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spot as India's
largest LPG
supplier in June

New Delhi, July 3: The United States retained its position as India's largest supplier of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in June, extending its lead over traditional Gulf exporters as the country continued to diversify energy imports in response to geopolitical uncertainties in West Asia. According to data from commodity analytics firm Kpler, India imported 773.78 thousand metric tonnes (TMT) of LPG from the US in June, marking a 19.4 per cent increase from May. Overall, India's LPG imports rose 3 per cent during the month to 1,191 TMT, compared with 1,155 TMT in May. The UAE emerged as the second-largest supplier, with shipments increasing 16.6 per cent to 157 TMT from 134.7 TMT in the previous month. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait each supplied 64 TMT of LPG during June. India's growing reliance on US LPG comes as part of a broader effort to diversify supplies following disruptions caused by the recent West Asia conflict. State-run refiners have already signed a long-term agreement to import 2.2 million tonnes of LPG from the US beginning in 2026, strengthening bilateral energy ties and reducing dependence on Gulf producers. Industry sources said India has secured adequate supplies of both crude oil and LPG through August, easing concerns over domestic availability after the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz restored the movement of Gulf energy cargoes.

New Delhi (TSIT):

The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas on Thursday dismissed as false and misleading information being spread on social media platforms that ethanol blended petrol (E20) is harmful for vehicles, causes higher pollution, and leads to water wastage in the production of crops for ethanol.

The Ministry said that it "categorically assures all vehicle owners that these fear-mongering claims are false, baseless, scientifically unfounded and inconsistent with

Telangana DGP reviews
policing, issues key directives

Hyderabad (TSIT):

Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand on Friday directed police officers across the state to strengthen people-centric policing by enhancing field presence, effectively using technology, and ensuring faster public service delivery.

During a statewide review meeting with Commissioners, SPs, Unit Officers and SHOs, the DGP reviewed visible policing, cybercrime investigations, CCTNS implementation, narcotics

control, road safety and criminal investigations. He instructed officers to remain accessible to the public, conduct regular police station inspections and avoid unnecessary interference in civil disputes.

Emphasising the use of technology, Anand directed officials to fully utilise CCTNS, e-Sakshya and the Lathi App for efficient investigations. He also called for intensified action against cybercrime and drug trafficking, noting that 825 students have

received counselling and rehabilitation under anti-drug initiatives.

Reviewing the Arrive Alive road safety programme, the DGP said road accident fatalities have declined across Telangana and announced that the 112 Emergency Response Service would soon be integrated with drone technology. He also announced rewards for police personnel who displayed exemplary service in saving lives, solving major crimes and arresting wanted offenders.

CM Naidu Inaugurates Rooftop
Solar Systems for 7,489 SC/ST
Families in Kuppam

Chittoor TSIT:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday inaugurated 2 kW rooftop solar systems installed for 7,489 SC/ST beneficiaries under the PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana at a public meeting held at the Pogurupalle Industrial Area in Gudupalle Mandal of Kuppam Constituency, Chittoor district. During the event, the Chief Minister also felicitated SM Renergy Pvt. Ltd. for successfully executing the landmark rooftop solar project.

The initiative reflects the State government's commitment to transforming Kuppam into a model constituency for sustain-

able development and clean energy. The project is regarded as one of India's first large-scale village-level rooftop solar initiatives, providing clean, affordable electricity to thousands of economically weaker households while promoting renewable energy adoption.

Officials said the Kuppam model has since become a reference for the expansion of rooftop solar and solar village programmes across Andhra Pradesh and several other states. The project demonstrated the feasibility of implementing renewable energy solutions on a large scale in rural areas and is expected to encourage similar initiatives across the country.

Centre Summons Meta
Over Instagram Ads

New Delhi (TSIT):

The Central government is set to summon Meta after reports that advertisements promoting child sexual abuse material appeared on Instagram. Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has directed officials in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to seek an explanation from the company, according to official sources.

Centre expands National Capital Region,
brings 5 Rajasthan districts under it

New Delhi (TSIT)

In a significant move aimed at strengthening planned regional development around the National Capital, the Central Government has expanded the National Capital Region (NCR) by revising the list of areas covered under the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) Act, 1985. South Asians & Diaspora The Centre has amended the Schedule to the NCRPB Act after obtaining the consent of the concerned states and consulting the National Capital Region Planning



also provides for the partial inclusion of Kotputli-Behrur district. The tehsils of Behror, Bansur, Neemrana, Mandan and Narayanpur have been included in the NCR, while Kotputli, Viratnagar and Pavta tehsils have been kept outside the NCR limits.

CM Shivakumar Directs Emergency Plan to Tackle
Possible Power Shortage Amid Rain Deficit

Bengaluru (TSIT)

Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has directed the Energy Department to prepare a special emergency action plan to address the possibility of reduced hydroelectric power generation due to deficient rainfall and the impact of the El Niño phenomenon. He instructed officials to take proactive measures to ensure uninterrupted power supply across the state. Chairing his first review meeting of the Energy Department after assuming office, the Chief Minister sought a detailed assessment of the department's prepared-



ness to tackle drought conditions and the anticipated impact on power generation. He instructed officials to focus on maintaining adequate electricity supply by strengthen-

ing power generation from alternative sources and ensuring sufficient energy reserves. To enhance the state's energy security, Shivakumar directed officials

to operationalise government-reserved coal mines and maintain adequate coal stocks on a continuous basis.

Officials informed the Chief Minister that Karnataka's current water storage levels for power generation are better than those of the previous year and that the state has successfully avoided power cuts over the past three years. However, Shivakumar stressed the need to fast-track the implementation of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and Pumped Storage Projects (PSPs) to efficiently manage the increasing share of renewable energy.

KTR demands
notification to
fill 20,000 police
constable posts

Hyderabad (TSIT):

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K T Rama Rao on Friday, July 3, urged Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to issue a notification immediately to fill 20,000 police constable posts. Rama Rao wrote an open letter to the Chief Minister Revanth on behalf of police constable aspirants.

The BRS leader brought to the CM's attention the demands and hardships of police constable and sub-inspector (SI) aspirants. Stating that the unemployed youth of Telangana have been let down, KTR mentioned that the majority of the youth competing for police constable and SI examinations hail from poor and middle-class families in rural areas. Living away from their parents, they stay in PGs and hostels in Hyderabad for years, working day and night to prepare for these competitive exams.

The state government bears the responsibility of ensuring justice for these underprivileged youths rather than dashing their hopes, he said. Recalling that "water, funds, and jobs" was the rallying cry of the Telangana movement, KTR said it was entirely inappropriate to turn a deaf ear to the demands of unemployed police aspirants who have been fighting for an increase in the number of posts over the past few days. "Simply issuing a notification for 5,000 police jobs and washing one's hands of the matter is not the right approach.

'Fear-mongering claims': Govt trashes social media claims on harmful effects of E20 petrol

New Delhi (TSIT):

The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas on Thursday dismissed as false and misleading information being spread on social media platforms that ethanol blended petrol (E20) is harmful for vehicles, causes higher pollution, and leads to water wastage in the production of crops for ethanol.

The Ministry said that it "categorically assures all vehicle owners that these fear-mongering claims are false, baseless, scientifically unfounded and inconsistent with

extensive technical studies conducted by leading automotive research institutions". As far as pollution is concerned, ethanol-blended petrol causes significantly reduced carbon tail-pipe emissions from vehicles, it said. Also, emissions owing to carbon molecules in ethanol are biogenic, i.e. do not cause any net increment in carbon emissions in the environment at the vehicle's tail-pipe level.

It said that claims of ants or bees getting attracted towards the fuel tanks of the vehicles because of E20 fuel



circulating on social media have been examined by BPCL, noting that fuel-grade ethanol used for petrol blending is produced through fermentation and distillation processes that eliminate residual sugars

from the final product. Further, fuel ethanol contains denaturants, which are repellent to insects.

The factsheet also rejects as false claims such as a drastic drop in mileage of the vehicles because of the

use of E20 fuel, engine parts getting damaged or corroded due to the use of E20 fuel, insurance companies or car manufacturers denying insurance or warranty claims if E20 fuel is used. It points out that a study undertaken by Indian Oil, ARAI, IIP-Dehradun and SIAM shows that the carbon monoxide emission decreased by about 50 per cent in two-wheelers and 30 per cent in four-wheelers. Unburnt hydrocarbon emissions reduced by about 20 per cent with E20 as compared to normal gasoline in both two-wheelers and passenger cars.

No issues were reported in most parameters, including drivability, startability, metal compatibility, and plastic compatibility.

The factsheet states that scientific evidence shows that the use of E-20 fuel gives better acceleration, better ride quality and lowered carbon emissions by approximately 30 per cent as compared to E10 fuel. RON 95 with blending of Ethanol 20 results in better anti-knocking properties and performance. Vehicles tuned for E20 fuel deliver better acceleration, which is a very important factor in city driving conditions. Additionally, ethanol's higher heat of

vaporisation reduces intake manifold temperatures, increasing air-fuel mixture density and boosting volumetric efficiency, and claims that E20 causes a "drastic" reduction in fuel efficiency are misplaced. It highlights that, speaking on behalf of the Indian automobile industry, SIAM has also categorically stated that the applicable warranty coverage for gasoline vehicles, as per warranty terms & conditions specified by the respective vehicle manufacturer (OEMs), will continue to be honoured for vehicles operating with E20 fuel meeting the required specifications.

Media & Communication Nodal Officers Attend National Conference Organised by Election Commission of India



Hyderabad TSIT: District Public Relations Officers, Media Nodal Officers, and Social Media Nodal Officers from Telangana's Information and Public Relations Department participated in the one-day National Conference of Media & Communication Nodal Officers organised by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in New Delhi.

Around 240 District Public Relations Officers from 15 States and Union Territories attended the

conference, where senior Election Commission officials discussed the crucial role of communication in election management, media engagement, election laws, digital technologies, countering misinformation, social media challenges, and strategies for ensuring timely dissemination of authentic election-related information.

Addressing the conference, Gyanesh Kumar emphasized that media and public relations officers play a vital role in

ensuring free, fair, and transparent elections. He said communication officials have the responsibility of promptly conveying official information issued by the Election Commission while effectively countering misinformation, rumours, and disinformation.

Explaining the importance of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the Chief Election Commissioner said the exercise is being undertaken to ensure that only eligible Indian citizens, in accordance with the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955, are included in the electoral rolls. He stressed that media and public relations officers have a key responsibility in creating public awareness and dispelling misconceptions regarding the electoral process.

Congress Accelerates Organisational Revamp in Medchal-Malkajgiri

Hyderabad City TSIT July 3:The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) has stepped up its organisational restructuring in Medchal-Malkajgiri district with the appointment of division presidents in four Assembly constituencies, signalling the party's efforts to strengthen its grassroots network ahead of the anticipated elections to the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC).

Following the latest appointments in Qutbullapur Assembly constituency, the Congress has now announced 88 division presidents across Medchal, Uppal, Kukatpally and Qutbullapur Assembly constituencies. The appointments were approved by TPCC President B. Mahesh Kumar Goud on the recommendations of Medchal-Malkajgiri District Congress Committee (DCC) President Thotakura Vajresh Yadav and have come into immediate effect.



The newly appointed division presidents have been entrusted with strengthening the party organisation at the grassroots, coordinating booth-level activities, expanding the cadre base and enhancing public outreach across their respective divisions.

The organisational exercise assumes significance as political parties have begun preparing for the proposed 74-division Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) elections. Political circles view the appointments as the Congress party's first major organisational exercise aimed at building a strong division-level network ahead of the civic polls.

Party leaders expressed confidence that the newly appointed division presidents would play a key role in strengthening the organisation across the district. They indicated that appointments for the remaining Assembly constituencies in Medchal-Malkajgiri district are expected to be announced in the coming days, completing the party's organisational structure across the district.

Kavya Kishan Reddy Consoles Family That Lost Three Sons in Basara Tragedy



Hyderabad, TSIT: Kavya Kishan Reddy, wife of Union Minister Kishan Reddy, on Friday visited the family of Neeli Nagabhushanam at Chappal Bazar to offer condolences following the tragic loss of their three sons in the Basara drowning incident. The family had travelled to the Saraswati temple at Basara last month. During a visit to the Godavari River for a holy dip, the couple's three sons accidentally drowned, leaving the family devastated. Expressing her deep sympathy, Kavya Kishan Reddy consoled the bereaved family and offered words of comfort during their difficult time.

Dr.Srigodha Vishnu Reddy Conducts Awareness Meeting on SIR Process



Hanamkonda TSIT: Dr.Srigodha Vishnu Reddy, daughter of Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy, conducted a special awareness meeting for Booth Level Agents (BLAs) on Thursday to ensure the effective and error-free implementation of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

The meeting was attended by BLAs and Congress Party leaders from Divisions 6, 49, 50, 52, 53, and 54. Dr. Vishnu Reddy provided detailed guidance on accurately filling enumeration forms, correctly recording voter details, carrying out necessary corrections, and mapping the 2002 electoral roll with the present polling station numbers.

She stressed the importance of completing the SIR process in a transparent, timely, and systematic manner. Urging BLAs to discharge their responsibilities with dedication, she called on them to ensure that every eligible voter receives proper assistance and that no errors or omissions occur during the revision process.

Komatireddy Accelerates Telangana's Mega Infrastructure Projects

10 HAM ROAD PACKAGES TO BE GROUNDED IN JULY.HIGH COURT, OSMANIA HOSPITAL TARGETED FOR DECEMBER 2027



Hyderabad, TSIT: Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Friday directed officials to fast-track the execution of major infrastructure projects across Telangana, stressing timely completion, quality construction and strict accountability. Chairing a high-level review meeting with senior Roads & Buildings Department officials at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, the Minister said the State Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is implementing an ambitious programme to create world-class road infrastructure across the State.

Komatireddy said the first phase of the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) road programme covers 6,092 km under 34 packages at an estimated cost of nearly 13,000 crore. While work on the 42-km Nalgonda-Mahabubnagar double road project has already begun, another 10 HAM packages will be grounded during July.

He instructed officials to accelerate construction after the monsoon by working in three shifts, including night hours, to ensure all projects are completed within the stipulated timelines. Emphasising that quality roads are vital for economic growth, industrial development and employment generation, he directed Chief Engineers to

deploy experienced field engineers for every package and closely monitor progress. Minister also announced that foundation stones for HAM and Central Road Fund (CRF) road projects in Karimnagar district will be laid on July 6 in the presence of local Ministers and public representatives.

Reviewing the construction of the new High Court complex and Judges' residential quarters at Rajendranagar, Komatireddy instructed officials to increase manpower and strengthen supervision. He set a deadline of December 2027 for completing both the new High Court complex and the new Osmania General Hospital for inauguration. Minister further reviewed the progress of TIMS hospitals at Sanathnagar, Alwal and LB Nagar, the expansion of NIMS, and the Warangal Multi Super Speciality Hospital, directing officials to expedite works so that the facilities become operational at the earliest. Warning against delays, Komatireddy said he would begin surprise inspections of project sites from this week and made it clear that negligence or poor performance would invite stringent action. The review meeting also assessed the progress of development works at Basara and Bhadrachalam temples and the Roads & Buildings Department's preparations for the forthcoming Godavari Pushkaralu.

Commissioner Srijana Leads Joint Inspection to Protect Kollur Lake

Hyderabad, TSIT: In a coordinated effort to strengthen environmental protection and improve wastewater management, Commissioner of Cyberabad Municipal Corporation, Srijana, along with the Managing Director of HMWSSB, conducted a joint inspection of the Kollur 2BHK Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and Kollur Lake following reports of pollution in the lake.

Senior officials from the Engineering Wing of Cyberabad Municipal Corporation, HMWSSB, the Irrigation Department, the



Housing Department, and the Patancheru Circle Sanitation Team participated in the inspection.

The team reviewed the operational efficiency of the Sewage Treatment Plant, examined potential sources contributing to pollution in Kollur Lake, and assessed measures required to strengthen wastewater treatment and prevent untreated sewage from entering the water body.

Emphasising the importance of inter-departmental coordination, Commissioner Srijana directed all concerned departments to identify the root causes of pollution and implement immediate corrective measures. She instructed officials to ensure the efficient functioning of the STP, strengthen wastewater management systems, and take all necessary steps to protect and restore the ecological health of Kollur Lake.

Awareness Key to Protecting Health



Khammam (TSIT): Early detection and prevention of many diseases is possible through better health awareness, said Dr Gongura Venkateswarlu, Chairman of Sriraksha Hospital. He was speaking at a health awareness programme organised at Sri Sai Balaji Apartments in Khammam on Friday. Dr Venkateswarlu said changing lifestyles and occupational conditions have led to an increase in health-related problems, with workers in different professions being vulnerable to specific occupational diseases. He said mine workers are at risk of silicosis, cotton mill workers of byssinosis, those working in high-noise environments of hearing loss, construction workers of heat stroke, and farmers and livestock handlers of brucellosis. He advised people not to ignore symptoms and to undergo timely medical check-ups. The use of N-95 masks, ear muffs and other personal protective equipment suitable for their work can significantly reduce occupational health risks, he said. He also urged people to make use of Central and State government health schemes and give priority to their health. Pamphlets on occupational diseases, preventive measures and health protection were distributed during the programme. Apartment residents and medical staff participated.

MLA Naini Rajender Reddy Extends Greetings to New Bishop of Warangal Diocese



Hanumakonda, TSIT: Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy attended the episcopal ordination ceremony of the newly appointed Bishop of the Warangal Diocese,

Durgampudi Vijaypal, on Friday. MLA, accompanied by K. R. Nagaraju and DCC President Ingala Venkatram Reddy, felicitated the new Bishop with a shawl and presented him

with a bouquet, conveying their heartfelt congratulations. Speaking on the occasion, Naini Rajender Reddy expressed confidence that under Bishop Vijaypal's leadership, the Warangal Diocese would further expand its spiritual and social service activities while promoting peace, harmony, compassion, and humanitarian values in society. The ceremony was attended by church leaders, public representatives, Christian faithful, and Congress party leaders.

Banothu Bhaskar Naik Appointed as Siddipet District DCC Secretary

The South India Times Husnabad : Husnabad: Banothu Bhaskar Naik, a prominent Congress leader from Akkannapet Mandal, has been entrusted with key responsibilities in the newly formed Siddipet District Congress Committee (DCC) executive body. The party high command issued orders appointing him as



the District Secretary of the DCC. Local Congress cadres and his followers have expressed happiness over this appointment. Bhaskar Naik conveyed his special gratitude to the party high command for placing their trust in him and assigning such a crucial responsibility. Speaking on the occasion, he thanked State

Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar—who plays a pivotal role in the state's development—as well as the district's senior party leadership and the District President. He affirmed that he would work with dedication to strengthen the Congress party in the district, ensuring he lives up to the trust placed in him.

Let's conduct Wanaparthi Sri Venkateswara Swamy Brahmotsavam with grandeur: MLA Thudi Meghareddy



Wanaparthi(TSIT): MLA Thudi Meghareddy said that special measures are being taken to organize the Brahmotsavam in the month of March next year in an unprecedented manner in the Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple in Wanaparthi town. On Friday, he inspected the development works undertaken at the Wanaparthi Venkateswara Swamy Temple at a cost of around seven crore rupees. He participated in the meeting

organized on this occasion and spoke. The MLA said that we are moving ahead with the determination to organize these Brahmotsavams not only as spiritual celebrations but also as a festival that reflects the prestige of the town of Wanaparthi with the participation of people from all walks of life. State Chief Minister for Brahmotsavam. The MLA said that there is an opportunity for the couple of Enumula Revanth Reddy to attend. Already, various development works are going on fast with funds of more than Rs.6 crore for the development of the temple. Since we still have about seven months to organize the Brahmotsavam next March, the MLA suggested that a review meeting should be held every month and the programs should be implemented step by step.

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CM Revanth to mark 20 years in public life today



Hyderabad, July 4: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will visit the undivided Mahabubnagar district on Saturday to mark 20 years of his public life, which began with his election as a ZPTC member from Midjil. During the visit, he will offer prayers at the Urukonda Anjaneya Swamy Temple, lay the foundation stone for temple development works, unveil the statues of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and former MLA Dyapa Gopal Reddy at Midjil, and inaugurate several development projects. The Chief Minister will also address a public meeting and participate in a gratitude gathering to thank the people of Midjil for launching his political career.

Telangana to Expand Fertility Services in Government Hospitals Private IVF Centres to Face Strict Monthly Inspections

Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Government has decided to expand infertility treatment services in government hospitals while strengthening regulatory oversight of private fertility centres to ensure ethical and transparent reproductive healthcare across the State. Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on Friday, Health, Medical & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha directed officials to establish dedicated Fertility Outpatient (OP) Clinics in government hospitals by utilising the expertise of experienced government gynaecologists. He said quality fertility care should be made accessible and affordable to couples across Telangana.

Reviewing the performance of the IVF centres established in 2024 at Gandhi Hospital and Petlaburj Hospital, the Minister was informed that the two centres have together provided fertility services



to nearly 37,300 patients. So far, 23 women have achieved confirmed pregnancies through IVF, while 510 patients have undergone Intrauterine Insemination (IUI). IVF treatment is currently in progress for another 490 couples.

Minister directed officials to gradually expand fertility services to district government hospitals and prepare proposals for establishing IVF centres on the lines of Gandhi and Petlaburj Hospitals. He also instructed that interested government gynaecologists conduct dedicated Fertility OP Clinics at least one day every week in addition to their regular maternal

healthcare services. Emphasising the importance of awareness, Damodar Rajanarsimha called for sustained public education campaigns on infertility, early diagnosis, and available treatment options to help couples seek timely medical care.

Minister also ordered strict monitoring of private fertility centres. He directed officials to conduct mandatory monthly inspections and take stringent legal action against centres found violating statutory norms, engaging in unethical practices, or exploiting patients. Health Commissioner Dr. Sangeetha Satyanarayana informed the meeting that Telangana currently has 464

registered fertility centres. Notices have been issued to 60 centres for regulatory violations, while the licences of two centres have been permanently cancelled and nine centres have been suspended. Referring to the incident at Srishti Fertility Centre, Minister instructed officials to ensure that such incidents are never repeated. He also directed inspection teams to verify medicines and injections administered to patients, including their manufacturers, procurement details, and maximum retail prices (MRP). Fertility centres failing to upload mandatory information on the regulatory portal would face strict action, he warned.

Jupally renews challenge to BRS on state debt



Hyderabad, July 4: Telangana Excise and Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao on Friday challenged the BRS leadership to an open debate on the state's debt, accusing former minister Harish Rao of avoiding questions on borrowings during the previous government. He claimed Harish Rao's recent letter did not disclose the total debt incurred by the BRS regime and reiterated his invitation to K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and Harish Rao for a public discussion. Jupally alleged that the debt figures presented by BRS leaders were misleading and urged them to explain liabilities, including loans raised through the Kaleshwaram Corporation. He said he remains ready for a debate at any time.

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Uttam inaugurates village roads in Suryapet

Suryapet, July 3 (TSIT): Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, along with District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar and SP K. Narasimha, inaugurated several BT roads connecting villages in Garidipalli mandal on Friday.



The roads, built at a cost of several crores, will improve connectivity in the region. Addressing a public meeting, the Minister said all villages in Kodad and Huzurnagar constituencies would soon be connected with BT roads. He urged vil-

lagers to protect the newly laid roads from damage and advised farmers to follow Agriculture Department guidelines and take precautions in view of the forecast of below-normal rainfall due to the El Niño effect.

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JSW Steel Plant to Herald New Era for Rayalaseema: CM Naidu

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday launched the construction of the JSW Rayalaseema Steel Plant at Sunnapurallipalle in Jammalamadugu constituency, describing it as the beginning of a new industrial era for Rayalaseema. He said Andhra Pradesh is set to emerge as a major steel-producing state with projects by JSW Steel, ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) and the revival of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. The Chief Minister inaugurated the steel plant works along with JSW Group Chairman Sajjan Jindal and Union Minister Srinivasa Varma. He also launched the JSW Neo Energy Solar Captive Power Project and virtually inaugurated the JSW Industrial Park at Vizianagaram. The Rayalaseema Steel Plant will be developed in two phases with an investment of Rs.16,350 crore and an annual production capacity of 2 million tonnes. Along with the 3,850 MW renewable energy project, JSW's total investment will reach Rs.20,350 crore, generating around 2,700 direct employment opportunities. The industrial park at Vizianagaram, spread across 1,166 acres, will be developed with an investment of Rs.531 crore under the plug-and-play model.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said the long-pending dream of establishing the Rayalaseema Steel Plant had finally become a reality under the pres-



ent government. He criticized the previous administration for conducting foundation ceremonies without initiating construction and said actual work had begun only after the coalition government assumed office. Chandrababu said the plant would manufacture green steel using renewable energy and assured full government support through water supply, road, rail and port connectivity. He added that the state would facilitate the supply of high-quality iron ore from Rayalaseema for the project. Highlighting the state's industrial growth, the Chief Minister point-

ed to the success of the Kia India manufacturing facility in Anantapur, which has produced 1.9 million vehicles, including 300,000 exports to over 90 countries. In contrast, he alleged that the Brahmani Steels project remained a symbol of corruption, accusing its promoters of illegally exploiting iron ore resources without establishing the promised steel plant.

He said the government aims to transform Rayalaseema into a hub for steel, aerospace, defence, drones, electronics, renewable energy and food processing industries while strengthening irriga-

tion, horticulture and tourism infrastructure across the region. Speaking on the occasion, JSW Group Chairman Sajjan Jindal described Chandrababu Naidu as a visionary leader and announced that the group would invest nearly Rs.50,000 crore in Andhra Pradesh over the coming years, creating around 50,000 jobs. He also stated that the Rayalaseema Steel Plant would be expanded beyond its initial capacity in future. Union Minister Srinivasa Varma, State Ministers Savitha and Gottipati Ravi Kumar, BJP State President PVN Madhav, MLA Adinarayana Reddy and senior officials attend-

Collector directs speedy SIR registration in Warangal East

WARANGAL, July 3, TSIT : istrict Collector Dr Satya Sharada has directed the concerned officials to complete 100 percent of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process under the Warangal East Constituency within the stipulated time.

In a review meeting held with EROs, Supervisors and BLOs held at the District Collectorate Conference



Hall on Friday, the District Collector said that each BLO should visit each house in their polling cen-

ter and record the voter details by strictly following the rules within the deadline set by the Election Commission.

Every eligible voter is directed to ensure that the name is not missing in the voter list, registration of new voters, deletion of names of deceased persons, changes of address and other amendments are to be completed as per the rules.

Bhadradri Bank holds customer awareness meet

Khammam town (TSIT): A customer and members' awareness meeting was organised at the head office of Bhadradri Cooperative Urban Bank Limited on Friday as part of the Cooperative Week celebrations. Addressing the gathering, District Cooperative Officer Gangadhar said cooperative banks have earned the trust of customers through personalised services and have been playing a key role in the socio-economic development of members. He appreciated Bhadradri Cooperative Bank for providing deposit and loan services to the common people for the past 29 years and assured support in the recovery of overdue loans. Delivering the keynote address, educationist Rajayya spoke on the importance being accorded to the



cooperative sector by the Central government and highlighted the ongoing reforms and development in cooperative banking. Bank chairman Cherukuri Krishnamurthy said the bank has been supporting weaker sections and growing alongside the people for nearly three decades. He said the bank now operates 25 branches with a business turnover of 1,035 crore. Assistant

Registrar Ushasri, vice-chairman Sanne Uday Pratap and in-charge CEO Srinivasa Rao also addressed the gathering. Deposit receipts and loan sanction letters were distributed to customers by the chief guest and directors Devatha Rajarao, Maddi Pichchaiah, Ranga Naga Srinivasa Rao and Jeevan Ram. Bank staff, customers and well-wishers participated in the programme.

Karanam Malleswari Sports Arena Inaugurated at GITAM



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: Visakhapatnam Member of Parliament and GITAM President M. Sribharat inaugurated the Karanam Malleswari Sports Arena at GITAM Deemed to be University, named in honour of Olympic medal-winning weightlifter Karnam Malleswari. The newly developed sports facility features an international-standard table tennis arena, a dedicated yoga centre, and other modern sports infrastructure for students. Speaking on the occasion, M. Sribharat said that physical fitness, along with mental well-being, is essential for young people to overcome challenges and achieve success. He noted that Karnam Malleswari, who rose from a rural background to become a source of pride for Telugu people through her international achievements, should serve as an inspiration to today's youth. The event was attended by Prof. Y. Goutham Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof. D. Gunasekaran, Registrar, Arun Karthik, Campus Life Samay Dean, along with deans, directors, faculty members, and students from various schools of GITAM.

CM Chandrababu Naidu Unveils 'Swarna Kuppam Vision-2029'; Announces Rs.9,322-Crore Investments, 39,000 Jobs

Kuppam, July 3: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday unveiled the ambitious "Swarna Kuppam Vision-2029", reaffirming his commitment to transform Kuppam into a model constituency for the country through large-scale industrialisation, infrastructure development and employment generation. Declaring that Kuppam is "not just a constituency but an emotion," the Chief Minister said he would stay in Kuppam for three days to personally monitor every development programme and ensure their timely implementation.

As part of his three-day visit from July 3 to 5, Naidu participated in the signing of investment agreements, foundation stone-laying ceremonies and Bhoomi Pujas under the Swarna Kuppam Investments initiative at Pogurupalli village in Gudipalli Mandal. Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad, District Collector Sumit Kumar, APIIC Director Prem Kumar, industrialists and senior officials attended the programme.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said Kuppam has witnessed rapid transformation over the past two years and expressed gratitude to the



people for electing him as MLA for the eighth time and giving him the opportunity to serve as Chief Minister for a fourth term. He said the government's vision is to build a healthy, prosperous and happy society based on the pillars of welfare, development and good governance.

Naidu announced that 27 industries with a proposed investment of Rs.9,322 crore would be established in Kuppam, generating direct employment for nearly 39,000 people. Among the major projects is the ABIS Proteins

Chicken Processing Unit, being set up with an investment of Rs.200 crore, which is expected to create employment opportunities for farmers, allied sectors and local youth. He also highlighted the establishment of an MSME Park on 44 acres to encourage small industries, startups and entrepreneurship. The Chief Minister launched the "One Family - One Entrepreneur" initiative from Kuppam, urging young people to become entrepreneurs instead of waiting for government jobs. He said the government would facilitate industrial

growth while ensuring quality employment opportunities. Special initiatives are also being taken to promote women entrepreneurship by supporting DWACRA women's groups and strengthening micro-enterprises across the state.

Highlighting future infrastructure plans, Naidu said Swarna Kuppam Vision-2029 includes construction of concrete village roads, BT roads in urban areas, improved connectivity to national highways, railway expansion and airport access. He announced plans to develop Kuppam as an industrial hub by leveraging the Bengaluru-Chennai Economic Corridor, including a direct road connecting Pogurupalli to Bengaluru.

The Chief Minister also outlined an ambitious green development agenda for Kuppam. He said thousands of houses are being equipped with rooftop solar power systems, while the constituency will focus on achieving 70 per cent green cover, net-zero pollution, scientific waste management, waste-to-energy projects and comprehensive door-to-door garbage collection. He appealed to citizens to actively participate in keep-

GITAM Pays Rich Tributes to Dr. M.V.V.S. Murthi on His 88th Birth Anniversary



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam: GITAM Deemed to be University on Friday, July 3, 2026, observed the 88th birth anniversary of its Founder President, eminent educationist, former Member of Parliament, and philanthropist, Late Dr. M.V.V.S. Murthi, with solemn tributes. Floral tributes were paid at the statue and memorial of Dr. Murthi on the university campus by Visakhapatnam MP and GITAM President M. Sribharat, GITAM Vice-President Prof. M. Gangadhara Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. Y. Goutham Rao, Registrar Prof. D. Gunasekaran,

along with directors of various schools, faculty members, and non-teaching staff. Speaking on the occasion, M. Sribharat said that Late Dr. M.V.V.S. Murthi transformed GITAM into a premier institution of higher learning. He noted that thousands of students who graduated from GITAM campuses in Visakhapatnam, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru are today serving with distinction in India and abroad. He called upon the GITAM fraternity to rededicate themselves to fulfilling Dr. Murthi's vision and educational ideals.

TTD launches 'Akshara Govindam-Annapprasanam' at Sri Vakulamatha Temple



Tirupati: TTD formally launched the "Akshara Govindam - Annapprasanam" programme at Sri Vakulamatha Temple,

Tirupati, on Friday to mark the sacred beginning of children's education and life with the blessings of Lord Venkateswara.

TTD Chairman Sri B.R. Naidu and EO Sri M. Ravichandra inaugurated the programme, blessed the children and distributed Akshara Govindam Kits containing educational and devotional materials free of cost. The Chairman urged every Hindu family to make use of this unique spiritual initiative.

Later, the Chairman and EO also inaugurated the newly constructed Pilgrim Amenities Complex built at a cost of Rs.2 crore.

Chandragiri MLA Sri Pulivarthi Nani, TTD Board Members, HDPP Secretary Dr. Medasani Mohan, senior TTD officials, devotees, children and their parents participated in the programme.

AP Seeks Greater Central Support for Port-Led Development

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh Minister for Roads & Buildings, Infrastructure and Investments B.C. Janardhan Reddy met Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal in New Delhi on Friday to discuss key initiatives aimed at strengthening the state's maritime infrastructure and accelerating port-led economic development. Union Minister for Civil Aviation K. Ram Mohan Naidu also participated in the meeting.

The discussions focused on enhancing coastal infrastructure across Andhra Pradesh and expediting port-based development projects. The state minister requested the Centre to facilitate the participation of the Visakhapatnam Port Authority in the development of Mulapeta Port and sought support for the allocation of salt lands required for the expansion of port infrastructure in the state. Janardhan Reddy also urged the Centre to sanction connectivity roads under the Sagarmala Programme for Gangavaram



Port and the proposed port of ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India at Anakapalli. He further requested financial assistance under Sagarmala 2.0 for fishing harbour projects and sought Central support for establishing the mega shipbuilding cluster at Duggarajapatnam.

The minister said the Andhra

Pradesh Government aims to transform the state into a major port-led economic hub on India's east coast by creating world-class maritime infrastructure. He emphasized that the coalition government is working closely with the Central Government and industry stakeholders to strengthen the

state's maritime ecosystem and attract greater investments. The meeting was attended by M.T. Krishnababu, Special Chief Secretary (R&B and Infrastructure & Investments), Praveen Aditya, CEO of the Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board, and other senior officials.

and supporting their financial needs. He expressed confidence that the bank would continue its expansion and achieve its target of operating 25 branches with a business turnover of Rs. 1,035 crore.

EDITORIAL

How Texas Became Hub Of A Terror-Link Kashmiri Outfit's Activities

In 2022, Yasin Malik, the leader of a Kashmiri group declared by a US federal appeals court as a terrorist organisation involved in killings, bombings and kidnappings, was sentenced by an Indian court to life in prison. While Malik continues in principle to be re-elected as chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) while incarcerated, JKLF's actual operations have since been managed and supported by a network of radical Kashmiri and Pakistani activists thousands of miles away - in Texas.

For many years, until May 2026, Dallas-based Raja Muzaffar served as JKLF's "acting chairman". Through his organisations, the Kashmir Global Council and the South Asia Democracy Watch, Muzaffar partnered with Texas institutions, policymakers, Islamist groups and radical activists across the state. At a JKLF conference in Dallas in 2024, organised by the group to "highlight the struggle" of its terror leader Yasin Malik, guests included city councilors, along with state representatives and a federal lawmaker. Following a partnership with Dallas-based Southern Methodist University, in 2025, the Dallas leader of the JKLF terror movement appointed "Dr. Rick Halperin, a renowned Human Rights Advocate and Director of the Human Rights Program at Southern Methodist University" as "Head of the Justice for Yasin Malik Campaign."

Most commonly, however, Muzaffar and other JKLF leaders partner with Islamist operatives. In 2025, Muzaffar and other JKLF leaders organised a joint event from Dallas with Ghulam Nabi Fai of the World Kashmir Awareness Forum to honour the late terrorist leader and JKLF founder Amanullah Khan.

Decades ago, Amanullah Khan oversaw a terror campaign against Indian targets, carried out, as admitted by Khan himself, by "militants" trained at terror camps in Pakistan in collaboration with the Directorate of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Pakistan's terror-tied intelligence agency. Later, in 1984, Khan reportedly kidnapped and murdered an Indian diplomat in the British city of Birmingham. In the 1990s, Khan explicitly refused to renounce violence against Indian targets and moved his JKLF operations to Pakistan.

Participants in the Dallas event praised the JKLF terror leader's "legacy of resistance and unity".

Alongside senior JKLF officials, leading American-Kashmiri Islamist activist Ghulam Nabi Fai spoke at the Dallas webinar. Fai has long been involved with the violent Jamaat-e-Islami movement and its American proxies. In 2011, federal prosecutors charged Fai with serving as an agent of the Pakistani government. Fai, prosecutors proved, accepted \$3.5 million from Pakistani intelligence to influence American policy on Kashmir.

Dallas JKLF leader Raja Muzaffar seemingly continues to consort with Pakistani intelligence operatives today, such as former ISI director Asad Durrani.

The Dallas-based leadership of the JKLF also relies on support from an Islamist-controlled Kashmiri and Pakistani diaspora in Texas. One participant at the 2025 event and a longstanding supporter of the JKLF is Mujeeb Kazi, a Kashmiri businessman and head of the North Texas Islamic Council, "an umbrella group for mosques in the Dallas-Fort Worth area." Kazi runs several nonprofit organisations in the area, including Voice of Kashmir TV.

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State As AI Shareholder: The Washington Model India Can't Ignore

There is a quietly radical idea moving through Washington. It deserves close attention in New Delhi. OpenAI has opened talks about handing the US government a 5 per cent equity stake in the company. Sam Altman and other executives have proposed something larger, too: a government vehicle that holds a minority stake in each of America's leading AI developers. That could span Anthropic, Google, Meta, Nvidia and beyond. Altman first raised the issue of government equity with Trump personally in early 2025, according to reports. He has suggested that the Alaska Permanent Fund could serve as a model for ensuring Americans share in the wealth created by AI, potentially through public ownership or equity stakes in AI companies, rather than simply distributing corporate profits as cash dividends.

Trump recently told reporters aboard Air Force One that taking stakes in American AI companies could become "a partnership with the American public." An OpenAI policy paper has already proposed a "Public Wealth Fund" to hold such stakes and distribute proceeds to citizens broadly, whether they own shares or not. Anthropic, notably, is not part of the current talks. None of this is happening in isolation. The Trump administration has already taken direct equity positions in several companies this term, including Intel and IBM and a handful of quantum-computing and critical-minerals firms. Senator Bernie Sanders has gone further. He has proposed a one-time 50 per cent stock levy on major AI firms. Across the American political spectrum, the state-as-stakeholder idea is gaining traction. The idea has serious critics on both sides of the aisle. Nat Purser of Public Knowledge



has warned that a government which is simultaneously shareholder and regulator faces a conflict of interest. It could grow reluctant to enforce safety rules if doing so dents its own holdings' value. Jennifer Huddleston of the Cato Institute argues that government equity in private firms erodes norms around the separation of state and market, with Washington effectively picking winners. Washington is testing a completely new model. The government is not running businesses, nor is it just acting as a regulator. Instead, it is stepping in as a long-term, minority investor. It helps private companies build and compete by opening up international markets, using diplomacy, and buying their services. In exchange, the government takes a cut of the financial upside it helped create. India should study this model closely. It may be exactly what a handful of India's own strategic sectors need. Historically, India's instinct

in sectors of national importance was to build large public sector enterprises. That approach may have served in an era of scarce capital and thin private capability. But today's technology race rewards speed, entrepreneurial risk-taking and relentless innovation. This applies to AI, drone tech, space tech, semiconductors, quantum computing and rare earth minerals. Public-sector ownership structures rarely reward those qualities. And Indian companies in these sectors are no longer competing on capability alone. Increasingly, they compete against state-backed ecosystems, China's most visible among them, where the line between private enterprise and state support is far thinner than in most free market economies. Picture a framework where private companies and startups build world-class capability while the government backs them with procurement commitments, patient capital, diplomatic support, export facilitation and regulatory predictability. In return, the government would take a minority equity stake in a carefully chosen bunch of strategically important firms. Governance would need the same care that Purser and Huddleston are demanding of the American proposal, to avoid distorting markets or blurring the state's roles as backer and regulator. Interestingly, India already has a case study that shows such a model can work. Titan was set up in 1984 as a joint venture between the Tata Group and the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation. More than four decades on, TIDCO still holds about 27.8 per cent of Titan, a stake now worth close to Rs 1 lakh crore. It is arguably one of the most successful long-term equity investments any Indian state government has made. The lesson from Titan is that patient minority ownership in the right sector, held for decades rather than quarters, can generate enormous

public value while leaving innovation, execution and competitive discipline entirely in private hands. There is a sharper, more urgent reason for India to think about such an idea now. A government that merely regulates AI is, in theory, a referee. A government that owns equity in it has a direct stake in that industry's success. Washington has already shown it is willing to use state power to shape the global reach of its AI companies. Last month, a US Commerce Department export-control action forced Anthropic to suspend global access to two of its newest models. Access was restored only once the controls were lifted. Washington can extend or restrict the footprint of AI models as an instrument of statecraft. An equity stake would give the American state a direct financial reason to use it more assertively, in exactly the markets, including India's, where those companies compete for infrastruc-

ture deals and enterprise adoption. This reflects an unequal dynamic for India. While the US relies on India as its primary engine for data and market growth, it restricts or monopolises the very compute and semiconductor infrastructure India needs to build its own sovereign AI. India, then, needs to hold two ideas about this moment at once. The first is caution. As AI, cloud and compute increasingly resemble the pipelines and telecom networks of an earlier era, a more financially invested American state has a sharper incentive to see its companies dominate globally on its own terms. The second is opportunity. The same model, adapted to India's own strategic sectors, could help build the national champions that reduce that dependency. It would also give Indian firms bidding for defence contracts, satellite launches or clean-energy partnerships abroad the credibility of a serious government stake standing behind them.

The first representative collection of Haryanvi short stories: 'Mhari Matti, Mhare Akhar'

—Dr. Vijay Garg

"Mhari Matti, Mhare Akhar" is a significant collection that, for the first time, brings together the creative spirit of 33 Haryanvi short story writers active in India and abroad in a single work. Featuring 99 short stories, this book emerges as a vivid document of Haryana's folk culture, public life, human sensibilities, and social reality. Dedicated to the memory of young inspiration, Mr. Manumukt 'Manav', IPS, this work was compiled by Dr. Priyanka Saurabh under the guidance of Dr. Ramniwas 'Manav', edited by Dr. Satyawar Saurabh, and published in 2026 with an attractive cover design by Surendra Bansal. This 121-page book is priced at ₹275. It is undoubtedly a must-have for scholars of Haryanvi language and folklore, as well as literature lovers.

The true power of every language lies in its soil, and from that soil its letters are born. "Mhari Matti, Mhare Akhar" is a collection of short stories that captures this sweet fragrance, not only introducing the vibrant Haryanvi dialect but also giving a powerful voice to one of the most influential genres of contemporary Hindi literature—the short story—with Haryanvi expression. This collection, edited by Dr. Satyawan Saurabh and compiled by Dr. Priyanka Saurabh, includes a total of 99 short stories by 33 short story writers. This number is not merely a statistic, but a powerful indication of the evolving nature of the

Haryanvi short story. For a long time, Haryanvi literature was largely limited to folk songs, ragas, and storytelling, but this collection proves that this dialect is now making its strong presence felt in modern literary genres as well.

The greatest characteristic of a short story is its brevity, one realizes that while the words are few, the impact is profound. Each work is centered on a single event, emotion, or social situation, instantly engaging the reader. These stories are not only read, but also felt—and this is the greatest success of this collection.

The book's greatest strength lies in its diverse subject matter. It reveals life's many shades—the sweetness of relationships, the harsh realities of society, the simplicity of rural life, and the complexities of changing times. "Tadakai Ki Maa" reflects maternal sensitivity, "Izzat Ki Paribhasa" questions social norms, "Bahu Bihar Ki" exposes social prejudices, while works like "Mati Ki Sondh" and "Ghunghat Aur Ghadi" vividly portray Haryana's deep connection to its cultural roots.

The simplicity and straightforward nature of the Haryanvi language make these short stories even more impressive. There's no artificiality or pretense in the language, but rather a natural flow that reaches directly to the reader. This collection reinforces the belief that the depth of literature lies not in the complexity of language, but in its sensitivity. However, there is one

aspect of this book that draws attention—the lack of linguistic uniformity. Since it contains works by numerous authors, diverse forms of Haryanvi emerge. In some places, the language is pure folk, while in others, the influence of Hindi is clearly visible. While this diversity makes the collection comprehensive, it also lacks a uniform linguistic flow. Nevertheless, this should be viewed as a natural state of the evolving nature of the Haryanvi language rather than a shortcoming.

Many of the works in this collection sharply attack social anomalies. Short stories like "Dogla," "Kagzi Samaj Seva," "Leader," and "Bheed Aur Neta" effectively criticize the hypocrisy, pretense, and hollow leadership prevalent in society. Works like "Beti Ka Maan," "Sherni Maa," and "Lugaiyaan Ke Haq" effectively present women's struggles, self-respect, and changing social roles. The speciality of these stories is that they present the reality directly, without unnecessary sentimentality.

Another important aspect of this book is that it features both new and experienced writers. This not only maintains literary balance but also provides an opportunity for new talents to express themselves. The emergence of a new generation of writers is crucial for the development of any language, and this collection is a meaningful effort in that direction.

Dr. Ramniwas 'Manav's' preface provides the ideological foundation for this collection. The clarity with

which he presents the current state of the Haryanvi short story, its challenges, and possibilities, makes the reader understand the seriousness of this genre. Meanwhile, Surendra Bansal's article, "Creative Enterprise Nai Sadhuwad," commends this effort and establishes it as a positive literary initiative.

When evaluated holistically, "Mhari Matti, Mhare Akhar" is not just a collection of short stories, but an important milestone in the development of Haryanvi literature. It is a meaningful effort to fill a literary void where no comprehensive and representative collection of Haryanvi short stories was available until now. This work not only documents current creativity but also lays the groundwork for future literary discussions. Undoubtedly, this book fully achieves its objective. It not only entertains readers but also inspires them to reflect on social reality, understand human values, and view the literary potential of their folk language from a new perspective. This is an important and must-have work for scholars, researchers, writers, and general readers of Haryanvi language and folklore.

"Mhari Matti, Mhare Akhar" is a remarkable literary venture that, with its earthy fragrance, the intimacy of folk life, and contemporary sensibilities, provides a new identity, new energy, and a new direction to the Haryanvi short story. In the future, this collection will prove to be a milestone in the history of Haryanvi short stories.

The Story Of Congress And Its Never-Ending Obsession With 'Committees

Committee Raj continues in the Congress but not everyone is happy with jumbo panels and duplication of work. After much deliberations, the Congress announced poll panels for election-bound Punjab, triggering both astonishment and disquiet. Instead of changing the PCC chief, the grand old party decided, in its great wisdom, to have a campaign committee chief and an Election Management and Coordination head, in addition to Punjab Congress party president and a Congress Legislature Party [CLP] leader. It is baffling how Vijay Inder Singla, who is heading the single-member Election Management and Coordination panel, would share the workload with state PCC chief Amrinder Raja Warring. Singla continues to be joint treasurer of the AICC. Manish Tewari's Disappointment Senior Congress leader and Chandigarh member of parliament Manish Tewari is sulking. His grudge is manifold. Apparently, he was not consulted when a panel headed by Ajay Maken toured Punjab to speak to various stakeholders. Well-placed sources say AICC general secretary in charge of Punjab, Bhupesh Baghel, has also not spoken to Tewari for months. So, when Tewari used microblogging platform X to vent his frustration, saying, "Wish I had an antidote for the insecurities of individuals and institutions", it is evident that he had someone bigger in mind than Maken or Baghel. Much like Shashi Tharoor, Tewari dif-



fers with the Congress leadership on nuanced foreign policy issues. But inherently, he remains a die-hard Congressman steeped in Nehruvian ideology. If Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, KC Venugopal and others care to read his edit page articles and columns, they would notice his deep anxiety and opposition to the 'Aaya Ram, Gaya Ram' culture of defections. Describing Paragraph 4 in the Tenth Schedule as a weapon of mass defection, Tewari added, "In light of the grotesque emasculation of democracy that is today on display, the time has come for Parliament to pass a single-line anti-defection law that any member who voluntarily gives up membership of a political party to which he belongs, or who defies the whip (in matters of confidence and no-confidence motions, adjournment motions, financial business, and money Bills) should forthwith cease to be a member of the House." It is evi-

dent that Tewari himself is not going anywhere. A Confused Campaign In Punjab At another level, the Congress's Punjab drive appears bereft of ideas. The BJP may not have a chief ministerial face in the state, but the Congress camp has a crowd. Former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi thinks he is numero uno in the race for the post of Chief Minister if the grand old party wins Punjab. But at least half a dozen party leaders in the state, including Pratap Bajwa and Amrinder Raja Warring, harbour similar wishes, counting on Rahul-Kharge-Venugopal to fulfil their dream. Just today, a total of 67 Congress leaders participated in the meeting called by Channi amidst growing uncertainty over the post of Punjab Congress President. In 2020, the Congress had dished out a 'dad's army' running into 17 pages, accommodating anyone and everyone in Delhi Pradesh Election Committee,

Campaign Committee, Manifesto Committee, Publicity Committee, Election Management Committee and Media Coordination Committee. There were 607 members - yes, 607 - figuring in these committees. The composition of these panels was deprived of any organisational hierarchy, age, political stature and other parameters of parliamentary democracy. The present-day Congress works on a mantra that says loud and clear - when in doubt, set up a committee. Venugopal, considered to be Rahul Gandhi's eyes and ears and a man of all seasons, would be aware that reports of panels set up to study poll debacles in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh [polls were held in December 2023] have not been discussed in the Congress Working Committee. There has been no follow-up action either. Committees have been a quick fix solution for the Congress for decades now.

An Evening of Gratitude honours the Collective Spirit powering TCS World 10K Bengaluru 2026



Bengaluru : Bengaluru's spirit of generosity was once again on full display as the TCS World 10K Bengaluru, World Athletics Gold Label race, achieved a significant philanthropy milestone, raising Rs.5.73 crore through the collective efforts of NGOs, corporates, philanthropists, and individual fundraisers.

Building on the legacy of creating meaningful impact through sport, Procam International, pioneers of distance running in India, hosted the inaugural An Evening of Gratitude — a special celebration recognizing the people, partnerships, and purpose that continues to drive the TCS World 10K Bengaluru beyond race day. Over the years, the TCS World 10K Bengaluru has evolved into much more than a race. It has become a powerful platform that inspires collective

action, mobilises generosity, and creates opportunities for lasting social impact across communities.

The evening honoured fundraisers, corporate leaders, nonprofit partners, young changemakers, and supporters whose dedication transformed intention into action and action into measurable change.

United Way Bengaluru, the event's Philanthropy Partner, has played a pivotal role in strengthening the event's philanthropic ecosystem by connecting donors, fundraisers, corporates, and nonprofit organisations, helping transform participation into meaningful social impact. For the 2026 edition, NGOs, corporates, and individual fundraisers collectively raised Rs.5.73 crore, reflecting Bengaluru's unwavering commitment to creating positive change through col-

lective action.

Since the inception of the philanthropy programme in 2008, the TCS World 10K Bengaluru has mobilised over Rs.64.93 crore towards social causes, supporting initiatives across education, healthcare, sports, child welfare, livelihoods, and community development. This enduring legacy reinforces the event's position as one of India's most impactful sporting platforms for philanthropy, where every kilometre run, contributes to a larger purpose.

Rajesh Krishnan, CEO, United Way Bengaluru, said, "The TCS World 10K Bengaluru continues to demonstrate the extraordinary power of sport to unite people around a common purpose. At the heart of this movement are our NGO partners, whose tireless efforts bring meaning and impact to every contribution. It has been inspiring to witness first-time fundraisers, young changemakers, corporate teams, families, friends, and communities come together to support causes they deeply care about. When people see the difference, they are creating, they move beyond participation and become advocates for change—and that is the true power of philanthropy."

MARKING LIONS FIRST DAY MEGA SERVICE ACTIVITIES, DOCTORS' DAY CELEBRATION

Bengaluru: Lions International District 317A organized a special programme at Kidwai Cancer Hospital in the Bengaluru city. Lion T S Rajan Second Vice District Governor Lions 317 A said the mega service activity conducted under the guidance of District Governor Lion K.S Easwaran that on this auspicious day, which also marks the first day of the Lionistic year, District 317A commemorated the occasion by honoring doctors and undertaking several meaningful service initiatives. These included the distribution of food, woolen blankets, caps to hospital inmates and donation of 100 units of blood



by the Lions Blood Centre, Vijayanagar and distribution of free notebooks to students of the Lions School in Kanakapura. He noted that these initiatives are truly commendable and reflect the

organisation's enduring commitment to humanitarian service.

Addressing the gathering, Lion Dwarakanath, ambassador of Lions District 317A, said that National

Doctors' Day is observed every year on July 1st to recognize and honor the invaluable contributions of doctors and medical professionals to the society. Also, this programme has been organized to initiate the first day of Lionistic Year.

ADCS Lion S. Manoj Kumar expressed gratitude to all the lions club members and office bearers who joined hands in the first day's mega service activities of the Lionistic year.

The event was inaugurated with the felicitation of Dr. Naveen, Director of Kidwai

Hospital, RMO Dr. Krishnappa along with Dr. Prakruthi, Dr. Shankar, Dr. Deepa, Dr. Sathish Babu, Dr. Shobha, Dr. Chitra, and other distinguished medical fraternities.

The programme was graced by Surya Kiran Ramesh, Lions Service Coordinator Lion Bharathi Krishnamurthy, Lion Ramani Rajan, Lion Somashekar, Lion Shivaprabha, Lion Srinath, Lion Ramakrishnappa, Lion Dr. Sumithra Gowda, Lion Dr. Anitha, Lion Milan Jadhav, and Lion Raja Nanjundaiah along with office-bearers and members of the Lions club, Leo Club, doctors, and hospital staff.

Aditya Group of Institutions Celebrates Founder's Day and Guru Vandana with Grandeur

Bengaluru : Aditya Group of Institutions, Yelahanka, celebrated Founder's Day and Guru Vandana with great enthusiasm, paying heartfelt tribute to the invaluable role of teachers in shaping society and nurturing future generations.

Addressing the gathering, National Award-winning teacher Mr. B. V. Nagaraj said that only a dedicated and inspiring teacher can bring about meaningful transformation in society. He congratulated Dr. Vishwanath for organizing the unique programme and appreciated his commitment to recognising the contributions of teachers.

The distinguished guests and



mentors of Dr. Vishwanath—Prof. Dr. T. Rajagopalan, Dr. Srinivasan, and Dr. M. D. Karvekar—highlighted the importance of values, ethics, and humanity in education. They encouraged students to pursue knowledge with discipline, integrity, and a spirit of service, thereby contributing meaningfully to nation-building.

As part of the celebrations, the Founder was felicitated, and teachers were honoured for their dedicated service in the field of education. Colourful

cultural performances by students added vibrancy to the event and received wide appreciation from the audience. The programme was attended by members of the institution's management, principals, teaching and non-teaching staff, parents, alumni, and a large number of students, making the celebration a memorable occasion. On the occasion, the Founder and Chairman, Dr. B. Vishwanath, honoured his own school teachers—Mr. B. V. Nagaraj, Dr. N. S. Satyanarayana, and Mr. Manjunath—as a mark of gratitude and respect for their guidance and lifelong contribution to his journey.

Demand for suspension of revenue collector Shashikant Bellur for involvement in water mafia

Bengaluru: CM Shivakumar Naik, the state president of Vande Mataram Samaj Seva Sansthan, has accused revenue collector Shashikant Bellur of drilling a borewell for domestic use in Kudregere and using it for commercial use.

Having filed a complaint with the Western Metropolitan Corporation Commissioner

, he said that Shashikant is a revenue collector in Bellur Corporation and although there are rules that not to work for a private company or contract work or hold any other lucrative job, he has accused a private company called Advik Water Supply of selling water tankers, tractors for weddings, building construction, houses and fixing a price of Rs. 800 for tankers and Rs. 500 for tractors.



When questioned about the sale of private water by government employees and the use of water from a borewell for domestic use for commercial purposes, he says that he cannot do anything about it and speaks in a singular manner about former MP, Bamul President D.K. Suresh and Western Zone

Commissioner K.V. Rajendran and is working on driving water tankers during working hours. He has appealed that Shashakant Bellur, who has serious allegations against him, should be suspended and a criminal case should be registered against him for being involved in the water mafia.

Bengaluru: With the inspiration of Lord Shri Sathya Sai Baba, our main mission is to provide quality education to rural children, and with the objective of not hindering the dreams of any child due to economic conditions, the 'Shiksha Setu' project has been designed, said Saira Harishankar of Sai Mai Trust.

Speaking at distribution of free educational kits to 10,499 students studying from LKG to 10th in 214 government primary and high schools of Hiriya taluk and complete sports kits to 214 schools.

He said that the Shiksha Setu-2026 project has been successfully implemented by the Sai Mai Trust, which is under the umbrella of Hriday Spandana Institute of Bangalore, with the aim of providing quality education opportunities to government school children in rural areas. Teacher

Sai Mai Trust distributed free sports kits to around 214 government schools



Jagdish, who participated in the program, said that the 'Shiksha Setu' project is playing an important role in reducing the educational gap between rural and urban children. He opined that this project will help students to develop confidence and create a better future.

Working with the motto 'Live for Service, Live for Service', Sai Mai Trust has been continuously engaged in social work in the fields

of education, nutrition and humanitarian services. He said that the trust has so far distributed more than 30,000 free breakfasts to children of six government schools in and around Kaggadaspur, Bangalore and is also providing continuous assistance to old age homes and orphanages.

The educational kits include various essential educational materials including 1,23,142 note books, 1,04,990 pencils,

41,905 pens, 4,531 geometry boxes, graph books, crayon sets, sketch pens, drawing books, Kannada-English dictionaries, general knowledge books, Sharada atlas, tables books. Materials included.

Sports kits including football, volleyball, throwball, basketball, skipping rope, chess board, tennis rings and flying disc were distributed to all 214 schools keeping in mind the all-round development

of students.

A service force of more than 200 members worked for this massive service work. With the coordination of 121 volunteers, 25 teachers of Education Department, 25 Tata Ace vehicle drivers, 25 helpers and coordination of various teams, educational and sports kits were distributed to all 214 schools in Hiriya Taluk divided into 25 routes on a single day. Trustees of Sai Mai Trust such as PNS Srinivas, Sayira Harishankar, AVSS Prasad, Shailesh Keshuvann, Gururaj Hebbar, Field Education Officers CM Thippeswamy, Education Department Jagadish Kumar, Srinivas, Prasanakumar, Journalists Chakraborty V. Sarjapur, leaders Joy VR, Sivakumar Viswanathan and Hriday Spandana and office bearers of Sai Mai Trust were present.

Gruha Jyoti Scheme : Category Information is Optional, BESCOM

BENGALURU: Following quarries raised on media and social media platforms regarding the collection of beneficiary category (caste) details, the BESCOM has clarified that providing this information is entirely optional and not mandatory.

BESCOM staff and meter readers are currently visiting residential households to collect beneficiary data for the Gruha Jyoti scheme, which commenced across the state on July 1st. This information is being gathered via the Seva Sindhu mobile application and printed declaration forms. BESCOM has clarified that entering the beneficiary's category (caste certificate details) is purely optional. If a beneficiary does not wish to share their caste details, field staff have already been instructed to select the 'Refused to provide information' option available in the mobile application.

SIR Application Forms Distributed on Streets, Congress Conspiracy to Add Bangla Residents to Voter Lists: R. Ashok

Bengaluru : Opposition Leader R. Ashok expressed strong anger, stating that due to the backing of the Congress government, BLOs (Booth Level Officers) are distributing SIR application forms on the streets. This amounts to a conspiracy to enrol Bangla people into the voter lists.

Speaking at a press conference, he said: "The Election Commission is conducting the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) from the perspective of national security. This is also the intention of the Central Government. However, for Bangla people, the Congress government has become a paradise. Earlier, they had attempted to build houses for Bangla people at Kogilu Cross, but after the BJP protested, they backed off. There are approximately 20 lakh Bangla people in the state, including in Bengaluru, Kodagu, and Chikkamagaluru. Their names were not present in the 2002 voter list.



Therefore, they have built highways for Bangla residents and are openly adding names to the voter lists in front of Haj Bhavans and mosques with great pomp. BLOs are supposed to go door-to-door for surveys, but instead they are sitting on the streets and distributing forms as if distributing prasada. Officers should identify houses, fill applications, and collect them back. But the Congress is conspiring to add Bangla residents to the voter lists for the sake of votes," he alleged.

In Mahadevapura and Byatarayanapura, groups are sitting in front of mosques and carrying out the SIR process. I will write to the Central and State Election Commissions about this illegality. I demand that criminal cases be registered and the officials who allowed this be arrested. Once Bangla residents settle here, the government will have to provide them free facilities, which will become a burden on our country, he said.

In one area of Yelahanka, records of the

2002 voter list have been made unavailable and not uploaded on the website. This is being done by targeting specific communities. Orders should be issued and action taken even against senior leaders. The Congress, which opposes SIR, is now calling upon people to enrol their names in SIR to avail guarantees. Through this, they are trying to retain Bangla residents here. SIR applies only to Indians. Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar should understand that those who give rice have votes, but not those who give stones (kanna), he remarked.

Even after one month of D.K. Shivakumar becoming Chief Minister, there is no newness in the state. They are offering "old wine in a new bottle." The CM has asked farmers not to grow crops because there is no water. Farmers have always known when to grow crops. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked to reduce the use of gold.

BharathCloud Partners with Taxation Bar Association, Agra to Accelerate Secure Cloud Adoption for Tax Professionals

Bengaluru, July 3: BharathCloud, India's sovereign AI cloud infrastructure provider, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Taxation Bar Association, Agra, to provide secure, AI-ready cloud services to tax advocates, GST practitioners and finance professionals across the district. The agreement, signed on June 23, 2026, aims to support the digital transformation of the tax and finance community by offering reliable, secure and cost-effective cloud infrastructure.

The Taxation Bar Association, Agra, represents around 400 to 450 members, including tax advocates, GST practitioners and finance professionals affiliated with the All India Federation of Tax Practitioners (AIFTP).

Under the partnership, association members will have access to BharathCloud's AI-ready cloud platform through customised annual subscription plans designed specifically for the needs of tax and finance profession-



als. The services include secure cloud storage, automated data backups, remote access to practice applications and client records, and cloud-hosted practice management solutions suitable for individual practitioners as well as multi-professional firms.

The initiative is intended to help professionals migrate from traditional server-based systems to a secure, managed cloud environment, enabling them to protect sensitive client information while reducing the cost and complexity of maintaining on-

premise IT infrastructure. Commenting on the collaboration, Rahul Takkallapally, Co-Founder of BharathCloud, said that tax professionals are handling an increasing volume of confidential client information and require secure, compliant and efficient cloud infrastructure. He added that the partnership reflects BharathCloud's commitment to helping professionals across India confidently adopt cloud technology while ensuring data security, regulatory compliance and operational efficiency.

Tamil Nadu to adopt district-specific investment plan: Minister S Keerthana



COIMBATORE : Minister for Industries S Keerthana on Friday said the state government is adopting a district-specific investment strategy by identifying the skill base available in each district. Speaking to the media in Coimbatore, the minister stated that the government aims to attract industries that align with the existing talent pool in various districts. "Rather than signing MoUs randomly with companies, we plan to identify the skill base in each district

and bring industries based on that assessment," she said. Keerthana said the government's focus is on creating high-paying employment opportunities, moving beyond the current prevalence of low-skilled jobs in the State. "Our assessment of colleges has revealed that students should be equipped with the required skills at least six months before an investor sets up operations so that they are job-ready," she said. Claiming that nearly

25 per cent of MoUs signed in the past failed to materialise and remained only on paper, she said the present administration is striving to achieve 100 per cent project implementation. "Our objective is to ensure that young people do not have to migrate to other states in search of employment. They should be able to find quality jobs in their own cities, such as Chennai, Coimbatore and Madurai," she added. Responding to concerns raised by industries over high power tariffs, Keerthana said the State government is expanding its focus on renewable energy to reduce energy costs. "Efforts are under way to generate solar power by installing solar panels in areas with a dense presence of 'karuvelam' trees," she said.

Tamil Nadu among 21 States targeted in postal ganja racket

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu was among 21 States where a Jharkhand-based drug syndicate allegedly supplied ganja through Speed Post, with Hyderabad police arresting the alleged kingpin who is accused of operating the racket for the past five years. Hyderabad Police Commissioner CV Anand said the accused, Satyam Mishra, allegedly used India Post's Speed Post service to dispatch ganja parcels to distributors across Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Maharashtra and several other States. Police said the racket operated from the forested areas of Nimiahat in Jharkhand's Giridih district. Satyam Mishra, along with his brother Shubham Mishra and associates Sachin Mishra, Rahul Jha and Santosh Pandit, allegedly cultivated ganja and shipped it through post offices at Isri Bazar in



Giridih and Phusro Bazar in Bokaro district. According to investigators, the gang packed ganja in small boxes and declared them as medicines while booking them through Speed Post. Orders were allegedly received through WhatsApp and the parcels were delivered to distributors in 21 States. Police estimate that the syndicate earned more than Rs 20 crore over the past five years through the illegal trade. The racket came to light after Hyderabad police detected suspicious ganja parcels sent from Isri Bazar to Gudimalkapur and from Phusro Bazar to SR Nagar. Two alleged recipients, identified as Sushant Vyas and Laddu, were arrested during the investigation. Based on information gathered from them, a Hyderabad Special Task Force tracked the source of the parcels. After keeping surveillance near the post offices for about 20 days, the police arrested Satyam Mishra. Police said the remaining accused are absconding and efforts are under way to trace them.

CPM urges Tamil Nadu government to roll back private bus fare hike

CHENNAI: CPM state secretary P Shanmugam on Friday condemned the alleged unilateral hike in fares by private bus operators across several districts in Tamil Nadu and urged the state government to intervene immediately to roll back the increase. In a statement, Shanmugam said private bus operators had increased fares on both town and

Describing public transport as an essential service, Shanmugam said the sudden fare hike would place an additional financial burden on poor, middle-class and economically weaker sections, besides affecting students and other daily commuters. He alleged that increasing passenger fares without government approval was illegal and expressed con-



mofussil services without any prior notice in districts including Coimbatore, Erode, Tiruppur, The Nilgiris, Dindigul, Salem, Madurai, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Villupuram, Tiruvannamalai and Nagapattinam. He said, in several cases, the minimum fare had been raised from Rs 10 to Rs 15.

cern that transport department officials and district administrations had failed to act against the unauthorised fare revision. The CPM urged the state government and transport department authorities to intervene in the interest of the public and ensure that the arbitrary fare hike imposed by private bus operators was withdrawn immediately.

Officials should not assist Governor without State approval: Minister Nirmalkumar sharpens standoff over Madurai review

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd (TNPDDL) has directed all its field offices to complete the updation of employee transfer records and vacancy positions by July 3 ahead of the launch of an online counselling system for transfers and promotions from July 6, in a move aimed at ensuring transparency amid allegations that promotions and transfers during the previous DMK government were influenced by bribes. The move follows Electricity Resources Minister R Nirmalkumar's announcement that the gov-



ernment would introduce a transparent counselling process for employee transfers and promotions in the power utility. In a circular issued on June 30, the utility instructed chief engineers, superintending engineers and executive engineers to update the ERP system with the status of all transfer orders, including whether employees have been relieved and joined at their new stations.

Former DMK Minister Anitha Radhakrishnan arrested for alleged defamatory remarks against CM Vijay

CHENNAI: Former DMK Minister Anitha R Radhakrishnan was arrested by the police here on Friday following the Madras High Court rejecting his anticipatory bail plea relating to his defamatory speech against Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay. He was arrested while he was on a visit to Authoor about 23 km from here by the police who escorted him to the waiting police jeep. Radhakrishnan's supporters gathered and raised slogans condemning the police for the action. DMK president M K Stalin ques-



tioned the urgent need to arrest Radhakrishnan who was conducting an inspection in his constituency whereas the ruling TVK has not taken any steps to act on a complaint filed by a woman victim

over an alleged gang rape involving a MLA, he claimed. "Why the urgency. Is this the change this government which is unable to prevent the murders, robberies and sexual

crimes against women, and engrossed in admitting members from other parties, want to ensure," the former chief minister asked on 'X'. If arrests were made in defamation cases, then how many ministers would be arrested for their speeches, Stalin wondered. "The chief minister thinks he can retain his seat through horse-trading and without doing any good to the people who voted for him and pass the time by arresting the opposition party members who criticise him. Arrogance is the path to destruction," Stalin said.

Crop loan waiver: Ryots stage shirtless protest in Thanjavur

TIRUCHY: A section of farmers staged a protest demanding that crop loans be written off as per the poll promise at Thanjavur Collectorate on Friday, while the pre-budget discussion meeting with the farmers was on. Sources said, while the ministers and officials convened a pre-budget meeting with the farmers at Thanjavur collectorate, the farmers, headed by P Ayyakannu, state president of Desiya Thennidhiya Nadhigal Inaippu Sangam, who assembled in the collectorate premises and staged a shirtless protest demanding that the state government to announce crop loan waiver as per the poll promise. When the protesting farmers went to attend the meeting convened by the Agriculture Minister R Vinod, they were not reportedly offered seats, and so they submitted a petition with the minister regarding their demands and left the meeting venue and continued the protest.

Severe gum disease linked to early kidney damage: Study

Hamburg, Jul 2: Severe gum disease, or periodontitis, may be linked to reduced kidney function and early signs of chronic kidney disease (CKD), according to a large population-based study conducted by researchers in Germany. The study, led by researchers at the University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, found that people with severe periodontitis were more likely to have reduced kidney function and elevated levels of albumin in the urine, a key marker of kidney damage, even in the early stages of CKD. The findings, published in the International Journal of Oral Science on Apr 6, 2026, suggest that oral health could play a significant role in overall health and may serve as an early indicator of kidney disease. The researchers analysed data from 6,179 participants enrolled in the Hamburg City Health Study. All participants underwent detailed dental examinations, with gum disease classified according to the 2017 American Academy of Periodontology/European Federation of Periodontology



staging system. Kidney function was assessed using estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) and urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio (uACR). Blood samples were also analysed for inflammatory markers, including high-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hsCRP) and interleukin-6 (IL-6). The study found that the prevalence of severe periodontitis increased from 14 per cent among participants with normal kidney function to 36 per cent among those with moderately reduced kidney function. Greater tooth



loss and more severe damage to the tissues supporting the teeth were also associated with worsening kidney health. The association remained significant even after adjusting for factors such as age, sex, diabetes and smoking, indicating that the link was independent of these common risk factors. Researchers found that systemic inflammation explained part of the relationship. Higher levels of hsCRP and IL-6 were associated with both severe gum disease and poorer kidney function. However, inflammation accounted for

only part of the observed association, suggesting that other biological mechanisms, including bacterial spread from infected gums, endothelial dysfunction, oxidative stress and metabolic changes, may also contribute. Lead researcher Dr Christian Schmidt-Laubert said the study aimed to examine the relationship between periodontitis and early markers of kidney dysfunction while exploring the role of systemic inflammation. Senior author Prof Dr Ghazal Aarabi said the findings highlight oral health as a potential window into kidney health and could help guide future screening strategies and research into whether treating gum disease can slow the progression of kidney disease. The researchers concluded that severe periodontitis is independently associated with reduced kidney function and increased albuminuria even in the early stages of CKD, reinforcing the growing evidence that oral health and overall systemic health are closely connected.

MRI shows promise as radiation-free tool for monitoring pulmonary sarcoidosis

New Delhi, Jul 3: Low-field MRI could emerge as a radiation-free alternative for monitoring patients with pulmonary sarcoidosis by assessing both structural lung changes and regional lung function, according to a new prospective study. Researchers said that while chest CT remains the gold standard for detecting structural abnormalities, low-field MRI provides additional functional information that correlates with pulmonary function tests, making it a promising option for long-term follow-up in selected patients. Sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease characterised by the formation of granulomas that can affect multiple organs, with the lungs being the most

MRI demonstrated the highest sensitivity in detecting lung consolidations at 86 per cent. It showed moderate sensitivity for identifying nodules (67 per cent) and ground-glass opacities (70 per cent), while its performance was lower for reticulations (29 per cent) and traction bronchiectasis (27 per cent) compared to CT. The study also reported moderate agreement between readers and between MRI and CT findings. Functional MRI revealed significantly higher ventilation defect percentage (VDP), perfusion defect percentage (QDP) and ventilation-perfusion overlap (VQO) in patients with pulmonary sarcoidosis than in healthy volunteers. The functional measurements also showed a



commonly involved. In some cases, the disease may progress to irreversible pulmonary fibrosis. Since many patients require repeated imaging, reducing exposure to ionising radiation is an important consideration, particularly among younger individuals. The study evaluated the feasibility and diagnostic performance of 0.55-T low-field lung MRI in 15 patients with pulmonary sarcoidosis and compared the findings with 30 healthy volunteers. Researchers combined structural imaging with functional proton MRI to assess regional ventilation and perfusion, using chest CT as the reference standard.

strong association with lung function tests. Ventilation defect percentage was strongly correlated with the residual volume to total lung capacity (RV/TLC) ratio, while perfusion defect percentage correlated with forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV1). Researchers concluded that low-field MRI offers a radiation-free approach that combines structural and functional assessment of the lungs. Although it cannot yet replace CT for detecting all structural abnormalities, it may serve as a valuable complementary tool for monitoring disease progression and reducing radiation exposure during long-term follow-up.

Supermarket chain Ratnadeep files IPO papers with Sebi

New Delhi: Organised food and grocery retailer Ratnadeep Retail Ltd has filed draft papers with capital markets regulator Sebi to raise funds through an Initial Public Offering (IPO). The proposed IPO comprises a fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to Rs 400 crore and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of nearly 1.49 crore equity shares by promoters, according to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) filed on Wednesday, July 1. The promoters who are offloading shares under the OFS are — Sandeep Agarwal, Manish Bhartiya and Mitesh Bhartiya. As part of the OFS, — Sandeep Agarwal will offload 85,44,500 equity shares, while Mitesh Bhartiya and Manish Bhartiya will sell 31,57,750 equity shares each. The Hyderabad-based company proposes to utilise Rs 260 crore for setting up new stores under its Ratnadeep and National Mart formats,



Rs 40 crore for debt payment and the balance towards general corporate purposes. Ratnadeep Retail, in consultation with the book-running lead managers, may also undertake a pre-IPO placement of up to Rs 80 crore. If completed, the size of the fresh issue will be reduced to the extent of funds raised in the pre-IPO placement. The company operates an organised retail business focused on food, grocery and value

fashion across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka. It offers more than 30,000 Stock Keeping Units (SKUs) spanning fresh produce, FMCG products, staples, general merchandise and apparel. As of March 31, 2026, the company operated 190 stores under two formats: Ratnadeep, comprising neighbourhood supermarkets under 'Ratnadeep - Mindful Living' and premium food

stores under 'Ratnadeep Select', and National Mart, its value-led hypermarket format, which also houses Style Mart for affordable fashion products. For FY26, Ratnadeep Retail reported revenue from operations of Rs 2,223 crore, while profit after tax stood at about Rs 37 crore. According to the draft papers, the company's listed peers include Avenue Supermarts, Vishal Mega Mart, Spencers Retail and Trent. As per Lattice Report, Ratnadeep Retail operates in South India's food and grocery market which is estimated at Rs 18.3 lakh crore in Fiscal 2026 and projected to reach Rs 31.8 lakh crore by Fiscal 2031. The region is expected to grow at 11.6 per cent over Fiscal 2026 to Fiscal 2030, outpacing the overall India market. Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors, Axis Capital and DAM Capital Advisors are the book-running lead managers to the issue.

WORLD SHARES ARE MIXED AFTER DOW HITS NEW RECORD

Bangkok: World shares were mixed Friday, July 3, after the Dow Jones Industrial Average set another record, as some key AI related stocks rose while others extended losses. The future for the S&P 500 gained 0.3 per cent while that for the Dow slipped 0.2 per cent. US markets will be closed Friday for the Independence Day holiday. In European trading, Germany's DAX rose 0.4 per cent to 25,667.73 and the CAC 40 in Paris edged 0.1 per cent lower, to 8,471.19. Britain's FTSE 100 shed 0.4 per cent to 10,613.55. In Asia, South Korea's Kospi, which sank nearly 8 per cent on Thursday, gained 5.8 per cent to 8,088.34. Samsung Electronics, the country's biggest company and a major maker of computer chips, gained 8.2 per cent, while its smaller rival SK Hynix jumped 10.9 per cent. In Tokyo, the Nikkei 225 advanced 1.5 per cent to 69,744.07. Chipmaker Tokyo



Electron rose 0.4 per cent, while memory maker Kioxia jumped 9.2 per cent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng climbed 1.3 per cent to 23,350.03 and the Shanghai Composite index added 0.4 per cent to 4,043.64. Taiwan's Taiex edged 0.1 per cent higher, while the Sensex in India rose 0.4 per cent. In Australia, the S&P/ASX 200 picked up 1.4 per cent to 8,844.40. "Asian stocks found some footing after two bruising tech-led sessions, with the Korean market once again showing how quickly a stretched rubber band can snap back when everyone

leans the same way," Stephen Innes of SPI Asset Management said in a commentary. On Thursday, most US stocks rose as the Dow snagged another record, gaining 1.1 per cent to 52,900.07. Drops for computer chip companies and other winners of the artificial-intelligence boom kept indexes mixed. The S&P 500 finished the day virtually unchanged and edged up by less than 0.1 per cent, even though seven out of every 10 stocks within the index rose. It closed at 7,483.24. The Nasdaq composite dropped 0.8 per cent to 25,382.67.

Stocks broadly got some help from a report showing US employers added 57,000 jobs to their payrolls last month. That's good for the economy, but it was also short of the 100,000 jobs that economists expected and a slowdown from May's hiring pace. The weaker-than-expected result could relieve pressure on inflation, which has been accelerating worldwide because of jumps in oil prices caused by the war with Iran. Now that oil prices are back below where they were before the war, if inflation slows in upcoming months, the Federal Reserve may feel less need to raise interest rates several times this year. That would be a boon for investors, who tend to love lower interest rates because they make it less expensive for US households and businesses to borrow money and spend. Lower rates also tend to push upward on prices for stocks and other investments.

Haier India Introduces P7 Pro Series with Best-in-Class 50W 2.1 Channel Sound, AI Picture Quality powered by Google TV with Gemini

India, 3rd July, 2026: Haier Appliances India, the world's No. 1 global major appliances brand for 17 consecutive years, is redefining home entertainment with the launch of its all-new HQLED P7 Pro Series, a next-generation smart TV range engineered to deliver best-in-class sound, stunning picture quality and smarter AI-powered experiences. At its core is a powerful Cinema-Grade 50W 2.1 Channel Speaker System with an integrated subwoofer, designed to produce deeper bass, clearer vocals and richer room-filling sound that elevates every movie, match and musical performance. Complemented by Dolby Atmos and Total Sonics® audio enhancement, the P7 Pro Series delivers a truly cinematic audio experience that sets a new benchmark for sound performance in its category. The P7 Pro Series delivers best stunning visuals powered by HQLED display technology. It offers exceptional visual richness with up to 93% DCI-P3, reproducing the full spectrum of colour at every level of brightness for vibrant, true-to-life imagery. Supported by Dolby Vision, HDR10+ and AI Picture Quality technologies, the television intelligently optimizes contrast, colour, brightness and motion in real time to ensure every scene appears sharper, more immersive and remarkably lifelike. Powered by Google TV with Gemini and equipped with hands-free voice



control, the P7 Pro series introduces a more intuitive way to discover content, access information and manage connected experiences. Gemini, the intelligent voice assistant, provides personalized responses tailored to individual preferences, whether it is finding a new show, exploring a topic of interest or enabling seamless smart home control. By bringing together visuals, videos and text on the big screen, Gemini helps find users exactly what they are looking for with ease. The series also comes with 2GB RAM and 32GB ROM, ensuring smooth performance, faster app responsiveness and ample storage for applications and entertainment content. The Haier HQLED P7 Pro Series is available in 75", 65", 55", 50", and 43" screen variants, with prices starting at INR 35,990. The range is now

available across leading retail outlets in India. With this launch, Haier aims to bridge the gap between premium innovation and wider consumer accessibility, reinforcing its focus on making meaningful innovation available to a broader audience in the home entertainment space. Commenting on the launch, Mr. NS Satish, CEO, Haier Appliances India said, "Indian consumers today are seeking more immersive and personalized entertainment experiences. With the HQLED P7 Pro Series, we are bringing advanced technologies into everyday use in a way that feels natural, relevant and easy to access. This launch reflects our building connected homes in India, with innovation shaped by how consumers live and engage with entertainment today."

Haier HQLED P7 Pro Series TVs: Top Features and Specifications
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The HQLED P7 Pro Series delivers a powerful audio experience through its 50W sound system and 2.1-channel speaker setup with integrated subwoofer (available on 55-inch and above variants). Designed to reproduce rich bass, enhanced clarity and balanced sound, the television transforms movies, sports, music and gaming into immersive experiences. Further elevating audio performance are Dolby Atmos and Total Sonics® audio tuning, which create multidimensional surround sound while preserving audio fidelity and delivering greater depth, clarity and realism.

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At the heart of the P7 Pro Series is Haier's advanced HQLED display technology, offering up to 93% DCI-P3 for richer, more vibrant and true-to-life colours. The display reproduces a wider spectrum of shades with enhanced accuracy, ensuring smoother colour transitions, deeper contrasts and remarkable detail across every scene. The series also supports Dolby Vision and HDR10+ (available in 50-inch and above models), enabling consumers to enjoy cinematic picture quality with exceptional detail in both bright and dark scenes.

Videonetics Powers Andhra Pradesh's Statewide AI-Led CCTV360 Real-Time Governance System, one of India's Largest Public Safety and Smart Mobility Surveillance Network

Amaravati, 1st July, 2026: In a landmark step towards building a future-ready, technology-led governance ecosystem, Videonetics has successfully deployed its AI-powered Unified Video Management Platform across all 28 districts of Andhra Pradesh. This large-scale implementation establishes a connected, real-time intelligence network that enhances public safety, optimises traffic enforcement, and enables data-driven decision-making across the state. At the core of this transformation is Videonetics, a unified platform which brings together video management system, AI-driven analytics, traffic management, e-ticketing, and face recognition within a single architecture. Approximately 15,000 IP cameras have been installed across critical locations, enabling continuous monitoring and seamless data flow into the command centers. A key highlight of the rollout is the advanced traffic management system operational across more than 680 crucial intersections. This system automates detection of violations such as speeding and signal breaches, while also enabling iden-

tification of blacklisted vehicles which in turn significantly reduces manual intervention and improves enforcement consistency. Additionally, the face recognition system deployed at nearly 1,000 locations assists authorised law enforcement agencies to identify persons of interest through integration with approved national databases which are in compliance with regulatory frameworks. Built across roughly 15,000 cameras and integrated with the state's criminal records, traffic enforcement, and command-and-control systems, the CCTV360 (RTGS) gives Andhra Pradesh's police a single operational layer that connects every camera, database, and district in real time. Naresh B. Wadhwa, Vice-Chairman & MD, Videonetics said, "Andhra Pradesh represents one of the most progressive examples of how technology can be leveraged to transform governance at scale. At Videonetics, we are deeply committed to supporting the state's vision of building safer, smarter, and more responsive cities. This deployment reflects our long-term commitment

to India's digital transformation journey, where AI-powered video intelligence will play a pivotal role in strengthening public safety, improving urban mobility, and enabling efficient governance across regions." Ch. Srikanth, IPS, Inspector General of Operations, Andhra Pradesh Police commented, "The true value of technology in policing is measured not just by the number of cameras deployed, but by the outcomes delivered to citizens. This platform has helped us recover missing children, apprehend repeat offenders, trace stolen vehicles, and strengthen inter-district intelligence sharing at an unprecedented scale." Mrs. Malika Garg, IPS, Superintendent of Police (Operations), Andhra Pradesh Police adds, "Earlier, by the time CCTV footage was manually reviewed, valuable response time was already lost. Today, the system automatically alerts us about suspicious vehicles, wanted offenders, or missing persons within minutes. It has made investigations faster, patrol teams more effective, and field coordination far more efficient."

Ai+ Smartphone unveils special Flipkart GOAT Sale offers across its product portfolio

National, July 2026: Ai+ Smartphone has announced attractive pricing across its smartphone and AIoT portfolio for Flipkart's much-awaited GOAT Sale. Flipkart Plus customers will get early access to the sale starting July 3, while the GOAT Sale opens for all customers from July 4. The biggest-ever offer on the Ai+ Pulse 2, available at a special price of INR 8,999, is among the highlights of this year's Flipkart GOAT Sale. Consumers can also avail attractive offers across the Nova Series, wearables, audio products and tablets. The Ai+ Pulse 2 has been developed for consumers looking for a reliable everyday smartphone experience. The smartphone features a 6.745-inch HD+ display with a 120Hz refresh rate, the Unisoc T7250 octa-core processor, a 50MP AI rear camera, an 8MP front camera, a 6000mAh battery with 18W fast charging, and Android 16-based NxtQuantum OS. Available with up to 6GB RAM and 128GB storage,



expandable up to 1TB, it also comes with IP64-rated dust and water resistance and a side-mounted fingerprint scanner. Commenting on the announcement, Madhav Sheth, CEO, Ai+ Smartphone and Founder, NxtQuantum Shift Technologies, said "As our product portfolio continues to expand, our focus is on ensuring that more consumers are able to experience the Ai+ ecosystem across smartphones and connected devices. The Flipkart GOAT Sale allows us to do that through the biggest-ever offer on the Pulse 2, alongside attrac-

tive pricing across the Nova Series and our AIoT portfolio. We remain committed to delivering products that combine dependable performance, clean software and meaningful value across every price segment." Alongside the Pulse 2, consumers can also avail offers across the Nova Series, including the Nova 2, Nova 2 Neo, Nova 2 Pro and Nova 2 Ultra. Developed to cater to a wide spectrum of consumers, from first-time 5G smartphone users to those seeking a more performance-oriented smartphone experience, the lineup combines

dependable hardware with Android 16-based NxtQuantum OS to deliver clean software, reliable performance and long-lasting battery life across different price segments. The Flipkart GOAT Sale will also feature offers across Ai+'s AIoT portfolio, including the NovaWatch Active, NovaWatch Kids 4G, NovaWatch Rotacem 4G goes on sale for the first time during Flipkart GOAT Sale, Wearbuds, NovaPods Go and the Pulse Tab, giving consumers access to Ai+'s connected ecosystem across wearables, audio products and tablets.

INSTAGRAM RUNNING ADS PROMOTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL IN INDIA

Instagram has been running paid adverts promoting child sexual abuse material in India, a BBC Eye investigation has found. The ads, seen by the BBC World Service, use terms including "rape video" and "child video" and link users to channels on the messaging app Telegram, where they can buy the material for as little as 99 rupees (about \$1). Ads on Instagram are only published after first being approved by its moderation technology. When the BBC reported one of the ads to Instagram, the social media platform responded 24 hours later saying the post did not violate its "community guidelines". Later, when the BBC asked Instagram's parent company Meta for comment, it said it had already disabled several adverts and suspended the accounts posting them. The company said it had removed additional ads, disabled more accounts and blocked URLs for other content that violated its policies in response to the BBC's findings. Telegram said it had removed more than 274,000 groups and channels related to child sexual abuse material in 2026. The BBC set up an alias account on Instagram after we noticed that the platform was pushing sexually suggestive content, even when a user hadn't searched for such material. This included women posting about food, weather and daily life



in India, who were dressed in revealing clothing and using sexual innuendo in their posts. The new alias account, which was set up in India, started following these women and other similar people - 10 in all - to investigate sexualised content on the platform. In less than a week, Instagram started showing advertisements on the feed featuring women offering video calls and showing clearly naked couples having sex. Days later, it began showing adverts of children with adults in sexually suggestive situations, with links to Telegram channels. In total, about 30 unique adverts appeared promoting child sexual abuse, although some of these were shared by multiple

accounts. The alias account was also shown about 20 ads featuring adult pornography. The distribution of both child sexual abuse material and adult pornography are criminal offences in India, while Meta's policy states that ads must not contain adult nudity, genitals or content that sexually exploits or endangers children. The BBC has reported all of the ads and the Telegram channels to the Indian authorities. One ad showed a boy and girl, both of whom appeared to be about 12 years old, engaging in a sexual act. Another showed a man with his arm around a girl, with text saying he was 52 and the girl was 12. "Click to watch more," it said, linking out to a Telegram channel.

Iran begins public mourning for Ayatollah killed in February



Iran has begun several days of public mourning and funeral processions for its former Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, more than four months after he was killed in strikes launched by the US and Israel. The former Ayatollah's body will lie in state in Tehran's Grand Mosalla from Friday, ahead of his burial in his hometown of Mashhad next Thursday.

Iranian authorities said 12 to 20 million people were expected to attend, which they are calling the "funeral of the century". It comes as Iran and the United States observe a fragile ceasefire after signing a preliminary deal to halt their conflict in June. Six days of ceremonies will start at 06:00 (03:30 BST) on Saturday, at Tehran's Imam Khomeini Mosalla, which visitors can visit to pay their respects until Sunday afternoon. There will be an official funeral ceremony in Tehran on Saturday, which the Tehran-based Mohammad Rasulullah Corps is leading. The group's commander Hassan Hassanzadeh said Khamenei's coffin

would be displayed on an elevated platform, with crowd flows designed to allow visitors to enter and leave within 15 to 20 minutes. Khamenei's body will lie in the Grand Mosalla for three days, alongside the remains of family members who were also killed in the US and Israeli strikes in February. Authorities have ordered public and private offices in Tehran to close from Saturday through Monday, while traffic restrictions will shut down most of the city centre to private vehicles, AFP reported. The airspace over Tehran will be partially closed from Friday and fully closed on Monday. On Tuesday, events will move to Qom, just south of Tehran, where a senior Shia cleric will lead funeral prayers at Jamkaran - one of Iran's most prominent and symbolic religious sites. Khamenei's body will then travel to Najaf in Iraq on Wednesday. Following a procession at the shrine of Imam Ali, Shia Islam's first imam, ceremonies will continue in Karbala before the body returns to Iran.



■ France records 2,025 excess deaths at peak of heatwave as Europe braces for more extreme weather

NASA LAUNCHES MISSION TO SAVE FALLING SPACE TELESCOPE

A Nasa-funded spacecraft has been sent into space to catch a falling telescope. The Swift observatory detects some of the most powerful explosions in the Universe - but is at risk of crashing back to Earth in the coming months. The small space telescope will be intercepted by the LINK craft, which will attempt to grab it with three robotic arms, and try and lift it back to a safe orbit. The rescue mission, launched on Friday, has never been attempted before, and Dr Simeon Barber, a space scientist, has said it is "high risk". "But Nasa obviously thinks it's worth a go. And the science community is hopeful about this because it's an important telescope that enables us to study super high-energy phenomena that we have no other means to study," said Barber, a senior research fellow at the Open University. The Swift observatory is falling because increased solar activity has pushed out the Earth's atmosphere such that it touches Swift. This drags on the observatory and slows it down as it orbits the Earth, lowering its altitude. When it was first launched it



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sat in an orbit at 373 miles (600 km) and has now lowered to around 220 miles (360 km), with most of that descent in the past two years. Satellites, fall to Earth and burn up on re-entry all the time. But Swift is scientifically special, beloved by the researchers who use it to peer into the very dawn of the cosmos. The observatory, which is the size of a

large car, was launched in 2004, with three telescopes aboard, to study the most powerful explosions in the Universe. These are caused by the final, violent deaths of giant stars and by the collisions of the embers they leave behind. They release in just a few seconds the same energy as the Sun will give out over its entire 10-billion-year lifetime. And because these precious cataclysmic moments are so brief the spacecraft has to be quick and nimble - hence its name. In short, there is nothing like Swift, and Nasa deemed that it was a spacecraft worth saving. The engineers of a young company, Katalyst Space Technologies, from Flagstaff, Arizona, were given the task of saving the observatory.

A mayor in Japan announced her maternity leave - and got the whole country talking



When the mayor of a small town in western Japan announced she was taking maternity leave, she expected some raised eyebrows. But the reaction was far stronger - and more divided - than Shoko Kawata had ever anticipated. The 35-year-old has been plunged into a national debate about whether elected officials should take time off for childbirth, in a country that's struggling to lift birth rates. "I was so surprised because the reaction was so big," Kawata tells the BBC. Sitting on a blocky, cushioned armchair, she's flanked by two older men - her deputies - in a fifth-floor meeting room at City Hall in Yawata, a town south of Kyoto known for its shrines and cherry trees. As there is currently no legal framework for local elected officials to take time off when they have babies, Kawata won't be taking maternity leave officially. Instead, she is assigning the man on her left, Shigeto Nose, to temporarily carry out her role. She laid out her plans at a news conference in May, where she said she'd be off two months before and two months after her mid-September due date. She will be making history as Japan's first ever mayor to take maternity leave. Everyone at work, where the average age is 39, was supportive, she says. But that wasn't the case among members of the public, who've expressed varying views in thousands of X

posts and several YouTube videos. Some say having a baby is tough and Kawata is doing her best. Japanese society has failed to design systems with pregnancy in mind, one claims. Another says Kawata is setting a wonderful example by putting her family first and making it easier for other women to enter politics. But critics argue that stepping away from public duties is "irresponsible", and if she wanted to get pregnant "she should have done so before taking office". One says top officials wanting to take extended leave "should resign". Others insist salaries should be cut during maternity leave. Kawata has brushed off the criticisms, proudly declaring she enjoys her job and believes now is the time for her to have a child and start a family. "If we were to criticise politicians taking maternity leave, it means we are effectively excluding all women in their 20s through 40s - women who are capable of becoming pregnant - from public office." Shinji Ishimaru, the former mayor of Akita city in the Hiroshima prefecture, believes the real issue is figuring out how to make sure duties are carried out during maternity leave. People agree maternity leave is good, he suggests on his YouTube channel, but he wants this case to spark a constructive discussion on finding a solution that doesn't disrupt municipal work.

New York braces for star-studded Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce wedding

Travis Kelce tries to shoot his shot with the famous pop star at a concert. On his podcast, he told his brother Jason that he'd made her a friendship bracelet with his number and attempted to present it to her, but failed. In an interview, months later, Swift said: "This all started when Travis very adorably put me on blast on his podcast..." September-November 2023: Going public Swift is spotted attending a Kansas City Chiefs NFL game in September 2023, where Kelce plays as a tight-end. She watched alongside Kelce's mother, Donna. At an Eras Tour concert two months later, she swapped lyrics to one of her songs, giving Travis a shout-out. When the concert wrapped, she ran into his arms for a kiss. Early 2024: Temperature rising The pair is seen supporting each other at multiple major events. Swift attended the Super Bowl, and celebrated the Chief's win with Travis and his family. Soon after, the football player attended



the singer's Eras Tour concert in Sydney. He wore multiple friendship bracelets on both arms. June 2024: 'Tayvis' hits London Travis join Taylor on stage for one of her concerts. After the show, Swift and Kelce pose with Prince William, Prince George and Princess Charlotte in a behind-the-scenes selfie from the singer's London concert. It's their first social media post together as a couple. August 2025:

Engagement announced The pair officially announce their engagement in a joint Instagram post. Kelce got down on one knee in a lush garden surrounded by flowers. "Your English teacher and your gym teacher are getting married," they captioned the post. Prince William and Catherine won't be there in the US for the wedding of Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce. So royalty won't be joining pop royalty for their big day. But even if

not a guest at the wedding, Prince William is going to be a guest on Travis Kelce's podcast. Which is another kind of closeness. Travis's brother Jason, trailing the podcast, gave listeners a slight clue in saying their special guest would be "six-foot-three prince from London, England", which narrows it down somewhat. The podcast is due to appear at about 17.00 UK time, so we'll keep you updated later on what's said.

Ukrainian woman named by Interpol as main suspect in Monaco bomb attack

A Ukrainian woman has been identified as the main suspect for a parcel bombing in Monaco that seriously wounded a sanctioned Ukrainian multi-millionaire and two others. Monaco's deputy public prosecutor told reporters that Anastasiia Berezovska, 39, is suspected to have been "disguised as a man" and may not have acted alone. An Interpol Red Notice has been issued for Berezovska, who speaks German and is wanted for attempted murder, placing an explosive device on a public road with criminal intent, and criminal conspiracy. Just before 21:00 (19:00 GMT) on Monday, an individual left a package in the entrance hall of a small apartment building, followed by an explosion shortly afterwards. Police are looking into identifying any possible accomplices as they continue to search for the named suspect. Officials in Monaco believe Berezovska had spent some days casing out the residence. The explosion happened just as three resi-



dents were entering the building on Monday evening, a couple and a 13-year-old. Deputy public prosecutor Morgan Raymond said the suspect, pictured on CCTV cameras wearing a dark bucket hat, left the scene on foot but then is believed to have picked up a hire car and driven to Italy and on to Germany. Interpol's photo of Berezovska shows a woman with dark shoulder-length hair. The notice adds that she has a tattoo on her right arm which is "possibly" depicting a snake. Monaco's prosecutor thanked police from Monaco and France for their co-operation which made it possible "to identify, in a particularly short time.



At least 32 dead after overcrowded bus plunges into ravine in Pakistan

BOMB BLAST AT DAMASCUS CAFE KILLS NINE, SYRIAN STATE MEDIA SAY

A bomb blast at a crowded cafe in central Damascus has killed at least nine people and injured 22 others, Syrian state media say. The interior ministry said an explosive device was planted inside the cafe, which is located only 100m (330ft) from the Palace of Justice, a major government building in the capital's Hejaz district. There was no immediate claim from any group for the attack. It was the deadliest bombing in Damascus since a suicide attack on a church in June 2025 killed 25 people. A shadowy jihadist group, Saraya Ansar al-Sunnah, said it was behind that bombing, but authorities blamed the Islamic State (IS) group. Mohammed al-Dahabi, the owner of a glasses shop located next to



the cafe, said Thursday's bombing was reminiscent of those seen in Damascus during Syria's civil war. "I felt strong pressure, and the whole place shook," he told the AFP news agency. "I ran to the place and saw people lying on the floor with blood pooled around them everywhere." Graphic video footage posted on social media showed at least two men lying motionless on the

floor of the cafe's outdoor terrace. During a visit to the scene, Damascus Governor Maher Marwan Idlibi said those responsible for the bloodshed would be punished. "Each time the country sees a period of stability, malicious parties try to destabilise it," he added. There have been several attacks in Damascus since Islamist-led rebel forces overthrew Bashar al-Assad

Highlights

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In December 2024, ending 13 years of devastating civil war. Interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa has struggled to consolidate control over the whole country and restore security since he came to power. There have been several bouts of deadly sectarian fighting between government forces and members of Syria's Alawite and Druze religious minorities.

FIFA WORLD CUP 2026:

FIFA Clarifies Why Croatia's 2nd Goal Against Portugal Was Disallowed By VAR

After Croatia thought they had equalised against Portugal in a Round of 32 clash, but VAR intervened and ruled it out for offside, FIFA clarified that an IMU sensor inside the official match ball detected a faint touch from Croatian forward Igor Matanovic. Ivan Perisic had given Croatia the lead shortly after the break, but Cristiano Ronaldo's third goal of these finals drew Portugal level. Goncalo Ramos then rose highest to send a Rafael Leao cross home in the fourth minute of stoppage time. A Hail Mary pass into the Portugal box fell to Mario Pasalic to square for Josko Gvardiol to tap home in 103 minute. After a VAR review, however, Pasalic was deemed to have been in an offside position. The ball was crossed in by Ivan Perisic, and it appeared that Mario Pasalic had gotten in



behind before chesting it down for Gvardiol to finish with a sliding effort. It looked as if Croatia had rescued itself right at the end, just like it has done so many times before. But VAR intervened. Initially, it looked like Pasalic had chested the ball off a deflec-

tion from Portugal's Renato Veiga, which would have kept him onside. But after the VAR review, it showed that Croatia's Igor Matanovic got a slight flick on the ball before it reached Veiga. At the point the ball made contact with Matanovic's head, Pašalic

was in an offside position, which negated the goal in heartbreaking fashion for this Croatian side. FIFA later confirmed through a social media post that Matanovic's contact was determined using the data provided by Connected Ball Technology placed in the

official match ball. "According to the data provided by Connected Ball Technology housed within the @adidasfootball Trionda, the official match ball of the @FIFAWorldCup, it was proven that contact was made by Croatia's #20 Igor Matanovic in the build up to the goal against Portugal, allowing the referee to correctly determine offside and disallow the goal. "IMU sensors housed within the Trionda ball are capable of determining any slight contact, displayed to viewers in the broadcast as a 'heartbeat graphic', and allowing officials an unprecedented level of data to make fast, accurate decisions," FIFA Media shared on X. Ronaldo's second-half goal and a late winner from Ramos as Portugal came from behind to sneak this tug-of-war Toronto tussle at the FIFA World Cup 2026.

FIFA World Cup 2026 Stat Shows Cristiano Ronaldo's True Reality At Age Of 41

For the first time since the start of the FIFA World Cup 2026, Cristiano Ronaldo was subbed off during a match as Portugal manager Roberto Martinez looked for fresh legs in the middle of a stalemate with Croatia. Ronaldo opened the scoring for Portugal after defender Renato Veiga earned a penalty in the second half. Ronaldo, who hadn't had a single touch in Croatia's penalty box all game, finally had the opportunity to make his inclusion in the starting XI count. As expected, Ronaldo didn't miss from the spot, scoring his first-ever goal in the FIFA World Cup knockouts. However, Ronaldo's lacklustre performance in the game remained a major talking point. The 41-year-old, playing in his sixth World Cup, scored a brace for Portugal against Uzbekistan in a match that Portugal won 5-0. Yet, barring that game, Ronaldo's performances on the pitch have been poor. He was blamed for Portugal's twin



draws in the group stage of the tournament against DR Congo and Colombia. Before being subbed off against Croatia in the 81st minute, Ronaldo had registered only one touch in the opposition team's penalty box-which was the 68th-minute strike he converted from the spot. For a team like Portugal, who arguably possess one of the finest midfields in the World Cup, having a striker who is not on the same wavelength as his teammates and not operating on the same frequency is a huge concern. It was this

worry that prompted Martinez to sub him off in the 81st minute for Ruben Neves. The tactical change shifted Goncalo Ramos into Ronaldo's central role, while Neves took a spot in the centre of the midfield. What happened moments later was Ramos rising above the Croatian defenders to head home the winner for his team in stoppage time. The Paris Saint-Germain striker, who is set to join AC Milan in the summer, did exactly what Ronaldo was unable to do, and needed only minutes to pull it off.

Novak Djokovic Has History In Sights At Wimbledon

Novak Djokovic can move another step closer to history at Wimbledon in the third round on Friday. Defending champion Jannik Sinner is also in action in the last 32, while women's world number one Aryna Sabalenka faces former French Open winner Jelena Ostapenko. AFP Sport looks at three matches to watch on the fifth day of the tournament (x denotes seeding): Novak Djokovic (SRB x7) v Arthur Rinderknech (FRA x25) First meeting Djokovic was in vintage form during his second-round demolition of Stefanos Tsitsipas on Wednesday, underlining his determination to finally win that elusive 25th Grand Slam crown. The 39-year-old Serb delivered a statement of intent to his Wimbledon title rivals with a masterful straight-sets victory on



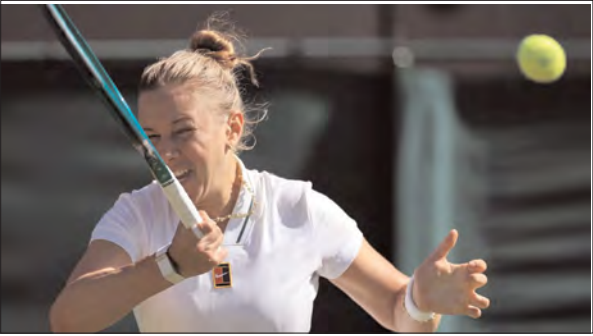
Centre Court. Djokovic was so enamoured with his display that he even found time to prank a ball-girl -- pretending her repair work on his shirt had hurt him -- before jokingly challenging golf star Rory McIlroy, who was watching from the royal box, to a tennis match. The seven-time Wimbledon champion's good mood was understandable. Djokovic,

seeded seventh, is now just one match win away from equalling Roger Federer's Wimbledon men's singles record of 105. But Djokovic has greater goals in his sights, aiming to equal Federer's men's record of eight Wimbledon titles -- which would break his tie with Margaret Court for the most Grand Slam crowns by either a man or woman.

Winning Wimbledon would also make Djokovic the oldest man to lift a Grand Slam trophy in the Open era. As Djokovic said after beating Tsitsipas; "age is just a number". Next up for the ageless Serb is a first ever meeting with French 25th seed Arthur Rinderknech. Aryna Sabalenka (BLR x1) v Jelena Ostapenko (LAT) Sabalenka leads head to head 3-1 Bidding to win Wimbledon for the first time, Sabalenka faces a tricky test against Ostapenko in one of the ties of the round. The four-time Grand Slam champion, who has reached 14 successive major quarter-finals, has not been at her over-powering best so far in the tournament. The 28-year-old has never won Wimbledon, losing in the semi-finals on each of her past three visits.

Amanda Anisimova Avoids Wimbledon Upset; Iga Swiatek, Alexander Zverev Also Advance

Amanda Anisimova served three of her 20 aces in the deciding tiebreaker to hold off Sofia Kenin 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (3) and reach the third round at Wimbledon on Thursday as Kate, the Princess of Wales, visited the All England Club. Anisimova, who was consoled by Kate a year ago after being routed by Iga Swiatek in the final, trailed 3-1 in the third set before she broke back in the sixth game against her fellow American, the 2020 Australian Open champion who is now ranked No. 105. "Some moments were really awful. I'm just so happy through to the next round," Anisimova said on No. 2 Court. "I never thought that I'd be saying this - but thank you to my serve today," she added. "I'm not an amazing



server. Now, I can finally say I can serve pretty good." The sixth-seeded Anisimova whacked her racket on her leg at one point in the deciding set. "I was down 3-1 and I told myself to just keep fighting and this might be your last moments at Wimbledon ... just try and maybe have fun and enjoy it," said Anisimova, who will next

face another American, 26th-seeded Madison Keys. "I try to remind myself, just have fun, you are playing at Wimbledon. I do get hard on myself sometimes." Swiatek, who beat Anisimova 6-0, 6-0 for the 2025 title on Centre Court, needed just 70 minutes to get past 2021 Wimbledon finalist Karolina Pliskova 6-1, 6-3. The defending cham-

pion next gets Filipino rising star Alexandra Eala, who rallied to beat Maya Joint 3-6, 6-2, 6-0. On Tuesday, Joint spoiled Serena Williams' singles comeback. Second-seeded Elena Rybakina, the 2022 champion at the All England Club, made quick work of Caty McNally 6-1, 6-2 and will face Belgium's Elise Mertens, seeded 25th, for a spot in the last 16. A well-dressed Taylor Fritz impressed again, beating compatriot Patrick Kypson 6-2, 6-2, 7-5 to reach the third round. Fritz's white blazer and NBA-style warmup pants for his walk-on at No. 2 Court drew attention but his play wasn't bad either - he fired 19 aces and avoided getting pushed into a fourth set.

Harry Kane Tipped To Miss Out On Ballon d'Or By Ex-England Star Despite World Cup Heroics

Former England defender Jamie Carragher has ruled out the possibility of Harry Kane winning the Ballon d'Or despite his heroics at the FIFA World Cup 2026. Kane scored a brace in the second half as England left it late to edge past DR Congo 2-1 in their Round of 32 clash in Atlanta on Wednesday. The England captain took his tournament goal tally to five following a brilliant club season with Bayern Munich, where he recorded 61 goals and 7 assists in just 51 appearances. While Carragher admits that few can match Kane's numbers over the past 12 months, he believes the striker's chances of winning the Ballon d'Or are unrealistic because he doesn't see England winning the World Cup. In his column for the Telegraph, Carragher feels



that the Ballon d'Or will most certainly be given to someone from the tournament's winning side. "If the vote for the Ballon d'Or was being held right now, Kane would be the worthy winner, his heroics for England against DR Congo absorbing his 72nd goal of this season. Only Lionel Messi has recently hit those kinds of numbers. Not even Cristiano Ronaldo was so prolific in one campaign.

Based on the past 12 months, Kane should win the Ballon d'Or. Unfortunately, he probably won't because in a World Cup year, it is bound to go to the star player of the winning nation. Much as I want to believe England can still win it, there is nothing to support that opinion, especially after recent performances. If Argentina retain the cup, Messi will win the Ballon d'Or.

Jurgen Klopp 'Signals Willingness' To Take Over As Germany Coach Julian Nagelsmann Resigns

Julian Nagelsmann has resigned as Germany coach after his team failed to make the World Cup round of 16 for the third tournament running, and former Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp is in line to take over. Nagelsmann's departure, announced on Friday by the national soccer federation, comes four days after Paraguay stunned Germany on penalties in the round of 32 and follows talks with his bosses. The federation said it planned to speak to Klopp and "he has already signaled his willingness in general to take on the role." It would be Klopp's first coaching job since leaving Liverpool in 2024. Nagelsmann initially said he'd stay on with Germany on a contract which had another two years to run and reportedly made him among the highest-paid coaches at the



World Cup. He faced mounting criticism over his tactics and team selection at the tournament. "In the days since we went out I've done a lot of thinking and spoken with trusted people in my personal life and at the (federation)," Nagelsmann said in a statement. "This decision was anything but easy for me. My main aim has always been the team's success. After such a bitter disappointment, they've earned the chance for a completely fresh start." Germany's

defeat by Paraguay followed group-stage losses at the 2018 World Cup in Russia and the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, when it was a 32-team tournament. It has not won a men's World Cup knockout game since beating Argentina in the 2014 final. Nagelsmann originally said after his side's exit that he was "not one to walk away" but he then returned home for crisis talks with the federation on Thursday. His departure drew a tribute from the head of the German government. "The chancellor thanks Julian Nagelsmann for his commitment and service in recent years as national team coach," German Chancellor Friedrich Merz's spokesperson, Stefan Kornelius, told reporters at a government news conference that was taking place as the news arrived.

"I Won't Be Driving": ExtraEmily Breaks Silence On Recent Twitch Ban Due to Distracted Driving Incident



ExtraEmily is back on Twitch after a 24-hour suspension, and unlike the last two times this happened, she came back with something to say. The near-miss clip from her June 28 stream had already spread far enough to pull in Asmongold's reaction and a wave of calls for Twitch to ban streaming while driving entirely. What she said when her account was restored was quieter than any of that, and considerably more personal. What ExtraEmily Said When Her Account Came Back She addressed it directly on her July 2 stream, starting with the ban itself. "I completely understand why I was suspended because it's very dangerous," she said, "and I want to learn from my mistake and do better in the future. So from now on, I'm going to try to minimize the amount of driving that I'm doing on stream." She went further than a standard apology. "If I do drive on stream, I'm definitely gonna have chat off," she said, "and I just want to do bet-

ter and not make the same mistake again. I do feel really bad for being distracted and not being safe on the road. And I totally understand why ppl are like, what the heck." The most concrete part came at the end. "So I won't be driving on stream for at least a few weeks," she said. "Even if I do drive, I'm gonna take steps to improve. Things need to change, so I shall." Why This Is the Third Time Having This Conversation Emily Xuechun Zhang, who goes by ExtraEmily on Twitch, has 978,000 followers on the platform and has now been suspended for driving-related incidents three times. The first was in October 2023, when viewers reported her using her phone while driving during an IRL stream. The second was in April 2025, after she ran a red light on camera and appeared distracted while doing it. This latest ban, a 24-hour suspension following the June 28 near-collision with a Mazda SUV while making a left turn, is the third.

Max Verstappen To McLaren? Lando Norris Makes Blunt Admission

Lando Norris says reports that Max Verstappen has considered a move to McLaren are "a cool thing" to hear but "not a serious thing" as speculation swirls in Formula 1 about a switch which could create a lineup of two champions. Reports from media including Sky Sports indicated last week that Verstappen's management had requested, and held, a meeting with McLaren ahead of the Austrian Grand Prix. The content of any discussions wasn't reported and the Dutch driver has yet to comment. "It's a cool thing, it's a good thing that a four-time world champion wants

to come on board and wants to potentially join the team," Norris said Thursday as he prepares for his home British Grand Prix. "I don't know how much of it's true, but it's a cool thing and if there's an opportunity for me to drive with other people, it's something I've always looked forward to. But it's not a thing for now. It's not a serious thing." McLaren chief executive Zak Brown said on the Up To Speed podcast released Wednesday that Norris and teammate Oscar Piastri are "not going anywhere" and he'd only consider Verstappen if McLaren had



an opening. Besides Verstappen, "quite a few others" in F1 are interested in a potential McLaren drive too, Norris said. "I'm also just excited for my future with McLaren. I'm still going to be here for many, many more years. So

I'm excited for whoever I get partnered with," he added. "But for the time being, me and Oscar are still working very well together. We're excited to work together for more years too, so that's our focus for now." Verstappen remains under contract

with Red Bull until the end of 2028 but there have been signs the deal includes options to exit earlier under certain conditions. A planned move to McLaren for his long-time race engineer GianPiero Lambiase increased the speculation of a potential move to McLaren for the Dutchman. Mercedes has been interested in Verstappen in the past but team principal Toto Wolff has said he wants to keep title rivals George Russell and Kimi Antonelli. Verstappen's also previously suggested he'd consider leaving F1. Norris said he believed he could hold his

own if Verstappen, a friend and on-track rival for the title last year, is ever his teammate. "I do believe I can beat any driver. I think what makes Max so incredible is how he is over the course of a season, every single weekend, performing to the level that he does is what's impressive," Norris said. "I believe whether it's him or having a chance to go against Lewis (Hamilton) or Fernando (Alonso), any of the drivers that people know are some of the best, I think it's a cool opportunity for me at the same time. So, excited for whatever may come my way in the future."

TFI FANS EXPECT NATIONAL AWARD GLORY FOR KALKI VFX

As the 2024 National Film Awards are expected to be announced this evening, Telugu cinema fans are eagerly backing Kalki 2898 AD for major honours. Many believe the Prabhas-starrer deserves either Best Film or Best Visual Effects recognition, calling it one of the most technically accomplished films ever produced in TFI history. Rebel Star Prabhas's Kalki 2898 AD is a 1000 Crore film and the second part of the film is one of the most-hyped sequels in Indian Cinema. Two schedules of the film are completed and the next schedule will begin from August/September. Ahead of the film's release, the team is planning to do 1-hour films

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with the main characters of the film like Dulquer Salmaan for OTT. These films will release before the movie release and each is being planned with 20 Crore Budget. The challenge in that is the approval of OTT and the remunerations of stars. However, if cracked, these films will explain the backstories of the characters even better because runtime of the film restricts proper explanation. Also, the films will create more excitement and interest about the main film before the release. If Netflix or any platform approves this, it will be a big achievement for the makers and also the brand 'Kalki' because these are the days even stars are struggling to get proper deals for their films. Now that Sing Geetham duties are completed, Nag Ashwin will begin intense pre-production of Prabhas portions. The idea is to shoot non-stop for the film provided Prabhas schedules work out. The buzz around Kalki 2 continues to grow, and the sequel is shaping up to be even bigger and more ambitious than the first installment. Following the massive success of Kalki 2898 AD, fans are eagerly waiting to see what director Nag Ashwin has planned next. One of the biggest talking points is the reported casting changes. According to ongoing industry speculation, Sai Pallavi is expected to replace Deepika Padukone. While there has been

no official confirmation yet, the rumor has already sparked discussions among fans across social media. Adding to the excitement, Alia Bhatt is reportedly being considered for a special role in the film. If the reports turn out to be true, her inclusion could bring another layer of star power to the highly anticipated sequel. Disha Patani, who appeared in the first film, is also expected to return and continue her journey in the futuristic universe. On the male front, the lineup remains incredibly strong. Prabhas will once again lead the story, while Kamal Haasan and Amitabh Bachchan are expected to play crucial roles. There is also speculation that Vijay Deverakonda could return, especially if the sequel explores flashback sequences connected to the events of the first film. With such exciting possibilities, Kalki 2 is already generating enormous anticipation among movie lovers. The ongoing debate around Ramayana has unexpectedly brought Kalki 2898 AD back into the spotlight. After the teaser of Ramayana received mixed reactions, particularly criticism over a few VFX shots, film lovers, especially from the South, began drawing comparisons with other big-budget spectacles.



Netizens Declare Rishabh Sawhney the Biggest Highlight of Nagabandham; Praise His Powerful Aura as Mega Villain Abdali

As Nagabandham hits theatres, one performance that has caught everyone's attention is Rishabh Sawhney's portrayal of the formidable Abdali. While audiences are discussing the film's grand scale and mythology, social media has been flooded with appreciation for the actor's commanding screen presence, with many calling him one of the biggest highlights of the film. Social media is flooded with reactions praising the his impactful act. One fan wrote, "Just watched Nagabandham and I could not take my eyes off #RishabhSawhneyy." Echoing similar sentiments, a viewer posted, "Just saw #Nagabandham and I just want to say this to the directors - more power-packed roles for #RishabhSawhneyy pleaseeeee." Several



viewers were especially impressed by the actor's commanding screen presence. One tweet read, "#RishabhSawhney kya aura kya dominance! Abhi dekha Nagabandham and bro his screen presence was next level!!!" Another fan wrote, "Whenever #Rishabh entered the scene you just know something big is gonna happen. #Nagabandham." A moviegoer added, "Watched Nagabandham with fam rn and this #RishabhSawhney guy has a madd aura!! He looked soo powerful as Abdali." Many fans believe Rishabh's performance lingered long after the film ended. "Rishabh Sawhney's screen presence in Nagabandham?," read one reaction. Another fan commented, "#RishabhSawhney really knows how to hold your attention. Watched him after Fighter and his presence stayed with me even after the film ended #Nagabandham."

RAMJI DOTT: THE VFX SUPERVISOR REDEFINING CREATIVE VISUALS IN TOLLYWOOD



A new name is quietly earning serious respect among Telugu cinema's technical circles — Ramji Dott, a VFX Supervisor whose recent body of work is turning heads for its creative ambition and cinematic finish. While many technicians deliver clean, functional visual effects, Ramji Dott belongs to a rarer category: an artist who treats VFX as storytelling, not just problem-solving. Over a remarkably short span, his name has become familiar to industry professionals who value craft over shortcuts.

A Track Record Built on Landmark Films

Ramji Dott has contributed his visual effects expertise to some of Telugu cinema's most talked-about titles, including Mahanati, 118, Masooda, and Mirai. Each project demanded a different visual language — from the period elegance of Mahanati to the tension-driven texture of Masooda — and he adapted his approach to serve the story every time. His most defining creative achievement came with Rao Bahadur, a project that showcased the full range of his abilities. Of the film's nearly two hours of visual effects work, roughly thirty minutes were pure creative 3D VFX — fully imagined,

designed, and executed sequences that went far beyond routine clean-up or enhancement. The results were widely regarded as some of the most striking creative VFX to come out of a Telugu production in recent memory.

Pushing the Frontier: Hybrid Live-Action Technology

What truly sets Ramji Dott apart is his commitment to the future of the medium. He recently developed a teaser titled Mahaveer Karna using hybrid live-action technology — a technique that blends real performance capture with advanced digital craft. The teaser's visuals are strikingly realistic, achieving a level of believability and scale that is difficult to produce even in far larger productions. It stands as a statement of intent: proof that ambitious, world-class cinematic imagery can be created with vision, technical mastery, and the intelligent use of emerging tools.

A Filmmaker's Sensibility

Ramji Dott's work is memorable not because of technical polish alone, but because of the creative instinct behind it. He approaches every frame with a filmmaker's eye — asking what the shot should make the audience feel, not simply how to render it.

SRINIVASA MANGAPURAM VV THEATRICAL RELEASE ON JULY 30

Marking the debut of Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni, grandson of legendary superstar Krishna and nephew of Mahesh Babu, Srinivasa Mangapuram is the latest directorial venture from Ajay Bhupathi. The film also introduces Bollywood actress Rasha Thadani, daughter of Raveena Tandon, to Telugu cinema. Senior actor Dr Mohan Babu takes on the role of the powerful antagonist in this ambitious project. Backed by producer P Kiran and presented by Ashwini Dutt, the film has been generating considerable buzz with widely appealing promotional material. Today, the makers came up with the film's release date. The movie will grace



the cinemas worldwide on July 30th, as officially announced by the makers. As of now, they released three songs, a couple of teasers, and posters, which all received positive reception.

Ajay Bhupathi has taken a refreshing route with Srinivasa Mangapuram, weaving together a beautiful love story with powerful action and his trademark intensity. Both Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni and Rasha Thadani impressed with their cute looks and wonderful performances in teaser and songs. The movie boasts top-notch technical qualities. Jayakrishna ISC handles the cinematography, GV Prakash Kumar provides the music. Madhav Kumar Gullapati is the editor, while production designer is taken care by Sahi Suresh. Since the movie will arrive in less than a month, the makers are planning to intensify the promotional activities in the coming days.

'VADALA' SET FOR JULY 17 THEATRICAL RELEASE

Jagapathi Babu, Laya, Akella V Krishna, Kishore Naidu Chirumamilla, Tammareddy Bharadwaj, Charita Chitra Productions' 'Vadala' to release in theaters on July 17th Versatile actor Jagapathi Babu will be seen in an intense role in the psychological thriller 'Vadala', which is a mix of suspense, mystery and strong emotions. Directed by Akella V. Krishna, the film also stars Laya and Hritika Srinivas in key roles. Produced by Kishore Naidu Chirumamilla and Tammareddy Bharadwaj under the banner of Charita Chitra Productions, the film has already generated interest with its 'First Glimpses' and the teaser has further



increased the expectations. The film is set to hit the theatres on July 17. On this occasion, the team has released a new poster that is eye-catching. The poster captures the mysterious atmosphere of the film in an interesting way. Hritika Srinivas is seen in a red backdrop with an expression that seems to hide many secrets. Jagapathi Babu and Laya are seen on either side of her with intense emotions, arousing curiosity about the bond between these three characters. With the release date set, the film's promotions will intensify in the coming days. The theatrical trailer will be released soon. Chhota K. Naidu is handling the cinematography for the film, while Karthik Kodakandla is composing the music. Kotagiri Venkateswara Rao is the editor, Lakshmi Bhupala is the story writer, and Bajja Brahmayya is the production designer.

MOST ANTICIPATED ODYSSEY TRAILER: WHY 80% DISLIKES?



One of the most anticipated films in the global cinema is coming up shortly in the form of Odyssey. This film is directed by the legendary Christopher Nolan, and it is preparing for release on July 17. The promotional material of this film has been rather questionable till now. This is due to the fact that people have been finding fault with the casting choices as there are performances that extreme wokism has been identified in filling crucial roles. The desper-

ate effort to diversify the races of the actors and cast multiracial actors is looking artificial. Now, this film is facing extreme backlash on social media as the newly released trailer has received multiple times more dislikes than likes on YouTube. The fact that the trailer has gained over 100,000 dislikes as opposed to just 47K likes is instating this fact and the shocking thing is that the volume of dislikes is consistently climbing up. Over 100K dislikes and it's still climbing.