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Total pilgrims - 77,874
Tonsures - 35,302
Hundi kankabali - 4,92 CR
Laddu sale - 416 Lac
Annasrasdams - 2,63 Lac
Medical treatment - 3,245
Waiting Compartments - Outside line at Silahgram

Approval, Decree Time for Sankranti (with out SSD Tonsure) - 20-24 H.

DRDO conducts maiden test of Kusha missile

Kolkata (TSIT): The maiden flight-test of 'Kusha' Long-Range Surface-to-Air

Missile (LR-SAM) was successfully conducted by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha on Thursday. According to the DRDO, the test was conducted against an electronic target simulating a high-speed and high-altitude aerial threat, which the missile system successfully intercepted.



CM Revanth inspects ongoing renovation works at Telangana assembly

Hyderabad, TSIT BUREAU:

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday inspected the ongoing renovation and restoration works at the Telangana Legislative Assembly to review the progress and quality of the works.

Chief Minister examined the renovation activities and directed officials to ensure that the works are completed within the stipulated timeline while maintaining the highest standards of quality and preserving the dignity and heritage of the Assembly building.

Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Minister Adhuri Laxman, Government Whips Adi Srinivas, Addanki Dayakar, and Balmuri Venkat, along with MLAs K a v v a m p a l l y Satyanarayana and Jeevan Reddy, were present during the inspection.

INDIA Bloc leaders march to Gandhi Smriti to support students; Rahul's residence barricaded

New Delhi (TSIT): Amid the continuing standoff over the NEET paper leak and police action against protesting students, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday led MPs and leaders of the INDIA bloc towards Gandhi Smriti, saying the march is to honour students who allegedly died by suicide after the paper leak and to express solidarity with those injured during protests. NewspaperArchives Access

Before leaving for Gandhi Smriti on Tees January Marg, Rahul said the Opposition was marching peacefully to remember the students "we lost" after the NEET paper leak and to stand with those who were allegedly beaten while seeking justice and accountability.



Maintaining that the country's students were not alone, Rahul said the entire INDIA alliance stood firmly with them and supported their demands.

Rahul Gandhi said the students were protesting on the streets and that all INDIA bloc MPs wanted to

stand in solidarity with them. He said they had planned to march to India Gate but were denied permission, following which they decided to proceed towards Tees January Marg. The development came as Delhi Police put up barricades outside Rahul Gandhi's residence,

where Congress workers gathered in large numbers. Several Opposition leaders had assembled at the residence around 6 pm before the march to Gandhi Smriti.

The MPs travelling on the bus include John Brittas (CPI(M)), K C Venugopal (Congress), Manoj Kumar Jha (RJD), Priyanka Gandhi Vadra (Congress), Misa Bharti (RJD), Pramod Tiwari (Congress), and Amrinder Singh Raja Warring (Congress), among others. The protest is part of the Opposition's intensified campaign against the Centre over the alleged irregularities in the NEET examination and the police action on student protesters, an issue that has repeatedly disrupted Parliament during the ongoing Monsoon Session.

CJP protest:

MHA suspends internet services till midnight at Jantar Mantar

New Delhi (TSIT)

The Union home ministry on Thursday suspended mobile internet services till midnight in the 1.5 km radius of Jantar Mantar, where the CJP is holding a protest demanding the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the NEET paper leak.



Heavy rains cause flood-like situation in Gujarat; 22,000 people relocated, 1,200 rescued



large part of south Gujarat, where Umbergaon taluka in Valsad district received 1,200 mm of rain in 36 hours, officials said on Thursday. Navsari and Valsad were the worst affected districts, followed by Surat, Ahmedabad, Kheda, Tapi and Dangs, where persistent downpour since Wednesday threw normal life out of gear.

Ahmedabad (TSIT)

Around 1,200 stranded people have been rescued and more than 22,000 residents relocated to safer places as heavy showers battered a

Amaravati Emerging as Hub for Quantum Research: CM Naidu



Visakhapatnam (TSIT)

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday said Amaravati is emerging as an ideal destination for quantum computing and advanced technology research. During a meeting with Quantinuum CEO Rajeev Hazra at the State Secretariat, the Chief Minister said the government is developing Quantum Valley in Amaravati to position Andhra Pradesh as a global hub for quantum innova-

tion. He said the Amaravati Quantum Computing Centre is expected to become operational by December 2026, while quantum testing facilities have already begun functioning in the state.

The discussions focused on collaboration in quantum skills development, AI-enabled quantum applications, advanced computing research, startup incubation, and building a world-class quantum ecosystem in line with India's National Quantum Mission.

Premium petrol ethanol-free, no E0 or E10 revival plan: govt



New Delhi (TSIT):

Premium grades of petrol sold by state-run fuel retailers will continue to be supplied without ethanol blending, the government said on Thursday, July 23, adding that it has not taken any decision to increase ethanol blending in petrol beyond 20 per cent and there is no proposal to restore the supply of E0 or E10 petrol. Premium petrol grades - Indian Oil Corp's XP100, Hindustan Petroleum's poWer100 and Bharat Petroleum's Speed100 - are not blended with ethanol because they are niche fuels containing specialised performance-enhancing additives and account for only about 0.5 per cent of total petrol sales.

Karnataka CM backs NEET protests, says issue is about students

Bengaluru (TSIT):

Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Thursday voiced support for student protests over the alleged NEET question paper leak controversy, stating that the issue transcends politics and concerns the future of the country's youth.

Addressing reporters in Bengaluru, Shivakumar said India is at a critical juncture, and students are facing uncertainty amid repeated allegations of examination paper leaks. He remarked that the Prime Minister had spoken on the issue but should have addressed it earlier.



"Today, the country is at a crossroads. Students and youngsters are in a dilemma. There have been more than 100 instances of question paper leaks. The Prime Minister has spoken on the issue today, but he

should have spoken at the very beginning," he said.

Emphasising that the matter should not be politicised, the Chief Minister said India's students are globally recognised for their talent and serve as ambassadors of the nation. He added that every government has a duty to ensure transparent examinations and provide quality education.

Responding to demands for Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation, Shivakumar said there should be no attempt to shield anyone. "There is no question of safeguarding anyone.

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KTR sends legal notice to CM Revanth over student death remark



Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) served a legal notice to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy demanding a public apology within 48 hours, after the latter held the former responsible for the death of 27 Telangana students in 2019.

KTR while speaking at a protest in his Assembly constituency of Kodangal on Wednesday, July 22. He alleged that Globarena Technologies was a 'benami' company of KTR that indulged in irregularities in the evaluation of Intermediate (11th and 12th standard) exam papers in 2019.

"CBSE had to cancel the evaluation process due to irregularities and take up the task all over again. This has led to the suicides. KTR spoke to BJP leaders in Delhi and got a contract," he claimed. Categorizedly denying any connection with Globarena Technologies, KTR's notice stated, "Chief Minister Revanth Reddy made false, malicious and defamatory statements in a public gathering and later shared them on social media and other public platforms, lacking sufficient evidence. The statements were widely circulated by television channels, newspapers and digital platforms, causing serious damage to Rama Rao's reputation."

43 cybercrime cases per 1 lakh population in Telangana

Hyderabad: Telangana's cybercrime and economic offence rates are running far above the national average, a NITI Aayog-backed study has found, even as a separate World Economic Forum (WEF) report has flagged cyber insecurity as India's biggest national risk over the next two years. The Investment Friendliness Index 2026 found that Telangana reported 43 cybercrime cases per lakh population, against a national average of five, and 75 economic offence cases per lakh population, compared with a national average of 16, placing the state among the poorest performers on both counts. The report said the high incidence of cyber and economic offences could raise concerns about the state's institutional environment



and dent investor confidence if not addressed effectively. The findings come against the backdrop of the WEF's Global Risks Report 2026, which ranked cyber insecurity as the sixth most severe global risk over the next two years and the top national risk for India. The report said rapid digitisation, artificial intelligence (AI), misinformation campaigns and geopolitical tensions

were increasing vulnerabilities in digital systems worldwide. Of the 116 economies covered by the WEF's Executive Opinion Survey, only nine identified cyber insecurity among their most serious national risks. Besides India, Azerbaijan and Mali also ranked it as their top concern, while several European nations flagged the threat of cyber attacks and cyber warfare. The concern is reflected in India's rising cybercrime numbers. According to National Crime Records Bureau data, the country registered 1,01,928 cybercrime cases in 2024, a 17.9 per cent rise from 86,420 cases in 2023. Online fraud accounted for nearly three-fourths of all cybercrime cases, with 73,987 incidents reported nationwide.

KITS Warangal to host Alumni Meet, Silver Jubilee Reunion on July 25

Warangal, July 23 (TSIT): The Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science (KITS), Warangal Alumni Association (KITSWAA) will organise the Alumni Meet and Silver Jubilee Reunion - Class of 2001 on July 25 at 10 a.m. at the Auditorium (NLR Shed) on the KITS Warangal campus. KITS Warangal Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy said the reunion is being organised to celebrate the memories, achievements and enduring bond of the 2001 batch. Alumni from across India and abroad are expected to participate in the event.



C. Sridhar Reddy, President of the KITSWAA National Executive Council, will be the chief guest, while former Rajya Sabha Member and KITS Chairman Capt. V. Lakshminantha Rao will preside over the inaugural session. P. Narayana Reddy, Treasurer of KITS, will attend as the guest of honour. Former Husnabad MLA and KITS Additional Secretary Vothithala Satish Kumar, along with Dr. M. Srikanth, Dr. O. Anjaneyulu, Dr. D. Prabhakara Chary, faculty members, staff and alumni, will also participate in the programme. The Silver Jubilee Reunion aims to provide alumni with an opportunity to reconnect with their alma mater.

Collector directs 100% crop insurance enrolment for farmers amid El Niño threat

Tirupati, July 23 (TSIT): District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar on Thursday directed officials to ensure that every eligible farmer in the district is enrolled under the Crop Insurance Scheme, keeping in view the possible adverse impact of the El Niño phenomenon. Chairing a video conference with district, division and mandal-level officials from the Collectorate, the Collector reviewed the progress of crop insurance enrolment, awareness campaigns, village-wise coverage and issues affecting implementation. He instructed all departments to work in coordination to achieve complete enrol-



ment within the stipulated time. Dr. Venkateswar described crop insurance as a vital financial safeguard against natural calamities, including drought, heavy rains, cyclones and El Niño-related weather conditions. He directed Mandal Agricultural Officers and bank managers to jointly organise awareness meetings for farmers, particularly crop loan beneficiaries, and explain the benefits of the scheme.

Congress stages dharna in Shadnagar over police action on NEET protesters

Rangareddy, July 23 (TSIT): Congress leaders, led by Government Corporation Chairman and Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar, staged a dharna at the Shadnagar main junction on Thursday, protesting the alleged police action against students demonstrating in Delhi over the alleged NEET paper leak. Addressing the gathering, Veerlapalli Shankar expressed solidarity with the injured students and alleged that the use of force



against peaceful protesters was against the democratic spirit. He said students demanding accountability in the alleged NEET paper leak case should be heard instead of being subjected to police action. The MLA alleged that repeated question paper leaks had undermined the

confidence of lakhs of students and parents in the country's examination system. He demanded stringent action against those responsible for the alleged irregularities and urged the Central Government to take effective measures to prevent such incidents in future. Veerlapalli Shankar also demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, holding him morally responsible for the con-

troversy. He criticised the Centre for allegedly avoiding a discussion on the issue in Parliament despite repeated demands from the Opposition and called on the government to safeguard the future of students. Congress leaders and party workers participating in the protest raised slogans condemning the alleged police action and demanded transparency, accountability and fairness in the conduct of national-level entrance examinations.

CCTV cameras must for crime prevention: DCP.

Mancherla, July 23, TSIT : Mancherla DCP A. Bhaskar has urged business establishments and public service institutions to install quality CCTV cameras to prevent crime and ensure public safety.



During surprise inspections of jewellery shops in Mancherla on Thursday as part of a community contact programme, the DCP said CCTV cameras should cover the interiors, entrances, rear areas and adjoining roads to help detect and apprehend offenders quickly. He said 24x7 armed patrolling was being conducted in Mancherla, Naspur, Srirampur and Ramakrishnapur, besides intensified patrolling on national highways.

Operation Muskaan rescues 85 children in Jogulamba Gadwal

Jogulamba Gadwal, July 23 (TSIT): District Superintendent of Police T. Srinivasa Rao, IPS, reviewed the progress of Operation Muskaan-12 and directed officials to intensify efforts to eliminate child labour and ensure the effective implementation of the statewide child rescue programme across the district. The SP said two special police teams have been conducting inspections since July 1 in coordination with the Women and Child Welfare Department, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Labour Department and other concerned departments to



identify and rescue vulnerable children. Warning of stringent action against child labour, Srinivasa Rao said criminal cases would be registered against those

employing children below 14 years, while employers engaging adolescents aged 14 to 18 years would face legal action and counselling as per the provisions of law. He added that rescued children are being shifted to shelter homes for rehabilitation and care. Reviewing the progress of the drive up to July 22, the SP said 85 children, including 81 boys and four girls, had been rescued. Of them, 67 were from Telangana and 18 belonged to other states. Police have registered 24

FIRs against employers violating child labour laws. The SP said the district police remain committed to protecting children's rights and ensuring that every rescued child receives proper care and rehabilitation under Operation Muskaan-12. The review meeting was attended by Additional SP K. Shankar, DCRB CI Tata Babu, Child Welfare Committee Chairperson Sahadevudu, DWO Officer Sunanda, representatives of the Labour, Revenue, Health and Education departments, Child Helpline officials, and members of the Operation Muskaan police teams.

MMC Launches 'Project Udvasana' for Dignified Disposal of Damaged Religious Idols

Hyderabad, TSIT: Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) has launched "Project Udvasana" a first-of-its-kind initiative to ensure the respectful and environmentally responsible disposal of old and damaged deity idols and religious portraits. Announcing the initiative, Municipal Commissioner T. Vinay Krishna Reddy, said the programme, being implemented in collaboration with Loop Sustainability, aims to protect the environment while preserving India's cultural and reli-



gious traditions. He urged residents not to discard damaged idols or deity portraits in garbage bins or public places but instead hand them over at designated temples for proper ceremonial disposal. As

part of the initiative, temple priests will perform traditional Vedic rituals before trained volunteers carry out the Udvassana process in accordance with religious customs. The first phase of the programme will be conducted on July 25 at three designated temples across the corporation limits one each in Malkajgiri, Uppala, and LB Nagar zones. Citizens have been requested to bring old or damaged religious idols and framed deity pictures to these locations.

Commissioner also invited volunteers to participate in the programme by registering through the official social media platforms of Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (@MCMalkajgiri) on Instagram, Facebook and X. He appealed to the public to actively support Project Udvassana, stating that the initiative would help uphold religious sentiments while promoting scientific and sustainable management of sacred waste, making the city cleaner and more environmentally conscious.

SP, MLA inaugurate CCTV surveillance system in Nagarkurnool



Nagarkurnool, July 23 (TSIT): Nagarkurnool MLA Dr. Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy and District Superintendent of Police Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil on Thursday inaugurated a modern CCTV surveillance system installed at the Nagarkurnool Town Police Station to strengthen public safety and crime prevention. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rajesh Reddy said the installation of advanced CCTV cameras aims to make the town safer through the effective

use of technology. He noted that the surveillance system would play a key role in crime prevention, traffic management and protecting the lives and property of citizens, while enhancing the efficiency of policing. District SP Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil said the CCTV network would facilitate quicker detection and investigation of crimes. He appealed to residents to cooperate with the police by installing CCTV cameras in their localities to improve community security.

Pensioners Demand Early Release of Health Cards, Pending Dues

Khammam urban (TSIT): Hundreds of retired government employees staged a protest in Khammam on Thursday, demanding the immediate resolution of their long-pending issues, including the release of health cards, implementation of the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) report and clearance of six pending Dearness Allowance (DA) instalments. Addressing the district executive meeting of the Telangana State Retired Employees' Association after the protest, MLC Pingili Sripathi Reddy said there had been delays in extending benefits to pensioners. He said he had taken up the issue of errors in the health card system with the Chief Minister and would strive to ensure that the revised health cards are issued within a week. He also assured pensioners that he would pur-



sue the implementation of the PRC recommendations and release of pending DAs. Association State President Peri Venkata Reddy thanked the government for giving the organisation representation on the Health Card Trust Board. He warned that if pending retirement benefits of employees who retired after March 2024 were not cleared within a month, the association would launch statewide

protests involving its members across all 33 districts. District General Secretary Talluri Venu said representatives from various mandals attended the executive meeting and reviewed the organisation's activities over the past six months. He urged the government to implement court orders, modernise the wellness centre at the Khammam Government Hospital and ensure the availability of full-time doctors.

SATS MD Dr.A.Soni Bala Devi Congratulates Shuttler Kidambi Srikanth



Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Sports Authority Managing Director Dr. A. Soni Bala Devi congratulated India's star shuttler Kidambi Srikanth for his outstanding performance in finishing as the runner-up at the BWF US Open Super 300 Badminton Tournament held recently in California, USA. Dr. Soni Bala Devi praised Srikanth for once again making the nation proud with his remarkable achievement on the international stage and said his performance would inspire young badminton players across the country. Kidambi Srikanth paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Soni Bala Devi at the LB Stadium on Thursday.

Journalists' rights protection is TJA's priority.

Mancherla, Jul 23, TSIT : The Telangana Journalists Association (TJA) is committed to protecting the rights

food to elderly people, highlighting their commitment to social responsibility. Later, Mr. Suresh cut a cake at



and welfare of journalists and working for the speedy resolution of their problems, said TJA district president Parvathi Suresh. The 12th anniversary celebrations of the TJA were held in Mancherla on Thursday under the leadership of Mr. Suresh, following the directions of the association's founder-president Uppala Laxman and the State committee. As part of the celebrations, journalists served

the association office to mark the occasion. A large number of journalists and association members participated in the celebrations and exchanged greetings. The speakers said the TJA had played a key role in bringing journalists across Telangana together and strengthening their unity. They appreciated the efforts of founder-president Uppala Laxman in building the association into a strong organisation in the State.

Congress Holds Dharna in Keshampet Against Arrest of Rahul Gandhi, Alleges Police Excesses on Students

RANGAREDDY (TSIT) Congress leaders and workers staged a dharna in Keshampet on Thursday, protesting the arrest of Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders, while condemning the alleged police action against students demonstrating over the NEET paper leak issue in Delhi.

The protest was led by Keshampet Mandal Congress Committee President Anumagalla Ramesh. Former ZPTC Tandra Vishala Shravan Reddy, mandal Congress leaders, village sarpanches and a large number of party workers participated in the demonstration. Addressing the gathering,



the Congress leaders alleged that the Central Government had failed to act decisively against those responsible for the alleged NEET paper leak, leaving lakhs of students anxious about their future.

They claimed that students who were peacefully protesting were subjected to a lathi charge and criticized the arrest of Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders for supporting the students' cause, describing the actions as undemocratic. The leaders demanded that Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resign, taking moral responsibility for the controversy.

They also called for a comprehensive and independent investigation into the alleged NEET paper leak, strict action against those responsible, action against officials allegedly involved in the police action on students, and the immediate withdrawal of cases registered against Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders. The Congress leaders further urged the Central Government to introduce a transparent and credible examination system to protect the interests of students and ensure that such incidents do not recur. They asserted that the party would continue its democratic protests until justice is ensured for students and their rights are safeguarded.

Emotional Bond With Singareni Must Be Preserved



from private miners and imported coal.

The Deputy CM directed officials to ensure that overburden material does not mix with coal during blasting and loading operations, warning that poor-quality coal would increase transport costs and reduce efficiency at thermal power plants. He instructed the manage-

ment to supply only quality coal to TSGENCO and other customers while maintaining strict monitoring at every loading point. Bhatti said Singareni should adopt a long-term strategy by actively participating in future coal block auctions and planning for the state's rising power demand over the next decade.

Bribery Allegations Persist at Sub-Registrar Offices Despite ACB Raids

Hyderabad City TSIT July 23:Allegations of wide-spread corruption continue to plague Sub-Registrar Offices across Medchal-Malkajgiri district, with citizens claiming that registrations of properties are delayed or withheld unless illegal payments are made through intermediaries. Despite repeated raids by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and vigilance authorities, residents allege that the practice of collecting bribes remains unchecked.

According to allegations made by property owners and document writers, different rates are reportedly being fixed for various registration-related services in several Sub-Registrar Offices. Citizens claim that files do not move unless money is paid through out-



sourcing staff or middlemen, while officials allegedly raise unnecessary objections even when all required documents are in order.

Sources alleged that bribes ranging from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000 are being demanded for individual property registrations, while larger transactions reportedly involve payments running into several lakhs of rupees. It is further alleged that registrations of plots in unauthorised layouts are being processed after collecting illegal gratification, with little scrutiny of statutory

approvals. Complaints have also surfaced that certain non-layout plots are being registered despite the absence of mandatory Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) approvals and link documents. Allegations further suggest that plots located on assigned lands, lake buffer zones and other disputed properties are also being registered in violation of prescribed norms after payment of bribes.

The allegations come despite recent ACB and vigilance inspections at Sub-Registrar Offices, including Narapally, Quthbullapur and Kukatpally. During the inspections, several document writers were reportedly found involved in irregular practices.

Ponnam reviews El Niño preparedness, urges farmers to shift to less water-intensive crops



Husnabad, July 23 (TSIT): State Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Thursday directed officials to work in coordination to minimise the impact of the anticipated El Niño-induced rainfall deficit and ensure that people do not face hardships. Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Integrated Officers' Complex in Husnabad with the Collectors of Siddipet, Karimnagar and Hanumakonda districts, the Minister reviewed contingen-

cy measures and preparations across departments. Citing meteorological forecasts of below-normal rainfall, he appealed to farmers to avoid cultivating paddy and instead opt for less water-intensive crops such as red gram, pulses, maize and millets. He also encouraged oil palm cultivation, announcing an incentive of Rs.5 lakh for villages bringing 100-200 acres under the crop. Ponnam instructed officials to ensure adequate drinking water supply, monitor groundwater levels weekly.

Collector inspects Husnabad Hospital, directs speedy completion of new facility



poor patients through efficient medical services.

During the inspection, the Collector reviewed attendance registers, outpatient records and duty schedules, and instructed doctors, nurses and other staff to maintain punctuality and deliver quality free healthcare to patients. Noting that the hospital caters to people from several surrounding areas, she stressed the need to build confidence among

tors and staff from nearby hospitals be deputed to Husnabad on a priority basis. Later, Haimavathi inspected the construction of the Rs.82-crore 250-bed government hospital within the campus. While appreciating the pace of work, she instructed engineering officials and the contractor to complete the project within the stipulated timeframe while strictly adhering to quality standards.

Remain Vigilant in Crime Control: District SP

Mahabub Nagar July 23 (TSIT): District SP Smt. D. Janaki, IPS, Conducts Annual Inspection of Musapet Police Station As part of the annual inspection programme, Mahabubnagar District Superintendent of Police (SP) Smt. D. Janaki, IPS, inspected the Musapet Police Station on Thursday. During the visit, she thoroughly examined the police station premises, station administration, and maintenance of official records. The SP reviewed the crime situation within the police station limits, including pending cases, rowdy sheets, suspect



sheets, and the progress of bind-over cases. She instructed officers to remain constantly vigilant in preventing crime, maintain close surveillance over habitual offenders, and initiate prompt legal action against criminal elements. She directed the police personnel to receive complainants courteously, lis-

ten patiently to their grievances, and ensure that complaints are resolved promptly and in accordance with the law. She emphasized that every victim should receive a timely response to strengthen public confidence in the police department. The SP also instructed officials to maintain cleanliness in and around the

police station, keep all records updated, and ensure efficient station management without any lapses. She advised the staff to discharge their duties with discipline and dedication, thereby enhancing the reputation of the department.

Later, the SP held a special interaction with the station staff to understand their departmental requirements and operational difficulties. She advised them to bring any issues encountered during duty to the notice of senior officers and stated that they could approach the District SP's office directly whenever necessary.

Regional Yoga Meet begins at Palair Navodaya



Paleru, July 23 (TSIT): The Regional Level Yoga Meet-2026 is being held at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Palair, with the participation of 144 students from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Karnataka and Puducherry. The event aims to promote yoga while enhancing students' physical fitness, mental well-being

and discipline. Individual and team competitions are being conducted in various categories, with the meet scheduled to conclude on July 24. In-charge Principal Venkataramana said the winners of the regional competition will qualify for the National Level Yoga Meet, to be held in Punjab from August 30 to September 2.

Police conducted a special blockade

Bhadradri Kothagudem (TSIT): A special blockade was conducted in all police stations of Bhadradri Kothagudem district from 08.00 am to 10.00 am on Thursday. The SP Rohith raj said that vehicle checks, drunk and drive tests, and checks through fingerprint devices were carried out with a prestigious plan to prevent any anti-social

driving without a driving license, 308 vehicles were found to have been modified in violation of the regulations or without a number plate, 524 were not wearing helmets, 106 were not wearing seat belts, 14 vehicles were driven by minors, and 4 vehicles had their silencers modified illegally. It was revealed that 07 drunk and drive cases were registered



Clear CMR dues immediately: Additional Collector.



Mancherla, July 23, TSIT : District Additional Collector (Revenue) V. Ramulu directed rice millers to clear all pending Custom Milled Rice (CMR) dues for the 2025-26 kharif and rabi seasons and hand over the rice to the government within the stipulated deadline. During inspections of rice mills in Jannaram and Dandepalli mandals on Thursday, Mr. Ramulu reviewed the progress of

pending CMR deliveries. He warned that paddy allotted to mills that failed to complete the CMR process within the deadline would be shifted to better-performing mills. He also reviewed the SIR process at the Jannaram and Dandepalli tahsildar offices and directed officials to prioritise applications pending for over 60 days under Sadabainama, Bhu Bharati and Revenue Sadassus.

Political Parties Should Cooperate to Expedite the SIR Process: Collector

Mahabubnagar District Collector Khushboo Gupta has appealed to all political parties to extend their full cooperation in ensuring that the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls is completed swiftly, transparently, impartially, and without errors.

Chairing a meeting with representatives of political parties at the Collectorate on Thursday, the Collector reviewed the progress of the SIR exercise and explained the actions taken on issues raised during the previous meeting. She said that digitization of SIR records is progressing rapidly in the Mahabubnagar, Jadcherla, and Devarakadra Assembly constituencies.

The Collector informed that 79.62% of the digitization process has already been complet-



ed across the district, while 86.55% of the enumeration forms have been received and verified. As the Election Commission has extended the deadline for submission of enumeration forms until August 3, voters now have additional time to complete the process. She stated that Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs), and Booth

Level Officers (BLOs) are actively creating awareness among voters and expediting the process at the field level. Any issues faced by field staff are being resolved promptly through coordination with the concerned departments. The Collector also said that, as per the directions of the Chief Electoral Officer, the rationalization of polling stations has been initiated.

NEET ROLLBACK, RELEASE OF ARRESTED STUDENTS DEMANDED

Khammam town (TSIT): The Telangana State Committee of CPI(ML) Mass Line condemned the police action against protesters during a demonstration organised by the Cockroach Janata Party in New Delhi, demanding the withdrawal of the NEET examination system. The party also sought the



resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, withdrawal of cases against students and activists, and the release of those arrested. Addressing a press conference after the party's three-day state committee meeting in Khammam, State Secretary Potu Rangarao alleged that the Centre's handling of the issue had caused distress among students.

activities throughout the district. He said that the drunk and drive checks were carried out as part of curbing the illegal trafficking of drugs like ganja and preventing road accidents, and the fingerprints of everyone were checked through fingerprint devices to find old criminals. He said that this blockade was carried out at the main intersections, national highways, main roads and villages within the limits of all sub-divisions across the district.

A total of 3714 vehicles were inspected in these special inspections. Of these, 2384 were two-wheelers, 987 were four-wheelers, and 434 were lorries.

During the inspections, 510 people were found to be

in these inspections. Also, 15 unlicensed vehicles were seized, and a stolen two-wheeler was identified and seized during the inspections. Similarly, 7 two-wheelers were seized.

764 spot-sprays were imposed on the vehicles of those who violated the regulations, and fines were collected from 1567 vehicles.

Speaking on the occasion, SP Rohit Raju advised people to follow traffic rules, wear helmets and seat belts, and drive vehicles with a valid driving license. He warned against giving vehicles to minors and against driving under the influence of alcohol. He said that such special blockade programs will continue continuously in the district for crime control and public safety.



AP Launches ‘Mee Bhoomi-Blockchain’ Pilot for Tamper-Proof Land Records

Visakhapatnam (TSIT): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday launched the "Mee Bhoomi-Blockchain" pilot project, aimed at creating tamper-proof land records and reducing land disputes across the state. The initiative is part of the government's efforts to make Andhra Pradesh a land litigation-free state.

The blockchain-based system integrates the Revenue, Survey and Registration departments on a single platform, assigns a unique digital ID to every land parcel, and ensures secure, transparent and tamper-proof land transactions. It is also designed to prevent duplicate registrations and improve the accuracy and security of land records.

The pilot project is being implemented in seven mandals across seven districts, covering 89 re-survey villages and more than 1.37 lakh land parcels. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to closely monitor the project for two months, identify and rectify any shortcomings, and roll out the blockchain-based land records system across Andhra Pradesh from November 2026. He said the initiative would provide permanent security to land records and help resolve long-pending land-related disputes.

KNOTS Aerospace Plans Rs.100 Crore Flight Training Academy in Andhra Pradesh

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Representatives of KNOTS Aerospace Pvt. Ltd., led by Athiraj Singh Chawla, met Andhra Pradesh Minister for Investments and Infrastructure B.C. Janardhan Reddy at the Secretariat on Thursday and expressed interest in investing in the state.

The Delhi-based aviation training company proposed setting up a Flight Training Organisation (FTO) at either Nagarjuna Sagar Airport or Kurnool Airport. The project envisages an investment of around Rs.100 crore over the next five years and is expected to generate employment for about 100 people.

The company also informed the Minister that it plans to expand its fleet of training aircraft from six to 20 within five years, strengthening pilot training infrastructure and creating world-class aviation training opportunities. Welcoming the proposal, Minister B.C. Janardhan Reddy said the project would boost employment and help develop skilled manpower for the aviation sector.



PNB Signs MoU with Andhra Pradesh to Set Up Quantum Finance Innovation Hub in Amaravati

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Andhra Pradesh government to establish a Quantum Finance Innovation Hub at the Amaravati Quantum Computing Centre. The agreement was signed in the presence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and PNB Managing Director & CEO Ashok Chandra. The proposed hub will focus on strengthening cybersecurity in banking, detecting financial fraud, securing future digital financial systems, and promoting research and innovation in quantum computing and artificial intelligence (AI). It will also serve as a collaborative platform for industry, academic institutions, startups, research organisations, and government agencies to develop next-generation financial technologies.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said the initiative is another significant step towards transforming Amaravati into a global hub for quantum and deep technologies. He emphasized the need to improve digital literacy among banking customers and the public while leveraging advanced technologies to curb cybercrime and enhance the security of digital transactions. PNB MD & CEO Ashok Chandra said the Quantum Finance Innovation Hub will help build secure, efficient, and future-ready digital banking solutions through the use of quantum technologies. Senior officials of PNB and Amaravati Quantum Mission Director C.V. Sridhar were also present at the event.

Bhumana Karunakar Reddy's Arrest is Inevitable: Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu



Tirupati:MLA Arani Srinivasulu stated that the arrest of former MLA Bhumana Karunakar Reddy, who is involved in land encroachments and various irregularities, is inevitable and will happen soon. He said that the law is taking its own course in the land grabbing case involving Bhumana Karunakar Reddy. Speaking to the media at his office on Thursday evening, Arani Srinivasulu described Bhumana's claim — that the NDA coalition government and the Chief Minister are taking over his lands out of political vendetta — as ridiculous.

Professionals should understand Constitution: N. Srikrishna

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Commercial Taxes Assistant Commissioner N. Srikrishna said that the Indian Constitution serves as a guiding light, defining the rights and responsibilities of every citizen. He emphasized that professionals, especially those in engineering and medicine, should have a sound understanding of the Constitution to effectively serve society. Addressing newly admitted students at GITAM Deemed to be University in Visakhapatnam on Thursday, he appreciated the institution for introducing a special course on the Constitution. He noted that the Constitution recognizes the right to live in an environment with clean air and water as a fundamental right and urged engineering professionals to prioritize environmental protection while undertaking infrastructure projects.



He said the Constitution safeguards democracy and promotes unity among people of all castes, religions, and sections of society. Calling upon the youth to understand the values and philosophy enshrined in the Constitution, he stated that visionary leaders such as Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad framed an exemplary structure projects.

Constitution with the nation's progress and integrity in mind. He added that the Constitution has the power to unite the country and stressed the importance of the younger generation reading and understanding it. Senior GITAM University officials Dr. Vikram and Dr. Sai, faculty members, and students from various departments participated in the program.



Technology-driven, people-friendly policing vital: CM Naidu

Visakhapatnam, July 23 (TSIT): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday called for a technology-driven and people-friendly policing system, stressing the need to modernise law enforcement to effectively tackle emerging crimes.

Addressing senior IPS officers at the AP Police Retreat 2026 – Future Policing Conference, the Chief Minister said the nature of crime has changed significantly, making it essential to strengthen policing through advanced technology, improved infrastructure and institutional reforms.

He emphasised the need for visible policing, stronger action against cybercrime, crimes against women and drug abuse, while ensuring that police remain friendly towards the public and uncompromising with criminals. Highlighting the role of technology in crime detection, Naidu cited the successful recovery of the stolen Anjaneya Swamy idol from the Tirumala footpath as an example of effective technology-enabled policing. The Chief Minister also underlined the importance of prompt police action to curb misinformation and maintain public confidence. He called for strengthening forensic science facilities and dog squad units, enhancing public awareness on the dangers of drug abuse and ensuring efficient law enforcement to safeguard peace and public safety.

Senior IPS officers presented recommendations on future policing strategies during the two-day conference, which focused on emerging security challenges and technology-based policing solutions.



World champion archer Jyothi Surekha meets AP Sports Minister

Visakhapatnam, July 23(TSIT):International archer and world champion Jyothi Surekha Vennam on Thursday met Andhra Pradesh Minister for Transport, Youth Services and Sports Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy at the State Secretariat.

During the meeting, Jyothi Surekha briefed the Minister on her recent achievements at the Archery World Cup and presented details of the medals she won. She was accompanied by her father.

Congratulating the ace archer, Ramprasad Reddy praised her for bringing laurels to the country through her outstanding international performances. He expressed confidence that she would continue to achieve greater success on the global stage.

The Minister said Jyothi Surekha's accomplishments would inspire aspiring sportspersons across Andhra Pradesh and reiterated the State Government's commitment to extending all necessary support to athletes to help them excel in national and international competitions.

PAC Reviews Labour Cess Collection in Building Permissions at VMRDA



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) : The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Public Accounts Committee (PAC), chaired by Pulaparthy Ramanjaneyulu, reviewed the collection of labour cess in building permissions at the VMRDA office on Thursday. During the meeting, VMRDA Metropolitan Commissioner N. Tej Bharat presented details on the collection and transfer of labour cess. Officials clarified that while VMRDA grants only technical approvals for building permissions, the collection and remittance of labour cess are the responsibility of the respective local bodies. They added that comprehensive reports from the local bodies would be submitted to the committee. The committee also discussed legal issues relating to plots allotted to farmers after VMRDA layout development, with the Commissioner explaining matters that are currently before the courts. PAC members, MLAs, officials from the Accountant General's office, and senior VMRDA officials attended the meeting. Later, VMRDA Chairman M.V. Pranav Gopal felicitated the PAC Chairman and committee members.

Awareness on Reproductive Health is Essential: Dr. Radhika Potluri

Visakhapatnam (TSIT): Delaying marriage and pregnancy unnecessarily can increase the risk of fertility-related problems, and young couples should plan their families at the appropriate age, said Dr. Radhika Potluri, Fertility Specialist at Oasis Fertility. Addressing a media interaction held as part of the 'Janani Dialogues' initiative at the Oasis Fertility Centre in Siripuram, Visakhapatnam, on Thursday, Dr. Potluri said the campaign is being conducted across 30 cities in India to create awareness about the country's declining Total Fertility Rate (TFR), delayed marriages, and late pregnancies.

She noted that India's TFR has fallen below 1.9, with many individuals choosing to marry after the age of 30 and planning pregnancy only after 35 due to career aspirations and financial priorities. Such delays, she explained, reduce the chances of natural conception and increase the risk of miscarriages and pregnancy-related complications.

Dr. Potluri advised couples to plan pregnancy, wherever possible, during their late 20s or early 30s. She also highlighted fertility preservation options such as egg freezing and sperm freezing for those who need to postpone parenthood for personal or professional reasons. She further stated that Oasis Fertility provides advanced training to fertility specialists across the country. The institution was recently recognized at the ESHRE (European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology) Annual Congress held in London for presenting the highest number of research papers from India.



HANUMAN IDOL RECOVERED WITHIN 14 HOURS

Tirumala, 23 July 2026: In coordination with the TTD Vigilance Department and the District Police, the idol of Lord Hanuman that was stolen near the giant statue of Sri Prasanna Anjaneya Swamy Temple at the Seventh Mile on the First Ghat Road in Tirumala was recovered and reinstalled.

After the ceremonial Puja, TTD Additional Executive Officer Sri Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary said that the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) played a key role in tracing the accused. Using the luggage/mobile deposit receipt, Facial Recognition System (FRS), and CCTV footage, officials identified the accused while he was leaving after Darshan. The accused was arrested and the idol was recovered within 14 hours, he maintained.

To prevent such incidents in future, TTD will install protective grills around small temples and idols along the Ghat Road and strengthen surveillance with high-quality CCTV cameras.

He appealed to devotees to respect the sanctity of the idols along the Tirumala Ghat Roads and requested them to immediately report any suspicious activity to the TTD Toll-Free Helpline or Vigilance officials.



Ready for further talks with CJP either at my office or residence: Nadda

NEW DELHI (TSIT) : Amid the ongoing students' protests led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), Union minister J P Nadda on Thursday said the government is ready for further talks with the protesting youth which can be held either at his office or residence.

Nadda's remarks bear significance as the CJP, which has been spearheading the youth protest at Jantar Mantar over NEET paper leak, has announced that it will hold next round of talks with the government either at protest venue or a neutral place. Two representatives of CJP on Monday held first round of talks with Nadda at his residence where they placed their demands, including res-



ignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Asked if the government is ready for another round of talks with the CJP, Nadda told reporters in the Parliament House complex, "Yes, we are ready". "They can come either to my residence or my office," he said when asked about the venue of meeting. Earlier in the day, Nadda invited the

CJP for talks, but its leaders turned down the proposal, according to sources. On Wednesday too, the CJP had been invited for talks with Nadda, but it turned down the invitation, saying it will hold talks with the government only at a neutral venue. "An invitation was sent to the CJP by J P Nadda for talks today, but those sitting on the

stage at the protest site turned down the invitation," a source told PTI. Addressing a press briefing at the Jantar Mantar on Wednesday, where the CJP has been camping since last month demanding accountability over the NEET paper 'leak' and resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, its chief spokesperson Saurav Das said police informed that Nadda invited them to his residence for a discussion. "We refused to go to anyone's house or office. The people's court is here. Ministers should come among the people. If they want to talk, it should be held at the Jantar Mantar," Das said.

El Niño Action Plan to Be Submitted to Chief Minister Soon Minister Tummala

Hyderabad, July 23 (TSIT): Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, Handlooms & Textiles Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Thursday said the Telangana Government would prepare a comprehensive State-level action plan based on district-wise recommendations received on tackling the impact of El Niño and submit it to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Secretariat, the Minister said the action plan was being prepared following district-level review meetings conducted under the leadership of in-charge ministers, as directed by the Chief Minister after discussions in the State



Cabinet. Referring to the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast, Tummala said El Niño conditions are expected to continue in the coming months, intensify by September, and could become severe by December, affecting both the Kharif and Rabi seasons. He urged farm-

ers to reconsider paddy cultivation, particularly in view of the prevailing rainfall deficit. The Minister noted that 23 districts have recorded deficient rainfall, while inadequate rains in upstream states such as Maharashtra and Karnataka have reduced the likelihood of substan-

tial inflows into the Godavari and Krishna rivers. He advised officials to discourage paddy cultivation even under borewells, citing rapidly declining groundwater levels and limited water availability in irrigation reservoirs. Tummala directed officials to create awareness among farmers about the risks of water-intensive crops and encourage a shift towards pulses, millets, oilseeds, vegetables, horticultural crops, and micro-irrigation. He instructed departments to ensure advance availability of seeds, credit facilities, drip irrigation equipment and sprinklers, while making use of Rythu Vedikas as seed distribution centres wherever necessary.

Bank of Baroda marks 119th Foundation Day with digital, MSME initiatives



Mumbai, July 20 (TSIT): Bank of Baroda celebrated its 119th Foundation Day by launching a series of digital, retail and MSME initiatives under the theme "Leading with Trust", reaffirming its commitment to innovation, customer trust and sustainable growth.

The bank unveiled a range of new offerings, including the upgraded bob World mobile banking platform, AAROHAN GCIC (Global Capability, Innovation & Transformation Centre) and ADITI 2.0, an AI-powered multilingual virtual banking assistant designed to deliver intelligent and personalised customer service. Cricket legend and the bank's Global Brand Ambassador Sachin Tendulkar, who attended the celebrations as the Guest of Honour, inaugurated the new digital initiatives aimed at strengthen-

ing the bank's technology-driven transformation. The bank also introduced bob Elev8 Home Loan, bob Green PLUG lending scheme for financing EV charging and battery-swapping infrastructure, and the bob Agniveer MSME Financing Scheme to support small businesses and entrepreneurs. As part of its financial inclusion drive, Bank of Baroda inaugurated 119 new Business Correspondent (BC) outlets across the country to improve banking access in rural and underserved regions. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Debadatta Chand, Managing Director and CEO of Bank of Baroda, said the theme "Leading with Trust" reflects the values that have guided the bank for more than a century. He said the bank will continue to focus on strengthening customer trust, driving innovation.

Municipal Corruption Allegations Surface Over Building Approvals and Property Services

Hyderabad City TSIT July 20: Serious allegations of corruption have surfaced in several municipal circles across the Medchal-Malkajgiri district, with residents claiming that building permissions, property mutations and house number allotments are being processed only after payment of illegal gratification. Citizens have also alleged that senior officials have failed to curb irregularities despite repeated complaints.

Although the State Government introduced the Build Now system to simplify and bring transparency to the building permission process, residents allege that corruption continues unabated in several municipalities and municipal corporations. They claim that online applications for building permissions and land mutations are often approved without proper scrutiny, resulting in violations of planning norms and unauthorised constructions. According to official sources, nearly 5,103 applications related to building permissions and other civic services were



received in municipal circles and municipalities under the Malkajgiri and Cyberabad municipal jurisdictions during the past six months. Residents have alleged that irregularities are widespread in the Town Planning and Revenue wings, where officials are accused of overlooking mandatory checks while processing applications. Under the existing regulations, applications for residential buildings on plots measuring between 75 and 120 square yards are required to undergo detailed verification, including compliance with setback norms and approved building plans. However,

allegations suggest that permissions are being granted even where these requirements are not fully met. Citizens further alleged that while applications violating norms were rejected in the past, the Build Now system has made approvals easier without adequate field verification. They claim that some officials and intermediaries are demanding money during assessment and approval processes and that buildings violating planning regulations are being regularised instead of being penalised. Allegations have also been raised that measurements of commercial complexes and multi-storied buildings are being deliberately understated to facilitate approvals, resulting in loss of revenue to local bodies and encouraging unauthorised construction. Residents have urged the State Government to conduct a comprehensive inquiry into the functioning of Town Planning and Revenue wings in municipal circles and municipalities across the district.

Complete SIR digitisation within deadline: Collector.

Mancherial, July 23, tsit : District Collector Kumar Deepak has directed officials to complete the digitisation of enumeration forms collected as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls within the stipulated deadline. At a review meeting with representatives of recognised political parties, held at the



Collectorate in Naspur on Thursday, Mr. Deepak said nearly 90% of the digitisation process had been completed in the district and the remaining work would be completed ahead of the deadline.

He said a large number of anomalies had been identified in the district and notices would be issued to the concerned electors after completion of the digitisation process. There was no need for electors to panic on receiving notices, as they could retain their voting rights by submitting the documents specified in the notices, he said.

Jaggareddy demands Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation over NEET paper leak



Sangareddy, July 23 (TSIT): TPCC Working President T. Jagga Reddy on Thursday demanded the immediate resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, holding him responsible for the alleged NEET examination paper leak, and accused the BJP-led Centre of jeopardising the future of students. Addressing a Congress meeting at Classic Garden in Sangareddy in support of Rahul Gandhi's nationwide campaign for students, Jagga Reddy alleged that the NEET paper leak had adversely affected lakhs of aspirants across the country. He warned that the people would hold the BJP accountable if students'

futures continued to be compromised. Following the meeting, Congress leaders and workers, dressed in black T-shirts, staged a five-kilometre protest march from Classic Garden to the Gandhi statue at the Old Bus Stand. Referring to the case of a Sangareddy student, Jagga Reddy claimed that she scored 444 marks in her first NEET attempt but only 386 marks in the second attempt, resulting in her failure to qualify. He demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi explain the alleged injustice and sought accountability from the Union Government.

CREDAI announces Hyderabad Property Show 2026

The theme of the property show is 'RATE AAGADHU- DEMAND THAGGADHU' highlighting the city's robust real estate ecosystem, strong buyer confidence, sustained demand with steady price appreciation

Hyderabad: 23rd July, 2026: CREDAI Hyderabad, the city chapter of India's apex body of private real estate developers, today announced the CREDAI Hyderabad Property Show 2026, scheduled to be held from 28th - 30th August 2026 at the Hall 1 & 3 at HITEC Exhibition Centre. The theme of the property show is "Rate Aagadhu - Demand Thaggadhu". The theme underscores the city's robust real estate ecosystem, where strong buyer confidence and sustained demand continue to support steady price appreciation. It is a powerful message that reflects the commitment to empowering homebuyers with a confident call to invest in Hyderabad and make the city their permanent home—credibly and with assurance. This directly addresses the realities of today's market. While global trends shift, Hyderabad's solid infrastructure, booming IT sector, and unique quality of life keep driving property values forward. Instead of waiting for a market

drop that isn't coming, CREDAI is encouraging buyers to step in now and secure assets that will grow with the city. The theme reflects Hyderabad's evolution into a stable, opportunity-rich, and future-ready metropolis, where long-term home ownership offers security, growth, and quality of life. The announcement was made by senior CREDAI Hyderabad leadership, including President N. Jaideep Reddy, President-Elect B. Jagannath Rao in the presence of other office bearers and Managing Committee Members. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. N. Jaideep Reddy, President, CREDAI Hyderabad, said: "We often see buyers waiting on the sidelines, hoping for property prices to cool down. But the reality of Hyderabad is that our infrastructure is expanding rapidly, and the demand for quality spaces is only multiplying. The theme 'Rate Aagadhu - Demand Thaggadhu' reflects the economic truth in the city, where



the property values are tied directly to the city's incredible growth. By bringing the finest RERA-approved projects under one roof this August, we want to give families the confidence to stop waiting, take the leap, and invest in a secure future today." Adding to this, Mr. Reddy said, "The property show is being meticulously planned by Mr. B. Jaipal Reddy, Convener & Mr. B. Vinod Reddy, Co Convener of

Property Show and team to simplify the entire journey of home buyers. The home buyers can evaluate more than 100 RERA approved projects, speak directly with developers, get immediate financial clarity from top banks, and walk away with absolute peace of mind. The highlight of this property show will be a series of curated discussions with government officials, Industry leaders, real estate

research agencies to provide the realistic view of the city's real estate to the prospective homebuyers. This should help them make informed decisions." Mr. B. Jagannath Rao, President-Elect, CREDAI Hyderabad, said: "Buying a home is one of the single largest investments a family makes in their lifetime, which is why transparency and credibility must come first. In today's mar-

ket, we see people second-guessing timing due to pricing trends. Just for the reference Gachibowli market rate per sq ft has increased from Rs.5000 - Rs.10000 over the last few years, just in the last 1 year the rates have increased in the range of Rs.600 - Rs. 750 per sqft. So, in the prime locations the property prices will continue to go up and so will be the demand. The longer you wait to buy the house the more expensive it will become. Therefore, we urge to buy now. Our goal with this property show is to provide 100% verified, RERA-approved projects in the city. The CREDAI Hyderabad Property Show has established itself as a premium, buyer-centric real estate platform, bringing together developers, homebuyers, policymakers, and industry stakeholders from the State. The property show is also designed to take stress out of home-hunting. Rather than spending weekends driving to scattered sites across the city,

families can walk through thousands of verified, RERA-approved options under one roof. The event features everything from budget-friendly apartments and premium gated community villas to commercial spaces and plotted developments, all presented by builders with a proven track record. Recognizing that financing is the biggest hurdle for most buyers, leading banks and financial institutions will be stationed on-site. Visitors can speak face-to-face with loan experts, get their finances evaluated on the spot, and explore competitive interest rates and home loan structures. The exhibition will feature a wide spectrum of residential and commercial offerings, including apartments, villas, plotted developments, and office spaces across Hyderabad. By curating trusted projects under one roof, CREDAI Hyderabad aims to simplify the homebuying process while strengthening transparency and consumer confidence.

EDITORIAL

What Next? Resignation
or a Parliamentary
Debate on Paper Leaks?

The country's Parliament is the supreme forum of democracy, where one expects discussion, accountability, and solutions regarding serious issues concerning the public. However, the way the first three days of the Monsoon Session have been lost to constant uproar and adjournments raises a question once again: will Parliament become a platform for resolving issues of public interest, or will it remain merely an arena for political confrontation?

The primary cause of the current deadlock is the series of alleged paper leak incidents across various competitive examinations nationwide. These incidents have cast a serious shadow of doubt over the futures of lakhs of students, their years of hard work, and the credibility of the entire examination system. Viewing this issue not merely as an administrative failure but as a matter of government accountability, the Opposition remains adamant in its demand for the Education Minister's resignation. On the other hand, the government maintains that it is ready for a detailed discussion on the matter in Parliament and that action is being taken against the guilty. In a democratic system, a minister's resignation should not stem solely from political pressure; rather, it should be based on the determination of responsibility and moral accountability. At the same time, the Opposition's argument cannot be dismissed as entirely baseless: if the government claims credit for its achievements, it must also accept moral responsibility for serious administrative failures. This is precisely why the demand for resignation has become the focal point of the political debate.

Conversely, it is equally important that a serious, fact-based, and comprehensive discussion on this entire episode takes place in Parliament. Mere sloganeering or disrupting the House will neither secure the students' future nor bring about improvements in the examination system. The nation wants to know: why do paper leaks keep occurring? Where do the lapses in security lie? Which organized gangs are operating this entire network? How many individuals have faced action so far? What is the government's concrete strategy to prevent such incidents in the future? A detailed debate in Parliament on these issues would serve the interests of both democracy and the students. Such a debate would establish accountability and clarify the path for reform. However, if the discourse remains limited to demands for resignation and political pushback from the government, the greatest loss will be borne by the millions of young people whose futures hang in the balance amidst this entire controversy. Meanwhile, the student protest at Jantar Mantar in the capital, Delhi, appears to be gaining momentum. Students from various states are converging there, demanding an impartial inquiry, strict action against the guilty, and comprehensive reforms to the examination system. When social activist Sonam Wangchuk was detained during his protest some time ago, it was speculated that the momentum of the demonstrations would wane. However, the current student movement indicates that the youth's anger is not confined to any single individual or organization; rather, it has become a symbol of deepening mistrust in the system.

CJP Protest And Opposition's Never-Ending Search For 'Readymade' Revolts

There is an old habit in Indian Opposition politics: mistaking proximity to public anger for ownership of it. Once a protest acquires critical mass, politicians arrive with predictable urgency. They sit on the dharna carpet, condemn the government, meet the injured, offer legal help, and ensure that cameras record their solidarity. None of this is illegitimate. Opposition parties are expected to stand with citizens confronting the state. But the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) agitation has posed a rather more uncomfortable question: why did so many young Indians have to invent a political language of their own before the Opposition began listening? The CJP did not emerge from a Congress frontal organisation, a Samajwadi Party cadre network, or an AAP campaign. It grew as an irreverent, digitally native expression of discontent and then attached itself to issues of enormous seriousness: examination leaks, unemployment, corruption, and the fear that merit itself is being rendered meaningless. This week, tens of thousands came onto Delhi's streets; police used batons and tear gas during the march towards Parliament, and Sonam Wangchuk's hunger strike gave the protest an additional moral weight. By July 22, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had publicly promised action against those responsible for examination malpractice, while Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan offered reforms and a parliamentary discussion. That a protest created outside conventional Opposition politics has succeeded in forcing the government to respond should worry the Opposition more.



A PROTEST BORN IN POLITICAL VACUUM
At an INDIA bloc meeting in June, Uddhav Thackeray reportedly asked perhaps the most honest question heard in an Opposition conclave for some time: "Have people lost faith in us?" He was referring specifically to the extraordinary traction the CJP had acquired. Akhilesh Yadav, at the same meeting, told Congress to show a "large heart" towards its allies. Omar Abdullah reportedly suggested that the Opposition should engage with the CJP because it was obviously "doing something right". These observations go to the heart of what ails the Opposition. The problem is not the absence of issues. Unemployment, examination irregularities, inflation, institutional questions, and rural distress provide ample political ammunition. Nor is there an absence of prominent leaders. The problem

is the gap between Opposition rhetoric and Opposition conduct. Everyone wants the Congress to fight the BJP nationally, but several parties also need to fight the Congress locally. Congress, meanwhile, wants to be accepted as the natural fulcrum of the Opposition while frequently resisting the compromises that such leadership requires. The current unrest has exposed this contradiction because the students protesting owe no automatic allegiance to any of them. Public anger is not a transferable fixed deposit. A citizen dissatisfied with the BJP does not, by some law of political physics, become a Congress voter. That missing bridge is called trust.

PAWARS AND AMBIGUITY
Few political families illustrate this ambiguity better than the Pawars.

Supriya Sule recently posted a warm photograph with her nephew Parth Pawar on his first day in Parliament as a Rajya Sabha member. Parth belongs to the rival NCP establishment aligned with the ruling side in Maharashtra. There is, of course, nothing improper about an aunt greeting her nephew. Political differences need not become family estrangements.

BUT POLITICS IS ALSO ABOUT SIGNALS.
Soon afterwards, Sharad Pawar and Sule were at Jantar Mantar supporting the. The following day, they met PM Modi in Parliament, amid continuing speculation about the political positioning of the Sharad Pawar faction. Again, meeting a Prime Minister is not political apostasy. Pawar has practised cross-party civility and tactical flexibility for half a century. The larger question is one of political

legibility. Can an Opposition demand an unambiguous verdict against the BJP while some of its own constituents appear permanently available for multiple future arrangements? There was a time when Sharad Pawar's capacity to keep every door ajar was regarded as consummate politics. In today's polarised environment, it can just as easily look like strategic uncertainty. Voters are being asked to choose sides more clearly than politicians themselves seem willing to. This is not merely a Pawar problem. It is an INDIA bloc problem.

AAP'S APPROPRIATING INSTINCTS
Then there is the AAP, which offers an almost perfect political irony. No party in India should understand an autonomous citizens' protest better. AAP itself was born from one. Yet, after Rahul Gandhi,

Priyanka Gandhi, and other Opposition leaders staged a protest near the Prime Minister's residence over the police action against students, AAP leaders accused the Congress of weakening the students' agitation. Atishi called the episode a BJP-Congress "jugalbandi"; Sanjay Singh suggested Rahul's intervention had undermined the protests. Akhilesh Yadav, who joined the protest, was detained along with Congress leaders. There may be legitimate questions about Congress arriving late or attempting to appropriate a protest it did not build. But look at the absurdity produced by competitive Opposition politics: one Opposition party accusing another of damaging an anti-government protest by protesting against the government. Rahul's Opportunity Is Really About Akhilesh Rahul Gandhi nevertheless has an opening. His physical presence in the confrontation and his detention on July 21, gave the Congress visibility on an emotive issue. But the real test of Rahul's politics will not be whether he can occupy Jantar Mantar more effectively than AAP. It will be whether he can build a durable working relationship with Akhilesh Yadav. The Congress-SP partnership in Uttar Pradesh demonstrated its electoral value in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, when the alliance won 43 of the state's 80 seats. Yet with the 2027 Assembly election approaching, seat-sharing remains difficult. The Congress leaders want more space; SP leaders question Congress's organisational strength. Akhilesh has already publicly and privately signalled that Congress must become more accommodative. Rahul must decide what kind of Opposition leader he wishes to be.

A New US-Israel Defence Bill Has Opened An Unexpected Door For India

Claims that the United States has "integrated" its military with Israel have circulated widely following the passage of the House version of the Fiscal Year 2027 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The phrase is dramatic, but it does not accurately describe what Congress has approved. The legislation does not merge the two militaries, establish a combined command, or create a NATO-style mutual defence treaty. American and Israeli armed forces will continue to operate under separate national command structures. The bill instead seeks to integrate something that may prove even more important over the long term: the defence innovation ecosystems of the United States and Israel. That shift has received little attention in India despite its potential implications for one of New Delhi's closest defence partnerships. The House approved the NDAA by a narrow 216-212 vote. The legislation must still pass the Senate before the two chambers reconcile their versions and send a final bill to the President for signature. Even so, the House vote marks an important milestone and offers a glimpse of how Washington increasingly intends to organise defence cooperation with trusted partners. A New Model At the heart of the legislation is the US-Israel Defense Technology Cooperation Initiative. It directs the Department of Defence to establish a permanent framework for collaboration with Israel in emerging defence technologies.

The areas identified are revealing. Artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, cyber security, electronic warfare, missile defence, directed energy, quantum technologies, advanced manufacturing, and next-generation sensors all feature prominently. The initiative encourages joint research, co-development, testing, evaluation, procurement, and industrial collaboration across these sectors. Congress has backed these ambitions with resources. The House version authorises approximately USD 750 million for cooperative defence programmes with Israel during FY2027. This includes USD 500 million for missile defence, USD 100 million for counter-drone programmes, USD 100 million for anti-tunnel technologies and USD 50 million for emerging defence technologies. For decades, the US-Israel defence relationship rested largely on military financing and equipment transfers. The new initiative moves beyond that model towards shared innovation, joint production and long-term industrial integration. Why has this happened now? Three developments explain the timing. The first is Israel's recent combat experience. Since October 2023, Israeli forces have fought sustained campaigns against Hamas and Hezbollah, intercepted repeated missile and drone attacks from Iran, and responded to threats from the Houthis. These conflicts have generated an unparalleled body of operational experience in missile

defence, counter-drone warfare, electronic warfare, and AI-enabled targeting. Pentagon planners increasingly regard Israel as a valuable source of lessons for future warfare. The second driver is America's strategic competition with China. Washington believes technological superiority will determine military advantage in the coming decades. Israeli strengths in cyber security, autonomous systems, missile defence, and artificial intelligence complement American priorities in the Indo-Pacific and strengthen the broader US defence industrial base. The third factor is institutional durability. Annual aid packages depend on political negotiations and budget cycles. Joint research programmes, integrated production lines, and collaborative technology ecosystems create relationships that are more resilient and less vulnerable to political change. The legislation reflects a deliberate effort to embed cooperation within institutions rather than annual appropriations. Where The Initiative Came From The proposal enjoys unusually broad bipartisan support. Its origins lie in the US-Israel FUTURES Act, introduced by Representative Ronny Jackson, a Republican from Texas, and Representative Don Davis, a Democrat from North Carolina. Companion legislation in the Senate has been championed by Senators Ted Budd and Kirsten Gillibrand. The House Armed Services Committee subsequently incorporated many of these

ideas into the NDAA. The initiative has also received strong support from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), Washington's most influential pro-Israel advocacy organisation. Through its political action committee and an extensive network of donors, AIPAC-backed candidates constitute a substantial majority of members in the current Congress. Its influence stems less from formal lobbying alone than from its ability to mobilise bipartisan political support for legislation relating to Israel. The coalition supporting the initiative is united by different motivations. Many members of Congress view the legislation as strengthening America's long-term commitment to Israel. The Pentagon sees an opportunity to harness Israeli battlefield innovation and accelerate technology development relevant to competition with China. The defence industry expects larger collaborative programmes, shared development costs, and expanded production opportunities. Each constituency thus supports the initiative for its own strategic reasons. Why "Military Integration" Isn't It The phrase "integration of the US and Israeli militaries" has become popular because it captures attention. It also obscures the more important story. The legislation integrates research institutions, defence companies, production networks, and technology development. Military command, operational planning, and political decision-making remain entirely separate.

Is LBSNAA no longer a training academy but a marriage bureau?

— Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

Can marriage with a batchmate become the hallmark of the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration? In the age of social media, forming opinions about any institution, person, or event has become easier than ever before. A viral post, a few photos, or even a few personal incidents can create an image of an entire institution. Recently, a similar debate has unfolded regarding the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA). Questions were raised as to whether this prestigious training institute has now become a "marriage bureau." Some even went so far as to call it a "swayamvar." While this may seem like a mere sarcasm or joke, this comment actually calls into question the dignity of the country's premier administrative training institute, the professional integrity of the officer trainees undergoing training there, and their personal freedom. This question isn't limited to LBSNAA. It also exposes the mindset of our society, which simply can't accept normal friendships between men and women within any institution. If some officers in a batch understand each other and decide to get married, does that change the identity of the entire institution? Definitely not. LBSNAA is no ordinary campus, but the most prestigious training academy for India's administrative system. Officers from the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service

(IPS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS), and other central services are trained here. This training is not limited to books and lectures. It includes a wide range of activities such as Bharat Darshan, trekking, village tours, community life, physical training, cultural programs, policy-making exercises, leadership development, and crisis management. The aim is not merely to impart knowledge, but to prepare administrators who understand India's diversity and can make sensitive and effective decisions even in difficult situations. When young officers from different states, languages, cultures, and social backgrounds live together for months, train, travel, and face challenges, it's perfectly natural for friendships to develop. These friendships can sometimes develop into lifelong relationships. But this is a personal decision, not a result of an organization's culture or objectives. If two people who study or work together at a university, medical college, engineering institute, management institute, military academy, or private company get married, no one calls that institution a marriage bureau. So why is such an approach taken with LBSNAA? The answer lies in our social prejudices. The reality is that many officers entering LBSNAA are already in a relationship. Many marry childhood friends, college mates, or family choices. Many officers remain unmarried even after completing their training. However, some decide to marry after

gaining a better understanding of each other during training. The common thread in all these situations is the individual's decision, not the institution's. Social media often presents certain incidents as the norm. If two officers from a batch marry, it's publicized as if the academy's primary purpose was to arrange marriages. However, thousands of officers are serving in various parts of the country, having completed their training without any such relationship. Their hard work, discipline, and administrative contributions are rarely discussed, while their personal lives become headlines. This trend becomes particularly worrying in the context of women officers. Even today, a section of society views professional friendships between men and women with suspicion. If they are seen together, a romantic relationship is immediately assumed. This attitude not only undermines women's professional identity but also harms a culture of healthy collaboration in the workplace. In the modern administrative system, women and men officers are equal partners. Cooperation, dialogue, and respect between them are essential to democratic governance, not a matter of controversy. Some people even believe that training at LBSNAA breaks existing relationships or creates insecurity in spouses. This belief is based more on fantasy than fact. The success of any relationship depends on trust, communication, and mutual respect. If a relationship is strong, no training institute can weaken it.

And if a relationship is weak, it would be unfair to blame any one institute for it. It's also important to understand that officer trainees are citizens first and foremost. They have the same rights to make friends, choose a life partner, and make personal decisions that the Constitution grants to every citizen. Selection into the administrative service does not entitle a person to lose their personal freedom. Being in public life does not mean that their personal decisions become public decisions. LBSNAA is distinguished by the quality of its training, administrative values, and spirit of national service. It produces officers who administer remote areas of the country, lead disaster relief operations, maintain law and order, implement development plans, and make decisions that impact the lives of millions of citizens. Ignoring this entire contribution and evaluating the institution solely on the basis of a few marriages would be not only unfair but also intellectually deficient. In the digital age, information spreads as quickly as misinformation. In such times, the responsibility of media and social media users increases. Satire is an important medium of democracy, but when it distorts facts and impacts the credibility of a respected public institution, its limits must be considered. Criticism should certainly be directed at the institution's policies, training methods, or administrative procedures, not at the personal lives of officials.



OIL PRICES HIT \$100 FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE MAY

Oil prices hit \$100 a barrel for the first time since May as the escalating conflict in the Middle East reignited fears over global energy supplies. Brent crude - the global benchmark for oil prices - rose more than 6% on Thursday following several days of increases as the US stepped up military strikes against Iran. Prices spiked after Houthi militia in Yemen attacked oil tankers in the Red Sea, threatening a key export route that Saudi Arabia has used to bypass the Strait of Hormuz. Gas prices have also risen steadily over the past month, with the benchmark UK gas price currently at around 150 per therm, up from around 98p at the end of June. Oil prices had been falling following a temporary ceasefire between the US and Iran. They dropped back to levels last seen before the US and Israel began military action against Iran on 28 February. However, the



ceasefire has failed and this week US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the people in charge in Iran were "not ready to make a deal". The ongoing conflict risks pushing up inflation for many countries, including UK and the US leading to higher prices for consumers. Higher oil prices typically lead to petrol and diesel becoming more expensive. While drivers are affected directly, households could also see prices of other goods, such as food, increase due to businesses passing on higher trans-

portation costs to customers. Inflation rates have fallen in the UK and US, but questions remain whether the the slow down will prove short-lived due to the renewed conflict in the Middle East. UK petrol prices have risen by 5p a litre in the space of two-and-a-half weeks to hit almost £1.56. Diesel is at £1.72 a litre, on average, according to the RAC. Average gasoline prices in the US have surpassed \$4 a gallon once more, up from \$3.92 a month ago, according to motorist advocacy

Highlights

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group AAA. Kevin Warsh, the newly-appointed chair of the US Federal Reserve, last week told Congress that the central bank had "no tolerance to persistently elevated inflation". US President Donald Trump had pushed Warsh's predecessor, Jerome Powell, to cut interest rates. Trump has made it clear he expects Warsh to fulfil his demand for reductions in borrowing costs for Americans. But the Fed held US interest rates between 3.5% and 3.75% at Warsh's first meeting last month.

'LET'S ENJOY THE RIDE' SAYS ELON MUSK, AS AI FEARS MOUNT

As AI continues to evolve at breakneck speed, and developers warn of models going rogue, Elon Musk says people should simply "enjoy the ride". The boss of SpaceX told The Economist while he remains concerned about risks posed by advancements in AI and robotics, "the most likely outcome is incredible abundance for all". Musk said his "philosophical conclusion" after fearing for AI's threat to humanity was to "look on the bright side". He said progress has come so quickly "even if I wanted to stop it, I couldn't". The interview was recorded the day before OpenAI's revelation on Tuesday that some of its most advanced AI models hacked a start-up after it lost control of them during a security test. It sparked concerns about AI systems falling out of alignment with human values, though some have pointed out OpenAI - which is seeking to float on the stock market - has an interest in talking up the power of its tools. The Economist's editor-in-chief Zanny Minton Beddoes questioned Musk on a range of topics, from whether he believed big tech executives should work together to tackle AI safety risks to why he intervenes in European politics. With the rise of rivals like OpenAI and Anthropic, Musk said: "It just



seems like all roads lead to acceleration of AI... you can just sort of be sad about it or join the club, I suppose." In a wide-ranging interview, the entrepreneur also made typically outlandish predictions, such as claiming "money won't matter" in a decade. He also pushed back on suggestions he supports "far right" views. Minton Beddoes said both data and her own experience of living in the UK told a different story to the image portrayed by the trillionaire in his X posts. "You come see my country that I live in all the time," she said when Musk offered

to take her on a tour of the country. Asked when he had last visited the UK, Musk said "a few years ago". The trillionaire was also asked about his sharing of a film on X reportedly banned in Germany for its violence and anti-migrant message. "My partner is... she's half Indian, and I have four children with her," Musk said of his partner Shivan Zillis, an executive at his brain tech firm Neuralink. "One of them was named after a famous Indian physicist, so I would say I'm not racist." Musk also said there were "senior executives of all races" at his companies, adding: "I don't think there's any racism there". But when pressed on whether he was "anti-Muslim", he was less defiant. "If people are coming to a country with antithetical views, I am against that," he said. "I'm against rape and murder, I'm against the imposition of rules and laws that are contrary to what we've come to accept in the West," he continued, criticising the media for not understanding or reflecting this. 'Popular guy' Musk also told The Economist he was well aware he was "loathed" by some. Some polls have sought to measure public opinion of the SpaceX founder, with one YouGov tracker monitoring his favourability in the US and UK on a quarterly basis.

OPPO India Elevates Creative Photography with Reno16 Series featuring AI Portrait Camera and AI Remix Collage

Hyderabad, July 2026: OPPO India today announced the launch of the Reno16 Series, comprising the Reno16 and Reno16c with India's first HoloVerse 3D Design, an AI Portrait camera with a 50MP 3.5x Telephoto lens, Natural Tone Imaging and All-Focal-Length 4K 60fps HDR video recording. Designed for young users that see smartphone as more than just a communication device, the Reno16 Series seamlessly combines a camera, creative studio, productivity companion and personal assistant in one. From creating standout content with AI-powered tools like AI Remix Collage, Pop Cam and Popout 2.0 to the intelligent experiences with the latest from ColorOS 16, the Reno16 Series empowers users to create, connect and express themselves effortlessly. Commenting on the launch, Goldee Patnaik, Head of PR and Communications, OPPO India, said "For today's generation, a smartphone is much more than a device it's where creativity begins, stories are captured and individuality is expressed. The Reno Series has always stood at the intersection of trendsetting design and meaningful innovation, evolving with the way young users create and connect. With the Reno16 Series, we bring together our most expressive design, our most intelligent camera experience and AI that works naturally in the background to make every creativity more effortless. Every innovation has been thoughtfully designed to help users capture authentic moments, express themselves with confidence and enjoy premium experiences that seamlessly fit into their everyday



lives." India's First HoloVerse 3D Design Every Reno generation introduces a new design identity, and the Reno16 Series continues that legacy with its boldest expression yet. Inspired by the beauty and mystery of the cosmos, the Reno16 Series debuts India's First HoloVerse 3D Design, combining OPPO's industry-exclusive HoloVerse 3D Technology with the all-new 3D Pop Planet Design to create a smartphone that stands out from every angle. Exclusive to the Starry White variant, the 3D Pop Planet Design creates a striking naked-eye 3D effect, making a celestial planet appear to float beneath the phone's surface. Powered by a precision-engineered dual-layer optical structure and millions of microlenses, the design comes alive as light and perspective change, creating a captivating sense of depth and movement with every glance. Complementing this signature look is OPPO's Floating

3D Glitter finish and Dynamic Stellar Ring, adding shimmer and depth around the camera module for a distinctive visual identity. Crafted with a seamless one-piece cold-sculpted design, the Reno16 and Reno16c are available in Starry White, Twilight Violet and Stellar Purple, offering a premium aesthetic that celebrates individuality and self-expression. The Reno16 Series pairs elegant ergonomics with immersive AMOLED displays designed for everyday comfort. The Reno16 features a compact 6.32-inch display with ultra-thin bezels, while the Reno16c offers a larger 6.57-inch display. Both support FHD+ resolution, a smooth 120Hz refresh rate and advanced eye-care technologies, delivering vibrant visuals and comfortable viewing throughout the day. The Reno16 is as slim as 8.22mm and as light as 182g, while the Reno16c measures 8.44mm in thickness and weighs about 195g,

keeping both devices comfortable to hold through the day. Engineered for everyday reliability, both devices combine an Aerospace-Grade Aluminium Frame with OPPO's reinforced structural engineering and the highest level of IP66, IP68, IP69 and IP69K dust and water resistance, offering dependable protection against spills, rain and even high-pressure water jets. Debuting on the Reno16 Series, the AI Snap Key offers instant access to creativity and productivity. Users can save content to Mind Space, record voice notes or launch frequently used tools such as the camera, translator and recorder all with a simple press. Trendsetting AI Camera for a New Generation Reno16 features a versatile imaging system comprising a 50MP Ultra-Clear Main Camera, a 50MP Ultra-Wide Selfie Camera with a 100° field of view, and a 50MP Ultra-Wide Camera, complemented by a Dual Flash System for brighter, clearer shots in low light. The Reno16c brings the same spirit of versatility with a 50MP Main Camera, a 50MP Ultra-Wide Selfie Camera and an Ultra-Wide Camera, also supported by a Dual Flash System for consistently vibrant, detailed images. The Reno16 shoots 4K 60fps HDR video across all three focal lengths, ultra-wide, main and telephoto, without compromising dynamic range or colour accuracy at any angle. 4K Auto Straighten video recording corrects handheld drift in real time, while Zoom Free Video maintains clarity and stability across zoom transitions, giving creators a complete, uninterrupted video toolkit.

15,000 AND GROWING: VEDANTA'S NAND GHAR EXPANDS ITS NATIONWIDE REACH

50 Nand Ghars are operational in Andhra Pradesh 36 Nand Ghars are operational in Telangana Nand Ghar now spans across 18 states and 76 districts, reaching over 5 lakh children and 4 lakh women 23 July 2026: In another significant step towards building a Viksit Bharat 2047, Nand Ghar, Vedanta's flagship social impact initiative under the Anil Agarwal Foundation, has reached the milestone of 15,000 centres across 18 states and 76 districts in India. The achievement marks a rapid acceleration in the programme's national expansion. After crossing the landmark of 10,000 Nand Ghars in November 2025, the initiative has added another 5,000 centres in just eight months. Over the past year, Nand Ghar has further expanded into newer states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Bihar, strengthening India's Anganwadi ecosystem through one of the country's largest public-private partnerships. Speaking on the milestone, Shashi Arora, CEO, Nand Ghar, said: "The development potential of India rests on its children. Guided by our Chairman Mr. Anil Agarwal's vision of transforming India's Anganwadis into modern

centres of excellence for nutrition, education and women empowerment, we are proud to have reached the milestone of 15,000 Nand Ghar centres across 18 states. Every new Nand Ghar is an investment in India's future, ensuring that children receive quality nutrition, early learning and healthcare, while women gain opportunities to become financially independent. This milestone strengthens our resolve to work alongside governments, communities and partners to build a healthier, more empowered India." Each Nand Ghar is a modern, technology-enabled Anganwadi offering integrated services in early childhood education, nutrition, primary healthcare, clean water, sanitation and women's skill development. The initiative closely aligns with the Government of India's vision under Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0, complementing national efforts to improve child development, nutrition and women's empowerment. The programme's impact is reflected in stories like that of Anju Dubey, an Anganwadi Worker at the Nand Ghar in Khojwa, Uttar Pradesh. Through interactive teach-

ing, personalised attention and strong community engagement, she has helped transform the centre into a vibrant learning space, enabling children like Tanveer to gain confidence while encouraging families to actively participate, demonstrating how committed frontline workers bring the Nand Ghar model to life. The programme's rapid expansion has been driven by close collaboration with central and state governments, district administrations, Anganwadi workers and local communities. By upgrading existing Anganwadi centres into modern Nand Ghars, the initiative is strengthening grassroots service delivery while responding to the unique needs of every community it serves. With 15,000 centres now operational, Nand Ghar will continue its momentum towards expanding access to quality nutrition, education, healthcare and livelihood opportunities for millions more women and children across rural India. About Nand Ghar Nand Ghar, a flagship project under the Anil Agarwal Foundation, is modernising India's Anganwadi ecosystem to empower women and children.

GOOGLE BURNING THROUGH CASH WITH SPIRALLING AI COSTS

Google parent Alphabet saw its business continue to grow in recent months, yet growing spending on artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure put its left-over cash into negative territory. The company's free cash flow, the cash it maintained after paying for operations and investments, came in at negative \$5.9bn (£4.3bn) for the first time in at least a decade, according to its past financial records. Alphabet's spending on AI is now expected to hit as much as \$205bn this year, an increase from \$190bn, as major tech companies race to build around a new wave of the technology. Meanwhile, Alphabet's combined quarterly revenue hit \$119.8bn, up 23% compared with the same time last year. But the company's stock fell 4% in after-hours trading. Anat Ashkanazi, Google's chief financial officer, noted on a call with financial analysts that the company had shown negative free cash flow due to growing capital expenditures,



essentially all of which was related to AI spending. She said the company spent \$45bn in the second quarter, with 60% of the cost going towards servers and the remaining 40% going towards data centres. Alphabet's capital spending was \$36bn in the first quarter of this year. Ashkanazi said on the call that when it comes to AI, "the demand still outpaces that investment". "As long as we see these attractive opportunities to invest, we will continue to invest." Sundar Pichai, Google's chief executive, said that the technological shift to AI tools and capabilities still "feels like

early innings in a shift across multiple areas" and that the company's plans around generating financial returns on its spending were "disciplined". "What I see with what you can do with frontier capabilities, there is still a lot of work left to do to translate that into experiences for our users. So that looks like extraordinary opportunities with extraordinary returns." Rachel Winter, a partner at the wealth management firm Killik & Co, said there was a bit of surprise among investors about how much Google was spending. "They said that this year the total they

will spend will be between \$195bn and \$205bn. So these are huge numbers. And I think the fact that the shares dropped about 3.5% in after-hours trading when the results came out, that suggests there is a little bit of concern about those levels." Tesla, the electric vehicle company controlled by Elon Musk, also reported negative free cash flow on Wednesday of \$1.1bn for the second quarter due to its own increasing investment costs. It was the company's first negative showing of leftover cash in two years, according to its financial records. Vaibhav Taneja, Tesla's chief financial officer, said during a call with analysts that the company will spend as much as \$25bn this year, more than double its capital spending in 2025. He added that Tesla was in "a big investment cycle" and that its spending would probably increase further over the next three years. Tesla's stock also dropped by 4% in after-hours trading.

KEEP THE KIDS ENTERTAINED IN DUBAI THIS SUMMER

National, 23rd July 2025: Looking for ways to keep little ones entertained this summer? Dubai offers an exciting mix of indoor attractions, interactive activities and family-friendly experiences designed to delight visitors of all ages. From immersive entertainment parks and hands-on workshops to sweet treats and water adventures, here's a curated roundup of experiences that promise fun-filled family moments throughout the season. Museum of Candy: Step into a vibrant world of sweet-inspired fun at Museum of Candy, where interactive installations, immersive exhibits and playful photo moments promise an experience that's as delightful as it is Instagram-worthy. Perfect for families, friends and anyone looking for a colourful indoor escape this summer. AquaFun: Make a splash at AquaFun, the region's largest inflatable waterpark, located just off The Beach, JBR. Bounce, climb and slide your way across a giant floating obstacle course shaped like the word "Dubai", with all-day access giving visitors



plenty of time to enjoy the fun. Kids Pizza Academy by Dodo Pizza: Little chefs can get hands-on at the Kids Pizza Academy by Dodo Pizza, where children learn the art of pizza making through interactive workshops and fun-filled activities. Designed for ages 3 to 12, it's an engaging indoor experience that blends creativity with learning. The Green Planet: Take little explorers on a journey through a tropical rainforest at The Green Planet, home to over 3,000 plants, animals and birds. From spotting sloths and colourful birds to

learning about fascinating ecosystems, this immersive indoor attraction offers a fun and educational experience for the whole family. Yuki No Hana: Treat yourself to authentic Japanese desserts at Yuki No Hana, a favourite among Dubai's dessert lovers. From fluffy pancakes and creamy ice creams to traditional kakigori shaved ice, the menu features unique flavours like Cerelac and charcoal, making it a must-visit for anyone with a sweet tooth. Candy Spa at Centara Mirage Beach Resort: Little ones can enjoy a sweet twist

on self-care at Candy Spa, a dedicated candy-themed spa designed exclusively for children aged 10 and under. Complete with edible-inspired treatments, mini manicures, pedicures and party experiences, it's a fun and relaxing activity for families visiting Dubai this summer. AYA Universe: Step into a world beyond imagination at AYA, an immersive entertainment park where interactive technology, light, sound and stunning digital landscapes come together across a series of themed experiences.

A YEAR AFTER DEADLY JET CRASH AT BANGLADESH SCHOOL, FAMILIES DEMAND ANSWERS



It was a normal day for sixth-grade student Nure Jannat Yusha when suddenly, a Bangladeshi air force jet crashed into her school in the capital, Dhaka, killing 36 people - most of them children. Within minutes, Milestone School and College, a private institution buzzing with student activity, was transformed into a scene of chaos and raging flames. It was the deadliest aviation disaster the country had seen in decades. Earlier this week, families and survivors gathered to mark one year since the incident - many of them students who say they are struggling to return to normal life, Yusha among them. "Even now, if I go to school and see a plane, I feel afraid. I can't sleep at night. In my dreams, someone is throwing me into the fire," she told BBC Bengali. She was one of more than 160 people who were injured in the crash at Milestone School - and among those at the memorial held at a hospital in Dhaka on Tuesday, where the families of some victims say they are still waiting for answers about the deadly crash. Yusha's

mother Yasin Akter says her child had once dreamt of becoming a dancer - an aspiration that has since faded. "My daughter screams all day and is afraid," she says, adding that Yusha has become paranoid about planes falling from the sky. "Earlier she was interested in studies. Now she does not want to study any more." "No one can guarantee another plane will not fall" On 21 July 2025, a training aircraft took off from a Bangladesh Air Force Base in Dhaka at around 13:00 local time (07:00 GMT) and crashed soon after in the Uttara neighbourhood. Images from the scene hours after the crash showed scores of emergency service workers sorting through charred rubble in an attempt to find survivors. Authorities announced that an investigation commission had been formed to investigate the crash, but in the days that followed, hundreds of student protesters took to the streets, clashing with police as they demanded accountability over the disaster and changes to training flights regulations.



■ France evacuates 20,000 as wildfires spread in south-west

SAUDIS MUST RECOGNISE ISRAEL FOR NUCLEAR DEAL, SAYS TRUMP

The deal between the US and Saudi Arabia to help the Gulf kingdom develop nuclear energy is dependent on Riyadh recognising the State of Israel, President Donald Trump has said. "The Civil Nuclear Deal (There will be no enrichment of material)... which pertains only to non-military use... will be approved, but is totally subject to Saudi Arabia joining the very respected and successful Abraham Accords," Trump said in a post on Truth Social. The Trump-brokered Abraham Accords have led to five countries - including two Arab nations - recognising Israel. Saudi Arabia has previously said it will not do so without the establishment of a Palestinian state. During Trump's first term



as US president, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain signed the Abraham Accords, resulting in a historic normalisation of relations between Israel and two Arab nations - the first in decades. Sudan, Morocco and Kazakhstan have since also signed them, too. Saudi Arabia has not so far

responded to Trump's remarks, which come after criticism from experts that the deal announced on Wednesday could run the risk of future nuclear proliferation in an already unstable region. And it was not immediately clear if the condition of joining the Abraham Accords was stipulated in the text of the

nuclear deal - which has not been released - or that Saudi Arabia had agreed to that condition. The BBC has contacted the White House for comment. Meanwhile, Israel welcomed Trump's statement. Posting on X, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said Saudi Arabia joining the accords "would be an historic leap forward for peace in the Middle East". The statement did not mention the nuclear deal. However, Israeli Economy Minister Nir Barkat said previously his country "can manage it" if Saudi Arabia had nuclear power for peaceful means. Israel itself is widely believed to have nuclear weapons, but it neither confirms nor denies that this is the case.

Canada's 'powerful' dairy sector is in Trump's trade crosshairs



Canada's dairy industry policy is among the most politically sacrosanct in the country. It has also long been a thorn in the side of Donald Trump. Now, Canada's dairy supply management system is back in the spotlight after the US president singled it out as one of three main irritants used to justify a 50% tariff on \$20bn worth of Canadian goods imported to the US, which is set to come into effect in August. Trump argues the system, which sees production quotas, set pricing, and import quotas on dairy, eggs, and poultry, is "unreasonable" to American farmers who want to sell their product north of the border. Canadian politicians will now have to decide whether to stand firm on its popular supply management system or risk the ire of the public and a politically "powerful" dairy industry by attempting to fix this issue with Trump. So far, they have indicated that dairy is a non-starter.

Commonwealth nations, like Australia and New Zealand, phasing out similar policies. Farmers hold production quotas that limit how much dairy they can produce. Prices are then set by marketing boards in each province, giving farmers a predictable income while providing a consistent domestic supply. A small amount of foreign dairy is able to enter Canada tariff-free or at low tariff rates under set quota limits. Those that exceed the limit, however, face a levy of 200% to nearly 300%, making it prohibitively costly for both foreign producers and consumers to sell in Canada. Currently, US producers have tariff-free access to only 3.5% of Canada's market, even as the country is among the top importers of US dairy, buying \$1.3bn worth of products in 2025, according to data from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Yemen's Houthis attack Saudi tanker as US launches more Iran strikes

Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthi movement has said its forces attacked two Saudi oil tankers in the Red Sea that "violated" its blockade of Saudi ports, as the US carried out a 12th consecutive night of strikes on Iran. The official Saudi news agency confirmed that one tanker was hit late on Wednesday, resulting in a fire on board. On Thursday, US President Donald Trump warned the Houthis that if they did it again, the US would inflict "major military punishment" upon both them and Iran. Iranian state media said two people were killed in the US strikes on Wednesday night, while Jordan and Kuwait reported intercepting missiles and drones launched by Iran. Iran's Revolutionary Guards also said a tanker caught fire following an explosion in a mined route in the Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway in the Gulf that is effectively closed. Oil prices increased sharply following the latest developments in the region,



with the cost of a barrel of Brent crude hitting \$100 - the highest level since the end of May. Houthi military spokesman Yahya Sarea said the group targeted the Saudi-flagged tankers Encelia and Layla with missiles and drones on Wednesday night because they had violated the blockade of Saudi ports announced earlier this week. Sarea added that the Houthis would "continue their naval operations against the Saudi enemy" and "persist in enforcing the 'siege for a siege' equation". Early on Thursday, the Saudi Press Agency confirmed that the Encelia was

"targeted while sailing in the Red Sea, resulting in a fire at the bow of the vessel". Citing an unnamed official source at the Saudi Transport General Authority, it described the attack as a violation of international laws and conventions. All of the Encelia's crew members were safe, it reported. The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations agency reported that an "unknown projectile" struck a tanker about 130km (70 nautical miles) south-west of al-Shuqaiq, on Saudi Arabia's Red Sea coast, at 20:00 GMT (23:00 local time). The attack caused a fire on board but

no casualties, it said. According to BBC Verify, data from MarineTraffic shows Encelia departed the Saudi port of Yanbu on Monday and sailed south, briefly pausing close to the port of Jeddah before continuing towards the Bab al-Mandab Strait, the narrow waterway off Yemen's south-western coast that connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden. Shortly after 19:11 GMT on Wednesday the tanker began to slow down and sail east. At 20:11 the ship reported being "Not Under Command" before coming to a complete stop just before 22:30 close to the Farasan Islands, about 80km south-west of al-Shuqaiq. There has so far been no confirmation of an attack on the other Saudi-flagged tanker, Layla. Data from MarineTraffic shows it departed Yanbu on 14 July and reported its destination as the Saudi port of Jizan, with an estimated arrival date of 16 July. Layla last broadcast its location on Friday about 90km east of the Farasan Islands.

South Korea woman acquitted of murdering newborn after hospital delivery



A South Korean court has acquitted a woman previously convicted of murdering a baby she delivered in hospital - the latest twist in a case that has gripped the country and fuelled debate about its murky abortion laws. The woman had wanted to terminate her pregnancy at 36 weeks, but prosecutors said the baby was born alive and later killed. The woman, identified only by her surname Kwon, was convicted of murder alongside two doctors in March. She was given a three-year suspended jail sentence. While the doctors' murder convictions were upheld, the appeals court reduced

their jail sentences. The surgeon who operated on Kwon had his sentence reduced from four years to two-and-a-half years. The hospital's director, initially sentenced to six years in prison, had his jail term reduced to four. During the trial, both doctors admitted to killing the baby. Warning: This story contains details some readers will find distressing This case came to light in 2024 after Kwon, who was in her 20s, posted a YouTube video about terminating her pregnancy at 36 weeks - just over eight months. The video triggered public uproar and a criminal complaint from the health ministry. Police then launched an investigation into her and her doctors. The trial against Kwon and her doctors marked the first time that murder charges had been pressed against a woman seeking late-stage termination of their pregnancy, as well as the doctors involved in the procedure.



Ghanaians' ICC petition over migrant attacks 'opportunistic', says South Africa

Blocked by censors, China's animal lovers take fight against abuse offline and overseas

When videos showing the horrific killing of a stray dog and her puppies sparked outrage on the Chinese internet in June, Beijing's censorship machine kicked into action. But what was unusual this time was that it pitted the shocked and angry voices against authorities who said they were concerned about the four boys involved, all of them younger than 14. China's Communist Party regime tightly controls media and the internet to suppress criticism of the state and to manage public anger. But in this case authorities cited the age of the boys as they urged people to withhold their comments and scrubbed social media posts about the incident. "We urge the public not to disseminate related information, to



reject cyberbullying, and to work together to create a good environment for the growth of minors," reads an official statement. But the restrictions only seemed to spur the outcry. China's animal lovers have now taken their fight offline and abroad, even putting up billboards in New York to drum up support. In China, posts about the incident are still drawing thousands of com-

ments across social media, three weeks after the incident. There is shock, anger and sorrow, as well as demands for laws against animal cruelty, which China currently does not have. Disturbing footage showing the boys in the city of Jieyang, Guangdong province, hitting three puppies with sticks before setting their mother on fire emerged online at the end of

June. The boys were seen laughing as the dog, named Wang Wang, burned. Jieyang authorities said last month that the boys would not face criminal charges and would instead be sent to a "specialised school", but did not elaborate. Some reports suggest the boys filmed themselves and uploaded the video online, but police have not commented on that. Censors have tried to block the video to protect the boys' identity, although some people argue that it should stay. Their identities have not been revealed, but snippets of the video with their faces visible continue to circulate online. There are also unverified posts claiming to be close-ups of the boys' faces, raising the risk of other children being wrongly identified.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2026:

How Boxer Lovlina Borgohain Opened India's Medal Account, Even Before Opening Ceremony

The Commonwealth Games 2026 are yet to begin, but India have already secured their first medal even before the opening ceremony. The 23rd edition of the Games, being held in Glasgow, Scotland, has seen boxer Lovlina Borgohain advance to the semifinals of the women's 75kg category. The Olympic medalist from Assam has booked a podium finish without stepping into the ring after receiving a direct bye to the last four in her weight division. Under Commonwealth Games boxing rules, all losing semifinalists are awarded bronze medals, guaranteeing Lovlina at least a bronze medal before her opening bout in Glasgow. Borgohain, competing in the women's 75kg middleweight category, earned a direct passage to the semifinals after receiving a bye in a field of just five



boxers. With only five athletes in the draw, three competitors, including Borgohain, advanced straight to the last four, while the remaining two were scheduled to contest the lone quarterfinal match. What's next for Lovlina? Lovlina will kick off her campaign on July 31 against Taafaki in the semifinals, with a spot in the gold medal bout at stake. A win would propel the Indian boxer into the final and guarantee her at least a silver medal, while a loss would still see her leave Glasgow with the

bronze medal. India on Day 1 India will officially kick off its Commonwealth Games campaign in Glasgow on Thursday, with a 124-member contingent aiming to make the most of a drastically reduced competition programme. India's campaign gets underway with two lawn bowls matches on the schedule. The fixtures will mark the opening assignments for the Indian contingent at Glasgow 2026, with the quadrennial event officially set to begin later in the day with the opening ceremony.

India Para-Cyclist In 'Emotional Distress' Ahead Of Commonwealth Games 2026, Takes Big Step



India's lone Commonwealth Games para-cycling representative, 16-year-old Lisha Das, has written to top sports officials expressing "emotional distress" over unconfirmed support staff and travel arrangements to Glasgow. Das has written to officials of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Cycling Federation of India (CFI), Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) and the Sports Ministry. The Commonwealth Games opening ceremony will take place on Thursday night. Lisha said the developments over the past few

days have left her under immense mental pressure as she continues to seek approval for the support team she needs - personal coach Aditya Mehta, female physiotherapist Dr Asha Shaikh and an experienced para-cycling technician. While Shaikh's travel was cleared after repeated requests and court intervention, there is no clarity about Mehta's travel and accreditation. Instead, authorities have proposed K. Dattatraya as a technician/coach, despite his earlier rejection as a member of Lisha's support team.

Petition To Ban Argentina From FIFA World Cup Nearly Breaks Guinness World Record



Argentina wasn't the team that won over fans by playing beautiful football in the FIFA World Cup 2026. The Lionel Messi-led team did reach the final of the tournament, but en route came plenty of controversies, as well as allegations that FIFA favoured the South Americans. A petition to exclude Argentina from the World Cup was in full swing even before the final, where a heated altercation between players after the referee's full-time whistle further damaged the team's reputation. Before being closed, the petition garnered a mind-boggling total of over 23 million digital signatures, nearly breaking the Guinness World Record. Argentina finished the tournament as arguably the most 'hated team' ever to have participated. Leandro Paredes' post-match actions-including, but not limited to, punching Spanish defender Eric Garcia and throwing Gavi to the ground-made Argentina absolute villains. During the match, Enzo Fernandez was sent off for a tackle on Pau Cubarsi, a moment that arguably played a pivotal role in La Albiceleste's defeat. Argentina's actions in the final meant that the petition to have the team

permanently banned from the World Cup attracted even more attention. It ended up gathering more than 23 million signatures worldwide, becoming one of the most circulated petitions in history. According to reports published by multiple European outlets, the petition was titled "Argentina Out" and drew 23,316,108 signatures from around 170 countries, far exceeding its original target of 5 million. The petition against Argentina was launched amid allegations of refereeing bias during the tournament. "Why should the rest of the teams play in the tournament if the winner is known in advance? Exclude Argentina from the World Cup and give everyone a fair chance," the text of the petition read. Once Argentina lost the final 0-1 to Spain, the organisers of the petition concluded with the message: "FIFA ignored us, but Spain kept its promise... thank you, Spain." The official record for the most-signed petition belongs to the Jubilee 2000 movement, which gathered 24,319,181 signatures. It is fair to say that had the petition continued for a couple more days, it would have broken the record. The Italian soccer federation (FIGC) has

talked to former Manchester City coach Pep Guardiola and Brazil boss Carlo Ancelotti about taking over the crisis-hit national team. It hopes to announce the new Italy coach within the week, with the Azzurri still reeling after failing for a third straight time to qualify for the World Cup. Former Italy and AC Milan defender Paolo Maldini was named as the federation's new technical director at the start of the month and was present at a meeting with the Serie A clubs on Thursday, along with new FIGC president Giovanni Malago and special advisor Leonardo. "Honestly, today we can't give news about what's happening. You've identified one of our targets," Maldini said when asked about Guardiola in a news conference after the meeting. "We can't hide that we also talked with Carlo Ancelotti before talking with Pep. Honestly, it seemed right to start with the best in the world, to see their general availability." Guardiola left Man City at the end of last season, bringing to a close a trophy-laden, 10-year spell in which he established City as a force in Europe and changed the face of English soccer.

VAIBHAV SOORYAVANSHI SIZZLES AS INDIA FINALLY OPEN ACCOUNT IN SHREYAS IYER-ERA

Wonderkid Vaibhav Sooryavanshi smashed an 18-ball half century in his first innings of substance in international cricket as an all-round India outplayed Zimbabwe by seven wickets in the first T20I of the three match series in Harare on Thursday. Pacer Mayank Yadav made a successful return to international cricket as India restricted Zimbabwe to 125 for seven. India expectedly gunned down the target in 13.2 overs following a typical knock from Sooryavanshi (50 off 19) that included four boundaries and as many sixes. It was also India's first win under new captain Shreyas Iyer, who endured a run of six losses in his first assignment in Ireland and England. Sooryavanshi's much hyped international debut in England earlier



this month did not go as per the script but made his familiarity with the venue count. In his return to the ground where he made a memorable 80-ball 175 in the U-19 World Cup final earlier this year, the youngest to play for India displayed his rare talent that has been acknowledged by the crick-

eting world. While Abhishek Sharma (1 off 8) struggled at the other end, Sooryavanshi took down the Zimbabwe attack bit by bit. He began with couple of breathtaking sixes off Richard Ngarava in the second over of the chase. The first one was a one legged pull shot that sailed over

deep square leg before he made a slight room to nonchalantly a dispatch a decent length ball over mid-off. Blessing Muzarabani, who did not allow Sooryavanshi to free his arm initially, was also taken to the cleaners in fifth over when the 15-year-old smoked a 90m six down the

ground. He brought his fifty right after powerplay and a ball later he was caught at third man off Ngarava. Following his dismissal, Ishan Kishan (35 off 24) and captain Shreyas Iyer (28 not out off 24) got the job done comfortably. Earlier, Mayank Yadav cranked up serious pace from the get go in his first game for India since October 2024. He had opener Brian Bennett (0) caught behind off a peach the very first ball of the match, beating the batter with a hard length ball that straightened slightly to take the outside edge. The on-field umpire did not hear the nick but a confident India got the decision in their favour via DRS. Mayank, who had a surgery last year following a stress fracture, consistently hit speeds beyond 145 kmph.

"SOME ISSUES BELONG TO ALL OF US":

ABHINAV BINDRA HITS BULLSEYE AMID NEET PAPER LEAK PROTESTS

As students continue to raise their voices in the national capital, demanding the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, a familiar voice from the sporting world has hit the nail on the head. Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra, who is one of the most respected sporting figures in the country, shared a hard-hitting post on social media highlighting why the current issue concerns not just students, but everyone in the country. Bindra, who is not one to meddle in political issues, shared his honest perspective on the topic as enraged students continue to demand the removal of the Education Minister over the NEET paper leak and student suicides. The shooting legend stressed the need to



create an education system that rewards merit and nurtures curiosity, as these traits are essential to propel the country further on the path to development. For him, that is the clear way forward for India's education system. "I have never considered myself a political person. But I do believe that some issues belong to all of us, regardless of where we

stand. Education is one of them. The measure of a nation is found not only in its economy or its achievements, but in the opportunities it creates for its young people," he wrote on X (formerly Twitter). "An education system that inspires confidence, rewards merit and nurtures curiosity is one of a nation's greatest strengths.

Asian Games 2026: India Men's, Women's Kabaddi Teams Placed In Group A



India's men's and women's kabaddi teams have been placed in Group A for their respective events at the forthcoming Asian Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with the group-stage draws confirmed on Thursday. The Asian Games 2026 are scheduled to take place in Japan's Aichi prefecture from September 19 to

October 4, with the kabaddi competitions set to be held at the Tokai Citizens Gymnasium from September 21 to 26. A total of 10 teams will compete for the men's kabaddi title, with the sides divided into two groups of five. The women's tournament will see eight teams divided into two groups of four, according to

Olympics.com. The Indian men's team will compete against Bangladesh, South Korea, Chinese Taipei and hosts Japan in Group A. Group B comprises Nepal, Thailand, Pakistan, Malaysia and Iran, keeping the two traditional kabaddi powerhouses, India and Iran, apart in the opening stage, according to Olympics.com.

In the women's event, India have been drawn in Group A alongside Iran, Japan and Bangladesh, while Group B features Sri Lanka, Thailand, Chinese Taipei and Nepal. As per the format followed since the 2006 Asian Games, the top two teams from each group at the end of the round-robin stage will advance to the semi-finals.

"We Can Secure 8-10 Medals": India's Weightlifting Coach Eyes Big Haul From Commonwealth Games 2026



India's weightlifting coach Vijay Sharma is hopeful of a strong medal haul at the Commonwealth Games 2026, targeting between eight and 10 medals from the country's 11-member contingent. Speaking about India's medal prospects, Sharma said the team is working hard and is well prepared for the competition. "There's certainly pressure because of the high expectations. However, the team is preparing diligently. With 11 athletes participating, I'm optimistic that we can secure between 8 to 10 medals," Sharma said to ANI. He also said the pleasant weather conditions in Glasgow have helped the athletes, while the team's training camp in Birmingham played an important role in acclimatisation. "The weather is actually quite pleasant. The Birmingham camp really helped the athletes adjust to these conditions. I'm expecting a very strong performance from

them," he added. Sharma also praised the support provided by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) during the team's preparations. According to the coach, SAI and TOPS organised a 25-day camp in Birmingham, which helped the athletes acclimatise to the conditions and focus on their training. "SAI and TOPS organised a 25-day camp for us in Birmingham. This has been instrumental in helping the athletes acclimatise and focus on their training. We've seen a significant improvement in their performance due to this camp, and I believe they will do exceptionally well and bring home as many medals as possible," Sharma said. With 11 Indian weightlifters set to compete, the team will look to turn the high expectations into a strong medal haul at the Commonwealth Games 2026.

How lightbulb moment in Hazard's apartment helped Sheeraz

There was a particular moment that sparked Hamzah Sheeraz's boxing career into life. As an apprentice electrician who stepped away from the sport after missing out on the Commonwealth Youth championships, Briton Sheeraz found himself fixing bulbs and sockets in former Chelsea winger Eden Hazard's apartment. Feeling inspired standing in the middle of the flashy London accommodation, Sheeraz, 27, was back in the gym within two weeks and was signed with Frank Warren's Queensberry on his 18th birthday. After winning the WBO super-middleweight title in May, Sheeraz is gear-



ing up for a first defence against Simon Zachenhuber on Anthony Joshua's undercard on Saturday in Saudi Arabia. But first, Sheeraz reminisces on the lightbulb moment a decade ago. "I was

working in Eden Hazard's apartment fixing his bulbs and sockets and my ego or goals and aspirations kicked in, so I went back to the gym," Sheeraz told BBC Sport. "There was nothing lined up

for me. It wasn't like I had such a good amateur career and it was going to kick off. I just wanted to go back to the gym and see what happened. "After two weeks, I was asked to be a sparring partner for

some professionals at the time and I did well. I hung in there and they asked me to go over to Spain to do some camps with them. "They were signed with Frank Warren at the time and by word of mouth, they trusted my coach at the time, Dominic Negus, to be signed to Frank. "I didn't meet him for the first two or three years. I remember when I first met him, I thought it was crazy. Here we are today." Sheeraz eyes fight with 'Idol' Canelo Sheeraz's crowning moment came in a one-sided second-round stoppage win over Alem Begic in May as he captured his first world title. But the hunger from the undefeated fighter hasn't wavered. A fight with

Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez is the dream for almost every boxer and Sheeraz is no different. The Mexican is regarded as one of the all-time greats in boxing after achieving world champion status in four weight divisions - and Sheeraz is keen on testing himself against one of his idols. "I'd love it. A lot of people hear me say it," said Sheeraz, whose record sits at 23-0-1. "I'm under no illusion that he chooses who he fights because he's earned the right, let's be honest. Props to him. "It'd be a pinch-me moment if I got to fight him. I've been watching this guy since I was a kid, trying to learn from him and now you get the opportunity to fight him.

Megastar Chiranjeevi as the chief guest at the pre-release event of the movie "Chennai Love Story"

The movie "Chennai Love Story" is being made by the combination of makers SKN and Sai Rajesh who have given cult classic movies like "Color Photo" and "Baby" to the audience with hero Kiran Abbavaram and Sri Gauri Priya. This film is produced by SKN and Sai Rajesh under the banners of Amrita Productions and Mass Movie Makers. This film is directed by Ravi

Namburi and is narrated by Sai Rajesh. Melody Brahma Manisharma is providing blockbuster music for the movie "Chennai Love Story". The movie "Chennai Love Story" is getting ready for a world wide grand theatrical release on 24th of this month. Today Megastar Chiranjeevi was the chief guest in the pre-release event of this film in Hyderabad.



Allari Naresh, Surabhi's Naa Kanti Meedha Kunuke From Ramba Oorvasi Menaka Unveiled



After exploring diverse roles and content-oriented cinema over the last few years, Allari Naresh is all set to revisit his trademark comic space with a fantasy entertainer that promises a delightful blend of humour and imagination. Directed by Chandra Mohan Chintada, the film is titled Ramba Oorvasi Menaka and is produced by Razesh Danda and Nimmakayala Prasad under the Annapurna Studios and Hasya Movies banners. Designed as a fantasy comedy with a playful twist, the film carries the tagline "Comedy Goes Cosmic," hinting at an unusual story where celestial elements collide with Naresh's signature style of entertainment. The musical journey of Ramba Oorvasi Menaka begins on a delightful note with the arrival of its first single, Naa Kanti Meedha Kunuke. Featuring Allari Naresh and Surabhi, the song offers a glimpse into the film's romantic side while staying rooted in its vibrant rural setting. Framed against lush village landscapes, the song follows a young man hopelessly smitten by the woman of his dreams, expressing his admiration and affectionate moments. The effortless chemistry between Allari Naresh and Surabhi gives the song its biggest strength. Music director Chaitan Bharadwaj delivers a breezy melody infused with earthy flavours and rich instrumentation, creating a tune that feels both pleasant and emotionally resonant.

SPIDER-MAN: BRAND NEW DAY DROPS A HEARTBREAKING FINAL TRAILER

Spider-Man: Brand New Day is set to release on 30th July in India. The film is set to release in English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada. Spider-Man: Brand New Day has unveiled its third and final trailer just days before its highly anticipated theatrical release. Starring Tom Holland, the film marks his fourth solo outing as the beloved superhero and picks up after the events of Spider-Man: No Way Home. The new trailer reaffirms that Peter Parker is still grappling with the heartbreaking consequences of the spell that erased him from everyone's memory, leaving him to navigate life completely

alone. The trailer also explores Peter's pain of not being with the love of his life, MJ. The superhero goes down memory lane, revisiting his fond memories with MJ before accepting his new reality. The trailer reaffirms Tom Holland and Zendaya's tease that Spider-Man: Brand New Day will be an emotional watch. It also confirms that Mark Ruffalo's Hulk will make an

appearance in the film, setting the stage for an exciting new chapter in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Watch the final trailer below: Directed by Destin Daniel Cretton, the film is written by Chris McKenna & Erik Sommers and Justin Kuritzkes. Based on the MARVEL Comic Book by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko, the film has been produced by Kevin Feige, p.g.a., Amy Pascal, p.g.a., Avi Arad and

Rachel O'Connor, p.g.a. Executive Producers are Louis D'Esposito and David Cain. The film stars Tom Holland, Zendaya, Sadie Sink, Jacob Batalon, Jon Bernthal, Trammell Tillman, Michael Mando and Mark Ruffalo. Spider-Man: Brand New Day is set to release on 30th July. The film is releasing in six languages in India. These include English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada. To make this experience truly unforgettable, the film is releasing on multiple Premium Large Format in India like 2D, 4DX 3D, 3D SCREEN X, DOLBY CINEMA 3D, ICE 3D, DOLBY CINEMA 2D, MX4D 3D, 3D, P[XL], and BIGPIX.

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TELUGU ZEE5 ORIGINAL "OBJECTION MYLORD" TRAILER OUT NOW

What begins as a father's desperate cry for justice soon transforms into a courtroom battle where every question challenges the very nature of truth. Telugu ZEE5 today unveiled the gripping official trailer of its upcoming original courtroom mystery thriller, Objection My Lord – Notary Parasuram Chapter 1, offering audiences an intriguing first look at a story that blends legal drama, emotional conflict, and psychological suspense. Produced by Rajkumar Akella under the banner of Dream House Productions and directed by Santhosh Ayyappan, the series is set to premiere on July 31, 2026. The trailer opens on a deeply emotional note as Narayana, devastated by the disappearance of his daughter Sameera and unable to find justice through the legal system, takes an unimaginable step outside the Hyderabad High Court. His desperate act sends shockwaves through the city and sets the stage for a case



unlike any other. As the mystery deepens, advocate Parasuram, played by Srikanth Meka, returns to the courtroom to take on a case that appears impossible at first glance. Every witness tells a different story, every piece of evidence raises fresh questions, and every objection only adds another layer to the mystery. Packed with

tense courtroom confrontations, emotionally charged exchanges, and intriguing investigative moments, the trailer carefully builds suspense while keeping its biggest revelations under wraps. Leading the series, Srikanth Meka brings quiet intensity to Parasuram, while veteran actor Mukesh Rishi commands attention as the

formidable Viswanath. Ananya Sharmaa plays Vedha, with Snehal as Tulasi and Sameer as the investigating inspector. Together, the ensemble hints at a layered narrative where every character holds a vital piece of the puzzle, making the mystery increasingly compelling with every passing moment. Beyond its compelling performances, the trailer stands out for its cinematic treatment and atmospheric storytelling. Surya's striking visuals capture both the intensity of the courtroom and the emotional gravity of the investigation, while Arunn Chiluvuru's powerful background score steadily amplifies the tension, making every revelation feel more unsettling than the last. Directed by Santhosh Ayyappan, Objection My Lord – Notary Parasuram Chapter 1 promises a gripping blend of courtroom drama, investigative suspense, and emotional storytelling.

"ADHE NEEVU ADHE NENU" SET FOR A GRAND THEATRICAL RELEASE ON JULY 31



Adhe Neevu Adhe Nenu", starring Trinath Varma and Yashwanth Pendyala—who gained recognition through Committee Kurrollu, a film that recently won two awards at the 72nd National Film Awards—along with Tanvi Negi (of Siddharth Roy fame) and Sahar Krishnan, is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on July 31. The film is produced by Govindu Kandregula under the Sri Lakshmi Veerabhadra Creations banner and is directed by the young filmmaker Kondal. A romantic thriller, Adhe Neevu Adhe Nenu has completed all formalities, including censor certification, and is now

ready for its theatrical release. The film has been attracting audience attention with its promotional content. Its teaser, launched by renowned producer Dil Raju, has crossed 1 million views and is performing exceptionally well across digital platforms. The song "Manasa Manasa," unveiled by star director V. V. Vinayak, has received a tremendous response. Another song from the film, "Madhurama," is set to be released by creative director Krish. Veteran actor Tanikella Bharani, young hero Aakash Puri, and actress Indira have extended their best wishes to the film's team.

