas, and help streamline related services, he said. Industries Department Principal Secretary S. Selvakumar, Commissioner Khushboo Goel, KIADB Chief Executive Officer Govind Reddy, Minister's Technical Advisor Aravinda Galagali and other senior officials were present at the meeting.



H.D. Kumaraswamy Participates in NDA Chief Ministers & Deputy Chief Ministers Conclave; Congratulates Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Historic Milestones

New Delhi : Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries, H.D. Kumaraswamy, participated in the NDA Chief Ministers & Deputy Chief Ministers Conclave chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi. During the conclave, H.D. Kumaraswamy congratulated the Prime Minister on the successful completion of 12 years of NDA governance at the Centre and on becoming India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister.

H.D. Kumaraswamy noted that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Modi, India has witnessed transformative progress across sectors including infrastructure, manufacturing, digital empowerment, welfare delivery, healthcare, financial inclusion, national security and global engagement. He stated that the achievements of the past decade have strengthened India's economic

foundations, expanded opportunities for citizens and accelerated the nation's journey towards becoming a developed country. The Union Minister observed that the Prime Minister's leadership has been instrumental in driving large-scale reforms, promoting transparency and ensuring that the benefits of development reach every section of society. He further highlighted that the NDA Government's focus on inclusive growth, good governance and citizen-centric policymaking has earned the trust and confidence of people across the country.

Bangalore West District Congress Committee Vice President Kushal Kuruvegowda has filed a complaint with the High Grounds Police Station against BJP's B.L. Santosh, who is giving false information and derogatory statements against former Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. KPCC General Secretary and MEI President S. Manohar, leaders Anand Kumar, Umesh, Pawan, Puttaraju, Naveen Kumar and others were present.

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EDITORIAL

Why India Appointed A Non-Muslim Ambassador To Saudi Arabia, For First Time Ever

The appointment of Mr Vipul as the new Indian ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is a historic shift in India's diplomatic strategy. It breaks the established convention since 1948 of sending a Muslim ambassador to the country. In this regard, Vipul is the first non-Muslim Indian diplomat in Saudi Arabia. His appointment is significant not just from a geopolitical lens but also for the underlying signalling.

Geopolitically, Saudi Arabia matters to India for reasons that extend far beyond the traditional lens of oil and expatriate labour. Riyadh today occupies one of the most important positions in India's diplomatic landscape. It is a critical energy partner, a leading political actor in the Gulf, the custodian of Islam's two holiest sites, and an increasingly influential economic hub. Under its Vision 2030 transformation agenda, Saudi Arabia has emerged as a centre where investment, technology, infrastructure, culture, and geopolitics intersect, creating new opportunities and strategic considerations for countries such as India. In this backdrop, the appointment of Mr Vipul is a wise choice. A career diplomat from the 1998 batch of the Indian Foreign Service, he brings extensive experience in the Gulf and the wider region, having served in Cairo, Colombo, Geneva, and Dubai, and most recently as India's ambassador to Qatar. His appointment reflects expertise, seniority, and familiarity with a strategically vital region rather than any departure from diplomatic meritocracy. However, more than his professional credentials, it's the fact that he's the first non-Muslim diplomat to head the mission in Riyadh since diplomatic relations between the two countries were established that has gained more attention. In a highly polarised environment, the risk lies less in the appointment itself than in the narratives that may be constructed around it. Since the late 1940s, New Delhi had exclusively selected senior Muslim diplomats for the ambassadorial role in Riyadh and the consul general position in Jeddah. This practice was primarily rooted in logistics; the Indian mission in Saudi Arabia plays a massive role in coordinating the annual Hajj pilgrimage, which sees hundreds of thousands of Indian Muslims travel to Islam's holiest sites. India sends the second-largest Hajj contingent to Saudi Arabia after Indonesia - 1,75,000 is the official Hajj quota. With such a huge number of Indians coming in for Hajj, the role of the consul general in Jeddah and the ambassador in Riyadh becomes crucial in terms of coordination with Saudi authorities. According to senior diplomats posted earlier in the region, the coordination and management of Hajj often requires the ambassador's presence in Mecca and Medina, Jamarat for coordination, as the Saudi management also shifts to these areas. Since a non-Muslim is not allowed in the area where the Hajj pilgrimage is performed, the management of the pilgrimage may be adversely affected if the ambassador cannot be in the area. An example is the fire tragedy in the tent city of Mina in 1997, in which hundreds of Indians died, and the then ambassador, Hamid Ansari, rushed to the site of the tragedy for coordination with higher Saudi authorities.

America Has Never, Ever Looked This Humiliated: The Story Of A Superpower's Fall

Iran on Tuesday shot down a US Apache helicopter near the Strait of Hormuz, prompting Trump to say that America must, out of necessity, respond to the attack. His statement on Truth Social suggests caution rather than a boast about America's power and dominance, which he is more accustomed to. He had shown similar caution last weekend after Iran fired missiles at Israel, threatening both the precarious ceasefire and the deal Washington and Tehran have been negotiating to end the war. Trump pleaded with the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, not to strike back at Iran. But the latter simply ignored him. This is the new reality 100 days after Trump joined Netanyahu's war against Iran. The leader of the so-called free world looks weak and humbled, and the power of the United States appears to have reached its limits, at least in West Asia.

Before the war, it was inconceivable that Iran would threaten Israel over its actions in Lebanon and then carry out that threat without fear of a US response. Iran's policy had been what it called "strategic patience". But its new leadership seems to believe that restraint is a sign of weakness. The cautious Ayatollah Khamenei, under whose leadership the policy of restraint was last seen during the 12-day war in 2025, is no longer alive. His son, Mojtaba, the new leader, has given full backing to the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) for an uncompromising, tough approach. A week ago, Tehran warned Israel of missile strikes if it continued bombing Lebanon, particularly if the southern outskirts of the capital, Beirut, were attacked. These areas are the stronghold of Iran's proxy group, Hezbollah. That came after Netanyahu ordered these areas to be bombed. An angry Trump called Netanyahu, shouting, "What the f--- are you doing?" "You're f---ing crazy." Netanyahu paused the attacks, but only for a week. On Sunday, when Israel bombed the Beirut suburbs, Iran responded as it had promised. Defying Trump's pleas, Israel not only struck Iran in retaliation but also targeted one of its petrochemical complexes, threatening further escalation. Later, both called off further strikes at each other.



Sabotaged By A Friend!

Trump is desperate to end the war, which has become deeply unpopular in the United States. But he is worried that Netanyahu's actions could jeopardise ongoing negotiations with Iran. The Israeli leader, on the other hand, wants to resume the war. Netanyahu fears that Trump might be conceding too much to Tehran. Iran's use of the Strait of Hormuz as a chokepoint has shifted the focus from the nuclear programme to the reopening of the narrow waterways, alarming Israelis. There is supposed to be a ceasefire in Lebanon, but Israel has not halted strikes on Hezbollah targets. The militant group has also been launching missiles at Israel. The Israeli military has killed more than 3,600 people, mostly Shia Muslims, since the war began in March and has displaced one-fifth of the population. Israel has advanced much deeper into Lebanon, occupying large parts of its territory. This has enraged Iran, hardening its stance in negotiations with the United States. As Tehran's latest military action in Lebanon shows, it is committed to backing its ally Hezbollah. Israel is well aware of that. Its military operations in Lebanon appear to be trying to sabotage a deal with Iran, despite Trump's repeated calls to Netanyahu for restraint.

Why Can't Trump Rein in Netanyahu?

Iran views Israel's behaviour in Lebanon as a test of Trump's power and his willingness to use it. Apart from angry telephone calls, Trump has not really used the leverage the US has over Israel to contain Netanyahu. Israel receives the largest amount of aid from the United States; no country is even close. In addition to \$3.8 billion annually, Israel has received billions more from the US in recent years. After the Hamas attack on Israel in 2023, the US Congress passed a law to provide \$10.6 billion in direct military aid to the Jewish state. Soon after he started his second term, Trump proposed an \$8 billion aid package for Israel, and this January, his government announced \$6.5 billion in weapons aid. Without this help, Israel can't carry out its military operations. Thus, Trump has options - if he is willing to use them. The aid has continued despite declining support for Israel among the US population. In April, the Pew Research Center reported that 60% of Americans now hold a negative view of Israel, an increase of nearly 20 percentage points from two years ago. However, the Israeli lobby remains highly influential in the US. The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) directly con-

tributes to US politicians' election funds. Netanyahu personally lobbies the American media and US lawmakers, especially those from Trump's Republican Party. Therefore, it's not easy for any American politician to rein in the Israeli leader. Even Trump finds it difficult to curb Netanyahu's actions.

All The Wrong Choices

Trump may feel betrayed by Netanyahu, but he is also responsible for the situation. His actions in favour of Israel and Netanyahu over the years have made him and the US deeply unpopular in West Asia and have damaged America's credibility. During his first term, he moved the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a city claimed by both Israelis and Palestinians. He allowed Netanyahu to expand Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, an illegal and unpopular move internationally. Trump has worked hard to make Israel acceptable to Arab governments through the Abraham Accords, though people in these countries remain opposed to the decision. In February, US Ambassador to Israel, Mike Huckabee, a Trump appointee, angered the Arab world by suggesting that Israel has a right to much of the Middle East. Trump was the first and only US president in four decades whom the

Israelis, under Netanyahu, have managed to persuade to join the war against Iran. He is also the one at whose behest Trump pulled America out of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal and started the 12-day war with Iran last year, while the US was negotiating a new agreement with the country, and again this year. It was Netanyahu who ordered the targeted killing of Ayatollah Khamenei and most of Iran's other leaders early in the war, many of whom would have shown more flexibility on a deal, perhaps on US terms. These actions explain why Iranians don't trust the US with a new agreement.

It was also Netanyahu who prolonged the Gaza war, which has killed more than 72,000 people. Trump backed Netanyahu even after the World Court issued arrest warrants for him over war crimes in Gaza. Last year, Israel attacked a meeting of Hamas negotiators in Qatar, a close US ally, during Gaza negotiations, embarrassing the president. With Qatar's help, Trump negotiated a deal to end the Gaza war, but Israel has not stopped its military action against Palestinians there, creating mistrust not only of Israel but also of America. Since the Gaza accord was signed, nearly 900 people have been killed in the Palestinian territory. Trump's decision to join Israel in the war against Iran has weakened the US the most. While Iran is now more powerful than ever, support for America in West Asia is now at a level not seen since the Arab-Israeli war in 1973. Trump is widely seen as a leader who cares only about Israel. A survey by the Arab Barometer, a research group in West Asia, conducted after the 12-day war in 2025, found that people in the region had lost nearly all confidence in a US-led regional order. Instead, they now regard China, Iran, and Russia more favourably than the United States. Making America Weak Again America's position was not this weak until recently; in fact, it was riding high. The fall of the Bashar al-Assad regime in December 2024 was a major setback for Russia and Iran. Moscow was struggling in Ukraine, and China was concerned about the US's motives in the Indo-Pacific. In January, the removal of Venezuela's president, Nicholas Maduro, an ally of Beijing and Moscow.

(LATE CHILDBEARING, EARLY WORRIES?)

THE FUTURE OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN AFTER FIFTY

— Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

Science has provided human life with numerous conveniences and possibilities. Advances in medical science have opened the way to parenthood for couples who, for whatever reason, were unable to conceive naturally. Technologies like IVF (in vitro fertilization) have blessed thousands of families with the joy of having children. This is undoubtedly a major achievement of modern medicine. But every achievement comes with certain questions and responsibilities. Today, when some couples, at the age of 50-52 or even older, sometimes by taking on debt, decide to become parents through IVF, it becomes necessary to seriously consider this issue. The desire for children is one of the most natural and deepest human emotions. Every person wants a family, a home filled with the laughter of children, and a new direction in life. This desire drives many couples to undergo years of treatment and endure financial and mental struggles. Their feelings should be respected. But parenthood isn't limited to the birth of a child. The real responsibility begins after that. Giving birth to a child is relatively easy, but raising them to be responsible, educated, and self-reliant citizens is a long and challenging process. When a couple becomes parents in their 50s, it's natural that by the time a child reaches 12th grade, the parents will be between 68 and 70 years old. This is the stage of

life when most people expect a comfortable life after retirement. Many changes occur in the body with aging. High blood pressure, diabetes, thyroid, heart disease, arthritis, and other health problems become common. In such circumstances, it's difficult to maintain the same level of activeness as before to support a child's academic, career, and emotional needs. Adolescence and young adulthood are the most crucial times in a child's life. During this period, they need the most guidance, confidence, and emotional support. Preparing for competitive exams, choosing higher education, career planning, and many other life-related decisions are made during this age. If parents themselves are struggling with health issues at this time, it can put additional pressure on both the child and the family. Often, children must juggle their studies and future plans, as well as the responsibility of caring for their parents. There's also a social aspect to this topic. Children are surrounded by friends and classmates at school and at social events. Sometimes, having older parents can lead to unwanted comments or jokes. While this reflects social immaturity, it can still have an impact on a child's psyche. Children often want to feel comfortable and accepted among their peers. Such situations can sometimes impact their self-confidence. Delaying parenthood also presents numerous financial challenges. IVF treatments can cost lakhs of rupees. Many families

exhaust their savings or take out loans to fund them. This is followed by ongoing expenses for the child's upbringing, education, health, and other needs. Today, obtaining a quality education is more expensive than ever before. If parents are already under financial pressure and nearing retirement, it may be difficult to secure adequate resources for their child's higher education and career development. This topic becomes even more important in the context of women. Nature has set a biological time limit for reproduction. Menopause signals that the body has reached the end of its reproductive lifespan. Modern medical technologies can extend this limit somewhat, but they cannot eliminate all the challenges associated with aging. Older women carry increased health risks during pregnancy and childbirth, which cannot be ignored. However, it's important to maintain balance when discussing this topic. It's unfair to assume that everyone who becomes a parent at an older age will become a problem for their children. Many people are perfectly healthy, active, and financially capable even at age 60. At the same time, many young parents are unable to devote adequate time and resources to their children. Therefore, a decision shouldn't be evaluated solely on the basis of age. However, considering average circumstances, age is certainly an important factor that cannot be ignored. In this context, adoption is also a worthwhile option. There are

thousands of children in our country who, for whatever reason, are deprived of parental love and protection. If capable families adopt them, not only can their futures be secured, but families can also experience the joy of having children. Unfortunately, even today, society places greater importance on biological children, which is why many people don't seriously consider a positive option like adoption. In reality, becoming a parent isn't just about fulfilling one's own desires. It means actively participating in a child's life for the next twenty to twenty-five years, supporting their dreams and standing by them through every circumstance. Therefore, when deciding to have children, one should consider not only present happiness but also future responsibilities. Emotions are important, but foresight is equally essential. Ultimately, the question isn't about IVF or medical science. The question is whether we're adequately considering the long-term consequences of our decisions. Having children is one of life's greatest joys, but it's also a huge responsibility. Therefore, before deciding to delay parenthood, it's essential to consider health, financial status, social circumstances, and, above all, the child's future. The best interests of a child should be the basis for every decision. This is the hallmark of mature parenthood. — Dr. Priyanka Saurabh (Dr. Priyanka Saurabh, PhD (Political Science), is a poet and social thinker.)

Punjab And Its Discontents: How The Akali Factions Are Faring

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) is one of India's oldest regional parties, founded in 1920 and almost as old as the RSS. For over a century, it has been deeply connected with Punjab's political, religious and social history. In contrast to many regional parties that emerged around personalities or electoral issues, SAD was born out of a mass movement and built its legitimacy through struggle and sacrifice. The party played a historic role in the Gurudwara Reform Movement, participated in the freedom struggle, led the Punjabi Suba agitation, and emerged as the principal political voice of Sikh aspirations. During the Emergency, Akali leaders were among the strongest defenders of democratic rights. For decades, SAD positioned itself as the champion of Punjab's federal rights, Sikh interests, and farmers' concerns, giving it a stature far beyond electoral politics. Electorally, SAD has been one of Punjab's most successful parties, forming governments multiple times and producing towering leaders such as Parkash Singh Badal, Gurcharan Singh Tohra, etc. Its long alliance with the BJP has often been cited as a successful model of Hindu-Sikh camaraderie and social harmony after the turmoil of the 80s. Together, the alliance dominated Punjab politics for nearly two decades. However, since 2015, the party has witnessed a dramatic decline. A number of reasons were behind this decline. Akali Dal's electoral success was based upon pragmatism and ruthless use of money and power, which led to a number of mafias - land, sand, transport, drugs, cable - dominating the party. Ideology and the old Jathedar base of the party was jettisoned for family, "Halqa incharges", and new "moneybags". Controversies like Beadabi, farm laws and Article 370 ensured that the Akalis alienated their core votebank of Sikhs and peasants. Meanwhile, new ascendant social forces - youth, NRIs, unemployed, influencers; new social movements - farmers and Panthic and new political outfits - PPP, AAP, using new digital technologies, prospered at the



expense of Akalis, painting them as the real villains of Punjab and holding them responsible for all its ills. At the same time, demographic changes - such as out-migration of the core Akali vote bank of Jatt Sikhs - also hurt the Akali Dal the most. All this ensured the dramatic decline of the Akali Dal as an electoral force. Its votebank has crashed from 35% to 13%, and its seat share in the state assembly has declined from 58 to three since 2012. It reached a nadir in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, when it lost deposits on 10 of 13 seats and secured just 13.42% votes. Along with electoral decline, Akali Dal has to face a prolonged period of ideological confusion as it veered from one extreme - battling Bandi Singh and Rajoana in elections to another, like supporting Article 370 move and farm reforms. Electoral defeats were also accompanied by a challenge to Sukhbir's leadership from disgruntled Akalis - Dhindsa, Chandumajara, Jagir Kaur and from Jathedars along with resentment among the religious over the "Beadabi" issue. One of the most significant results of the decline of the Shiromani Akali Dal over the last decade has been the fragmentation of Punjab's Panthic political space. What was once largely monopolised by a single party is today contested by four

distinct formations - Akali Dal (Badal), Waris Punjab De, Akali Dal (Mann), and the various rebel Akali factions often described as Akali Dal Punar Surjit. Each seeks to position itself as the authentic voice of Panth and Punjab, but each carries its own strengths and limitations. Despite its dramatic decline, the Akali Dal under Sukhbir Badal remains the largest and most organised Panthic force. Its greatest strengths are its century-old legacy, extensive organisational network, Sukhbir Badal's leadership, financial resources, and deep roots in rural Punjab. It remains the only Panthic outfit with a proven record of governance and state-wide presence. Moreover, the party has shown signs of revival by its improved showings in bypolls and local elections in the last year. The party has held a series of rallies recently to bolster its support. It remains strong in the rural Malwa heartland and parts of Majha. However, its weaknesses are equally apparent. Akali Dal continues to suffer from a severe credibility deficit arising from the Beadabi, drug charges, alleged mafia links and pressure from "neo panthics". The ruling AAP continues to poach Akali leaders. Youngsters remain suspicious of its intentions and unconvinced by its attempts at reinvention.

SpaceX IPO opens door to retail investors, but here are the risks

New York: When SpaceX makes its debut on the US stock market, it wants smaller-pocketed, mom-and-pop investors to play a big role in what may be the biggest IPO ever. Elon Musk's rocket company, formally known as Space Exploration Technologies Corp., is steering some of its initial public offering of stock directly to what are called "retail" investors. These are people who buy stocks in a brokerage account on their phone, not pension funds or other big "institutional" investors routing orders to their professional trading desks. Here are some things to keep in mind as the IPO approaches: A chunk of SpaceX stock will go to regular investors. Most IPOs offer only 5 per cent to 10 per cent of the total offering to retail investors, according to Fidelity. In this case, though, it could be up to 30 per cent. SpaceX expects retail investors to participate in its IPO through Charles Schwab, Fidelity, Robinhood, SoFi and E-Trade by Morgan Stanley. At Fidelity, investors with as little as USD 2,000 in their accounts could potentially



snag SpaceX shares in the IPO. That's down from account minimums of USD 100,000 or even USD 500,000 that Fidelity has for other equity offerings. Demand from investors may be so high in this IPO that not everyone indicating interest will actually get a share.

Trying for a short-term flip has risks

Given all the hype around SpaceX, the temptation could be high to grab shares in the IPO and sell them quickly if a frenzy sends its price spiking. But brokerages have policies to block

investors from future offerings if they dump shares bought in an IPO quickly, like within a couple of weeks.

Big swings in price may be possible

Potentially high interest from retail investors following the IPO is one reason SpaceX is warning that its stock price could be volatile. These investors aren't known for moving as meticulously as a pension fund, which is trying to build money for payments it must make years or decades in the future.

It's retail investors, after all, who helped drive GameStop and other "meme stocks" to market-bending heights in 2021 that professional investors called irrational. IPOs can see a big first-day bounce, but that may not last.

The typical IPO has seen a 7 per cent jump in its first day of trading, from 1980 through 2025, according to Jay Ritter, an IPO expert and a professor at the University of Florida's Warrington College of Business. But IPOs tend to lag similar-sized peers in the ensuing five years, not including their first day of trading. They do so by an average of 3.6 per cent per year, according to Ritter. SpaceX has debt and has been losing money.

It's very expensive to launch things out of the Earth's atmosphere and to construct huge AI data centres, and SpaceX has built up USD 29.1 billion in debt, as of the end of March. The company also lost USD 4.9 billion last year and another USD 4.3 billion through the first three months of 2026. It acknowledges that it "may not achieve profitability in the

future." Over the long term, a stock's price tends to track with how much profit the company is making.

You don't have to buy SpaceX to own it

You could end up owning some of SpaceX even if you never intended to. Consider the many people who own shares of the popular QQQ exchange-traded fund, which tracks the Nasdaq 100 index and has roughly USD 460 billion in total assets.

Historically, the Nasdaq 100 index would wait until each December to add new members in an annual reconstitution to make sure it includes the 100 largest non-financial companies on the Nasdaq. But Nasdaq recently made changes to allow some big companies to enter the Nasdaq 100 index after just 15 trading days.

That means if SpaceX's IPO is as successful as expected, it could quickly join both the Nasdaq 100 and QQQ fund, all while QQQ holders do nothing on their own. The company behind the more popular S&P 500 index, though, is not making changes that would allow SpaceX faster entry.

Stock markets climb in early trade on buying in blue-chips



Mumbai: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty climbed in early trade on Wednesday, June 10, amid buying in blue-chip stocks. Reliance Industries, ICICI Bank and cooling crude oil prices. The 30-share BSE Sensex rallied 303.73 points to 74,222.49 in early deals. The 50-share NSE Nifty went up by 85.40 points to 23,327.50.

From the 30-Sensex firms, Hindustan Unilever, Reliance Industries, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Asian Paints, Trent and ICICI Bank were among the biggest winners. Tata Steel, Eternal Ltd, Adani Ports and Tech Mahindra were among the laggards. Brent crude, the global oil bench-

mark, traded at around USD 91.90 per barrel. "The market is likely to largely ignore the escalation of the conflict in West Asia as a one off. The softness in crude price indicates that. Despite the escalation, Brent crude continues to trade below USD 93 level," VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said.

A significant trend in global markets is the fatigue that is creeping in AI trade, he added. In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225 index, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index quoted lower.

US markets ended mostly lower on Tuesday.

"For Indian markets, a key positive is the cooling in crude oil prices. Brent crude has slipped below recent highs, easing some pressure on India's inflation outlook and current account concerns," Hari Prasad K, Research Analyst and Founder, Livelong Wealth, said.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 4,566.03 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data. On Tuesday, the Sensex climbed 394.50 points, or 0.54 per cent, to settle at 73,918.76. The Nifty ended 119.10 points, or 0.52 per cent, higher at 23,242.10.

Meta, FPEL partner on 88 MW renewable energy projects in India

New Delhi: Fourth Partner Energy (FPEL) said on Wednesday, June 10, it has partnered with Meta Platforms Inc. on 88 megawatts alternating current (MWac) of renewable energy projects across India, as the technology company seeks to advance its clean energy and emissions reduction goals in the country. Under the agreement, FPEL will own and operate a portfolio of solar and wind projects across the states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh. Meta will purchase 100 per cent of the environmental attributes associated with the projects, FPEL said in a statement. The deal supports the addition of renewable energy capacity to India's power grid and forms part of Meta's broader strategy to align its operations with clean energy sources. "These projects with Fourth Partner Energy represent a commitment to India's clean energy ecosystem, helping to bring new renewable energy capacity



onto the grid and address Meta's value chain emissions in the region. This is consistent with our broader goal of matching our global operations with 100 per cent clean and renewable energy," said Amanda Yang, Head of Clean and Renewable Energy at Meta. The agreement reflects growing demand from large corporations for renewable energy solutions to help reduce emissions across their operations and supply

chains. "This partnership with Meta highlights FPEL's expertise in delivering innovative, integrated renewable energy solutions to India's businesses," said Vivek Subramanian, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Fourth Partner Energy. "Corporates are increasingly keen to utilise clean energy across their Scope 2 and Scope 3 supply chains. This is where the complementary nature of solar and wind helps offer maximised

renewables. We are excited to work with Meta and continue being corporate India's preferred Net Zero enablers," he added. Fourth Partner Energy said it currently operates 1.7 gigawatts (GW) of solar and wind assets across India, with an additional 3 GW under development. The company has set a target portfolio of 9 GW by 2031. Meta will purchase 100 per cent of the environmental attributes associated with the projects.

VERSION OF AI TOOL 'TOO POWERFUL FOR PUBLIC' RELEASED TO PUBLIC

A version of an artificial intelligence (AI) tool which the company said was too powerful to be released to the public has just been released to the public. Claude Fable 5 is a version of Anthropic's Claude Mythos, an AI program which caused serious concerns among technology, finance, and government leaders when it was released privately in April for previewing and testing. Some worry the tool is so powerful it could pose financial security risks, though others have questioned how much of the hype is marketing spin. Anthropic said on Tuesday Fable will be released with safeguards and user limitations in place, though it said "releasing a model this capable comes with risks". "Fable's capabilities exceed those of any model we've ever made generally available", it added. When Mythos was first released to a small group of organisations to preview the tool, Anthropic said it was doing so because the tool was so intelligent that it



could be dangerous because of its ability to exploit or hack computer systems. Canadian Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne told the BBC in April that the attention on Mythos was warranted, in part, because "it's the unknown, unknown". Meanwhile, despite Anthropic's ongoing lawsuit against the US Department of Defense over its refusal to accept government use of its AI tools, US government agencies have been testing Mythos too. Anthropic is expected to become a public company soon, as its

private valuation has neared \$1tn (£747bn). Consistently showing better and broader AI capabilities underlines its value to investors. The company also said on Tuesday that the roughly 150 groups that had been given access to preview Mythos will now have access to Claude Mythos 5, which does not have limitations on cybersecurity or biology, depending on an organization's specific uses. To date, groups and companies using Mythos have reported to Anthropic finding more than 10,000 critical security flaws in their

systems. Anthropic said the updated access was limited to a "small group of cyberdefenders and infrastructure providers" but is expected to go beyond that soon. "We intend to expand access to Mythos 5 through a broader trusted access program", the company said. Both Fable and Mythos, which are essentially the same model but with different safeguards and levels of access in place, can work "unattended" on human commands that the tools are given for longer periods of time "than any previous Claude models." Anthropic added. Anthropic co-founder Jack Clark last week told BBC Newsnight that the ability of AI tools was expanding so rapidly that the company thought there should be a way for the public to slow the technology's advancement. "You want the option to be able to take your foot off the gas and put your foot on the brake", Clark said. "Right now, it's like the AI industry has a gas pedal, but it doesn't have a brake pedal."

Kalshi to make some users reveal job details to tackle insider trading

People looking to place certain bets on prediction market operator Kalshi will soon have to reveal where they work in an attempt to stop insider trading, the firm has said. The platform - which lets users bet against each other on elections, sporting events, and culture - said Tuesday it will start to collect work information from users attempting to place bets that could benefit from insider information. Kalshi said the rule will apply to "markets with heightened insider or manipulation risk." It used as an example a possible trade on whether OpenAI or Anthropic will go public first. Prediction markets face growing concerns around insider trading as they continue to surge in popularity. Former Congressman George Santos is currently being investigated for alleged insider trading on Kalshi, according to NPR. And earlier this year, Kalshi said it had discovered candidates for Congress from Minnesota, Texas, and Virginia were betting on their



own races. Kalshi said that in the first quarter of this year, it made more than 20 referrals to law enforcement of possibly illegal trading activity after opening more than 150 of its own investigations. Last month, a Google employee was charged with insider trading for using company information to place bets on Polymarket, a rival prediction market operator. And earlier this year, a US special forces soldier was found to have allegedly made successful bets on the platform regarding the removal operation of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro. He has

pleaded not guilty. By requiring more information from users about where they work, Kalshi said it will be able to "identify presumptive insiders... and screen them out before a trade is ever placed". Kalshi said it would use a risk scoring method to identify markets that appear more at risk of manipulation or insider trading, such as those on national security matters. "By running an assessment on the national security risk a market might present before we list it, we can better prevent dangerous events from having a negative effect on our markets - or vice versa".

Xiaomi India Launches the Xiaomi 17T Co-Engineered with Leica: Crafted for Every Moment, Designed for Every Day

Hyderabad, June 2026: Xiaomi India today announced the launch of the Xiaomi 17T, bringing together advanced imaging, immersive entertainment, powerful performance, and long-lasting battery life in a refined flagship design. Combining Leica-powered imaging, an eye-care display, and a large-capacity battery, the Xiaomi 17T is designed to deliver a premium smartphone experience without compromise. Every Moment Has a Story. Capture It All. Life rarely waits for the perfect shot. Whether it's a spontaneous road trip, a late-night concert, a family celebration, or a fleeting expression that lasts only a second, the Xiaomi 17T is designed to help users capture moments exactly as they happen. At the heart of the Xiaomi 17T is a Leica-powered triple camera system featuring a 50MP main camera and, for the first time in the Xiaomi T Series, a Leica 5x periscope telephoto camera. Whether capturing intricate details up close or bringing distant subjects into sharp focus, the advanced zoom system empowers users to frame every scene with confidence, precision, and creative freedom. The Xiaomi 17T also introduces Leica Live Moment, a new imaging experience that goes beyond a single photograph. Instead of capturing



only the decisive moment, Leica Live Moment preserves the movement, emotion, and atmosphere that lead up to it, transforming everyday memories into richer visual stories. Whether it's a child taking their first steps, a performer on stage, or friends sharing a laugh, every frame feels more alive and authentic. For portrait enthusiasts, Leica Live Portrait adds natural depth and cinematic character, creating images that feel both professional and personal. A Display Designed for Modern Lifestyles Today's smartphone users spend hours reading, streaming, gaming, working, and connecting on their devices. Xiaomi

17T was created with that reality in mind. The device features a vibrant 6.59-inch 1.5K AMOLED display with up to 3500 nits peak brightness, delivering vivid colours and excellent visibility even under bright sunlight. A smooth 120Hz refresh rate ensures fluid scrolling, responsive gaming, and a premium viewing experience throughout the day. Beyond visual quality, Xiaomi has focused on long-term viewing comfort. The Xiaomi 17T introduces Xiaomi Vision Care, an intelligent eye-care system that automatically adapts to surrounding conditions while helping manage blue light exposure, flicker, and visual fatigue. As a result, the device has

received TÜV Rheinland Intelligent Eye Care Certification along with a comprehensive suite of eye-comfort certifications. Power That Keeps Up With Your Day The Xiaomi 17T is built for users who expect their smartphone to keep pace with their lifestyle. A large 6500mAh silicon-carbon battery delivers reliable all-day endurance, whether users are navigating a busy workday, creating content, streaming entertainment, or staying connected on the move. When it's time to recharge, 67W HyperCharge helps get users back up and running quickly. The combination of higher battery capacity and improved energy efficiency means users can spend less time searching for a charger and more time doing what matters most. Performance Ready for What's Next Paired with Xiaomi HyperOS, advanced cooling technology, and a suite of intelligent features including Xiaomi HyperAI, Google Gemini, and Circle to Search with Google, the Xiaomi 17T delivers a smarter, more intuitive smartphone experience designed for the future. Premium Design, Comfortable in Hand Designed to balance style and practicality, the Xiaomi 17T features a slim, lightweight form factor that feels comfortable in everyday use.

PREZ TRUMP SAYS US WILL HIT IRAN 'HARD' AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY

Donald Trump has said the US will hit Iran "hard" on Wednesday, after the two sides exchanged strikes overnight. Speaking to reporters in the Oval Office, the US president said the US and Iran were "close" to making a peace deal, but reiterated a call for Iran to "sign a deal". Following US strikes on Iran on Tuesday in response to the downing of a US army helicopter in the Gulf, Trump said strikes would continue. "We hit them hard yesterday and we're going to hit them hard again today," he said. Iran earlier said it launched strikes at US bases in the Middle East following the US's strikes on Iranian sites. Trump earlier said Tehran had taken "too long to negotiate a deal" and would now "have to pay the price", without giving specific details. It came after Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi earlier warned his country would "leave no attack or threat unanswered". The US said it struck Iranian sites on Tuesday in response to the downing of a US army helic-

ter in the Gulf. Separately, India's government said a commercial vessel had been attacked off the coast of Oman on Wednesday, with three Indian sailors reportedly missing. It did not give details of the source of the attack. The BBC has asked US military Central Command (Centcom) for comment. Earlier on Wednesday the UK's Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) Centre said it had received a report - which it marked under "suspicious activity" - that a tanker 20 nautical miles northeast of Sohar in Oman, had experienced a fire in its engine room. The US military said it had targeted Iranian defence systems, ground control stations and radar sites near the Strait of Hormuz. Iranian state media said US strikes had hit two reservoirs in the area, leaving thousands of people in the southern port town of Sirik without access to drinking water. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said it launched strikes



on 21 targets at US bases in the region, one in Bahrain and the other in Jordan, while Kuwait's army said it was also intercepting an attack. Reuters cited a US official on Wednesday as saying nearly all of the Iranian missiles and drones launched at US bases in the Middle East in response were intercepted, with no reported casualties. Writing on his social media platform Truth Social on Wednesday, Trump said: "Iran's Military is a complete and total mess. Much of it, like their Navy and Air Force, doesn't even exist anymore - They have been completely defeated." He added: "They've taken too long to negotiate a deal that would have been great for them, now they will have to pay the price!!!" Trump's com-

ments were in contrast to Tuesday, when he told journalists the US and Iran were "in the final throes of what will be a very, very good deal". Also on Wednesday, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqai accused the US of "damaging this diplomatic process through the contradictory messages it sends, its repeated shifts in positions and demands, and, worst of all, through repeated violations of the ceasefire". He said Iran needed to re-assess the situation, adding that any diplomatic process required a minimum of stability. On Tuesday, Centcom described its strikes on Iran as "a proportionate response" for the Apache helicopter downing on Monday, with the IRGC describing them as "vicious". Trump previously said on Truth Social that the helicopter had been "shot down" as it was patrolling the Strait of Hormuz, a critical shipping channel that has been effectively closed since the conflict started in late February. Fox News quoted

Trump on Wednesday as saying that an Iranian drone had hit the helicopter without exploding as it flew "very low". The two crew members survived and were rescued by an American sea drone. According to US officials, Iran used a drone to launch the attack on the helicopter. But it is not clear whether the drone had deliberately attacked it, an unnamed US official told CBS News, the BBC's US partner. The semi-official Iranian Mehr News Agency reported that Iran had not claimed responsibility for the downed aircraft. The Indian Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement on Wednesday that 21 Indians had been rescued after an attack on the commercial vessel Settebello "earlier today". It said its embassy in Oman was coordinating with Omani authorities in the ongoing search and rescue operation for the three missing people, saying the "targeting of commercial shipping and civilian infrastructure in the region must end".

Norway crown princess's son to stay in custody before rape verdict, says court



A Norwegian appeal court has rejected a request by Marius Borg Høyby to be released from custody because of his mother's serious illness, ahead of a verdict in a rape trial. The appeal court's ruling in Oslo overturns a lower court's decision on Monday ordering the release of the crown princess's 29-year-old son pending next Monday's verdict on 40 criminal charges. He denies the most serious allegations. Princess Mette-Marit, 52, is suffering from pulmonary fibrosis, and her doctors last week placed her on a waiting list for a lung transplant, saying her condition had

declined significantly in recent months. Her son's lawyers argued that Høyby needed to be close to his mother. Høyby himself is not a member of the royal family. He has been in custody since the start of February, when he was detained before his trial over new allegations of assault and violating a restraining order requiring him not to go near an ex-girlfriend. The case against him began when he was first arrested at the woman's flat in the upmarket Frogner area of Oslo in August 2024. Repeated attempts by his lawyers to secure his release failed until a district court said on Monday he should be freed from custody. "Sitting inside when I know Mum is so sick is unbearable," Høyby had told the district court. It ruled that while there was a marginal risk of the crown princess's son re-offending, he had been free of drugs in prison and it would be "disproportionately intrusive" to keep him in jail.

MANHUNT UNDER WAY IN SOUTH AFRICA AFTER 12 KILLED IN MASS SHOOTING IN JOHANNESBURG



Police in South Africa have launched a manhunt after 12 people were killed in a mass shooting at an informal settlement in Johannesburg. At least 10 suspects, heavily armed with rifles, entered the Jumpers Informal Settlement in the suburb of Cleveland late on Tuesday night and opened fire before fleeing in a white vehicle, police said. The motive for what police called a "heartless" and "barbaric" attack, in which another nine people were injured, is still being investigated. Members of the Jumper's community believe the shooting may be linked to a turf war between groups of illegal miners living in the area. Illegal mining has been on the increase in South Africa, which has one of the highest murder rates in the world. Shootings in informal settlements are not uncommon, sometimes linked to gang violence and personal disputes. The local police department said its officers responded to a "complaint of shooting in progress" at about 23:10 local time (21:10 GMT) on Tuesday. "It is alleged that more than 10 suspects were dropped off by a white Toyota Quantum near a petrol station in Cleveland," the police said in

a statement. "The suspects allegedly entered the informal settlement through both entrances and moved through the area, opening fire on residents and community members at multiple locations before fleeing the scene in the same vehicle," the statement added. Police said eight men and three women died at the scene, while another man died from his injuries in hospital. At least nine others were taken to various medical facilities for treatment of gunshot wounds. The police have said that the motive for the attack is not known and forms part of the investigation. During a visit to the scene on Wednesday, provincial police commissioner Lt Gen Tommy Mthombeni reiterated this stance, but added that investigators could not rule out a connection to illegal mining. "As you know, this area is adjacent to the illegal mining area. We are having those suspicions," he told reporters, calling the attack "heartless" and "barbaric". Illegal mining is a lucrative, informal activity - with groups targeting disused gold mines and selling their finds on the black market. The trade is often violent - earlier this year.

INSIDE MYANMAR, REBELS ARE LOSING GROUND AS MILITARY FORCES MEN INTO ARMY

The four young men in the rebel camp hidden deep in jungle-covered mountains never wanted a part in Myanmar's civil war. They didn't choose to be soldiers for the military either. One had been a chef on his way home from work when he was grabbed off the street. His lack of ID was enough for the military to detain him and force him to sign up. Another was taken on his way back from a late-night karaoke session; a third had been working for the forestry department when he was arrested. The fourth man says on being arrested, drugs were slipped into his shoe, and he was framed and made to enlist. "Before we even understood what was happening, we were sent straight to the front lines," one of the men - all between



the ages of 19 and 25 - tells the BBC. "They made us do all kinds of things we didn't want to do," another adds. "We never got any real rest, not in the morning, not during the day, and not even at night." The conscripts had to do everything. While the regular soldiers hardly had to work. "They spent four months in basic training and then were sent to the front in Karen state - one night, on their way to get washed.

UKRAINE SAYS MISSILES HIT MILITARY PLANT DEEP INSIDE RUSSIA

Ukrainian forces have carried out a missile attack deep inside Russia, hitting a major military plant overnight, President Volodymyr Zelensky has said. He said FP-5 Flamingo cruise missiles struck the drone and missile plant in the city of Cheboksary, in the Chuvash Republic, more than 900km (560 miles) from the front line. Local officials said three people were injured in a missile attack on the city. Ukraine also said it had hit the Moscow-occupied port of Mariupol on the Sea of Azov, a Russian oil refinery in Samara and a "shadow fleet" oil tanker in the Black Sea. In recent months, Ukraine's military has intensified its drone strikes on key facilities across Russia. Kyiv says energy sites are legitimate targets, as they allow Moscow to continue its



war effort. However, missile attacks deep inside Russia have been rare. Russia's military said that its air defence units had intercepted or shot down 326 Ukrainian drones over a number of regions overnight. Meanwhile, Ukraine's air force said it downed 181 out of 207 drones fired by Russia during that time. It also admitted 21 direct hits in 14 locations. At least two people were killed and 26

injured, including two children, in four Ukrainian regions in the past 24 hours, local officials said. In a post on Telegram on Wednesday, President Zelensky wrote: "Overnight, Ukrainian FP-5 Flamingos hit a military plant in Cheboksary that supplies the occupier's army with components for drones and missiles". He also published footage said to be showing a missile flying toward its target and plumes of smoke from a facility. Ukraine's military later said the VNIIR-Progress plant had been struck and there had been a fire at the site. Chuvash Republic head Oleg Nikolaeiev confirmed that Cheboksary had been hit, reporting three injuries. He did not say whether the military plant was damaged. The FP-5 Flamingo missile has a 1,150kg (2,535lbs) warhead and a reported range of 3,000km, putting Russia's capital Moscow and other major cities well within its range. Together with its Western allies, Ukraine has also been actively developing other types of missiles in order to maximise the costs of Russia's invasion and force Moscow to seek a settlement. Russian President Vladimir Putin has so far rejected all negotiation proposals.

PAKISTAN LAUNCHES DEADLY AIR STRIKES IN AFGHANISTAN, REIGNITING TENSIONS

Pakistan has launched deadly air strikes along its border with Afghanistan, breaking months of relative calm in the restive region. Information Minister Attaullah Tarar said 26 militants had been killed in "calibrated strikes" on four targets. Afghanistan's Taliban government said 13 people, mostly children, were killed in Pakistani strikes in three provinces. Pakistan has long accused Afghanistan of harbouring terrorists who carry out attacks on its soil, a claim the Taliban government rejects. In February, clashes between the two countries left dozens of people dead. In March a Pakistani



strike on a drug rehabilitation centre in Kabul killed hundreds. The two countries had agreed a ceasefire last October following weeks of deadly clashes. Tarar said Wednesday's strikes had been a response to "recent terrorist incidents in Pakistan" and had

targeted "hideouts and safe havens" near the border, including a training centre and an ammunition cache. The bombardment came a day after an attack on security forces near Peshawar, in which the Pakistani government said at least six officers were killed.

"Pakistan has always strived for maintaining peace and stability in the region, but at the same time the safety and security of our citizens remains our top priority," Tarar said. Earlier Taliban government spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said that 11 children, one woman and one elderly man had been killed in Pakistani strikes in the provinces of Kunar, Khost and Paktika. He also said that 14 women and children were injured in the Pakistani bombing. Afghanistan has repeatedly said its territory is not being used to threaten other countries.

FIRST CHARGES LAID OVER DEADLY HONG KONG FIRE



Hong Kong authorities have laid their first charges over the devastating fire at the Wang Fuk housing complex last November. Two companies and seven people were handed a total of 25 charges, including manslaughter, conspiracy to defraud, attempting to pervert the course of public justice, and tax evasion. The blaze, which killed 168 people, was the deadliest fire the city had seen in more than 70 years. Authorities said they had charged the project consultancy firm and the main contractor tasked with delivering renovations, as well as individuals from both companies. Structural engineering consultancy firm Will Power Architects and contractor Prestige Construction and Engineering have both been charged with manslaughter. A director of Prestige, 52-year-old Ho Kin-yip, was also charged with manslaughter, along with a director of Will Power, 40-year-old Wong Hap-yin, and the firm's reg-

istered inspector, 44-year-old Ng Yeuk. Having been first arrested soon after the fire, all three were denied bail on Wednesday. An independent committee investigating the fire has identified several critical breaches that led to the massive blaze, which also left thousands of people homeless. Among other things, fire alarms in seven of the eight residential blocks were deactivated while windows were boarded up with flammable foam boards. "On the day of the fire, nearly all fire safety systems meant to protect lives failed because of human factors," the committee's lead lawyer Victor Dawes told a public inquiry earlier this year. Some residents had also said that constructions workers had been littering cigarette butts throughout the site while they were still lit. The three men also face corruption charges laid by Hong Kong's anti-graft watchdog alongside four others - including Wong's wife and his friend.



Israeli strikes in southern Lebanon kill 17

Texas teen sentenced to 35 years for killing fellow student at athletics event

A Texas teenager accused of fatally stabbing one of his peers at a high school athletics event in the Dallas area was found guilty by a jury on Tuesday. The racially polarising trial of Karmelo Anthony over the April 2025 death of Austin Metcalf drew national attention, sparking a debate about self-defence and school safety. Both were 17 at the time of the incident. Prosecutors argued that Anthony threatened Metcalf before he intentionally killed him, while defence lawyers argued that Anthony was acting in self-defence. Anthony was sentenced to 35 years in prison. The young men were at a secondary school track meet when the incident happened. Metcalf's death was

the result of a dispute that escalated between the two rival secondary schools, according to police reports. Though Anthony was 17 at the time of the murder on 2 April 2025, under Texas law, he was able to be charged as an adult. The death penalty was not considered, as Anthony was a minor at the time of Metcalf's death. Throughout the trial, prosecutors called nearly two dozen witnesses, concentrating their evidence on eye-witness testimonies. One of the most emotional testimonies came from Collin County Chief Medical Examiner Dr Elizabeth Ventura, who described a large, gaping wound in Metcalf's chest and said the knife had pierced his heart.

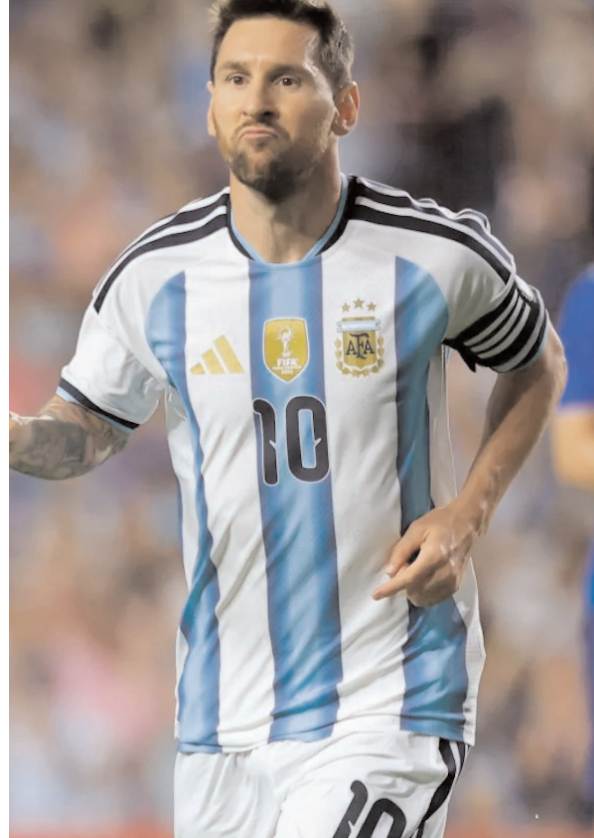


FRESH CONTROVERSY HITS FIFA WORLD CUP 2026, LIONEL MESSI AND ARGENTINA'S PASSPORT DATA LEAKED

Lionel Messi, and his Argentina teammates at the FIFA World Cup 2026, were victims of a major data breach at the FIFA World Cup. News agency Reuters stated in a report that a security oversight leaked the passport details of every player in the Argentina squad for Tuesday's pre-World Cup warm-up friendly against Iceland, including Lionel Messi. The passport numbers, listed on the official team sheet, should have been blurred before being released to the media and the public. But in Alabama's Jordan-Hare Stadium, they were circulated without redaction. However, Iceland players' passport numbers were not revealed as they did not submit their passport numbers in the team sheet. Reuters has contacted the Argentinian Football Federation and FIFA for comment. Other controversies in the FIFA World Cup

This marks the latest in the list of controversies to hit the FIFA World Cup. A video alleging Senegal players being subjected to excessive security checks at a US airport ahead of the FIFA World Cup 2026 has raised a storm. The team, which has superstars like Sadio Mane and Kalidou Koulibaly, was allegedly videographed getting checked by security with metal detectors on the airport tarmac in San Antonio after getting off a flight. Several social media users claimed that other teams like Spain were not subjected to such intensive checks, that too right on the tarmac. Some alleged even Uzbekistan was meted out with the same treatment in New York. A World Cup referee from Somalia who was denied entry to the United States was received by a crowd of supporters and officials Wednesday as he arrived home in the capital of

Mogadishu, where he said he plans to be at the next World Cup and urged Somali youth to be proud of their country. Omar Artan was set to be the first referee from Somalia to officiate at a World Cup after making FIFA's final list for the tournament. He is one of Africa's top referees and was named the continent's best male referee in 2025. He was denied entry at Miami International Airport on Saturday over "vetting concerns," U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement, without giving details of the concerns. FIFA subsequently cut him from the tournament's referee list. Artan was issued a visa to travel to the U.S. last week, according to the Somalia Embassy in Kenya, which processed it. The U.S. is co-hosting with Mexico and Canada, and Artan was due to meet up with other World Cup referees at their training base in Miami.



Shubman Gill Now Highest Ranked Indian Test Batter, Displaces Yashasvi Jaiswal

Shubman Gill is now the highest-ranked Indian in ICC Test rankings. The India captain climbed two places to eighth spot after hitting a century in the recent one-off clash against Afghanistan, which the side won by an innings and 300 runs. He is currently ranked eighth, one place above compatriot Yashasvi Jaiswal. Overall, England batter Harry Brook leapfrogged teammate Joe Root to reclaim the No. 1 spot in the ICC Test rankings. His 56 was one of only two scores above fifty in the match, which was enough to push Root down to third spot after the senior batter managed just one and eight, with Australia's Travis Head climbing to second spot. Brook had first risen to the top spot in December 2024 and now regains the position ahead of the second Test starting at The Oval on June 17. Gill, meanwhile, moved up to eighth spot after making 126 against Afghanistan in New Chandigarh. The England trio of Ben Duckett (up three places to 15th),



Jamie Smith (up five spots to equal 23rd) and Glenn Phillips (up 15 places to 40th) also made progress in the batters' rankings. In the bowling chart, England pacer Gus Atkinson gained seven slots to break into the top 10 Test bowlers at tenth spot, while moving to sixth spot among all-rounders. New Zealand's Kyle Jamieson (22nd) and Ollie Robinson (23rd) have re-entered the rankings, while Kiwi pacer Nathan Smith jumped 16 places to 43rd. In ODIs, wrist spinner Abrar

Ahmed rose two places to second among bowlers after claiming six wickets in Pakistan's series win over Australia. Shaheen Afridi climbed four spots to ninth with seven scalps. Australia's Nathan Ellis improved 13 places to 31st, while Bangladesh's Nahid Rana surged 23 slots to 24th. Sri Lanka's Kusal Mendis (12th) and Janith Liyanage (22nd) made gains among ODI batters, alongside Bangladesh left-hander Tanzid Hasan, who moved up seven places to 33rd.

Gautam Gambhir Bypassed As 'India Seniors' Knock BCCI's Door Over ODI Future: Report

As Team India's preparations for next year's ODI World Cup begin with the 50-over assignment against Afghanistan, there are plenty of wrinkles that reportedly need to be ironed out. Gautam Gambhir, who has become a highly authoritative figure in Tests and T20Is, has reportedly yet to get into the same zone in ODI cricket. The constant talk around the future of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma in the format has not helped. It has now been reported that some 'senior players' in the team have bypassed Gambhir and directly sought clarity over their future for the 2027 World Cup from the top bosses in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Ever since Rohit and Kohli retired from T20Is, doubts have pre-



vailed over their status and plans for the 2027 World Cup. Many feel that Gautam Gambhir's approach and the selection committee's demands played a role in the duo's transition. During the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 season with the Royal

Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), Kohli made it crystal clear that he is not in a zone where he can be expected to 'prove himself again'. Rohit, on the other hand, seems to have taken a different approach in ODI cricket, shifting from the selfless style

he displayed in India's Champions Trophy-winning campaign. According to a report in the Times of India, the Gautam Gambhir-led team management and some of the senior players are yet to be brought onto the same page. At present, the said senior players are in direct contact with BCCI powerhouses over their future, leaving both Gambhir and selection committee chief Ajit Agarkar in a tricky situation. "With such big players in the team, Gill needs to have a stronger say in the dressing room. Gambhir hasn't got involved in the planning as intently as he has done in the other two formats. So far, he has let things take their course," a BCCI source told the paper.

Why Players At 2026 FIFA World Cup May Have To Battle More Than Their Opponents

The 2026 FIFA World Cup could be played under some of the hottest conditions in the tournament's history, with climate change increasing the risk of performance-sapping heat in nearly every match and prompting fresh warnings from health experts. A new analysis by Climate Central found that 97 of the tournament's 104 scheduled matches are now more likely to experience temperatures above 28 degree Celsius (82.4 degree Fahrenheit) - a threshold linked to declines in football performance. Researchers warn that rising heat could slow the game, alter tactics and increase health risks for players. Nearly half of all matches face at least a 50% chance of experiencing performance-impairing heat. In

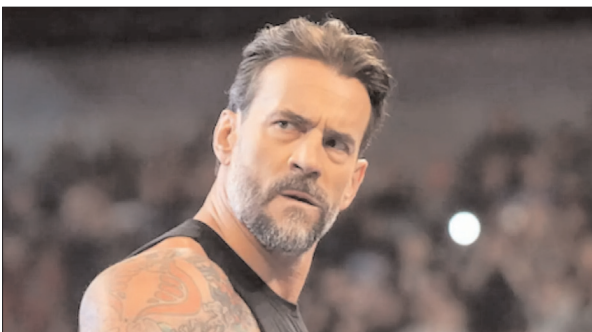


26 matches, climate change increased those odds by at least 10 percentage points. The biggest impact is expected during the June 26 group-stage clash between Uruguay and Spain in Guadalajara, where the probability of performance-affecting heat has risen to 70% - 37 percentage points

higher because of climate change, according to the analysis. Scientists say temperatures above 28 degree Celsius can reduce sprinting, total distance covered and recovery rates, affecting the speed and intensity of matches. "This analysis makes clear that rising temperatures are not only a seri-

ous health risk for players and fans, but they are also starting to affect the quality of the game itself," said Norway midfielder Morten Thorsby. "When heat impacts sprinting, recovery and overall intensity, it changes the way football is played." The findings come as health, climate and sports-performance experts intensify pressure on FIFA to strengthen heat-safety measures ahead of the tournament, which will be hosted across the United States, Mexico and Canada. An open letter signed by leading international experts argues that FIFA's current heat guidelines are inadequate and warns some host cities could exceed internationally recognised high-risk thresholds for athletic competition.

When Will CM Punk Return To WWE? 7-Time World Champion Expected Back Soon After WWE Break



CM Punk has not appeared on WWE television for weeks, and fans have been trying to figure out why one of the company's biggest stars suddenly disappeared. The timing only made the questions louder. After all, Punk had just come off one of the biggest matches of his WWE return run and was still firmly positioned near the top of the roster. A lot of theories started floating around. Some reports claimed WWE creative simply didn't have anything planned for him right now. Others wondered if there was an issue behind the scenes. But a new update suggests the explanation is much simpler than many people expected. The real reason Punk isn't appearing on WWE TV according to WrestleVotes, Punk's absence is not connected to a lack of creative plans. Instead, WWE reportedly decided to give him some time off following an extremely active stretch that has lasted for years. Speaking through Fightful's Patreon, WrestleVotes explained that Punk has been going almost non-stop, outside of injury-related

breaks, for roughly three years. After reaching the main event of WrestleMania, the feeling was that he had earned an opportunity to step away and recharge. The report also pushed back against rumors claiming WWE had nothing lined up for him. WrestleVotes stated that Punk is expected to return and immediately slot back into a major position on the card. His last WWE appearance came after a huge WrestleMania moment before taking this break. Punk was involved in one of WrestleMania 42's biggest matches. His showdown featuring Roman Reigns was viewed by many fans as one of the standout performances of the entire event. That appearance ended up being his most recent WWE outing. Since then, he has stayed away from weekly programming, which is why speculation continued building over the past several weeks. When could CM Punk return to WWE television? For now, Punk is not being advertised for Night of Champions later this month.

SHOCK HARDIK PANDYA INJURY RULES HIM OUT OF AFGHANISTAN ODIS: SOURCES

Just a day after being declared fit for the upcoming ODI series between India and Afghanistan, Hardik Pandya has been ruled out due to a fresh injury. Sources have told NDTV that Hardik suffered a quadriceps injury, which will prevent him from participating in the three ODIs against Afghanistan, starting 13 June [saved memories]. It was confirmed on Tuesday that both Hardik and Rohit Sharma had proven their fitness at the BCCI Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru and were set to be available for the three ODIs against Afghanistan. Hardik was supposed to link up with the other members of the Indian team on 11 June in Dharamsala, but fate had a twist in store. Hardik had gone through a spell of injury-driven



absence from the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 season for the Mumbai Indians, too. Hardik was set to feature in an ODI for India after more than a year, but the BCCI selection committee is now forced to name a replacement for him at the eleventh hour. Pandya is an important cog in India's white-ball setup,

given the balance he lends to the side with his pace bowling and lusty hits during the death overs. He even bowled 10 overs in a training session, proving that he was ready for the rigours of 50-over cricket. However, he has sustained another injury. READ | Hardik Pandya: Release Or Trade? It's All

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Meanwhile, former skipper Rohit was also at the CoE to assess his hamstring niggle, and he too has been given the go-ahead after an examination. Star batter Virat Kohli is already missing the series owing to a hamstring injury. Apart from Dharamsala, the rubber features games in Lucknow and Chennai on 17 June and 20 June. The Gautam Gambhir-led team management has started charting out its plans for the ODI team, keeping the 2027 World Cup in mind. Hardik undoubtedly is a vital cog in those plans, but his fitness is proving to be a roadblock. The Indian team has an optional training session at the IS Bindra Stadium before leaving for Dharamsala on Thursday.

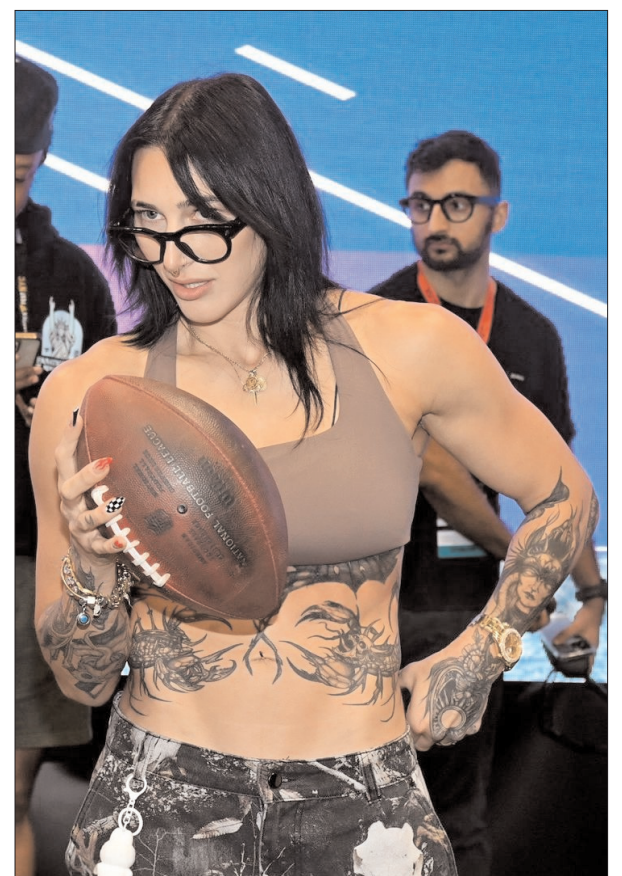


Men's Doubles Pair Of N Sriram Balaji, Miguel Angel Crashes Out Of Australia Open 2025

Men's doubles pair of N Sriram Balaji and Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela's campaign ended in Australia Open as they lost to the Portuguese pair of Nuno Borges and Francisco Cabral 7(7)-6(1), 4-6, 6-3 at Melbourne Park on Saturday. Balaji and Reyes-Varela had two opportunities to break Borges and Cabral in the second game of the opening set but could not capitalise. They also saved a break point in the 11th game while Borges and Cabral held serve in the next as the opening set went into a tie break, which Balaji and Reyes-Varela lost 7-1. In the second set, Balaji, 65th in the ATP Rankings for doubles, and Reyes-Varela bounce

back by breaking Nuno Borges and Francisco Cabral in the opening game. Balaji-Varela then saved two break points in the fourth game and consolidated their serve for the rest of the set to draw level. The final set of the match saw both pairs hold their serve until Balaji and Reyes-Varela were broken in the fourth game as Borges and Cabral took a 3-1 lead. The Portuguese pair would go on to hold their serve for the rest of the match to close out the contest after two match-point opportunities. Balaji and Reyes-Varela's ouster in the second round also ends India's men's doubles campaign at the Australian Open 2025.

"We're Close": Rhea Ripley's Ex Breaks Silence on Current Relationship



Rhea Ripley has spent the past year alongside different allies and rivals on WWE television, but one of her most entertaining off-screen friendships has often played out away from the ring. For years, Cathy Kelley and Ripley built a running joke around their so-called "relationship," appearing together in TikTok videos that regularly pulled in huge numbers and became a familiar part of WWE's online content. Things started looking a little different when Ripley's on-screen partnership with IYO SKY became a bigger

part of WWE programming. As the Women's Champion and SKY continued working together, Kelley occasionally leaned into the joke by publicly pointing out the growing distance between herself and Mami. Now, Kelley has shared where things actually stand between them. Cathy Kelley says her friendship with Rhea Ripley remains strong. During a recent appearance on INSIGHT with Chris Van Vliet, Kelley was asked about her connection with Ripley and whether anything had changed between them.

SAMANTHA'S MA INTI BANGARAM NEEDS MORE NOISE!



Samantha's Ma Inti Bangaram is scheduled for a grand release on the 19th of this month. In the meantime, there was speculation that the film would be postponed, but Samantha made it clear it would be released on time. However, the buzz around the film seems limited, partly because everyone is more inclined towards Peddi. However, with Peddi crossing major barriers, the audience would slowly shift to a different film, and Samantha must capitalize on this advantage. The film's trailer has already created a special interest among the audience. The double life Samantha leads in the film is the USP of the movie, which seems to impress fans. Samantha is also doing the action scenes in

the film and also evokes fun. Nandini Reddy teamed up with Samantha for the third time, and they are confident of the film's success. The audio single that has come out already is a chartbuster. The team needs to release more promotional content, which they seem to be taking time on. There are no other significant releases for the next week. And hence, Ma Inti Bangaram can actually make use of the space to make some noise. There is only 9 days left for the film's release and Samantha must adopt to a different kind of approach for the film's promotions. She must interact with the audiences more at different events and also give more interviews to keep the film buzzing among the audiences.

Varalaxmi Sarathkumar's Non-Cooperation Caused Huge Loss to 'Police Complaint': Director Sanjeev Megoti

The upcoming entertainer 'Police Complaint', a unique blend of horror, action, thriller, comedy, and romance, is all set for a worldwide release in Telugu and Kannada on June 12. Produced by Balakrishna Maharana under the MSK Pramida Sri Films banner and directed by Creative Director Sanjeev Megoti, the film's grand pre-release event was held at the Film Chamber in Hyderabad. Speaking on the occasion, director Sanjeev Megoti made some sensational remarks regarding actress Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, alleging that her lack of cooperation during the film's promotional campaign caused significant damage to the project. "This is the 11th film in my directorial career. I am grateful to the producers who trusted my story and vision. We completed the film in just 45 days with the participation of 52 senior artists. The story revolves around a unique concept called 'Chain Reaction of Karma.' Along with horror-thriller elements, we have blended action and emotion in equal measure. Varalaxmi Sarathkumar played a crucial role in the film, and it is one of the most memorable characters of her career. We extended



every possible support for her convenience. However, she was not properly available even for dubbing, which created difficulties for us. As per the agreement, she was expected to participate in promotional activities, but she did not attend. We requested her to spare just one hour for promotions, but she did not attend. It is painful when someone behaves this way after accepting remuneration. This has caused a huge loss to our film. Just like our movie's concept, 'Chain Reaction of Karma,' karma does not spare anyone," he said.

Actor Krishna Sai, who plays a key role in the film, said: "I consider it a blessing to have acted in a special song dedicated to Superstar Krishna. The song was magnificently shot at Film City. It is disappointing that major actors like Varalaxmi Sarathkumar and Naveen Chandra did not participate in the promotions. Even though agreements were in place, they did not cooperate. Director Sanjeev Megoti has made an excellent film, and I strongly believe it will emerge as a major success in the industry."

#NBK111: King of Chaos Makes a Thunderous Entry

Happy Birthday The King of Chaos - Nandamuri Balakrishna, Gopichand Malineni, Venkata Satish Kilaru, Vriddhi Cinemas' Epic Actioner #NBK111 Explosive Entry Of An Era Glimpse Unleashed God Of Masses Nandamuri Balakrishna and successful director Gopichand Malineni reunite for #NBK111, a film envisioned on a massive canvas. Backed by producer Venkata Satish Kilaru under the Vriddhi Cinemas banner, the project promises a potent blend of high-voltage action, gripping drama, and the trademark mass moments that fans eagerly anticipate from the star-director combination. Extending birthday wishes to Balakrishna, the makers unleashed a glimpse called Entry Of An Era. Rather than revealing story details, the glimpse of #NBK111 focuses on establishing an aura. Set against the turbulent backdrop of 1993 Bombay, the promo shows a dark and violent landscape. Into this world walks Balakrishna, carrying an intimidating blend of style, aggression, and authority. Without relying on lengthy exposition or dialogue, the teaser lets visuals do the



highlight is Balakrishna himself. Sporting a striking makeover, he looks sharp, energetic, and effortlessly commanding. The actor brings a refreshing intensity that makes the character feel both menacing and magnetic. Arvind S Kashyap's camera work lends the glimpse a rugged yet stylish texture, perfectly complementing the film's period setting.

Director Gopichand Malineni designed the film as a grand-scale action saga. Massive machines, raging fires, deadly weapons, and relentless destruction dominate the screen, creating an atmosphere charged with tension and danger. Every frame is crafted to elevate the stature of the protagonist. Balakrishna's character is described as King Of Chaos. One of the biggest

LGBT – A LEGAL BATTLE HIGHLIGHTS FIGHT FOR EQUALITY

'LGBT – A Legal Battle' is a Film that Advocates for Ending Discrimination Against Gay and Transgender People and Protecting Their Rights – Director-Producer P. Sunil Kumar Reddy Director P. Sunil Kumar Reddy, known for making films based on socially relevant themes, has directed and produced the courtroom drama "LGBT – A Legal Battle" under the Shravya Films banner, with Subhash Chakravarthi Ravada serving as co-producer. The film explores the lives and struggles of gay and transgender individuals. The movie features LB Sriram, Ester Noronha, Raju Kher, Anand Chakrapani, and Preeti Nigam in key roles, alongside real transgender actors. Hima Rathod plays the female lead, while noted activists Chandramukhi,

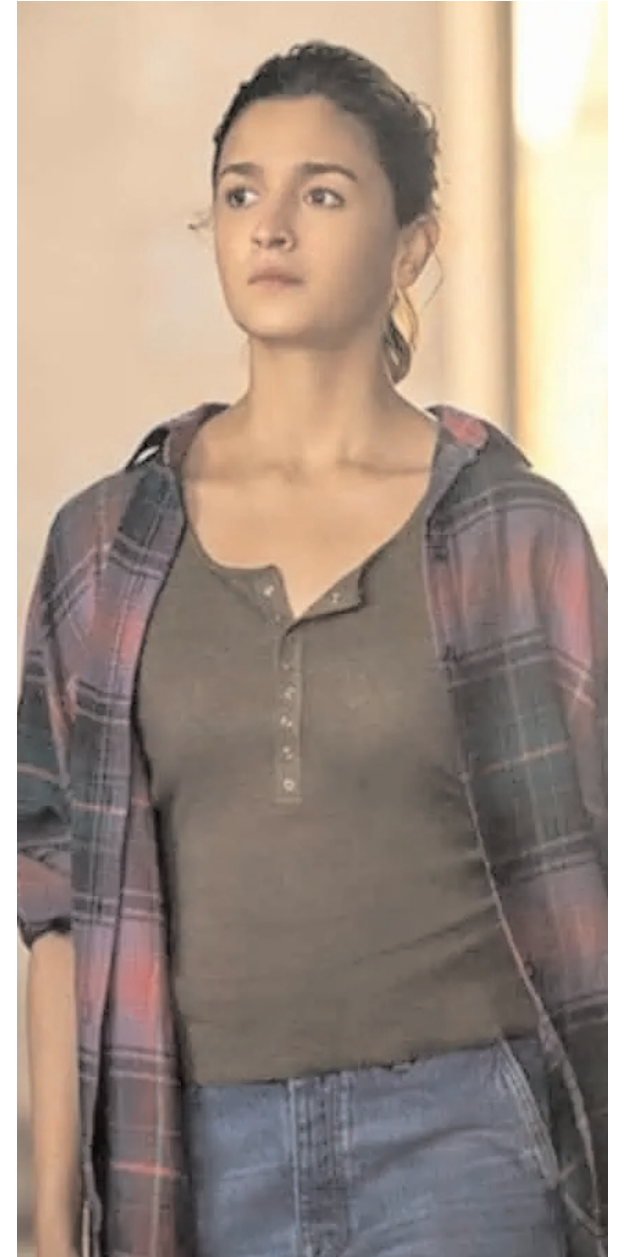


Laila, and gay rights activist Vishnu Teja have delivered mature and impactful performances. "LGBT – A Legal Battle" is scheduled for a nationwide release on the 19th of this month. The film's team interacted with the media at a press meet held in Hyderabad today. State Transgender Association President Laila said, "We

have been fighting for our rights for a very long time, but we never received a proper platform to express our concerns. We are happy that director Sunil Kumar Reddy has made a film based on our struggles. We are not professional actors, but the director portrayed us exactly as we are in real life. We essentially played ourselves in this film. We hope the movie will bring

the issues faced by the transgender community into the public spotlight." Gay Rights Activist Vishnu said, "I have been working for the rights of the gay community for nearly 12 years. In many Indian films, gay characters have often been used merely for comic relief. However, I have seen several international films that explore the issues faced by the gay community with great depth and sensitivity. In many other states, serious films about gay lives have helped change society's perception of the community. For the first time in Telugu cinema, director Sunil Kumar Reddy is making such an effort. He spent time with us, understood our lives closely, and then made this film. We hope audiences support this project and that it brings positive change to our lives."

Alia Bhatt's Assassin Origin Unveiled in Alpha Teaser



Yash Raj Films unveils the origin story of an assassin played by Alia Bhatt in Alpha teaser, theatrical release date fixed for July 3rd worldwide! Aditya Chopra's Yash Raj Films has launched the teaser of Alpha, headlined by Alia Bhatt. The asset unveils the first origin story of a young assassin, who is raised and built to kill, within the YRF Spy Universe! In the first teaser, YRF has set up the story of a killer (Alia) raised by Bobby Deol. YRF will reveal the character of other leading lady, Sharvari, soon as every

character is built out for the audience through its marketing campaign. Alpha is a true blue popcorn entertainer that is intended to be a celebration of the Alpha attitude of two girls in a never been done before action film fronted by women in cinema! Alpha is meant to feel like a ride - thrilling, emotional, funny, unpredictable and unapologetically entertaining. Directed by Shiv Rawail, Alpha is set to release worldwide, only in cinemas, on July 3, 2026. It also stars Bobby Deol and Anil Kapoor in pivotal roles!

VARALAXMI LANDS IN FRESH CONTROVERSY IN TOLLYWOOD

Varalaxmi Sarathkumar is one of the Tamil actors who rose to fame in Telugu. With a series of interesting roles, she became popular among the Telugu audiences where families also embraced her with open arms. However, she is the center of a new controversy in Tollywood. During the press meet of an upcoming Telugu film Police Complaint, the director complained that Varalaxmi is not extending her cooperation. The director alleged that the actress gined up for a remuneration of 75 lakh rupees with her staff expenses covering upto 50K per day. She also signed up for attending promotional events but has given 40 minutes only. The director claims that she skipped the promotions and is non-cooperative. He also told that the film's dubbing was delayed because of the actor who intentionally avoided in the pretext of completing her directorial. Varalaxmi has also attracted a controversy during the promotions of



her directorial Saraswathi. Sai Madhav Burra reportedly provided the story of the film and he openly tweeted that the team raped his story by

making changes and spoiling it totally. Later, Varalaxmi defended herself and tried to put an end to the issue without dragging it further.

'Sing Geetham' Release Postponed to June 12

Singeetham Srinivasa Rao-Nag Ashwin's most awaited movie 'Sing Geetham' release date changed by one day: Release on June 12th-Censorship complete-Censor Board gives clean 'U' certificate For many filmmakers, the release of a film is a final event. But for legendary director Singeetham Srinivasa Rao and creative filmmaker Nag Ashwin, it is important to ensure that every creative element they have envisioned is brought to life on screen in the best possible way. The much-awaited film 'Sing Geetham', which was initially scheduled to release on June 11, has now been postponed to June 12. The film's team revealed that this decision was taken to further improve some important CGI and visual effects work that play a key role in the story. 'Sing Geetham' is a film that explores a fantasy and supernatural world. In this, along with music, visuals also play a crucial role in the



story. With the aim of making the audience feel completely immersed in that world, the film team is allocating extra time to perfect the final output. The decision to postpone the release by one day was taken with the idea of delivering the best quality rather than rushing it into the theaters. The film has recently completed its censoring. 'Sing

Geetam' has been given a clean 'U' certificate. It will be released worldwide on June 12th to provide a wonderful experience that everyone can enjoy on the big screen with their families. Jointly produced by Vyjayanthi Movies and Swapna Cinema, the film stars Ayaan and Ahalya in the lead roles, while Shalini Kondepudi plays a key role.