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Out side view at Srikalahasti

Neutralise miscreants if found roaming with weapons in civilian areas of Manipur: CRPF DG

NEW DELHI (TSIT) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Director General G.P. Singh has asked personnel deployed in Manipur to "neutralise" miscreants roaming around in civilian areas with weapons.

Mr. Singh made the remarks during an interaction with CRPF personnel in Manipur on Saturday, according to a 6.05-minute video clip seen by The Hindu. He said that discussions were held at the highest levels in the government, and added, "It is expected that there will be a turnaround in the situation in the northeastern State in the next 1-1.5 years. More than 6,000 police weapons and thousands of rounds of ammunition were looted from armouries after ethnic violence erupted in the State on May 3, 2023. Security agencies have consistently flagged the availability of a large number of weapons with civilians as a major security challenge. In the video, the CRPF officer said that personnel need not worry about firing at miscreants and he, as a DG, would protect any "bona fide action". "If you do not fire at miscreants, why has the government given us so much arms and ammunition. I have your back. Till the time I am here, no need to worry about any (legal) action," Mr. Singh said, referring to an April 7 incident in which CRPF personnel opened fire as a mob stormed the force's camp at Gelmol, a buffer zone between Meitei and Kuki-Zo areas in Bishnupur district since 2023.

India's Ease of Doing Business reforms drive investor confidence, digital transformation

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

India's sweeping reforms in governance, regulation and digital infrastructure have significantly strengthened the country's business ecosystem, making it easier to start, operate and expand businesses while boosting investor confidence and global competitiveness.

According to a government review released on Saturday, sustained efforts to simplify regulations, reduce compliance burdens and digitise public services have transformed India's business landscape over the past decade. The reforms have helped improve transparency, efficiency and ease of access to markets, credit and government services for entrepreneurs, startups and businesses of all sizes.

The impact of these measures is reflected in India's rise in global rankings. The country improved its position in the World Bank's Doing Business Report from 142nd in 2014 to 63rd in 2019. India has also strengthened its standing in the IMD World Competitiveness Ranking, moving up from 43rd place in 2021 to 41st in 2025.

A major pillar of the reform agenda has been the promotion of entrepreneurship. Since the launch of the Startup India initiative in 2016, the number of recognised startups has surged from just 502 to over 2.23 lakh by March 2026, generating more than 23.3 lakh direct jobs. Nearly half of



these startups have at least one woman director or partner, underlining the growing inclusivity of India's startup ecosystem.

Business registration has also become significantly easier through digital platforms such as the SPICe system and MCA21 Version 3, which have streamlined company incorporation and compliance processes. For micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), the Udyam Registration Portal has enabled paperless and self-declaration-based registration, helping millions of enterprises enter the formal economy.

Property registration and land governance have undergone a digital overhaul through the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme. More than 97 per cent of cadastral maps have been digitised, while over 36 crore land parcels have been assigned a Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN), enhancing transparency and reducing disputes. The government has also

focused on reducing procedural hurdles in obtaining business permits and clearances. The National Single Window System now integrates approvals across multiple central and state departments, while the PARIVESH portal has substantially reduced the time required for environmental clearances. Market access has improved through initiatives such as the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), PM GatiShakti and advanced logistics platforms. GeM alone has recorded a cumulative transaction value of Rs 18.4 lakh crore, providing opportunities to startups, women entrepreneurs and MSMEs to participate in government procurement. On the financial front, easier access to credit has emerged as a key reform area. Schemes such as the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) and Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) have expanded formal financing to millions of businesses.

23 parties to attend INDIA bloc meeting: Jairam Ramesh

NEW DELHI (TSIT)

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Sunday said that 23 political parties have confirmed their participation in a meeting of the INDIA alliance, or INDIA Janbandhan, scheduled to be held at the Constitution Club in New Delhi on June 8. In a post on social media platform X, Ramesh said the meeting would take place at 12 noon and would bring together a broad spectrum of Opposition parties united against what they describe as the Narendra Modi government's attacks on democratic institutions, constitutional values and citizens' rights.

"23 political parties have confirmed participation in the INDIA Janbandhan meeting at Constitution Club, New Delhi on Monday June 8, 2026, at 12 noon," Ramesh said. He added that while some parties would not be able to attend the meeting, they had nevertheless communicated their opposition to the policies and actions of the BJP-led central government.

"There are some parties who have expressed their inability to attend this particular meeting for their own reasons — even though they have conveyed their strong opposition to the Modi Government's policies and actions," Ramesh said.

The Congress leader alleged that the government was "snatching away the right to



vote for millions of Indians," "assaulting the Constitution daily," and "attacking Opposition leaders through investigative agencies." He also accused the Centre of damaging livelihoods, fuelling inflation, undermining employment prospects for young people, hurting the investment climate and compromising national interests through its foreign policy.

The meeting comes amid renewed efforts by Opposition parties to strengthen coordination ahead of a series of political and electoral battles. The INDIA alliance, formed in 2023 as a coalition of Opposition parties seeking to challenge the BJP nationally, has continued to project itself as a platform committed to protecting constitutional institutions, federalism and democratic processes.

Ramesh sought to underscore the alliance's cohesion despite differences among its constituent parties, saying diversity remained its strength. "Like India, the INDIA Janbandhan continues to stand united through its diversity," he said.

Over 4K illegal immigrants sent to Bangladesh: Bengal CM

KOLKATA (TSIT):

West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari on Sunday said around 4,800 illegal immigrants have been sent to Bangladesh from holding centres set up in the state's border districts, and around 836 such people are awaiting deportation from these facilities. Adhikari asserted that illegal immigration was a big issue, and said his government has already handed over land to the BSF to erect around 100 km



of fencing, out of the 556 km required to secure the India-Bangladesh border.

The land handover is a continuous process and is necessary for the security of the country, he said, adding that securing the international boundary is the state government's priority.

"We have handed over to the BSF around 100 km stretch of land out of 556 km required for fencing, and prioritised the Chicken's Neck corridor in north Bengal," the chief minister said, while addressing a preparatory meeting for the BJP's special training camp.

LPG price hikes: Govt will pay 'political price', says Sharad Pawar; Cong's Wadettiwar slams BJP

KOLHAPUR (TSIT):

NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar on Sunday criticised the Centre over rising prices, claiming the government would pay a "political price" as frequent hikes in essential commodities were burdening the common man. People across the country were facing hardship due to inflation, the former Union minister claimed and questioned the government's stand that price rise was under control.

"The hike may have started with just two rupees, but over time the increases have kept piling up, and today we can see how far the prices have risen. All of this has a direct impact on the finances and daily lives of ordinary people," Pawar said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi had initially claimed his government would keep inflation under control, the NCP (SP) supremo said. However, it now appears that their (Centre's) idea of 'control' is to deliver these price shocks step by step, he added. "Those responsible

will have to pay a political price," he said in response to media queries on the LPG price hike. Maharashtra Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar accused the BJP of abandoning its earlier stand on price rise, and said the ruling party was no longer showing the same

concern for issues affecting ordinary people as it had done while in the opposition. In a statement, Wadettiwar said BJP leaders used to stage protests whenever cooking gas prices were increased during the UPA regime, but remained silent despite repeated hikes in fuel and LPG prices since coming to power.

"Commercial LPG cylinder prices have risen sharply over the past few months and petrol, diesel and CNG prices have also witnessed multiple revisions in recent years. Inflation was severely affecting household budgets and placing an additional burden on middle-class and economically weaker families," the Congress leader claimed.

DK Shivakumar invites JD(S) workers, calls for unity



KANAKAPURA (TSIT):

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar rolled out an open invitation to Janata Dal (Secular) party workers by saying that his doors were always open for them. "This DK Shivakumar is there for Janata Dal workers too. My door is open to you as well. You can make use of me and seek help," he said while addressing several gratitude events in his home constituency of Kanakapura. "I am ready to do good for you. God grants neither boons nor curses, but only grants opportunities. You must make use of the opportunities you receive. In the past, we had supported Anitha Kumaraswamy and Kumaraswamy in order to keep the BJP at bay. I will not discuss now what happened back then," he said.

In this constituency, everyone will be carried along together. I will not blame anyone, saying they did not support us in the Lok Sabha elections. Everyone must be treated equally. Mistakes happen, forgive that. You made me win in the Assembly elections, continue to support our people in

the same way going forward. Let us all move ahead as one. Our leaders should not harbour hatred against anyone. Pray that their hearts undergo a change," he said.

"During my difficult times, you prayed for me, made vows on my behalf, fought struggles, and even got charged with cases. Your hard work has now borne fruit. Even though it was delayed by a few days, Siddaramaiah has acted as he promised. I must act according to the party's guidance. You must enable me and Siddaramaiah, working together, to make the Congress party win in the 2028 elections and form the government," he said.

"I do not believe in discrimination based on caste or religion. As Kuvempu said, this state must be made a 'garden of peace' for all communities. I have regarded people of all communities as my brothers," he said. "Everyone must be cautious about the SIR (Special Intensive Review). If you assume your vote is secure and sit idle, the vote will be lost. Everyone must submit applications once again. If you do not submit an application.

Iran operation is not a new war: Trump

WASHINGTON (TSIT)

US President Donald Trump on Sunday defended United States' military action against Iran and rejected suggestions that he abandoned his long-standing pledge to avoid new wars, saying that preventing Tehran from obtaining a nuclear weapon was necessary to protect the United States and its allies. In an exclusive interview with NBC's Meet the Press, Trump was asked whether the conflict contradicted a campaign promise he had repeated since 2015.

"No. No," the US President replied when asked if he had broken that promise. "I had to stop a country, very powerful, very dangerous country from having a nuclear weapon



because they'd use it," he said. "I'm doing our country a service. It's America first." Trump disputed the premise that he had guaranteed the United States would never enter another conflict. "First of all, I didn't guarantee no war," he said. "I don't like these endless wars. This is not an endless war." The President said he faced a choice between main-

taining favourable economic conditions and confronting what he described as a growing nuclear threat from Iran.

"At the hottest point in the history of our country, I took Scott Howard, I took Pete, I took everybody into a room. I said, I have to do this country, this world, the Middle East, Israel, everybody a favour. You have Iran. They're going to have a nuclear weapon," he added. Trump said he had ended the Obama-era nuclear agreement with Iran and later authorised military action against Iranian nuclear facilities. "I terminated the deal," he added. "Then I sent the B two bombers in about nine, 10 months ago. And they obliterated, totally obliterated the site." The President said that military intervention had significantly reduced Iran's capabilities.

Dipke says Hindu-Muslim agenda dominates politics, jobs are main concern

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR (TSIT):

Cockroach Janta Party founder Abhijeet Dipke on Sunday (June 7, 2026) alleged that politics in the country over the last decade is centred around the Hindu-Muslim agenda, calling for a change in the government's priorities and flagging unemployment as a pressing issue. Addressing a press conference in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, a day after leading an agitation in Delhi, Mr. Dipke reiterated the demand for Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation amid the row over the alleged NEET paper leak and CBSE OSM glitches. He vowed to prepare an agenda to overhaul the education system after Pradhan's resignation. Mr.



Dipke stressed that the BJP movement cannot be compared with demonstrations that occurred in some neighbouring countries, asserting that BJP is exclusively for Gen Z and it won't be associated with any political party. "We are seeing that the country's politics has moved to the Hindu-Muslim agenda in the past 10-12 years. This issue can't provide jobs. We need to shift that focus, and the government's priorities should also change.

AP Waqf Board Achieves Major Success in UMEED Portal Registration

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: Andhra Pradesh State Waqf Board has achieved a significant milestone in the registration of Waqf properties on the UMEED Central Portal, said AP State Waqf Board Chairman Sheikh Abdul Aziz. He stated that the additional six-month deadline granted for the registration of existing Waqf properties concluded on June 6, while the portal will continue to remain open for new registrations.

The registration process initially began with 4,711 Waqf institutions as mandated by the Government of India. Despite facing several

challenges, including technical issues, server interruptions, shortage of historical records, and the collection of details relating to inter-state properties, the Board successfully completed the task through meticulous planning, continuous monitoring, and coordinated efforts.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz said that the Board achieved 100 percent registration of properties identified during the first Waqf survey and also uploaded all properties identified during the second survey and furnished by the government. Through extensive field-level verification, special training pro-

grammes, and regular review meetings, the Board exceeded its original target and successfully registered 8,681 Waqf institutions and 82,567.06 acres of Waqf properties on the UMEED Portal.

The Chairman expressed gratitude to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Minister Nara Lokesh, and Minister for Minority Welfare N.M.D. Farooq for their support, encouragement, and guidance. He noted that the achievement was made possible due to the State Government's commitment to the protection and preservation of Waqf properties. He further stated that the creation of a

comprehensive digital database of Waqf assets would provide a strong foundation for preventing encroachments, safeguarding properties, enhancing revenue generation, and ensuring transparent administration. Sheikh Abdul Aziz also congratulated the officials, staff members, District Inspector Auditors, Mutawallis, management committees, and all others who contributed to the successful completion of the registration drive. He described the achievement as a major step towards strengthening the management and protection of Waqf properties across Andhra Pradesh.

Around 2,500 participants join grand Yogandhra-2026 event at SV Zoo Park in Tirupati

Tirupati, June 7: Around 2,500 people participated in a grand Yoga event organized at SV Zoo Park in Tirupati as part of the State Government's prestigious Yogandhra-2026 programme. District officials, public representatives, youth, women, students, and yoga enthusiasts took part enthusiastically in the event conducted under the aegis of the District Tourism Department.

Addressing the gathering, Joint Collector R. Govindarao said Yoga should not be confined to a one-day event but must become a daily practice in



everyone's life. He stated that, under the guidance of the Andhra Pradesh Government, Yogandhra-2026 pro-

grammes are being conducted across the State from June 7 to June 21 in the run-up to International Yoga Day. He informed

that Yoga sessions would be organized at village secretariats, mandal, division, and district-level centres throughout the district. Special Yoga programmes are also being planned at prominent tourist destinations. As part of this initiative, the programme was held at SV Zoo Park on June 7, while another major Yoga event will take place at the historic Chandragiri Fort on June 12. He added that around 200 Master Trainers have been prepared in the district to ensure the successful implementation of the programme.

Yoga Can Help Build a Healthy Andhra Pradesh: Minister Kollu Ravindra

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: Andhra Pradesh Minister for Mines, Geology and Excise, Kollu Ravindra, emphasized that incorporating yoga into daily life can play a key role in building a healthy and prosperous Andhra Pradesh. He was speaking after participating in a mass yoga session held at Manginapudi Beach on Sunday as part of the state government's prestigious "Yogandhra-2026" campaign ahead of the 12th International Day of Yoga.

The event witnessed the participation of District Collector D.K. Balaji, APSRTC Chairman Konakalla Narayana Rao, Joint Collector M. Naveen,



public representatives, officials, and hundreds of yoga enthusiasts. Under the guidance of yoga instructors, participants performed various yoga postures and took a pledge to make yoga a part of their daily lives.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Ravindra

said yoga occupies a special place in Indian culture and has gained global recognition since June 21 was declared the International Day of Yoga following the initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He noted that yoga helps improve concentration, reduce stress, enhance physical

fitness, and prevent lifestyle-related diseases such as diabetes and hypertension.

District Collector D.K. Balaji urged people not to view yoga as a one-day event but as a lifelong practice. He described Yogandhra as one of the largest preventive health-care movements aimed at creating awareness about healthy living and reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases.

APSRTC Chairman Konakalla Narayana Rao said yoga is one of the most effective ways to prevent illnesses before they occur. He particularly encouraged senior citizens to practice yoga regularly to maintain physical and

mental well-being.

Speaking on the occasion, District Cooperative Marketing Society Chairman Bandi Ramakrishna highlighted yoga's role in promoting mental peace, self-discipline, and overall wellness. He encouraged families to adopt yoga collectively for a healthier and happier lifestyle. At the conclusion of the programme, Minister Ravindra and District Collector Balaji felicitated yoga instructors for their contribution to promoting yoga awareness. A large number of women, youth, government officials, local leaders, and yoga practitioners from across the district participated in the event.



District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar, along with District SP L. Subbarayudu, Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani, and other officials, inspected the advance arrangements for the visit of Chief Minister Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu to Tirupati district scheduled on 9th of this month**



SRI K. RAMAKRISHNA, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MK BUILDERS, VISAKHAPATNAM, DONATED RS.20 LAKH TO TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS ON SUNDAY MORNING.

Visakhapatnam Stadium Ready for APL 2026 Matches; Free Entry for Spectators



THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES, VISAKHAPATNAM: The Andhra Premier League (APL) Operations Team conducted a comprehensive inspection of the stadium today and confirmed that all arrangements are in place for the matches scheduled to be held in Visakhapatnam. Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) Chief Operating Officer Girish Dongre stated that the venue is fully prepared for the APL matches commencing on June 9, 2026. The opening match of the tournament will be played between Kakinada Kings and Simhadri Vizag Lions on June 9, 2026, at 7:30 PM. The Andhra Cricket Association has invited cricket enthusiasts and the general public to witness the tournament, announcing that entry to the stadium will be free for all spectators. Officials who participated in today's inspection included M. S. Kumar, General Manager (Game Development), ACA J. K. M. Raju, Stadium Manager, ACA and Y. Venkatesh, Media Manager, ACA, along with other ACA officials. The ACA expressed confidence that the tournament will be conducted smoothly and successfully, providing an exciting platform for cricket talent and entertainment for fans across Andhra Pradesh.

IIM Visakhapatnam Hosts International Conclave on Green Economy

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: The International Conclave on Green Economy 2026 was held at IIM Visakhapatnam under the theme "Navigating the Green Transition: Economic, Policy, and Technological Pathways." Organized by the institute's Interdisciplinary Decision Sciences and Analytics Lab (IDeAL Lab), the two-day event brought together academicians, policymakers, industry leaders, and researchers from across the world to discuss sustainable development and climate action.

Delivering the inaugural keynote address, Baisnab Charan Pradhan, India's High Commissioner to Sierra Leone, highlighted India's progress in promoting green growth through initiatives such as the International Solar Alliance and Global Biofuels Alliance. He also pointed out chal-



lenges related to energy storage and grid integration.

Prudhvitej Immadi, IAS, Chairman and Managing Director of APEPDC, spoke on opportunities and challenges in developing greener power grids. He emphasized Andhra Pradesh's vision of becoming a major green energy hub and stressed the importance of smart grids, battery storage,

and clean energy technologies. The conclave featured panel discussions on Digital Public Infrastructure for Climate Governance and Public Policy for a Just Green Transition, focusing on data-driven climate governance, green jobs, carbon markets, artificial intelligence, and sustainable economic growth.

Research abstracts on sustainability, policy, economics, and technological innovation were unveiled during the event. The conclave also included paper presentations and an industry showcase, fostering collaboration between academia, industry, and policymakers. At the valedictory session, organizers announced plans to make the conclave an annual platform for dialogue and collaboration on green economy and sustainable development.

Yoga Bridges Health and Spirituality - TTD EO



TTD Executive Officer Sri Muddada Ravichandra said that yoga helps achieve balance, peace of mind, and self-confidence. He inaugurated the "Yoga-TTD Arogyananda" program at Mahati Kalakshetram in Tirupati on Sunday as part of the preparations for International Yoga Day on June 21. The

EO encouraged all TTD employees to participate in daily yoga sessions from June 7 to 21, stating that regular practice improves both physical and mental well-being. Additional EO Sri C.H. Venkaiah Chowdary said yoga is the best solution for stress management and helps develop concentration, emotional stability, and inner strength. JEO Dr. A. Sarath described yoga as a pathway to spiritual growth and said TTD is organizing yoga awareness programs, competitions, and special events leading up to International Yoga Day. Earlier, TTD employees, students, staff, and Srivari Sevaks participated in yoga sessions and a rally.

AP's 108 Ambulance Services Provide Lifesaving Care to Over 7.78 Lakh People in a Year

THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES, VISAKHAPATNAM: The Andhra Pradesh Alliance Government, in partnership with Bhavya Health Care, has significantly strengthened the 108 Emergency Ambulance Services through advanced technology and faster response systems, ensuring timely medical assistance during the critical "Golden Hour." Between June 2025 and May 2026, the 108 network responded to 7,78,799 emergency cases across the state. These included 1,13,764 road accident victims and 1,05,786 maternity-related emergencies, highlighting the service's crucial role in saving lives and supporting maternal



healthcare. The ambulance fleet handled 2,53,022 Inter-Facility Transfer (IFT) cases and 5,25,777 direct emergency responses, providing rapid medical care in both urban and rural areas. Other major

emergencies attended included respiratory distress, cardiac emergencies, trauma cases, strokes, seizures, poisoning incidents, and neonatal emergencies. Equipped with GPS-enabled

Advanced Life Support (ALS) systems, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), and real-time communication technology, the ambulances enable Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to provide immediate treatment and coordinate with hospitals while transporting patients.

Bhavya Health Care officials said the objective is to ensure that every citizen, including those in remote areas, has access to reliable and world-class emergency medical services. The upgraded 108 network continues to earn public appreciation for its round-the-clock lifesaving support across Andhra Pradesh.

The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA), one of the most important major ports on India's eastern coast, has emerged as a key hub for economic development and the expansion of international trade. With its naturally deep harbor, modern infrastructure, efficient administration, and commitment to social responsibility, Visakhapatnam Port has earned recognition as one of the country's leading ports.

Established in 1933, the port currently serves as a major gateway for the import and export of commodities such as iron ore, coal, crude oil, petroleum products, fertilizers, alumina, and container cargo. Its strong connectivity to major railway networks and national highways enables the smooth and efficient movement of goods across the country.

In the financial year 2025-26, Visakhapatnam Port achieved a historic milestone by handling a record 91.17 million met-



ric tonnes of cargo, the highest in its history. The port also crossed the 80-million-tonne cargo mark in just 327 days, setting another significant benchmark. Its efficiency in cargo handling, digital services, and reduced vessel turnaround time has earned it appreciation at the national level.

At present, Jasmeet Singh Bindra serves as the Chairman of the Port Authority. Under his leadership, the port is focusing on modernization, enhancement of cargo-handling capacity, and attracting invest-

ments. With a target of handling 100 million tonnes of cargo in the near future, the port is implementing plans to evolve into a Smart Port, Green Port, and a major multimodal logistics hub. As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, Visakhapatnam Port Authority is actively involved in the fields of education, healthcare, drinking water, women's empowerment, and environmental protection. Through the development of government schools, medical camps, drinking water facilities,

skill development programs, and tree plantation drives, the port has positively impacted thousands of lives.

In the area of environmental conservation, the Port Authority is implementing major dredging and beach nourishment projects to protect Visakhapatnam's coastline from sea erosion. It is also giving priority to pollution control measures, the use of green energy, and programs aimed at increasing green cover.

Providing direct and indirect employment opportunities to lakhs of people, Visakhapatnam Port Authority continues to be a driving force behind the industrial growth of Andhra Pradesh and the expansion of India's foreign trade. With record cargo-handling performance, state-of-the-art facilities, and impactful community service initiatives, Visakhapatnam Port is steadily strengthening its position as one of the most significant maritime trade gateways in the country.

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MLA Gurajala Jagan Mohan urges daily Yoga practice at Chittoor Yoga Andhra Rally



Chittoor, June 7: A Yoga Andhra Awareness Rally was held in Chittoor on Sunday as part of the run-up to International Yoga Day on June 21. The rally, organized from the Chittoor Municipal Corporation office to Gandhi Circle, saw active participation from officials, youth, women, and students.

Medical and Health Department, with thematic sessions planned at tourist locations like Kanipakam and Puligund. Addressing the gathering, MLA Gurajala Jagan Mohan urged everyone to make Yoga a daily habit. He called upon citizens, youth, women, and students to participate actively to transform Chittoor into "Arogya Chittoor - Yoga Chittoor", citing the healthy lifestyles of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nara

Chandrababu Naidu as examples. The event was attended by prominent officials, including DFO Subbaraju, Non-Cadre SP S.R. Rajashekhar Raju, Commissioner P. Narasimha Prasad, DMHO Naga Sashi Bhushan Reddy, Chuda Chairperson Kathari Hemalatha, MHO Dr. Lokesh, Former Mayor Amud, Rajesh Kumar Reddy, Athuri Srinivasulu, Nares, along with municipal officials, women, and coalition party leaders.

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AP's 108 ambulance service responds to 7.78 lakh emergency calls in a year

Vijayawada (TSIT): Andhra Pradesh's 108 Ambulance Emergency Service responded to 7,78,799 emergency calls between June 2025 and May 2026, providing critical medical assistance to accident victims,

pregnant women and patients suffering from life-threatening conditions, according to a release issued on Sunday. Operated in partnership with Bhavya Health Care, the service stabilized

1,13,764 road accident victims and transported 1,05,786 pregnant women to healthcare facilities during the period. The release said emergency service teams also handled 97,118 cases of respiratory distress, 45,951

cardiac emergencies, 40,553 cases of unconsciousness, 34,532 abdominal pain cases, 32,856 poisoning incidents, 29,485 seizure episodes, 20,278 stroke cases and 14,007 neonatal emergencies.

AP: RPF intensifies fire safety enforcement drives



Vijayawada, June 7 (UNI) Vijayawada Division of South Coast Railway, continues to prioritize passenger safety and protection of railway property through sustained enforcement drives against smoking and carrying of inflammable materials. During the drive, 8 persons were apprehended for violations under Section 167 of the Railways Act. Out of these, 5 cases were detected onboard trains, including Train Nos. 1720 (Seshadri Express), 12709 (Simhapuri Express), 12077 (Jan Shatabdi Express), and 12660 (Gurudev Express).

As part of regular vigilance measures, the Railway Protection Force (RPF), Vijayawada Division, has been conducting consistent drives to curb unsafe practices that may lead to fire hazards. These enforcement drives are aimed at preventing fire hazards, discouraging unsafe behaviour, and ensuring a safe and secure travel environment for passengers.

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Kakinada Joint Collector flags off Yogandhra-2026 rally

Kakinada: Ahead of the International Yoga Day on June 21, Joint Collector Apurva Bharat flagged off the Yogandhra-2026 rally here on Sunday. He called upon the people to perform Yoga making it a daily habit for keeping good health and developing a society with awakening. The rally which started at the Collectorate passed through main streets

AP: Two drown in river Penna, bodies fished out

Kadapa (TSIT) Two persons drowned in the river Penna in Veparala village in Mylavaram mandal on Sunday. Police said that members of a family went to the river for recreation purpose. Two of them ventured into the river for a bath. However, they seem to have drifted into deeper waters with strong currents and could not swim ashore. Their bodies were later retrieved. The deceased were identified as Kalyan Kumar (25) and his maternal aunt Vengamma (45). The police registered a case and shifted the bodies to the GGH for postmortem.

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POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY. Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, the authorized officer issued a demand notice on the dates noted against each account mentioned hereinafter, calling them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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POONAWALLA FINCORP LIMITED

E-Auction Sale notice for sale of secured immovable asset under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") read with provision to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Co-Borrower(s) that the under mentioned properties mortgaged to Poonawalla FinCorp Ltd, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Poonawalla FinCorp Ltd, under Section 14 of the Act, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" "AS IS WHAT IS" AND "WHATEVER THERE IS" on 25.06.2026 for recovery of Rs. 6,03,73,129/- (Rupees Six Crores Three Lacs Seventy Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine only) dues payable to Poonawalla FinCorp Ltd from the Borrower/Co-borrowers) the details where are mentioned below:

Table with 4 columns: 1. Name of Borrowers/Co-Borrowers, 2. Demand Notice, 3. Total Dues + Interest from, 4. Description of Property & Nature of Property, 5. Date & Time of E-Auction by way of private treaty, 6. Last Date of Submission of EMD (Earnest Money Deposit), 7. Date and time of Inspection of Property, 8. Reserve Price (In lakhs), 9. EMD Amount (In lakhs), 10. Date and time of E-Auction.

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EDITORIAL

Remembering Roy David

"Born in an unjust society, we shall not die in it, until we change it." This tagline of the Coorg Organisation for Rural Development (CORD) captures the core conviction that shaped the life of its founder and director, Vijayasingh Ronald David, known to many as Roy David. The people he stood alongside over decades of grassroots activism and mobilisation saw how this principle animated everything he did. While I only had the opportunity to know him during the last two years of his life, as a young researcher I learnt much from him, his stories and his endless commitment to social change. For me, he was Roy sir. On May 16, many of us were devastated by the news of his sudden passing, caused by a cardiac arrest while he was driving home from Bangalore to Kushalnagara. He was 71. I first met him in 2024, while doing research around Karnataka's Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. Several people had told me to know the history of this place, you must go see David. After our initial interaction, I remember feeling unsure whether I would hear more from him. To my surprise, over the following months, we ended up spending several weeks together. He went from constantly reprimanding me during these visits, to convincing me - with big grins and offers of fish fry and boiled rice from the shop next door - to stay a few more days. Then he would stare intently at his phone as if his hearing had suddenly declined while I murmured complaints. I always ended up staying, and he would hand me a pile of papers or a messy folder on his old laptop to sort through. On the day of our scheduled first meeting, I had reached Kushalnagara several hours late. He was still waiting in the CORD office attached to his house. The room had a faint musty smell. The bookcases were crammed with papers, binders and framed certificates. The papers spilled over to his desk. Behind it sat David, peering at me through his glasses. He wore a long-sleeve shirt, hair and beard dyed jet black, his tall stature evident even while seated. One hand rested against his stomach. I had heard the stories - he lost full function of the hand after surviving an attack instigated by landlords in Mangalore in the 1970s; he had been demanding land rights for tenant cultivators. He began to ask me questions, probing my motivation for visiting him. Dissatisfied, he listed all the ways in which academics had neglected this region. "If you are here just to get information for yourself, I won't talk to you. If someone wants to work for the people, contribute, then I have time," David said. He shuffled across the room to hand me pamphlets as he spoke, stopping occasionally to cough. The slowness in his movements revealed as much about the 45 years he had dedicated to the Adivasi-led peoples' struggle around Nagarahole as his narrative did. "Anyway, what knowledge I have, I will share. Information must be shared, not held too close to the heart, hmmm". David founded CORD in 1981. By 1984, the organisation began to focus entirely on the concerns of forest-dwelling communities in Kodagu and Mysore districts. He began by working alongside Soliga Adivasis in Periyapatna in their effort to organise their community and demand nutritious food and education for their children. They eventually started an informal school in one of the villages and enrolled 45 children in a nearby government school.

Anti-Muslim Politics Has Become Central to the Modi Era

Having been born and brought up in a Namboodiri landlord family in Kerala's only Muslim majority district before independence, this author has seen how, as part of untouchability, Kerala also had 'unapproachability'. For those practicing this casteist norm, an Ezhava, part of other backward classes (OBC), must be kept off 30 feet lest the 'upper' caste person get 'polluted'. For Dalits, the rule was 60 feet, and for unassimilated tribals, 100 feet. The feudal system had ruthlessly imposed these social mores before the birth of the Indian constitution. Curiously, there was no such restriction for Muslims and Christians; they could approach an 'upper' caste Hindu without the latter fearing getting 'polluted' by them. I bring this up only to underline a curious aspect of the Kerala psyche. It was casteist towards Hindus but could be 'syncretic' towards others. Vavar, a Muslim associate of the Sabarimala deity, has a mosque near the temple and Hindus make it a point to visit it. The 14th century Koratti Muthi church was uniquely constructed on land gifted by the local Raja. It retains many Hindu features. There are several more such cases. For those coming from a pluralistic background, it is agonising to find the mindless ghettoisation being pursued by the Modi-Shah duo as a well thought out political strategy during the past 11 years. Communal 'othering' is the chief instrument in their toolkit to create and maintain an assured vote bank. Before Modi, the BJP could not come to power without the support of the minority groups. "The BJP believes that Indian Muslims are an integral part of the nation," the party had said in a 2005 political resolution, adding: "However, since Independence, the Congress has viewed Muslims purely as a vote-bank. In the process, their pressing issues such as modern education, living conditions, livelihood and women's rights have been glossed over. The BJP reiterates its principle of justice for all and appeasement of none. The party will always remain committed to this." "I wanted the Hinduism of Vivekananda, not the



one based on 'narrow-mindedness,'" Atal Bihari Vajpayee had once said in a taped speech in 2002. One may debate the sincerity and meaning of those words but the language of the BJP today is markedly different. Indeed, the Modi regime has been openly using Hindu-Muslim conflict as its winning strategy. That is the crucial difference between the two approaches: Modi and the previous BJP leadership. Consider the Modi-Shah regime's single-minded efforts at saffronisation of history textbooks, elimination of opposition voters, imposition of Hindi, Nazi-style detention camps along borders, mandating the singing of Vande Mataram in Bengal's madrasas, media control, concentration of powers through rule changes. The list is rather long. All this leads to political, administrative and judicial manipulation. The Modi-Shah regime seems to have no 'illusion' about Muslim support for the BJP. For instance, 38% of Assam's population is Muslim, but there is none among the 102 new BJP MLAs in

the Himanta Sarma government. On the contrary, of the 19 Congress MLAs in the assembly, 18 are Muslim. In the past five years, the Modi government did not have a single Muslim minister or MP. This is deliberate ghettoisation, keeping a whole section of the polity outside of politics. Political observers also fear that the Modi-Shah regime intends to introduce some kind of separate electorate for the minorities. Such administrative measures get prompt support from the Hindutva groups at the ground level. For instance, every religious festival, Hindu or Muslim, is an occasion for heightening communal tension: Muharram, Id, Diwali, temple festivals and processions like Kawadias are used for creating communal tension. When the dates of festivals clash, it is all the more delightful for hate mongers. The VHP and other Hindutva groups take objection to Muslim artisans preparing the kits and costumes for kawariyas. The Supreme Court had to intervene when some BJP

governments ordered a ban on Muslims traders setting up shops along the route. Uttar Pradesh chief minister Adityanath, the most virulent anti-Muslim chief minister, recently warned Muslims against holding namaz in public places. When reminded there was hardly any place available to accommodate all of them, he advised them to control their population. His latest drive has been to shut Varanasi's decade old Eid-eve goat market. In Kolkata, Amit Shah's newly captured region, fresh curbs were imposed on Eid namaz this year. The venue was shifted and no public slaughter of animals allowed. In Maharashtra, 'pig worship' and a ban on goat sacrifice have been the highlights of pre-Eid harassment this year. Pig worship by Hindutva ardents in Muslim areas was reported from Mumbai, Delhi and West Bengal. The BMC also revoked permission granted for goat sacrifice. Goats were removed from residential areas in Thane

and a housing society cluster in Mumbai. A favourable high court judgment was used by Hindutva hardliners on the basis of a revised report by the ASI - a government department - on the Bhojshala dispute. The next in the firing line is the Kasmandi dispute. Earlier this year, the BJP's Andhra Pradesh ally Chandrababu Naidu had announced cash incentives for couples having third and fourth child. This was to raise the state's population. Later, the VHP urged Naidu to confine the incentive to Hindu parents, not Muslims. With almost the entire domestic media toeing Amit Shah's blackout dictum, it will be rewarding to have a look at the much maligned foreign media. And most of them provide what our domestic media try to hide from the readers. In a lengthy piece with on-the-spot details, The New Yorker concluded that a "populist Prime Minister has legitimized India's more militant groups". Clearly, targeted attacks on minorities are on the rise, it found giving details.

The Most Dangerous Thing About Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Isn't Really His Age

Some batters have great technique; others have extraordinary power. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi sits in the intersection of technique and power because he seems to have more time than everyone else to play a ball. By the time the ball leaves the bowler's hand, it almost feels like he already knows what he's going to do. While everyone else is still reacting, he's locked onto the ball, perfectly balanced, and his hands seem to find the right position without any hesitation. Every movement unfolds with the natural progression of Beethoven's symphony. The best batters in the world are often defined by this tiny ability to pick up tiny clues before anyone else does, process information faster and turn them into a decisive advantage. It's a rare combination of vision, anticipation, timing, and instinct-traits that defy simple explanation. Beyond all the runs, records, and accolades, what separates him is an almost uncanny understanding of the game as it unfolds. The kind of instinct that suggests he is not merely playing the game, but reading the bowler like a mentalist. His efforts and his approach have earned him a ticket to UK this summer for T20s against England, Ireland, as well as in the Asian Games Team. Sooryavanshi thereby becomes the youngest Indian, even younger than Sachin Tendulkar, to be inducted into the Indian Cricket Team.



IPL, Shah Rukh Khan, the celebrated owner of Kolkata Knight Riders and Bollywood Badshah, had told NDTV, "I am the USP of IPL." Enter the next-generation software-installed humanoid called Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, the Bollywood superstar would perhaps agree that the USP of IPL has now shifted. Jos Buttler, in fact, said, "Sooryavanshi was the IPL this year". Nineteen seasons of IPL, the single biggest brand to emerge out of Bihar. The most revealing thing about him is his unhurried approach.

The Boy Who Has Extra Time
The ball leaves the bowler's hand at the same speed it does for everyone else, yet Sooryavanshi often appears to inhabit a different zone. There is an extra beat before he commits. An extra fraction of a second before the bat comes down. An extra layer of

information being processed. Remember when he took down Pat Cummins for three successive sixes? The best batters do not simply react, they read the situation. And Vaibhav Sooryavanshi appears to read cricket in a language few others can speak. His father, Sanjeev Sooryavanshi, says, "Whenever he played, older boys would call him a kid. If I told him a particular bowler was the opposition's biggest bowler, he would target that bowler. Vaibhav would say, 'Papa, if I hit him for a six, the other bowlers won't dominate me.'" That has always been his strategy. He wants people to know him for his cricket, not judge him by his age. "That is why many international coaches who have watched him closely rarely begin with his age - they begin with perception. One international coach who observed him during his developmental years described elite batting as existing at the intersection of

vision, timing, balance and instinct. Great players, he argued, seem to receive information from the ball that others do not. In that framework, Sooryavanshi is not merely a talented batter. He is the point of intersection. The easiest mistake to make with a player this young is to focus entirely on the extraordinary acceleration of his career. A Ranji Trophy debut at 12. India Under-19 selection at 13. A hundred against Australia Under-19 in Chennai that left franchise scouts scrambling for reports and phone numbers. An IPL auction became a bidding war. The chronology of events that had unfolded up until this point made experienced coaches, scouts and talent evaluators speak about him with unusual conviction.

That Boy From Tajpur
Former Bihar cricketer and Rajasthan Royals scout Samar Qadri remembers hearing whispers about a boy from Tajpur in Samastipur long before the wider cricketing world discovered him. In a local match in Patna, Qadri, who is a leg spinner bowled to him and watched the teenager dismantle attacks with a confidence that felt entirely disproportionate to his age. "He told me I don't play bowlers, I play balls," Qadri recalled while speaking to NDTV. The clue to understanding this teenager is embedded in that sentence. Most young players become overwhelmed by reputation. They see international bowlers, senior professionals, established names and historical achievements.

When will the property be inspected? LUXURY MANSIONS, GROWING ASSETS AND QUESTIONS OF ACCOUNTABILITY



Whenever corruption, black money, and disproportionate assets are discussed in the country, a question repeatedly arises in the minds of ordinary citizens: when will a comprehensive and impartial investigation of assets be conducted? The luxurious mansions, expensive farmhouses, multi-story buildings, and real estate worth crores of rupees that are being built in urban sectors, posh colonies, and developed areas often leave people wondering. It's natural to wonder what sources of income these properties were built from and whether their prices are in line with the individuals' declared incomes. This question isn't directed at any particular individual, but rather at the transparency and accountability of the system. Citizens' faith in democracy remains strong only when they believe that the law is equal for all. If a person becomes wealthy through their hard work, talent, business, employment, or investments, this is a testament to their success and should be respected. However, when an unusual discrepancy is observed between a person's income and wealth, calls for investigation become natural. Acquiring wealth is not a crime, but its legality and source must be clear. This is the foundation of good governance and accountability. Today, most Indian cities have developed areas where mansions and buildings worth crores of rupees stand. Most of these assets must have been acquired



through legitimate means. There are millions of businessmen, industrialists, doctors, engineers, teachers, scientists, and entrepreneurs in the country who have achieved economic success through years of hard work and struggle. Doubting their hard work and achievements would not only be unfair but also send a negative message to society. However, it is equally true that in some cases, there is a discrepancy between the size of assets and declared income, which raises questions. An impartial investigation in such cases is a necessity of the democratic system. The common citizen's concern isn't just about wealth, but also about the inequality that exists within society. On one hand, middle-class families struggle to build a home, investing their entire life's savings, taking out bank loans and paying installments over years. On the other hand, some individuals amass immense wealth in a short period of time. When this disparity becomes so stark, questions arise. If these questions aren't answered through transparent investigation and accountability, distrust of the system grows. In any democratic society, greater trans-

parency is expected from those holding public office. Government officials, elected representatives, and those involved in the management of public resources are custodians of the public trust. Therefore, details of their income and assets should be more clear and public. If a public servant acquires assets commensurate with their legitimate income, they need not fear any investigation. Rather, such investigations can serve as a means of verifying their integrity. However, if irregularities are found, it is equally important to bring them to justice. The problem isn't limited to declared assets. Benami property also poses a significant challenge to the country. Often, the true owner registers their property in the name of a relative, employee, or acquaintance. This makes it difficult to trace the true ownership and source of the funds. The government has enacted laws to prevent benami transactions, but their effective implementation remains a challenge. The goal of financial transparency will remain unfulfilled until the true beneficiary of the property is identified. From a technological perspective, asset verification is now much easier than ever before.

West Asia crisis, oil prices to drive stock market this week

New Delhi: Stock market this week will track simmering tensions in West Asia, its impact on crude oil prices, and the trading activity of foreign investors, analysts said. The trading week may begin on a cautious note following a sharp decline in the US markets over the weekend, an expert said. Besides, progress of monsoon and inflation data announcement will also be important factors to watch out for. "This week will be driven by key inflation, and global macroeconomic data releases. In India, investors will closely track inflation data for May, scheduled for release on June 12, along with foreign exchange reserves data on the same day. "Globally, developments around the US-Iran negotiations and their implications for crude oil prices, currency movements, and overall risk sentiment will remain in focus," Ajit Mishra, SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said. US markets ended sharply lower on Friday, June 5, with the Nasdaq Composite tumbling 4.18 per cent. The S&P 500 dived 2.64 per cent and Dow Jones Industrial Average declined 1.35 per cent. "The week ahead is likely to begin on a



cautious note following a sharp decline in global markets, particularly AI-related technology stocks. On the positive side, domestic markets have some supportive factors in the form of resilient GDP growth, strength in the rupee following the RBI policy announcement, and a meaningful decline in crude oil prices," Santosh Meena, Head of Research at Swastika Investment Ltd, said. Developments on the US-Iran front remain highly fluid and continue to generate volatility in global markets, he said. "This week will also be data-heavy, with sev-

eral important macroeconomic releases from both the US and China. Among them, the US inflation data scheduled for Wednesday will be particularly critical, as it could significantly influence expectations regarding the Federal Reserve's future policy path and set the tone for global markets," Meena added. Last week, the BSE benchmark Sensex declined 532.4 points, or 0.71 per cent, and the NSE Nifty dipped 181.05 points, or 0.76 per cent. "The Nasdaq fell 4 per cent, marking its worst single-day decline since April 2025, as investors aggressively

reduced exposure to semiconductor and technology stocks. Given the significant weight of IT in Indian indices, this weakness could spill over into domestic markets and keep sentiment under pressure during the early part of the week," Hari Prasad K, Research Analyst and Founder, Livelong Wealth, said. Globally, the key event to watch will be the US CPI inflation data, he said, adding that a softer-than-expected reading could revive hopes of future Federal Reserve rate cuts and improve risk appetite across global mar-

kets. Domestic commodity markets ended the week lower, with MCX gold futures for August delivery falling Rs 5,317, or 3.3%, to Rs 1.55 lakh per 10 grams. Silver for July delivery fell Rs 18,461, or 7%, to Rs 2.48 lakh per kilogram on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX). "Gold witnessed a weak performance last week as rising crude oil prices diverted market attention away from safe-haven assets," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst, Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities, said. The rupee strengthened against the US dollar, adding further pressure on precious metals. As a result, domestic bullion underperformed than its international counterpart, with currency gains offsetting part of the support from global gold prices, he added. In the global markets, Comex gold futures shed \$27.7, or 5%, to end the week at \$4,365 per ounce, while silver fell \$6.77, or nearly 9%, to \$69.10 per ounce. Gold prices faced pressure in the overseas trade and closed the week down nearly 55, while silver, too, sold off sharply tracking a sharp corrective move in industrial metals, Mer said.

Coal stock in Singareni falls to lowest level in 10 years

Hyderabad: State-owned Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) on Saturday, June 6, said its coal stocks stood at 26.51 lakh tonne as of June 4, the lowest level recorded in the past decade. In a statement, the company said coal stocks are maintained as part of routine mining and transportation operations and are essential for ensuring uninterrupted supplies to thermal power stations, particularly during the monsoon season. According to SCCL, coal stockpiles at mines and coal handling plants averaged around 50 lakh tonne annually between 2014 and 2024. The company said stocks had touched 70 lakh tonne in 2015-16 and 74 lakh tonnes in 2016-17. SCCL said thermal power stations require a minimum reserve of around 30 lakh tonne, sufficient for about 15 days, to ensure uninterrupted electricity generation during periods when production or transportation may be affected. Site-visit norm introduced after contract disruptions The company also clarified that the site-visit certificate requirement for overburden removal tenders was introduced to ensure contractors fully understand local mining, geographical



and logistical conditions before bidding for projects. According to SCCL, some contractors in the past had either slowed down or abandoned projects midway after underestimating local conditions, affecting coal production targets and leading to financial and legal complications. It cited instances in the Srirampur OC-2 and IK Open Cast projects where contractors allegedly failed to properly assess site conditions, resulting in disruptions to overburden removal works. The site-visit certificate requirement was introduced in May 2025 and is intended to help bidders assess project conditions, safety requirements and work scope before quoting rates, SCCL said. The com-

pany added that similar provisions are followed by several public and private sector organisations, including mining and infrastructure companies, and that tenders awarded after the introduction of the rule have progressed without major issues. ACB probe into medical board continues SCCL also said an Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) investigation into alleged irregularities involving medical boards was continuing following complaints from both affected persons and the management. The company noted that two persons have already been arrested in connection with the case and said the probe was being conducted by the ACB.

Conscious Indulgence: Fairmont Jaipur Introduces Green Kitchen

Jaipur, June 2026: Fairmont Jaipur marked the introduction of Green Kitchen, its dedicated pure-vegetarian culinary initiative, with an exclusive seated dinner at the hotel's signature rooftop venue. The intimate evening brought together tastemakers, industry leaders and distinguished guests all under one roof. The guests were presented with a refined approach to vegetarian dining rooted in authenticity, cultural sensitivity and culinary excellence. Nestled amidst the majestic Aravalli hills, the gathering offered guests an opportunity to experience hotel's evolving culinary philosophy through a refined and immersive dining journey. A thoughtfully curated menu brought the philosophy of Green Kitchen to life, celebrating authenticity, balance and refined vegetarian cuisine through every course. Green Kitchen- conceptualised with deep cultural sensitivity and culinary precision reflects Fairmont Jaipur's commitment to



mindful hospitality, the hotel has eliminated refined oils across its kitchens. Following a comprehensive review of cooking methods and menu offerings, clarified butter (desi ghee) and mustard oil are now used for Indian cuisine, while olive oil and cold-pressed canola oil are used for Western and global preparations. This transition reflects a conscious move towards more wholesome and nutrient-rich cooking practices. Rajat Sethi, Cluster General Manager, Fairmont and Raffles Jaipur, said: "The introduction of Green Kitchen reflects our commitment to thoughtful hospitality and evolving guest preferences. Together with our refined oil-free culinary philosophy, it represents a meaningful step towards conscious luxury dining." Guests enjoyed an elegant, slow dining experience with meaningful conversations, culinary exploration and a deeper understanding of the philosophy behind Green Kitchen and Refined Oil free approach.

servings discerning vegetarians with the highest standards of care and respect. The initiative features a completely exclusive kitchen environment dedicated solely to vegetarian cuisine, ensuring there is no cross-utilisation of ingredients, utensils or cooking spaces. The approach has been designed to honour the dietary preferences and cultural considerations that are significant during celebratory occasions, including

weddings and family gatherings. Chef Anal Uniyal, Director of Culinary, Fairmont Jaipur, added: "Green Kitchen has been designed to celebrate vegetarian cuisine with authenticity, creativity and care. Every dish on the menu reflects our focus on purity, flavour and exceptional culinary craftsmanship." The evening also highlighted an important evolution in culinary practices. As part of its continued focus on

The gamers taking on the industry to stop it switching off games

Can a company take away something you've already paid for? In the world of online video games, some already do. Publishers can decide to switch off a game's servers, often leaving it effectively unplayable. Stop Killing Games, a growing consumer rights campaign started by American YouTuber Ross Scott in 2024, is challenging that practice. In January, the group submitted a petition featuring nearly 1.3 million signatures to the European Commission, triggering a public hearing in the European Parliament in April. What began as an online campaign is now awaiting a decision from one of the EU's most powerful institutions. Scott's campaign began following an announcement from the major studio Ubisoft, saying it would shut down the online-only racing game The Crew in 2024. The French company said it was taking the game, which attracted more than 12 million players during its lifetime, offline, citing "upcoming server infrastructure and licensing



constraints". For players such as Chemicalflood, who told me he had been playing The Crew for nearly a decade, the move - which left the game unplayable - felt personal. "I was around 18 at the time of the launch - it was a big part of my adult life growing up," he said. "It was a great escape from hardship at the time, so it has always been something special to me." Over the years, he said, the game became something he shared with his children, who enjoyed exploring its virtual recreation of the United States. "The shutdown itself wasn't upsetting," he explained. "But

how they handled it was the kick in the teeth." For Chemicalflood and many fans like him, the issue was not that Ubisoft ended support. It was that players lost access altogether. The announcement from Ubisoft caught the attention of Scott, also known online as Accursed Farms, who had already been creating content around the issue of ownership around games for several years. "I just hate seeing creative works effectively destroyed," he told me. He quickly decided to start a campaign, naming it Stop Killing Games - the killing referring to when "every

copy of that game that's ever been sold has been disabled, and no one on the planet can run it". Whammy4, a gamer who founded the fan community The Crew Unlimited and helped lead efforts to preserve the game after its shutdown, likened it to "someone just breaking into your home and stealing your bike or your car". "You buy a physical copy of a game, you bring it home and install the game, you play it for some amount of time. Then all of a sudden the publisher completely destroys all copies of the game worldwide, including yours." "No refunds, no actual heads-up at the time of purchase, and nothing you can do to keep it at all," he said. Industry response Ubisoft has already defended its position in court. Responding to a proposed class-action lawsuit brought by two The Crew players in California, the studio argued that customers had purchased a licence to use the game, not unlimited ownership rights, and that players had been warned online services would not be available forever.

APEDA Facilitates First Export of Fresh Mangoes from Jharkhand to United Kingdom

In a significant development for agricultural exports from Jharkhand, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, flagged off the first commercial consignment of fresh mangoes from the State to the United Kingdom. The flag-off ceremony was held in Kolkata on 4 June 2026. The consignment comprises 1.5 metric tonnes of fresh Amrapali mangoes sourced from Beura Farmer Producer Company Ltd., an all-women Farmer Producer Company (FPC) located in Bano Block of Simdega district, Jharkhand. The consignment is being exported by M/s JGB Agrofresh Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata, to London, United Kingdom. The export follows an



Export-Oriented Capacity Building Programme organized by APEDA on 5 May 2026 for Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs), Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and progressive farmers of Simdega district. The programme focused on export requirements, quality standards and market opportunities. Subsequently, APEDA facilitated linkage between Beura Farmer Producer Company Ltd.

and M/s JGB Agrofresh Pvt. Ltd. for procurement of export-quality mangoes from the district. The present shipment is the outcome of this initiative. The linkage has enabled direct participation of the FPC in the export value chain and provided market access for its member farmers. The farmers associated with the FPC realized higher returns for their produce compared to prevailing domestic market prices.

Indian households continue to pay among the lowest cooking gas prices in the world

The Indian household continues to buy cooking gas much cheaper than the household in any neighbouring country, and far below the price paid in advanced economies such as the United States, Australia and Canada. A beneficiary of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) pays an effective 642 for a 14.2 kg cylinder, and the general consumer in Delhi 942, against a cost to supply that has now risen to over 1,600. The prices of petroleum products in India are linked to the corresponding prices in the international market. The Government, however, continues to modulate the effective price to the consumer for domestic LPG. Any household can buy as many cylinders as it needs at 942. A PMUY beneficiary will additionally receive the direct benefit transfer of 300 a cylinder on the first four refills each year - broadly the average annual consumption of a typical Ujjwala household, about four refills a year - and so pays an effective 642 on those refills; this support is unchanged. Even a non-PMUY household would pay about 700 below the market-linked cost of the cylinder. Retail prices differ marginally across locations on account of distribution costs.



What the household does not bear the brunt of is the several hundred rupees a cylinder which the Government is bearing. Through a period of sharp international cost increases, that burden has been absorbed upstream rather than passed to the consumer. A pass-through that has been held back The commercial cylinder used by hotels and businesses is revised automatically every month, because its price is a direct pass-through of the international benchmark. The domestic

cooking cylinder is not. India used to import 60 per cent of its LPG requirements, and the landed cost of that import tracks the Saudi Contract Price (CP) that Saudi Aramco sets at the start of each month. This is an external price over which the Indian consumer has no control. Through the West Asia disruption the benchmark moved sharply higher. Expressed as the 50:50 propane-butane blend used for India's LPG, the Saudi CP for LPG stood at about US\$543 a tonne in February, before

the disruption. Following the closure of the Strait of Hormuz in late February, the April contract price - the first set after the disruption tightened Mideast Gulf exports - rose to US\$775 a tonne, with propane at US\$750 and butane at US\$800, and has since edged up further to US\$790 a tonne in June. The blended LPG benchmark has thus risen by about 46% since the pre-crisis February level. The cost of the imported molecule rose with it. The cost a consumer is not asked to pay Following the June contract price, the cost of supplying a 14.2 kg cylinder, were it priced on an import-linked basis, has risen to over 1,600. The under-recovery now absorbed on each domestic cylinder is about 700. The scale of this is visible in the fully market-priced commercial cylinder: the 19 kg cylinder used by hotels and restaurants sells in Delhi at 3,113.50, about 164 a kg, after five increases during the West Asia crisis. The domestic household, by contrast, pays about 66 a kg after the revision. Commercial gas carries a higher rate of tax and larger margins, so it sits above the household's cost-reflective level; even so, the import-linked cost of a domestic cylinder works out to over 1,600.

Zelensky criticises 'vile' Chornobyl drone strike ahead of London talks

UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer will host Volodymyr Zelensky in Downing Street later on Sunday, alongside French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, for talks on European support for Ukraine. Ahead of the meeting, Kyiv officials said a Russian drone had hit a storage facility for spent nuclear fuel near the Chornobyl nuclear plant in the north of Ukraine. They said a fire was put out and there were no injuries, with officials adding that radiation levels remained stable. Zelensky labelled it a deliberate and "vile Russian strike". Separately, at least three people were killed in a Russian strike in a village outside Zaporizhzhia in the south-east of the country, authorities said. Zaporizhzhia has come under relentless Russian attacks recently, with at



least two people killed there on Saturday. The Russian strike on Chornobyl "partially destroyed" a spent nuclear fuel storage building, according to Ukraine's state-owned nuclear operator, Enerhoatom. The operator said there were no injuries, and a fire in the building was put out, adding

that radiation remained at a normal level. The body also criticised Moscow for what it called a deliberate threat to nuclear safety, in words echoed by Zelensky. "Russia deliberately struck this particular nuclear infrastructure facility," Zelensky said in a post on X, describing the building as an "as

extremely critical infrastructure facility" and the attack as "vile". He went on to detail Russian overnight strikes in 13 regions, adding that Moscow had launched 88 missiles, more than 3,250 drones and 1,800 guided bombs over the past week. On Saturday, Ukraine targeted St Petersburg and the

surrounding area as the city hosted the final day of a major economic forum, in a drone attack described as "unprecedented" by Russian authorities. Days earlier, Kyiv had attacked the outskirts of the same city - some 1,000km (620 miles) from Ukraine - as Russian President Vladimir Putin's flagship forum was getting started, sending a large plume of black smoke over the city's skyline. In the four years since Moscow's invasion began, Ukraine has developed its defence sector, with Kyiv now able to regularly hit targets within Russia. The three Western powers represented at Downing Street - the so-called E3 group - are some of Kyiv's strongest allies. The UK and France lead the "coalition of the willing" initiative to provide security guarantees for Ukraine as part of a future potential peace process. The group had previously con-

vened in London in December, at a time when the US was pushing hard for Moscow and Kyiv to sign up quickly to a plan to end the war in Ukraine. Since then US efforts to mediate a truce have petered out, and Washington's focus has shifted to the Iran war. On Friday, Putin rejected a proposal by Zelensky for face-to-face talks on ending the war, saying he did not see any point in meeting the Ukrainian leader. Zelensky sent an open letter calling for a direct negotiations, writing that it would be "wrong to simply wait" for the conflict to once again become the focus of US attention. Speaking at the economic forum on Friday, Putin refused the request for a meeting with Zelensky and reiterated his position that a truce would only allow Ukraine to regroup. He said he would only end the war when Russia's goals had been met.

INSECURITY AND INSTABILITY DRIVE VOTERS IN PERU'S TIGHT PRESIDENTIAL RACE



"If you don't meet our demands, we will kill your drivers." This message, demanding about \$15,000, was sent by a criminal gang to a bus company in a poor suburb of Peru's capital, Lima. It preceded an armed attack on bus driver, Toño. "They shot me in the legs and abdomen. I was out of work for four months, now I work with fear. Although my wounds are dry, internally I feel pain," he says. Toño's case was one of nearly 30,000 extortion incidents reported in Peru in 2025, many targeting small businesses or transport workers. This issue, along with rising homicides, is why insecurity and crime have

become top concerns for voters in Sunday's presidential election in Peru. The right-wing Keiko Fujimori, daughter of the late former president, Alberto Fujimori, is running for a fourth time against left-wing Roberto Sánchez. Fujimori has defined her campaign with an array of "tough-on-crime" policies, while Sánchez has promised sweeping changes to the state and higher public spending. In Lima's suburb of San Juan de Lurigancho, dusty hilltop neighbourhoods sprawl precariously down the slopes. Armed police guard the gate to the bus depot where Toño works.

Hegseth attacks Europe over migration with beach 'invasion' D-Day speech



US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth has criticised European nations over migration for allowing what he described as an "invasion" on their shores, during a D-Day anniversary speech in France. Hegseth was speaking in Normandy 82 years after allied forces stormed French beaches to liberate Nazi-occupied Europe in 1944. "Sadly, today, different European beaches are stormed by different dangerous ideologies," Hegseth said. "Beaches in Spain, in Italy, in Greece and Bulgaria. Boats and men arrive. When will European capitals do something about that invasion?" Migration has become a major political issue across Europe, with parties supporting headline immigration policies surging in polls. The Trump administration sees an immigration crackdown as a key part of its domestic policy agenda, requesting billions more in funding for enforcement agencies. Hegseth's comments mark

a further criticism of European migration policy by senior members of the Trump administration. On Friday, US Vice-President JD Vance blamed the death of the 18-year-old British student Henry Nowak, who was fatally stabbed last year in Southampton by Vickrum Digwa, on the "mass invasion of migrants" and said the "only response" was "righteous anger". Downing Street responded by criticising "people trying to interfere in our democracy," adding that the Nowak family had "said they do not want his death to be used to create further division". And Deputy Prime Minister David Lammy told the BBC's Laura Kuenssberg that "politicians should be very careful and very cautious" about their language. "We're in this new online space that can rapidly become toxic," he explained, adding that concerns around Henry Nowak's case had become a "global" issue because of the "viral" footage of his arrest.

HUNDREDS OF CAPTIVES FREED FROM BOKO HARAM MOUNTAIN HIDEOUT



At least 360 people kidnapped by Boko Haram jihadists from a mainly Muslim community in Nigeria's north-eastern Borno state in March have been freed from a remote mountain hideout. The circumstances of how they were freed are disputed. The army says it had launched an unprecedented intelligence-led operation that had

been weeks in the planning and taken the Islamist militants by surprise. But a local group, the Borno South Youth Initiative, says it mediated the unconditional release, putting the number of those freed at 416. Mass abductions by armed groups for ransom have become a common tactic in Nigeria in recent years - and though it is illegal to pay ransoms.

STEVE ROSENBERG:

Russia's economic forum overshadowed by drone attacks on St Petersburg

An evil sorcerer is the last person you'd expect to see at an economic forum. But there he stood working his wizardry. With sleight of hand Russian folklore villain "Koshchei the Deathless" (or, rather, someone dressed as him) produced coins out of thin air, "broke" and reassembled someone's glasses and shocked passers-by with occasional puffs of smoke from his fingers. "Russians are unpredictable people," he declared. "We do things no one expects." Perhaps. But in St Petersburg this week, the unexpected was delivered most dramatically by Ukraine. Ukrainian drones attacked the St Petersburg area on the opening - and closing - days of the set-piece



International Economic Forum (SPIEF). The abiding image of SPIEF 2026 will be the huge plume of thick black smoke which dominated the St Petersburg skyline on Wednesday. Without specifying what was hit, local officials admitted that drones had damaged "infrastructure". All the delegates saw the smoke as they arrived at

the expo centre on the edge of the city. Few could have predicted what came next. Volodymyr Zelensky published an open letter to Vladimir Putin. Ukraine's president taunted Russia's leader about his age and about Russian setbacks in the war but proposed the two leaders meet in a neutral country to talk peace. President Putin's

response? Nothing unpredictable about that. The Kremlin leader, who had rejected previous calls for direct talks with President Zelensky, criticised the letter's "rude" tone and dismissed the offer. "It's not the author of the letter I need to respond to," President Putin said, "but our soldiers on the frontline... I say to them: keep at it, brothers!" Vladimir Putin is not ready to end Russia's war on Ukraine. Not unless it's on his terms. I listened to what he said at the forum's plenary session. There were few surprises. The Putin we saw is the Putin we expected to see - uncompromising, unrepentant, determined to project an image of strength and unwavering conviction.

ARMENIA VOTES AS RUSSIA PILES PRESURE ON PRO-WEST GOVERNMENT

Voting is under way in Armenia in an election which could decide whether the country continues edging towards the West, or returns to its traditional ally Russia. The small South Caucasus country of three million people has been under mounting economic pressure from Moscow, as Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan seeks re-election on a promise of European integration. The election has drawn significant international attention to Armenia, which has steadily grown closer to the West while still intertwined with Russia, its largest trading partner. The rapprochement with the West is largely Pashinyan's doing.



Since coming to power in 2018, the prime minister has steered his country away from Moscow, passed a law to launch the process of joining the EU, and accelerated the peace process with neighbouring Azerbaijan via a US-brokered agreement. The latter

has won him US President Donald Trump's endorsement. Pashinyan also hosted a large summit of EU leaders and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in the capital, Yerevan, earlier this year. Yet despite these successes, Pashinyan's domestic

support has fallen from 54% in 2021 to around 30% today. The main reason is Nagorno-Karabakh, a mountainous enclave Azerbaijan that was home to 100,000 ethnic Armenians until Azerbaijan took it by force in 2023. Pashinyan's critics have never forgiven him for making concessions in favour of peace with Azerbaijan, like refusing to campaign for the release of former leaders of Nagorno-Karabakh who are in jail in the neighbouring country. The peace deal with Azerbaijan, too, remains deeply divisive, with one recent poll showing 44% of public opinion in support and 41% opposed.

Manhunt continues after 12 people shot near festival in Ohio



Police say they are searching for suspects after at least 12 people were shot near a festival in Toledo, in the midwestern US state of Ohio. The Toledo Police Department said 10 people "are reported to be in stable condition, while two remain in critical condition". Police say they are searching for suspects after at least 12 people were shot near a festival in Toledo, in the midwestern US state of Ohio. The Toledo Police Department said 10 people "are reported to be in stable condition, while two remain in critical condition". It said it responded to a report of a shooting near the Old West End Festival at around 17:37 local time (21:37 GMT) on Saturday. Toledo Deputy Police Chief Joe Heffernan said it appeared that two people fired weapons and they were "probably shooting at each other". Footage shared online - which the BBC has not yet independently verified - appears to show people running and screaming as a volley of gunshots rings out. The victims' ages ranged from 16 to 61. Police Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz earli-

er told local news outlet WTOL 11 that they all were expected to survive. Eyewitness Tito Aguilar told the BBC's US partner CBS News he was ordering food when he saw a group of "juveniles" attacking another young person. Aguilar said he started recording on his phone and then heard gunshots. He then ran from the area, he said, but eventually returned to find his own friends and saw several people with apparent injuries from the shooting. Police Lt Dan Gerken expressed shock at the level of violence. "Twelve people being shot, that's the most I've been to a scene. I've been to a lot of scenes, but this is way over the top," he told reporters. Gerken said police were talking to victims and witnesses and reviewing camera footage. He appealed for help from locals. "Beloved community event" The Old West End Festival describes itself as "a two-day event celebrating one of the largest historic districts in the country with live music, multiple food markets, a beer garden, house tours, shopping, and much more".



Huge crowds throng Madrid streets for Pope's open-air Mass

'It was either killed or be killed' - ongoing nightmares of an ex-child soldier in Somalia

Shopkeeper Yusuf Ali still battles with memories of his time as a child soldier fighting on the streets of Somalia's capital, Mogadishu. The 34-year-old became embroiled in the Islamist insurgency, which erupted nearly 20 years ago, and while the city's urban landscape is healing, few resources are devoted to those still suffering with the psychological scars of the conflict. Warning: This article contains details some readers may find upsetting. When he was 14 years old, a coalition of Sharia courts seized power in Somalia and provided some sense of stability in a country that had been riven by devastating clan warfare since the regime of President Siad Barre collapsed in 1991. But the Union of Islamic Courts (UIC)

marked the first instance of political Islam gaining a foothold in the African continent since al-Qaeda's 11 September 2001 attacks on the US. Policymakers in Washington viewed the UIC with hostility, accusing it of having ties to al-Qaeda. Its military youth wing was known as al-Shabab, meaning "The Lads". In December 2006, thousands of Ethiopian troops invaded Somalia under the cover of American drones with the aim of toppling the courts just six months after they had taken over. Ethiopia's invasion was deeply unpopular in Somalia and was met with fierce opposition as al-Shabab and its allies, including a coalition of splinter groups known as the Muqawama, meaning "Resistance".

FIFA Allows Water Bottles In World Cup Stadiums In USA And Canada

After days of confusion and multiple u-turns, FIFA has finally allowed fans to bring one soft plastic water bottle into stadiums during the World Cup that starts 11th of June. Football's governing body faced criticism after repeatedly changing its position. Fans and politicians have accused FIFA of commercialising even basic necessities like water, forcing supporters to pay for them inside venues. The latest "clarification" of FIFA's water bottle policy came just a couple of days after it said refillable water bottles would not be allowed. The approach mirrors policies followed by bodies such as the ICC and BCCI in India, where spectators are not permitted to bring water bottles from outside and are instead required to purchase them inside stadiums at higher prices. FIFA faced intense criticism from fans and politicians across several countries. Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow



described FIFA's decision to ban outside water bottles as a "pure money grab". Her city will host six World Cup matches. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer also criticised the policy, calling it "wrong" and suggesting it was primarily about revenue, as fans who had already paid high ticket prices were being forced to buy expensive water inside stadiums. After several u-

turns, FIFA has now introduced a new policy allowing water bottles inside stadiums in the United States and Canada. "All fans will be permitted to bring in one soft plastic 20-ounce (590ml), factory-sealed disposable water bottle into any FIFA World Cup 2026 match in the USA and Canada," World Cup chief operating officer Heimo Schirgi said in a video posted on FIFA's X account.

However, FIFA has yet to clarify whether the same rule will apply in Mexico, raising the possibility that fans attending matches in Mexico City, Monterrey and Guadalajara may not be allowed to bring water bottles into venues. Last week, FIFA had said it would allow transparent plastic bottles of up to one litre in capacity, which supporters could refill at fountains inside stadiums.

That policy has since undergone two further changes. So what is the fuss about? Fans argue that FIFA is effectively forcing them to buy drinks from concession stands inside stadiums. FIFA receives a significant share of concession revenue, while its soft-drink partner Coca-Cola will be selling both its sodas and bottled water brand Dasani at World Cup venues. However, New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani welcomed FIFA's latest reversal. "I'm glad that FIFA decided to reverse this policy and allow water bottles to be brought into World Cup games. "No one should have to fear being priced out of staying hydrated, especially fans who are often waiting for hours before a game in extreme heat." So why is FIFA restricting water bottles in the first place? The governing body has defended the policy on safety grounds, saying it is intended "to prevent risk and injury to players and attendees."

'SYSTEMIC ILLNESS': CONTROVERSIAL EX-INDIA COACH DROPS 'VAIBHAV SOORYAVANSHI' BOMBSHELL

Legendary Australia cricketer Greg Chappell was impressed by the 15-year-old sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi but expressed his concern about what his explosive style of batting can mean for the battle between bat and ball. Sooryavanshi has been enjoying a sensational run of form with 776 runs in IPL 2026 and he even earned a national team call-up for the upcoming T20s against Ireland and England. In his column for ESPNcricinfo, Chappell compared Sooryavanshi's batting technique to that of greats like Sir Garfield Sobers and Brian Lara but said that although it is an evolution of the T20 batting, the dominance shown by the youngster also serves as 'profound warning sign'. "As I watched this young left-hander take modern batting to a completely unheralded plane, a profound sense of unease accompanied the marvel. The central question we must now confront is clear: are we witnessing the magnificent evolution of T20



batting or are we presiding over the permanent evisceration of the contest between bat and ball?" Chappell wrote. "When studying Sooryavanshi in full flight, one is immediately struck by a technical purity that elevates his work above the crude, muscle-bound power-hitting of the modern era. His clean, uninhibited bat swing possesses an organic symmetry that evokes cricketer's finest aestheticians. In his elegant downswing and flawless balance, there are distinct echoes of the great Graeme Pollock and the incomparable Sir Garfield Sobers. When he slashes

across the line or lofts over extra cover, one glimpses the ferocious, instinctive genius of Brian Lara, combined with the devastating, ball-one intent of Adam Gilchrist." "It is a classic, pure method being deployed with contemporary violence, proving that his talent is a rare gift to the game. However, his unprecedented success at such a tender age serves as a profound warning sign." Chappell went on to point out that the dominance shown by Sooryavanshi shown against top bowlers in the IPL 2026 also shows a 'systemic illness' within the sport.

Patrick Mahomes And Brittany Mahomes Net Worth 2026: Inside NFL Power Couple's Multi-Million-Dollar Empire

Few power couples in American sport have built wealth as fast as NFL star Patrick Mahomes and wife Brittany Mahomes. What began as a high school romance in Texas has turned into a multi-million-dollar success story built on professional sports, business ventures, endorsement deals and real estate investments. As of 2026, Patrick and Brittany Mahomes are estimated to have a combined net worth of around \$175 million. Patrick contributes the bulk of that wealth, while Brittany has built her own successful business and investment portfolio. Together, their fortune continues to grow through NFL earnings, brand partnerships, sports ownership stakes and other investments. Patrick Mahomes' NFL



Contract Remains The Foundation The biggest driver of the family's wealth is Patrick Mahomes' landmark contract with the Kansas City Chiefs. In 2020, the superstar quarterback signed a 10-year extension worth up to \$503 million, one of the richest deals in sports history. The

contract transformed Mahomes from a franchise quarterback into one of the highest-paid athletes in the world. Beyond his salary, he continues to earn tens of millions annually through endorsements. The Chiefs quarterback reportedly earns more than \$20 million annual-

ly from sponsorship deals and has worked with some of the biggest brands in the world. His long list of partners includes Adidas, State Farm, Subway, Oakley, T-Mobile, Coors Light, Boss, Head & Shoulders, Essentia Water, Airshare and Whataburger, among others. He also became the first NFL player to receive a signature shoe from Adidas. Brittany Mahomes Has Built Her Own Business Success Brittany Mahomes, too, has created a substantial business profile of her own. A former professional soccer player, Brittany launched fitness ventures, built a strong social media brand and became a founding co-owner of the National Women's Soccer League club Kansas City Current. Her personal net worth is around \$15 million.

Former WWE World Champion Opens Up About Being 'Disgusted' By Wrestlemania 42 Championship Match

WrestleMania is considered one of WWE's major stages, where championship matches are expected to create unforgettable moments for fans around the world. Every year, fans from across the world gather together at one point for witnessing the high voltage matches. Fans have huge expectations, especially when major titles are on the line. One particular match in WrestleMania became a major talking point among fans. Many enjoyed the contest, whereas others felt that it did not meet the high standard usually associated with a WrestleMania main event level title match. The discussion became more focused when the former WWE World Champion shared his honest reaction. Seth Rollins explains his strong reaction



In a recent appearance, former WWE World Champion Seth Rollins shared that he was 'disgusted' by the WrestleMania 42 World Heavyweight Championship match, which was held between Jey Uso and Gunther. Rollins said that his reaction was not necessary because of the in-ring action

itself, but because he felt the outcome represented a direction he strongly disagreed with. Rollins believed that the championship should be represented by the competitors who can carry the title at the highest level week after week. He suggested that seeing the championship move in a dif-

ferent direction frustrated him, as someone who has spent years helping establish the status of the World Heavyweight Championship.

The championship match continues to divide fans WrestleMania 42 title match has been a hot topic ever since the event ended. Fans of Jey Uso argue that his popularity with the audience and years of hard work earned him the opportunity to hold a World Championship. They view his victory as a major career milestone and reward for connecting with fans on a massive level. Whereas Rollins fans are unhappy with the company's decision that prevented him from competing at WrestleMania 42 and forced him to vacate his title.

India Debutant Manav Suthar's Family Did Not Come To Stadium, Father Reveals 'Superstition'



Jagdish Suthar, a retired Physical Education teacher from Rajasthan's Sri Ganganagar district, had travelled all the way to Mullanpur with his family to watch his elder child Manav make his Test debut for India but left for home without watching his son's on-field exploits on second day of the match against Afghanistan on Sunday. Suthar made a brilliant debut as he had the Afghanistan batters tied in knots with figures of 3 for 21 in 15.5 overs. "Yes, me, my wife and my daughter Mansi (Manav's younger sister) had come to watch his debut. I can't describe how it felt seeing him get the Test Cap yesterday. However today we had come back home as we were all nervous and a bit superstitious watching him live in action from the stadium," the soft-spoken Jagdish Suthar told PTI during the exclusive interaction on the second day of the Test. A man of few words, Jagdish

was very reluctant to take any credit for his son's success on the cricket field which has now culminated into donning the national colours. "It is completely Manav's hard work and the hours that he has put into practice. He would leave home for training in the morning and return late in the evening. It is his credit and his childhood coach Dheeraj Sharma to whom we are all indebted. Manav learnt all his cricket under him," Suthar senior said. Asked when did he actually found that his son has talent, the father said that it wasn't like one fine day that he realised it. "Like every other child, he was also passionate about cricket. He would play with tennis and rubber ball when he was around six to seven years old. Since I was a PT teacher, I always encouraged my son to play the sport and enjoy. When he was around 10 to 11 years old, I had enrolled him in Dheeraj sir's academy.

Dianna Russini-Mike Vrabel Controversy: Ex-NFL Reporter Makes Bold Claim, Says They Were In A Relationship For 10 Years

As NFL teams move closer to training camp and the focus slowly shifts back to football, one offseason scandal refuses to die down. New claims about New England Patriots coach Mike Vrabel and former NFL insider Dianna Russini have surfaced, after a high-profile resignation and months of scrutiny across league circles. This time, the latest allegation comes from former USA Today NFL writer Crissy Froyd, who claims the relationship between Vrabel and Russini stretches back far longer than previously discussed publicly. Crissy Froyd Claims Mike Vrabel And Dianna Russini Were Together For Years During an appearance on The Howard Eskin Show, Froyd was asked how long people



ple around the league may have known about the reported relationship. She pointed to a much longer timeline and said, "At least 10 years," Froyd replied. "At least 10 years. I would assume... for what I know between her and him and certainly for what I know about her, at least 10 years." Froyd then questioned how the situation remained unaddressed for so long despite what she believes was common knowledge. "The

biggest thing to me was the way that everyone knew and no one did anything about it, and it was obvious. To me, the worst part of it was... I would almost feel bad for her if she, like, fell in love for six months and made these horrible mistakes and she owned up to it 'cause everybody makes mistakes in their lifetime... But you don't make the same mistake for six years, 10 years, anything of that longevity whatsoever." Her comments arrive months after photo-

graphs published by Page Six showed Vrabel and Russini together at an adults-only resort in Arizona. More photos reportedly showed the pair kissing at a New York City bar in March 2020. TMZ also published video of the two on a private boat trip in Tennessee in 2021. Why The Mike Vrabel-Dianna Russini Story Still Matters The fallout from the controversy has already been huge. Russini resigned from The Athletic in April while The New York Times continued its investigation into her reporting. Froyd, who has repeatedly spoken about the issue publicly, also criticised Russini's since-deleted social media presence. "The way that she had deleted her Twitter account and it appeared, at least the way I took it and the way that most people took it, that she had been like covertly bragging on that. I mean, it's disgusting."

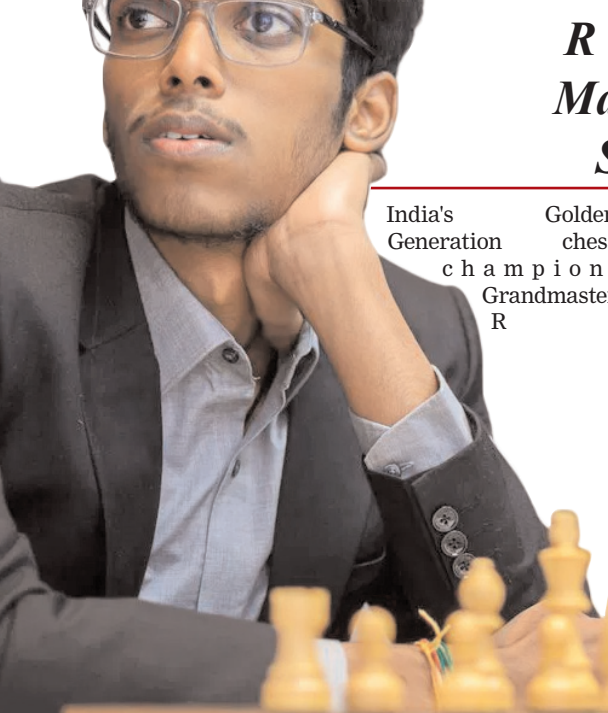
Teenager Kimi Antonelli Claims Monaco Pole For Mercedes After 'Magic Lap'



Kimi Antonelli produced a "magic lap" to edge Max Verstappen in the dying seconds of Saturday's qualifying and claim pole for the Monaco Grand Prix. The 19-year-old Italian clocked one minute and 12.051 seconds in his Ferrari for his fourth pole this year, extending Mercedes run to six out of six, and putting him in position to become the first Italian since Alberto Ascari of Ferrari in 1952 to win five consecutive F1 Grands Prix. "It was one of those laps that we call a magic lap," said a beaming Antonelli, after hugging his father, Marco. "I was able to put it all together and it was such a close qualifying with Max. I think the first run off in Q3, there was just one millisecond between us. I knew the last lap was good, I was just hoping that it would be enough! But it was very close." Antonelli's sensational lap came at the end of a sequence of dramatic laps in the final seconds of a classic session as, in turn, Ferrari's Charles Leclerc,

Verstappen and then the precocious Italian clocked pole laps. "I am very happy with that and massive thanks to the team because yesterday we struggled a little bit and today we were able to improve massively," said Antonelli, who last year finished 18th, three laps down on a triumphant Lando Norris of McLaren. "I think this is one of the most intensive, if not the most intense qualifying of the year and it takes a massive effort - and also the practices because you just keep trying to get close to the limit. "When it is about finding the last two tenths, it is not easy because the walls start to come closer and it is not easy to gain the confidence, but I felt great this morning and I am happy that we could finish the job today." He said despite mounting media attention and speculation, he had not felt any increased pressure. "For sure, I am just enjoying the driving, enjoying the car, enjoying the weekend," he said, with a customary grin.

R Pragnanandhaa On Beating Magnus Carlsen Twice, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi 'Google Search'



India's Golden Generation chess champion, Grandmaster R

Pragnanandhaa, considers his victory at the prestigious Norway Chess tournament as one of the defining moments of his career. In one of the most elite and demanding events in the chess world, the Tamil Nadu Grandmaster clinched the title late last night, finishing with an impressive 18 points. During the tournament, Pragnanandhaa left the

chess world awestruck by defeating World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen twice. Speaking exclusively to NDTV from the Norwegian capital, Oslo, he opened up about his historic win, his sleep schedule, his upcoming celebrations, and the immense role his support system played in his success.

ANUSHKA SHARMA FACES BACKLASH OVER HOMEOPATHY SUPPORT

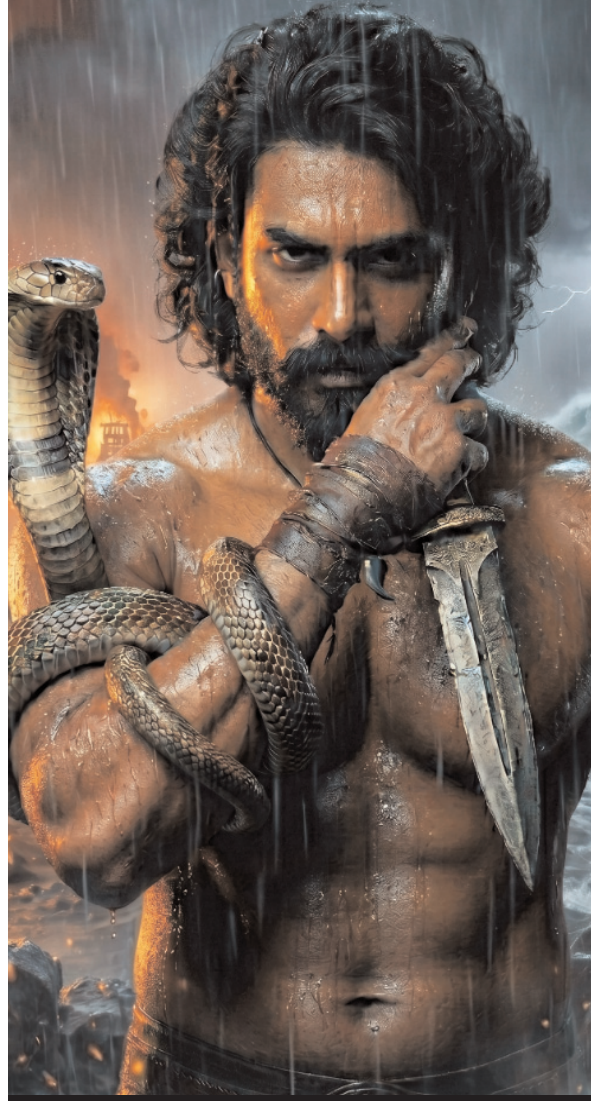


Bollywood actress Anushka Sharma has found herself at the centre of a social media debate after expressing support for homeopathy. Her recent Instagram Story, where she praised renowned homeopathic doctor Rajan Sankaran, has triggered mixed reactions from doctors, health experts, and social media users. Why is Anushka Sharma's Homeopathy Post Trending? The controversy began when Anushka shared a video featuring Rajan Sankaran in conversation with entrepreneur Namita Thapar. In her post, the actress revealed that homeopathy has played an important role in her life and credited Dr. Sankaran for being a significant part of her health journey. Her statement quickly went viral, with many people discussing whether celebrities should publicly endorse alternative medical treatments. Several medical professionals criticised the actress for promoting a treatment system that remains scientifically controversial. Critics argued that there is limited scientific evidence proving the effectiveness of homeopathy for treating serious illnesses. Among the

strongest critics was liver specialist Cyriac Abby Phillips, popularly known as The Liver Doc on social media. He strongly opposed the endorsement and reiterated his long-standing criticism of homeopathy, calling for greater reliance on evidence-based medicine. The internet remains split on the issue. Some users accused Anushka of promoting an unscientific treatment to her millions of followers. Others expressed concern that celebrity endorsements could influence people to delay or avoid proven medical care. However, many supporters defended the actress, saying she merely shared her personal experience and did not ask anyone to replace conventional treatment with homeopathy. Several users also shared their own positive experiences with alternative medicine. The debate has once again highlighted the influence celebrities have on public opinion, especially when discussing health-related topics. While supporters believe individuals should be free to share personal health journeys, critics argue that public figures should be cautious when discussing treatments that remain under scientific scrutiny.

Nagabandham' goes on a spectacular promotional tour from Hyderabad to Varanasi - A grand release in Nizam by renowned producer Dil Raju

The epic adventure thriller 'Nagabandham - The Secret Treasure', directed by Abhishek Nama, is being promoted extensively to make it a sensation across the country. Produced by Kishore Annareddy and Nishitha Nagireddy under the banner of Nick Studios, the film stars Virat Karna in the lead role. The makers have announced a special promotional tour across the country for the film, which is set to release worldwide on July 3. Unlike regular promotions, this promotional campaign has been designed in line with the treasure hunt concept of the film's story. The event, which will be held in each city, will bring the world of cinema, its mysteries and adventures closer to the audience. The first event on this tour is the trailer launch in Hyderabad on June 19. This event will be designed to further increase interest in the film's scale, visuals, and story. Afterwards, promotional events will be held in Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, and Kochi from June 20 to 23. The film team is moving forward with the aim of further expanding the film's reach across the country through these events. As a special attraction of this promotional



tour, the song 'Veera Naga' will be released in Varanasi on June 26. The spiritual and cultural significance of the city of Varanasi is a great fit for the title of the film and the background of the story.

'Police Complaint' Set for Worldwide Theatrical Release on June 12



Ghattamaneni Adishesagiri Rao appreciates the Film Team. The horror-action-thriller entertainer 'Police Complaint' is all set for a worldwide theatrical release on June 12. Produced by Balakrishna Maharana under the MSK Pramida Sri Films banner, the film is directed by creative director Sanjeev Megoti. The film has already generated considerable buzz with its trailer and promotional songs. Recently, a special tribute song dedicated to legendary Superstar Krishna became a major attraction. After watching

the song, Superstar Krishna's brother, Ghattamaneni Adishesagiri Rao personally appreciated the film team. He praised the song and conveyed his best wishes for the film's grand success. The makers have also released the special song featuring Krishna Sai and Krithi Varma. The tribute song dedicated to Superstar Krishna has been receiving an enthusiastic response from fans. Speaking on the occasion, director Sanjeev Megoti said, "We are honored that Ghattamaneni Adishesagiri Rao garu appreciated our film, especially the special song dedi-

cated to Krishna garu. His blessings have given our team great encouragement. 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, the film also features action and emotional drama, offering a fresh cinematic experience to audiences." Lead actor Krishna Sai said, "It is a privilege to be part of a song dedicated to our beloved Superstar Krishna garu. We are delighted that Adishesagiri Rao garu watched the song and appreciated it."

VETERAN DIRECTOR A. KODANDARAMI REDDY LAUNCHES TRAILER OF 'KOTHA MALUPU'

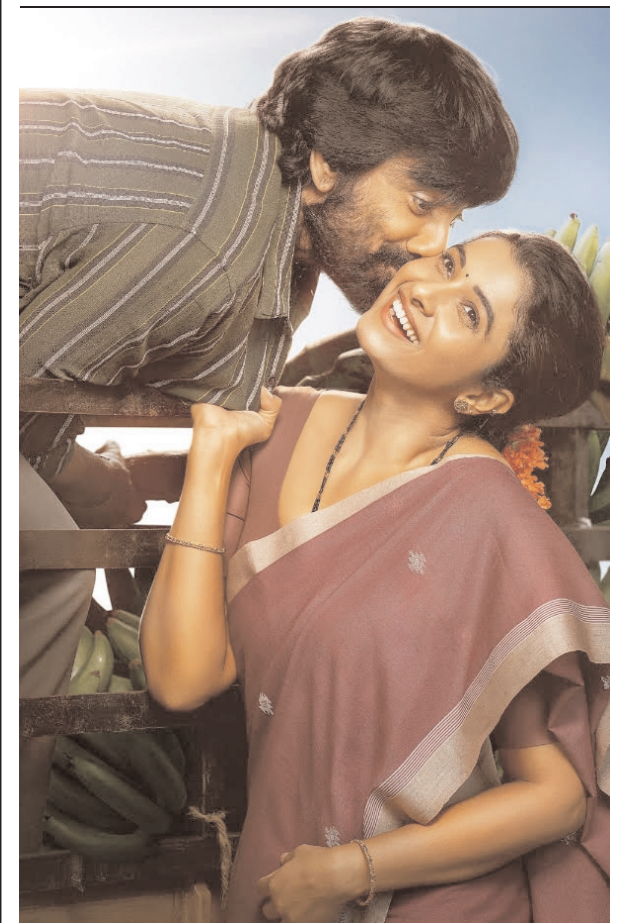
The trailer of Kotha Malupu, a romantic love suspense entertainer starring Akash Goparaju, son of renowned playback singer Sunitha, and Bhairavi Ardhya in the lead roles, was officially launched by veteran filmmaker A. Kodandarami Reddy. The film is directed by Shiva Varaprasad Keshanakurthi and produced by Tati Balakrishna under the Tathastu Creations banner. The movie is scheduled for a theatrical release on June 12 and will be distributed by Mythri Movie Distributors. Speaking at the trailer launch event, Kodandarami Reddy praised the film and said, "The trailer looks very impressive, and I liked the concept. Both the hero and heroine have performed well. I wish the audience makes this film a grand success." Set against a rural backdrop, Kotha Malupu promises a perfect blend of romance, sus-



pense, and entertainment. Akash Goparaju and Bhairavi Ardhya will be seen portraying the roles of bava-maraadalu (cousin relationship), adding a traditional flavor to the story. The film also features Raghu Babu, Prithviraj, Prabhavati, and several other notable actors in key roles. Music has been composed by Yashwanth Nag. Director Shiva Varaprasad Keshanakurthi expressed his gratitude to Kodandarami Reddy for launching the trailer and blessing the team. He said, "We have made this film in the romantic love suspense genre. The chemistry between Akash and Bhairavi has come out wonderfully. We have also showcased the scenic beauty of Konaseema while presenting an engaging story packed with comedy and emotions. We are confident audiences will enjoy the film when it releases on

June 12." Producer Tati Balakrishna stated, "I am thankful to Kodandarami Reddy garu for appreciating our film. This is my debut production, the director's first film, and the heroine's debut project. It is Akash's second film. Made entirely in a rural setting, Kotha Malupu will offer a refreshing cinematic experience. Comedian Mahender's performance will be one of the major highlights." Hero Akash Goparaju thanked Kodandarami Reddy and the entire team, saying, "I am grateful to our director for giving me such a good story. It is a privilege to have the support of a reputed distribution company like Mythri. I also thank my mother Sunitha and everyone associated with the film." Heroine Bhairavi Ardhya described the film as a special milestone in her career. "The story combines romance, suspense, and comedy in an entertaining way."

Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja, Shiva Nirvana, Mythri Movie Makers' Irumudi Worldwide Theatrical Release On August 21st



Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja has teamed up with director Shiva Nirvana for Irumudi, being produced by leading pan-India banner Mythri Movie Makers. The film has already generated significant buzz with the impressive response to its first glimpse, The Heart of Irumudi. Promising an emotional family drama set against a powerful devotional backdrop, the film is expected to connect with audiences across all age groups. Ravi Teja, in particular, has delivered a deeply moving performance as a devoted father, adding a new dimension to his screen image. Encouraged by the overwhelming reception to the glimpse, the makers have now officially announced the film's release date. Irumudi is set for a grand worldwide release on August 21st, coinciding with the auspicious occasion of Varalakshmi Vratam. With nearly two

months remaining for release, the team has also promised a steady stream of promotional updates in the coming weeks. Production is progressing at a brisk pace in Hyderabad, where the lead cast is currently participating in the ongoing schedule. Ravi Teja and Shiva Nirvana have been working with complete dedication, ensuring that the film is shaping up exactly as envisioned. While Ravi Teja is widely celebrated for his energetic commercial entertainers, Irumudi offers him an opportunity to explore a more emotionally driven character. He will be seen portraying a relatable middle-class family man, a role that is expected to strike an emotional chord with audiences. Shiva Nirvana has crafted a story rooted in human relationships, faith, and family values, blending heartfelt drama with engaging commercial elements.

RUHANI'S RELAXED POSE IN UNBUTTONED TOP

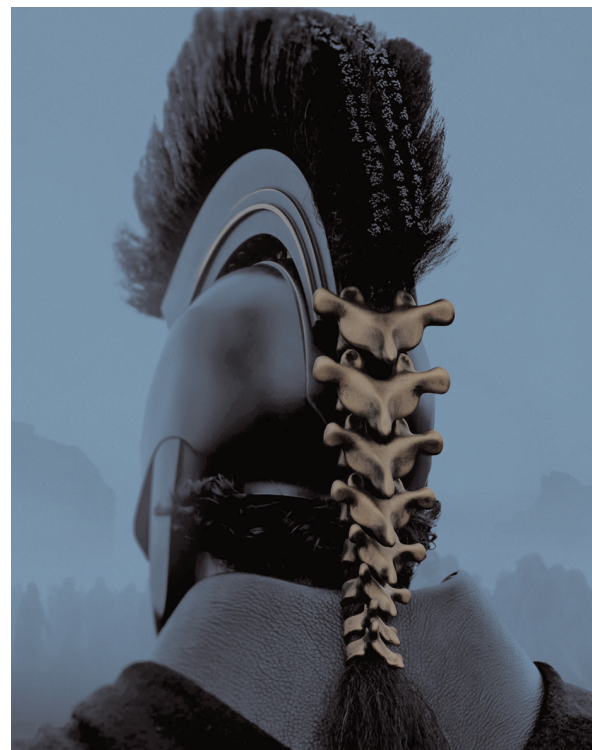
Ruhani Sharma has carved a quiet but solid place for herself in Telugu cinema with films like Chi La Sow, HIT: The First Case and Saindhav. Her last release Mask did not do well at the box office, but she is not slowing down. She has another film titled Alcohol coming up this year, and all eyes are on whether it will turn things around for her. In the meantime, Ruhani shared some stunning new pictures that are turning heads for all the right reasons. She is seen lying on a wooden floor in a soft pink open-knit crochet shirt paired with distressed blue denim. The sheer white curtains in the background give the whole picture a dreamy, sunlit feel. Wavy hair and tiny hoop earrings keep the look effortlessly chic. The pose is relaxed, the look is casual, but the impact is anything but



ordinary. Ruhani proves that sometimes the simplest outfits make the loudest statement.

INDIAN NOLAN FANS FEAR ODYSSEY CUTS

Christopher Nolan's upcoming film Odyssey is already facing growing discussion in India even before its release on July 17, with censor fear trending among movie enthusiasts. The concern mainly stems from the film's R-rated classification in Hollywood, which often includes mature themes, intimate scenes, and strong visual content. Audiences in India are now worried that the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) may trim or modify several sequences to meet local guidelines. In past Hollywood releases, including major titles like Oppenheimer, Indian censors have removed or altered scenes involving nudity, intimacy, and smoking before granting certification, changing the viewing experience. Since Odyssey is associated with Christopher Nolan, expectations are even higher, as his films are known for immersive storytelling



and carefully structured emotional sequences. Fans fear that any major cuts could affect the narrative flow and impact of the film, especially if key romantic or dramatic moments are shortened. Social media discussions suggest that audiences are split while some understand the need for local certification rules.