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PM MODI URGES PRODUCTIVE PARLIAMENT SESSION, HOPES DISCUSSIONS ARE CONDUCTED WITH LOGIC

NEW DELHI: With the opposition bracing to raise several contentious issues in Parliament, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said there would be no room for chaos or raising voice if discussions in the House are conducted with logic and facts.

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4 Indians killed in Odesa ship attack

NEW DELHI, JULY 20 (TSIT): The Ministry of External Affairs condemned the attack on commercial vessel MV Golden Leo off Odesa port in Ukraine, in which four Indian nationals were killed and one is critically hospitalised. The vessel, carrying 17 crew including five Indians, was struck by a Russian missile on July 19 while departing Odesa. "India condemns such attacks and reiterates that targeting commercial shipping and endangering innocent civilian crew is deplorable," the MEA said. Our Mission in Ukraine is closely monitoring and extending all possible assistance, it added. The Kyiv Post reported 10 total deaths. Russia's Defence Ministry said strikes continued against Ukrainian ports and vessels. The injured Indian remains in critical condition.



Lalu Yadav leaves for Delhi for advanced treatment

PATNA, JULY 20 (TSIT): RJD chief and former Bihar CM Lalu Prasad Yadav departed for New Delhi on Monday for advanced medical treatment after a health scare on Friday. He was accompanied by wife Rabri Devi and daughter Misa Bharti. Misa said his condition has improved and he will continue treatment under specialists at AIIMS Delhi, where he has been receiving care for years. Yadav was admitted to IGIMS Patna on Friday after his health deteriorated unexpectedly. Doctors conducted ECG and eye examinations and discharged him after his condition stabilised. Misa criticised poor sanitation in Patna's Kautilya Nagar area and questioned why senior district officials accompanied the CM's wife during a college inspection instead of serving the public.

Government to Hold Talks with Tribal Associations Soon on Key Issues: CM Naidu

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has reaffirmed that the State Government accords the highest priority to protecting the rights and welfare of tribal communities, assuring that there is no need for tribal people to have any concerns or apprehensions. The Chief Minister made these remarks while reviewing the functioning of the Tribal Welfare Department and development programmes in tribal areas at the State Secretariat on Monday. During the meeting, the Chief Minister reviewed the Supreme Court verdict on G.O. No. 3, employment opportunities for local tribal communities, and various issues concerning the welfare and development of Scheduled Areas. He recalled that G.O. No. 3, introduced in 2000 in the undivided Andhra



Pradesh, had ensured 100 per cent reservation in government jobs for local Scheduled Tribe candidates in Scheduled Areas. However, he said the previous government failed to effectively defend the G.O. before the Supreme Court, leading to its cancellation in 2020 and depriving tribal communities of benefits they had enjoyed for nearly two decades. The Chief Minister stated that the coalition government is examining all possible

legal alternatives to restore the benefits of G.O. No. 3 while complying with the Supreme Court's judgment. He directed officials to initiate discussions with tribal associations at the earliest to address issues relating to local employment, reservations, and other concerns affecting tribal communities. He also instructed officials to involve tribal representatives in the consultation process and seek their suggestions to overcome legal

hurdles.

Mr. Chandrababu further directed officials to include Alluri Sitarama Raju District under Zone-I and Polavaram District under Zone-II, and to expedite the necessary administrative process. Addressing concerns over bauxite mining, the Chief Minister assured that tribal communities need not worry, stating that the government would not take any decision that undermines tribal rights or sentiments. He alleged that irregularities during the previous regime had led to the issue reaching international forums and urged tribal communities not to be misled. He also clarified that there was no need for any apprehension regarding the implementation of the 1/70 Land Transfer Regulation, and asked officials to convey the government's commitment to tribal organisations.

CM inspects Thalli-Bidda Express vehicles



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) In a major initiative aimed at strengthening maternal and child healthcare services in Andhra Pradesh, the state government is set to introduce 500 new vehicles under the 'Thalli-Bidda Express' programme. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inspected the vehicles at the CM Camp Office on Monday and reviewed their design, safety standards, and the special facilities provided for mothers and newborns. The vehicles will provide free transportation to women who deliver in government hos-

pitals, their newborn babies, and attendants to their homes. They will also be used to transport high-risk pregnant women and those suffering from severe anaemia to hospitals for medical check-ups. Officials said that the fleet of 500 specially designed SUV/MUV vehicles is expected to benefit nearly 2.75 lakh mothers annually across the state. Each vehicle has been equipped with seat belts, footrests for easy boarding, air conditioning, first-aid kits, fire safety equipment, and GPS tracking systems to enable real-time monitoring.

Our demands are clear: CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke amid 'Sansad Chalo' march

New Delhi (TSIT) :

Tensions remained high in Delhi as the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) and its supporters took part in the "Sansad Chalo" protest on Monday, calling for accountability from the government regarding the NEET-UG paper leak case.

As the protesters tried to advance towards Parliament House, they encountered a light police force intended to maintain law and order.



Speaking to IANS, CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke said, "Our demands are clear: Dharmendra Pradhan must resign. The families of the children who committed suicide should receive compensation of Rs one crore."

CJP puts forth 3 demands, JP Nadra calls for ending sit-in protest during 'cordial meet'

New Delhi (TSIT):

Two representatives of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) met Union Minister JP Nadra at his residence, with their 'letter of demands' on Monday.

CJP spokespersons Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka put forth their three demands before the Union Minister while the latter appealed to them to end the sit-in stir and help bring normalcy in the high-security zone, close to the Parliamentary complex.



In its three direct and explicit demands, the CJP has sought - the release of Sonam Wangchuk, with no prohibition on his movements, resignation of

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Rs 1 crore compensation for all NEET aspirants who committed suicide, following the NEET 2026 paper leaks.

Wangchuk to continue fast, cites police action against protesters



NEW DELHI (TSIT):

Activist Sonam Wangchuk announced on Monday that he would continue his indefinite hunger strike, saying the police action against protesters during the Cockroach Janta Party's (CJP) "Sansad Chalo" march has prompted him to extend the fast until youth leaders are allowed to meet parliamentarians or he is permitted to do so from the hospital. In a handwritten statement issued from the Safdarjung Hospital, Wangchuk said, "Seeing the brutality with which peacefully protesting youth are being dealt with, I have decided to continue my fast until the youth leaders are allowed to meet the parliamentarians at the Sansad Bhawan or I am allowed to meet them here at the hospital." "Hopefully, the government will fix accountability for the Education Minister before that," he added.

India approves first dengue vaccine QDenga for people aged 4-60 years

NEW DELHI (TSIT):

India has approved its first dengue vaccine, with the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) granting market authorisation to Takeda Biopharmaceuticals India's QDenga, marking a significant milestone in the country's efforts to combat one of its most widespread mosquito-borne diseases, it was announced on Monday.

The vaccine has been approved for individuals aged between 4 and 60 years and can be administered irrespective of whether a person has previously been infected with dengue.

Unlike some earlier dengue vaccines, QDenga does not require pre-vaccination screening, allowing eligible individuals to receive the vaccine without undergoing tests to determine prior dengue infection. Takeda said the approval strengthens India's dengue prevention strategy at a time when the



country continues to bear one of the world's highest disease burdens, with all four dengue virus serotypes circulating in several regions.

"Since its launch in 2022, QDenga has been approved in 43 countries, with more than 32 million doses distributed globally. This approval marks an important step forward in strengthening dengue prevention in India," said Mahender Nayak, Head of Intercontinental Markets at Takeda. The company said the approval was supported by evidence from its global clinical development programme, comprising 19 Phase I, II and III clinical trials involving more than 28,000 participants across dengue-endemic and non-endemic countries.



Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah inspects indigenous and state-of-the-art technologies designed to further strengthen border security at the Jhumagachh BOP in Siliguri, West Bengal ...

CM Revanth demands end to 'police brutality' on protesting students

Hyderabad (TSIT):

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy backed the students protesting in Delhi and demanded an immediate end to 'police brutality' and accountability in the NEET and other paper leaks scandal.

The Chief Minister posted on social media that students from across India who converged to demand justice over the NEET paper leak scandal are being beaten up with lathis and tear gas when they were marching to Parliament to draw attention to their struggle.

"The central government is using police force to silence the very youth whose future it has endangered. Every blow struck against a protesting student exposes the BJP's fear of questions, truth and democratic dissent," he said. "I firmly stand with India's students, and we demand an immediate end to police



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brutality and accountability in the NEET and other paper leaks scandal," he added. Revanth Reddy had earlier stated that paper leaks have "demonetised" students' future. Reacting

to the cancellation of NEET-UG 2026 following the paper leak in May, Revanth Reddy said the credibility of national-level examinations must be protected and that those involved in the paper leak must face punishment.

He stated that the cancellation of the NEET-UG 2026 examination has caused enormous distress and uncertainty among lakhs of students and parents across India. "The credibility of national examinations must be protected at all costs. Any individuals or networks involved in paper leaks or corruption must face the strictest punishment," he said.

ment, irrespective of their influence or position," he had said. According to reports from the national capital, the security forces used tear gas shells to disperse thousands of supporters of the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) who gathered to march to the Parliament on the first day of the monsoon session on Monday, despite police denying permission for the protest.

The police reportedly also used sticks and batons to disperse the crowd, mostly youngsters, who had converged at the Jantar Mantar protest site for the "Chalo Sansad" march against alleged irregularities in NEET and to demand the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Some protesters and police personnel sustained minor injuries as they allegedly tried to breach barricades while marching towards Parliament.

Collector inspects voter digitisation

NAGAR KURNOOL, JULY 20 (TSIT): District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil conducted a surprise inspection of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) digitisation process at Zilla Parishad Boys High School in Vattem village on Monday. He reviewed progress and directed officials to complete the exercise within the timeline without errors. Patil stressed creating voter awareness and said Enumeration Forms must be submitted by August 3, failing which names may not be included in the electoral roll. He ordered door-to-door visits to ensure no eligible voter is left out and instructed officials to identify and remove ineligible entries and prevent duplicate registrations.



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Collector Receives 84 Petitions at Prajavani

Hyderabad TSIT July 20: Medchal-Malkajgiri District Collector Mikkilineni Manu Choudhary on Monday received 84 petitions from members of the public during the weekly Prajavani grievance redressal programme held at the District Collectorate Conference Hall. District Revenue Officer Malathi was also present.

Residents from various parts of the district, along with representatives of different political parties, attended the programme and submitted their grievances directly to the

Collector. Reviewing the petitions, the Collector instructed officials to scrutinise each application carefully, forward them to the respective departments and ensure their prompt disposal. He directed officials to take immediate steps to resolve genuine public grievances without unnecessary delay. Emphasising citizen-centric governance, Manu Choudhary said public grievances should be treated on priority and instructed all departments to coordinate effectively to provide timely relief to the petitioners.

Mid-Day Meal Workers Oppose Privatisation of Scheme.

Mancherial, July 20, YSIT: The CITU-affiliated Telangana Mid-Day Meal Workers' Union on Monday staged a protest in front of the Collectorate, opposing the State government's reported move to hand over the Mid-Day Meal Scheme to private agencies.

A memorandum was later submitted to the District Education Office through Superintendent Venu. Addressing the protesters, CITU district president Abboju Ramana and



district secretary Dumpala Ranjith Kumar alleged that privatisation would adversely affect both the quality of meals served to students and the liveli-

hood of thousands of workers engaged under the scheme. They urged the government to continue the programme through the existing workforce.

Farmers get climate-smart train-

HUSNABAD, JULY 20 (TSIT): Varaha ClimateAg Private Limited organized an awareness program on climate-smart agriculture and carbon credits for farmers in Malapalli village. Village Sarpanch Venna Swarnalatha and Congress leader Venna Raju attended as chief guests. Raju said climate change poses challenges to farming and urged adoption of eco-friendly methods to preserve soil fertility, reduce water usage, and cut costs. Company representatives explained crop residue management, organic



methods to preserve soil fertility, reduce water usage, and cut costs. Company representatives explained crop residue management, organic

farming, water conservation, and tree planting to minimize chemical fertilizers. They also briefed farmers on carbon credit basics, eligibility, registration, and future opportunities, advising careful review of terms before joining projects. Large numbers of farmers participated, registered their details, and sought clarifications. Field coordinator Chityala Isaac and others were present.

Value-added farming key to strengthening farmers

Khammam (TSIT): Value-added agriculture backed by agro-based industries is the only sustainable way to improve farmers' incomes, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu said after inaugurating Godrej Agrovet's integrated oil palm complex at Anjanapuram in Konijerla mandal on Monday, along with Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao.

Bhatti said Khammam has immense potential to emerge as a hub for agriculture-based industries and urged farmers to diversify into high-value commercial crops such as oil palm. He said the state government provides an



incentive of about Rs.52,000 per acre over four years for oil palm cultivation and noted that the crop offers stable returns even under adverse climatic conditions such as the ongoing super El Niño.

Pointing out that India spends nearly Rs.1.5 lakh crore annually on edible oil imports, Bhatti said expanding oil palm cultivation is essential to reduce import depen-

dence. He said the area under oil palm in the country needs to increase from the present 1.5 million acres to 7 million acres. He also announced that road connectivity to the new integrated complex would be developed through TGIIC and urged Godrej to establish more agro-processing industries based on chilli, cotton and paddy in Telangana. He added that Rs.9,000 crore had recently been credited to farmers' accounts as investment support and called for expanding horticulture with irrigation from the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Scheme and other projects.

Collector inspects Gurukul school

GADWAL, JULY 20 (TSIT): Additional Collector B. Narsing Rao conducted a surprise inspection of the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Telangana Gurukul School at Bijjaram village in Maldakal mandal on Monday. He reviewed class-



rooms, hostels, kitchens, dining halls, sanitation, drinking water, and food quality. Rao stressed that quality education in a safe, hygienic environment is a collective responsibility. He ordered officials to maintain strict food and sanitation standards and

address student needs promptly. The Collector interacted with students about their academics and hostel stay, distributing notebooks and bed-sheets while encouraging them to aim high. Principals, teachers, and staff attended the programme.

Karnataka to deliver caste certificates at citizens' doorsteps

Bengaluru, July 20 : Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Monday announced two major citizen-friendly initiatives aimed at simplifying access to government services — free doorstep delivery of caste certificates across the State and delegation of powers to Deputy Tahsildars to issue permanent residence certificates.

Launching the initiatives, Shivakumar said the reforms mark a significant step towards technology-driven and people-centric governance by ensuring that government services reach citizens directly instead of people making repeated visits to government offices.

“This is not merely about distributing certificates. It is about protecting the identity and voice of every citizen in a democracy,” the Chief Minister said, adding that



the government's objective is to make essential services easily accessible to all sections of society.

Under the doorstep delivery programme, the government has already classified and shared 4.85 crore digital caste certificates with Deputy Commissioners in district, taluk and village-wise formats. District administrations will print the certificates and deliver them directly to beneficiaries.

A dedicated mobile application has been

developed to record Aadhaar details, mobile numbers and delivery acknowledgements to ensure transparency and proper verification. Citizens can also download their caste certificates free of cost through the government portal using their RD number, ration card number or Aadhaar number.

The Chief Minister said nearly 57 lakh caste certificates have already been linked with beneficiaries' mobile numbers, with download links sent

through WhatsApp and SMS. Government assistance centres at the hobli level will also provide printed copies of caste certificates and other important documents free of charge.

In another administrative reform, the Revenue Department has authorised Deputy Tahsildars to issue permanent residence certificates, a move expected to reduce delays and improve service delivery.

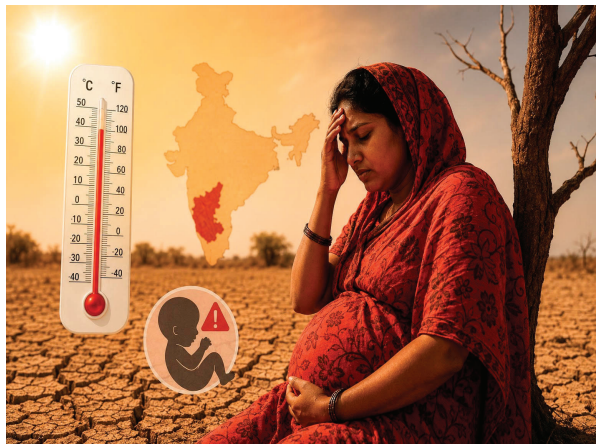
Emphasising the government's vision of doorstep governance, Shivakumar said citizens should no longer have to visit multiple offices for essential documents. He said ensuring dignity, transparency and timely services for every citizen remains a priority. Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara and senior government officials were present during the launch programme.

Extreme heat during pregnancy raises newborn health risks in Karnataka

Bengaluru, July 18: A new national study has found that prolonged exposure to extreme heat during pregnancy increases the risk of adverse birth outcomes, with Karnataka's semi-arid interior emerging as one of the regions facing significant concern.

The study revealed that the semi-arid belt covering much of interior Karnataka, including districts such as Kalaburagi, Raichur and Vijayapura, accounts for nearly one-third of low-birth-weight births recorded in the research sample across India. The region ranked second only to the humid subtropical plains in terms of the number of affected births.

Titled “Effect of extreme heat stress on adverse pregnancy outcomes in India”, the study analysed 209,266 births recorded between 2015 and 2020 and com-



pared pregnancy outcomes with local heat exposure conditions. Researchers measured the impact of consecutive “sweltering” days, defined as days when the India Heat Index exceeded the 90th percentile of long-term local climate conditions.

The findings showed that every additional consecutive sweltering day during pregnancy increased the likelihood of low birth weight by about 1%. Heat exposure

during the first trimester was linked to a higher risk of preterm birth, while exposure during the second trimester was associated with lower birth weight.

Researchers said that although the daily increase in risk appears small, prolonged heat exposure over an entire pregnancy period can create a significant public health challenge, particularly as extreme heat events become more frequent.

Channamma's funeral held in Mavinakere with full state honours

Hassan: The funeral of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda's wife Channamma Deve Gowda was held with full state honours at the foothills of Sri Ranganathaswamy Betta in Mavinakere in Holenarasipur taluk. Channamma's funeral was conducted according to religious rituals as per the Vokkaliga tradition in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and dignitaries. Channamma's body was immersed in the five elements. Before this, the police paid their last respects by firing in the air. Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar handed over the national flag draped over the body to Deve Gowda's family. The priest of Melukote, Kannanswamy, conducted the funeral rites in a state-sanctioned manner. On this occasion, former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, his sons Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, former Ministers H.D. Revanna, H.D. Balakrishne Gowda, Dr. H.D. Ramesh, daughters Anusuya, Shailaja, sons-in-law MPs Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Dr. Chandrashekhara, along with his nieces and grandchildren participated in the final rites. On this occasion, the family members of Deve Gowda, Revanna, Kumaraswamy and others could not bear the grief of Channamma's departure and wept bitterly. During the funeral, the head of the Adi Chunchanagiri Mutt, Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanath Aivamiji, Sri Nanjavadhutadaswamiji of the Pattanayakanahalli Mutt, Union Ministers Prahlad Joshi, V Somanna, Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Speaker Basavaraj Horati, Ministers Krishna Byre Gowda, K.J. George, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayana Swamy, MP Basavaraj Bomai, MPs Govind Karajol, Sudhakar, Shreyas Patel, B.Y. Raghavendra, Mallesh Babu, BJP state president B.Y. Vijayendra, former ministers Chaluvarayaswamy, H.K. Kumaraswamy, Bhandappa Kashampur, C.S. Puttaraju, Roshan Baig, A. Manju, Swaroop Prakash, C.N. Balakrishna, T.A. Saravan, former minister Y.S.V. Dutta and other MLAs and leaders of various parties were present and paid their last respects to Channamma.

Midwest Energy inaugurates its Giga Watt Scale manufacture facility for manufacturing Battery Energy Storage Systems

Bengaluru : Midwest Energy, the technology and clean energy arm of the Midwest Business House, announced the commencement of commercial production at its 1.2 GWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) manufacturing facility in Bengaluru. The facility has been established with integrated Cell-to-Container manufacturing capabilities, enabling production of battery modules, trays, racks and fully integrated containerised Systems to serve commercial, industrial, renewable energy and utility-scale applications. The commissioning of the facility marks an important milestone in Midwest Energy's journey in expansion of its capabilities at a time when battery storage is becoming an essential component of modern power infrastructure. As renewable energy deployment accelerates and grid flexibility becomes increasingly important, Battery Energy Storage Systems are expected to play a significant role in supporting reliable power supply,



renewable integration and energy resilience. Soumya K, Chief Executive Officer, Midwest Energy Limited said, "India is pursuing an accelerated transition towards a cleaner energy future driven by renewability, sustainability, decarbonisation and decentralisation. The increasing integration of renewable energy into the power grid is fundamental to achieving these objectives. While, it present challenges such as demand-supply mismatch, grid instability and supply uncertainties.

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) provide a reliable, effective and fast deployable solution to address these challenges and enabling a resilient, stable and decarbonised energy ecosystem. Through this facility, we are building indigenous capabilities to design, manufacture and deploy advanced energy storage solutions that are proudly designed and made in India. Our vision is to become a trusted long-term partner in supporting the country's clean energy transition."

Indus International School Hyderabad Produces Two World-Class IB Toppers, Perfect 45/45 Score

Bengaluru : Indus International School Hyderabad has delivered an extraordinary set of results in the May 2026 International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) examinations, with not one but two students, Ruhan Gudeli and Sujay Reddy Surukunti, achieving the perfect score of 45 out of 45, placing them among the top IB performers in the world.

A perfect 45 is achieved by a very small fraction of IB candidates globally each year, and two students from the same cohort reaching this score in the same year is an exceptional achievement, one that speaks to the depth and consistency of academic excellence at Indus. Ruhan Gudeli has secured admission to the National University of Singapore



(NUS) with Mathematics as his major, while Sujay Reddy Surukunti has secured admission to NYU Stern School of Business, where he will study Finance.

The strength of this result extends well beyond the top scorers. In total, twelve students from the graduating cohort scored 40 points or above, a mark of excellence achieved by only a small per-

centage of IB candidates worldwide. Amogh Reddy Badikol scored 44, Ashna Narain, Ishanvi Tupili, Ishita Chowdary Karuturi, and Saanvi Kabra each achieved 43, Naithrav Satish, Pranav Narayana Gampa, Shreya Ramesh, and Shreya Singh each scored 41, and Sanyogita Bobba rounded off the list with a score of 40.

COURT NOTICE

In the Court of Civil Judge, Senior Division-I, At Seraikella, Original Suit No.- 17 of 2026, Kumari Rekha Mahato Plaintiff -Versus- K.R. Laxmi Kutty Defendants. To, Defendant No.1 K.R. Laxmi Kutty Wife of Late K. Narayan Kurup, Resident of 16/541, Kallattu Chelakara, Chelakara-680586 At Present resident of Sunil Mahato Path, Namotola, Village- Chhota Gamharia, P.O. & P.S. Gamharia, District- Seraikella Kharsawan. Whereas the Plaintiff have brought the suit for declaration for the suit land of Mouza- Chhota Gamharia, recorded under Khata No. 46, Plot No. 783, against you and after admission the notice of the suit sent to you through Nazarat as well as through Regd. Post with A/D for your appearance, but even after that all of you have avoided the personal service of the notice. Hence, the notice is hereby served upon you through substituted service to be published in the Local News Paper circulating in your area. The suit is fixed on 28th day of July 2026 before this court and you are hereby directed to appear on the date fixed either personally or through your pleader at about 10.30 o'clock in the morning / forenoon, failing of which the suit will be heard and decided in your absence. Give under my hand and seal of my court on this the 02nd day of July 2026 at Seraikella. Sd/- Civil Judge, Senior Division-I Seraikella-Kharsawan.

EDITORIAL

THE REFUGEE WITH NO PASSPORT, AND THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT WITH INDIAN PAPERS

The case of Maung Henry Htoo Aung Linn before the Delhi High Court is not only about admission to Delhi University. It is about a deeper contradiction in India's handling of refugees, citizenship, and identity in the border states of the Northeast.

On one side is a young Myanmar refugee who fled his country, studied in India, and is now seeking university admission through lawful means. He does not claim to be an Indian citizen. He does not seek Scheduled Tribe benefits. He does not try to enter the electoral roll. He stands before the court as a refugee, asking that Delhi University should not insist on a passport that his condition as a refugee makes difficult, if not impossible, to produce. On the other side are long-standing allegations in Manipur that some Myanmar nationals have crossed the border, obtained Aadhaar cards, entered electoral rolls, acquired local identity documents, and accessed benefits available to Scheduled Tribes under broad categories such as "Any Kuki Tribes".

This is the contradiction India must confront: the honest refugee is visible and, therefore, vulnerable; the illegal immigrant with Indian papers may become administratively invisible. Maung Henry's case shows the burden carried by those who follow the transparent route. According to available details, he fled Myanmar in 2022, completed Class 10 in Mizoram and Class 12 in the Science stream in Meghalaya, and later sought admission to Delhi University. His difficulty began because Delhi University requires foreign applicants to submit a passport. His lawyers argued that treating a refugee in the same manner as an ordinary foreign applicant violates the logic of equality and dignity under Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution.

The court's reported question during the hearing, "How can you expect a passport from a refugee?", goes to the heart of the issue. A passport is issued by a state. A refugee is often a person who has lost the protection of that very state. To demand a passport as the only acceptable identity document from such a person is to misunderstand the nature of displacement.

This does not mean universities should abandon verification. Delhi University has every right to protect its admission process. Public institutions cannot function on sympathy alone. They need documents, records, scrutiny, and accountability. Admission to Delhi University is highly competitive even for Indian citizens. A refugee cannot be admitted merely because he is a refugee. But a refugee should not be rejected merely because he has no passport.

There is a middle path. UNHCR registration, Indian school records, residence verification, police verification, and clearances from the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs can together provide an alternative documentation system. Such a system would not weaken the law, but make it more realistic. India is not a signatory to the 1951 UN Refugee Convention or the 1967 Protocol. It also does not have a dedicated national refugee law.

Not Just Jets, China Is Developing A '5-Piece' Carrier Set, And India Should Worry

In June 2026, imagery from China showed a carrier-configured J-35 jet bearing the serial number 350030. It confirms that at least 30 airframes of this new naval stealth fighter have left the defence manufacturer Shenyang Aircraft Corporation (SAC)'s production lines. The news of the industrial architecture underpinning this capacity emerged in August 2023, when a company notice from SAC announced its ambitions to invest a whopping USD 1.2 billion in a new aeronautical complex, likely the size of six football fields - roughly 370,000 square metres - with its own flight-test runway. With such a complex and massive new warplane production capability in place, Beijing gets to experiment with what its officials are now referring to as the new frontier of sea-based naval power: a 'carrier five-piece set' involving a stealth carrier fighter jet, a carrier-based fixed wing early warning aircraft, a carrier-based fixed wing electronic warfare aircraft, a multirole catapult-launched carrier-based fighter jet, and a carrier-based anti-submarine warfare helicopter.

As China's Defence Ministry spokesperson Jiang Bin framed it, the induction of this five-part combination completes a Chinese carrier strike group's system-of-systems combat capability. Of the PLA Navy's three carriers - Liaoning, Shandong and Fujian - only the Fujian, commissioned in late 2025 with three electromagnetic catapults (CATOBAR) proven at sea, can operate the full set as designed. CATOBAR enables the carrier to have more airpower by allowing electromagnetically powered, catapult-assisted take-off for heavyweight aircraft on a short deck - a much better alternative than both steam-powered catapults and ski-jump ramp-based take-off (STOBAR) that relies on the aircraft's own engine. Till such a time, the matter of concern is not so much the J-35's active deployment, but the exports of its widely-produced variants, especially to Pakistan.

Why China Went For A 5/5
Understood piece by piece, the set is hugely inspired by a US carrier's



er's air power wing. The J-35 is pitched as the competitor to the F-35C in terms of roles and capabilities, though the merits remain debatable. The J-15T heavy fighter, with its payload and combat radius built for a saturation attack, is the answer to the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet. The KJ-600 - China's first fixed-wing carrier AEW aircraft, nicknamed the "air-sea command centre" in state media for its added warning time and interception efficiency - is framed as a counterpart to the E-2D Hawkeye. The J-15DT/DH electronic attack variants track the EA-18G Growler. The Z-20F, replacing the Z-18F for anti-submarine warfare (ASW) operations, has been acknowledged by the Pentagon itself in its 2024 'China Military Power Report' to be similar to the US Navy's SH-60 family, and a "significant ASW improvement". These aircraft have become popular since they flew in formation at the September 3 military parade last year, even as new naval power elements such as the GJ-21 "Sharp Sword" Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV) have subsequently joined the team. All of these elements of sea-based

aerial power are manufactured by industry groups and complexes, which are all subsidies of one massive defence State-Owned Enterprise (SOE) - the Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC). It is the entity Beijing relies on to build modernised carrier combat power, even as various other AVIC-affiliated manufacturers help integrate capabilities such as sensing, jamming, striking and screening into a single system operating from a deck. Completing the set is thus a statement about what kind of navy China intends to field - one built to fight the way American carrier aviation fights, from catapults, with stealth, and at range. Not surprisingly, many of AVIC's subsidies are featured on the US's 1260H List, which restricts operations of "Chinese Military Companies," impacting AVIC's international standing across markets. But, not with Pakistan.

Capacity and Capability
China is now the only state serially producing two distinct stealth fighter families simultaneously, with some estimates projecting that advanced-fighter output across all jet programmes could

reach 300-400 aircraft annually by 2027. At the same time, the market is refining itself for China to leverage. Pakistan, reportedly seeking the J-35AE and a package including KJ-500 AEW&C aircraft and HQ-19 air defences, is potentially the first foreign operator of a Chinese fifth-generation fighter. The five-piece set is thus a defence-industrial story as much as an indigenous military-power story. The proficiency of China's air wing is yet to be tested. Not to mention, the US Navy's advantage was never just the CATOBAR capability but over 70 years of continuous catapult operations. Parades are not nearly enough to replace or compress the results of actual operationalisation, which are derived from deck-based operations by aircraft at sea, as well as their sorties, and the creation of a pool of both first-tour and experienced naval aviators. Hence, the actual capabilities of the J-35 must be analysed based on how they fare in training drills to begin with, but also, in large-scale military exercises, or, at the extreme, high-stakes maritime conflicts, in the near future. For India, there are three takeaways. The first is that SAC's production lines may

potentially soon be feeding even further into Pakistan's air force, making any skirmishes with Rawalpindi a proxy contest with many more Chinese aircraft. The second is that, given the kind of edge quantitative output grants China, we may soon see the PLA Navy operate for prolonged periods in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) - to the extent that quantity supplements blue water capabilities. India's own twin-engine deck-based fighter and, in the near future, a naval-variant trajectory for the AMCA, may need genuine fast-tracking, especially if predominance in the IOR is to be preserved. Third, the five-piece framework exposes the need for India to roll out STOBAR decks and replace capacities with the contemporary north star in Carrier Battle Group (CBG) operations. It could likely mean looking at a third aircraft carrier with a clear-eyed assessment of the cost and timeline of CATOBAR. Because China has so far only highlighted the set and tested it in trials, integrated and far-distance air wing capability remains undemonstrated. If the powers that be take the cue, now is the time for India's carrier-and-catapult debate to evolve.

SONAM WANGCHUK AND THE TRUTH BEHIND THE HEADLINES

— Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

(Media Narrative vs. Public Support: Is the Real Strength of a Movement Determined by Cameras?)

In a democracy, the most crucial factor in the success of any movement is genuine public support. The flashes of cameras, social media trending lists, millions of YouTube views, or constant debates on TV channels may make a movement a topic of discussion, but they are not, in themselves, evidence of public opinion. History bears witness to numerous movements that received limited media coverage, yet they nevertheless led to widespread social change. There were also movements that received media attention but failed to establish a lasting foothold in society. Over the past few years, there has been widespread national debate about Ladakh and its environment, constitutional rights, and local representation. Sonam Wangchuk has emerged as a prominent figure in this debate. He brought issues related to climate change, Himalayan ecology, local culture, and governance to the national stage. Many across the country have supported his views, while others believe there is a significant disconnect between his national identity and local support. This question is at the heart of democratic debate today—is a person's national popularity a testament to their local support base? Or is the true strength of a

movement determined by the trust and participation of its own community? A recent conversation with an official of a Ladakhi social organization revealed that there is no widespread public support for Sonam Wangchuk in Ladakh as portrayed in the national media. If this assessment is correct, it is worth considering why there is such a gap between the national discourse and local reality. It is equally important to avoid assuming the opinion of any one organization or individual as the collective opinion of all of Ladakh. In a democracy, society is multifaceted, and in any given region, numerous opinions, numerous groups, and numerous perspectives exist. Today, the media landscape is no longer what it once was. While news selection used to be based on editorial discretion, algorithms, clicks, views, and trends now dictate which issues receive the most attention. As a result, an individual's image often appears larger than their actual social impact. On the other hand, many local issues that truly touch the lives of the public remain absent from the national discourse. Social media has democratized expression, but it has also given new impetus to "narrative construction." A few minutes of video, emotional appeal, powerful music, and consistently shared messages can catapult an individual to national recognition. But democracy doesn't rely solely on digital popularity. The foundation of democracy is a real society,

real citizens, and real public participation. Today, many YouTube channels claim to represent independent journalism. Many of them are doing excellent work, but some also present one-sided content driven by ideological, political, or commercial motives. Viewers face the challenge of distinguishing between information and propaganda. If a channel presents only one side of a story and ignores the other, it deviates from the fundamental purpose of journalism. Similarly, mainstream media often elevates individuals to larger issues. As a result, serious issues like the environment, local governance, employment, education, tourism, and problems in border areas are left behind, and discussions are limited to a single person. This trend is not healthy in a democracy. It should also be kept in mind that the success of any movement doesn't depend solely on the popularity of its leader. If the local community doesn't actively engage, the movement's momentum can be limited. However, if the public is broadly aligned, the movement can shape its own direction, regardless of the media's silence. This experience has been demonstrated throughout India's independence movement and numerous social movements. Today, the need is for the media to evaluate a movement not solely based on its celebrity. It should also consider the number of local people involved, the impact it is having on their lives, and the level of trust they have in it. Similarly,

critics of a movement should base their opinions on facts and evidence, not just emotional reactions. In a democracy, the right to dissent is as important as the right to support. If someone criticizes the government's policies, they have the right to express their views. Similarly, if a segment of society disagrees with their position, they have the same right to express their opinion. The very essence of a democratic tradition is that diverse opinions should be presented respectfully, and the public should make its own decisions. In a sensitive border region like Ladakh, issues of development, environment, security, and local identity are crucial. Serious and fact-based discussions on these topics are essential. If the discussion is limited to supporting or opposing one individual, the real problems are left behind. This serves neither society nor democracy. Today, digital platforms can launch a national campaign on any topic in a matter of hours. Hashtags start trending, videos go viral, and it can create the illusion that the entire country is aligned on a single opinion. But true public opinion cannot be gauged solely by digital activities. Villages, towns, local institutions, civic organizations, and direct public participation are far more important indicators. The fundamental duty of journalism is to question the powers that be, but it is equally important to question movements and their leaders.

The growing market for 'masculine weakness' on social media

(THE GAME OF PROFIT, MEN'S INSECURITIES AND DIGITAL FRAUD)

— Dr. Satyavan Saurabh

The digital revolution has provided society with unprecedented convenience. Today, health information, expert advice, and medical services are available just a few clicks away. But this digital world also has another side, where people's vulnerabilities, fears, and social inhibitions are being turned into profit opportunities. If there's one area that's rapidly expanding on social media, it's the massive business of advertisements and products peddling "male weakness." Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, short video platforms, and messaging apps are flooded with advertisements that claim to enhance virility, improve marital life, or grant miraculous powers in a matter of days. This isn't just a commercial trend, but a serious issue involving social psychology, health literacy, and digital regulation. This industry capitalizes on men's hesitation, which prevents them from openly discussing sexual health issues. Advertisements first instill fear and then sell solutions to that fear. This is the ultimate business model of this entire business. Sexual health remains a topic of open discussion in Indian society. Most men hesitate to discuss such issues with family or a doctor. Exploiting this hesitation, self-proclaimed experts, uncertified vaidyas, influencers, and many compa-

nies on social media sell products that lack solid scientific evidence of their effectiveness. Claims like "effective in seven days," "100 percent guarantee," "secret formula," and "thousands have benefited" may sound appealing, but they often fall short of scientific medical standards. The language of these advertisements is also noteworthy. They don't directly sell a product, but rather question a person's self-confidence. The messages imply that not taking a particular product will affect marital life, diminish respect, or diminish masculinity. Thus, a common health concern is linked to social status and self-esteem. As a result, many people purchase these products without medical advice. Social media algorithms further exacerbate this problem. Once a person sees or clicks on such an ad, the platforms repeatedly show similar content. Gradually, users begin to believe that this problem is common and that most people are using such products. This psychological effect can often lead to unnecessary anxiety. It's also important to note that sexual health isn't just about medications. In many cases, conditions like stress, depression, diabetes, high blood pressure, hormonal imbalances, smoking, alcohol consumption, lack of sleep, and an unhealthy lifestyle also play a role. In such cases, simply taking so-called "potency-enhancing" drugs isn't the answer. Proper diagnosis and evidence-based treatment are the right approach.

Another concern in this social media business is fake reviews and false experiences. Many advertisements feature alleged experiences from people whose authenticity is difficult to verify. Advertisements are presented with people dressed up as doctors, which can be misleading to the average person. Terms like "Ayurvedic," "herbal," or "natural" are often used to create the impression that a product is completely safe. However, being natural does not in itself guarantee safety or effectiveness. It's also important to clarify that Ayurveda is a rich and scientific medical tradition in India, with its own principles, research, and qualified practitioners. The problem isn't Ayurveda itself, but rather the tendency to market products in its name without adequate evidence, quality control, or misleading claims. Therefore, it's essential to consult a qualified and registered practitioner in any medical practice. Digital platforms also have a significant responsibility. If they can monitor financial fraud, fake investment schemes, and other misleading advertisements, a more stringent verification system should also be developed for health-related advertisements. Ensuring that health claims have a scientific basis, necessary disclaimers, and adherence to regulatory standards should be part of platforms' social responsibility. Government regulatory bodies must also strengthen oversight of digital advertising. Enforcing regulations solely on print and televi-

sion is insufficient. Today, many young and middle-aged individuals spend significant time on social media, so effective action against misleading health advertisements is essential at the digital level. Furthermore, people should be informed about the importance of consulting a certified physician in case of a health problem. There's also a social aspect to this issue. Men are often expected to be physically and mentally strong at all times. This is why many men avoid acknowledging their health problems or seeking help. This mindset needs to change. Having a health problem isn't a sign of weakness, and seeking timely treatment is responsible behavior. The media also plays an important role. News media and digital content creators should promote evidence-based information rather than sensational claims. The goal of health journalism should be to raise awareness, not to spread fear and confusion. Expert opinions, scientific research, and public health messages should be given greater space. Providing scientific information on sexual health through educational institutions and public health campaigns is also the need of the hour.

As accurate information increases in society, the impact of misleading advertisements will automatically decrease. The stronger the health literacy, the less likely we are to be vulnerable to digital fraud. It's also essential that consumers exercise self-awareness.



E20 Petrol Has Not Caused Widespread Engine Failures Or Vehicle Issues?

The Centre on Monday said it hasn't received any wide-spread or substantiated complaints linking E20 ethanol-blended petrol to engine failures or other vehicle performance issues. It maintained that extensive scientific studies and real-world data have found the fuel safe for use under prescribed standards. Responding to a question in the Rajya Sabha by CPI(M) MP John Brittas, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Suresh Gopi said the Ethanol Blended Petrol programme was rolled out in phases following scientific evaluation and consultations with key stakeholders, including NITI Aayog, the Automotive Research Association of India, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, Indian Oil Corporation, the Indian Institute of Petroleum, oil marketing companies and automobile manufacturers. The minister said India achieved the



milestone of 20% ethanol blending five years ahead of schedule after more than two decades of policy planning, infrastructure development, scientific validation and stakeholder engagement. According to the government's reply, no wide-spread or verified complaints have been received from vehicle manufacturers, industry associations or consumer groups alleging that E20 fuel has caused engine

failures, fuel pump damage, corrosion, reduced mileage, water contamination or other performance-related problems. Concerns circulating in traditional and social media were examined through laboratory testing, field studies and operational data, it added. These assessments found that E20 fuel does not lead to significant performance changes or abnormal wear in legacy vehicles when used under

prescribed conditions. It added that more than 20 crore two-wheelers and over three crore petrol cars have been running on E15+ fuel for over three-and-a-half years and on E19-E20 fuel for more than two-and-a-half years without verified evidence of widespread engine failures linked to ethanol blending. The government stated that no year-wise or state-wise complaints of this nature have been recorded.

DOMINO'S PIZZA SHARES POP 9% AS Q2 REVENUE TOPS ESTIMATES

Share price of Domino's Pizza in the US went up as high as 9% in early market trade, after the pizza chain company announced its results for the second quarter, exceeded Wall Street estimates, according to reports on Monday. The company's shares were trading at a high of \$350, which is 8.6% higher as compared to the previous day's close. The firm's improved earnings were on the back of its improved supply-chain business, according to reports. Domino's Pizza had witnessed weaker demand due to consumers cutting back on spending with regards to non-essential items. The supply-chain business consists of the company providing raw materials for the creation of their proprietary fast food-style pizza, which includes pizza dough, manufacturing equipment and other ingredients to its pizza chains. The revenue increases if its company-owned and fran-



chised restaurants either have their food prices go up, or have an increased demand for the raw materials from the supply chain. The company attributed this increase in the topline of its supply chain business, due to higher order volumes from their outlets as well as a 2.2% climb in food-basket prices. This indicated a moderate inflation of the price of these ingredients and supplies. The pizza restaurant chain company's second quarter revenue increased by 4.3% to \$1.19 billion compared to ana-

lysts' estimates of \$1.18 billion. The Q2 revenue growth was spurred by a 6.5% uptick in quarterly revenue of its supply chain revenue to \$731.7 million. Revenue increased 4.3% year over year to \$1.19 billion, slightly ahead of expectations of \$1.18 billion. Global retail sales, excluding foreign currency impacts, rose 3.0% from a year earlier. U.S. same-store sales increased 0.1%, while international same-store sales, excluding foreign currency effects, declined 0.1%. Domino's

added a net 209 stores during the quarter, including 26 in the United States and 183 internationally, bringing its global store count to 22,531. Income from operations increased 3.1% to \$232.0 million, while net income rose 3.6% to \$135.8 million. Diluted earnings per share increased 6.8% from \$3.81 a year earlier, aided by share repurchases that reduced the weighted average share count. Domino's CEO Russell Weiner said the company delivered meaningful order count growth despite ongoing pressure on consumer demand across the U.S. quick-service restaurant industry. He added that growth in both delivery and carryout orders helped attract new customers, supporting the company's loyalty program, supply chain business and long-term market share ambitions. "Our scale and competitive position have never been stronger.

RBI Says Banks Raise \$17.4 Billion Under FCNR(B) Deposit Scheme Since June 8

Banks have mobilised \$17.4 billion under the Reserve Bank of India's FCNR(B) deposit scheme since June 8, highlighting strong foreign currency inflows following the central bank's measures to bolster India's balance of payments. According to data released by the RBI, banks raised \$17.4 billion through fresh Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)] deposits between June 8 and July 17, 2026. In addition, banks mobilised \$1.97 billion through Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings (OFCBs), while External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) contributed another \$1.342 billion during the same period. The RBI had announced the special measures on June 5, 2026, with the objective of strengthening India's balance of payments and encouraging foreign capital inflows. As part of the package, the central bank introduced a concessional swap facility for fresh FCNR(B) deposits, OFCBs and ECB inflows. The facility became operational on June 8. Under the framework, the swap window for FCNR(B) deposits will remain available until Sept. 30, 2026, while the facility for OFCBs and ECBs will continue until December 31, 2026. The central bank said



the scheme has witnessed strong participation since its launch. "The swap facility has seen avid interest and attracted steady forex inflows since June 8, 2026," the RBI said, citing data received from authorised dealer banks. The FCNR(B) scheme allows non-resident Indians (NRIs) to park foreign currency deposits with Indian banks without taking on exchange rate risk, while the RBI's concessional swap facility enables banks to convert these foreign currency inflows into rupees at favourable terms. The measures were introduced amid efforts to enhance foreign exchange inflows, strengthen external sector resilience

and support India's balance of payments. The latest data indicates that the RBI's initiative has already attracted over \$20.7 billion in combined inflows through FCNR(B) deposits, OFCBs and ECBs in just over a month since the facility became operational. In a statement, the RBI said companies also raised \$1.34 billion through external commercial borrowings (ECBs), while overseas foreign currency borrowings (OFCBs) brought in another \$1.97 billion. "In all, the RBI said the forex deposit program, which was being subsidized by the central bank since it was bearing the entire hedging costs, was witnessing

avid interest and has attracted steady inflows." The measures, including the special FCNR(B) deposit window, are part of the central bank's broader efforts to attract foreign capital and support the rupee, which has remained close to record lows amid pressure from elevated crude oil prices. The RBI released the latest foreign exchange inflow data based on submissions from authorised dealer banks. The special facility for fresh FCNR(B) deposits will remain open until September 30, while the window for ECBs and OFCBs will continue until December 31. The RBI's swap window allows eligible

banks and borrowers to exchange eligible foreign currency inflows with the central bank at a concessional rate. This lowers hedging costs and makes raising funds from overseas more attractive. "We do expect that by August and September we could see a gutsy endeavour to ensure that we get a significant market share of such deposits," Jagdishan said. However, he added that he does not want to "commit to any number" when repeatedly asked by analysts about the demand for such deposits. Kotak Mahindra Bank managing director and CEO Ashok Vaswani, responding to analysts after the bank's QIFY27 earnings, said: "We are excited about this opportunity. There is customer demand from non-resident Indians. We have to see what kind of mix we get in terms of three- or five-year funds. But the start has been encouraging." "There should be a clearer picture emerging next month," Vaswani added. Economists linked with some private sector banks said it is still very difficult to assess how much capital will come in. "These sums are lumpy and might come in one go," an economist with a private lender told Fortune India, declining to be named.

AG&P PRATHAM REPORTS VANDALISM AT UNDER-CONSTRUCTION CNG STATION SITE IN TIRUPATI



Tirupati, July 20, 2026: AG&P Pratham, now rebranded as THINK Gas, has reported an incident of vandalism at its under-construction Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) station located at Survey No. 377, T.S. No. 4069/3B, Tirupati Town, Tirupati Taluka, Tirupati District. The company had taken the land parcel on lease as part of its infrastructure development plan to establish a CNG station to cater to the growing demand for cleaner and more economical fuel for vehicles in Tirupati. The project forms part of AG&P Pratham's efforts to expand access to natural gas, a clean, green and cost-effective fuel for

domestic, transport, industrial and commercial consumers. Following the receipt of all the required statutory approvals, including approvals from the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO), District Magistrate No Objection Certificate (NOC), and the Tirupati Municipal Corporation (TMC) building plan approval, construction activities at the site had commenced. During the night of July 18, 2026, unknown and unauthorized persons allegedly entered the project site and damaged assets under construction. The incident resulted in the demolition

of the newly constructed brick wall, shuttering boards and other construction materials at the site, causing financial loss and disrupting the ongoing construction work. AG&P Pratham has lodged a First Information Report (FIR) with the concerned police authorities regarding the incident. The company is extending its full cooperation to the investigating authorities and is confident that the matter will be investigated in accordance with the law. The company remains committed to the timely completion of the project and to strengthening clean energy infrastructure for the people of Tirupati.

Google Plans New Chip To Boost AI Model Efficiency, To Directly Integrate Gemini Blueprints: Report

Google is developing a new server chip that will directly integrate the blueprints of its flagship Gemini model, according to a report from The Information on Monday. With the blueprints directly built into the chip, the amount of data movement is expected to be reduced, along with the number of decisions needed to be taken during inference, boosting the AI models' efficiency. Informally named 'Frozen V2' it is expected to boost the efficiency of the company's in-house AI models. The company is looking to deploy the chip by 2028 at the earliest. Shares of Google's parent company Alphabet were up 1% in pre market trade. The chip could provide over six to eight times more efficiency compared to the company's latest custom AI chips that are out now, with regards to the number of AI tokens served for each unit of power that is consumed. This could also help in making the company's power and computing infrastructure more cost-



effective. The firm is facing a dearth of availability of computing capacity for its expanding infrastructure, according to reports. This has also led to Google Cloud declining deals with select external companies. These new chips will be developed to be used alongside the company's Tensor Processing Units or TPUs, which are chips custom-built for AI and machine learning workloads. The chips are likely being built specifically for Google's Gemini models, while the TPUs are expect-

ed to be used for more general purposes. Google is developing a new server chip that would incorporate elements of its Gemini model directly into the hardware, in a bid to serve its AI models more efficiently to users, the Information reported on Monday, citing people familiar with the matter. The Alphabet-owned company expects the new chip, informally dubbed "Frozen v2," to help address an AI computing capacity crunch that has fueled internal tensions and prompted Google

Cloud to decline deals with outside customers, the report said. Shares of Alphabet were up 3% in early trading. Here are some details: • Google plans to deploy the chip as soon as 2028, though engineers are still finalizing its design and the amount of model information that will be hardwired, the report said. • The chip could be six to 10 times more efficient than Google's latest custom AI chips based on the number of AI tokens served per unit of power, according to the report. • The 'Frozen' project is aimed at creating a new set of home-grown chips apart from Google's tensor processing units (TPUs), rather than to replace them, the report said. • Google did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment. • Bloomberg News reported last week that Google delayed the launch of its latest Gemini AI model after it fell short of internal goals, with the company working to improve its capabilities, particularly in coding.

AliExpress fined record €550m by EU for allowing sale of illegal goods

Chinese online retail giant AliExpress has been fined a record 550m (€467m) by the EU for allowing the sale of illegal products such as unsafe toys and fake clothes. The European Commission said AliExpress has fallen short of its legal obligations "diligently assess" the risk of illegal, unsafe or fake goods on its platform. "The spread of counterfeit clothing, unsafe toys, dangerous cosmetics and other illegal and harmful products is not an unavoidable cost of shopping online - it is a failure by AliExpress to comply with its obligations," said EU tech chief Henna Virkkunen. AliExpress said the fine was "disproportionate" and that it would appeal. The two-year investigation found that AliExpress's detection systems "did not work properly", with many illegal products not flagged while others that were identified remained on the site for several weeks. The European Commission also found the company did not properly



enforce penalties on traders selling illegal goods. Furthermore, its product compliance checks could be "easily circumvented". AliExpress, which is owned by the Chinese tech conglomerate Alibaba, has 193 million users in Europe, more than fellow Chinese online retailers Shein or Temu. The penalty is the highest fine imposed under the Digital Services Act, which requires tech giants to do more to counter illegal and harmful content. The act allows for fines of up to 6% of a company's revenue, but as Alibaba had a global

turnover of 122bn last year, the penalty is far short of that. AliExpress said it was surprised by and disagreed with the EU's decision. "AliExpress has been and continues to be committed to meeting our obligations to consumers. We invest substantial resources in risk assessment and mitigation, product safety and consumer protection," it said. "Today's decision and disproportionate fine ignores our sound risk management framework and the significant, proactive enhancements we have made. We will appeal the decision."

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Under the EU's ruling, the company has to pay the penalty and present a plan by 20 October that includes what action it will take to tackle the breaches. Earlier this year, Temu was given a 200m fine for allowing the sale of illegal products such as dangerous baby toys. And Elon Musk's X was fined 120m last year, after the commission said allowing users to pay for its blue tick badges was deceptive because the social media platform was not "meaningfully verifying" who was behind the account and exposed users to scams.

TRUMP SAYS US STRIKES HIT IRAN IN 'HONOUR' OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS KILLED



President Donald Trump says the latest strikes by the US hit Iran "very hard", adding that the attacks were "in honour" of three US soldiers killed in recent days - two in Jordan, one in Iraq. In the early hours of Monday local time, US Central Command (Centcom) said it had launched a "new wave" of strikes for the ninth consecutive night as explosions were heard across Iran. The US said it had targeted military sites and communications networks to "further diminish" Tehran's attacks on vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. Iran said it had responded with a "surprise attack" in Syria and targeted US aircraft at Jordan's Agaba airport. Elsewhere in the region, Kuwait's armed forces said they had intercepted Iranian drones. On the US strikes, Iran's semi-official Tasnim news agency reported that several cities

had been hit including Tabriz, Chabahar, Konarak, Bandar Mahshahr and Bandar Imam Khomeini. There were also Iranian state media reports that two oil tankers had exploded as the vessels tried to cross the strait. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said the tankers were going through what it called an "unsafe and hazardous southern route" of the strait and "exploded and were brought to a halt". Centcom disputed the claims. The IRGC added that the strait "will not be safe for the transit of petrochemical products, nor even a single drop of oil and gas" as long as the US strikes continue and that it will respond with a "punitive operation". Over the weekend, the US confirmed that a service member had been killed after an Iranian attack in northern Iraq on Saturday.



■ Torrential rain hits New York and New Jersey triggering flash floods

JD Vance says wife Usha and son 'happy and healthy' after birth of fourth child

US Vice-President JD Vance has announced the birth of his fourth child, a boy, with his wife Usha Vance. Alec Neel Vance was born on Sunday morning, the vice-president said in a statement on social media. "Usha and the baby are happy and healthy, and our kids are overjoyed to meet their little brother," he added, also thanking the military doctors and staff at Walter Reed Medical Center for their care. It is the first time a baby has been born to a sitting vice-president while in office for more than 150 years, according to the Associated Press. President Donald Trump hailed the news, writing in a post: "Congratulations! A perfect baby boy for the wonderful Vance family."



The pair have three other children: Ewan, 9, Vivek, 6, and four-year-old Mirabel. Usha Vance (née Chilukuri) was born and raised in San Diego, California, to a mechanical engineer father and a molecular biologist mother who had moved to the US from Andhra Pradesh, India. She met JD Vance

as a student at Yale Law School in 2010, when they joined a discussion group on "social decline in white America". JD Vance has been one of the most vocal members of the Trump administration in calling for higher birth rates in the US. He wrote in his recently published book that Usha had initially

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been reluctant to have another child but that her mind changed after conservative influencer Charlie Kirk was killed last year. "Not long after we buried my friend, she became pregnant with our fourth child, a boy," he wrote. "One life was stolen from us, but another was given."

HAMAS NAMES KHALIL AL-HAYYA AS NEW OVERALL LEADER



The Palestinian armed group Hamas has elected Khalil al-Hayya as its new leader, according to a statement. He replaces Yahya Sinwar, who was killed by the Israeli military in Gaza in October 2024. Hayya, who already headed the movement in Gaza from exile, was widely seen as representing the more hardline faction that emerged from the devastating war with Israel that began almost three years ago. He was a close associate of Sinwar and is seen as continuing the political line going back to the late Ismail Haniyeh. As the chief negotiator for Hamas, Hayya gained international prominence by leading the group's delegations at indirect ceasefire talks, meeting mediators in Egypt and Qatar. He had recently taken on greater responsibility for Hamas's diplomatic and political strategies. In September 2025, the 65-year-old survived an Israeli air strike that targeted a meeting of Hamas leaders in the Qatari capital, Doha. Five lower-level members of the group, including one of his sons, were killed along with a member of Qatar's security forces. Israel's prime minister said at the time that it targeted the Hamas leaders because they had organised the attack on southern Israel on 7 October 2023, which trig-

gered the Gaza war. Another two of Hayya's sons were killed in previous Israeli attempts on his life in Gaza, while a fourth was killed in an Israeli air strike in Gaza in May. Hayya's election as head of Hamas's political bureau followed two rounds of voting, with members apparently split between competing visions for the future direction of the group. The first round was inconclusive, with former political bureau chief Khaled Meshaal narrowly winning more votes than Hayya, but failing to pass the required threshold, according to a well-informed Palestinian official familiar with the election. Under Hamas's internal rules, a candidate must secure at least 36 votes from the 69-member electoral college to be elected outright. It is understood that the second round runoff was decided by a first-past-the-post vote. Hamas is going through one of the most difficult periods in its history. The group - which is designated as a terrorist organisation by Israel, the UK, the US and many other countries - has been severely weakened by the Gaza war, during which much of its senior military and political leadership has been killed, its governing structures dismantled, and large parts of the Palestinian territory have been destroyed.

SCORES FEARED DEAD AFTER PASSENGER FERRY CAPSIZES OFF GUYANA

Scores of people are feared to have drowned after a passenger ferry capsized off the coast of Guyana on Saturday night local time. Sixty-seven people were rescued on Sunday, officials said, but since then rescue workers have been unable to locate any more survivors. According to the ferry's passenger list, it was carrying 116 passengers and 17 crew, but Guyana's prime minister has warned that the list is not accurate. Divers continue to search the site where the vessel capsized and people who believe their loved ones may have been on board the stricken vessel have been asked to contact the authorities. Prime Minister Mark Phillips said an investigation had been launched into the ferry's loss. "Let me be absolutely clear: where negligence, misconduct or criminal wrongdoing is established, those responsible will face the full force of the law," he said.



Guyana's Public Works Minister, Juan Edghill, expressed his anger at a news conference on Sunday, accusing those who operated the ferry of trying to "cheat the system". He said that out of the 67 people rescued, only 35 had been listed on the passenger manifesto, leading to fears that there may have been dozens more people on board than the 133 on the official registry. Edghill also said that the ferry's captain and at least one crew member had tested positive for cannabis. "We have zero tolerance for members of the crew

drinking or smoking while at work. And for us to have positive tests from the captain... this is serious," the minister said. He added that the captain and several of his crew had been taken into police custody. The ferry, MV Barima, departed from the capital, Georgetown, on Saturday afternoon local time, headed for Port Kaituma, in the north of the country. The 40m-long (131ft) vessel was built in 1939, according to a listing on VesselFinder. A survivor, Elena Moonsammy, told local news site Kiskadee Watch that the ferry had tilted after being

hit by a large wave, with water quickly rushing in. It started to take on water within seconds, she said. A distress call was received at 23:01 (03:01 GMT Sunday), triggering a search operation involving government teams and privately owned boats. Moonsammy said she had survived by clinging to a box floating amidst the debris. She had tried to hold on to the hand of her two-year-old child but they had been separated. Moonsammy said she had managed to save a woman, whom she urged to also hold on to the floating box. Among the 67 people rescued are 15 children. Small private boats were key in pulling at least 17 survivors from the sea. Guyana's Health Minister, Dr Frank Anthony, said three of the survivors remained in hospital with minor injuries but the others had already been discharged. Most, he added, had cuts and bruises from clinging to debris for hours.

UTAH FIREFIGHTER AND FOUR FAMILY MEMBERS KILLED IN FLASH FLOODING



Five members of a Utah family were killed in a flash flood over the weekend after going out for a day of hiking in the southern part of the US state, according to law enforcement officials. The victims included a fire captain, Spencer Long, his wife and three sons. A daughter who did not join the outing is the only member of the family not to have died. "It is believed the family fell victim to flooding caused by heavy rains," the Wayne County Sheriff's Office said in a statement, which did not name those who were killed. Identification of the family instead came from Provo Fire & Rescue, which

announced the death of Captain Spencer Long in a statement of its own. "We are absolutely heartbroken by the death of Captain Spencer Long and his family," the fire department said. "Our thoughts are with his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time." A GoFundMe page appears to connect the sheriff's statement with the fire department and says that Long, his wife Katrina and their three sons - Reid, Thayne and Gage - died in a flash flood incident. The fundraising effort also says that the couple had a daughter whose "life has forever been changed in an instant". The family arrived at a campground near Bicknell, Utah, for a day trip on Friday, the sheriff's office said in its statement. Officials were called to that campground around 17:00 local time (23:00 GMT) on Friday, where a young male victim was found dead. Upon searching, another two male victims were found dead, the statement added.



Ten killed as Russian attacks on merchant ships in Black Sea intensify

RYANAIR PROFITS DROP AS IRAN WAR PUTS OFF PASSENGERS AND LIFTS FUEL COSTS

Ryanair's profits have fallen sharply as war in the Middle East sent jet fuel prices soaring and customers reluctant to book flights. The Irish airline's pre-tax profits dropped 34% to 593m (£503m) between April and June while sales were flat as the company was forced to cut fares to stimulate demand. Ryanair also said it expects summer fares to be slightly lower than last year due to "consumer hesitancy" around air travel. The price of fuelling a plane has jumped since the US and Israel launched strikes against Iran in February and while Ryanair said it had "hedged" or struck deals for the most future fuel costs, those not included in these arrangements had more than doubled. Crude oil prices hit \$90 (£67) a bar-



rel for the first time in a month on Monday, before falling back slightly, after a weekend of intense exchanges of fire between the US and Iran. Traffic through the Strait of Hormuz - an essential route for global oil and gas supplies - has ground to a halt. An interim peace deal last month brought some respite to oil and energy prices, but they spiked again

as negotiations broke down and fighting resumed. The airline warned that its results for the year will be "highly sensitive" to external factors such as conflict escalation in the Middle East and Ukraine as well as the price of unhedged jet fuel. Fares for the key summer period between July and September are on track to be "modestly" lower than last year, with many

passengers booking closer to departure than normal. The firm's finance chief, Neil Sorahan, said flights on its popular Mediterranean routes were still full. "People [are] as keen to get away as ever, albeit booking just a little bit later," he said. Between April and June, Ryanair's revenue ticked up 1% to 4.4bn. While passenger numbers rose 6% to 6.1 million - helped by the Easter holiday in April - fares fell by 6% as the airline reduced fares to entice flyers concerned about the Iran war. Ryanair's share price fell 5% on Monday. Russ Mould, investment director at AJ Bell, said Ryanair was in a better position than many of its rivals, but nonetheless "visibility is worse than San Francisco airport when the fog sets in".



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MASSIVE FIGHT AFTER FIFA WORLD CUP FINAL

Argentina Players Turn Their Backs On Spain, Slammed For Classless Act During Trophy Presentation



was heartbreak for Argentina. Ferran Torres scored a dramatic extra-time winner as Spain defeated holders Argentina 1-0 to win the World Cup on Sunday and shatter Lionel Messi's dreams of a triumphant farewell to football's greatest stage. Barcelona striker Torres lashed home a thumping finish in the 106th minute to reward a dominant display by Spain against an Argentina team who failed to register a single shot on target in 120 minutes. A star-studded crowd of 80,663 that included US President Donald Trump packed East Rutherford's MetLife Stadium to see if Argentina captain Messi could crown his glittering career with a second World Cup victory. But the 39-year-old maestro - almost certainly playing in his final World Cup game - was reduced to irrelevance as Spain took control early

on against an Argentina team who committed cynical fouls throughout. The South Americans' skulduggery ended with midfielder Enzo Fernandez being sent off after a brutal challenge on Spain defender Pau Cubarsi in stoppage time. Shortly after the match ended, Argentina star Lionel Messi was sitting on the field as Spain players celebrated. He then got up when 19-year-old Spain forward Lamine Yamal approached him and they shared a handshake and a hug. Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni was held back by a Spain player while appearing to shout at someone moments after the final whistle. Leandro Paredes also shoved Spain's Eric Garcia and Gavi, and Nicolas Otamendi exchanged words with a few Spanish players, including Rodri. Paredes was given red card. For long periods though it looked as if Argentina may somehow hold on for a penalty shoot-out as Spain struggled to make the breakthrough. But after Nico

Williams had a goal controversially disallowed in extra-time, Spain struck. A lofted cross to the back post by Pedro Porro found Williams who nodded into the path of Torres to crash home the goal that clinched Spain's second World Cup title after their maiden 2010 triumph. "Ultimately, the goal belongs to 47 million people - not just me or the 26 players," goal hero Torres said, referring to Spain's approximate population. "At the end of the day, all finals are tough; when you're up against Messi, there's a certain nervousness, but we always believed in our football and in ourselves." Argentina came under heavy criticism for their conduct after losing the FIFA World Cup 2026 final, with sections of the football fraternity branding the runners-up "classless" after players turned their backs during Spain's trophy celebrations and fans chanted Lionel Messi's name while Rodri collected the tournament's Golden Ball award, reported Goal.com.

CALM KIMI ANTONELLI TAKES SIXTH WIN OF THE SEASON WITH VICTORY AT BELGIAN GP

Belgium: Italian teenager Kimi Antonelli ended a three-race winless streak on Sunday to extend his lead in the Formula One drivers' championship with a solid fighting victory for Mercedes in the Belgian Grand Prix. The 19-year-old Mercedes driver came home 1.952 seconds ahead of Ferrari's Charles Leclerc with four-time champion Max Verstappen finishing third for Red Bull. Antonelli's teammate George Russell, who began the race in second place in the championship, just 25 points behind the Italian, crashed out of the race on the opening lap after tangling with Hamilton. Hamilton was fourth for Ferrari after an incident-filled race in which he hit a mechanic during a pit-stop. The incident was referred to the stewards. While the seven-time champion escaped additional punishment, his Ferrari team were handed a fine. Isack Hadjar, who began at the back of the grid, did superbly to work his Red Bull up to sixth, just holding off reigning world champion Lando Norris, who started 13th, in the second McLaren. It was Antonelli's sixth win of the season and



came from his sixth pole of the year, the first driver to win from pole in Belgium since 2021. It lifts him to 204 points in the championship, 45 clear of Hamilton with Russell third on 154. "It feels very nice to be back on the top step," said Antonelli. "We just have to keep performing, keep bringing the results and then we will see what will happen at the end of the year." The race started in cool conditions under a grey sky with rain in the air as Antonelli made a good start to lead up to La Source, but he had no answer when Verstappen deployed his power pack to pass him through Eau Rouge. The Dutchman was then immediately vulnerable to a counter-attack and both the Italian and Leclerc drafted past him into Les Combes where behind them Hamilton clashed with Russell. "Racing incident" - The four-time champion continued in fifth, but Russell bounced off into retirement as a Safety Car (SC) was deployed. Hamilton reported that he "had no front end" control as a result of a car ahead moving across him and the incident was investigated by the stewards who gave Hamilton a five-second penalty.

PFL announces historic champion vs. champion clash that will see two promotions belts on the line



DULEEP TROPHY:

Ruturaj Gaikwad To Lead Star-Studded West Zone Squad, Shams Mulani Named Vice-Captain

India opener Ruturaj Gaikwad has been appointed captain of a star-studded West Zone squad for the upcoming Duleep Trophy, with seasoned left-arm spin-bowling all-rounder Shams Mulani named as his vice-captain. The squad was announced on Monday following a meeting of the zonal selection committee for the competition, to be



played from August 23 to September 10 at the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE) grounds in Bengaluru. Last year, India's seam-bowling all-rounder Shardul Thakur led West Zone, who reached the semi-finals of the competition, but didn't make the final as Central Zone grabbed the first-innings lead. Now, for the

upcoming competition, the captaincy baton has gone from Thakur to Gaikwad, who also leads Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in the IPL and was recently in the India 'A' squad for the 50-over tri-series and red-ball games against Sri Lanka 'A'. The team features two specialist wicketkeepers in Harvik Desai and Urvil Patel, ensuring strong options behind the stumps.

VIRAT KOHLI WAS A MASTER, HE WILL REMAIN ONE: IRFAN PATHAN

Former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan believes Virat Kohli's reputation does not hinge on scoring runs at Lord's, saying the batting great has already proven himself across the world and that his latest half-century should be appreciated for the quality of the innings rather than the venue where it came. Kohli struck 74 in India's chase of 388 in the third ODI against England at Lord's, sharing a crucial partnership with Rohit Sharma before the visitors eventually fell 27 runs short as England clinched the three-match series 2-1. Questioning the significance often attached to performances at the historic venue, Pathan said Kohli's legacy has long been established. "I've always wondered why it's considered so important to score runs at Lord's. Virat has scored runs everywhere in the world. It might be a prestige thing, but if this half-century hadn't come, would his importance in world cricket, or Indian cricket, have diminished? Absolutely not. Whether he scores runs at Lord's or not shouldn't be given that much importance, especially from an Indian fan's perspective. Virat Kohli was a master, and he will remain a master," Pathan told JioStar. Pathan also



highlighted Kohli's awareness during the chase, noting how the former India captain adjusted his approach as the required run rate climbed in the latter stages of the innings. "In this game, though, the way he batted stood out. Once he got to around 45, he knew he had to switch gears because of the required run rate.

PV Sindhu Leads Indian Challenge At China Open, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty To Skip



Bolstered by her Japan Open triumph, India's PV Sindhu will spearhead the country's challenge at the China Open Super 1000 tournament starting on Tuesday, but Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will miss the event as the former continues to recover from a shoulder injury. India's badminton contingent will look to build on a productive week on the BWF World Tour, with Sindhu returning to China in red-hot form after capturing her first title in nearly two years. The two-time Olympic medallist enjoyed a flawless campaign in Japan, defeating three-time world champion Akane Yamaguchi in the final and winning all

her matches in straight games. The 2016 China Open champion will look to carry that momentum into the tournament, where she opens her campaign against compatriot Unnati Hooda. Sindhu could face fourth seed Chen Yu Fei of China in the second round. The Tokyo Olympic champion retired with a hamstring injury during her Japan Open semifinal last week and is scheduled to begin her campaign against Japan's Natsuki Nidaira, provided she recovers in time. Devika Sihag is the other Indian in the women's singles draw and will begin her campaign against Thailand's B u s a n a n Ongbamrunphan.

"THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD":

Rohit Sharma Ends Retirement Speculations In Explosive Interview

England. The right-handed batter returned to form with a superb century, albeit in a losing cause. The Three Lions beat India by 27 runs to clinch the three-match series 2-1. Rohit had scored just 11 and 26 in the first two matches against England. Several media reports claimed

that he might be dropped after the third ODI and added that the player might opt to retire at the conclusion of the match. First, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia cleared the air on the issue. He said that Rohit is going to play for India even after the England series. If anyone still had doubts about it, the player himself has rubbished the claims of his international retirement. Notably, Rohit has already called time on his T20I and Test careers and is active only in ODIs at the

highest level. The veteran cricketer said that the "outside noise" doesn't bother him as it is something he has been used to since the start of his career. "My job is with the bat. Come and play, represent my country. That's what I have been told to do since I made my debut. That's what I am going to do. Since I made my debut, the noise was there. Till the time I am going to be there, the noise will be there. It doesn't matter to me. What matters is what I do on the field. I want to try and

contribute to the success of the team. That's all my focus is," Rohit said. "If there is no noise, there is no fun. My job is inside. Their job is outside. That's how I look at it," he added. Rohit scored 138 off 110 balls in the third ODI against England at Lord's, London. His innings was laced with 17 fours and five sixes. Earlier, India captain Shubman Gill also refuted suggestions that Rohit plans to retire from international cricket after the third ODI against England at Lord's.

Niharika Konidela at the Committee Kurrollu National Award Celebrations



The celebrations for Committee Kurrollu reached another emotional milestone as the entire cast, crew and makers came together to celebrate the film's historic achievement of winning two prestigious National Film Awards.

brate the film's historic achievement of winning two prestigious National Film Awards. Hosted by Pink Elephant Pictures in association with Radha Damodar Studios, the event turned into an evening of gratitude, memories and heartfelt reflections as every member of the team looked back on the extraordinary journey that transformed a film made with newcomers into one of the country's most celebrated films.

Directed by Yadhu Vamsee and produced by Niharika Konidela under Pink Elephant Pictures in association with Radha Damodar Studios, Committee Kurrollu has continued its remarkable journey long after its theatrical release. Following widespread appreciation from audiences, critical acclaim, honours at various award platforms, and recognition at prestigious film festivals, the film has now added two National Film Awards to its growing legacy, further cementing its place as one of Telugu cinema's most celebrated recent successes.

MOHAN VADLAPATLA & JO SHARMA OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE 'M4M-2'

San Francisco, California: The makers of the psychological thriller M4M (Motive for Murder) celebrated the film's successful 60-day theatrical run with a grand event held on July 18, 2026, at Cine Lounge in the San Francisco Bay Area.

During the celebration, writer-director-producer Mohan Vadlapatla and lead actress Jo Sharma officially announced the sequel, M4M-2, marking the beginning of a new chapter for the franchise.

The event was attended by M4M fans, community leaders, film personalities, media representatives, and several distinguished guests. The team celebrated the milestone by cutting a cake and thanking audiences for their overwhelming support. Speaking on the occasion, Mohan Vadlapatla said that the tremendous response from audiences has been the driving force behind the film's success. He expressed his gratitude to the cast, crew, distributors, exhibitors, and the media for their unwavering support, adding that the love shown by viewers has inspired the team to raise the bar for the sequel.

Mohan Vadlapatla and Jo Sharma also shared exciting details about M4M-2, revealing that the sequel will be a big-



ger and more intense psychological thriller featuring unexpected twists, cutting-edge technology, and a gripping cinematic experience that aims to surpass the first installment.

Lead actress Jo Sharma, who received widespread appreciation for her performance in the original film, thanked audiences for their love and support. She revealed that she will be portraying an even more powerful role in the sequel and is excited to deliver another thrilling cinematic experience.

The official announcement of M4M-2 has generated tremendous excitement among fans, with high expectations for the sequel. The film-makers expressed confidence that the new installment will exceed the success of the original film. They also announced that details about the remaining cast and technical crew will be revealed soon.

Varun Tej's Mass Dance Avatar Is A Visual Treat In Rasaa Gummadi From Korean Kanakaraju



As anticipation continues to build around Korean Kanakaraju, Mega Prince Varun Tej is gearing up to entertain in a never-seen-before avatar. Directed by Merlapaka Gandhi, the horror-comedy blends supernatural chaos with laugh-out-loud entertainment, promising a refreshing theatrical experience. Produced by UV Creations in association with First Frame Entertainment, the film is currently in the final leg of post-production. Its promotional material has generated impressive buzz, with the intriguing glimpse, entertaining teaser, and the chartbuster first single Kamsahamnida winning over audiences.

The makers have now unveiled the film's second single, Raasa Gummadi, offering a complete contrast to the Korea-inspired

flavour of the chartbuster first track. Composed by S Thaman, the new number is deeply rooted in Telugu folk tradition, blending energetic beats, rustic instrumentation, and infectious festive vibes into a thoroughly entertaining musical experience. The song opens with the female voice affectionately hailing the protagonist as Vanne Rayudu, before seamlessly transforming into an electrifying folk celebration. Nalgonda Gaddar elevates the track with his signature earthy vocals, while Kasarla Shyam's catchy lyrics perfectly capture the spirit of a vibrant village festival, making the number instantly appealing. Varun Tej exudes charisma in a traditional yet massy avatar, sporting ethnic attire paired with stylish shades.



MYTHRI MOVIE MAKERS, GV PRAKASH KUMAR'S IRUMUDI, SECOND SINGLE UPDATE SOON

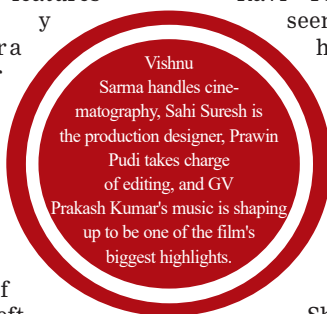
Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja's highly anticipated emotional family drama Irumudi, directed by Shiva Nirvana and produced by Mythri Movie Makers, created tremendous buzz with its first glimpse. The excitement soared further with the release of its first single, Irumudi Kattu, a spiritually uplifting Ayyappa devotional track that went on to become a chartbuster.

Having wrapped up his portion of the shoot, Ravi Teja has now begun dubbing for the film. The makers marked the occasion by unveiling a dubbing studio video featuring the actor delivering the powerful dialogue, I've only one daughter, and her name is Manamma, in a

deeply emotional voice, hinting at the film's strong father-daughter bond. The video also features Baby Nakshatra and director Shiva Nirvana.

The shoot is in its final leg, with only three days of filming left. Meanwhile, post-production is progressing simultaneously, ensuring the film remains on schedule for its grand theatrical release on August 21. Music director GV Prakash Kumar, who has composed a soulful and diverse soundtrack, has also commenced the re-

recording work. The makers will announce the film's second single soon. Ravi Teja will be seen in one of his most intense and emotionally driven roles as a devoted father, while Priya Bhavani Shankar plays the female lead. Baby Nakshatra portrays their daughter, with Sai Kumar, Ajay Ghosh, Ramesh Indira, and Swasika essaying pivotal roles. Produced by Naveen Yerneni and Y Ravi Shankar, Irumudi brings together an accomplished technical team.



SREELEELA TURNS UP THE GLAM QUOTIENT AGAIN

Sreeleela is currently busy with her brand promotions on social media, and now she has taken out time for some glamorous shots for her 17 million followers. In her latest photoshoot, the actress is seen in a stunning bottle-green silk saree with gold zari border work, paired with a statement kundan choker and matching jhumkas. Her sleek straight hair and dewy makeup add to the royal, festive vibe of the look. The setting, with vintage mirrors and antique decor, gives the pictures a heritage touch that suits the traditional outfit perfectly. On the work front, though, it has been a mixed year for the actress. Her Tamil film Parasakthi and Telugu film Ustaad Bhagat Singh both failed to impress at the box office. However, she now has high hopes riding on her Hindi debut with an untitled Anurag Basu film. The priest performed a special prayer at this event before the store was officially opened. Sreeleela stood with folded hands and took part in the ceremony with respect. However what caught everyone's attention was a moment that happened during the prayer. The



priest blessed Sreeleela and also mentioned marriage while giving his blessings. As soon as she heard those words she looked surprised and smiled in a very cute way. She softly reacted by saying "Kalyanam Antaru Enti?" which means "Why are...Sreeleela is one of the busiest young actresses in Indian cinema today. She has built a strong fan fol-

lowing with her energetic performances and screen presence. She continues to receive exciting offers from different film industries. Her next major Tamil film is OM. Meanwhile Sreeleela took a short break to complete her studies. Her recent films, Parasakthi and Ustaad Bhagat Singh, did not perform as expected at the box office. Also, Sreeleela was earlier part of Akhil's film Lenin.

HEART TOUCHING LOVE SONG 'RAVE CHELIYA' FROM 'SRINIVASA MANGAPURAM'

Superstar Krishna's grandson and Mahesh Babu's nephew Jayakrishna Ghattamaneni is making his debut as a hero with the film 'Srinivasa Mangapuram' directed by Ajay Bhupathi. Bollywood actress Raveena Tandon's daughter Rasha Thadani is also being introduced to the Telugu audience through this film. Senior actor Dr. Mohan Babu is playing a powerful role in this prestigious film. Producer P. Kiran is producing this film and Ashwini Dutt is presenting it. The songs, teasers and trailer released

so far have received a wonderful response from the audience. Recently, the makers launched the song Rave Cheliya from the film. GV Prakash Kumar composed this song as a heart-touching melody filled with love and emotions. Kapil Kapilan brought the heart-touching lyrics by Nag Arjun Reddy to life with his vocals. This song beautifully expresses the feelings of love, separation and heart. The love and emotions between Jayakrishna and Rasha Thadani in this song touched the audience during their separation. The visuals also elevated the

emotion of the song further. Ajay Bhupathi is directing this film by adding a beautiful love story and powerful action to his trademark intensity. Jayakrishna Ghattamaneni and Rasha Thadani have created a good impression with their impressive performances in the already released teaser and trailer songs. The film is being made with the highest technical standards. Jayakrishna ISC is handling the cinematography, while G.V. Prakash Kumar is composing the music. Madhav Kumar Gullapati is the editor, and Sahi Suresh is the production designer.

