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US-Iran tensions escalate with renewed strikes

Tehran (TSIT) :

Iran launched renewed attacks on US Gulf allies on Saturday after the US Central Command (CENTCOM) concluded a new round of strikes on Iran overnight. Iran's semi-official Mehr news agency said that

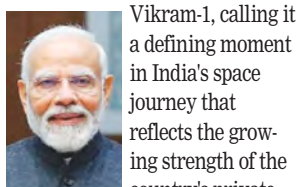


explosions were reported in Bushehr province as well as Hormozgan province's Sirik and Qeshm counties, and the official IRNA news agency said five blasts were heard in Iran's central Yazd province. Late on Friday, the US CENTCOM said in a post on social media platform X that US forces ended the seventh consecutive night of strikes against Iran.

PM Modi Hails Vikram-1 Launch as Defining Moment for India

New Delhi, (TSIT):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday congratulated the team of Skyroot Aerospace on the successful launch of



Vikram-1, calling it a defining moment in India's space journey that reflects the growing strength of the country's private space sector. In a post on social media platform X, the Prime Minister said he had spoken to the Skyroot team and praised the milestone, stating that the growing participation of the private sector is opening new frontiers and accelerating innovation. He added that the achievement would encourage countless youngsters to dream bigger and innovate fearlessly.

US Welcomes Iraq-Syria Oil Pipeline Deal

Washington (TSIT):

The United States has welcomed a landmark agreement between Iraq and Syria to revive a crude oil pipeline with a capacity of two million barrels per day, describing the move as a positive step toward regional energy cooperation and economic stability. The pipeline, which was once a critical artery for Iraqi crude exports to European markets via Syria's Mediterranean coast, has remained non-operational for years due to conflict and political tensions. The revived deal is expected to significantly boost Iraq's export capacity while providing much-needed revenue and energy infrastructure support to Syria.

CM Revanth Reddy lays foundation stone for Andesri Smriti Vanam

CM pays tribute to Telangana poet, says government will preserve his legacy and democratic ideals

Hyderabad (TSIT):

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday laid the foundation stone for Andesri Smriti Vanam and paid rich tributes to noted Telangana poet Andesri, describing him as a lifelong source of inspiration whose writings fuelled the Telangana movement and awakened public consciousness.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said Andesri was not merely a poet but an "elder brother" who inspired him during difficult phases of political life. He said the iconic "Jaya Jayahe Telangana" song, written by Andesri, was deliberately sidelined during the



previous government's tenure but has now found its rightful place in schools and public institutions across the State.

Launching a sharp attack on the previous BRS government, Revanth Reddy alleged that despite issuing recruitment notifi-

cations, it failed to complete the process, while his government filled over 70,000 government jobs within a short period. He accused the previous administration of failing to address unemployment and assured that his government would continue filling every vacant post through a transparent process. The Chief Minister also highlighted that Shankaramma and a granddaughter of Chakali Iamma had been appointed to the State Women's Commission, while Prof. M. Kodandaram was nominated to the Legislative Council. Several ministers, poets, and cultural personalities attended the ceremony.

AP to Become Pollution-Free State: CM Naidu

Visakhapatnam (TSIT):

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said that the goal of the Swachh Andhra-Swarna Andhra programme is to build a clean, prosperous, and pollution-free Andhra Pradesh. Participating in the 18th programme held in Gudivada, he urged people to adopt waste-free and eco-friendly lifestyles. The Chief Minister laid foundation stones for municipal and public health works worth 15,274 crore across 120 urban local bodies. He also inaugurated waste-to-energy plants and presented Operation Clean Sweep awards to several municipalities. Naidu said cleanliness is not just about sweeping roads but about improving public health and protecting the environment. He called upon citizens to take responsibility for keeping their surroundings clean and support the government's sanitation initiatives. He



announced that door-to-door waste collection would be strengthened with electric vehicles and said the state aims to become garbage-free by October 2 through effective waste management programmes. The Chief Minister also announced that funds under the Thalliki Vandanam scheme would be credited to mothers' accounts from July 22 to 24, benefiting over 67 lakh students. He further stated that strict action would be taken against those involved in illegal activities and misuse of social media. Ministers, MPs, MLAs, and senior officials attended the programme.

Rahul attacks Centre over Sonam Wangchuk's hospitalisation

**New Delhi (TSIT):**

After Delhi Police hospitalised climate activist Sonam Wangchuk over his deteriorating health following 20 days of hunger strike, Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition (LoP) and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led Central government, accusing it of "Asatya (lies) and Hinsa (violence)". Taking to X with the hashtag 'ChhatronKiGoonj', LoP Gandhi said: "The core tenets of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government are 'Asatya' and 'Hinsa'. The removal of Sonam Wangchuk ji from Jantar Mantar while he was on a non-violent hunger strike is wrong.



Vikram-1 Test Flight-1 (Mission Aagaman), India's first private orbital rocket launch, lifts off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

Skyroot's Vikram-1 becomes India's first successful private orbital launch vehicle

Visakhapatnam (TSIT)

Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1, a small satellite launch vehicle developed by an Indian space start-up, successfully lifted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, on July 18,

2026, at 12:05:30 PM, marking a historic milestone in India's space programme. With this mission, Skyroot Aerospace became the first private Indian company to successfully launch a rocket into orbit from Indian soil, and that

too in its maiden orbital launch attempt. The achievement follows the Government of India's space sector reforms announced in 2020, which opened up space activities for private companies. Vikram-1 carried multi-

ple payloads, including two satellites — SCOPE and Grahaa — which were successfully placed into Low Earth Orbit (LEO). The remaining payloads on the rocket's upper stage will be used for various in-orbit experiments. Earlier, Skyroot Aerospace had conducted the sub-orbital test launch of Vikram-S from Sriharikota on November 18, 2022.



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CM Revanth promises stronger support for women entrepreneurs

CM announces land for FICCI FLO headquarters and Future City campus; highlights initiatives for SHGs

The South India Times
Hyderabad : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday reaffirmed the Telangana Government's commitment to women's economic empowerment, announcing a series of initiatives to strengthen women entrepreneurs and self-help groups (SHGs) while addressing a meeting organised by the FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO). The Chief Minister said the Congress government considers women its greatest strength and credited their support for the party's vic-



tory in the 2023 Assembly elections. He said the government is establishing Indira Mahila Shakti Bhavans in 22 district

headquarters as modern centres for training, marketing and business development for women. Revanth Reddy announced

the allotment of 1,000 square yards of land near Shilparamam in Hitec City for the construction of the FICCI FLO Hyderabad headquarters. He also promised one acre of land in Bharat Future City to enable FLO to partner in the State's flagship urban development project. Highlighting efforts to promote women-led enterprises, the Chief Minister said land worth nearly Rs.1,000 crore has been earmarked for the Indira Mahila Shakti Bazaar, where more than 150 outlets run by

women self-help groups market handicrafts, traditional products and rural goods.He said Telangana has nearly 67 lakh women SHG members who have availed loans worth Rs.16,000 crore, creating a strong socio-economic movement across the State. The government has also entrusted SHGs with maintaining 27,000 government schools and stitching uniforms for 27.5 lakh students while encouraging them to operate petrol pumps and other commercial ventures.

Komatireddy announces Rs.900 Cr road package for Vikarabad

Hyderabad(TSIT): Telangana Roads & Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Saturday announced a Rs.900 crore road development package for Vikarabad district, reaffirming the government's commitment to strengthening transport infrastructure and accelerating regional development.

Along with IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu and other leaders, the Minister inaugurated and laid foundation stones for road works worth Rs.290 crore in the Tandur Assembly constituency. He stated that Rs.185.15 crore has been allocated



for Parigi constituency under the district's comprehensive road plan.

Addressing a public meeting, Komatireddy said quality road connectivity is essential for attracting industries, expanding trade, and creating employment opportunities. He assured that all sanctioned projects

would be taken up without delay. He also highlighted welfare schemes implemented over the past 30 months, including ration cards for poor families, subsidised LPG cylinders at Rs.500, interest-free loans up to Rs.10 lakh for women SHGs, and Rythu Bharosa financial assistance to farmers.

Telangana Cabinet OKs Transgender Co-option in Local Bodies



Hyderabad, July 18: In a landmark move towards inclusive governance, the Telangana Government has approved a proposal to nominate transgender persons as co-opted members in local bodies, marking a significant step towards their political empowerment. Welcoming the Cabinet decision, Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar said the Congress Government under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has gone beyond conventional welfare measures by creating meaningful opportunities for transgender persons to participate in governance and decision-making. He described the decision as historic, stating that true humanity is reflected by creating opportunities ensuring digni-

ty and equal participation. On Saturday, nearly 25 members of the transgender community met the Minister at the Secretariat to express gratitude. The Minister said the government is committed to integrating transgender persons into governance rather than limiting support to welfare schemes alone. He highlighted skill development programmes in driving, cooking, and drone operations, besides employment opportunities at Hyderabad Metro stations and traffic management. Community representatives said the decision has instilled renewed confidence and a sense of belonging. They thanked the Chief Minister and Minister Laxman Kumar for championing their rights and political participation.

Telangana Constitutes Expert Committee to Prepare El Niño Contingency Plan

Dr.G.Chinna Reddy to Head Multi-Disciplinary Panel for Agriculture and Allied Sectors

Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Government has constituted a multi-disciplinary Expert Committee to assess the likely impact of prevailing El Niño conditions and prepare comprehensive State and District-level Contingency Action Plans for agriculture and allied sectors.

According to G.O. Rt. No. 427, issued by the Agriculture & Cooperation Department on July 18, 2026, the committee will recommend mitigation and adaptation strategies to minimise the impact of adverse weather conditions on farming and rural livelihoods.

The committee will be chaired by Dr. G. Chinna Reddy, Vice Chairman of the



DR.G.CHINNA REDDY

Telangana State Planning Board, and includes senior officials from the Agriculture, Irrigation, Education, Energy, Forest, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture and Panchayat

Raj departments.

Representatives from premier national institutions, including ICRIASAT, the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University (JTSAU), Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University, P.V. Narasimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University, the Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), the Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (IIOR), and the Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), have also been inducted into the panel.

The Director of

Agriculture will serve as the Convenor of the committee.

As per the Government Order, the committee will hold consultations with stakeholders and prepare contingency plans at the State, District, Mandal and Village levels, besides submitting periodic recommendations to the Government on measures to strengthen climate resilience in agriculture. The order was issued by Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju in the name of the Governor of Telangana, underscoring the government's proactive approach towards safeguarding agriculture and allied sectors against the possible effects of El Niño conditions.

Thunderstorm, lightning, gusty winds likely in parts of Telangana over next 24 hours: Met

Hyderabad (TSIT) Thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds with speeds of 30-50 kmph are likely to occur at isolated places in Telangana during the next 24 hours, the Meteorological Centre said on Saturday. In its daily weather report, the Centre said strong surface winds with speeds of 30-40 kmph are also likely to prevail at isolated places across Telangana from July 19 to 24. Light to moderate rain or thundershowers are likely to occur at many places and at isolated locations across the state during the next seven days. The report said the southwest monsoon has remained normal over Telangana.

AICC In-Charge Hails Telangana Congress Performance

Hyderabad, July 18: AICC Telangana In-Charge Meenakshi Natarajan has expressed complete satisfaction over the organisational performance of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee under TPCC President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud, commending the party for effectively implementing various training and mass outreach programmes. Reviewing activities at Gandhi Bhavan, Natarajan congratulated Mahesh Kumar Goud for successful execution of AICC-directed initiatives including Sangathan Srujan Abhiyan, Jai Babu-Jai Bhim, DCC training camps, SIR training, and formation of Mandal Congress



Committees. She specially praised General Secretary P. Prasanna Kumar Sharma for preparing comprehensive monthly activity reports submitted to the AICC. Natarajan remarked that the Telangana PCC's organisational model has become an example for Congress units across the country, with leaders from nearly 11 states appreciating it and keen to replicate it. She urged party workers

to strengthen the organisation from village level to every polling booth and remain vigilant during the SIR process by appointing supervisors for Booth Level Agents. She stated that AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, and K.C. Venugopal have also expressed satisfaction with the Telangana PCC's initiatives. Senior leaders and office bearers attended the meeting.

Statesman Excellence Awards to Honour Telugu State Leaders

Hyderabad, July 18: A first-of-its-kind initiative, the Statesman Excellence Awards, will be held in Hyderabad in August 2026 to recognise outstanding political leadership and public service across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Conceived as a non-partisan platform, the awards seek to honour leaders who have demonstrated excellence in governance, integrity, innovation, policymaking, and public welfare, irrespective of political affiliation. The organisers said the initiative aims to create a positive narrative around democratic leadership while encouraging accountability and ethical governance.

The inaugural conclave will feature an eminent panel of speakers, including Telangana IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Andhra Pradesh Minister K. Parthasarathy,



former Telangana Minister T. Harish Rao, former Union Minister Y. Sujana Chowdary, and others.

The awards are being mentored by former RTI Commissioner P. Vijaya Babu, with Jakkam Sudhakar Reddy heading the organising committee. 99TV is the official media partner, while Lorven Crafts is presenting the event. Giri Sivala, Managing Partner of Lorven Crafts, said the initiative represents a movement to recognise leaders dedicated to democratic governance and inspire future generations to view politics as noble public service.

Bike Theft Network Exposed in Nagarkurnool, 52 Stolen Vehicles Recovered

THE SOUTH INDIA TIMES
NAGARKURNOOL

Nagarkurnool District Police have busted an inter-district two-wheeler theft gang and arrested three accused, recovering 52 stolen motorcycles, District Superintendent of Police Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil said. Addressing the media, the SP said that the Nagarkurnool and Bijinepally police jointly conducted an operation and cracked the case. During vehicle inspections, police detained suspects who were travelling on a motorcycle without a number plate. During interrogation, the accused revealed details of a large-scale bike theft network. The arrested persons



were identified as Jongam Yadaiah, Krishna Raju alias Shivakumar, and Charan Kumar alias Sharath. The mastermind of the gang, Santhosh Naik, is currently lodged in Mahabubnagar jail, the SP said. The accused targeted

expensive motorcycles including Pulsar, Shine, and Unicorn models and committed thefts across several districts, he added. Of the recovered vehicles, 20 motorcycles were stolen from Mahabubnagar district, 14 from Cyberabad lim-

its, 4 from Hyderabad, 3 from Wanaparthi, and 3 from Yadadri district. The police also recovered bikes stolen within Nagarkurnool and Bijinepally police station limits. During the investigation, it was revealed that 36 stolen motorcycles were

sold at low prices in Manganoor village. Police are collecting details of those who purchased the stolen vehicles, and legal action will be initiated against them as well.

SP Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil warned that purchasing or selling stolen vehicles is also a punishable offence. He advised the public to immediately inform the police if their vehicles are stolen. The SP appreciated Nagarkurnool CI Ashok Reddy, SIs Govardhan, Bijinepally SI Shamsuddin, Bheemudu, Venkatesh, Praveen, Ramesh, and other police personnel for their efforts in successfully cracking the case.

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CM Naidu Visits KKR Gowtham School in Gudivada, Reviews Waste Management Practices



Visakhapatnam : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu visited KKR Gowtham School in Gudivada, Krishna district, on Saturday after participating in the Swachh Andhra-Swarna Andhra programme. Students welcomed the Chief Minister on his arrival at

the school. During the visit, he inspected the Bulk Waste Generator facilities on the school premises, along with the dining hall, kitchen, food preparation section, and waste dumping areas. The school management explained the waste management practices being implemented at the insti-

tution. The Chief Minister instructed the school management to strictly follow Bulk Waste Generator guidelines and set an example in adopting environment-friendly waste management practices. Later, he presented the Bulk Waste Generator certificate to the school management.

GVMC Receives ‘Operation Clean Sweep’ Award

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) has been honoured with the prestigious "Operation Clean Sweep" Award under the State Government's flagship "Swarna Andhra-Swachh Andhra" initiative. The award was presented by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu during the 18th Swarna Andhra-Swachh Andhra programme held at the NTR Stadium Public Forum in Gudivada, Krishna district, on Saturday. GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg received the award on behalf of the corporation in recognition of its outstanding performance in the category of cities with a population between three lakh and ten lakh. Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Ketan Garg



said that the State Government is committed to building a clean, healthy, and prosperous Andhra Pradesh, and the Swarna Andhra-Swachh Andhra programme is being implemented effectively to achieve that goal. He noted that GVMC successfully carried out the Operation Clean Sweep campaign across the city during June in accordance with the

guidelines issued by the Swachh Andhra Corporation. The Commissioner attributed the achievement to the corporation's consistent efforts in organising theme-based weekly cleanliness drives, encouraging public participation, and ensuring coordination among various departments. He stated that the award was the result of the

collective efforts of citizens, public representatives, officials of the Swachh Andhra Corporation, Resident Welfare Associations, voluntary organisations, sanitation workers, and GVMC officers and employees. Expressing his gratitude, Ketan Garg thanked everyone who contributed to securing this prestigious recognition for Visakhapatnam.

Stripping of woman reflects complete collapse of law & order in AP: ex-CM Jagan Reddy

Vijayawada, Jul 18 : Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSRCP president, Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, today expressed shock over the horrific incident in Guntur city, where a woman was allegedly stripped and assaulted by a TDP leader, saying it is not just a stain on humanity but also a shocking reflection of the complete collapse of law and order in the state. "What is even more disturbing is that although the incident took place on Wednesday, it was allegedly kept under wraps for nearly three days. It was only after videos of the assault surfaced on 'social media' and triggered widespread public outrage that the government suddenly began projecting itself as taking swift action. This attempt to claim credit after trying to suppress the incident is deeply shameful," Jagan Mohan Reddy slammed.

Coordinated Measures Needed to Prevent Road Accidents: Visakhapatnam Collector



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore has directed officials to adopt a coordinated and comprehensive approach to prevent road accidents in the district. Chairing the District Road Safety Committee meeting at the Collectorate on Saturday, he stressed the need to ensure timely emergency medical care for accident victims and to encourage Good Samaritans who help save lives. The Collector called for extensive awareness campaigns on the Rah-Veer and PM Rahat schemes, which provide incentives for those assisting road accident victims and cashless emergency treatment of up to Rs.1.5 lakh for eligible victims for seven days. He instructed officials to conduct awareness programmes in hospitals, police stations, educational institutions, and driving training centres. Abhishikth Kishore also directed authorities to address traffic conges-

tion at key junctions, including Anandapuram, Kommadi, Hanumanthawaka, NAD X Road, and Airport Junction, besides improving bus bays, service roads, and traffic infrastructure. Installation of CCTV cameras at accident-prone black spots and enhancement of traffic signals were also emphasized. The Collector further ordered strict enforcement against drunken driving and directed the Transport Department to expedite the suspension or cancellation of driving licences of repeat offenders. He said all departments should work towards reducing both the number of accidents and fatalities in the district. City Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi and officials from the Police, Transport, GVMC, NHAI, APSRTC, Roads & Buildings, and Health Departments attended the meeting.

Srisailem temple Changes in Virama Darshanam timings



Srisailem:Due to the steadily increasing rush of devotees visiting the Sri Saila Kshetram, the Board of Trustees has decided to introduce changes in the Virama Darshanam (Sparsha Darshanam) system on Saturdays,

Sundays, and Mondays for the convenience of ordinary devotees. In this regard, Sri Pothugunta Ramesh Naidu, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Sri Y. Srinivas Rao, Executive Officer, jointly stated that on Saturdays,

Defence official praises HSL's transformation, growth

Visakhapatnam, July 18 Additional Secretary and Director General (Acquisition), Ministry of Defence, A. Anbarasu, IAS, on Saturday commended the transformation and growth of Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), describing it as India's premier defence shipyard on the East Coast and urging employees to strive for even greater achievements. Interacting with Team HSL during his visit to the shipyard, Anbarasu praised HSL's sustained growth, end-to-end ship-building ecosystem and



expertise in delivering strategically significant defence platforms. He lauded the dedication of the workforce and said

the organisation's positive work culture and expanding capabilities reflect its growing role in strengthening the country's

defence manufacturing sector. Calling upon employees to place the organisation's interests above individual interests, Anbarasu stressed that every employee has a vital role in nation-building. He urged Team HSL to work with unity, purpose and commitment to take the shipyard to new heights. Hindustan Shipyard Limited Chairman and Managing Director Rear Admiral Chandrasekhar Raghuram (Retd.), VSM, thanked the visiting dignitary for his guidance and encouragement.

Doctoral Committee Meeting held at Srinivas University

Mangaluru, July 18 (TSIT): A Doctoral Committee meeting for PhD scholars in English was held on Saturday at the university's Old Pandeshwar campus. The meeting brought together 19 research scholars, seven research professors, three external experts, and Coordinator Dr. Reena Ranjith to review progress, provide feedback, and guide ongoing doctoral research. The session opened with a welcome from the coordinator, Dr. Reena Ranjith, who outlined the agenda and emphasized the importance of rigorous methodology and timely milestones. Each scholar presented updates on research objectives, literature reviews, methodology, and preliminary findings. The panel of research professors Dr Srinivas Vooradi, Dr Thungesh, Dr Bhuvana Ramachandran, Dr



Manjula, Dr Varadesh Hiregange and external experts Dr Reshma Hegde, Dr Vishwanath and Dr Rajalakshmi offered constructive critiques, suggested refinements to research questions, recommended additional readings and methodological adjustments, and advised on publication and dissemination strategies. Key points of discussion included the clarity of research frameworks, ethical considerations, data collection plans, and timelines for submitting progress reports and draft chap-

ters. Several scholars received specific recommendations for strengthening theoretical frameworks and expanding comparative analyses. The committee also underscored the need for interdisciplinary approaches where appropriate and encouraged scholars to pursue conference presentations and journal submissions to build academic profiles. The meeting concluded with agreed action points and deadlines for the next review. Coordinator Dr. Reena Ranjith thanked the participating professors.

9 NI Act Cases Worth Rs.49.10 Lakh Settled at Special Lok Adalat

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) A Special Lok Adalat held on Saturday in the premises of the Andhra Pradesh High Court successfully settled nine Criminal Revision Cases pertaining to the Negotiable Instruments (NI) Act, involving a total settlement value of 49.10 lakh. The Special Lok Adalat was conducted under the guidance of Chief Justice Lisa Gill, Patron-in-Chief of the Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Justice Ravi Nath Tilhari, Executive Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, and Justice Battu Devanand, Chairman of the AP High Court Legal Services Committee. Two Special Benches were constituted for the Lok Adalat.



The benches were presided over by Justice K. Srinivasa Reddy and Justice Kiranmayee Mandava, with advocates Kanagala Radhika and Peddi Vijayabhaskar serving as members. The benches facilitated amicable settlements between the parties, leading to the successful disposal of the cases. Secretary of the AP High Court Legal Services

Committee, G. Malathi, appreciated the cooperation extended by advocates, litigants, officials of various departments, members of the print and electronic media, and the supporting staff in making the Special Lok Adalat a success. She expressed gratitude to everyone who contributed to the successful conduct of the programme.

Rs.3.02 Cr road development works launched in Vijayawada to Curb Air Pollution

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Union Minister for Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu on Saturday laid the foundation stone for End-to-End road development works worth Rs.3.02 crore in Bharathi Nagar and Gurunanak Colony aimed at improving infrastructure and reducing air pollution in Vijayawada. The projects, being taken up under the 15th Finance Commission's Air Quality Improvement Programme, include construction of a hot mix BT road and paver block footpaths in Bharathi Nagar at a cost of Rs.1.10 crore and CC road works in Gurunanak Colony at an estimated cost of Rs.1.92 crore.



Speaking on the occasion, Ram Mohan Naidu said the Centre is committed to developing quality infrastructure across the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He stated that the projects would help reduce dust pollution and improve air quality in the city. MP Kesineni

Sivanath (Chinni), MLA Gadde Rammohan, and Vijayawada Municipal Corporation In-charge Commissioner Dr. D. Chandrasekhar also participated in the programme and highlighted the government's commitment to sustainable urban development and better civic amenities.

Minister Kandula Durgesh Discusses Golf Tourism Development in Andhra Pradesh with Kapil Dev

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh held discussions with renowned cricketer and golfer, and President of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), Kapil Dev, on developing golf tourism in the state and strengthening the tourism sector. During the meeting held in Noida, the Minister explained the opportunities and potential for expanding golf tourism in Andhra Pradesh, particularly in Visakhapatnam and Amaravati regions. Both leaders discussed the possibilities of developing world-class golf tourism facilities and promoting



the state as an attractive destination for golf enthusiasts. Minister Durgesh invited Kapil Dev to visit Andhra Pradesh for a field-level assessment and to explore opportunities for the development of golf tourism projects in the state.

Iron Grip on Drug Trafficking in Visakhapatnam



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore has directed officials to take stringent and coordinated measures to curb the illegal trafficking and consumption of narcotic substances in the district. He issued the directions while chairing the District-Level Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) meeting held at the Collectorate on Saturday. The Collector instructed officials to maintain special surveillance on

ganja trafficking routes from the Odisha and Vizianagaram borders and conduct joint inspections at railway stations, bus stations, and check posts. He also directed Customs, Coast Guard, Port, and Police authorities to work in coordination to prevent the entry of synthetic drugs through sea routes. Emphasizing rehabilitation, Abhishikth Kishore said that drug addicts should be provided de-addiction, counselling, and

rehabilitation services. He also called for extensive awareness programmes in schools and colleges to educate students and youth about the harmful effects of drug abuse. Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi stated that, up to June 2026, police had registered 117 NDPS cases and arrested 223 persons. Authorities seized 617.29 kg of ganja, 10.83 grams of MDMA, 3.2 litres of hashish oil, and three LSD blots. He added that financial investigations into drug traffickers are underway and that special drives under "Operation Vajra Prahar" are being conducted to crack down on drug-related activities across the city.

Konda Surekha Vows Strict Biomedical Waste Norms



Hyderabad (TSIT): Telangana Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha on Saturday directed officials to make Telangana a national model in scientific biomedical waste management, warning that healthcare institutions and treatment facilities

violating statutory norms would face stringent legal action. Chairing a review meeting at her camp office, the Minister reviewed implementation of the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016, scientific disposal of waste, enhancement of Common Bio-Medical

Waste Treatment Facilities (CBMWTFs), and proposals for revising user charges. Representatives of IMA, THANA, and CBMWTFs presented their views on user charges, and the Minister directed both sides to submit detailed proposals. Officials informed that Telangana has 11,457 healthcare facilities generating 31.27 tonnes of bio-medical waste daily, with 11 operational treatment facilities. The Minister instructed that waste be collected, treated, and processed within 48 hours as per national guidelines, and called for continuous training for healthcare workers. She also directed

Husnabad Residents Protest Road Widening Plan

Husnabad (TSIT) : Residents of Yellamma Bazar Colony submitted a representation to the Municipal Commissioner on Saturday, urging an immediate halt to road widening markings and demanding a reduction in the proposed 70-foot road width, warning that it would demolish homes of low-income families. Speaking on the occasion, BRS leader Aileni Mallikarjuna Reddy and BSP leader Pachimatla Ravinder Goud recalled that locals had previously opposed a 100-foot plan, and the issue was brought to Minister Ponnam Prabhakar's attention, but no clear decision has been announced. They noted that



the current route is 40 feet wide with a 22-foot BT road, and traffic congestion is minimal. They questioned the necessity of widening an internal road to 70 feet, especially when a bypass towards Ramavaram is under consideration. The leaders clarified they are not opposed to

development but will not accept demolition of poor people's homes in its name. They demanded Minister Ponnam Prabhakar intervene immediately and reconsider the plan. Residents including Bhukya Lakshman Naik, Marka Srinivas, and others participated.

Jaggareddy, Rajagopal Reddy Meet at Gandhi Bhavan

Sangareddy, July 18: Former MLA and TPCC Working President T. Jaggareddy met Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy at Gandhi Bhavan on Saturday, a meeting that has attracted considerable political attention in Telangana. Observers view it as a sign of growing unity within the Congress, with the high command reportedly encouraging all leaders to work together ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. Speaking on the occasion, Jaggareddy said making Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister is the primary objective of the Telangana Congress and called upon all leaders to work collectively. He also stated that Rajagopal Reddy should be given a ministerial berth as



promised by the AICC. Rajagopal Reddy responded that he was not waiting for any position and that Rahul Gandhi's decision would be final for him. He reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening the party in undivided Nalgonda district. Jaggareddy also indicated that efforts were underway to resolve the Tungaturthi issue amicably. Political analysts believe the meeting signals a new direction for the Telangana Congress, with leaders setting aside differences for a common goal.

Telangana Braces for Possible Super El Niño; CS Orders Statewide Preparedness

Suryapet District Correspondent July 18: Anticipating the possible impact of Super El Niño and below-normal rainfall, Telangana Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju on Saturday directed all district administrations to launch advance preparedness measures and implement comprehensive contingency plans to minimise the effects of a potential drought. Chairing a statewide video conference with District Collectors and senior officials, he stressed the need for coordinated



action across departments to safeguard agriculture, drinking water supplies and rural livelihoods. The Chief Secretary instructed officials to intensify awareness campaigns on crop diversification, encourage cultivation

of low water-intensive crops, ensure timely availability of quality seeds and technical support, and closely monitor rainfall patterns and water resources. He also directed every district to prepare detailed action plans cover-

ing agriculture, drinking water, irrigation and departmental preparedness for review by district in-charge ministers. Following the meeting, district administrations were instructed to keep complete data, presentations and departmental reports ready for upcoming review meetings, underscoring the government's focus on proactive planning and coordinated response to mitigate the impact of any Super El Niño-induced dry spell across the state.

CM Relief Fund a lifeline for poor families: Venna Raju

The South India Times Husnabad, July 18 : Husnabad Congress Mandal President Venna Raju on Saturday described the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) as a lifeline for poor families struggling to meet medical expenses and said the scheme has brought significant relief to economically weaker sections. Speaking at a programme in Mohammadapur village of Husnabad mandal, Venna Raju handed over a CMRF cheque to beneficiary Bolli Sameeksha, daughter of Srinivas, who



had been undergoing medical treatment and received financial assistance under the scheme. Addressing the gathering, Venna Raju said the Chief Minister's Relief Fund has become a boon for underprivileged families facing financial distress due to illness. He praised the

State Government for implementing welfare-oriented programmes and ensuring that quality medical treatment is accessible to the poor through financial support under the CMRF. The beneficiary's family thanked the State Government and local

Congress leaders for extending timely assistance during their difficult period. Among those present were Congress Village Unit President Sangha Sridhar, DCC Secretary Mamidi Tirupati, Deputy Sarpanch Kathula Sammaraju, Ward Members Bolli Tirupati and Merugu Venkataiah, and senior leaders Duddeda Tirupati, Duddeda Srinath, Akula Venkataswamy, Jillela Tirupati Reddy, Mokalla Narasimulu and Mokalla Madhava Reddy.

Collector Orders Drive to Boost Govt School Enrolment

Jogulamba Gadwal, July 18: District Collector Rizwan Basha Shaikh has directed education officials to intensify field-level efforts to increase student enrolment in government schools and ensure effective implementation of educational initiatives across the district. Chairing a review meeting on Saturday, the Collector instructed Mandal Education Officers to identify schools with enrolment declines, examine reasons, and take corrective measures. He emphasized that government schools offer quality education free of cost, along with uniforms, midday meals, breakfast, and qualified teachers, and these facilities should be effectively communicated to



parents. He warned that officials failing to achieve enrolment targets would face action. The Collector also warned that strict action would be taken against private schools refusing to issue Transfer Certificates to students seeking admission to government schools. He directed officials to strengthen pre-primary education, ensure each centre has at least 25

children, and expedite uniform distribution and scholarship applications. Meanwhile, parents and student organisations have alleged that some private schools are violating the RTE Act by denying the mandatory 25% reservation for economically weaker sections. They have urged the Collector to inquire into these allegations and enforce the Act strictly.

HPV Vaccine Drive Held at KGBV Uppununthala



Nagar Kurnool, July 18: An HPV vaccination programme was conducted at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), Uppununthala, under the supervision of Medical Officer Dr. Swapna, who educated students on the vaccine's crucial role in preventing cervical cancer. Dr. Swapna stressed the need to successfully implement the government's initiative by ensuring 100 percent vaccination cov-

erage among all eligible girls aged 14-15 years, adding that the programme is highly beneficial for safeguarding adolescent girls' health. She urged students to spread awareness about the vaccine among their peers and families to ensure no eligible girl is left out. Cervical cancer is one of the most common cancers among women in India, and the HPV vaccine has been proven to be highly effective in preventing it.

MP distributes school bags to students in Mancherial.

MANCHERIAL, JULY 18, TSIT : Peddapalli Member of Parliament Gaddam Vamsi Krishna on Saturday said the government was committed to strengthening public welfare initiatives and ensuring that the benefits of welfare schemes reached every eligible beneficiary. He was speaking after distributing school bags to students of the Zilla Parishad High School at Gudem village in Dandepalli mandal. The school bags were provided by the Visakha Charitable Trust. District Collector Kumar Deepak, Additional Collector (Local Bodies) P. Chandrayya and District Educational Officer P. Chandrayya were present. The MP said the Trust had sanctioned school bags



for 150 students studying from Classes I to X in the school. As part of the first phase, 110 students received the bags, while the remaining students would be covered shortly. Mr. Vamsi Krishna said efforts would also be made to provide sufficient benches so that students

need not sit on the floor. He noted that the Trust had already facilitated the installation of a borewell to improve drinking water facilities at the school. Emphasising the government's focus on strengthening public education, the MP said government schools were being equipped with essential infrastructure and facilities to provide quality education. He urged students to make the best use of the opportunities provided by the government and strive to excel in their chosen fields. Later, Mr. Vamsi Krishna served the mid-day meal to the students and joined them for lunch. Public representatives and officials participated in the programme.

Revenue Administration 2.0: The Next Decade

"The future of revenue administration will not be defined merely by digitising land records. It will be shaped by how effectively technology, transparency and public trust come together to protect one of society's most valuable assets—land."



Land is far more than a physical asset. It represents identity, livelihood, security, inheritance and economic opportunity. For decades, revenue administration has remained one of the most important pillars of governance, responsible for maintaining land records, protecting government property, resolving disputes and implementing welfare programmes. Today, however, citizens

expect far more than certified copies of records. They demand transparent, technology-driven, time-bound and citizen-friendly services. The next decade presents a unique opportunity to transform revenue administration from a record-keeping institution into an intelligent governance ecosystem. Revenue Administration 2.0 is not simply about digitising files; it is about creating a system that delivers real-time, accurate and efficient public services. While computerised land records, online registrations, digital mutation systems and GIS-based mapping have improved trans-

parency, digitisation alone is not transformation. The real goal is to build an integrated digital land information system where every parcel of land has a unique digital identity backed by authenticated legal and spatial data. Such integration would reduce disputes, curb fraudulent transactions, simplify property verification and strengthen public confidence while enabling governments to make evidence-based policy decisions. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is expected to become a powerful partner in this transformation. Rather than replacing revenue officials, AI can assist them by detecting discrepancies in

land records, analysing mutation pendency, identifying encroachments and recognising suspicious transaction patterns within seconds. Predictive analytics can help identify areas vulnerable to disputes, prioritise surveys and monitor compliance with court orders. However, AI must remain an aid to human judgment, as legal interpretation, administrative discretion and natural justice can never be fully automated. Similarly, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and drone technology are revolutionising land administration. GIS integrates ownership records, satellite imagery, infrastructure

and environmental data, enabling better planning for roads, irrigation, industries and urban development. Drone-based surveys equipped with high-resolution imaging and LiDAR technology provide faster, more accurate and transparent mapping while supporting disaster management, crop monitoring and encroachment detection. Technology, however, has little value unless it improves citizens' lives. The revenue office of the future should not only be paperless but effortless. Citizens should be able to access records, track applications, verify property details and receive services online without unnecessary

visits to government offices. At the same time, assisted service centres must ensure that rural, elderly and digitally disadvantaged citizens are not excluded. As governance becomes increasingly digital, cybersecurity will become equally important. Strong authentication systems, encrypted databases, blockchain-supported audit trails and regular security audits are essential to protect valuable land records from cyber threats and fraud. Ultimately, technology alone cannot transform institutions. Success will depend on trained, ethical and citizen-focused officials who combine technological

competence with empathy and integrity. Revenue Administration 2.0 is more than a technological upgrade; it is a vision for smarter, transparent and trusted governance. As India moves towards data-driven development, the coming decade offers an opportunity not only to modernise land administration but also to strengthen the relationship between citizens and the State. The future of revenue administration will be measured not merely by advanced technology but by the trust it earns from the people it serves. The Writer is General Secretary Telangana Tahsildars' Association

Poll Body Seeks Party Support for Voter Revision



Mahabubabad, July 18: State Electoral Roll Observer Harichandana Dasari on Saturday stressed that close coordination among political parties, elected representatives, and election officials is key to the success of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026 of electoral rolls.

Chairing a review meeting at the Hanumakonda

Collectorate, Dasari said political parties and Booth Level Agents have a crucial role in creating public awareness about the revision process and dispelling misconceptions regarding Election Commission guidelines. She directed officials to strengthen training for Booth Level Officers and intensify campaigns in apartment com-

plexes, gated communities, and tribal areas to ensure every eligible voter is included.

Mahabubabad Collector Sneha Shabarish informed that district-level nodal officers have been appointed to monitor the digitisation process, and awareness drives are being conducted through help desks, social media, and SVEEP activities. Political party representatives assured full cooperation and raised field-level issues, which officials addressed during the meeting. The district is committed to completing the revision within the stipulated timeline.

BRS to Reward Dedicated Workers

Khammam (TSIT): The BRS will give priority, recognition and organisational responsibilities only to those who remained committed to the party and worked during difficult times, former minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar said on Saturday. Addressing a meeting of BRS booth agents at his residence in Khammam, he reviewed the party's membership drive, the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and measures to



strengthen the organisation at the grassroots. He said protecting the constitutional principle of "one person, one vote" was the responsibility of every democrat. He urged booth agents to ensure that no

genuine BRS supporter was left out of the electoral rolls during the SIR process and that every eligible voter was included. He said the party would always value workers who stood by it in challenging times over those who joined when it was in power. Stressing the need to strengthen the organisation from the booth level, he asked party leaders to maintain close contact with voters and take the party's ideology.

KVK Scientist Advises Drought-Resilient Crops

Jogulamba Gadwal, July 18: With the district experiencing 51 percent below-normal rainfall due to El Niño, Krishi Vigyan Kendra Scientist Dr. P. Archana has urged farmers to adopt scientific contingency crop planning and climate-resilient practices to safeguard yields. Addressing drought-like conditions, she advised that if rains continue to be delayed, farmers should opt for alternative crops based on sowing windows. Between July 16-31, cotton, red gram, green gram, black gram, cowpea, pearl millet, maize, and short-duration vegetables are recommended. For August 1-15, red gram, cowpea, cas-



tor, and sunflower are suitable, while sesame is preferred for August 16-31. She emphasized sowing only after adequate rainfall and sufficient soil moisture. Dr. Archana recommended micro-irrigation systems like drip and sprinkler for water conservation, and foliar spraying of 2% urea or 1% potassium nitrate to reduce moisture stress.

Collector Pitches Oil Palm for Higher Profits

Medak, July 18: District Collector Pratima Singh on Saturday urged farmers to shift from paddy to oil palm cultivation for sustainable agriculture and higher income, after inaugurating the first harvest at Suraram village in Shankarampet (R) Mandal.

Visiting the three-year-old plantations of farmers Satyanarayana, Raju, and Jagadish, the Collector said oil palm has been cultivated in 1,857 acres in Medak district since 2023-24. She set a target of 2,500 acres by 2026-27, with 693 acres already prepared and 354 acres planted. She advised farmers to choose



crops with market demand, emphasizing that the government offers unique incentives for oil palm, including subsidies on saplings and maintenance support for four years, directly credited to farmers' accounts.

The Collector added that

drip irrigation equipment subsidies are available for up to 12.50 acres per farmer. After four years, each acre is expected to yield 10-12 tons of oil palm bunches, currently priced at Rs. 23,000 per ton, ensuring abundant profits for adopters.

Special Lok Adalat settles 30 cases in Mancherial district.

Mancherial, July 18 TSIT : As many as 30 cases were amicably settled during the Special Lok Adalat conducted across all courts in Mancherial district on Saturday, District Principal Judge and Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) A. Veeraiiah said.

The Special Lok Adalat was organised in accordance with the directions of the Supreme Court, which called for the conduct of special Lok Adalats



across all States at the district and taluk levels. In Mancherial district, seven Lok Adalat benches were constituted to facilitate the settlement of cases

through mutual consent. Mr. Veeraiiah said Lok Adalats provide litigants with a speedy, cost-effective and final resolution of disputes, eliminating the

need for prolonged litigation and appeals. Describing conciliation as the best mode of dispute resolution, he remarked that "compromise is the royal road to justice" and urged people to make use of Lok Adalats to resolve their disputes amicably.

A total of 25 cases under the Negotiable Instruments (NI) Act and five pre-litigation bank recovery (PLC) cases were settled during the special drive.

Vanteru Pratap Reddy Vows Agitation Over MS Agarwal Factory Pollution



Medak, July 18: Former FDC Chairman and BRS constituency in-charge Vanteru Pratap Reddy on Saturday inspected toxic waste from the MS Agarwal factory in Rangayapalli village and demanded an immediate halt to its expansion work. Reddy alleged that factory effluents have ruined farmland and endangered lives, warning of a large-scale agitation if the plant is not shut down. He criticized officials for backing the management and announced plans to approach the Prajavani with local women and the Collector to seek intervention. BRS leaders and cadres participated in the inspection.

Fake Loan Apps Cheat 95 in Mahabubabad

Mahabubabad, July 18: Mahabubabad police have issued a public warning after 95 fake loan app frauds were reported in the district this year, with victims losing a combined Rs.14.59 lakh. Fraudsters are using fake loan apps, cloned websites, and WhatsApp to lure people with promises of instant loans, then extracting money as processing fees, security deposits, insurance charges, and GST.

TGSCO to undergo digital transformation, says Sabyasachi Ghosh

The South India Times Hyderabad, July 18Telangana Special Chief Secretary for Industries and Commerce (Handlooms, Textiles and Handicrafts) and Vice Chairman & Managing Director of the Telangana State Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society (TGSCO), Sabyasachi Ghosh, IAS, on Saturday directed officials to implement a comprehensive digital transformation strategy to strengthen the marketing and global reach of Telangana handloom products.

During his visit to the TGSCO headquarters, Ghosh was welcomed by the Chief General Manager and senior officials. He later held a

review meeting with X Spine Tech, the agency responsible for TGSCO's brand promotion and mar-



keting. After reviewing the existing TGSCO website, the VC & MD instructed officials to develop a standalone website and a dedicated mobile application while strengthening the organisation's presence

across major social media and digital platforms. He also stressed the need to promote welfare-oriented

in retail and marketing, establishment of international virtual showrooms and expansion into export markets to showcase Telangana's renowned handloom products globally. He also emphasised the importance of participating in national and international trade exhibitions to improve TGSCO's brand visibility and global recognition. Later, the Special Chief Secretary visited the Handloom House at Abids, reviewed its functioning and interacted with employees, encouraging them to work towards strengthening the handloom sector and expanding market opportunities for weavers across Telangana.

Cinépolis India, Panorama Studios partner for Delhi-UP film distribution

Hyderabad (TSIT) Cinépolis India and Panorama Studios have announced a strategic partnership to jointly distribute films in the Delhi and Uttar Pradesh circuit, aiming to strengthen theatrical distribution and expand the reach of Indian cinema.

Under the agreement, films exclusively acquired or distributed by either company will be jointly released across the Delhi-UP circuit. The partnership combines Cinépolis India's extensive exhibitor network, market insights and audience reach with Panorama Studios' expertise in film distribution to enhance theatrical performance and create greater value for producers, exhibitors and moviegoers.

The collaboration has already commenced with the distribution of



Dhamaal 4 and the action-comedy Baby Do Die Do. It will continue with the animated mythological film Mahaprabhu Jagannath, released on July 17, followed by the Hindi spiritual drama Hanuman Ansh, scheduled to hit theatres on July 31.

Panorama Studios Chairman and Managing Director Kumar Mangat Pathak said the partnership brings together two experienced organisations with a shared commitment to strengthening theatrical cinema and delivering greater value to the industry.

Resomedicon has once again topped the NEET results

Hanumakonda TSIT : The chairman of the organization Lekkala Rajireddy expressed happiness that the students of Resomedicon Junior College in Hanumakonda have once again shown excellent talent in the NEET-2026 results released by NTA.

Lekkala Rajireddy said that like every year, this year too, the majority of Resomedicon students who appeared in the NEET-2026 examination scored the best marks to get free medical seats and many students will get admissions in prestigious government and leading medical colleges.

Details of students who secured the best marks : K. Shyam Karan HT.No.-260410321709 - 655 Marks, P. Gururaj Reddy HT.No.-260410427973 - 630 Marks, B. Komal, HT.No.-260410487173 - 591 Marks, B. Abhishek HT.No.-260410168368 - 580 Marks, CH. Sakshi HT.No.-260410877926 - 546 Marks,



Mohammed Adnan, HT.No.-260410439933 - 528 Marks, N. Manideep HT.No.-260410071614 - 528 Marks, Vemula Jaswin Preet HT.No.-260410399249 - 500 Marks

, Chairman Rajireddy said – Warangal and Hanumakonda districts have the best facilities especially Bi.P.C. For the first time Bi.P.C + dedicated NEET Coaching Campus for the students is conducting NEET Coaching, appointing teachers with national level experience and continuously teaching each student with personal attention under the super-

vision of the management, achieving excellent results every year. The parents of our districts asked the students to use this opportunity stating that it is possible.

On this occasion, Resomedicon Managing Director Deepthi Rao said that 56 more students have scored more than 400 marks and have improved their chances of getting free medical seats. The management of the institution expressed its sincere congratulations to the students, faculty and parents who have worked hard for this great achievement.

MLA Yashaswini Reddy Felicitates Yadadri Board Member, Women Commission Members



Palakurthi, July 18, TSIT : Dr. Lakshminarayana, who was recently appointed as a board member of Yadadri Sri Lakshmi narasim haswamy Devasthanam by the Telangana government, as well as Nunawat Radha Bhai, Chityala Shweta and Sankaramma who were elected as members of the Telangana State Women's Commission were honored by being invited to Palakurthi MLA Yashaswini Reddy's Palakurthi MLA camp office.

On this occasion, MLA Yashaswini Reddy greeted them by covering them with

shawls and giving them flower bouquets. She wished to maintain the trust reposed in him by the state government by working with dedication towards public service.

The MLA expressed confidence that the appointment of Dr. Lakshminarayana as a member of the Yadadri Devasthan Board will provide an opportunity to serve the spiritual sector more, and Nunawat Radha Bhai, Chityala Shweta and Sankaramma, who have taken responsibility as members of the Women's Commission.

R.S. Brothers opens 19th showroom in Boduppall

Naga Chaitanya and Sobhita Dhulipala inaugurate new fashion destination for families

The South India Times Hyderabad : R.S. Brothers, one of South India's leading family fashion retailers, has expanded its presence with the inauguration of its 19th showroom at Peerzadiguda, Boduppall, strengthening its retail footprint in Hyderabad.

The new showroom was inaugurated by actor Naga Chaitanya and actress Sobhita Dhulipala, drawing a large gathering of fans and shoppers. Speaking on the occasion, Naga Chaitanya said R.S. Brothers has earned the trust of customers through its quality, tradition and fashion, adding that the new store would make shopping more convenient for families in the

Boduppall area. Sobhita Dhulipala described the showroom as a vibrant shopping



destination offering a wide range of collections for weddings, festivals and seasonal occasions. Founded by P. Venkateswarulu, S. Rajamouli, T. Prasada Rao and late P. Satyanarayana,

R.S. Brothers has built a reputation for blending traditional craftsmanship with contemporary fashion while offering quality products at affordable prices.

Founder and Chairperson P. Venkateswarulu said the launch of the 19th showroom reflects the continued trust of customers and the company's commitment to providing a one-stop destination for family shopping. Founder and Managing Director S. Rajamouli said the showroom features the latest Ashadam and Shrivanam collections, while Whole-Time Director T. Prasada Rao invited customers to explore the new store ahead of the upcoming wedding and festive seasons.

‘PM MODI INSULTED SONAM WANGCHUK IN ARROGANCE’: KEJRIWAL SLAMS CENTRE OVER PROTEST ACTION

New Delhi :Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal today launched a scathing attack on the Narendra Modi-led government after social and education activist Sonam Wangchuk was removed from the venue of his indefinite hunger strike at Jantar Mantar and shifted to a hospital by Delhi Police, accusing the Prime Minister of acting out of “arrogance” and suppressing a peaceful youth movement demanding education reforms.

Expressing solidarity with Wangchuk, Kejriwal alleged that the Centre had chosen to crush protests against alleged examination irregularities instead of addressing concerns over paper leaks and reforms in the education system. He appealed to people across the country to join the agitation at



Jantar Mantar, saying only a united public movement could compel the government to act.

In a video message, Kejriwal claimed Wangchuk was forcibly removed from the protest site in the early hours of Saturday and that authorities attempted to end his hunger strike against his will.

“As soon as I woke up this morning, I came to

know that Sonam Wangchuk had been forcibly removed from the protest site in a highly improper manner. Police personnel in plain clothes surrounded him, covered the area with sheets from all sides, misbehaved with his companions, shoved them around, and then forcibly took him away and admitted him to a hospital,” he alleged.

Drawing a comparison with India’s freedom movement, the former Delhi Chief Minister said, “Mahatma Gandhi observed many long fasts, yet even the British did not treat him like this. Is this the freedom we fought for? Did we gain Independence only to see a day when our own government would treat its own people in such a disgraceful manner?”

Kejriwal alleged that instead of preventing examination paper leaks and improving the education system, the government was focused on “crushing the youth’s movement”, defaming the protesters and humiliating them. He said the students were only demanding transparent examinations, an end to paper leaks and a better education system.

Canara Bank sanctions Rs. 393 cr loans at AP credit outreach programme

BANK ALSO EXTENDS RS.36.85 LAKH CSR ASSISTANCE IN PRESENCE OF NIRMALA SITHARAMAN AND CHANDRABABU NAIDU

Palnadu (Andhra Pradesh) : Canara Bank sanctioned loans worth Rs.393.17 crore and extended Rs.36.85 lakh in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) assistance during the Credit Outreach Programme held in Palnadu district, Andhra Pradesh, reaffirming its commitment to financial inclusion and inclusive development.

The programme, organised by the State Level Bankers’ Committee (SLBC), was attended by Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

Canara Bank Managing Director and CEO Brajesh Kumar Singh joined the dignitaries in distributing loan sanction letters to eligible beneficiaries and handing over CSR assistance, highlighting the bank’s continued focus on expanding access to institutional credit and supporting community development.

The sanctioned loans, amounting to Rs.393.17 crore, were provided



across various priority sectors to promote entrepreneurship, livelihood generation and economic empowerment. In addition, the bank extended Rs.36.85 lakh under its CSR initiatives for community welfare programmes aimed at creating sustainable social impact.

The Credit Outreach Programme was organised in line with the

Government of India’s vision of strengthening access to formal credit and promoting inclusive economic growth. Canara Bank said it remains committed to supporting entrepreneurship and contributing to the country’s socio-economic development through responsible banking and timely financial assistance.

ED files chargesheet against self-styled Maharashtra ‘godman’ Ashok Kharat



NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate has filed a money laundering chargesheet against self-proclaimed Maharashtra “godman” Ashok Kharat, his wife and others, alleging he cheated his followers by portraying himself as an incarnation of Lord Shiva and laundered the proceeds of crime through two cooperative credit societies.

Punjab Police inspector held for allegedly extorting US-based family; suspended

Ashokkumar Eknath Kharat alias Captain Kharat alias Boddhu Baba, who is accused of sexually exploiting several women, was arrested by the Enforcement

Directorate (ED) on May 19 while he was in police custody.

The prosecution complaint (chargesheet) was filed on Friday before a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Mumbai, naming Kharat, his wife Kalpana and four others as accused, according to an ED statement. The central agency said Kharat “exploited” the religious faith of devotees and dishonestly induced them to part with money and properties under the pretext of performing “Avatar Poojas”, curing illnesses, averting misfortune and ensuring business prosperity. It alleged that the Nashik-based Kharat indulged in

extortion and cheated people through criminal intimidation.

“Kharat falsely projected himself as possessing divine powers and as an incarnation of Lord Shiva to deceive devotees. He laundered the proceeds of crime through two cooperative credit societies by fraudulently operating multiple accounts in connivance with an employee and through multiple benami accounts for large cash deposits and subsequent withdrawals, including maturity proceeds,” the ED said.

The laundered funds were retained with trusted associates or invested in immovable properties across Nashik, Ahmednagar, Solapur, Pune and Mumbai in the names of his family members, the agency alleged. Kharat is currently lodged in a prison under judicial custody. Assets worth Rs 36.90 crore have also been attached and seized in this case by the ED. Kharat was first arrested by the Nashik Police on March 18 after a married woman accused him of repeatedly raping her over three years.

Pallavi International School, Pocharam, Hosts its Investiture Ceremony 2026-27



Hyderabad (TSIT) Pallavi International School, Pocharam, hosted its Investiture Ceremony 2026-27 formally inducting its newly elected Student Council in a ceremony that celebrated leadership, democracy and environmental responsibility.

The ceremony began with a Guard of Honour and the unfurling of the school flag by Chief Guest Col. Satish Kumar (Retd.), an Army veteran of 35 years whose service spanned Jammu & Kashmir, the North East and the Siachen Glacier, including the Kargil operation. Col. Kumar was felicitated before the ceremonial lamp lighting. In her welcome address, Principal Mrs. Prabhjot Kaur Arneja highlighted that this year’s

Student Council was elected entirely through a democratic student vote — giving the

school’s young leaders a first-hand lesson in citizenship and accountability. The programme featured a classical dance performance, a choir presentation, the formal oath-taking, and a March Past by the newly invested Council.

A standout moment was the students’ presentation on Decarbonize Asia/Pacific, a global climate initiative linking schools across India, the Philippines, Fiji, Japan and Canada. Students of Cambridge Stage 5 and 6 shared how they researched climate change through conversations with their grandparents, created canvas artworks on environmental urgency, and collected and gifted nearly a thousand discarded seeds as symbols of hope. The presentation closed with students planting saplings, turning their research into action.

Advanced OCT-Guided Stenting Helps 67-Year-Old Avoid Open-Heart Surgery at KIMS Saveera

Anantapur, July 18, 2026: Doctors at KIMS Saveera Hospital successfully treated a 67-year-old man with a complex coronary artery disease using an advanced Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)-guided left main bifurcation stenting procedure, eliminating the need for open-heart bypass surgery. According to Dr. Spandana, Consultant

Cardiologist, the patient, Dudekula Dastagiri (67) from Anantapur district, was admitted with symptoms of an acute heart attack. A coronary angiogram revealed severe narrowing of the left main coronary artery along with critical blockages in all three major coronary arteries, a condition known as triple vessel disease.

Considering the complexity of the disease, the medical team initially recommended Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) surgery. However, the patient declined surgery due to personal reasons.

As an alternative, the cardiology team performed a highly complex OCT-guided left main



bifurcation stenting procedure. Optical Coherence Tomography enabled precise visualisation of the artery from within, allowing accurate stent placement and optimisation of the intervention.

The procedure was completed successfully, and the patient made an uneventful recovery. He was discharged in stable condition and is doing well during follow-up visits. He has resumed his routine daily activities independently.

Dr. Spandana said that blockages involving the left main coronary artery are among the most critical forms of coronary artery disease because they affect blood flow to a large portion of the heart muscle. However,

advanced intracoronary imaging technologies such as OCT have significantly improved the precision and safety of complex coronary interventions, offering an effective alternative for carefully selected patients who are not candidates for, or decline, bypass surgery.

She also emphasised that patients experiencing symptoms such as severe chest pain, breathlessness, excessive sweating, or pain radiating to the arm or jaw should seek immediate medical attention, as early diagnosis and timely intervention can be life-saving. The patient’s family expressed their gratitude to the cardiology team at KIMS Saveera for the successful treatment and compassionate care.

91 Year-Old Successfully Undergoes Kidney Cancer Surgery at Kamineni Hospitals

Hyderabad: In a remarkable medical milestone, doctors at Kamineni Hospital successfully performed a complex radical nephrectomy (complete removal of the cancer-affected kidney) on a 91-year-old patient diagnosed with an aggressive form of Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC), demonstrating that advanced age alone should never prevent patients from receiving curative cancer treatment.

The patient, Sri Subhramanyam, a retired Central Government employee, was diagnosed with a large right-sided kidney tumour. While kidney cancer surgery is a major procedure in itself, operating on a nonagenarian presents exceptional challenges due to fragile blood vessels, reduced physiological reserve and



increased anaesthetic and post-operative risks. After a comprehensive medical evaluation, the multidisciplinary team determined that the patient was fit to undergo surgery.

The procedure was successfully led by Dr. G. Avinash Reddy, Senior Consultant Surgical Oncologist, Kamineni Hospitals along with an

experienced team of anaesthesiologists, intensivists, nurses and physiotherapists. The surgery involved meticulous dissection around the inferior vena cava, one of the body’s largest veins, and careful isolation of the renal artery and vein. Despite the tumour’s complexity, the cancerous kidney was removed successfully with

minimal blood loss, marking a significant achievement in geriatric cancer surgery.

Following the operation, the patient was shifted to Kamineni Hospital’s advanced Intensive Care Unit (ICU), where he received continuous cardiac and kidney function monitoring, specialised respiratory care, early mobilisation and personalised pain management. This coordinated post-operative care played a crucial role in preventing complications and ensuring a smooth recovery.

Speaking on the successful outcome, Dr. G. Avinash Reddy said, This case proves that age alone should never determine whether a patient receives cancer treatment. Careful patient selection, meticulous surgical planning and a strong multidisciplinary

approach can deliver excellent outcomes even in patients over 90 years of age. Modern cancer care is guided by a patient’s overall fitness rather than chronological age.

He further emphasised that the success of such complex surgeries depends not only on surgical expertise but also on advanced anaesthesia, critical care, nursing support and rehabilitation working together seamlessly.

Sri Subhramanyam is recovering well, with his remaining kidney functioning normally and his health improving steadily.

This landmark case highlights Kamineni Hospitals’ expertise in handling high-risk oncological surgeries and sends a powerful message that age should never be considered a barrier to hope, treatment or recovery.

Bank of India celebrates Kisan Diwas in Warangal

Warangal : Bank of India (BOI) on Saturday organised a grand Kisan Diwas (Farmers’ Day) felicitation programme at Deepu Function Hall in Khila Warangal, reaffirming its commitment to supporting farmers and promoting sustainable agriculture.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest and BOI General Manager Mukesh Sharma said the bank is committed to providing timely loans for agriculture, business, housing, vehicles and education. He said the programme was organised to recognise the contribution of farmers and to highlight the bank’s initiatives for their welfare and development.

Stating that the progress of farmers is vital to the nation’s growth, Sharma urged customers to remain vigilant against cyber fraud. He advised the public not to share OTPs or personal banking information with



anyone claiming to be a bank representative over phone calls or messages. He assured customers that Bank of India remains committed to delivering prompt and efficient banking services. Highlighting the bank’s 120-year legacy as one of the country’s leading public sector banks, Sharma expressed confidence that BOI would continue to expand with the support of its customers while contributing to national development. As part of the programme, cheques were distributed to women’s self-

help groups to promote financial inclusion and economic empowerment.

BOI Telangana Zonal Manager Mukesh Kumar, Deputy General Manager Tushar Kanth Jha, Deputy Zonal Manager Kalyan Chakravarthy, FBOIOA President Galeti Nageshwar, All India SC/ST/OBC Association leaders Lavudya Rajender, Uday Daravath and Shashi Kanth, Senior Branch Manager B. Rajesh, bank managers, field officers, staff members and customers attended the event.

EDITORIAL

US Attorney Backs DOJ's Explanation for Dropping Adani Case After Judge's Questions

The US attorney whose role in the decision to drop the criminal case against billionaire tycoon Gautam Adani was questioned by a federal judge has now told the court that he was not the decisionmaker and has no reason to doubt the Department of Justice's explanation for abandoning the prosecution.

In a sworn declaration filed on Friday (July 17), Joseph Nocella Jr., the US attorney for the eastern district of New York, said that principal associate deputy attorney general R. Trent McCotter alone decided to seek dismissal of the indictment after considering arguments presented by defence lawyers and Justice Department officials. Nocella said he attended several meetings in the case but that McCotter ultimately exercised his authority to conclude that further government resources should not be devoted to the prosecution.

"I was not the decisionmaker for the motion to dismiss," Nocella said. He added that both his May 11 email to defence lawyers and his signing of the Justice Department's May 18 motion to dismiss were done at McCotter's "direction, or authorisation".

He also told the court that he had "no basis to believe" that the reasons advanced by McCotter for dismissing the indictment were not "the real grounds upon which the application is based". Judge Nicholas Garaufis had directed Nocella to file the declaration after finding that a declaration submitted by Adani's lawyer, Robert Giuffra Jr., appeared to conflict with McCotter's earlier assertion that he had been the "final and sole decisionmaker" behind the government's move to dismiss the indictment. Giuffra's declaration disclosed a May 11 email from Nocella to defence lawyers rejecting one aspect of a settlement proposal while stating that "other grounds for resolution of the pending criminal charges with the Department of Justice are being explored". Specifically, Nocella wrote that the Justice Department "categorically rejected" the portion of the joint defence offer that proposed resolving the criminal charges "by, in part, a general proposal to invest \$10 billion in the United States. He also clarified that any settlements with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control would remain independent of the criminal case.

In his July 15 order, Judge Garaufis said the email appeared to suggest that Nocella was involved in determining the "grounds for resolution" of the criminal case as recently as May 11, about a week before the Justice Department moved to dismiss the indictment. That, the judge wrote, appeared to contradict McCotter's claim that he alone made the decision and called into question whether the reasons offered by the department were the complete explanation for seeking dismissal. The judge therefore ordered Nocella to state under oath whether he agreed with McCotter's stated reasons for dismissing the case and whether any additional grounds existed for the decision. The declaration comes after judge Garaufis repeatedly questioned the Justice Department's attempt to dismiss the criminal case against Adani.

INSIDE SONAM WANGCHUK'S EMERGENCY WARD

BARRICADES, SECURITY CORDON, QUESTIONS

The atmosphere inside Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital shifted from routine medical chaos to a high-security fortress the moment Sonam Wangchuk was wheeled in. The engineer, activist and environmentalist, who had been on a 21-day hunger strike at Jantar Mantar to demand the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over paper leaks, was moved from the protest site and brought to the emergency ward of the hospital by the Delhi Police due to his deteriorating health. Walking into the hospital felt like entering a restricted zone. The air was thick with tension. Every single entrance, corridor, and exit was heavily guarded by Delhi Police officers. Iron barricades lined the hallways and personnel were stopping almost everyone - questioning visitors, attendants, and even patients before letting them pass. By the time I managed to make my way into the emergency ward, the security presence had doubled. Security officials stood shoulder to shoulder, their eyes scanning the crowd. Hospital staff, nurses, and relatives of other patients stopped in their tracks, looking around with a mix of curiosity and anxiety. Whispers echoed through the halls as people tried to piece together what was happening. "Who is inside? Why is there so much security?" was the silent question on everyone's face. Sonam Wangchuk was moved into the emergency ward at exactly 7.30 am. A dedicated team of doctors was already at his bedside, conducting a series of medical tests. Also beside him, amidst the chaos of police presence and medical equipment, stood his wife. The hunger strike at Jantar Mantar may have been paused, but inside the walls of Safdarjung, a different, quieter battle had just begun. A medical bulletin released on Saturday afternoon by Safdarjung Hospital stated that Wangchuk has refused intravenous fluids and any other medication advised by doctors. "Although



intravenous fluids were advised, the patient has refused all intravenous fluids, oral rehydration solution and any other medication," the hospital said. He is being continuously monitored and counselled to accept treatment in the interest of his health, the statement added. I reached Jantar Mantar at around 7 am on Saturday, expecting another day of protest as supporters prepared for what was to be the 21st day of Sonam Wangchuk's indefinite hunger strike. Instead, it quickly became evident that something unusual was about to unfold. Security was unusually heavy. Delhi Police personnel were deployed in large numbers, along with the Rapid Action Force, CRPF and other paramilitary units. Several officers were in plain clothes, making it difficult to distinguish them from the crowd. There was a sense of uncertainty among the protesters, who appeared anxious but were unaware of what was about to happen. Wangchuk had joined the protest on June 28 and had been on an indefinite hunger strike since then. According to those associated with the protest, he had lost nearly 8.5 to 9 kg and his

health had severely deteriorated. His condition became the subject of a petition before the Delhi High Court, which observed that "every life is precious". The court directed the Central and Delhi Governments to ensure his daily medical examination and ordered that a team of doctors continuously monitor his health. Events on Saturday morning unfolded rapidly. A group of police personnel moved towards the main stage where Wangchuk was resting. They quickly covered the stage with white sheets, shielding the activity from public view. Behind those sheets, Wangchuk was carefully lifted and carried away. He was then swiftly transferred to an ambulance waiting just outside the barricaded protest site. NDTV was the first television channel on the ground to witness and report these developments as they happened. For several minutes, many protesters did not fully understand what had taken place. As word spread that Wangchuk had been removed, people rushed towards the stage and attempted to stop the police. There was brief resistance, but officers managed the situation while repeatedly urg-

ing people to remain calm. They maintained that they were acting in compliance with the Delhi High Court's directions regarding Wangchuk's health. One notable detail was that Abhijeet Dipke, founder of the Cockroach Janta Party, was not present when Wangchuk was taken away. Several protesters told NDTV that Dipke had stepped out to use the restroom at a friend's residence. Dipke later alleged that he had been assaulted and detained by the police. Nearly two hours after the incident, he returned to Jantar Mantar and announced from the stage that he would continue the movement by beginning his own hunger strike. After Wangchuk's removal, the protest site remained under tight security. The area was effectively sealed for nearly half an hour as additional police personnel entered the premises. Some protesters who attempted to create a disturbance were detained. The atmosphere remained tense for almost two hours. Throughout this period, police officials repeatedly made announcements over loudspeakers, informing protesters that Wangchuk had been shifted to hos-

pital under the High Court's directions and urging them to disperse peacefully. The protesters, however, remained visibly agitated. Many raised slogans against Delhi Police, accusing authorities of suppressing democratic dissent and calling Wangchuk's removal an attack on the right to protest. Despite the tense atmosphere and heavy deployment, the protest did not end. Later, Safdarjung Hospital confirmed that Sonam Wangchuk was admitted at around 7:40 am. According to the hospital, he was weak due to prolonged fasting and dehydration. Doctors said that while he was stable at the time of admission, he required continuous observation, monitoring and medical treatment to restore his health. Saturday morning's events marked one of the most dramatic moments in the ongoing protest - the removal of its most prominent face under heavy security, in compliance with judicial directions, while emotions ran high on the ground. Videos from the morning showed protesters trying to stop police access to Wangchuk, before being overpowered. The police used white sheets to form a cover around Wangchuk while they moved him. He has been taken to Safdarjung Hospital, where Wangchuk's wife Gitanjali Angmo has reached. "Nothing should be administered to him orally or intravenously without take consent from me, his family and his doctors who have been monitoring his health for the past 20 days," she said on X. Angmo has said she will lead Wangchuk's march to parliament scheduled for July 20 in his stead if he is unable to join it. Wangchuk and three student activists from the All India Students' Association (AISA) - Neha, Aamen and Manish - have been on an indefinite hunger strike demanding the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan and changes to India's examination and education system.

TIME FOR SOCIAL REFORM:

DRUG-FREE YOUTH, DECENT CULTURE AND CRIME-FREE HARYANA

-Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

The greatest strength of any state is its youth. If youth are equipped with education, employment, values, and opportunities, they can elevate the state and nation to new heights. However, if these same youth are exposed to drug addiction, crime, and distraction, this very strength becomes a significant challenge for society. Today, the growing trend of drug abuse in many parts of the country, including Haryana, the influence of gangster culture, the glorification of crime on social media, and the increasing obscenity in stage programs are issues that require serious consideration. These problems cannot be resolved solely by relying on the law; instead, society, families, artists, educational institutions, and the administration must all shoulder their responsibilities together. The first and foremost fight should be against drug addiction. If addiction is eradicated, a major cause of crime will automatically disappear. Addiction ruins not only the individual but the entire family. When a youth falls prey to addiction, they drop out of school, their health deteriorates, their family faces financial crisis, and they gradually begin to drift towards the world of crime. Drug addiction often becomes the primary cause of crimes like theft, robbery, violence, and murder. Therefore, a drug-free society is not only a matter of health, but also of

law and order and social development. Every parent dreams of their son or daughter leading a respectable life through education. No mother wants her son to be ruined before her eyes by drug addiction. Therefore, the primary goal of the government, administration, and society should be to protect the young generation from drug addiction. If youth are safe, families will be safe, and if families are safe, society and the nation will also become stronger. A system should be developed that ensures no mother cries upon seeing her son's dead body, and no father has to despair for his son's future. Police action alone is not enough against drug abuse. Regular awareness campaigns must be conducted in schools, colleges, and universities. Students must be involved in sports, libraries, cultural activities, and skill development. Young people must be convinced that true success in life lies not in addiction, but in hard work, education, and discipline. De-addiction centers in villages and cities must be made more effective so that those who have fallen into the grip of addiction can be respectfully brought back into the mainstream. Additionally, gangster culture has become a serious social challenge. Some criminal organizations lure innocent and underage children into crime. Young children are lured into crime by the allure of easy money, expensive cars, weapons, and

social media fame. Often, these children are unaware of the quagmire they are entering. By the time they realize the reality, their future, their families, and their lives are already in jeopardy. The most worrying thing is that the adults who commit crimes remain silent while inciting innocent children. Ultimately, these children and their families bear the brunt of the crime. A minor's involvement in crime exposes his or her entire family to social humiliation, financial hardship, and mental anguish. Therefore, strict action against such criminal gangs is the need of the hour. The police administration constantly strives to control crime, but the cooperation of society is equally essential. If suspicious activities are observed in any area, if someone is luring children into crime or dealing in illegal weapons and drugs, it is the duty of every responsible citizen to inform the relevant authorities. Only collective awareness of society can be the most effective weapon against criminals. Social media has also exacerbated this problem. Today, some people portray gangsters as heroes. Their songs, videos, and posts portray crime as a symbol of power and honor. This trend has a negative impact on the minds of young people. Society needs to break these myths and introduce young people to real heroes—those who have brought glory to the nation through education,

science, sports, the military, agriculture, industry, and social service. Similarly, serious consideration is needed regarding the direction of cultural programs and stage events. Haryana has a rich cultural heritage. Its raginis, folk songs, folk dances, and traditional arts are hallmarks of Indian culture. These folk traditions, along with entertainment, also imparted moral education, social messages, and cultural dignity. However, over time, complaints have emerged regarding the increasing vulgarity, obscenity, and unnecessary display in some stage programs. It is inappropriate for family viewing programs to feature scenes that adversely affect children and adolescents. Artists are a source of inspiration for society. Their words, their clothing, their performances, and their behavior reach millions. Therefore, artists' social responsibility is as great as their popularity. Haryana's artists should be expected to maintain decorum on stage. Entertainment does not necessarily mean obscenity. Art becomes great when it unites, inspires, and positively guides society. The soul of folk culture lies in its simplicity, sensitivity, and social consciousness. If the stage becomes merely a medium for provocation, it loses its original identity. Wherever public events are held, the organizers should be held accountable. They should adhere to the rules set by the administration.

Road accidents: not individual negligence, but a challenge to public health and good governance

- Dr. Satyavan Saurabh

India is among the world's most affected countries by road accidents. According to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, approximately 177,000 people died in road accidents in 2024. This number is no less than that of any natural disaster or epidemic. Every day, hundreds of families lose a loved one, thousands are permanently disabled, and the country suffers a loss of productive human resources and billions of rupees in economic losses. Therefore, limiting road accidents solely to driver negligence, speeding, or traffic violations is tantamount to a complete failure of public health, road infrastructure, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and administrative coordination. The issue of road safety is directly linked to citizens' right to life, guaranteed by Article 21 of the Indian Constitution. If a citizen cannot even walk safely on the road, it not only reflects their individual negligence but also questions the state's responsibility and the effectiveness of governance. The Supreme Court has also directed governments in numerous cases to ensure safe road infrastructure, scientific road construction, and effective monitoring. Poor road engineering is a major cause of most accidents in India. Black spots, inadequate signage, broken roads, unscientific curves, lack of lighting, and a lack of safe pedestrian access on many national and state highways contribute to accidents. Encroachment

on sidewalks, illegal parking, and unplanned traffic management in cities also increase the risk of accidents. Neglecting quality and safety standards during road construction ultimately costs citizens their lives. Another important reason is the lack of effective enforcement of laws. Despite the Motor Vehicles Act's stringent penalties, problems such as speeding, drunk driving, not using helmets and seat belts, and overloading persist. In many places, enforcement of traffic rules is limited only by the presence of police. If monitoring systems are technology-based and transparent, compliance with rules may increase automatically. Road accidents are also considered a public health crisis because the lack of timely medical care after an accident results in a large number of deaths. Many lives can be saved if victims receive proper medical attention during the Golden Hour, but in rural and remote areas, the situation becomes critical due to a lack of ambulance services, a lack of trauma centers, and delays in reaching hospitals. Lack of coordination between the police and health departments often impacts relief efforts. Even at the administrative level, road safety is a subject of fragmented responsibility among multiple departments. Road construction is handled by one department, traffic control by the police, health services are under another department, and local bodies have their own roles. This fragmented system prevents the develop-

ment of a coordinated strategy for accident prevention. Consequently, accountability remains unclear. To ensure road safety, it is essential to ensure scientific and safe road engineering. Safety audits should be mandatory for every road project, and accident-prone areas should be identified and remediated promptly. The needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and the disabled should also be integral to road design. Technology-based monitoring systems should be expanded to ensure traffic law enforcement. Automated speed cameras, CCTV networks, artificial intelligence-based traffic management, and e-challan systems will reduce corruption and promote compliance. Repeat offenders need to be suspended for licenses and strict penalties imposed. Strengthening emergency medical services is also crucial. Modern trauma centers should be established at regular intervals along national and state highways, ambulance services should be expanded, and all hospitals should be mandated to provide immediate treatment to accident victims. Effective implementation of "Good Samaritan" guidelines is also essential, so that citizens who assist an injured person are not deterred by fear of legal consequences. Road safety is not just a matter of law, but also a question of social behavior. Road safety education should be included in the curriculum, from schools to universities. A culture of responsible driving should be developed among citi-

zens through public awareness campaigns. Active participation of parents, teachers, the media, and civil society can play a vital role in this direction. Institutional reforms are also essential for long-term solutions. A coordinated road safety framework should be developed between the central and state governments, with clear policymaking, funding, monitoring, and accountability. District-level road safety committees should be given greater authority and resources. Accident data from the police, transport, and health departments should be integrated to create a reliable national database, enabling evidence-based policymaking. If India is to progress towards becoming a developed nation, safe roads are a primary prerequisite. Road accidents are not a matter of fate or coincidence, but in most cases, are preventable. The need is to view them not as mere individual errors, but as a challenge to public health and good governance. Only through safe road infrastructure, strict and transparent law enforcement, modern emergency health services, public awareness, and effective administrative coordination can accidents be significantly reduced. Until the government makes road safety a core development agenda, millions of families will continue to suffer and the country will suffer irreparable losses every year. Safe roads are not just a convenience, but a constitutional and human right of every citizen.



Diamonds and 'cab to orbit': Rocket aiming to transform India's space ambitions takes off

What if launching a satellite was as easy as calling a cab? That's the vision behind an Indian private rocket company that achieved its first orbital launch on Saturday. Skyroot Aerospace, which recently became India's first space tech unicorn after reaching \$1.1bn valuation, launched Vikram-1 from the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) launch facility in Sriharikota in southern India. The seven-storey rocket lifted off at 12:05 India time [06:35 GMT] and travelled 280 miles (450km) to reach the Low Earth Orbit in a 16-minute flight. Skyroot is the first Indian private company to launch a rocket into orbit, making India only the third country, after the US and China, with a private company capable of orbital launches. "Vikram-1 Test Flight-1 has reached orbit... History is made," the company posted on X. The successful Vikram-1 launch will take



Skyroot closer to its goal of offering what it calls a "cab service to space", where companies can hire a rocket "to ride to a unique location in the orbit to place a satellite or visit a space station". The rocket - named after

Vikram Sarabhai, who is called the father of India's space programme - is small and has the capacity to carry payloads of up to 350kg, Skyroot co-founder and CEO Pawan Kumar Chandana told the BBC

before the launch. Chandana says today, access to space remains "a major bottleneck, with satellite operators often waiting for months or even years for a launch opportunity" and that their venture expects to change that. He says Skyroot aims to cut long waits for satellite launches by offering dedicated missions for small payloads. Instead of sharing space on large rockets that fly on fixed schedules, customers can book a launch tailored to their satellite and its required orbit - much like taking a taxi instead of waiting for a train. "If you want to just go to a friend's house, you don't need a train, you book a cab, an Uber. What we are offering is a cab service to space, which can be used to ride to a unique location in the orbit to place a satellite or visit a station." Skyroot's model would appear similar to that of Rocket Lab in the US, which provides small-lift launch vehicles.

Samsung Introduces New 990 SSD with Powerful Performance and Improved Power Efficiency

July 18, 2026 –Samsung India today announced the launch of its new 990 SSD, available in 1-terabyte (TB) and 2TB capacities. Delivering exceptional sequential performance and enhanced power efficiency, the Samsung 990 SSD is designed as a balanced storage solution optimized for gaming, creative workloads, and daily PC use. "Samsung's new 990 SSD is an excellent solution for a wide range of users looking to expand their storage for heavy workloads, immersive gaming, high-resolution content creation, and DIY PC builds," said Tommy (Hyoungsuk) Kwon, Vice President of Memory Brand Product Biz Team at Samsung Electronics. Thanks to PCIe 4.0 support and the latest NAND technologies, the Samsung 990 SSD 2TB model delivers a sequential read speed of up to 7,250 megabytes per



second (MB/s), while the 1TB model reaches up to 7,150 MB/s. Both models provide sequential write speeds of up to 6,450 MB/s, enabling fast file transfers and reduced loading times. For random performance, the 2TB model delivers up to 850K read and 1,200K write IOPS, while the 1TB model reaches read and write speeds of up to 700K and 1,100K IOPS, respec-

tively. These capabilities help users experience faster application launches, responsive gameplay, and efficient handling of large-scale workloads. The expanded storage capacity also allows users to store large amounts of high-quality content and the latest AAA games. The 2TB model can store up to 30 large-scale games based on an average size of 64GB[1], making it an

ideal solution for gamers and creators managing increasingly sizable files and applications. The Samsung 990 SSD has also achieved significant improvements in power efficiency. Compared to its previous 990 PRO model, the power efficiency has improved by up to 38%[2], allowing users achieve high performance with lower power consumption. The Samsung Magician Software helps ensure SSDs—including the Samsung 990—maintain optimal performance. It supports seamless data migration and drive health monitoring, enabling users to benefit from customized performance optimization and robust data protection. The Samsung 990 SSD will be available in 1TB and 2TB models from the last week of July 2026, with an MSRP of INR 25,649 and INR 50,349, respectively.

AndPurpose Forum Hyderabad 2026: Bringing Together Leaders to Shape India's Sustainable and Inclusive Future

T-Hub, Hyderabad : The AndPurpose Forums, one of India's leading convening platforms for sustainability, climate innovation, CSR, impact investing, and social entrepreneurship, successfully hosted its fourth edition on 17 July 2026 at T-Hub, Hyderabad. Bringing together influential voices from government, industry, startups, philanthropy, academia, and the social impact ecosystem, the Forum served as a collaborative platform to exchange ideas, showcase innovations, and build partnerships that can accelerate sustainable development across India. This year's Forum featured an eminent lineup of speakers, including Masood Mallick (Managing Director & Group CEO, RE Sustainability); Gopalakrishnan VC (Director - Automotive & EV, Government of Telangana); Radhika Choudary (Co-Founder, Freyr Energy); Vamsi Udayagiri (Founder & CEO, Hesa); V. Laxmikanth (Managing Partner, Pavestone); Krishna Mohan Deevi (Senior Director, Cyient); Namita Banka (Founder & MD, Banka BioLoo); Alokparna Sengupta (Managing Director, Humane World for Animals India Foundation); Dr. Sujeet Ranjan (CEO, United Way of Delhi); Rashi Aggarwal (Chief Growth Officer), T-Hub; Rashmi Pimpale (CEO, Rich); Yashodhara Bakliwal (AVP - Portfolio Investments, Transition VC); Ashish Khetan (Founding Partner, Benzai 10 Investment Ventures); Vivek Jain (Co-Founder & CEO, Stride Green), along with several other distinguished leaders from the sustainability, innovation, CSR, investment,



and policy ecosystem. As aptly said by Masood Mallick, Managing Director & Group CEO, Re Sustainability, India's circular economy is no longer a matter of environmental responsibility alone. It is, at once, an environmental imperative, an economic opportunity, and a strategic necessity – a US \$300-400 billion opportunity by 2030 that will shape how we secure our materials, power our industry, and meet our climate commitments. An opportunity

of this scale cannot be unlocked by any single actor, sector, or approach. It calls for transformation of many kinds and at many levels. The 'soft' – knowledge, advisory, strategy, research and capital – must integrate seamlessly with the 'hard' - infrastructure, engineering, technology and implementation at scale. Academia, startups, MSMEs and large corporates must move from working in parallel to building together. And the instinct to 'build'

must be complemented by the flexibility to buy, partner, catalyse and incubate. Just as critically, we can no longer treat materials, resources, energy, water, climate and carbon as separate problems. They are one interconnected system, and they must be seen – and solved – together. The real unlock lies in integration: connecting the first mile to the last, the upstream to the downstream, so that scale and viability emerge where, today, they simply do not exist. At Re, we see our role not merely as an operator, but as an integrator and catalyst for this entire ecosystem. Through our initiatives, partnerships and platforms, we stand for one idea above all – scale, for good. More than 200+ leaders, innovators, investors, corporates, policymakers, startups, foundations, CSR professionals, and ecosystem enablers participated in the one-day forum, reinforcing AndPurpose's commitment to fostering meaningful dialogue and cross-sector collaboration that drives measurable social and environmental impact. A Forum Designed to Build Meaningful Partnerships The AndPurpose Forum was established with a clear vision - to create trusted spaces where leaders across sectors can move beyond conversations and work together to address India's most pressing sustainability and development challenges. Each edition brings together stakeholders from government, business, philanthropy, academia, civil society, startups, and the investment ecosystem to exchange perspectives, identify opportunities for collaboration, and collectively advance solutions with long-term impact.

TG RERA ASKS BUILDER TO REFUND RS 1.04 CRORE OVER GST ISSUES

Telangana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TG RERA) has directed Hyderabad-based Sukhii LLP to refund Rs 1.04 crore to a buyer, stating that the firm cannot impose Goods and Services Tax (GST) on a customer who has opted out. The authority asked the firm to refund the loan with an interest rate of 10.7 per cent in 45 days. The case was filed by Vemulapalli Sai Vasanthi and Ghattamaneni Venkat Sai Maithreya against Sukhii LLP, which had booked apartment number 510 in the Sree Sumeru residential project at Uppal Bhagayath. The apartment, measuring 1,695 square feet with two car parking spaces, was booked in December 2022 and the agreement for sale was executed in February 2023. According to the agreement, the developer had undertaken to complete construction, obtain the occupancy certificate (OC) and hand over possession with registration by March 31, 2025, with a grace period up to June 30, 2025. The buyer paid Rs 1,04,87,870, nearly 95 per cent of the total sale consideration. Project remains incomplete Despite the expiry of the deadline for completing the project, it remained incomplete. The complainant informed the TG RERA that



several promised amenities, including the clubhouse, gymnasium, landscaped areas, children's play area and internal roads, were yet to be completed. The project had also not obtained the OC, preventing registration and possession. The customer alleged that repeated requests for a completion deadline was unanswered, while the developer failed to provide any assurance regarding the project's completion. Buyers seek refund due to delay Following the delay in handing over the flats, buyer wrote an email in July 2025 and sought a refund, along with the interest from the builder. In September 2025, the customer conveyed his wish to opt out of the project and sought a refund of the entire amount. According to the complaint, the construction firm informed the customer that they could opt out of the project after paying the GST amount. GST can't be

imposed if project is incomplete After hearing the complaint, the TGRERA said that representatives from the construction firm appeared only once during the proceedings. Since no written counter or explanation was filed, the authority proceeded ex parte and decided the matter based on the evidence placed by the complainants. Invoking Section 18(1) of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, TG RERA held that once a promoter fails to hand over possession within the agreed timeline, and the allottee chooses to withdraw, the buyer becomes entitled to a full refund along with interest. The TG RERA ordered that a promoter who has defaulted can't impose unilateral deductions such as booking charges, GST or any other arbitrary amounts, adding that it would defeat the consumer-protection objective of the RERA Act.

Telangana HC shields Doolapally homeowners in FTL dispute

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court on Friday, July 17, directed the state government not to take any forcible action against a group of homeowners in Doolapally in Hyderabad, days after authorities accused them of having built their houses within the Full Tank Level (FTL) area of the Fox Sagar Lake. The FTL of a lake marks the maximum water spread level it can reach, and construction within this zone or its buffer area is barred under law to protect the water body. Justice B Vijayans Reddy passed the interim order while hearing an urgent petition filed by the homeowners challenging two government orders issued on July 7, which had revoked earlier clearances for their properties. The matter will next be heard on July 27. What the case is about The petitioners had built their houses on the disputed survey numbers after obtaining the required government permissions and occupancy certificates. Their land use had been formally changed from "recreational" to "residential" through government orders issued in 2019 and 2023.



The two fresh orders passed on July 7 this year revoked those very approvals, holding that the survey numbers actually fell within the FTL of Fox Sagar lake and that all permissions linked to them needed to be cancelled pending a fresh inquiry into how the lake's FTL was fixed. Appearing for the petitioners, senior counsel A Venkatesh and advocate K Pratik Reddy argued that the government's own record, the official land survey map and a preliminary notification uploaded on the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority's (HMDA) website, showed that the properties actually

lay outside the lake's buffer zone and FTL. They also pointed out that the government itself had admitted that its examination of records and the inquiry into the lake's FTL were still under way. This, they argued, made the cancellation of the homeowners' permissions premature and arbitrary, since it had been carried out even before the inquiry was complete. High Court's order After going through the case records, the High Court granted interim protection to the homeowners, restraining the state authorities from taking any coercive steps, such as demolition or sealing.

'Uber For Space': What Skyroot CEO Pawan Chandana Said On Competing With SpaceX



As Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1 became the first Indian private rocket to reach orbit, Chief Executive Officer Pawan Kumar Chandana's old statement resurfaced where he laid out his vision for the company, describing it as the "Uber for space". Comparing Skyroot To SpaceX In an appearance on NDTV Profit's The Disruptors show, Chandana was asked about an earlier comparison he had drawn between Skyroot and SpaceX, describing SpaceX as "the bus, or the train that carries satellites" and Skyroot as "the cab". He said the analogy captures exactly what the

company is trying to build. "So that's what we aim to be, you know, we want to become the Uber for space," Chandana said. "What we do is that satellite companies book the rocket, just like you book a cab, and then go to wherever they want." "Typically if you want to go to your home, you don't book a train, you have to book a cab to go specifically to your place. So there are satellites who want to go specifically to certain locations in space. And we're Uber for them, where they book the rocket, put their satellite onto the rocket, launch to space and get them dropped wherever they want."

Shri Vivek Nishant Nath takes charge as Director (Commercial), NMDC

Hyderabad, 18th July: Shri Vivek Nishant Nath assumed charge as Director (Commercial) of NMDC Limited, India largest iron ore producer. With over three decades of experience in the metal and mining sector, Shri Vivek Nishant Nath brings extensive experience in sales and marketing, international commercial operations, procurement, logistics and supply chain management. Shri Nath began his professional career with NMDC in 1992 and served the Company for nearly fifteen years in various commercial roles, gaining extensive experience in domestic iron ore sales and marketing. He subsequently held key positions in Essar Steel Limited and ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India before joining Odisha Mining Corporation Limited (OMC) as General Manager (Sales Marketing) in 2021. He was subsequently promoted as Chief General Manager (Sales Marketing) in 2024 at OMC, where he headed the sales and marketing functions of iron ore, chrome ore, manganese ore, bauxite, lime-



stone and ferrochrome. During his tenure at OMC, the company recorded significant growth in iron ore sales and revenue. He played a key role in introducing customer-centric initiatives, transparent pricing mechanisms, digital systems and logistics reforms to improve commercial operations. Under his leadership, OMC iron ore sales increased from 12.33 million tonnes in FY21 to 38.26 million tonnes in FY26. His unwavering dedication to the sector is evident through his scholarly

contributions, having authored over 11 research papers on pertinent industry topics. Mr. Nath expertise is sought after in national and international forums, where he has been invited as keynote speaker and guest lectures at esteemed platforms such as SGX, Fastmarkets, Mysteel, SMM, IMARC, Metal Junction, Metalogic and Steelmint. He holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in International Business from Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies, Pune. He has also completed the Management Development Programme in Business Administration and Management from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Indore. His experience across NMDC, leading private steel companies and Odisha Mining Corporation will be instrumental in strengthening NMDC commercial operations, enhancing customer engagement and supporting the Company vision of becoming a 100 million tonne iron ore mining company.

Donald Trump threatens new Canada tariffs over fires sending 'filthy' air into US cities



US President Donald Trump has threatened to impose new tariffs on Canada after hundreds of wildfires have left much of the northern US covered by a blanket of smoke. The threat follows complaints by US lawmakers over the wildfires and Ontario's premier Doug Ford asking the US to send support to fight the fires, rather than complain. "The United States is being unnecessarily invaded by filthy, polluted, and unhealthy air," Trump said, threatening to impose new levies over Canada's "willful negligence". As of Saturday, there were about 955 fires actively burning in Canada, according to the Canadian Wildland Fire Information System - with the majority burning out of control. More than 190 of those blazes are burning in Ontario, some out of control. Trump said in his post to Truth Social that he would call Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney to demand an explanation over his country's "willful negligence," accusing the country of "not properly maintaining" their forests

and brush. Fellow Republicans have used the issue to renew Trump's call to make Canada the 51st US state, a musing that has offended Canadians and prompted many to stop travelling to their southern neighbour in protest. Others online suggested a delay in opening the Gordie Howe International Bridge, a Canada-funded project that will connect Ontario to Michigan. Carney earlier noted that it was the responsibility of both countries to fight climate change. After Trump's remarks, Carney's emergency management cabinet minister said the two countries remain in constant contact and share a long history of working together on such disasters, citing a reciprocal fire-fighting agreement from 1982 and another assistance agreement from emerged from the 2025 G7 summit. Canada has worked to prevent wildfires and invested about C\$12bn (\$8.5bn; £6.4bn) in forests sustainability and fire prevention, MP Eleanor Olaszewski said in the statement.



■ US strikes hit Iran for seventh consecutive night

SHIP AT CENTRE OF RECORD COCAINE SEIZURE FINALLY LEAVES CORK

A ship detained at Cork port since 2.2 tonnes of cocaine worth an estimated 157m (£133.5m) was seized on it in September 2023 has finally left the harbour. Managing and maintaining the MV Matthew since then has cost the Irish state around 17m. The 28,000-tonne Panama-registered freighter could not be disposed of until December 2024 as it was needed for evidential purposes. An international shipping company later acquired the vessel for a nominal price of \$1 with an agreement to tow the vessel to Varna in Bulgaria. The Republic of Ireland's Revenue service confirmed its departure on Saturday. While berthed at Cork the costs included maintaining engine, electrical and ventilation systems. Eight men



were jailed for a total of 129 years last summer in connection with the record drugs seizure. Dr Atanas Rusev, from the Centre for the Study of Democracy, said managing "such big,

complex, high-value assets is a big drainage for public finance". "You usually need to coordinate between various authorities and deal with various legal proceedings,"

he said. Rusev added that this happening to a vessel this large is "rare" and that Irish authorities had dealt with the ship "relatively quickly". "Sometimes it takes five, 10, 15 years."

MAGNITUDE 7.3 EARTHQUAKE QUAKE STRIKES OFF MEXICO COAST



A powerful magnitude 7.3 earthquake struck off the coast of southern Mexico on Friday, triggering a tsunami warning for parts of the Pacific. No fatalities or significant damage have been reported in Mexico or Guatemala from the quake, which was also felt in El Salvador. Mexico's navy secretary Admiral Raymundo Morales told a press conference that there was "no serious impact", but that people were being advised to stay away from beaches. The US Tsunami Warning System had warned of possible "hazardous tsunami waves" along the nearby coasts of Mexico and Guatemala. It later recorded waves of 0.3m (1.1 feet) above tide level in Puerto Madero and Chiapas in Mexico. Several hours after the initial warning was issued, the centre said the threat had passed but advised people in affected areas to "remain observant and exercise normal caution near the sea". The quake, which struck near the fishing town of Puerto Madero in Mexico at 08:49 local time (14:49 GMT) on Friday, had a depth of 15.2 km (9 miles), according to the United States Geological Survey (USGS). Governor Salomón Jara Cruz, of the southern Mexican state Oaxaca, said the quake was felt with "moderate intensity" but no significant damage had been reported. Eduardo Ramírez, governor of the state of Chiapas closest to

the epicentre, also said there had been no serious impact, but added he had instructed his cabinet to suspend administrative activities and urged the private sector to do the same. In Guatemala and El Salvador, the tremor shook buildings, triggering evacuations and causing some people to run from their homes, Reuters news agency reported. A series of aftershocks, with magnitudes between 4.7 and 6, have been recorded. Guatemala's President Bernardo Arévalo said the country's emergency management agency had been deployed in response to a magnitude 5.6 earthquake with its epicenter in Quetzaltenango. No fatalities have been recorded so far, he added. "I call on the population to remain calm and to follow the recommendations," he said on X. The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which operates the tsunami warning center, forecast waves of less than 0.3m above tide level along the coasts of El Salvador, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Honduras. A tsunami is a series of waves, with times between crests ranging from five minutes to an hour, that can persist for many hours, according to the agency. In this case, the waves lasted for 12 minutes in Puerto Madero and 28 minutes in Chiapas.

EU PROPOSES SLOWING DOWN CUTS TO CARBON EMISSIONS FOR BUSINESSES

The European Union has unveiled proposals that would slow cuts to businesses' greenhouse gas emissions limits, as part of a major climate policy overhaul. The reforms would relax the rules of the bloc's emissions trading system (ETS) to give businesses more time to reduce their carbon output than previously planned. The changes would mean some industries could obtain emission allowances until 2038 instead of 2034, if they commit to investing in decarbonisation efforts. The proposals still need to be approved by EU countries and lawmakers - a process that could take a year. "We are adopting a more business-friendly and, may I say so, savvy approach," said EU climate commissioner Wopke Hoekstra. The European Commission, which develops legislation for the EU's 27 member states, said the changes would ensure the ETS was aligned with the EU's goal to reduce carbon emissions by 90% by 2040, compared with 1990 levels. The ETS, which



was introduced in 2005, is the EU's main tool for curbing greenhouse gases. But it has come under criticism from a number of member states, with Italy in particular condemning the trading scheme as a de facto tax that has helped keep energy prices artificially high. Under the ETS, Europe's industries and power plants are required to buy a permit, or allowance, for every tonne of carbon dioxide they emit, creating a financial incentive to invest in cleaner technologies. Companies can buy extra permits or trade them. Some businesses are given permits for free to help them compete with foreign firms that do not

pay carbon costs. The ETS also caps the number of permits released each year to make sure missions decrease. The Commission has proposed slowing the rate at which this cap is lowered each year to around 3.7% from 2031 and then to 1.7% from 2036 - down from 4.3% currently. As part of the changes, the EU also proposes continuing free permits until 2038, rather than ending them in 2034, when they were to be replaced by a carbon border charge on imports for some sectors. The Commission would also offer 80% of free permits up front to companies with

plans to invest in decarbonisation in Europe. Businesses would get the remaining 20% once those investments are made. Responding to the proposals, Polish climate minister Paulina Hennig-Kloska said Poland would push to weaken the policy further. "For the first time, we are seeing a softening of the stance rather than a toughening of it - this is a huge success for Poland. Although we will fight for more," she said. But Green politicians were less impressed. A German member of the European Parliament, Michael Bloss, said the plans would result in "gigantic climate pollution" and the next generation would have a worse quality of life as a result. Global temperatures have been rising over the past century due to human activities that release greenhouse gases emissions, but local or regional geography shapes the speed at which different places are warming. As Europe is warming particularly quickly, it is being more exposed to frequent and stronger spells of extreme heat.

LAOS SAYS IT CAN'T DETERMINE CAUSE OF TOURIST DEATHS LINKED TO METHANOL



Laos says it cannot determine blame or cause for six deaths linked to methanol-tainted alcohol. A Briton, two Australians, two Danish citizens and an American died in November 2024 following a night out in Vang Vieng. Laos Ministry of Public Security said they did not have evidence to establish if the deaths "were caused by the actions of any individual or by any particular cause, because no autopsies were conducted on the bodies". It emerged earlier this week that the distillery owner is facing charges for the sale of food products harmful to health and operating an illegal business, but not the deaths. The

charges collectively carry penalties of up to one year in jail and a fine of £829 (US\$1,100; A\$1,600) against those allegedly responsible. In response, the Australian government said it was "deeply frustrated and bitterly disappointed" more serious charges had not been pursued following the deaths of the six backpackers. Australia's foreign ministry summoned Laos' ambassador in Canberra. In its statement on Saturday, the Laos Ministry of Public Security said authorities had not been allowed to conduct autopsies in 2024, and therefore "lacked the forensic evidence necessary to determine the cause of death".

GERMAN POLITICIAN RESIGNS OVER SURROGACY CHILD CONTROVERSY

German centre-right politician Jens Spahn has resigned as parliamentary group leader of the country's governing coalition after being accused of hypocrisy over his use of a surrogate mother in the US to have a child. Surrogacy is prohibited in Germany - a policy backed by his Christian Democrat party (CDU) and, several years ago, by Spahn himself - although raising a child born to a surrogate mother abroad is not. He wrote in a statement on Saturday: "I have realised that my personal happiness - founding a family together with my husband and becoming a father - is not compatible with my political office." Chancellor Friedrich Merz, who leads the CDU, called his decision "right" and "inevitable". "Credibility is the highest asset in politics,"



he wrote on social media, and said he would begin the process of appointing Spahn's replacement. Spahn, 46, revealed earlier this week that he and his husband Daniel Funke had become parents, with their use of a surrogate abroad prompting criticism from politicians from several parties, including his own. Announcing his resignation on Saturday, Spahn wrote: "The balancing

act between my private decision to have a child through surrogacy and the understandable expectations placed on me as Chairman of our parliamentary group has become greater than I anticipated," he added. He also said the "increasing relentlessness in public discourse" had given him "deep pause for thought". "Despite all clarity and decisiveness regarding the issues, let us always

remain human in our tone," he wrote. German media reported Alexander Hoffmann, head of the Christian Social Union parliamentary group, would take over Spahn's duties until a successor was chosen. Hoffmann said: "Jens Spahn's decision deserves the utmost respect." Under the 1990 Embryo Protection Act, surrogacy in Germany is punishable with three years imprisonment or a fine. For many German couples, single-sex or heterosexual, surrogacy abroad has become an important option. As recently as February, Spahn's party signed a resolution reaffirming its support for a ban on the practice within Germany itself, to stop the emergence of "commercial or neutral models that turn surrogacy into a business model".

Russian online retail warehouses hit by deadly Ukrainian strikes

BELGIAN GRAND PRIX: ANTONELLI BEATS VERSTAPPEN TO POLE

Mercedes' Kimi Antonelli takes pole position for Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix! The championship leader will share the front row with four-time title winner Max Verstappen at Spa-Francorchamps, with George Russell now third after Lando Norris' grid penalty is applied. Norris is still going to take part in the post-qualifying interviews, though. Arvid Lindblad grabbed seventh but his pushed down by the McLaren of Oscar Piastri. Lando Norris can only manage third on his final run, but the world champion won't stay there because of his grid penalty. Norris had a trip onto the gravel at the same spot as Lewis Hamilton and Pierre Gasly. Max Verstappen is right behind Isack Hadjar and the tow is about to be executed. It's not as clean as maybe Red Bull would've liked, but the Dutchman still goes onto provisional pole. But he's beaten by Kimi Antonelli!



The championship leader beats the Red Bull driver by 0.317 seconds! The drivers have got to get the tyres in absolutely the right window and we are not just talking of the surface of the tyre. That heat and temperature has got to be perfect both for the core and the surface. The Audi of Gabriel Bortoletto is piggy-in-the-middle of the two Mercedes of Kimi Antonelli and George

Russell. Isack Hadjar is the first of the 10 cars to start his final lap, but he'll be heading right to the back of the grid on Sunday. The session has resumed but the fans will have to wait a little bit longer to see any cars on track. Every team wants the best position for these final runs, and it looks like Isack Hadjar has gone out ahead of Red Bull team-mate Max Verstappen again. Lando

Norris is the last man to join the track, behind McLaren buddy Oscar Piastri. I thought that George Russell radio message was very interesting because he was told where his time loss was and he said "so it is all on the straight then?". So the inference you can take is that he has some kind of issue on the straight. The pattern of the weekend has been that Russell has been lacking

energy in the final sector because he is not able to as smooth with the car at the same speed through the corners as Antonelli. That has meant Antonelli can conserve battery. The top three are close together at this stage of the final part of qualifying. Lando Norris is fastest at the moment - but he has a 10-place grid drop, so won't be on pole anyway - with Kimi Antonelli only 0.039 seconds behind, and Charles Leclerc 0.092secs back. World championship leader Kimi Antonelli topped the times for Mercedes ahead of defending champion Lando Norris of McLaren in Friday's second free practice ahead of this weekend's Belgian Grand Prix. The 19-year-old Italian clocked a best lap time of one minute and 45.944 seconds to outpace Norris, who has a 10-place grid penalty for Sunday's race after taking a new battery, by 0.190 seconds with Max Verstappen third for Red Bull.

Mirabai Chanu, Lovlina Borgohain Named India's Flag, Baton Bearers For Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony



Olympic medalists Mirabai Chanu and Lovlina Borgohain will serve as India's flag and baton bearers at the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, the Indian Olympic Association announced on Saturday. The opening ceremony of the scaled-down multi-sport event will be held on July 23. "It is a matter of pride Mirabai and Lovlina will be doing the honours at the OVO Hydro. I wish both the girls and the entire contingent good luck," IOA President PT Usha said in a media release. "It is a matter of pride two

women have been chosen to do the honours for Team India at the opening ceremony, which will set the tone and tenor for the Games. "Both Mirabai and Lovlina have time and again proved themselves in the international arena for India. They are at present training in right earnest for the Games in the United Kingdom," Usha added. Mirabai, who turns 32 on August 8, has been India's leading weightlifter for close to a decade. She won the silver medal in the women's 49kg category at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 and followed it up with gold at the 2022

Birmingham Commonwealth Games. Although she was unable to replicate that success at the 2024 Paris Olympics, she remains one of India's strongest medal hopes in Glasgow. She is also a multiple medalist at the World Championships. Lovlina, meanwhile, claimed the bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics before winning gold at the 2023 World Championships. She also secured a silver medal at the 2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou and is expected to be among India's leading medal contenders in Glasgow.

BCCI 'Not Pleased', Sends Big Message To Selectors Amid Rohit Sharma Buzz: Report

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has reportedly urged the men's national team selectors to avoid interactions with the media, amid talks surrounding veteran batter Rohit Sharma's future. India's defeat to England in the second ODI at Cardiff was overshadowed by multiple reports suggesting that the third and final game at Lord's could be Rohit's last for the team in the format. However, BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia has rubbished the reports, claiming that Rohit will continue to play as long as he is in the scheme of things. According to a report by Cricbuzz, the BCCI has expressed its displeasure over the leaked information surrounding Rohit, urging the selectors to avoid dia-



logue with media personnel in any form. The report also added that with too much speculation going on, the current scenario is fluid, and nothing can be officially confirmed regarding what is happening behind the scenes. Indian cricket revolves around narratives, and the current focus is whether Rohit Sharma will

be able to fulfill his dream of playing in the 2027 ODI World Cup, which will be co-hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia. Rohit's current form, which has yielded just 241 runs in eight innings at an average of 30.12 and a strike rate of 88.60, has failed to convince some selectors, who no longer want to persist with

the former captain. Sources had told NDTV that some members of the selection committee had informed Rohit that they no longer saw him in the scheme of things before the start of the Afghanistan series last month. India head coach Gautam Gambhir was also kept in the loop during the discussions between the selectors and Rohit. However, Rohit was selected for the Afghanistan series, as well as the England series, after the former India captain had approached the top brass of the BCCI. But, with Rohit managing scores of just 11 and 26 in the first two ODIs against England, the group of selectors had to reiterate their stance to the veteran opener, who is desperate to prolong his career.

Spain Defender Aymeric Laporte Reignites "Referee Debate" Ahead Of Final vs Argentina

Spain defender Aymeric Laporte believes aggressive play should not go unpunished in football, saying he was surprised by refereeing decisions involving Argentina in recent matches ahead of the FIFA World Cup 2026 final. Speaking to Marca in an interview quoted by French news outlet L'Equipe, Laporte, when asked about the physical style adopted by Argentina against their opponents, said he was surprised by some refereeing decisions that he felt favoured the Albiceleste, adding that several incidents had gone unpunished. "I'm not at all worried about aggression in football. If it's tolerated and the referee does his job, it doesn't bother me," Laporte said. The Spain international,



however, said some incidents involving Argentina in recent matches had surprised him. "It's true that in recent matches, we've seen things that have greatly surprised us, actions that have gone unpunished. Especially against Argentina, a team

that makes a strong impression. This shouldn't be allowed in football, especially in such important competitions, because it can destabilise and frustrate the team," he told Marca in an interview quoted by French news outlet L'Equipe. Laporte also

praised Spain's discipline throughout the tournament, saying the team had avoided dangerous challenges and maintained a fair approach. "Since the start of the tournament, we've been a pretty good team from this point of view. We don't try to hit our opponents or commit dangerous fouls. And I think that's what we need to do in this match. But it's true that it will depend a lot on the refereeing," the Spain defender told Marca in an interview quoted by French news outlet L'Equipe. Defending champions Argentina and European champions Spain are set to face off in the FIFA World Cup 2026 final, setting the stage for a highly anticipated clash between great Messi and teenage sensation Yamal.

ENZO FERNANDEZ MOCKS ENGLAND WITH 'WONDERWALL' POST AFTER ARGENTINA'S EPIC COMEBACK, DELETES LATER

Argentina midfielder Enzo Fernandez has grabbed headlines for his recent trolling of England after his side's 2-1 win in the second semi-final of the FIFA World Cup 2026. With around five minutes left in regulation time, La Albiceleste were 0-1 down. Inspired by Lionel Messi's two assists, the defending champions produced a terrific comeback to set up a final against Spain. Lautaro Martinez scored the equaliser for Argentina in the 85th minute before Enzo sealed the game for the team with a stoppage-time goal. After the victory, Enzo Fernandez took to Instagram Stories to share a photo of himself with Lionel Messi and Leandro Paredes, trolling England. In the picture, the trio could be seen laughing, with Oasis' Wonderwall playing in the background. It is worth noting that the England football team used the song as its unofficial anthem at the World Cup. Their players, as well as their fans, used to sing the song together after victories. Things did not go down well with the post, and Fernandez eventually had to delete it before posting it again without the background song. Argentina face Spain in the FIFA World Cup final on Sunday. Former England striker Robbie Fowler believes Spain have the edge but warned that Lionel



Messi is one player capable of changing the game on his own. Fowler said Spain's control of midfield, led by Rodri, gives them a slight advantage, although stopping Messi over 90 minutes remains among the toughest challenges in the sport. "(Lamine) Yamal will be a different player. He will be a different animal in the final. I have seen enough of that in the semi-final to know that his game will change," Fowler told reporters in Mumbai.

French Grandmaster Alireza Firouzja Stuns World Champion D Gukesh At Chennai Grand Masters 2026



French Grandmaster Alireza Firouzja inflicted a shock defeat on reigning world champion D Gukesh to emerge as the sole leader after the second round of the Chennai Grand Masters 2026 in Chennai on Friday. Firouzja, who had beaten Indian GM M Praneesh with the black pieces in the opening round, outlasted Gukesh in a gruelling 69-move battle to move to two points from as many rounds in India's most

prestigious classical chess tournament. The other three Indian players in the field - M Praneesh, Arjun Erigaisi and Nihal Sarin - all settled for draws against their higher-rated opponents. Organised by MGD1, the eight-player double round-robin tour-

nament carries a prize purse of Rs 75 lakh besides offering valuable FIDE Circuit points. After Deepraj Mukherjee, General Manager of The Westin Chennai Velachery, made the ceremonial first move between Firouzja and Gukesh, the Frenchman opened with the Ruy Lopez. Gukesh looked on course to salvage a draw in a knight-and-pawn ending, but Firouzja's timely pawn sacrifice created the decisive breakthrough, allowing the French GM to convert the advantage with precise technique.

Forged At IIS, Bound For Glasgow: Inspire Institute Of Sport's Commonwealth Games 2026 Contingent



Every major multi-sport Games is shaped by athletes at different stages of their careers. Some arrive as experienced campaigners looking to build on years of success, while others prepare to make their debut on one of sport's biggest stages. This year, 21 athletes from the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) will represent India at the Commonwealth Games 2026 in Glasgow across boxing, judo, athletics and swimming. Among them are Olympian Sajjan Prakash, national

record holder Gulveer Singh and Asian Games medalist Parul Chaudhary, alongside a new generation of athletes making their mark across boxing, judo and athletics. Together, they reflect the depth of talent that has emerged through the institute's high-performance programme and years of consistent preparation. The contingent brings together established international performers and some of India's most promising young athletes. From Olympic and World Championship competitors to rising stars earning their first major Games selection, each athlete has reached this stage through sustained performances on the national and international circuit.

Request To Gautam Gambhir, Then A Fallout: Big Rohit Sharma Claims Revealed

The third and final ODI against England won't be Rohit Sharma's last for India, confirmed BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia on Friday. This statement from the official came after multiple reports claimed that the series-decider against the Three Lions could be Rohit's last game in India colours and that he might opt to retire with the conclusion of the contest. As these reports came during his poor batting form, the update only fuelled the speculation about his future. It spread like wildfire, and eventually Saikia had to come forward to clarify that all of it was false. While Saikia cleared the air on the issue, there are reports that Gautam Gambhir, Ajit Agarkar,

and Rohit Sharma have been sharing a strained relationship in the recent past. A PTI report on Friday claimed that it was Rohit who requested Gautam Gambhir during the Indian Premier League 2024 to coach India. Kolkata Knight Riders were playing against Mumbai Indians in an away game at the Wankhede Stadium when Rohit made the request. Rahul Dravid was set to leave the post of India's head coach, and Rohit wanted Gambhir to take up that role. As per the shared details, Rohit went up to Gambhir during an evening training session at Wankhede and said, "Gauti bhai Indian team mein aa jaao (Gauti bhai, join the Indian team)." To this, Gambhir had

apparently replied: "If you remain captain, I will definitely join." The report further stated that the relationship between Rohit and Gambhir deteriorated during India's 0-3 drubbing by New Zealand at home. It added that the bond worsened during India's tour of Australia in 2024-25. On the eve of the Sydney Test, Rohit was engrossed in a prolonged discussion with Gambhir and chief selector Ajit Agarkar at the SCG during the team's training. The batter reportedly wanted to sit out for the match owing to his poor form, but Agarkar didn't approve his request, claimed the agency in its report. It stated that Agarkar advised Rohit not to "sit out" as his

selection for the next series in England, six months later, would be an issue. Rohit apparently wanted to quit Tests and announce his retirement the very next day. But when he gave an interview to the broadcasters, he was famously quoted as saying: "I am a father of two.



VETERAN PRODUCER CHADALAVADA SRINIVASA RAO AT THE PRE-RELEASE EVENT



Amravathi Movie Makers and Sundarakanda Motion Pictures have jointly produced Hey Chikkiitha, with N. Ashok RNS and 'Garudavega' Anji serving as producers. Starring Abhinav Manikanta, Divija Prabhakar, Tanmay

As the 2024 National Film Awards are expected to be announced this evening, Telugu cinema fans are eagerly backing Kalki 2898 AD for major honours. Many believe the Prabhas-starrer deserves either Best Film or Best Visual Effects recognition, calling it one of the most technically accomplished films ever produced in TFI history.

Mythri Movie Distributors LLP to Release Mandaadi in Telugu on a Grand Scale on September 10



Presented by Elred Kumar under the RS Infotainment banner, Mandaadi is directed by Mathimaran Pugazhendi and produced by Elred Kumar. The film stars Soori and Suhas in pivotal roles. The content released so far has generated a strong response from audiences. The striking character transformations of Soori and Suhas have grabbed attention, while the makers are confident that the film's high-octane action sequences and stunning visuals will be among its biggest highlights. The much-talked-about boat action sequence, which

THE RAJA SAAB SCORES BIG ON OTT

The Pan-Indian horror fantasy starring Prabhas is receiving a sensational response on the small screen despite its box-office shortcomings. According to Ormax's Stream View Half-Yearly Report 2026, The Raja Saab topped the charts with a massive 17.5 million views on JioHotstar. Standing at number 1 position in Indian films on OTT, proving once again that the tag of "India's Biggest Superstar" for Prabhas is far from an exaggeration. It has to be noted that much like Raja Saab this year, in 2025 as well, films like Mirai and Jaat featured in the Top 5 of the same report. After HanuMan, Teja Sajja's growth in popularity across the nation reflected in Mirai's numbers theatrical and digitally as well. Adding to that, Mirai went on to register a Massive TVR on satellite television both in telugu and hindi and on JioHotstar took platform's #1 trending film position. On the other hand, Sunny Deol's Jaat even surpassed Pushpa 2 on Netflix in terms of OTT views. Interestingly all the above films are produced by People Media Factory. Irrespective of the films' box-office performances, their reach on digital and satellite platforms is massive. Also let's see how Mirai and Jaat will perform in their upcoming sequels in both theatrical and non-theatrical arenas. Working with superstar is like work-



ing with a double edged sword for directors. If they deliver a good film that clicks at the box office, they accumulate fame and money, along with love from fans. But if they fail to deliver, the repercussions are stiff as they face endless trolls on social media.

FROM '#90S' TO 'LENIN' – SIVAJI'S WINNING STREAK CONTINUES

Actor Sivaji has established himself as one of Telugu cinema's finest performers, known for choosing content-driven films and portraying diverse, impactful characters. From comedy and family entertainers to emotional dramas and action-packed roles, he has consistently impressed audiences with his versatility. After making a successful comeback through Bigg Boss Telugu, Sivaji carefully selected meaningful scripts, earning the trust of audiences who now believe that every film featuring him promises quality storytelling and memorable performances. His second innings has been nothing short of remarkable. Critically acclaimed films like Court and Dandora brought him widespread appreciation and prestigious awards, further strengthening his reputation as an actor who values substance over commercial formulas. Most recently,

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Sivaji delivered a powerful performance as Yathiraju in the blockbuster Lenin, winning praise from critics and movie lovers alike. His journey, which began with the hit ETV Win web series 90's, continues to showcase his commitment to challenging and meaningful roles. Looking ahead, Sivaji has an exciting slate of projects that promise to further elevate his career. He will next be seen in Epic, where he plays a middle-class father in an emotionally compelling role. Alongside this, he is part of Allari Naresh's upcoming film, the Telugu-Tamil bilingual starring Pradeep Ranganathan, a project directed by Kalyan Chakravarthy, and several other prestigious ventures. With strong scripts, versatile characters, and growing recognition across industries, Sivaji continues to redefine himself as one of the most dependable and content-oriented actors in Telugu cinema.



NEWTON'S THIRD LAW' IS A THRILLER THAT GIVES A VERY NEW EXPERIENCE



Sumanth is the hero in the unique thriller 'Newton's Third Law' produced by Ewin. Directed by Rajesh Karna, the film is produced by K. Harish. The film will hit the theaters on the 31st of this month. On this occasion, the makers launched the song Dham Dham.

At the song launch event, hero Sumanth said... Hello everyone. I got the story of 'Newton's Third Law' right in one sitting. I am very happy to do this project after 'Anaganaga'. As soon as I heard the story, I told Vinay's character and Karthik's character to be very strong. I thought that

the film would only work if those two characters were amazing. Both of them really acted amazingly. This song is also based on their characters. Every character has a lot of importance in the film. Everyone did full justice to their roles. It is very happy to receive the Best

Actor Award for Anaganaga. On this occasion, I thank the management of ETV. This film is coming before the audience on July 31. We are coming with a very good film. We are all very confident about the film. This film will definitely entertain all of you.



Shruti Haasan's Regal Look Steals The Show

Multi-talented actress Shruti Haasan continues to prove her stamina in both acting and music. Her recent song "Pavazha Malli," sung alongside composer Sai Abhyankkar, has taken the internet by storm. In just about four months, the track has crossed close to 300 million views, becoming one of the biggest musical hits of the year and showing fans yet another

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side of her versatile talent. This time, Shruti turned heads in a rich purple and wine-toned saree, paired with a heavily embroidered halter-neck blouse featuring gold thread work. The pallu carried the same intricate detailing, giving the outfit a regal, festive touch. She kept her hair loose in soft

waves, added a classic bindi and jhumkas, and finished the look with bold lips, striking a perfect balance between traditional elegance and modern styling. On the acting front, Shruti is currently filming for "Aakasamlo Oka Tara," a much-awaited Telugu film directed by Pavan Sadineni. The movie stars Dulquer Salmaan and Satvika Veeravalli in lead roles, with Shruti playing a pivotal character. Backed by Geetha Arts and Swapna Cinema, the film will release in Telugu, Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, and Hindi.

KRITHI RADIATES ELEGANCE IN SLEEVELESS BLUE GOWN

Krithi Shetty is a vision of elegance in her latest photo-shoot! The actress, known for her stunning looks and impeccable style, is seen wearing a sleeveless blue gown that flatters her figure perfectly. She pairs the gown with a pair of stylish leggings and a golden dupatta, adding a touch of traditional charm to the modern outfit. To complete her look, Krithi accessorizes with golden earrings and a bindi, enhancing her natural beauty.

