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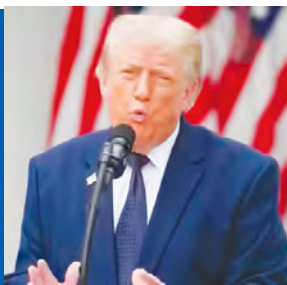
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Total pilgrims - 82172
Tonsures - 36,978
Hundi kankalav - 515 CR
Laddu sale - 425 Lac
Annaspradams - 327 Lac
Medical treatment - 3,234
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at SilahgramApprox. Devan Time for Saravalihamam
(with out SSD) Tonsure, 18 H**India says it**
already meets US
labour goals

Washington (TSIT):

India has mounted a broad defence of its legal, regulatory and corporate safeguards against forced labour, telling the US Trade Representative (USTR) that the country already has the institutions, laws and industry compliance systems needed to achieve the very objectives Washington is seeking through its proposed Section 301 tariff action.

Rajasthan woman
delivers three
daughters and a son
in rare quadruplet

Jaipur, July 9: In a rare medical case, a woman in Rajasthan's Jhalawar district gave birth to quadruplets - three daughters and a son - at the Hira Kunwar Ba Women's Hospital. The babies were delivered through a Caesarean section and are currently under intensive medical care as they were born prematurely. Jyoti Kashyap, wife of Arun Kashyap and a resident of Bhoi Mohalla in Jhalawar city.

Public Service is Governance's Dharma,
Officials Must Be Accountable: Shivakumar

Belagavi (TSIT) Karnataka Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar called upon government officials to remain accountable and people-centric, stating that public service is the true responsibility of governance. He issued a stern message to the bureaucracy during the Belagavi division-level progress review meeting held at Suvarna Soudha.

Addressing senior officials, the Chief Minister said people closely observe the performance of the government and its officers. He stressed that while elected representatives seek public approval once every five years, officials must continuously earn public trust through efficient adminis-



tration and timely delivery of services. Shivakumar instructed district and taluk-level officers to stay accessible to citizens by residing within their jurisdictions and resolving issues locally. He warned against making people repeatedly visit government offices for basic services and urged officials to

work among the public rather than remain confined to offices.

Emphasising the importance of the Prajaseve Department, the Chief Minister said the grievance redressal system must be strengthened and adopted at all levels of administration. He called upon MLAs, ministers and officials to regularly interact with citizens through public outreach programmes.

On urban development, Shivakumar directed officials to prevent unplanned growth and unauthorized layouts. He said cities and towns must develop scientifically with proper planning to meet future requirements.



tribute more than 72.7 lakh land passbooks across 9,833 villages by March 2027 and resolve long-pend-

ing land disputes across the state. Naidu said the previous government's Land Titling Act was

Telangana aims to become
India's sports hub: CM RevanthHyderabad,
TSIT BUREAU:

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday said that the State Government is committed to transforming Telangana into a national sports powerhouse by introducing a dedicated sports policy and world-class infrastructure to nurture young talent.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the Gachibowli Sports District and the Young India Physical Education and Sports University (YIPESU), the Chief Minister said that India's performance in the Olympic Games has remained below its true potential due to the absence of a consistent long-term sports policy by successive governments.

Describing youth as the nation's greatest asset, Revanth Reddy said India has occasionally produced exceptional sportspersons such as P. T. Usha, who brought international recognition to the country through dedication and hard work. He noted that her sporting achievements eventually earned her a place in the



Rajya Sabha, demonstrating how excellence in sports can transform lives.

Chief Minister said Telangana has formulated a comprehensive sports policy to identify, train and support talented athletes from an early stage. He announced that the Young India Physical Education and Sports University has been established under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to create a strong ecosystem for sports education, research and high-performance training.

Emphasising the importance of perseverance, Revanth Reddy told students and aspiring athletes that achieving success requires complete dedication and relentless effort. He said the State Government

would continue to encourage sportspersons by providing attractive cash incentives, employment opportunities and other forms of support.

Chief Minister announced that the Telangana Sports Academy is targeted to be operational by December 2028, further strengthening the State's sports infrastructure.

Reiterating the government's long-term vision, Revanth Reddy said Telangana aspires to emerge as a future destination capable of hosting major international sporting events, including the Olympics. He assured athletes that those who bring laurels to the State and the nation would receive government jobs and all necessary support to build successful careers.

PM Modi highlights India's defence prowess
during Op Sindoor in Melbourne address

Melbourne (TSIT):

In a rousing address that electrified thousands of members of the Indian diaspora at the 'Melbourne meets Modi' event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi showcased his trademark charisma, connecting deeply with the audience through heartfelt anecdotes, a bold vision, and infectious optimism.

Speaking at the iconic Marvel Stadium, PM Modi asserted, "The world is witnessing the capability and credibility of India's defence platforms. You must have seen a demonstration of this during Operation Sindoor."

"The explosions were taking place at terrorist hideouts, but their echoes were heard across the entire world," PM Modi said, addressing a community event 'Melbourne Meets Modi' during his Australia visit on Thursday. The event drew tens of thousands of members of the Indian diaspora and was billed



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as the largest such gathering ever to be held in Australia and addressed by any political leader.

PM Modi painted a vivid picture of a thriving India-Australia partnership, drawing parallels between the two nations' shared aspirations and cultural ties. PM Modi said the growing international demand for Indian-made products reflected the country's expanding manufacturing capabilities and reinforced India's emergence

as an important global production hub. He said that the government's push for domestic manufacturing had strengthened both economic growth and strategic self-reliance.

PM Modi highlighted the strong people-to-people connections. "Friends, the city of Melbourne shows four seasons in one day, but the Bharatiyata (Indian spirit) here remains constant," he said, referring to the vibrant Indian

community often called "Mini India." He recounted how Indian families stay connected across time zones, children returning from Australian schools while grandparents in India wait for video calls, underscoring the diaspora's vital role in strengthening bilateral ties. "Here in Melbourne and the surrounding areas, there are many places and markets infused with the spirit of Indianness."

Monsoon fury batters
several states, disrupts
normal life across
north, west India

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

Torrential monsoon rains unleashed widespread destruction across several parts of the country on Thursday, inundating roads, uprooting trees, damaging property and disrupting normal life, while authorities



scrambled to restore normalcy amid forecasts of more rain. Roads and residential areas remained submerged in several cities, with commuters wading through knee-deep water and traffic crawling on major roads and highways. Trees uprooted by strong winds blocked roads at several places, while flooding disrupted vehicular movement and damaged houses. Rescue operations also continued at the site of a building that collapsed a day earlier at a waste-to-energy plant in Maharashtra's Pimpri Chinchwad near Pune after a massive mound of garbage gave way due to heavy rain. One body was recovered on Thursday, while around eight people are still feared trapped under the debris.

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I, Mr. MOHAMMED SHAHIN KAMARUDEEN, S/o HANEES MOHAMMED, residing at Flat No. 508, Keerti Elite Residency, Narsingi Behind Power Welfare Society, Kokapet, Gandipet Mandal, Rangareddy District – 500075, Telangana, have changed my name to MOHAMMED SHAHIN KAMARUDEEN by abandoning my former name HANEES MOHAMMED MOHAMMED SHAHIN KAMARUDEEN through an Affidavit dated 08-07-2026. Henceforth, I shall be known as MOHAMMED SHAHIN KAMARUDEEN for all purposes.

Hyderabad TSIT: Sangareddy District General Body Meeting of the Telangana State Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ) was held successfully on Thursday, drawing nearly 450 print and electronic media journalists from all five Assembly con-



stituencies in the district. Telangana Health, Medical

& Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha attended the meeting as the Chief Guest, while Medak MP M. Raghunandan Rao was the Guest of Honour. Addressing the gathering, TUWJ State President K. Virahat Ali urged the State Government to extend the

cashless health insurance scheme currently available to government employees to working journalists. He stated that nearly 645 journalists had died prematurely over the past decade, highlighting the urgent need for comprehensive health security for media professionals.

Konda Surekha Meets TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Seeks Action Against Kadiyam Srihari

Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Forests, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha on Thursday met Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud and sought party intervention over her ongoing dispute with Station Ganpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari.

According to sources Minister informed the TPCC chief that she had already submitted a formal complaint to Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy in her capacity as a Cabinet Minister regarding Srihari's alleged conduct.

Konda Surekha is understood to have urged the party leadership to initiate appropriate action against Kadiyam Srihari, alleging that he has been targeting her politically and creating difficulties for her in dis-



trict politics. She reportedly stated that, as a woman minister, she has been subjected to unnecessary political pressure and sought the party's support in addressing the issue.

Responding to her concerns, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud assured the Minister that he would look into the matter and make efforts to resolve the differences between Konda Surekha and Kadiyam Srihari through the party mechanism. He also assured her that a decision on the issue would be taken at the earliest after examining all aspects of the matter, according to party sources.

MMC chief inspects Uppal, Ramanthapur development works

Hyderabad (TSIT): Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) Commissioner Vinay Krishna Reddy conducted a comprehensive field inspection in Uppal Bhagayath and Ramanthapur Bhagayath to review civic infrastructure, sanitation, revenue administration and urban biodiversity initiatives. During the inspection, he directed officials to speed up ongoing CC road works and immediately repair streetlights in Uppal Bhagayath Phase-II. He instructed officials to prepare proposals for a storm water drain from Amberpet STP to D-Mart, Uppal Bhagayath, to improve flood management and also initiate steps for a welcome gateway near Amberpet STP. Reviewing sanitation measures, the Commissioner ordered removal of construction and



demolition waste, elimination of garbage vulnerable points and strict action against illegal dumping. Town planning officials were directed to clear encroachments and unauthorised parking along Devender Nagar nala. He also instructed officials to undertake plantation drives along the nala and Uppal Bhagayath areas with proper maintenance plans. The Commissioner stressed coordinated efforts among departments to improve public services, infrastructure and environmental sustainability.

Telangana Police Academy Bags 26 Medals at State Police Sports Meet



Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Police Academy (TGPA) delivered an impressive performance at the 5th Telangana State Police Sports Meet Cluster A, held at the Saroor Nagar Indoor Stadium from July 7 to 9, winning a total of 26 medals across various disciplines.

Competing under the leadership of Abhilasha Bisht Director of the Telangana Police Academy, and the supervision of T.A. Bharat, Assistant Director (MT & Accommodation), the academy's athletes excelled in Weightlifting, Yoga, Pencak Silat, Taekwondo, Arm Wrestling, Bodybuilding and Wrestling. academy's medal haul included 3 gold, 9 silver and 14 bronze medals, reflecting the high standards of training and discipline maintained at the institution. Among the standout per-

formers, Police Constable Y. Srinu emerged as the top medal winner with seven medals, followed by Police Constable Parashuram with four medals. ARSI Anjaneyulu secured three medals, while Head Constable Prasad, ARSI Vajja Reddy, and Police Constables Madhuri and Padmavathi won two medals each. DSP Jagadeeshwar, Head Constable Chandrasekar, and ARSI Suresh contributed one medal each. Congratulating the athletes, Director Abhilasha Bisht said the achievement was a testament to the academy's quality training, discipline and commitment to physical fitness. She noted that sports play a vital role in building the physical endurance, mental resilience and team spirit required of police personnel and encouraged the medal winners to continue bringing laurels to the Telangana Police.

Pooled Municipal Debt Obligation (PMDO) Facility

The Security Trustee – Vistra ITCL (India) Ltd (Formerly IL&FS Trust Company Ltd), The Qube, 2nd Floor, A wing, Hasan Pada Road, Mittal Industrial Estate, Marol, Andheri (E), Mumbai – 400059

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Sale of movable and immovable properties mortgaged to the PMDO lenders under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest, (SARFAESI) Act, 2002.

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of the PMDO Lenders has taken possession of the following property u/s 14 of the SARFAESI Act pursuant to the demand notice and will be sold by E-Auction on August 6, 2026.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower/s/Guarantors/Mortgagors/Co-Borrowers in particular that in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the under mentioned asset secured in favour of PMDO Lenders. Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the PMDO lenders under Section 14 of the Act on February 24, 2018 pursuant to the demand notice dated March 7, 2017 issued, will be sold by E-Auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" AND "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" under the SARFAESI Act/Its Rules through the website https://assets.matexauctions.com for recovery of the dues amounting to Rs. 79,593,835/- (Rupees Seven Crore Ninety Five Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Five Only) as on March 31, 2026 and further interest / charges / cost, pending Asset Manager Fees and out of pocket expenses etc in the account of M/s. Shalvahana (MSW) Green Energy Limited ("Borrower") and payable by the Borrower to the PMDO Lenders/Facility.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES

Description of Movable Properties and Immovable Properties and Statement Showing List of Assets of the Borrower

All the leasehold rights of Non-agricultural land pursuant to Lease Deed dated October 15, 2008 aggregation to 9.2873 hectares situated at district karimnagar and Registration Sub district Sultanabad as follows:

- Land admeasuring 20 acres 39 guntas forming part of Sy.No.70 situated at Rebbal Devupalli Village, Sultanabad Revenue Mandal within the limits of Grampanchayat Chinnabonkur, and registration district Karimnagar and Regn. Sub- Dist. Sultanabad, hectares 8.49 having the following boundaries NORTH: Land belongs to Chakali Rajaiah & Velupiah Kondaiah SOUTH: Land belongs to Papani Sammaiah, Kankanala Komuraiah, Kanakala Srinivas and others EAST: Land belongs to Kukatla Lakshmaiah and Vagu WEST: Land belongs to Mittapally Narayana, Motlapally Hanumaiah, Mittapally Kumar and Kalva Komuraiah
- Land admeasuring A-0-08 3/16 guntas equivalent to 0.08 3/16 hectares out of Sy.No.485 situated at Sivar Suglampalle H/o Sultanabad Revenue Village of Sultanabad Mandal within the limits of Suglampalle Grampanchayat and registration district Karimnagar and Regn. Sub- Dist. Sultanabad, having the following boundaries EAST: Boundary of Rebbaldevalpy Shivar WEST: Land of the Vendors NORTH: Land of the Vendee SOUTH: Land of Neelam Hannaiah
- Land admeasuring A-0-21 1/4 guntas equivalent to 0.21 1/4 hectares out of Sy.No.486/A situated at Sivar Suglampalle H/o Sultanabad Revenue Village of Sultanabad Mandal within the limits of Suglampalle Grampanchayat and registration district Karimnagar and Regn. Sub- Dist. Sultanabad, having the following boundaries EAST: Land of Sippa Saraiyah WEST: Land of Elenki Rammurthy and his brothers NORTH: Land of Papani Rayalingu and others SOUTH: Land of the vendors
- Land admeasuring A-0-24 1/3 guntas equivalent to 0.24 1/3 hectares out of Sy.No.482 situated at Sivar Suglampalle H/o Sultanabad Revenue Village of Sultanabad Mandal within the limits of Suglampalle Grampanchayat and registration district Karimnagar and Regn. Sub- Dist. Sultanabad, having the following boundaries : EAST : Land of Choppari Odelu WEST : Road NORTH : Land of the Vendor and others SOUTH : Land of Elenki Vishwesh and Elenki Rammoorthy
- Land admeasuring A-0-26 1/3 guntas equivalent to 0.26 1/3 hectares out of Sy.No.485 situated at Sivar Suglampalle H/o Sultanabad Revenue Village of Sultanabad Mandal within the limits of Suglampalle Grampanchayat and registration district Karimnagar and Regn. Sub- Dist. Sultanabad, having the following boundaries EAST :Rebbaldevalpy Shivar Boundary WEST : Land of Kalwala Kanakaiah NORTH : Land of Papani Mallaiiah, Kalwa Lachaiiah and others SOUTH : Land of the Vendor and Mittapelly Pochamallu

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- Pursuant to Sale deed dated 17th July 2006 Land admeasuring A-0-24 1/3 guntas equivalent to 0.24 1/3 hectares out of Sy.No.482 situated at Sivar Suglampalle H/o Sultanabad Revenue Village of Sultanabad Mandal within the limits of Suglampalle Grampanchayat and registration district Karimnagar and Regn. Sub- Dist. Sultanabad, having the following boundaries EAST : Land of Choppari Odelu WEST : Road, NORTH : Land of the Vendor and others SOUTH : Land of Elenki Vishwesh and Elenki Rammoorthy
- Pursuant to sale deed dated 1 August 2006 land admeasuring A-0-26 1/3 guntas equivalent to 0.26 1/3 hectares out of Sy.No.485 situated at Sivar Suglampalle H/o Sultanabad Revenue Village of Sultanabad Mandal within the limits of Suglampalle Grampanchayat and registration district Karimnagar and Regn. Sub- Dist. Sultanabad, having the following boundaries EAST :Rebbaldevalpy Shivar Boundary WEST : Land of Kalwala Kanakaiah NORTH : Land of Papani Mallaiiah, Kalwa Lachaiiah and others SOUTH : Land of the Vendor and Mittapelly Pochamallu

Movable Assets: Project assets in relation to Waste to Energy Plant based on Municipal Solid Waste: 55 TPH Steam Boiler, ESP unit, 12 MW Steam Turbine, Electrical Panel boards, Crane EoT, Cooling Water System, Compressor unit, 11 KV Electrical Switch yard, DSP Panels, Power Evaluation System, LT Power controls, Fuel Feeding System, RO plant, DG sets, Plant accessories, weigh bridge, RDF MSW processing plant and all ancillary parts in relation to the above items as well as other movable Project Assets, tangible moveable assets, including without limitation all movable plant and machinery, capital equipment, together with its accessories, computer hardware, computer software, electronics spares machinery spares, tools and accessories whether installed or whether lying loose or in cases or which are lying or are stored

Reserve price: Rs.91,000,000/- (Nine Crores Ten Lakhs Only) EMD : Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Only) bid incremental value : Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only)

Date and time of E-Auction : August 6, 2026 between 10.00 am till 12.00 noon with auto extension of 5 minutes each till sale is completed

EMD Remittance: Vistra ITCL (India) Ltd, Canara Bank, Santacruz Branch, Mumbai, Account No. 0112100100502, IFSC Code : CNRB0000111

Bid Multiplier : Rs.5,00,000/-

Inspection of the Property and time of inspection : July 20, 2026

Submission of online application for Bid with EMD : August 5, 2026 till 12.00 Noon

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION / SALE:

- Bids in the prescribed formats given in the Tender Document shall be submitted "Online" through the portal https://assets.matexauctions.com. Bids submitted otherwise shall not be eligible for consideration
- For participation in the Auction, intending bidders have to make a refundable deposit (EMD) of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten lakhs Only) mentioned above in the form of Pay Order / Demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT payable at Mumbai favoring Vistra ITCL (India) Ltd in the bank account details mentioned above.
- Submission of the bid shall be deemed to be unconditional acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Sale Notice and the Tender Document.
- The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of sale price payable on the same day/next working day of the auction, after adjusting the EMD already paid, immediately, i.e. on the same day of the E-auction date or not later than next working day, as the case may be, after the acceptance of the offer by the Authorized Officer, failing which the money deposited by the bidder shall be forfeited. The Balance 75% of the sale price is payable on or before the 15th day of confirmation of sale of the secured asset or such extended period as may be agreed upon in writing between the Secured Creditor and the successful bidder, in any case not exceeding three months.
- If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, within the stipulated timelines, the remittances made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and the property shall forthwith be put up for sale again.
- After opening the tenders, Authorized officer may, at his discretion, allow inter-se bidding among the bidders to enhance the offer price.
- The EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. It is also clarified that the EMD shall not carry any interest.
- The bidder quoting the highest bid, subject to acceptance by the Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor, shall be termed as the successful bidder.
- On confirmation of sale by the Secured Creditor and if the terms of payment have been complied with, the Authorized Officer, exercising the powers of Sale, shall issue a Certificate of Sale of properties in favour of the Purchaser in the form given in Appendix – III and Appendix – V to the SARFAESI Act.
- The properties are being sold on "As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is", "Whatever There Is" and "Without Recourse" basis. The intending bidders are advised to conduct independent inquiries with the concerned Revenue, Municipal, Electricity Board, Water Supply, Development Authority and other statutory authorities regarding title, encumbrances and outstanding dues. Any liability towards property tax, municipal tax, electricity charges, water charges, maintenance charges, statutory dues, electricity dues, claims, charges or any other dues, whether known or unknown, disclosed or undisclosed, relating to the properties shall be borne exclusively by the successful bidder/purchaser, and the Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be liable for the same in any manner whatsoever.
- Without prejudice and without admitting any liability, prospective bidders are informed that certain notices/communications are stated to have been issued by the Electricity Board / Provident Fund (PF) office concerning the secured asset. The Secured Creditor has neither verified nor adjudicated upon the validity, correctness or enforceability of any claim that may be contained therein and makes no representation or warranty in this regard. Prospective bidders are advised to make their own independent enquiries with the concerned authorities regarding any outstanding electricity dues, PF dues, charges, liabilities, claims, permissions, conditions or requirements pertaining to the secured asset. In the event any such dues, charges, liabilities, claims, permissions, conditions or requirements are found to exist or are raised at any stage, the same shall be borne, discharged and dealt with by the successful bidder/purchaser at its own cost, risk and responsibility, subject to applicable law. The Secured Creditor/Authorized Officer shall not be liable for the same, and no claim for adjustment, set-off, refund, cancellation of sale or reduction of bid amount shall be raised against the Secured Creditor/Authorized Officer on this ground.
- The aforesaid properties shall not be sold below the "Reserve Price".
- The Authorized Officer may accept or reject the Bid / Quotation or postpone / Cancel the auction of the property mentioned above without assigning any reason therefor.
- The successful bidder shall bear the charges payable for conveyance, registration fee, taxes on the sale transaction including GST, stamp duty etc as applicable.
- The intending bidders should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality and quantity of the properties and any encumbrance shall be verified with the concerned authorities before participating in the E-Auction, and any encumbrance, claim, charge, lien, statutory demand or liability that may arise or be noticed before or after the date of this notice shall be borne by the successful bidder/purchaser.
- The interested parties / bidders for inspection, Tender forms and further clarifications may contact IL&FS Urban Infrastructure Managers Ltd (Asset Manager of PMDO Facility), First Floor, New No 5A (Old No 25), Rukmani Street, West Mambalam, Chennai – 600033. Mr. Gridharan 98103 14321
- The publication is also taken as notice to the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor/Co-Borrower(s).
- The Intending bidder should submit the evidence for EMD deposit like UTR along with request letter for participation in the E-auction, self attested copies of (i) proof of identification (KYC) viz. Voter ID Card/Driving Licence/PAN Card/Aadhaar Card, as applicable.
- The Sale Certificate will be issued in the name of the purchaser/applicant only and will not be issued in any other name. Nominee bids shall not be entertained and their earnest money shall also be forfeited.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE TO THE BORROWER / GUARANTORS / MORTGAGORS / CO-BORROWERS (READ WITH RULE 8(6) OF THE RULES)

Notice is hereby given to the above mentioned Borrower/ Guarantors / Mortgagors / Co-Borrowers to pay the dues mentioned in the demand notice dated March 7, 2017 and as updated herein before the Date of Auction failing which the Property will be auctioned and balance due, if any, will be recovered with interest and costs from the Borrower/ Guarantors/Mortgagors/Co-Borrowers, as applicable.

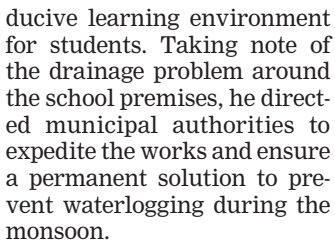
Date: July 10, 2026
Place: Gandhinagar

Authorised Officer
Vistra ITCL (India) Ltd.

Place: Telangana
Date: 10.07.2026

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd., (In capacity as Trustee)

Accompanied by the Mandal Education Officer, Deputy Mayor Salla Ramya, Assistant Municipal Commissioner, officials of the Education and Welfare Infrastructure Development Corporation (EWIDC), the KGBV Special Officer and the local Corporator, Mr. Chandraliah reviewed the facilities available for students, including accommodation, sanitation, drinking water, food and other basic amenities. He instructed officials to work in coordination to provide a safe and con-



ducive learning environment for students. Taking note of the drainage problem around the school premises, he directed municipal authorities to expedite the works and ensure a permanent solution to prevent waterlogging during the monsoon.

Later, the Additional Collector inspected the Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026 of the electoral rolls being carried out at the school. He reviewed the enumeration forms being filled by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and interacted with voters. He instructed officials to ensure accurate data entry and transparent implementation of the revision exercise so that all eligible voters were included in the electoral rolls. Officials from the concerned departments were present.

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If anyone has any claim/interest/dispute over the said property, the same may be reported to the undersigned within 7 days from the publication of the notice, failing which no further claim over the said property will be entertained and shall be deemed there is no Encumbrance pending against this Document.

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CM Chandrababu Targets YSRCP Over Family Values and Religious Issues

Nandyal: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched a strong attack on the opposition YSRCP, questioning the credibility of leaders who, he alleged, fail to respect their own family members while claiming to serve the public.

Addressing a public meeting in Banaganapalle, Nandyal district, as part of the 'Mee Bhoomi-Mee Hakku' programme, Chandrababu said leaders who do not support their own family members cannot be expected to work for the welfare of society. He made the remarks while criticising the political conduct of the previous government.



The Chief Minister alleged that the previous administration ignored cultural and religious sentiments and accused it of failing to act against incidents that hurt public faith. He referred to incidents including the burn-

ing of the Antarvedi chariot, the theft of silver lions from the Durgamma temple and vandalism at Ramatheertham, claiming that his government was taking steps to address such issues.

Chandrababu said the

coalition government would not tolerate acts that create religious tensions and assured that strict action would be taken against individuals involved in activities that disturb social harmony.

Targeting the YSRCP, he alleged that attempts were being made to divide society on caste, religious and regional lines. He also accused the opposition of encouraging anti-social elements and creating law-and-order challenges in the state.

The Chief Minister also criticised certain social media campaigns targeting religious sentiments and warned against spreading content that could provoke public

unrest. He said the government would take necessary action to protect social harmony and maintain peace.

Later, Chandrababu visited various stalls set up near the meeting venue and showed interest in bamboo-crafted jewellery products. He instructed officials to promote products made by DWCR and MEPMA women through the 'Swayam' brand to provide better market opportunities for self-help group members. Ministers Payyavula Keshav, Anagani Satyaprasad, B. C. Janardhan Reddy and N. M. D. Farooq, along with MP Byreddy Shabari, MLAs and party leaders, attended the programme.

AP Minister directs officials to utilize SC-sub plan funds by January, 2027

Vijayawada (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Social Welfare Minister Dola Bala Veeranjaneeya Swamy on Thursday directed the officials to spend the Rs 20,643 crore SC-sub plan funds by the end of January, 2027, and warned of stringent action, if misuse was found. At a meeting with the Nodal agency held at the Secretariat at Amaravati, near here, he said that the government had allocated Rs 20,643 crore for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes and ordered the officials concerned to utilize the funds 100 percent by the end of January 2027. The Minister inquired about the utilisation of SC-sub plan funds and how much has been spent so far. He told the officials to evolve an action plan department wise and utilize the funds properly.

Farmers' Income Growth Tops Government Agenda



Khammam (TSIT): The State government is committed to improving farmers' incomes and making agriculture a profitable occupation through sustained investments in irrigation, procurement, farm mechanisation and allied sectors, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao said. Addressing the Mega Rythu Mela at Jagannathpur village in Chintakani mandal after inaugurating the event, the two ministers said the government had been spending thousands of crores on irrigation, agriculture, paddy procurement, MARKFED activities and farm mechanisation while ensuring that no farmer was left in distress. Bhatti Vikramarka said nearly 9,000 crore had been credited directly into farmers' accounts under the Rythu Bharosa scheme within nine days. He said the government had procured paddy, maize and sorghum despite financial constraints and allocated substantial funds for farm mechanisation. Criticising the Opposition, he said it had no moral right to question the government's commitment to farmers.

Navodaya entrance applications invited for Class 6 admissions

Wanaparthy (TSIT): District Collector Adarsh Surabhi has urged eligible students to apply online for admission to Class 6 at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Vattem, for the academic year 2027-28 through the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test (JNVST)-2027. In a statement issued on Thursday, the Collector said students currently studying Class 5 in government and recognised schools are eligible to appear for the entrance examination. The last date for submission of online applications is July 31, 2026. Students can apply through the official Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti website or the designated application portal. The entrance examination will be conducted on November 28, 2026, at selected examination centres. Collector Adarsh Surabhi appealed to eligible students across the district to utilise the opportunity and apply in large numbers.

Tirupati District Annual Credit Plan 2026-27 Unveiled with 35,907 Crore Target



Tirupati, July 9: The Tirupati District Banks' Annual Credit Plan (ACP) for 2026-27 was unveiled by District Collector S. Venkateswar on Thursday, aimed at promoting comprehensive economic growth through enhanced credit sup-

port to agriculture, MSMEs, education, housing and other priority sectors. Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector said banks play a crucial role in strengthening the district's economy and urged them to extend timely financial assistance to farmers, entrepreneurs, students, self-employment beneficiaries and housing applicants. He called upon all banks to work towards achieving 100 per cent of the assigned credit targets.

TDP Leaders Invite MLA Amaranath Reddy for Atmiya Samavesham

Palamaner: As part of the Telugu Desam Party's (TDP) initiative to conduct monthly Atmiya Samaveshams (friendly meetings) across constituencies, Puthalapattu MLA Murali Mohan on Thursday invited Palamaner MLA Amaranath Reddy to participate in the upcoming meeting. Murali Mohan, along with key TDP leaders



from the Puthalapattu constituency, visited the TDP party office in Palamaner and personally extended the invitation to Amaranath

Reddy for the Atmiya Samavesham, which will be organised this month in the Palamaner constituency. During the occasion, Amaranath

Reddy was felicitated with a shawl and presented with a bouquet by the visiting leaders. The Atmiya Samaveshams are aimed at strengthening coordination among party leaders, improving communication between constituencies, reviewing ground-level political developments and discussing party programmes and future action plans.

GITAM Dental Hospital Hosts Workshop on Advanced TMJ Disorder Diagnosis and Treatment



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : A two-day dental education workshop titled "Taming the TMJ" commenced at the GITAM Dental College and Hospital on Thursday, focusing on the diagnosis and advanced management of temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders and related oral health conditions. More than 130 house surgeons, postgraduate students, faculty members, and dental practitioners from

across Andhra Pradesh are participating in the programme. Speaking at the inaugural session, Principal Dr. V.V. Narasimha Rao highlighted the growing prevalence of TMJ disorders, jaw pain, chewing difficulties, restricted mouth opening, and gum diseases due to modern lifestyles, stressing the importance of early diagnosis and timely treatment. The workshop features expert sessions by Dr. Varun

R. Kunte, Founder of Ardros Craniofacial Pain and TMJ Centre, Mumbai, and Prof. Dr. Atul Sattur, Director of SDM Dental College, Dharwad. They delivered scientific lectures and live demonstrations on advanced diagnostic techniques, including CBCT, MRI, T-Scan, BioEMG, Joint Vibration Analysis, digital occlusal analysis, pain management, and modern treatment protocols.

South Coast Railway GM Reviews Monsoon Preparedness, Inspects Safety Measures at Subways



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) South Coast Railway General Manager Sandeep Mathur on Thursday reviewed monsoon preparedness in the Visakhapatnam Division, inspecting safety and water drainage arrangements at Limited Height Subways (LHS) prone to waterlogging during heavy rains. Accompanied by Divisional Railway Manager Lalit Bohra, Principal Chief Engineer B.S.K. Raj Kumar and other senior zonal and divisional officials, the General Manager inspected subways located between Pendurthi-Simhachalam North and Gopalapatnam-Visakhapatnam railway sections. During the inspection, he reviewed the readiness of diesel and electric pumps, sumps, natural drainage systems, CCTV surveil-

lance, pump sheds, cross-drainage facilities, safety chains, stop boards and speed breakers installed to ensure public safety during the monsoon. He also assessed the operational status of the equipment and directed officials to keep all water evacuation systems in working condition throughout the rainy season. Mathur instructed railway officials to ensure immediate removal of water from subways whenever waterlogging occurs and to restore public access without delay. He also stressed continuous monitoring of weather alerts, deployment of staff at vulnerable locations round-the-clock during heavy rains, and close coordination among the engineering, electrical and operating departments to ensure passenger safety.

No Move to Privatisise APSRTC; Government Focused on Modern Electric Bus Network



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : The Andhra Pradesh government has clarified that there is no proposal to privatise the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC). Special Chief Secretary (Transport) M.T. Krishna Babu stated on Thursday that the government's objective is to modernise public transport by introducing electric buses while retaining APSRTC's ownership of its assets, depots, and operations. Addressing the media at the State Secretariat, Krishna Babu dismissed reports of privatisation as baseless. He said the induction of electric buses is being implemented under the Central Government's PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme and follows the Gross Cost Contract (GCC) model adopted across the country. Under this system, private operators will supply and maintain buses during the contract period, while

APSRTC will continue to manage routes and conductors, with no transfer of assets or depots. He assured that no APSRTC employee would lose their job due to the transition to electric buses. The government is consulting employee unions and is exploring alternative models, including greater involvement of APSRTC drivers and maintenance staff. The state will introduce 750 electric buses in 11 cities in the first phase, with deployment expected during August and September. An additional 300 electric buses are also being planned for Tirumala. The government aims to replace ageing diesel buses with air-conditioned electric buses in phases over the next five years to provide cleaner, safer, and more efficient public transport. If you need it in a shorter 150-200 word newspaper brief or a wire agency (PTI-style) format, I can also provide that.

TTD ADDITIONAL EO HOLDS MAIDEN REVIEW MEETING ON SRIVARI ANNUAL

Tirumala, 09 July 2026: In view of the twin Brahmothsavams under way this year owing to Adhika Masa, TTD Additional Executive Officer Sri Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary directed all Heads of Departments to finalise comprehensive plans and ensure completion of all arrangements within the prescribed time frame. A review meeting was held with all HoDs by the Additional EO along with the Tirupati Joint Executive Officer Dr. A. Sharath and CVSO Sri Murali Krishna over departmental preparedness at the Sudharma Conference Hall in Tirumala. Key directives and schedule of Srivari Sakatla Brahmothsavams Important dates: 8 September: Koil Alwar Thirumanjanam 14 September: Ankurarpanam 15 September: Dwajorohanam 19 September: Garuda Vahanam 22 September: Rathotsavam 23 September: Chakrasnanam Vahana Sevas will be conducted daily between 8 AM and 10 AM and again between 7 PM and 9 PM. VIP break darshan stands cancelled for all categories during the Brahmothsavams, except for protocol dignitaries. Darshan for senior citizens, persons with disabilities, parents with infants, NRIs and donors remains suspended. Vigilance and Police departments are tasked with ensuring stringent



security measures, traffic regulation, clear route mapping and adequate parking facilities. Anna prasadam distribution must be arranged at queue lines, Mada Street galleries and other key locations to serve continuous food to devotees. Engineering works are to be completed in accordance with devotees' needs and timelines. Additional sanitation staff shall be deployed to ensure cleanliness of public toilets and facilities. Appropriate electrical illumination, fruit and floral decorations shall be provided across venues. Youth participation shall be encouraged by enlisting volunteers as Srivari Sevaks. Two-wheelers remain prohibited on Tirumala Ghat Roads from 9 PM on 18 September to 6 AM on 20 September 2026, owing to expected heavy traffic during Garuda Seva. Adequate buffer stock of Srivari laddus must be maintained to meet anticipated demand.

AP Allocates Rs.20,643 Crore for SC Sub-Plan; Minister Directs Full Utilisation by January



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam : Andhra Pradesh Social Welfare Minister Dr. Dola Bala Veeranjaneeya Swamy has directed all departments to ensure 100% utilisation of the 20,643 crore allocated under the Scheduled Caste (SC) Sub-Plan for the current financial year by January. Chairing a meeting of the SC Sub-Plan Nodal Agency at the State Secretariat on Thursday, the Minister reviewed department-wise expenditure and instructed officials to prepare action plans for timely utilisation of funds. He warned that any diversion or misuse of SC Sub-Plan funds would not be

tolerated and stressed that every rupee must be spent exclusively for the welfare and development of Scheduled Castes. The Minister also urged departments to effectively utilise Central government schemes and funds. He said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is committed to the overall socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes and called upon officials to work with dedication and transparency to achieve that objective. The meeting was attended by Social Welfare Director Lavanya Veni and senior officials from various departments.

Development Top Priority, Says Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar



RANGAREDDY (TSIT) Shadnagar MLA and Chairman of the State Government Corporations Committee, Veerlapalli Shankar, on Thursday said development remains his top priority and reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening infrastructure across Kondur mandal. The MLA inspected the ongoing construction of high-level bridges, culverts and bridge slab works worth Rs. 5.60 crore between Regadi Chilkamarri and Ramachandrapuram villages. He said the project would improve

connectivity, ease long-standing transportation problems and accelerate rural development. Veerlapalli Shankar said the State Government has sanctioned funds for the construction of Gram Panchayat buildings, CC roads, bridges and culverts in several villages of Kondur mandal. He also announced that an integrated school, expansion of the Parigi Road into a four-lane road and a mini sports stadium at the mandal headquarters are among the key development projects being taken up.

New market yard bodies sworn in at Gopalpet



Wanaparthy (TSIT): The swearing-in ceremony of the newly constituted governing bodies of agricultural market yards for the joint Gopalpet, Revalli and Yedula mandals was held at the Gandi Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises in Buddharam village of Gopalpet mandal on Thursday. Wanaparthy MLA Thudi Meghareddy attended the programme as the chief guest and congratulated the newly appointed members. He felicitated them with

shawls and said the Congress government had prioritised farmers' welfare by establishing two new agricultural market yards within a short period after coming to power. Venkatesh assumed charge as the Market Yard Chairman, while Satyasila Reddy was appointed Vice-Chairman. Directors Botuka Chandraya, Thakur Santosh, Surender, Sirimallesh, Tirupathaiah, Srinivasulu, Balapiru Janamma and Vemareddy Devender were felicitated along with other members including Tejashree, Raghu and Bangari. Market yard officials, Congress leaders, activists, farmers, women and local representatives attended the ceremony.

Commissioner Srijana Reviews Civic Priorities in Gajularamaram Under 'One Day, One Ward' Initiative



Hyderabad TSIT: Continuing the One Day, One Ward programme, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation Commissioner Srijana on Thursday conducted a comprehensive review of civic issues in Gajularamaram Ward under the Gajularamaram Circle, Quthbullapur Zone. Accompanied by the Zonal Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and officials from various departments, the Commissioner interacted with Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) and local residents before undertaking a field inspection to assess key civic concerns

requiring immediate attention. During the inspection, residents highlighted several issues, including the construction and maintenance of CC roads, improvement of street lighting, construction of a function hall, development of parks, tree pruning, protection of lake surroundings, removal of encroachments from roads and public spaces.

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Date & Time of Auction : 13-08-2026, 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 12-08-2026 at 8:00 pm. The property can be inspected on 11-08-2026 between 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank Serlingampally Chandanagar Branch now transferred to ARM Branch Hyderabad for follow up, will be sold "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 13-08-2026 for recovery of Rs. 3,07,37,806.18/- (Rupees Three Crore Twenty Eight Thousand Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One and Paise Twenty Four Only) with future interest at 8.60% p.a. with monthly rests from the date of application as per Order in Original Application No. 228 of 2026 by DRT II Hyderabad due to the Canara Bank ARM Branch Hyderabad from Borrower(s) / Co-borrower(s) / Co-obligant(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgageor(s) : (1) M/s. Cematrix IT Services Pvt. Ltd., 6B, Sy No.80-84, Sixth Floor, Milange Towers, Patrika Nagar, Madhapur, Hitech City, Hyderabad-500081. (2) Shri. Rajesh Gupta Kotha (Director), S/o. Srinivasulu Kotha, Flat No.303, YSR Enclave, Plot No. E5, Manikonda, Hyderabad-500089. (3) Smt. Shilpa Banda (Director), D/o. B. P. Ranga Rao, H.No. 1-2/605/80/77, LIC Colony, Opp. Indira Park, Domalguda, Hyderabad-500029.

The Reserve Price for LOT 1 will be Rs. 1,11,41,000/- (Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakh Forty One Thousand Only), The Reserve Price for LOT 2 will be Rs. 87,03,000/- (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakh Three Thousand Only), The Reserve Price for LOT 3 will be Rs. 1,75,50,000/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Five Lakh Fifty Thousand Only). Earnest Money Deposit for LOT 1 will be Rs. 11,14,100/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Only). Earnest Money Deposit for LOT 2 will be Rs. 8,70,300/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Only). Earnest Money Deposit for LOT 3 will be Rs. 17,55,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Only). Bid Multiples: Rs. 1,00,000/-.

DETAILS AND FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

LOT 1: All that the Flat No.401, in 4th floor of Block No. 'E' in the Residential Apartment known as "GOLF VIEW" with a builtup area measuring 1495 sq ft with car parking of 100 sq ft along with undivided share of land 44.85 sq yd (out of the total extent of acres 335 guntas) in sy no.70(P),71(P),72(P) & 73 situated at Nanakramguda Village, Serlingampally Mandal Ranga Reddy District. Bounded By: North : Cutout & Open to Sky, South : Open to Sky, East : Corridor, West: Open to Sky. CERSAI ASSET ID: 400079372937.

LOT 2 : All that Flat bearing No.404 (1-10-38/404), 4th floor in the building known as "LOTUS FLORA APARTMENTS", admeasuring 1660 sq. ft. of builtup area (including common area) and parking bearing No. C9/404 admeasuring 260 sq ft in the stilt floor together with undivided share of land admeasuring 70 sq yds out of total land admeasuring 2026 sq yds in premises bearing municipal No. 1-10/38/2/67 in survey No.21/1,2/12 and 22 situated at Prakash Nagar Begumpet, Hyderabad. Bounded By: North : Flat No. 403 & 5 Feet Road, South : Open to Sky, East : Open to Sky, West: Staircase & Flat No. 405. CERSAI ASSET ID : 400079377623.

LOT 3 : All that Open Plot bearing No. 160,161 & 162 (Type C1) in Survey No. 642 admeasuring 1500 sq. yds (each plot area 500 sq. yds) which is equivalent to 1254.15 sq mts as shown in the plan annexed situated at Patancheru under Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Patancheru Medak District. Bounded By: North: 400 Feet Wide Road, South : Plot No. 157, 156, 155, East : Plot No. 163, West: Plot No. 159. CERSAI ASSET ID: 400022843363.

"Auction Sale is subject to outcome in SA 218 of 2026 in DRT-II, Hyderabad."

Date & Time of Auction : 29-07-2026, 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 28-07-2026 at 5:00 pm. The property can be inspected on 27-07-2026 between 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank ARM Branch Hyderabad for follow up, will be sold "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 29-07-2026 for recovery of Rs. 1,92,29,073.20/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Two Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Seventy Three and Paise Twenty Only) as on 30-06-2026 plus unpaid interest w.e.01-07-2026 and other Bank charges due to the ARM Branch, Canara Bank from Borrower(s) / Co-borrower(s) / Co-obligant(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgageor(s) : (1) M/s. Gayatri Water Plant, Prop: Mrs. Badavath Vijaya, H. No. 3-114/2 (Old), 3-800004 (New), Sy. No. 5/83, Beerappa Nagar, Thorur Village And Mandal, Mahabubabad District, Telangana - 506101. (2) Mrs. Badavath Vijaya, W/o. 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EDITORIAL

Ram Temple Theft: SIT Confirms Theft and Security Lapses But Leaves Key Questions Unaddressed

Amidst the ongoing controversy following reports of the alleged theft of offerings at Ayodhya's Ram Jannabhoomi Mandir last month, the Uttar Pradesh government's home department constituted a special investigation team (SIT) to probe the allegations. The SIT's interim report has now laid bare the kinds of embezzlement and theft ongoing on the temple – but there are also some questions that the SIT has not raised. At the very outset, the SIT observes that, prima facie, it appears certain employees responsible for counting the donations were involved in the theft and embezzlement of cash. CCTV footage captured 70 instances of theft within a span of 40 days. The interim report further acknowledges that there had been serious lapses in the management of offerings and security arrangements for years – concerns that have been repeatedly highlighted by internal audits but have not been effectively addressed. However, this interim report raises more questions than it answers. It also fails to raise questions around the involvement and/or negligence of those at the very top. The SIT was constituted at the behest of the Shri Ram Jannabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust. In a letter to the government dated June 12, the Trust stated that media and social media reports concerning the management and misappropriation of temple offerings were creating doubts among devotees and therefore an independent investigation into the entire matter was necessary. Consequently, the home department of the Uttar Pradesh government constituted the SIT on June 17. The team was tasked with investigating the entire incident to ascertain how the theft occurred, identify the individuals accountable and recommend necessary reforms to avert such incidents in the future. Following an investigation that lasted just six days, the SIT presented its nine-page interim report to the additional chief secretary (home) on June 23 The SIT has recommended that an FIR be filed against six individuals: Avinash Shukla, Anukalp Mishra, Lavkush Mishra, Manish Kumar Yadav, Karunesh Pandey and Ramashankar Mishra. However, the report makes no mention of the Trust's then-general secretary and Vishva Hindu Parishad leader, Champat Rai. While the SIT has noted the supervisory failures of senior Trust office-bearer Anil Mishra and the official in charge of counting, Subhash Srivastava, it has not reached a definitive conclusion regarding the role of the top decision-making body or other senior office-bearers. Moreover, the report fails to answer several major questions, such as the total amount of funds embezzled and where the ultimate responsibility lies for the institutional failures that persisted over the years. How are offerings made at the temple? According to the report, devotees present their offerings at the Ram Temple through three primary channels: It has been reported that the cash and valuables collected through these channels were taken to a counting room, where they were tallied with the help of the State Bank of India (SBI). A detailed standard operating procedure (SOP) was established between the Trust and the bank for this purpose. This procedure mandated that donation boxes be opened in the joint presence of Trust and bank representatives; separate records be maintained for each box; staff undergo searches upon entry and exit; counting staff wear special clothing without pockets.

Thanks To Trump, Saving The US-Iran Islamabad Deal Is Now Harder Than Ever

Less than a month after the United States and Iran signed the agreement that was supposed to end the war in West Asia and create the basis for a wider deal, American warplanes are again pounding Iran. In response, Iran is attacking US-linked targets in the Gulf nations and threatening commercial shipping. Missiles and drones are flying across the Gulf and over the Strait of Hormuz. Oil prices have jumped, and the nervousness has returned to global markets. At the NATO summit in Ankara, which concluded yesterday, President Donald Trump appeared to pronounce the last rites. "As far as I'm concerned, it's over," he said of the understanding with Iran. Hours later, however, Trump was telling journalists aboard Air Force One that Iranian officials had called "just a little while ago" and wanted a deal "so badly". He was not sure, he added, whether they were "worthy" of one.

■ WELCOME BACK TO DONALD TRUMP'S TELEVISED, OPEN DIPLOMACY.

The latest escalation began after attacks on three commercial ships near the Strait of Hormuz, which Washington blamed on Iran. The American response was blistering. US Central Command says it hit around 80 Iranian military targets on Tuesday, followed by approximately 90 more in the next round of strikes in the early hours of Thursday. The latest attacks, it said, were aimed at further degrading Iran's ability to threaten commercial shipping and civilian mariners in the Strait of Hormuz. 'Bullying And Breaking Promises' Iran is equally defiant. Its parliamentary speaker and chief US negotiator, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, says America has still not learnt that "bullying and breaking promises" are no longer cost-free. Iran's foreign minister has responded to Trump's insults by saying Tehran will answer not with vulgarity, but with action. Explosions have been reported in Bahrain. Kuwait says it has intercepted missiles and drones. Qatar has issued a security alert. This doesn't appear to be a small



breach of a fragile ceasefire. West Asia is again climbing the escalation ladder. And yet, it would be premature to write the obituary of the Islamabad agreement. Trump's latest words must, of course, be taken seriously. He is the President of the United States, which just celebrated its 250th birth anniversary with pomp and show of strength. In Ankara, he called Iran's leaders "scum" and "sick people". Talking to Tehran, he suggested, may simply be a waste of time. He has even spoken about the possibility of taking over Kharg Island, the strategic centre of Iran's oil exports.

■ THE TRUMP VOCABULARY

Indeed, Trump has completely changed the language of diplomacy. American presidents in the past made threats, too. They bombed countries. They imposed sanctions, and they toppled governments. But they usually chose their public words carefully. Trump does not. Remember that extraordinary meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in the Oval Office last year? A diplomatic disagreement became a televised argument. The sort of language normally heard behind closed doors was suddenly being spoken in front of cameras. Iran has been dealing with Trump long enough to understand this. This is the same American presi-

dent who has talked about regime change in Tehran and then shown a willingness to negotiate with the very same Iranian government. Even after declaring the Islamabad understanding effectively dead, Trump acknowledged that his envoy Steve Witkoff and son-in-law Jared Kushner remained involved in the diplomatic process. Goodbye To Ceasefire?

■ SO, IS THE DEAL REALLY DEAD?

Perhaps. But the telephone lines do not appear to have been cut yet. The same contradiction exists in Tehran. Iran says Washington has violated the agreement by restoring pressure on its oil trade and attacking Iranian territory. Tehran has also pointed to continued Israeli military action in Lebanon. Israel was to withdraw from south of Lebanon, which it has not, and continues to bomb Lebanese towns and cities. Iranian officials argue that America has failed to honour important commitments made under the memorandum. The text of the agreement matters here. The MoU envisaged no new US sanctions while a final deal was negotiated and included waivers connected with Iranian oil exports. It also required both sides to maintain the status quo

pending a final agreement. Yet Iran too has stopped short of formally burying the memorandum. Why? Because, for all the anger, Tehran may also want to keep a small diplomatic window open. The bigger problem is that the original argument over Iran's nuclear programme has now been overtaken by another, potentially even more dangerous fight: the Strait of Hormuz.

■ THE HORMUZ CARD

Iran appears to have learnt an enormous strategic lesson from the war. It has proven in recent months that Hormuz may be more useful to them than a nuclear bomb. A nuclear weapon is difficult to build. It invites international isolation. Using one would risk national destruction. Hormuz can be squeezed today. Attack three ships, and insurance premiums will rise. Tankers will hesitate to deploy. Oil prices will inevitably jump. Our governments in India and other parts of Asia will become nervous. European markets will fall. Around a fifth of the world's oil and gas supplies pass through this narrow waterway. Iran does not need to defeat the US militarily to cause enormous global damage. It merely needs to make the Strait unpredictable. Or shut it for as long as it deems necessary.

■ THAT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY

NARILY POWERFUL WEAPON, ISN'T IT?

It has dawned on us that Tehran now appears determined to create a new reality in Hormuz. Iranian politicians have spoken about greater control over vessels passing through the waterway. There has even been discussion of ships effectively paying for passage. Washington will never easily accept such an arrangement. Control over Hormuz would give Iran leverage not simply over America, but over the global economy.

■ TRUMP'S PLAN

Trump's threats against Iran's oil infrastructure, particularly Kharg Island, should be looked at in that context. Iran can store oil on land. It can fill tankers and leave them sitting offshore. But it cannot do this indefinitely. At some point, Iran has to sell its oil. The American strategy appears straightforward. Make it harder for Iran to export oil. Threaten the infrastructure that allows Tehran to earn money. Increase the economic pain.

Then wait.

The hope in Washington is that Iran eventually returns to the negotiating table on American terms. But Iran has another card. It can make the rest of the region pay the price. The attacks and threats against US military facilities in Bahrain, Kuwait, and elsewhere in the region are reminders of Tehran's ability to widen the conflict. Iran cannot match America's military strength. It does not need to. It only needs to make the war expensive, unpredictable, and regional.

■ A DILEMMA IN THE GULF

That scenario is painful for the Gulf countries, nearly all of whom are American allies and have American military bases there. Nobody in the Gulf wants another long war. The region has changed dramatically over the past decade. Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Qatar want to talk about artificial intelligence, global finance, new cities, tourism, sport, and life after oil. Missiles flying over their capitals do not quite fit that sales pitch.

After US-Iran, Why Is Pakistan Suddenly 'Brokering' Peace In Libya Now?

To further its freshly minted international reputation of interlocuting between Iran and the US, Pakistan seems to be rolling the dice on another conflict. This time, thousands of kilometres away from its borders, in a region with limited historical stake: Libya. Pakistan Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir on June 24 received the deputy commander of the Libyan National Army (LNA), Saddam Haftar, at the General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi, under a guard of honour. The latest engagement in Rawalpindi followed Saddam's previous meetings with the Turkish intelligence chief and the US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Libya's civil conflict involves two rival administrations - the UN-recognised Government of National Unity (GNU) in Tripoli and the eastern Government of National Stability (GNS) in Benghazi, militarily led by Khalifa Haftar's LNA. The first faction is backed by Turkey and Qatar, and the latter by Egypt, Russia, and the UAE. In April 2026, both sides agreed on a unified national budget, a first since 2013, but the stalemate remains unresolved. The key issues include polls, a unified military command, and a share of Libya's oil revenue, which still remains under debate. Now, Pakistan has stepped into this conflict, where it has defence ties with the LNA. This development is crucial given that Pakistan's policy in North Africa has been essentially non-existent, with the country also lacking any historical stake or a sizable expatriate community. This changed in late 2025, when Munir visited Benghazi to meet Khalifa Haftar, the military commander of the LNA. According to



reports, Pakistan became one of the interlocutors alongside the US, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Turkey. Pakistan's position reportedly revolves around the 36-month reunification plan, where Tripoli-based Prime Minister would hold on to his power, while Saddam Haftar would chair a Presidency Council - essentially taking control of budget revenues and oil fields. Merchant or Mediator? Pakistan's mediation role comes as a surprise given its recent inclination towards a defence relationship with the LNA, with Pakistan reportedly finalising a defence deal worth over USD 4 billion with it. As part of this deal, Pakistan will supply sixteen JF-17 fighter aircraft, jointly developed with China, and 12 Super Mushshak trainer aircraft, to eastern Libya. This is followed up with cooperation on training. Should the deal go through, this export will become the first sale of the JF-17 to an Arab country. That, notably, would be in violation of the 2011 UN arms embargo on Libya. While Pakistan's broader position as a mediator deserves further investigation,

its relationship with the LNA will undermine Islamabad's claim to neutrality. This stands in defiance of conventional mediation theory that necessitates the mediator's impartiality. In that light, to view Pakistan's intentions as a product of altruism would be naive. Libya remains Islamabad's second act this year after it brokered a peace deal between the US and Iran, pausing the West Asian war and earning high praises from US President Donald Trump and his Vice-President, JD Vance. That episode further enhanced Pakistan's standing with the Trump administration, reflecting on a larger scale the role Islamabad played in facilitating the 2020 Doha agreement between the US and the Afghan Taliban, where Pakistani pressure on the latter and its logistical facilitation resulted in a deal. The implications of that agreement for Pakistan-Afghanistan ties and the wider Afghan population, especially women, is a story for another time. In both cases, the payoff for Pakistan is the same: closer ties with the US and an opportunity to refurbish its interna-

tional reputation. In Libya, the additional benefits include potential access to a lucrative arms export market and a strategic foothold in an energy-rich state, all at a lower political cost. At best, this remains transactional diplomacy and not humanitarian instinct. Pak Punching Above Its Weight? Despite its recent global stature, this does not mean Pakistan can solely determine the future of Libya's conflict. While it is likely viewed as a Muslim-majority, nuclear-powered state with no direct territorial agenda in Libya, the country still lacks influence or a historic clout, like that of Egypt, or oil investments like Qatar or the UAE. Pakistan remains a secondary player in a ground dominated by the US and other middle powers of the Arab world. That said, Pakistan's close ties with all stakeholders are likely to work in its favor, despite other diplomatic constraints, which explains Qatar and Turkey's insistence on bringing Islamabad into the mix. For policymakers in Islamabad, the key is to manage international and national expectations.

VIJAYA MEHTA AND THE ART OF Committing Fully, Then Letting Go

When Vijaya Mehta passed away, Marathi theatre lost not just a director, but also a living archive of what she called, without a trace of nostalgia-for-nostalgia's-sake, "a fortunate generation." Since June 30, 2026, while I have been reflecting on her work, one thing has become quite clear: hers was a mind that never stopped restlessly reinventing itself. Mehta's own image for this is the most useful key to her career: culture, she said, is like a pond in a forest. "We were all naturally swept up in this current of the artistic renaissance," she said of post-Independence India, "We didn't have to make a conscious effort to join it." It is a humble way of describing an extraordinary confluence. Be it Ebrahim Alkazi holding his first workshop after returning from England; Ravi Shankar's Kinnara and Sachin Shankar's dance troupe; the studios of M.F. Husain, Akbar Padamsee and V.S. Gaitonde all housed under one roof at the Bhulabhai Memorial Institute or a seventeen-year-old finding herself in the company of Ganpatrao Bodas, Nanasaheb Phatak and Keshavrao Date. Mehta insisted this was luck, geography, timing. But the legends that she alludes to – Vijay Tendulkar, Kishori Amonkar, Jitendra Abhisheki, Prafulla Dahanukar – gathered in what she fondly called the "Girgaon gang." This suggests something more than just being at the right place at the right time: a capacity for finding and then holding onto serious collaborators and for turning friendship into a



working method. Rangayan and the courage to let go That method found its first institutional form in Rangayan, the theatre movement she co-founded with Vijay Tendulkar, Vasant Sarwate and Madhav Vathe, under the presidency of Pu Bhagwat, who, interestingly, was not a theatrewallah but the publisher of the cult publication Satyakatha. Mehta used to describe Rangayan's structure with the precision of an architect: a core circle of five deciding the vision, a second circle of implementers like Arvind Deshpande and Arun Kakade, an advisory board stacked with the likes of Vinda Karandikar and Kumar Gandharva and finally a membership of a 1,000 people who paid Rs 10 a year for 12 programmes – six plays and six seminars, each followed by an open discussion with the audience. "It was precisely because of this dynamic that it became a movement," she said. Later, when the need for it passed, when the former amateurs were graduating into professional theatre and the founding circle had scattered,

Mehta and Tendulkar chose to close Rangayan rather than let it become "a hollow shell." Mehta compared it to the decision to lose a child. Tendulkar and Kakade have their own version of this story. But more about that on some other day. Ideology to truth What came after is instructive for anyone who assumes an artist's identity should stay fixed. Mehta moved into commercial theatre and worked for eight years, primarily with the playwright Jaywant Dalvi, on plays like Sandhyachhaya, Hamidabaichi Kothi, Mahasagar and Purush. She was candid about her initial discomfort as a Rangayan artist stepping into a managerial commercial structure and equally open about her refusal to make ideology the organising principle of her work. "I never performed plays that could be labelled as feminist or political," she said, not because the material lacked politics but because she distrusted theatre used as "a tool to serve a theme." Her account of Purush makes the distinction precise: the play was not about rape as an issue

but about masculinity and the complicity of women in a young woman's destruction. This difference, she insisted, changes everything about how a play should be built and how an audience receives it. The play ran for 16 years. Twelve-year cycles Then, characteristically, she moved again. Mehta describes herself as someone who commits to a phase for approximately 12 years, "ek tapp," she called it, a period of disciplined practice, before restless sets in. That rhythm carried her from Rangayan to commercial theatre to a rediscovery, during directing training at Oxford, of Indian "non-urban" performance conventions she had once dismissed as unsuited to her own urban sensibility. Staging Alfred Jarry's Ubu Roi using tamasha's touring, village-to-village structure startled her Indian audiences. Discovering that Brecht had made a parallel journey into Asian non-urban forms led her to Fritz Bennewitz and years of cross-cultural work in Germany, producing Marathi and German-language versions of Hayavadana and Ajab Nyay Vartulacha and eventually to a genuine friendship and creative exchange with Peter Brook around a shared understanding of Shakuntala (Mehta, interestingly, saw the play not as Shakuntala's story but as Dushyanta's journey of self-discovery). "When two completely distinct cultures come together in such a way, while respecting each other, a new truth unfolds," Brook told her. It could serve as a theatre-mantra for her entire working life.

Telangana Targets 10% Share in India's Growth CM Revanth Inaugurates Premier Energies' Next-Gen Solar Facility



Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: Telangana Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy on Thursday reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to transforming Telangana into a US\$3 trillion economy by 2047, while calling for greater investments, world-class infrastructure and sustainable industrial growth to make the State a major contributor to India's economy.

Chief Minister Addressing a gathering after inaugurating Premier Energies' state-of-the-art 5.6 GW Next-Generation Solar Module Manufacturing Facility at Seetarampur in Shabad mandal, Ranga Reddy district.He also performed the groundbreaking ceremony for the company's proposed 12 GWh Battery Energy Storage System Manufacturing Facility and a 36,000 metric tonne per annum Aluminium Extrusion and Anodization Plant.

Addressing the gathering, Revanth Reddy said politics should remain confined to election periods,

while governments must focus on development for the rest of the time.

"Politics should be restricted to elections.Our responsibility now is to work for the development of Telangana. Despite political criticism and allegations, our Government is committed to ensuring Telangana contributes 10 per cent to India's economic growth," he said.

Chief Minister stressed that the present level of investments would not be sufficient for Telangana to compete globally and called for significantly higher industrial investments. He said strengthening infrastructure, attracting global industries and creating employment opportunities would be crucial in achieving the State's long-term economic vision.

"Our Government is determined to make Telangana the number one State in the country and transform it into a US\$3 trillion economy by 2047," he asserted.

Highlighting the impor-

tant of sustainable urban development, the Chief Minister expressed concern over rising pollution in Delhi and worsening traffic congestion in cities such as Bengaluru and Chennai. He said Telangana had already adopted a long-term development strategy to prevent similar challenges.

As part of this vision State has divided its development model into CURE, PURE and RARE zones to ensure balanced industrialisation, environmental protection and regional development. He explained that around 2,100 square kilometres within the Outer Ring Road have been earmarked under the CURE (Clean and Urban Region Ecosystem) concept exclusively for the service sector.

Revanth Reddy also highlighted the Government's emphasis on skill development through the establishment of the Young India Skills University and Advanced Training Centres to prepare youth for emerging industries and advanced manufacturing sectors.

Describing the inauguration of the solar manufacturing facility as a significant milestone for Telangana's renewable energy ecosystem, the Chief Minister congratulated Premier Energies for expanding its manufacturing base in the State.

He also directed the Ranga Reddy District Collector to provide housing and develop commercial complexes for families who had surrendered their lands for the project, ensuring sustainable livelihood opportunities alongside industrial development.

Chief Minister expressed gratitude to the farmers of Ranga Reddy district for supporting the establishment of the manufacturing facility and said special funds had already been allocated for the development of the Chevella Assembly constituency. He also announced that a 100-metre-wide road connecting Budwel and Kodangal was under construction and stated that he would return to inaugurate a temple in the area.

The event was attended by Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Premier Energies Chairman Surender Pal Singh Saluja, Managing Director Chiranjeevi Saluja, Executive Director Revathi Rohini Buragadda and Director Sudheer Reddy.

Founded in 1995 and headquartered in Hyderabad, Premier Energies Limited is among India's leading integrated solar cell and module manufacturers. The company currently operates solar cell manufacturing facilities with an annual capacity exceeding 3.6 GW and solar module manufacturing facilities with a cumulative annual capacity of approximately 5.5 GW in Telangana, serving both domestic and international renewable energy markets.

Sarpanches and Panchayat Secretaries Must Work in Coordination for Holistic Village Development: District Collector Khushboo Gupta

Mahabubnagar, July 9 (TSIT): District Collector Khushboo Gupta emphasized that Sarpanches and Panchayat Secretaries should work in close coordination with a clear action plan based on the needs of the people to ensure the holistic development of villages. Addressing a training programme for Sarpanches and Panchayat Secretaries held at the District Collectorate Conference Hall on Thursday, the Collector congratulated the newly elected Sarpanches and said it is the responsibility of every public representative to uphold the trust reposed in them by the people.

She stated that the government is conducting the training programme to equip Sarpanches and Panchayat Secretaries with comprehensive knowledge of welfare schemes, development programmes, funds, ongoing works and govern-



ment guidelines related to village administration.

The Collector said Sarpanches should be well prepared to answer every question raised by the public. She informed that a special initiative has been launched to compile details of all works sanctioned by the Central and State Governments, funds received, completed works, pending works and payment status on a single platform. Panchayat Secretaries were directed to complete the prescribed proformas and submit them within one week. The information will subsequently be uploaded online, enabling

easy monitoring of village development progress.

She urged all participants to pay close attention to the training on the newly introduced VBG-RAM-G Act, including new procedures, selection of works, wage payments, compensation and other provisions. The knowledge gained during the training should be shared with the public through Gram Sabhas and Ward Sabhas and implemented effectively, she added.

Stressing the importance of sanitation, the Collector warned that poor waste management during the monsoon could lead to the spread of dis-

eases such as dengue, diarrhoea and viral fevers. She instructed the officials to focus on solid waste management, waste segregation, drainage maintenance and protection of drinking water sources in every village. She also called upon Sarpanches to regularly monitor Anganwadi Centres, pre-primary schools, government schools, health centres and agricultural services. Giving priority to child education, nutrition, public health, sanitation and infrastructure development would pave the way for comprehensive village development, she said.

The Collector advised Panchayat Secretaries to work in close coordination with elected representatives and ensure that the benefits of government welfare schemes reach every eligible family. They should remain accessible to the public and resolve local issues promptly, she added.

Communists aim for a society without gaps

B h a d r a d r i Kothagudem (TSIT): CPI State Secretary and Kothagudem MLA Kunanneni Sambasiva Rao said that the goal of the communists is to establish a society without gaps in India, which is characterized by diversity and pluralism. Sambasiva Rao was speaking at the Communist Party of India (CPI) training classes being held in Bhadrachalam on Thursday. He criticized that democratic values are currently being dam-



aged in the country and that anarchy continues.

He alleged that the central government has failed to solve basic problems such as the welfare of the people of the country, employment, education and healthcare, and that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi government is giving more priority to implementing the Hindutva agenda than the interests of the people. He said that in the context of increasing importance of social equality and public wel-

fare around the world, many countries are looking towards the ideology of communism. He made it clear that the establishment of an equal society is possible only through communists, and that communists are ready for any struggle to protect the rights of the poor, farmers, workers, and the weaker sections. He warned that grabbing the lands of the poor is unjust and such actions will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

District Collector Khushboo Gupta Hands Over Compassionate Appointment Orders to Nine Candidates



Mahabubnagar, July 9(TSIT): District Collector Khushboo Gupta on Thursday handed over appointment orders under the compassionate appointment scheme to six

Junior Assistants and three Office Subordinates for appointment in various government departments at the District Collectorate. Congratulating the appointees, the

Collector advised them to treat government service as a responsibility towards the public and discharge their duties with dedication, sincerity, and integrity. She urged them to work with commitment in providing efficient public services. The programme was attended by Additional Collector (Revenue) J.L.B. Haripriya, Trainee Assistant Collector Sai Shivani, District Revenue Officer A. Nirmala, Collectorate Administrative Officer Suvarna Raj, and other officials.

Telangana-North East Cultural Bond Should Grow Stronger: DGP Mahesh Bhagwat



- KIMS Hospitals and NECA host cultural awareness programme
- Bihu and Manipuri dance performances, traditional attire showcase enthral audience

Hyderabad, July 9, 2026: Telangana Director General of Police (Law & Order) M. Mahesh Bhagwat on Thursday said there is a need to further strengthen the cultural bond between Telangana and the North-Eastern States. He was speaking as the chief guest at a cultural awareness programme on the heritage and traditions of the North-East, jointly organised by KIMS Hospitals and the North East Connect Association (NECA) at KIMS Hospitals, Secunderabad.

Mr. Bhagwat said such initiatives play a vital role in enhancing awareness about the history, culture, traditions and languages of the North-Eastern

States. He noted that a large number of people from the region are contributing to Telangana, particularly Hyderabad, in sectors such as healthcare, education and other professions, and stressed the importance of respecting and preserving their cultural identity.

Dr. B. Bhaskar Rao, Chairman and Managing Director of KIMS Group of Hospitals, who attended as the guest of honour, said many professionals from the North-Eastern States serve in the group's hospitals across nursing, paramedical and other departments. The programme, he said, was organised to promote a better understanding of their unique culture and way of life while fostering a more inclusive and welcoming work environment.

Dr. Sarbeshwar Saharia, Vice-President of NECA, said the association is

committed to promoting mutual understanding and respect for people from the North-Eastern States, bringing India's cultural diversity closer together and contributing to a more inclusive society.

The event also featured a special lecture by Prof. Ajaliu Niumai of the University of Hyderabad on the social and cultural distinctiveness of the North-Eastern States. Senior journalist M. Somasekhar also addressed the gathering.

Among those present were Paparao Biyyala, President of NECA and retired IAS officer; Gautam Sawang, Vice-President of NECA and retired IPS officer; Stephen Ronojit Sen, Treasurer; Board Member Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao (Retd. IAS); Sridhar Muppidi; Dr. Sambit Sahu, Director - Medical Operations, KIMS Hospitals; and members of the North-Eastern community residing in Hyderabad. The programme concluded with vibrant cultural performances, including the traditional Bihu dance of Assam, a showcase of traditional attire representing all eight North-Eastern States, and a Manipuri dance performance, all of which received an enthusiastic response from the audience.

Hyundai Opens 61st EV Charging Station in Telangana at Shamirpet

Hyderabad: Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) has inaugurated its 61st Public EV Charging Station in Telangana, a 240kW Ultra-Fast Charging Facility at Minerva Blue Fox, Shamirpet, located on the Hyderabad-Karimnagar Highway. The facility is now open for public use, enhancing charging accessibility for electric vehicle users in the region.

This is HMIL's fourth public EV charging station in Telangana. With this addition, Hyundai's EV charging network across cities, highways and dealerships has expanded to 183 stations nationwide.

The newly installed 240kW Ultra-Fast Charger is designed to provide faster charging capability, reducing waiting time for EV owners and improving the overall electric vehicle ownership experience. The facility is strategically located to support commuters travelling along a key highway route. HMIL said the expansion reflects its commitment to developing a reliable, accessible and customer-focused electric mobility ecosystem in India. The company aims to support the growing adoption of electric vehicles by creating convenient charging solutions for consumers.



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Scaler School of Technology Student from Telangana Lands AI Engineering Internship at Mamaearth In his Third Year

Hyderabad (TSIT):

Growing up in Kothagudem, a small town in Telangana best known as a stopover for pilgrims visiting Bhadrachalam, opportunities to pursue a career in technology seemed limited for Keshav. A COVID-era student, Keshav Makkad completed his schooling in 2023 from his hometown, where the focus was largely on board examinations, leaving limited time for structured IIT-JEE preparation.

Despite having only a month to prepare for JEE, he made the most of YouTube as his primary study resource and secured an 86.6 percentile. After exploring multiple engineering college options, he chose to join Scaler School of Technology (SST) as part of its inaugural batch in 2023. What first caught his attention was SST's website, which reflected the kind of modern, technology-driven institution he was looking for. Encouraged by his brother-in-law, he chose SST over traditional engineering colleges. The opportunity to start learning coding from day



one, instead of just relying on traditional textbook learning, further cemented his decision.

Before joining the maiden cohort of SST in 2023, Keshav was a science student with no prior coding experience. Over the next two years, he learnt coding from scratch, built strong computer science fundamentals, and applied

his classroom learning through real-world projects that sharpened his problem-solving skills and prepared him for the industry.

During his second year at SST, Keshav secured his first internship as a full stack developer at TradeIndia in Noida. He later joined Bengaluru-based startup ZippMat in the same role before transitioning to his current internship as an AI engineer at Mamaearth, one of India's fast-growing consumer brands, marking his journey from a beginner to an AI professional while still in college. Reflecting on his journey, Keshav says, "Joining Scaler School of Technology (SST) as part of its very first batch was definitely a leap of faith, but looking back, I'm really glad I took that chance. One of the things that stood out most to me was the Buddy System (BSM) at SST. It wasn't just a programme; it was a community that helped me through the curriculum and the tougher phases of college. Later, I got the chance to give back as a Buddy, helping juniors through the same journey. One thing I've learned is that you don't

have to be a topper to do well. I always saw myself as an average student, but discipline and consistency can take you much further than you think. Don't limit yourself by believing you're 'just average'; keep showing up, keep learning, and the results will follow."

Currently in his fourth year at SST, with graduation scheduled in 2027, Keshav is building a career in artificial intelligence while leaving a lasting mark on campus. Among Keshav's most impactful projects is the seating plan generator that automates examination seating arrangements at SST. The solution replaced the manual process and has been in use for over a year and a half, supporting the institution's examination operations.

Beyond academics, he has mentored junior students as a teaching assistant and founded the institution's Media Club, now one of its most active student-led communities. Through his journey, Keshav continues to inspire students from smaller towns to believe that limited access should never limit ambition.

KARNATAKA STEPS UP POWER SECTOR PREPAREDNESS TO COUNTER EL NIÑO EFFECTS - ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY GAURAV GUPTA

Bengaluru : The Karnataka Energy Department has initiated measures to strengthen the state's power infrastructure against possible weather disruptions linked to the El Niño phenomenon. Chairing a review meeting, Additional Chief Secretary - Energy Department Gaurav Gupta directed departmental officials to formulate a comprehensive strategy to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply under all weather conditions.

Chairing a review meeting on the State's current power situation at BESCOM's corporate office, Belaku Bhavan, Gaurav Gupta said, "Deficient rainfall could adversely affect hydropower generation. Therefore, alternative measures must be put in place and all necessary preparations



made to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply." He further noted, "Hydropower generation is already significantly lower this season due to inadequate rainfall. Thermal power stations in the State must therefore be operated efficiently to maximize power generation. At the same time, solar and wind power generation should be enhanced and optimally utilized. Steps should also be taken to procure electricity from co-generation power plants."

Referring to the heavy rains being experienced in several districts, Gaurav Gupta said electricity poles, power lines, and transformers were being damaged, resulting in supply interruptions. He directed the Managing Directors of

all ESCOMs to expedite restoration works and strengthen preparedness to ensure quick resumption of power supply.

The meeting was attended by Dr. V. Rama Prasath Manohar, Managing Director of KPTCL; Dr. N. Shivashankar, Managing Director of BESCOM; P. K. Venkatesh, Managing Director of PCKL; K. P. Rudrappaiah, Managing Director of KREDL; and other senior officials. Managing Directors of all ESCOMs participated through video conference.

Key Action Plan

- KPCL will ensure maximum operational efficiency of thermal power stations, maintain adequate coal stocks, and prioritize maintenance schedules for thermal and hydro-power stations based on system requirements.
- KPTCL will expedite the commissioning of the 500 MVA Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), while KREDL will facilitate the early implementation of JSW's 300 MW solar power projects.
- ESCOMs and KREDL will accelerate the implementation of the PM-KUSUM-B and PM-KUSUM-C schemes.
- PCKL will complete the procurement process for purchasing 500-700 MW of electricity from co-generation power plants.
- Before October 2026, the State will operationalize power banking arrangements with other states, including Round-the-Clock (RTC) and peak-hour power procurement mechanisms.

MG Group Unveils Starz at Prawaas 2026, Strengthening Its Commitment to Safer, Smarter and Sustainable Passenger Mobility

Gujarat : MG Group, one of India's leading bus and coach manufacturers, unveiled "Starz", its next-generation premium coach platform, at Prawaas 2026, reinforcing its commitment to advancing passenger mobility through engineering excellence, enhanced safety, superior passenger comfort and sustainable manufacturing.

The three-day exhibition was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Smt. Miraben Patel, Mayor of Gandhinagar, in the presence of Kaushik Jain, MLA, Dariapur, Gujarat, who graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. The inauguration marked the beginning of three days of innovation, product showcases, business engagement and industry collaboration.

The launch of Starz marks a significant milestone in MG Group's growth journey and reflects the company's vision of developing future-ready mobility solutions that address the



evolving needs of fleet operators, OEM partners and passengers. Developed through extensive customer engagement and market insights, Starz combines contemporary design, advanced engineering and operational efficiency to set new benchmarks in the premium coach segment.

"India's passenger transportation sector is undergoing a profound transformation, driven by higher expectations around safety, comfort, reliability and sustainability," said Mr. Anil Mohan Kamat, Chairman & Managing Director, MG Group. "Starz represents our

response to these changing market dynamics. It embodies decades of manufacturing expertise, deep customer understanding and a relentless focus on innovation. More importantly, it reflects our commitment to creating mobility solutions that deliver long-term value for operators while elevating the travel experience for passengers."

With over three decades of expertise in bus and coach manufacturing, MG Group has established itself as a trusted mobility solutions provider serving leading OEMs, State Transport Undertakings (STUs), private fleet operators and institutional customers. The Group offers integrated capabilities spanning product design, engineering, composites, manufacturing and end-to-end mobility solutions across economy, premium and luxury transportation segments.

New Bengaluru Cancer Centre Offers Affordable Treatment at 30-40% Lower Cost



Bengaluru, July 8, 2026 — The newly launched ARC Cancer Hospital has announced cancer treatment at 30-40 per cent lower cost compared to corporate hospitals, aiming to make advanced oncology care more accessible

to patients. Addressing a press conference, ARC Cancer Hospital Founder and Chairman Dr Dinesh Mavinahalli Gangaiah said high treatment costs and fragmented care often force many cancer patients to discontinue

therapy midway. He said the hospital aims to bridge the gap between expensive corporate hospitals and government facilities by providing comprehensive, protocol-based cancer treatment under one roof. The centre will offer a wide range of oncology services, including cancer surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy, molecular diagnostics, psycho-oncology, physiotherapy and palliative care. Doctors said integrated treatment will reduce delays.

BESCOM Emerges Champions at the Inter-ESCOM Sports Meet in Bengaluru

BENGALURU: The Inter-ESCOM Sports Meet (2025-26) concluded successfully at the Kanteerava Indoor Stadium in Bengaluru, held over two days on July 7 and 8. Employees from four ESCOMs including BESCOM, MESCOM, GESCOM, HESCOM, CESC, and KPTCL, actively participated in the multi-sport event. The sports meet was officially inaugurated by Dr. N. Shivashankar, Managing Director of BESCOM. Speaking at the event, he emphasized the importance of work-life balance for utility employees. "Electricity company employees must prioritize both their physical and mental health alongside their demanding duties. It is crucial to engage in at least one sport during leisure time to stay fit and rejuvenated," BESCOM MD advised. The tournament saw fierce but healthy competition among the corporations, with host BESCOM tak-

ing top honors. Overall Champions: BESCOM (Secured 1st Place) Runners-Up: CESC (Secured 2nd Place) Individual Championship Honors: Men's Joint Champions: G.K. Byresh Murthy (BESCOM) & Mubarak (HESCOM) Women's Champion: Mamata H.R. Dignitaries in Attendance: The event was graced by several prominent leaders and association representatives from the power sector, including: Shrikanth M. Sasalamatti, President of the Sports Meet & Chief Engineer (Elec.) Girdhar Kulkarni, Director (Planning), KPTCL H.J. Ramesh, Technical Director, BESCOM Balarang, President, KPTEL Engineers' Association, C. Basavanna, President, Engineers' Association Girish, President, Accounts Officers' Association V.G. Sarvesh, Sports Secretary,, BESCOM, Michael Washington.

Vijayendra should first get rid of the label of being a bad president and secure his position: S. Manohar

Bengaluru: After getting rid of the label of being a very bad president given by his own leaders and securing his position, KPCC General Secretary S. Manohar has sarcastically asked Vijayendra to make a statement on the National Herald.

In a press release, he said that Vijayendra does not have any morals to ask KPCC President B.K. Hariprasad to seek the resignation of Rahul Gandhi and Smt. Sonia Gandhi in the National Herald issue.

He said that it is already known to the entire country that the looters in the BJP party stole



the hundi of Shri Ram and Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath are protecting those who stole the

hundi money. Do not use the names of national leaders

He said that the court verdict in the National Herald case has already come, the court has given a suitable verdict for the politics of revenge by the central BJP government and the case has already been concluded.

Every ordinary BJP worker knows who received money through RTGS and forged signatures when Yediyurappa was the Chief Minister. He said that he should ask MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal for information about it and he will tell him.

H.D. Kumaraswamy Hits Back at Eshwar Khandre Over HMT Land Row

Bengaluru : Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy on Thursday asserted that the Forest Department had no connection whatsoever with HMT land and said the State Government had no claim over the property.

"The Forest Department has nothing to do with HMT land and has no claim over it. Those speaking about the issue are free to examine the records," Kumaraswamy said. Reacting to former Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre's remarks over a notice issued by a Forest Department official seeking possession of HMT land, Kumaraswamy questioned the former Minister's keen interest in the property.

"For some reason, the former Forest Minister appears to have an extraordinary interest in HMT land. I fail to understand why he is showing such intense interest in this particular property," he said.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru, the Union Minister launched a scathing attack on Khandre over the HMT land issue.

The Union Minister said it was improper on the part of Eshwar Khandre to portray as an "encroachment" land that had been legally de-forested as far back as 1960, granted a No Objection Certificate (NOC) by the DFO, and subsequently handed over to HMT. He also released official government records relating to the agreement with HMT dated November 25, 1960. Before making allegations, come forward with documents and speak on the basis of evidence, Khandre avaré," the Union Minister said sharply.

"Khandre speaks so extensively about HMT land. Right next to the HMT



property is the Jakkur Flying Training School. Opposite it is the Jakkur plantation, where several houses have been constructed and vast stretches of forest land have allegedly been swallowed up," Kumaraswamy said.

"You claimed that your objective was to create a biological park across 444 acres. You repeatedly spoke of taking possession of the Palace land. But today, marriage halls have come up all along the area. On what basis were these marriage halls permitted? Is this your idea of creating a biological park, Khandre?" the Union Minister asked.

Kumaraswamy said the dispute concerning HMT land was already pending before the Supreme Court and pointed out that efforts to secure a revival package for the once-iconic public sector enterprise were in their final stages.

"At such a time, the State Forest Department has ordered HMT to vacate the land. Barely 15 days before his retirement from government service, an officer issued an unlawful order directing HMT to surrender the land," the Minister said.

"Similarly, why is the State Government, which has collected more than 546 crore from Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited

(KIOCL), an enterprise that generates employment in Karnataka, denying it permission to mine for the past two years and subjecting it to continued hardship? Is depriving thousands of Kannadigas of their jobs your idea of an achievement?" the Union Minister asked. "Since its inception, the company has contributed thousands of crores of rupees to the State exchequer and provided livelihoods to thousands of families. Yet, the State Government appears determined to throttle the very existence of such an enterprise," the Union Minister said, expressing his anger.

How Much Forest Land Did Eshwar Khandre Save? Kumaraswamy asserted that there was no ambiguity over the status of HMT land and said all relevant documents were available with the company.

"HMT land cannot be encroached under any circumstances. There is also a court stay in place. Eshwar Khandre speaks at great length about this issue, but during his tenure as Forest Minister, how much forest land did he actually protect and recover?" he asked.

"Forest land has been looted on a massive scale. Khandre, could you tell us when all that land will be recovered?" Kumaraswamy

questioned.

Accusing Khandre of lacking an understanding of India's federal structure, Kumaraswamy asked why he was repeatedly targeting only HMT and Kudremukh.

"Why speak only about HMT and Kudremukh? Let the State Government first recover the land handed over to others," he challenged.

The Union Minister also criticised Khandre for repeatedly offering him advice through the media.

"The present Panchayat Raj Minister keeps advising me. He is free to offer advice, but he did not extend any cooperation when it came to saving HMT. Instead, I receive unsolicited advice," Kumaraswamy said.

"He has asked me to revive the steel plant and questioned what Kumaraswamy has contributed to Karnataka and the country. Perhaps he does not have the information. If he examines my travel schedule and the meetings I have held in Delhi, he will understand the efforts I have made to revive HMT and the Bhadravati steel plant," he said.

"They repeatedly speak about HMT and say it belongs to Kannadigas. HMT is neither my property nor Khandre's property. There is no dispute that it belongs to the people of Karnataka. But nearly 175 acres of that very land have already been encroached upon. Khandre, during your three years as Forest Minister, what did you do to recover it?" Kumaraswamy questioned.

"Eshwar Khandre, I do not need lessons from you. Massive buildings and apartment complexes have come up on HMT land. We know who lives in those apartments. What investi-

gation did you conduct into all this during the past three years?" he asked.

"First recover the land looted by private parties. Perhaps someone is prompting Eshwar Khandre to make these statements. Even though he now holds a different portfolio, he continues to show extraordinary concern over HMT and Kudremukh. I too fail to understand the real motive behind this," the Minister remarked.

Kumaraswamy said only he knew the extent of the efforts he had made to save HMT. "I am working to convince the Prime Minister and secure the revival of this factory. When I am trying to do something beneficial for Karnataka, is it right to obstruct me by making accusations and comments in public instead of extending support?" he asked. Come to HMT, Khandre. Avaré! Kumaraswamy challenged Khandre to jointly inspect the HMT property in the presence of the media.

"Khandre has claimed that there are 280 acres of plantation on HMT land. Come, let us go and see where this plantation is. Let us take the entire media with us and inspect the land in their presence," he said.

"We will then know whether HMT has misused the property or whether other vested interests have encroached upon the land. It will also become clear who has what stake in these encroachments," Kumaraswamy said.

"Khandre's own party is in power in Karnataka today. Let the government investigate. We have no objection. Around 130 acres have been transferred. Let an investigation reveal whose hands were involved in those transactions.



Bengaluru : Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters emerged as the biggest spenders at the Maharani Trophy KSCA T20 Player Auction, securing Prathyusha Challuru for a tournament-high 4.5L. Mysuru Warriors and Hubli Tigers followed with the acquisition of Shubha Satheesh and Vrinda Dinesh respectively for 4.2L, as franchises assembled balanced squads ahead of the upcoming season. Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters secured India all-rounder Prathyusha Challuru, who made her international debut against South Africa in 2021, while Mysuru Warriors signed Indian batter Shubha Satheesh, who earned her Test debut against England in 2023. Hubli Tigers, meanwhile, acquired highly-rated Karnataka batter Vrinda Dinesh, one of the state's brightest young prospects who has excelled in domestic cricket and represented UP Warriorz in the Women's Premier League after being signed for 1.3 crore ahead of the 2024 season.

This edition of the Maharani Trophy KSCA T20 will be played from 22nd July to 2nd August 2026 at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, featuring Mysore Warriors, Gulbarga Mystics, Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters and Hubli Tigers.

The auction was conducted across four player categories based on experience, ranging from capped WPL and international players in Pool A (1 lakh base price) to Karnataka senior players in Pool B (75,000), U-23 and junior state players in Pool C (50,000), and Karnataka probables and league performers in Pool D (30,000). Each franchise operated with an overall auction purse of 20 lakh while assembling their squads.

Mysuru Warriors reinforced their squad by signing batter Shubha Satheesh for 4.20 lakh and Shishira A Gowda for

4.10 lakh. The franchise also secured all-rounder Sahana S Pawar for 2.80 lakh, alongside the additions of Pooja Kumari for 1.10 lakh and Pushpa Kiresur for 1 lakh. Gulbarga Mystics strengthened their resources by acquiring experienced India all-rounder Rajeshwari Gayakwad for 3.30 lakh, alongside wicketkeeper-batter Shreya Chavan for 3.20 lakh. The franchise further bolstered its batting with the additions of Prerana GR (2.60 lakh) and Soumya Verma (2.40 lakh), while also signing batter Roshini Kiran for 1.90 lakh and all-rounder Aditi R for 0.90 lakh.

Hubli Tigers assembled a strong core by signing all-rounder Vrinda Dinesh for 4.20 lakh and fellow all-rounder Niki Prasad for 4.10 lakh. The franchise also secured wicketkeeper-batter Prathyusha K for 2.30 lakh, batter Divya Gnanananda for 1.90 lakh and all-rounder Monica C Patel for 1.50 lakh.

Meanwhile, Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters rounded off their auction with the signings of all-rounder Prathyusha Challuru for 4.50 lakh, Chandasi K for 2 lakh, India U-19 all-rounder Mithila Vinod for 1.90 lakh, Namita D'Souza for 1.90 lakh and Ananya Hegde for 1.10 lakh.

Full Squads

Mysuru Warriors: Shubha Satheesh (4.20 lakh), Shishira A Gowda (4.10 lakh), Sahana S Pawar (2.80 lakh), Pooja Kumari (1.10 lakh), Pushpa Kiresur (1.00 lakh), Yashika K Gowda (0.90 lakh), Ahlam Fareeha Syed (0.90 lakh), Deeksha J (0.90 lakh), Vandita K Rao (0.90 lakh), Sheetal Santosh (0.55 lakh), Tanushree M (0.55 lakh), Stuthi M (0.50 lakh), Shreya Ajay Mishra (0.35 lakh), Kusuma Gowda N (0.30 lakh), Prathiksha C (0.30 lakh), Advika D Gowda (0.30 lakh), Vaishnavi BH (0.30 lakh).

OIL PRICES JUMP AS US-IRAN TRUCE FALTERS OVER HORMUZ STRIKES

New York: The potential unravelling of a fragile truce between Iran and the United States renewed anxiety Wednesday over whether fuel prices would go back up if sustained fighting kept oil tankers from travelling through the Persian Gulf. Oil prices rose to their highest point in weeks after President Donald Trump declared the US ceasefire with Iran over, responding to Iranian attacks on commercial ships in the Strait of Hormuz and on American military sites in other Gulf nations. Costlier crude oil could lead to costlier gas station fill-ups as drivers in many countries were getting a break from elevated prices brought on by the war. “Tanker traffic through the Strait of Hormuz has essentially stopped, which tells you more about risk perception right now than any statement from Washington or Tehran,” said Jorge Leon, head of geopolitical analysis



at Rystad Energy, in an email. “Oil markets reacted quickly to the renewed geopolitical risk.” US gasoline prices increased slightly Wednesday to an average of USD 3.80 for a gallon of regular, up from USD 3.79 the day before, but still well below the month-ago average of USD 4.16, according to motor club federation AAA. Crude oil makes up the bulk of the price of gasoline, so when oil prices rise, gaso-

line eventually follows. But it can take weeks for consumers to feel the full impacts. That’s because refiners make gasoline with oil purchased in advance. The finished product then has to travel through a system of pipelines and trucks to reach gas station pumps. Gas station owners set prices at the pump, and to stay competitive, they sometimes absorb the impact of higher oil prices instead of

immediately passing it along to customers. To suppress high oil prices during the war, the US and other countries released oil from their emergency stockpiles starting in March. But those stockpiles won’t last forever. The US Strategic Petroleum Reserve held 319.5 million barrels as of July 3. The last time the inventory was that low was in 1983, when the reserve was initially being filled up.

GADKARI CHALLENGES CRITICS TO SHOW ANY CAR DAMAGED BY E20

Hyderabad: Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has challenged critics to produce evidence of any vehicle damaged by E20 fuel, dismissing concerns over the higher ethanol blend as part of a “concerted false narrative” on social media. “Show me a single car that has suffered damage because of E20 fuel. What is being circulated on social media is part of a concerted false narrative,” Gadkari said in an interview with the Indian Express, amid a raging debate over the fuel blend’s impact on vehicle performance. The minister, however, acknowledged that mileage could see a marginal dip as ethanol content in fuel increases, since the calorific value of ethanol is lower than that of petrol. He said mileage also depends heavily on driving conditions, particularly in cities such as Delhi and Mumbai, where vehicles largely run in lower gears due to stop-and-go traffic. “In



stop-and-go traffic from Delhi to Gurugram, you are constantly braking. Your speed barely goes above 40-50 kmph before you hit a red light. However, if you drive at a continuous speed of 100 kmph, you may see some difference,” he said, citing an ARAI report that found no mileage efficiency issues for vehicles built with flex-fuel engines. Adulterated fuel, not ethanol, cause for engine damage: Gadkari On claims of engine damage, Gadkari said companies asked to

investigate such instances had found adulterated fuel to be the actual cause.

He added that older vehicles’ metal washers, prone to wear, have now been replaced with rubber ones, with manufacturers instructed to swap them free of cost during servicing. Gadkari said nearly a dozen automakers, including Tata Motors, Mahindra, Hyundai, Toyota Kirloskar and Maruti Suzuki, are readying flex-fuel models, pointing to Brazil’s use of a 27 per cent

ethanol-petrol blend since 1970 without reported issues in Honda and Hyundai vehicles. He said the goal is to offer consumers multiple fuel blends at different price points, with ethanol currently priced at around Rs 75 per litre. Methanol blend Calling indigenous fuel the only way to curb oil imports, Gadkari said the West Asian crisis underscored the need to explore all alternatives to fossil fuel imports.

He cited a Karnataka pilot in which Ashok Leyland ran 25 buses on a 15 per cent methanol-diesel blend for three months without problems, following which the company developed a dedicated methanol engine. He said Assam Petro-Chemicals currently produces 700 tonnes of methanol daily at Rs 20-22 per litre, against diesel priced at around Rs 110, and suggested methanol could power buses and trucks in the Northeast as well as marine engines on the Brahmaputra.

FROM CHECK-BOX VISITS TO A SINGLE SOURCE OF TRUTH:

HOW TELANGANA CONNECTED EVERY SCHOOL VISIT AND REVIEW INTO ONE SYSTEM

Hyderabad, July 2026: The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 placed foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) at the centre of India’s education reform agenda, recognising that a child’s ability to read with meaning and perform basic Math calculations by Grade 3 shapes every stage of learning that follows. To act on this vision, the Ministry of Education launched the NIPUN Bharat Mission in July 2021 — a holistic approach spanning curriculum, teacher capacity, assessment, parental engagement, and data-driven governance, all working toward a single outcome: ensuring every child achieves foundational learning milestones. In Telangana, this national vision has driven five years of reform reaching 10.34 lakh children across 24,000 government schools with FLN grades, supported by 60,000 primary grade teachers. The results are evident in the state’s learning data: between Academic Year 2024-25 and 2025-26, Telugu sentence reading scores rose by 6 percentage points, English by 9 points, and Maths addition and subtraction scores by 8 points. These gains rest on a governance transformation that funda-

mentally changed how the state supports learning in schools.

■ SOLVING THE GOVERNANCE VISIBILITY PROBLEM

Till as recently as 2022, School visits in Telangana functioned as check-box exercises, with no systematic tracking of teaching-learning materials or instructional quality. Review meetings circulated administrative instructions but rarely discussed learning outcomes. And disconnected data systems meant no one in the system had a real-time view of what was actually happening inside classrooms. The state’s response, built jointly by SCERT, the Directorate of School Education, and Samagra Shiksha, was to wire together three previously disconnected areas of school oversight — visits, reviews, and data — into a single connected governance system. School visits were redesigned from administrative inspections into structured mentoring exercises, with officials at every level, from cluster to state, now using a common observation tool logged directly into the Telangana School Education Application; visit quality is

assessed not merely by whether a visit occurred, but by what was actually observed and followed up on. Monthly review meetings were made compulsory, built around fixed, learning-focused agendas designed by SCERT and powered by live data from monitoring dashboards rather than administrative bulletins. Underpinning both is a five-platform digital architecture — the Integrated School Management System Portal, the Telangana School Education Application, TLM tracking, the Training Management System, and the Vidya Sameeksha Kendra (VSK) Monitoring Centre — running live across all 33 districts as a single, real-time source of truth. VSK staff monitor these dashboards continuously, flagging gaps and following up directly, while over 2,100 officials now conduct visits and facilitate block and cluster reviews, and more than 100 senior officials chair state and district meetings using this same live data. The results of this restructuring are tangible. School visits by officials rose 2.5 times to over 1.5 lakh in the 2025-26 academic year, reaching 98% of schools every quarter. Teaching-learning materials

now reach more than 90% of students within the first month of the academic year, and review meetings became more regular and learning-focused. This governance overhaul was, from the outset, anchored in independent, structured measurement of learning itself. Before 2022, Telangana had no reliable, independent way to measure early-grade learning outcomes — information came directly from schools, was unverified, and could not be trusted to inform district-level planning. To close this gap, SCERT Telangana, with technical support from Central Square Foundation, established a yearly sample-based assessment of Grade 2 children across all 33 districts. Conducted annually since the 2022-23 academic year, the assessment now covers approximately 8,500 children across more than 1,750 schools, evaluating skills across Telugu, Urdu, English, and Mathematics, including letter and word recognition, passage reading, number identification, and arithmetic. To ensure neutrality, assessments are carried out not by regular classroom teachers but by trained DIET students, sup-

ported by a two-tier training cascade in which state-level Master Trainers prepare these student-assessors at the district level. Between Academic Year 2024-25 and 2025-26, Telugu sentence reading improved by 6 percentage points and English sentence reading by 9 points, while Mathematics addition and subtraction scores rose by 8 and 6 points respectively. The most striking gains came from Narayanpet district, where Telugu word reading jumped by 19 points, English sentence reading by 29 points, and numeracy subtraction by 28 points — evidence of how independent, granular assessment data can drive sharply targeted district-level improvement. Telangana’s experience shows what becomes possible when a state stops treating school visits, review meetings, and learning data as three separate exercises and instead builds them into a single, connected system. By grounding that governance architecture in parallel independent, rigorous assessments of what children are actually learning, Telangana has built a model where oversight does not just record what is happening in schools — it drives what happens next.

Generali Central Life Unveils Sunehra Pension Plan to Strengthen Long-Term Retirement Security

Mumbai, July 2026: Generali Central Life Insurance Co. Ltd (GCLICL), a private leading life insurer, has launched the Sunehra Pension Plan. It is a participating (PAR), on-linked, pension, savings-oriented life insurance plan aimed at helping policyholders build a retirement corpus for their future financial security. Beyond its core insurance benefits, the plan also offers complimentary wellness services, reinforcing Generali Central Life Insurance’s commitment to delivering holistic value to its policyholders. Generali Central Life Insurance is a joint venture between global insurance leader Generali and Central Bank of India, combining international expertise with a local banking legacy. By 2050, India’s elderly population is expected to nearly double from 10.5% in 2022 to around 20.8% (1). At the same time, pension assets remain low at just 17% of GDP compared to ~80% in developed markets (2), underscoring the urgent need for stronger retirement preparedness. Recognizing this emerging reality, Generali Central Life Insurance’s Sunehra Pension Plan is designed to help individuals plan more effectively for their retire-

ment, enabling them to systematically build a corpus and secure long-term financial stability in their post-retirement years. As a PAR plan, bonuses under the Sunehra Pension Plan begin accruing from the first policy year, providing policyholders with a longer runway to benefit from compounding. The plan offers flexibility to choose a policy term ranging from 5 to 40 years, making it suitable for individuals across life stages, along with assured benefits on death or vesting. It also provides liquidity through partial withdrawals in case of financial emergencies, multiple premium payment options including Single Pay, Limited Pay, or Regular Pay throughout the policy term and the ability to enhance protection through optional riders, enabling a comprehensive and adaptable retirement planning solution. The plan provides guaranteed benefits under two scenarios. If the policyholder survives until the end of the policy term, they receive a vesting payout, which is the higher of the Sum Assured on Vesting (along with any accrued bonuses) or 105% of the total premiums paid, forming a strong base for retirement income. In the

unfortunate event of the policyholder’s demise during the term, the nominee is entitled to receive the higher of the Assured Benefit on death (plus any accrued bonuses) or 105% of the total premiums paid. At vesting, surrender, or in case of a death claim, the payout can be used in a few ways. The customer can purchase an annuity (immediate or deferred) from Generali Central Life Insurance or another insurer, take a part of the amount as a lump sum and use the rest to generate regular income, or, in the event of a death claim, withdraw the entire amount as a lump sum. The Sunehra Pension Plan goes beyond long-term wealth creation by offering policyholders a range of complimentary wellness services such as discounted annual health checkups, reduced rates on diagnostic lab tests, second medical opinions via teleconsultation, and online physician consultations. These additions underline Generali Central Life Insurance’s commitment to keeping policyholders engaged and supported throughout the policy tenure and delivering value that extends well beyond financial coverage.

UJJIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANK LAUNCHES MUTUAL FUND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

July 2026: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank recently launched its Mutual Fund distribution services, marking a significant milestone in the Bank’s journey towards offering comprehensive banking solutions. This offering is designed to provide customers with a seamless and digitally enabled investment experience that is supported by curated fund options, simplified onboarding processes along with in-depth analytics for better financial planning. The platform offers easy onboarding with minimal customer input, multi-channel access through Internet Banking, Mobile Banking, and RM channel. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has partnered with leading AMC’s to offer customers a wide range of investment options. Commenting on the launch Mr. Hitendra Jha, Head of Retail Liabilities - TASC & TPP, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank said,

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“At Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, we are committed to empowering our customers with accessible and transparent wealth creation opportunities. The launch of our Mutual Fund distribution platform marks an important milestone in our journey of providing comprehensive financial solutions. With a seamless digital experience, wide range of mutual fund offerings across channels, we aim to simplify investing and help customers make informed financial decisions aligned with their

goals.”

About Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited is a Scheduled Commercial Bank serving ~1 Cr+ customers through 776 branches across 335 districts in 26 states and Union Territories, supported by robust digital channels. The Bank offers a diversified portfolio spanning across Affordable Housing, MSME, Agri, Vehicle, Gold, Micro-Mortgage, FIG, and Microfinance (group and individual) loans. As of March 31, 2026, Ujjivan’s gross loan book stood at 40,655 Cr, with deposits of 45,668 Cr and a Net worth of 6,816 Cr. The Bank is rated AA- (Stable) for long-term facilities and A1+ for short-term instruments by CARE Ratings and CRISIL, respectively, reflecting the sustained strength of the banks performance and balance sheet.

WELFARE CUTS: WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH PIP AND UNIVERSAL CREDIT?



A key disability benefit is "not fit for purpose" and requires fundamental change, a review has said. Disability Minister Sir Stephen Timms has been leading a review into Personal Independence Payments (PIP) and his comments came as its interim report was published. The review was commissioned by the government last year after it was forced to water down planned cuts to benefits in the face of fierce opposition from backbench Labour MPs. What is PIP and what is it worth? PIP is paid to 3.7 million people with a long-term physical or mental health condition in England and Wales. It is not linked to someone's

savings or income and does not affect other benefits, or the benefit cap. People can get PIP if they are working. PIP includes a daily living component and a mobility component. Claimants may be eligible for one or both. The daily living payments are: a standard rate of £76.70 per week an enhanced rate of £114.60 per week The mobility payments - which are not affected by the changes - are: a standard rate of £30.30 per week an enhanced rate of £80.00 per week What is happening to PIP? In March 2025, the government announced plans to tighten daily living assessments for both current and future PIP claimants.

INDIA IS ADDING BIOFUELS TO PETROL – BUT MANY DRIVERS ARE UNHAPPY

=India’s decision to increase the share of biofuels blended with petrol is facing ire from motorists who question its viability in a market where a majority of vehicles are not yet designed for it. The world’s largest two-wheeler market and third-largest car market, is trying to reduce its dependence on imported oil and cut carbon emissions. It began blending ethanol - made from crops such as sugarcane and maize - into petrol in the mid-2000s and has steadily increased the proportion ever since. Complaints intensified in April this year when India made E20 - petrol blended with 20% ethanol - the standard fuel at every pump, replacing the 10% blend that most vehicles are designed to use. Although unblended petrol is still available, it is often 40-50% more expensive than E20, depending on the state, and many motorists are unaware they can ask for it. Over the past few months, consumers have flooded social media with complaints of engine wear, lower fuel efficiency and reduced performance. Last week, several motorists joined a protest in Delhi, organised by an entre-



preneur who often backs the opposition Congress party in TV debates, accusing the government of unilaterally imposing E20 and leaving them with higher servicing costs and little choice at fuel stations. Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government has dismissed the complaints as “misleading” and “social media misinformation”. In a statement last month, the government said the fuel was rolled out after extensive testing and does not damage engines. It has also issued statements on the benefits of E20 and to bust what it called the “more colourful myths that have circulated on social media”. The government has also enlisted experts and automakers to defend E20.

Last weekend, in an unusual show of unity, six automakers joined a government press conference to say that years of testing and service data showed no evidence of widespread vehicle damage from the mandatory 20% ethanol blend. Rahul Bharti, senior executive officer for corporate affairs at Maruti Suzuki, said that India’s largest carmaker had serviced more than 15 million older vehicles which were not E20 compliant but found no fuel-related fault. The automakers did admit that the use of E20 had led to a 3-3.5% drop in fuel efficiency due to lower energy content in ethanol. Some estimates, however, say the actual drop in efficiency could be higher, between 4-12%.

Democrat Graham Platner suspends campaign for key US Senate race after assault allegation



Democrat Graham Platner has suspended his campaign for US Senate in Maine, following a series of scandals that included a woman accusing him of sexual assault. In the days since the accusation was made, Democrats have called on him to drop out of the race considered pivotal to their chances of gaining control of the US Senate. In a video posted online, Platner said his decision was not an admission of guilt but due to Democrats' threats to cut off campaign support. He called the assault allegation "false". He said he would officially file to withdraw from the race once he's assured his replacement in the race against Republican Susan Collins is selected in a "transparent and democratic" way. "We're suspending campaign operations," he said in an 11-minute video posted to X, adding that he would file his paperwork to withdraw only after he was assured the process to replace him would be "open and democratic moving forward". Platner added that he is not "trying to dictate to anyone who it should be or

how we get there." "But I will say this: it needs to be open, transparent, and democratic. It needs to be reflecting the will and the values of the people that built this movement," he said. Under state law, Platner has to officially drop out by 13 July for a replacement name to be put on the ballot. The race is one of several pivotal to Democrats eyeing a long-shot bid to flip control of the Senate in November's congressional elections, commonly called the midterms. Maine is considered a must-win state for Democrats to take the majority in the Senate. But it's an uphill battle. The party must flip Collins' seat, hold on to all their existing seats and gain three more in the November midterm election. Who is Graham Platner? Platner, an oyster farmer and military veteran, rocketed to the top of the Democratic field with a message of plain-spoken populism. He championed progressive policies like universal health care and affordable housing, and won over many frustrated Democratic voters with his critique of the party's establishment.



Iran launches more strikes after accusing US of striking near nuclear plant

Ukraine strikes Russian ships near Crimea, escalating attacks on fuel supplies

Ukraine's military has intensified its attacks near Russian-annexed Crimea, following up strikes on Russia's land corridor to the peninsula by targeting maritime supply routes as well. Ukraine's drone force commander Robert Brovdi, also known as Magyar, says at least 25 ships have been hit and set on fire over the past four days in the Sea of Azov, the inland sea linked to the Black Sea by the Kerch Strait. Such losses in so short a time are a clear blow to Russia's naval capability as well as Vladimir Putin's guarantee of maintaining fuel supplies. These attacks appear to be the latest phase of Ukraine's self-declared "logistics lockdown" which aims to choke off supplies and routes into and out of



occupied Crimea. Ukraine's military talks of 36 ships hit and that most belong to Russia's "shadow fleet" of commercial oil tankers. The exact number is unclear as some ships may have been hit more than once and not all the strikes have been confirmed independently. The sight of tankers loitering in the Sea of Azov off the north-eastern coast of occupied

Crimea is common, as there is an onshore oil loading facility at Kerch port on the peninsula itself. Kerch port was attacked by Ukraine last month and BBC Verify's analysis of satellite imagery shows the number of tankers in this area reduced in the days that followed. Night-time footage of the latest strikes began appearing on social media early on Tuesday, and Brovdi detailed strikes every day between 6 and 9 July. The governor of Russia's Rostov region, Yuri Slyusar, said two empty tankers were attacked on Wednesday in Taganrog Bay in the north-east corner of the Sea of Azov, although they were still burning on Thursday. Brovdi says two tankers attacked earlier in the week were each carrying about 7,000 tons of fuel from the Taganrog area to Crimea. One satellite image captured on Wednesday shows a large plume of smoke rising from one ship around 2.5 miles (4.2 km) off the Crimean coast. Data from Nasa suggests the fire had been raging from that spot since 6 July and likely a result of the first wave of strikes claimed by Ukraine's drone forces.

Trump 'immediately' asking US Supreme Court to reconsider birthright citizenship case



President Donald Trump has said he will "immediately" ask the US Supreme Court to rehear a case challenging birthright citizenship in the US. It comes a week after the high court ruled that those born in the US have a constitutional right to citizenship, rejecting Trump's executive order that sought to restrict the 150-year-old policy. While the Supreme Court allows for such a request, the high court has rarely ever granted a rehearing. The last time a decided case was reheard was some 60 years ago. "This miscarriage of justice will destroy America if they don't change their absolutely insane decision," Trump wrote on social media on Wednesday. The high court's rules allow for a losing party to formally file a request for a rehearing within 25 days. A majority of the nine-member court would have to approve granting a rehearing. The 30 June ruling to uphold birthright citizenship marked a setback for the president's immigration agenda, though it was welcomed by civil rights groups. In a 6-3 decision,

Chief Justice John Roberts ruled that children born in the US "to parents unlawfully or temporarily present" are "citizens at birth" under the 14th amendment of the US Constitution. Trump had sought to limit the right through an executive order, arguing that the children of undocumented immigrants and some temporary visitors were not "subject to the jurisdiction thereof", and thus not eligible for birthright citizenship. Five of the justices, including Chief Justice Roberts, agreed that Trump's executive order violates the Constitution's 14th Amendment. Justice Brett Kavanaugh wrote separately to say he believed Trump's order is in violation of federal law. After the ruling was issued, Trump vowed to continue to fight to end birthright citizenship through legislation, which would need passage through the US Congress. The US has granted citizenship to everyone born in the country since 1868, with the right enshrined in the 14th Amendment of the US Constitution, and bolstered by later US Supreme Court rulings.

Uganda judges push back against lawyers' bid to scrap 'colonial titles'

Uganda's judiciary has pushed back against a directive by the country's lawyers' association instructing its members to stop addressing judges as "My Lord" or "My Lady" and to abandon the longstanding practice of bowing before them. In the directive, the Uganda Law Society (ULS) said such "feudal and colonial honorifics" elevate judicial officers above citizens, "who are in reality their employers". But judiciary spokesperson James Ereemye told the BBC that the ULS had no authority to tell judges "what to do or say" and would continue to "demand the known decorum" from lawyers. Like many former British colonies, Uganda inherited its legal system and many courtroom traditions from the UK. The ULS, the professional body which represents advocates, said the "archaic" colonial structure had contributed to the "failure" of Uganda's judicial system. The society said colonial courtroom practices "force Ugandans into postures of humiliation as the powerful enjoy comfort and deference". "The practice of bowing or any other form of physical subservience before judicial officers is henceforth prohibited for all members of the Uganda Law Society," it said in a statement signed by its president Isaac Ssemakadde. It added that as part of reforms aimed at "decolonising justice



and restoring dignity to the people", lawyers should stop addressing judges and magistrates with titles such as "My Lord", "Your Lordship", "My Lady" and "Your Worship". Instead, lawyers should use plain forms of address such as "Mr Justice", "Madam Justice", "Mr Judge", "Madam Judge", "Mr Magistrate" or simply refer to judicial officers by their surnames where appropriate. "All advocates and litigants appearing before any court or tribunal shall stand upright and speak as free citizens," the ULS added. Responding to the directive, Ereemye, the judiciary spokesperson, said the courts were an independent arm of government and could not be instructed by

any outside body. He dismissed the ULS as "just a section of young people who have failed to know the principles of agenda setting in management and administration". "If you have a point, you use the appropriate forum for discussion and when you make a good case, it forms part of the policy or the policy," added Ereemye. Across Africa, lawyers and other legal practitioners have long debated whether colonial-era courtroom traditions, including wigs and robes, should be abandoned as part of broader efforts to reform judicial systems. In 2011, Kenya's then-Chief Justice Willy Mutunga criticised the judges' dress code and chose to take his oath of office in a suit.

STARMER GIFTED GUN AND AMMUNITION BY TURKISH PRESIDENT AT NATO



Sir Keir Starmer was given a personalised revolver with live ammunition as a gift by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan during the Nato summit. The firearm, engraved with the prime minister's name, was one of a series of similar gifts presented to the leader of each country who attended the event in Ankara. Sir Keir's revolver has not been brought back to the UK and remains with British officials in Turkey. It is expected to be decommissioned before it is returned, meaning it will no longer be capable of firing live ammunition. Erdogan waived export controls on the gift but it was left in Turkey

because it is illegal to import a live firearm into the UK. Downing Street has not released a picture of the revolver. At the summit, Sir Keir signed a defence agreement with Erdogan which will pave the way for closer intelligence sharing between the countries. Speaking after the summit, Sir Keir said he believed the alliance was stronger and more united following the gathering. "This has been a good summit. We achieved what we wanted to achieve, which is unity. So important we have that, particularly with the conflicts going on in Ukraine and the conflicts in Iran," he added.



Factory fire kills at least 28 in China's 'shoe capital'

A country that made huge progress on measles now reports 120,000 cases

"I have never seen an outbreak this huge," says paediatrician Dr Mohammed Golam Mawla, as we look around a measles ward in the Bangladeshi city of Mymensingh. Until March this year, Bangladesh had made "substantial progress" towards eliminating measles, according to the World Health Organisation. Vaccination rates had been higher than 90% until recently. But that progress has quickly and suddenly come undone. Since March, government figures show nearly 750 people, mostly children, have died from the highly contagious disease, which spreads easily through breathing, coughing or sneezing. The death toll includes confirmed and suspected cases of measles. But Unicef says the true



numbers are likely to be higher, given the sudden surge, an overwhelmed health system and difficulties in gathering data. Those numbers are made real by the dozens of families around us who have no choice but to lie on blankets on the floor, in the hallway. The ward at Medical College Hospital is at more than double its capacity, with nearly 130 patients in just 32 rooms.

Four-month-old Arafat is one of them. His nose is too small for oxygen tubes to sit comfortably so doctors have bandaged and taped them into place. "We have been in the hospital for about 15 days now, but my baby isn't getting any better," his father, Mohammad Alam Mia, tells us. His baby is writhing in the heat and struggling to breathe. Arafat's parents travelled

nearly 10 hours to the hospital. His father vomited and fainted in the ambulance, as his first child became unresponsive. Doctors diagnosed Arafat with pneumonia and heart failure, both complications of measles. The little money Mohammad has is not enough for his treatment, and he's been forced to borrow from neighbours. Arafat is one of Bangladesh's more than 120,000 suspected and confirmed measles cases since cases spiked in mid-March, according to government figures. "This disease was under control in our country," says Mawla. Vaccines are highly effective. "Why did this suddenly happen?" Miguel Mateos Muñoz, Unicef's spokesperson in Bangladesh, puts it down to a "perfect storm" of several factors.

ARE ARGENTINA BEING TREATED FAVOURABLY AT WORLD CUP?

Argentina are throwing everything at the defence of their World Cup title - and they have needed to. After being expected to steam-roller past Cape Verde and Egypt in the first two knock-out rounds, La Albiceleste had to fight tooth and nail for 3-2 victories. But the win over Egypt came with an edge as the African nation asked Fifa to kick the officials in charge of their last-16 defeat out of the tournament. Egypt have alleged bias in favour of Argentina and favouritism towards their star player, Lionel Messi. After the game, coach Hossam Hassan said Egypt had been "treated unfairly" and "suffered injustice". Hassan went on to allege some kind of bias from Fifa. "Perhaps they wanted to keep the world champion in the competition. Perhaps they wanted Messi to stay in the running," he said. BBC Sport examines whether there is anything in the conspiracy theory that every-



thing is being set up for Argentina to succeed. Is there any merit to Egypt's complaints? It is easy to understand why Egypt would feel so frustrated after Tuesday's 3-2 defeat. The Africans had led 2-0 with 11 minutes to play, on the brink of a historic first-ever quarter-final appearance. But it all went wrong as Argentina stormed back to turn the

game on its head and score the winner in stoppage time. Egypt say there was something more suspect at play. They put their exit down to "serious refereeing mistakes" and "double standards" from French referee Francois Letexier and his team. The Pharaohs had a goal ruled out through a video assistant referee (VAR) intervention. They also

claim Argentina's winner should have been disallowed, and a penalty awarded to them instead. Mostafa Zico's brilliant goal was chalked off after Marwan Attia was penalised for stepping on the foot of Lisandro Martinez at the start of the move. It was controversial, but they were leading 1-0 and did score a second goal nine minutes later. You cannot prove the

game would have taken a different path had Zico's goal stood. Egypt believed there were two potential penalty claims in their favour before Enzo Fernandez headed home the clinching goal. Hamdi Fathy went to ground claiming he was held by Alexis Mac Allister, which was unclear on replays, while Mohamed Salah felt he was tripped by Julian Alvarez. There were some similarities between the Martinez and Salah situations, with foot-on-foot contact, but not enough to constitute a penalty. Egypt stood a better chance of getting the goal chalked off if Salah had been outside the area. The VAR would merely be judging a foul - as was the case with Martinez - rather than a penalty. Controversial? Absolutely. But it is hardly proof of a conspiracy in favour of Messi. Take a look at the appointments for Thursday's quarter-final between France and Morocco.

"VERY BIG MOMENT FOR US": India Women Captain Harmanpreet Kaur Ahead Of Lord's Test Against England

With the historic Lord's Test against England beginning on Friday, India captain Harmanpreet Kaur called it a "very big moment" for her side, saying a victory at the iconic venue would not only help erase the disappointment of their early T20 World Cup exit but also become a landmark achievement in the team's history. It has taken 142 years for Lord's to stage its first women's Test since hosting its inaugural men's Test, making the landmark fixture a long-overdue milestone. The historic occasion has drawn significant attention in the build-up to the match. After India's group-stage exit from the T20 World Cup in England and Wales, a victory at the iconic Lord's could provide the perfect morale boost. Harmanpreet acknowledged as much, saying a win at the hallowed venue would be a special moment for the team. "I think this Test match is a very big moment for us because if we win this Test, it



can be very good for the team. Because right now, you know, after the T20 World Cup, everybody was very sad that we couldn't give our best," the skipper said at the pre-match media interaction. "...in patches we did well, but unfortunately as a team, we couldn't do so well (in T20 WC). But through this Test match, we can cover a lot of things. We can bring that confidence back. Then you feel so strong, you feel, you know, you're the best team in the

world," Harmanpreet said, adding that she hopes the Lord's Test will mark a fresh start for the side. She hoped every player would contribute and back one another to make the historic outing memorable. "Sometimes, you feel a little low when things don't go your way. So, I think, this Test match is very important for us. If we play together and support each other, and win our team at that time, I think this victory can bring us a lot of confidence back.

Egypt Coach Shouts At Lionel Scaloni After Heated FIFA World Cup Clash. Argentina Boss Does This

The controversy surrounding Argentina's thrilling 3-2 win over Egypt in the FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 16 is showing no signs of slowing down. While Argentina came back from two goals down to register a sensational win, Egypt's players and coaching staff were left fuming over some of the refereeing decisions in the match. In a new video that has surfaced on social media, Egypt head coach Hossam Hassan was seen shouting at FIFA officials once the game ended. Hassan, along with some members of his coaching staff, was having a heated chat with the officials when Argentina head coach Lionel Scaloni walked past them without engaging. In the video, Hassan was seen animatedly screaming at



Scaloni as well. However, Scaloni did not react and quietly made his way back to the dressing room at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. Meanwhile, the Egyptian Football Association (EFA) said Wednesday it "cannot remain silent" after what it believes was unfair and biased officiating in Egypt's 3-

2 round of 16 loss against Argentina on Tuesday. Egypt coach Hossam Hassan and several players criticized the officiating after being left in disbelief as Argentina scored three unanswered goals in 13 minutes to pull off one of the biggest comebacks in World Cup history. "Defending the rights and interests of the Egyptian national team is not

a matter that can be ignored, minimized, or treated as secondary," the EFA said in a statement. "It is a responsibility that we carry with full conviction and determination." FIFA's chief of refereeing Pierluigi Collina, in a statement issued later Wednesday, said while constructive discussion about decisions would always be part of football, "unfounded allegations have no place in our sport." "Nobody can question the integrity of the FIFA World Cup match officials," he said. "When this happens, it may provoke reactions that lead to threats against them and their families. This is not right." The EFA said that the referee failed to use the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system appropriately, leading to the loss to Argentina.

R Ashwin Reminds Gautam Gambhir Of Comments On Sai Sudharsan: "Where Has Sanju Samson Fallen?"

The constant chopping and changing in the Indian team has left a lot to be desired. Yes, emerging stars like Vaibhav Sooryavanshi do need playing time and opportunities to continue their growth, but is it fair to drop a player like Sanju Samson - the man who was India's Player of the Tournament in the T20 World Cup 2026 earlier this year? Ravichandran Ashwin, one of the most passionate cricketers turned pundit, hit the nail on the head as he called out the dangerous 'chop-and-change' culture he is seeing in the Indian team. Speaking to Vimal Kumar in a video on his YouTube channel, Ashwin staged a skit on the video-blogging platform, explaining what



his conversation would be with the selectors who had dropped him from the tour of Zimbabwe: "I don't want any rest. If I want to, I will bring my mother, father, and wife along with me to Zimbabwe. I want to play there. I have never been to Bulawayo. They are a proud cricketing nation. I saw in 1999, Zimbabwe beat India in the World Cup. I

want to take revenge for that. Please take me there, I don't want to rest." Adopting a more serious tone as the conversation progressed, Ashwin asked who was going to be the next player to be dropped, now that India have lost two games in a row against England. "Who is next?" Ashwin asked bluntly, questioning who would be

dropped next now that the team have lost two consecutive matches against England. "After those two losses in Ireland and a loss of form, they have made Sanju Samson sit out. Now, we have lost two in England. So, who is next? This is really wrong. I really hope the Indian cricketers don't find themselves in an insecure spot. I previously spoke about Suryakumar Yadav [being dropped from the squad]. Players will go insular; they will start thinking about themselves more than the team. In T20 cricket, that is disastrous. If batters start thinking 'if I don't score runs, I might be benched', then they will start playing for their places. That is extremely dangerous."

France Coach Responds To FIFA's All-Argentine Referee Panel For Morocco Quarter-Final

Ahead of his side's FIFA World Cup quarterfinal against Morocco, France head coach Didier Deschamps feels totally unbothered by the appointment of Argentinian officials for the match, saying that their opponent is Morocco, not the officials, and he trusts them. In one of the most mouth-watering clashes of the tournament, an unstoppable-looking Kylian Mbappe-led France will take on Morocco, the 2022 semifinalists, the first to finish in the final four by an African nation. Having already eliminated the Netherlands from the tournament during the round of 32 clash on penalties, the Achraf Hakimi-led side aims to do the same to France, although it would not be easy as an attacking line-up of Mbappe, hat-trick hero Ousmane Dembele,



assist-machine Michael Olise and Bradley Barcola is extremely dangerous. France has scored 14 goals so far, more than any other team in this tournament. While the match, a repeat of the 2022 edition semifinal, is an exciting one, one major talking point of the match is the appointment of all-Argentinian officials for the match, including assistants, reserve assistant and fourth official alongside the

main on-pitch official Facundo Tello. However, Deschamps does not see any problem with it, saying, as quoted by ESPN, "We have to deal with it. I trust the referees. Our opponent is Morocco, not the referee." Both teams have developed a rivalry ever since the Lionel Messi-led side beat France in the 2022 final despite a hat-trick from Kylian Mbappe, and with the form both teams are in, a repeat of the 2022 epic looks like a huge possibility. The backup goalie Robin Risser also has put his trust in the official, saying that the "certain bitterness" between both teams is a "part of the game". "There has been a certain bitterness [between France and Argentina] for a few years now since the last final, but that's part of the game," Risser said.

BRITAIN'S WILDCARD ARTHUR FERY SETS UP WIMBLESON SEMI-FINALS VS ALEXANDER ZVEREV, MARTA KOSTYUK ADVANCES

British wildcard Arthur Fery extended his sensational Wimbledon run into a semi-final against French Open champion Alexander Zverev, after Marta Kostyuk set up a women's last-four clash against Linda Noskova on Wednesday. Fery, the world number 114, dismantled Roland Garros runner-up Flavio Cobolli 6-4, 7-6 (7/4), 6-0 to become the first Wimbledon wildcard to reach the men's last four since Goran Ivanisevic won the 2001 title. Incredibly, Fery is just two victories away from emulating Ivanisevic and becoming the first British man to win Wimbledon since Andy Murray in 2016. v "It gets better and better every match. It's incredible. I just can't believe it," Fery said to his adoring new fans, who created a partisan atmos-



phere on Centre Court. He is the third-lowest ranked man since 1985 to reach the Wimbledon semis, after world number 237 Vladimir Voltchkov in 2000 and world number 125 Ivanisevic in 2001. Zverev romped to a 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 victory over sixth seed Taylor Fritz, making his first semi-final at the All England Club by snapping a seven-match losing streak against the American. The German second seed had never got past the

Wimbledon last 16 in nine previous trips to south-west London. "I'm extremely happy to be in the semi-finals, especially against Taylor who I haven't beaten in two years," he said.

MUCHOVA BEATS GAUFF IN EPIC TIE- BREAK TO REACH FINAL



Karolina Muchova saved a match point before coming through an epic deciding-set tie-break to beat Coco Gauff and reach a first Wimbledon final. Muchova started the semi-final the stronger of the pair but Gauff hit back, and they could barely be separated in a high-quality third set. T w o - t i m e Grand Slam c h a m p i o n Gauff came back from 4-1 down in the resulting tie-break and had match point on her serve, before sending a simple forehand into

the net tape. Muchova also missed her first match point but it was she who stood triumphant at the end after an astonishing 6-2 1-6 7-6 (12-10) win in sweltering conditions on Centre Court. The Czech 10th seed had reached four major semi-finals before Thursday's match against Gauff, but only once made the final - at the 2023 French Open, where she was beaten in three sets by Iga Swiatek. But Muchova will get another shot at Grand Slam glory on Saturday, where she will face either compatriot Linda Noskova or Ukraine's 12th seed Marta Kostyuk. After clinching victory, Muchova buried her face in her towel as she took a moment to absorb the enormity of her achievement.

Erling Haaland Gets Special Google Honour After World Cup Heroics - Try Searching His Name Now

If you type Erling Haaland on Google Search Engine today, you'll get a little surprise. The Norwegian forward, who has lit up the ongoing FIFA World Cup 2026 with seven goals in five matches, has earned himself a special search result on Google, who have paid tribute to Haaland with a unique feature on their search engine. When you enter Haaland's name on Google, it not only displays the usual links, but also generates a pop-up that has seven characters dressed in traditional Norwegian costume rowing across the bottom of the screen. The characters are accompanied by a drum sound that plays whenever the cursor moves across the screen.

Haaland also took to social media to inform fans about Google's special tribute to the star striker. "One thing to do today... search my name on Google," Haaland captioned the post with a winking emoji. Recently, Haaland surprised fans by releasing a remix of his old, viral rap song titled 'Kygo jo' with Norway DJ and music producer Kygo. Before Haaland became a goal-scoring juggernaut known for his Bundesliga and Premier League exploits for Borussia Dortmund and Manchester City, the Norway striker enjoyed a short stint as a rapper with his fellow national team under-17 teammates Erik Botheim and Erik Tobias

Sandberg, creating a collective named 'Flow Kingz'. Back in 2016, when a teenage Haaland was representing a club named Bryne in Norway, the trio released a song title 'Kygo jo'. Now, with Norway making their FIFA World Cup entry after 28 years and Haaland having smashed seven goals in his side's run so far, the song has found its way on social media's viral charts and has 8.9 million views on YouTube. The animation showed traditional Norwegian Vikings fiercely rowing a longboat across search screens, accompanied by the Norwegian word "Ro!" (Row!) in a rhythmic, booming drumbeat that synchronised perfectly with

the rowers' strokes to build tension and excitement. The Google Easter egg was a direct reference to Norway's viral "Viking Row" team celebration chant that Haaland has led on the pitch during the 2026 World Cup. This interactive Google feature served as a digital homage to both Haaland's personal heritage and the electric atmosphere surrounding the Norwegian national team.

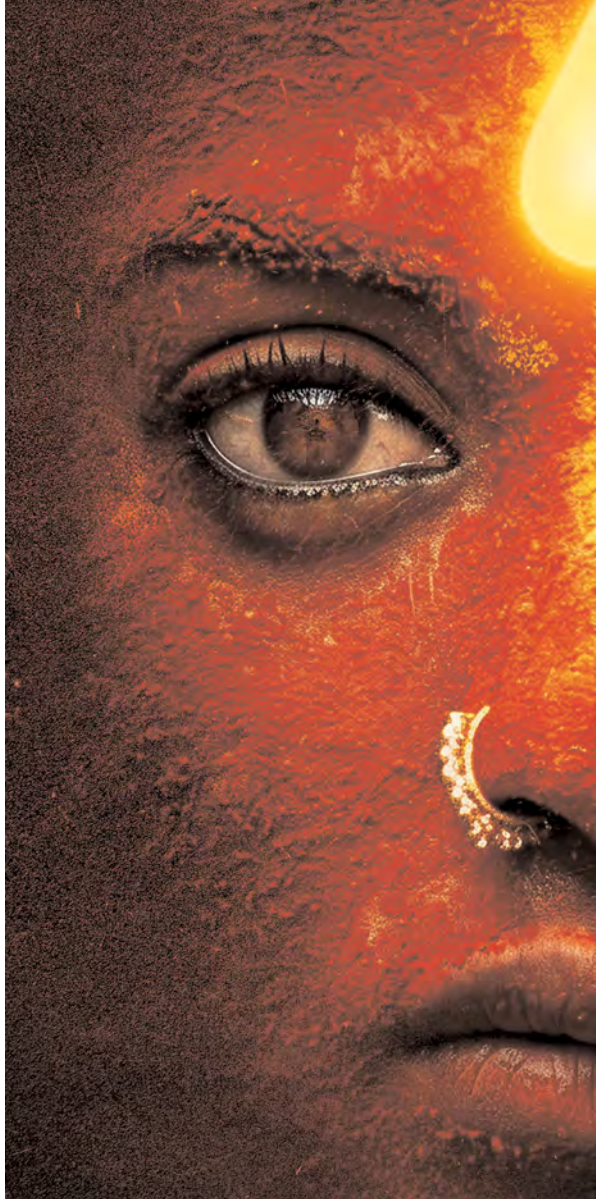


M.S. Raju's Mystic Divine Thriller 'AGADHA' Set for a Grand Worldwide Release on August 14

Acclaimed filmmaker M.S. Raju, who created a remarkable legacy as a producer, has crafted his latest directorial venture, 'AGADHA', as a spectacular visual wonder. This prestigious mystic divine thriller is all set for a grand worldwide release on August 14, 2026.

Presented by Ajay KR under the banner of Sri Adi Varaha Productions, the film is produced by Kashi Visalakshi Balusu. The teaser of AGADHA, released recently, created a sensation and generated tremendous excitement among audiences. Its stunning visuals, haunting background score, mysterious atmosphere, and grand production values received widespread appreciation from all sections of viewers. The teaser has already crossed 14 million views, reflecting the enormous anticipation surrounding the film.

Speaking about the film, director M.S. Raju said: "AGADHA is my dream project. What audiences saw in the teaser is only a small glimpse of the world we have created. The film has many more surprising elements that will leave viewers amazed. Every frame has been designed as a visual spectacle, while emotions remain the film's highest priority. Every artist and technician has delivered exceptional work. Kamakshi Bhaskarla, Shravan Reddy, Ulka Gupta, and Jovika Vijay Kumar have



all given extraordinary performances. Audiences will experience something truly unique in theatres. Blending mythological elements, mystery, thrilling moments, breathtaking

SHARVARI WAGH BRINGS BLING BLISS



Sharvari Wagh is enjoying a big moment as Alpha, co-starring Alia Bhatt, continues its theatrical run. The action thriller has maintained a steady hold at the box office and is now inching closer to

the ₹75 crore worldwide mark after six days, keeping the momentum alive. Amid the film's promotions, Sharvari grabbed attention in a shimmering golden saree paired with a stylish embellished blouse.

Rashmika Mandanna's Gruelling India's First Female Underwater Fight Sequence for 20-Hour Across 2 Days For Mysaa, Without A Body Double

National Crush Rashmika Mandanna is currently busy with Mysaa, the ambitious Pan-India action drama that promises to showcase the actress in her most physically demanding role yet. Ever since the film's powerful first glimpse was unveiled, curiosity has been steadily growing, but the effort Rashmika is putting in behind the scenes has taken the excitement to another level. Helmed by debutant director Rawindra Pulle and backed by Unformula Films, Mysaa presents Rashmika as a Gond tribal woman, a character that demands immense emotional depth, resilience, and uncompromising physicality. To convincingly step into the role, the actress underwent extensive preparation before the shoot began.

Now, Rashmika is taking her commitment a step further by performing some of the film's toughest and riskiest stunt sequences. The actress filmed a gruelling underwater sequence, spending nearly 20 hours underwater across two days while performing the challenging portions herself. This is India's First Female Underwater Fight Sequence by any actress in Indian Sequence. Despite the complexity and risks involved, Rashmika refused to use a body double, choosing instead to execute the sequence on her own to maintain the authenticity of the scenes. Her unwavering dedication left the film's technical team and underwater crew astonished. This underwater episode is not merely an action spectacle. Mounted on a grand scale, this is expected to emerge as one of the film's biggest visual highlights. Rahul Ravindra, Eshwari Rao play other prominent roles in the film. Shreyas P. Krishna handles the cinematography, while Jakes Bejoy composes the music. International stunt choreographer Kecha Khampakdee is overseeing the action for this ambitious film. With the shoot progressing at a brisk pace, the makers are now gearing up to unveil the film's teaser soon. If the effort



Rashmika has invested behind the scenes is any indication, Mysaa is shaping up to present the National Crush in a way audiences have never seen before.

Grand Launch of "Memu Kooda Cinema Teesinamuro" Song from Kotha Cinema

Ramagundam MLA Makkan Singh Raj Thakur, filmmaker Madhura Sreedhar Reddy, director Sailu Kompati, and actor Sagar attend as chief guests. A remarkable 100 newcomers are being introduced to Tollywood through this film. Proving that cinema is not confined to cities but thrives in villages too, debut director Azhar has made Kotha Cinema entirely with local talent from his hometown. One of the film's biggest highlights is that it introduces 100 fresh talents to the Telugu film industry. Starring Suresh and Rakesh in the lead roles, the film is written, directed, edited, and scripted by Azhar. Mohammed Wasim Akram, Sagi Sudheer Rao, and



Yadandla Satish Yadav are producing the film. The promotional song "Memu Kooda Cinema Teesinamuro...", written and composed by Charan Arjun, was launched grandly today in Hyderabad. Ramagundam MLA Makkan Singh Raj Thakur, producer-director Madhura Sreedhar Reddy, director Sailu Kompati, and actor R K Sagar Naidu attended the event as chief guests.

Actress Kajal Aggarwal Creates Fresh Buzz With Glamour

Kajal Aggarwal is back to trending again after her latest pictures captivated fans across social media. Dressed in a graceful white outfit with warm-toned lighting, the actress exudes elegance, confidence, and timeless charm. Her effortless style and striking expressions have once again become the talk of the internet. Kajal recently emphasized that every individual's effort ultimately contributes to building a healthier nation, earning praise for promoting meaningful awareness while continuing to inspire her followers. As the stunning images circulate widely online, fans are flooding the comments with admiration, calling her one of the industry's most graceful stars. Kajal currently shoots NBK111 alongside Balakrishna, raising fans' excitement and expectations. Kajal Aggarwal recently turned 41 and she is absolutely not letting that number define her. The actress is currently busy shoot-

ing for NBK111, the upcoming film of Nandamuri Balakrishna which is very much in progress right now. A big project, a big hero and Kajal is right in the middle of it all. The actress has been posting pictures quite regularly on social media and her latest clicks are simply beautiful. She wore a white co-ord set with a cropped sleeveless top and flared wide leg trousers, both covered in cute nature embroidery of clouds, butterflies.

