

99% enumeration forms distributed, speed up remaining SIR process: Collector

Mahabubnagar, July 6: District Collector Khushbu Gupta has directed election officials to expedite the remaining stages of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, stating that 99 per cent of enumeration forms have already been distributed across the district. She stressed that the entire process must be completed transparently, accurately and within the stipulated timeframe.

The Collector participated in a video conference chaired by State Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarshan Reddy from Hyderabad on Monday. The meeting was attended by District Collectors, Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) across the State. Following the conference, Khushbu Gupta reviewed the progress of the SIR exercise with district election officials.

She instructed Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to complete door-to-door distribution of the remaining enumeration forms and collect the duly filled forms from every eligible voter within the deadline. She urged citizens to submit the completed forms to their respective BLOs to help prepare an error-free electoral roll. The Collector also



suggested broadcasting awareness messages on the SIR process through garbage collection vehicles in all municipal wards and colonies.

The Collector directed Resource Persons, Ward Officers and Municipal Commissioners to actively support BLOs through field visits, while help desks should be established at municipal, Zilla Parishad and ward offices to assist voters in filling out enumeration forms. She warned that complaints had been received about some BLOs in Padmavati Colony and Srinivas Colony distributing forms through WhatsApp groups and social media instead of conducting door-to-door visits. Such practices, she said, would not be tolerated and strict

action would be taken against those responsible.

During the video conference, Chief Electoral Officer Sudarshan Reddy instructed officials to accelerate the digitisation of completed enumeration forms through the BLO App and complete the process by July 20. He said volunteers could assist voters in filling out forms and added that rationalisation of polling stations would be taken up after digitisation to ensure that no polling station has more than 1,200 voters. He also cautioned that legal action would be initiated against those furnishing false information during the revision process. Officials were directed to strictly enforce Sections 17, 18 and 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, which prohibit multiple voter registrations and prescribe penalties for false declarations.

Officials informed that voters who submit their completed enumeration forms by July 24, 2026, will have their names included in the draft electoral roll to be published on July 31, 2026. The Collector instructed all departments to create widespread public awareness so that every eligible voter is enrolled and the Special Intensive Revision is completed smoothly and without discrepancies.

Suprabha Trust unveils 2026-2036 green energy roadmap at IRE Expo

Hyderabad, July 3: Suprabha Trust, an organisation working in the fields of green energy and ancient Indian sciences, has announced its participation in the inaugural IRE Expo 2026 and unveiled a comprehensive 10-year roadmap aimed at helping government institutions transition towards energy self-generation. The Trust also presented key findings from its ecosystem study conducted between 2019 and 2023, highlighting the need for a balanced approach to India's green energy transition. According to the organisation, sustainable adoption of clean energy depends on three critical pillars—technology, economic viability and a strong ecosystem comprising dealer networks and after-sales service. In a statement, the Trust noted that while renewable energy resources are abundant, technological innovation alone is insufficient to ensure widespread adoption. It stressed that affordability, reliable service infrastructure and market support are equally important in making green technologies commercially successful. Citing a 2019 Bengaluru case study, the Trust pointed out that despite the impressive performance of a graphene battery-powered electric auto-rickshaw, high battery costs and limited ecosystem support affected its market acceptance. The Trust's research across colleges, universities and research institutions found that although academic research generates innovative technologies, many projects lack the commercial value addition needed for large-scale implementation. To bridge this gap, Suprabha Trust has collaborated with government agencies, including the Police Department, TGSRTC and Municipal Administration, to study energy consumption patterns and identify practical solutions.

Future-ready education must build adaptable, innovative learners: SVIS

Tirupati: As technology, artificial intelligence and innovation continue to reshape education and careers, Sree Vidyanikethan International School (SVIS) believes the future of schooling lies in nurturing adaptable, creative and globally competent learners rather than focusing solely on academic achievement. In an interview with The South India Times, the school said education must move beyond rote learning to develop critical thinking, collaboration, ethical decision-making and problem-solving skills. To achieve this, SVIS has built a technology-enabled learning ecosystem featuring smart classrooms, AI and coding integrated into the curriculum, and inquiry-based teaching practices that encourage students to think independently and apply knowledge in real-world situations. The institution emphasized that preparing students for the future requires a balanced approach that combines academic excellence with leadership development, communication skills, creativity and resilience. Through interdisciplinary projects, international collaborations, student exchange programmes and a wide range of co-curricular activities, SVIS aims to equip students with the confidence and global outlook needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world. Highlighting the growing importance of STEM education, the school said innovation is about cultivating a mindset of curiosity and experimentation. Dedicated STEM and Robotics Labs, an Atal Tinkering Lab, AI and coding programmes, research projects, innovation challenges and Olympiads provide students with opportunities to develop analytical thinking and practical problem-solving abilities. SVIS also stressed the value of experiential learning, where students engage in hands-on projects, experiments, simulations and community initiatives. Innovation Labs and Maker Spaces help bridge the gap between classroom theory and practical application, enabling students to build creativity, confidence and collaborative skills. On the emergence of Tirupati as an educational hub, the institution noted that Tier-2 cities are increasingly offering world-class educational opportunities through modern infrastructure, advanced technology and international exposure. SVIS said it is contributing to this transformation by providing global learning experiences while remaining rooted in local values.



Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasada Rao takes strong measures to support mango farmers



Chittoor (TSIT) The coalition government is working with the goal of uplifting the farming community. By announcing a subsidy of 4, it has stood firmly with mango farmers and proved its sincerity. It has taken strong steps to resolve the problems of farmers. That is why we call it a "Farmer Welfare Government," said TDP Politburo Member and Chittoor Parliament Member Daggumalla Prasada Rao.

In a press conference held on Monday at the Chittoor MP's office, Daggumalla Prasada Rao strongly condemned the attitude of the YSR Congress Party, which is leveling allegations against the functioning coalition government. He praised the coalition government as the only government that has recognized the hardships of mango farmers, shown foresight by announcing a 4 subsidy, and stood as a strong support to the

farmers. He said that Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has once again proved himself as a champion of farmers, and that this is a shining example of CM Chandrababu's administrative excellence.

He criticized the YSRCP leaders for being unable to tolerate the coalition government's performance and for organizing such programs under the guise of protests to mislead the public.

Daggumalla Prasada Rao recalled that Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu personally wrote a letter to the Central Government requesting 281 crores in financial assistance to support mango farmers. In response, the Central Ministry of Agriculture has constituted a special expert committee under ICAR to identify the reasons for the fall in prices of Totapuri mangoes and to explore ways to increase farmers' income.

Home Minister Calls for Drug-Free, Safe Andhra Pradesh



The South India Times, Visakhapatnam :Andhra Pradesh Home and Disaster Management Minister Vangalapudi Anitha on Monday directed police officials to intensify efforts towards building a drug-free and safe Andhra Pradesh while reviewing the performance of police ranges and specialised wings through a video conference with the Director General of Police (DGP). The review

covered narcotics eradication, law and order in the Amaravati Capital Region, prevention of caste and factional conflicts, safety of women and children, cybercrime, organised social media misinformation, and police-prosecution coordination.

The Minister said Andhra Pradesh has successfully eliminated cannabis cultivation in Alluri Sitarama Raju district through drone surveil-

lance, intelligence-based operations and promotion of alternative crops over 29,839 acres. She said 131 persons have been detained under the PIT-NDPS Act, assets worth 10.18 crore belonging to drug traffickers have been frozen, and over 22,000 police personnel have been trained in anti-narcotics enforcement.

Highlighting women's safety, she said the Shakti App has been downloaded

by 1.55 crore users, 164 Shakti Teams are functioning across the State, and Operation Trace has reunited 9,007 missing women and girls with their families. She added that crimes against women have declined by 6.9 per cent, while the investigation completion rate in sexual offence cases has risen to 90.20 per cent. On cybercrime, the Minister said 1,665 cases have been registered since June 2024 against organised misinformation campaigns targeting constitutional authorities, with charge sheets filed in 725 cases. She also noted that 12,653 illegal web links had been removed through the Sahyog Portal. Ms. Anitha directed police officers to take stringent action against drug syndicates, organised criminals and habitual offenders while ensuring people-friendly policing. She stressed that law enforcement should protect constitutional freedoms, including freedom of expression and lawful criticism, while maintaining public safety and strengthening the criminal justice system.

116-year-old devotee receives special Tirumala darshan after walking to the shrine

Tirumala: Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) arranged a special VIP Break Darshan for 116-year-old devotee Smt. Navaneethamma from Chennai, Tamil Nadu, after she reached Tirumala on foot, demonstrating extraordinary devotion to Lord Sri Venkateswara. A video of the elderly devotee walking to Tirumala recently went viral on social media, earning widespread admiration for her unwavering faith. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu also praised her devotion, stating that age is no barrier to faith and describing her as an inspiration to devotees of Lord Venkateswara. Following the Chief Minister's remarks, the TTD Chairman sought details of the devotee through a post on X. Acting promptly, TTD Vigilance officials traced Navaneethamma and contacted her family in Chennai. On the Chairman's instructions, TTD officials escorted Navaneethamma and her family from the biometric centre and arranged a VIP Break Darshan on Monday. After the darshan, TTD Executive Officer Muddada Ravi Chandra, along with Vedic scholars, offered Veda Ashirvachanam, presented her with a silk garment (Pattu Vastram) and handed over Sri Vari Theertha Prasadam at the Ranganayakula Mandapam.



Suspected Breast Lump Turns Out to Be Hidden Hormonal Disorder Affecting the Bones CARE Hospitals Successfully Treats Rare Case of Primary Hyperparathyroidism

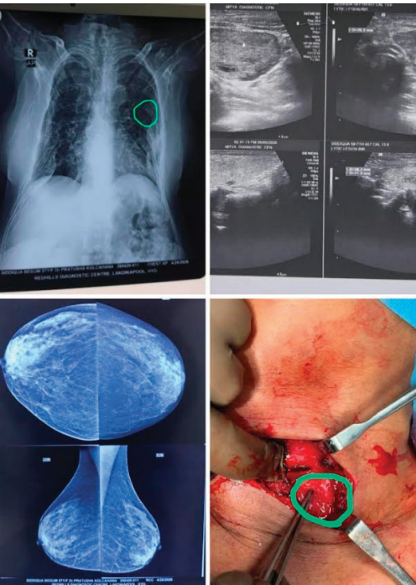
Hyderabad, 6th July 2026: A routine evaluation for a suspected breast lump led doctors at CARE Hospitals, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, to diagnose Primary Hyperparathyroidism (PHPT), an underlying hormonal disorder in a 59-year-old woman from Secunderabad. The case highlights the importance of timely health screenings and expert clinical evaluation, while underscoring how certain endocrine disorders can remain silent for years and surface in unexpected ways.

The patient initially consulted her gynaecologist after detecting a lump during a self-examination. A screening mammogram was advised to rule out breast pathology. While the breast tissue appeared completely normal, imaging revealed an unusual cystic swelling beneath the breast, arising from the third rib. Further evaluation through a chest X-ray suggested the lesion was a Brown Tumour, a rare bone manifestation associated with prolonged, untreated hyper-

parathyroidism. Recognizing the unusual presentation, the patient was referred for further endocrine evaluation. An ultrasound scan of the neck subsequently identified a vascular left inferior parathyroid adenoma. Laboratory investigations confirmed markedly elevated serum calcium and parathyroid hormone (PTH) levels, establishing the diagnosis of Primary Hyperparathyroidism, a condition caused by excessive secretion of parathyroid hormone.

The patient underwent a successful left inferior parathyroidectomy at CARE Hospitals. Within three days of surgery, her calcium levels normalized, and histopathological examination confirmed a benign parathyroid adenoma. She recovered well and was discharged on routine calcium supplementation.

Commenting on the case, Dr. Sangeeta Jha, Sr. Consultant – Surgical Endocrinologist, CARE Hospitals, Banjara Hills, said, "Primary Hyperparathyroidism is often called a silent disease



because many patients remain asymptomatic or experience vague symptoms that are easily overlooked. In this case, the patient had no classical symptoms, and the diagnosis was made only because a routine breast screening revealed an

unusual rib lesion. Brown tumours are rare manifestations of prolonged hyperparathyroidism and can mimic breast, chest wall, or bone pathologies. This case highlights the importance of maintaining a high index of suspicion and adopting a multidisciplinary approach to diagnosis. Early detection and timely surgery can prevent serious complications and significantly improve quality of life." Speaking on the successful outcome, Mr. Abhinav Joshi, Hospital Chief Operating Officer, CARE Hospitals, Banjara Hills, said, "This case exemplifies the strength of collab-

orative, patient-centric care at CARE Hospitals. The timely coordination between radiology, endocrinology, surgery, and laboratory teams enabled the identification and treatment of a potentially serious condition before it could lead to further complica-

tions. We remain committed to bringing advanced diagnostics, specialized expertise, and comprehensive care together to deliver the best possible outcomes for our patients."

Doctors say Primary Hyperparathyroidism is increasingly being detected incidentally during routine health check-ups and imaging investigations, often before obvious symptoms develop. They advise people to seek medical evaluation if routine blood tests repeatedly show elevated calcium levels or if they experience recurrent kidney stones, unexplained osteoporosis, persistent bone pain, frequent fractures, or unexplained fatigue, as these may be warning signs of an underlying hormonal disorder requiring specialist evaluation. The successful treatment not only resolved the underlying hormonal disorder but also prevented the progression of bone-related complications, reinforcing the critical role of preventive healthcare and early intervention.

Central Bank of India launches Mission Sampoorna KYC-2026

Hyderabad: Central Bank of India has launched Mission Sampoorna KYC-2026, a special nationwide C-KYC and Re-KYC compliance drive, to accelerate customer verification and strengthen compliance with regulatory norms. The campaign will be conducted from July 6 to July 10 under the aegis of the bank's Hyderabad Zonal and Regional Offices.

The initiative aims to expedite C-KYC and Re-KYC processes, create awareness among account holders and ensure effective implementation of Reserve Bank of India guidelines across the country.

Ms. Hemlata G. Paranjape, Assistant General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, inaugurated the drive as the chief guest. She emphasised the importance of KYC compliance, appreciated the Central Bank of India for undertaking the nationwide campaign and urged officials to achieve 100% completion of C-KYC and Re-KYC within the stipulated period.

During the programme, officials discussed RBI guidelines, implementation proce-



dures, best practices and strategies to ensure full compliance with KYC requirements.

Among those present were A.V. Ramana Murthy, Deputy Zonal Head; Gajendra Singh Chouhan, Regional Head; Kanak Raju, Assistant General Manager (Zonal Office); and Biplab Dey, Deputy Regional Head, along with senior officials and branch representatives of the bank. The Central Bank of India said the initiative reflects its continued commitment to regulatory compliance, enhanced customer service and a secure, transparent banking system.

EDITORIAL

JIND TO GIVE THE NATION ITS FIRST HYDROGEN TRAIN

India's Historic Leap Towards Green Transportation
A major milestone is set to be achieved in the history of Indian Railways. India is poised to become the eighth country—following Germany, Japan, South Korea, Canada, France, and Sweden—to operate hydrogen trains; the trial phase has already been successfully completed. To accelerate development in Haryana, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the train and dedicate it to the nation on July 17. This marks not merely the launch of a new rail service but also symbolizes India's green future, energy self-reliance, and technological prowess.

With the operation of hydrogen trains, India will join the select group of nations that have adopted clean-fuel-based rail transport. Following developed nations like Germany, Japan, South Korea, Canada, France, and Sweden, India is set to become the eighth country to adopt hydrogen train technology. This achievement will establish India's growing technical expertise and innovative capabilities on the global stage.

What is a Hydrogen Train?
A hydrogen train is a train that utilizes hydrogen fuel instead of diesel. It generates electricity through hydrogen fuel cell technology to power the train. During this process, there are no carbon dioxide emissions; instead, only water vapor and water are released. This is why it is regarded as an environmentally friendly transport system of the future.

Hydrogen energy is being viewed as a crucial alternative to address rising global pollution and climate change, and to reduce dependence on fossil fuels. Indian Railways is also moving forward with the goal of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2030, a mission in which hydrogen trains will play a pivotal role.

A Historic Achievement for Indian Railways
The coaches for the country's first hydrogen train have been manufactured at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai. The successful trial of this project has been completed, paving the way for its safe and effective operation.

According to railway experts, hydrogen trains are not only more eco-friendly than traditional diesel trains but also generate less noise. Their operation will reduce dependence on fuel imports and boost indigenous technology. This project is considered a significant step towards realizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a 'Green India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India). A New Dimension for Haryana's Development
The decision to operate hydrogen trains from Jind holds special significance for Haryana. It will further strengthen the state's industrial, economic, and technological identity. The development of railway infrastructure will enhance investment prospects in the region, create employment opportunities, and boost the local economy. Haryana is already among the leading states in the automobile, manufacturing, and agricultural sectors. Now, with the addition of a clean-energy-based transport system, the state could emerge as a hub for modern technology and green development.



Water is not just a natural resource, but the foundation of life, civilization, economic development, food security, and environmental balance. Most of the great civilizations in human history developed along rivers, as water has been the fundamental source of life and prosperity. However, in the twenty-first century, increasing pressure on water resources has created a serious crisis for many countries around the world. India is emerging as a prime example of this crisis. While bearing approximately 18 percent of the world's population, India possesses only approximately 4 percent of the world's freshwater resources. Rising population, rapid urbanization, industrialization, excessive water exploitation in agriculture, water pollution, climate change, and structural deficiencies in water management have pushed the country into a situation where merely talking about a water crisis is no longer sufficient. Many experts believe that if current trends continue, India could go beyond a water crisis to a state of water bankruptcy. Water insolvency is a condition when available water resources are exhausted due to over-exploitation beyond the capacity of natural recharge, the quality of water deteriorates so much that its use becomes difficult and it becomes impossible to meet the needs of society, agriculture, industry and ecology. India's annual per capita water availability, which was over five thousand cubic meters in the early years of independence, has steadily declined, reaching the water stress threshold. Many metropolitan cities have periodically faced drinking water crises. Groundwater levels in rural areas are steadily declining. Pollution is turning many rivers from life-giving sources into pollutants. Rainfall uncertainty and

climate change have further complicated the situation. This crisis is not solely caused by natural causes, but is also the result of long-term weaknesses in water management, policy imbalances, and social behaviors. India's biggest problem is its excessive dependence on groundwater. The country is the world's largest user of groundwater. Millions of tube wells operate for irrigation, drinking water, and industrial use. Free or highly subsidized electricity in many states has further encouraged groundwater exploitation. Groundwater levels are rapidly declining due to significantly lower recharge than withdrawals. In many areas, wells and hand pumps have dried up, forcing farmers to drill deeper. This is increasing energy costs and pushing small farmers into financial crisis. In many places, public health is also being affected by increased levels of fluoride, arsenic, and nitrate in groundwater. Another major weakness in water management is the lack of proper rainwater harvesting. Most of India's rainfall occurs over a few months, but a significant portion of it flows into the ocean through rivers. Scientifically harvesting and recharging this water could significantly mitigate the groundwater crisis. Unfortunately, traditional water structures such as ponds, stepwells, johads, wells, and lakes have fallen victim to neglect, encroachment, and pollution. While rainwater harvesting has been made legally mandatory in urban areas, its effective implementation remains limited. Water pollution is also a major factor driving the water crisis towards water bankruptcy. Most of the country's rivers are affected by domestic sewage, industrial waste, plastic waste, and agricultural chemicals. Large quantities of untreated sewage are discharged into rivers every day. Many industries do not comply with environmental standards. As a result, the quality of available water is continuously deteriorating. No matter how much water is available, if it is not usable, the actual water availability automatically decreases. This situation poses a serious threat to health, agriculture, fisheries, and biodiversity. Excessive and inefficient water use in agriculture is also a significant cause of the current crisis. Nearly 80 percent of India's freshwater is used for agriculture, but irrigation efficiency

remains low. Most areas employ traditional flood irrigation, which wastes large amounts of water. Minimum support prices and government procurement policies have encouraged the cultivation of water-intensive crops like paddy and sugarcane in many states, even though water availability in those areas is not conducive. This puts additional pressure on groundwater and impacts water, and industrial use. Urban water management also suffers from serious deficiencies. Rapidly growing cities experience significant water loss through pipelines. Non-revenue water is excessive in many cities. Treated wastewater is rarely reused. Encroachment on lakes and ponds is destroying the natural storage of rainwater. Ironically, while cities face waterlogging during the monsoon season, they face water shortages during the summer. This demonstrates that our water management system has not evolved in accordance with the natural water cycle. Another structural weakness in water management is institutional fragmentation. Water-related functions are divided among numerous ministries, departments, and agencies. Irrigation, drinking water, groundwater, river conservation, urban water supply, and environmental protection are under separate institutions. Lack of coordination among these agencies hinders the formulation and effective implementation of an integrated water policy. Water management is conducted based on administrative boundaries rather than river basin-based planning, which prevents scientific use of resources. Climate change has exacerbated this crisis. Monsoon vagaries, short periods of excessive rainfall, long dry spells, melting Himalayan glaciers, and rising temperatures have all impacted the water cycle, increasing the frequency and intensity of both floods and droughts. Planning water resources based on past climate patterns will not be able to meet future needs. Due to all these challenges, the water crisis is no longer just a resource issue, but has become a broader question involving food security, energy security, public health, economic development, social stability, and national security. Water scarcity will impact agricultural production, adversely affecting food security. Industrial productivity

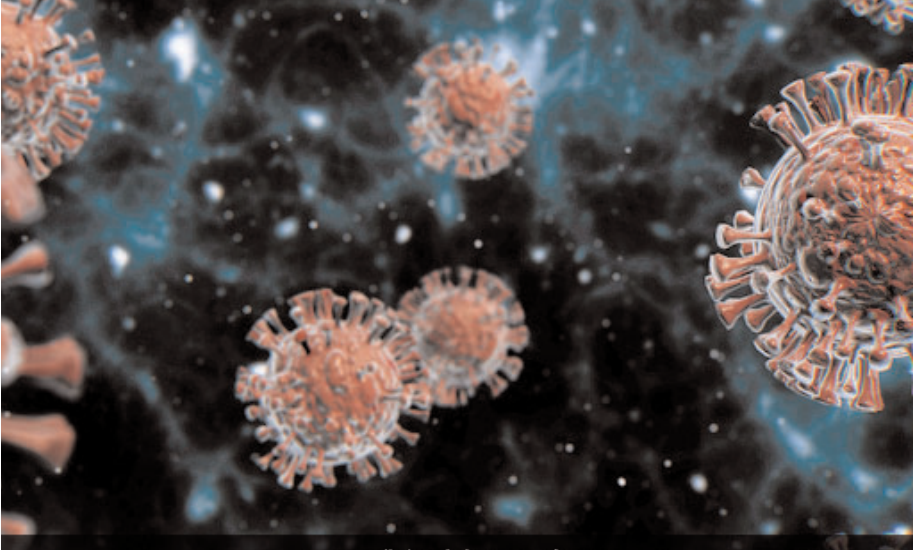
may decline. The spread of waterborne diseases may increase. Water disputes between states and regions may intensify. The possibility of large-scale migration from rural areas may also increase. Therefore, making water security a central priority of national development is the need of the hour. This challenge cannot be addressed simply by building new dams or extracting more groundwater. This requires a complete transformation of water management thinking. First, water must be recognized as a limited and valuable natural resource. Water resources should be managed using an integrated river basin-based approach, simultaneously considering surface water, groundwater, rainwater, and ecological needs. Scientific water budgets should be developed for each river basin, and water use planning should be done accordingly. Groundwater conservation should be given top priority. Scientific assessments of groundwater withdrawals and recharge should be conducted in every region. Groundwater governance should be developed based on aquifer mapping, digital monitoring, and community participation. Where groundwater levels have fallen significantly, effective controls on withdrawals should be implemented and artificial recharge schemes should be widely implemented. Rainwater harvesting should be made a national mass movement. Rainwater harvesting systems should be effectively implemented in every building, school, industry, and government institution. Village ponds, johads, stepwells, and other traditional water sources should be revived. Local communities should be given the responsibility for their conservation and maintenance so that water conservation becomes part of social culture, not just a government program. Increasing water use efficiency in agriculture is crucial. Micro-irrigation systems such as drip and sprinkler irrigation should be expanded. Water-efficient crops should be encouraged and crop diversification should be promoted. Minimum support prices and agricultural incentives should be rebalanced to reflect water conservation. Irrigation needs can be reduced by improving soil health, promoting natural farming, and water-conserving agricultural

practices. Wastewater treatment and recycling should be made mandatory in urban areas. Treated water should be used in industries, construction, gardens, and other non-potable uses to reduce the pressure on clean water. Water savings can also be achieved by reducing pipeline leakage, adopting smart metering, and modernizing water distribution systems. River conservation should not be limited to cleanup campaigns, but should encompass the protection of the entire river ecosystem. Strict controls should be put in place on the flow of untreated sewage and industrial waste. Wetlands, floodplains, and natural drainage channels should be protected, as these are key sources of water recharge and biodiversity. Technological innovations should also be widely utilized. Developing water monitoring systems based on remote sensing, geospatial information systems, artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, and smart sensors can enable real-time monitoring of water use. Water accounting, water audits, and data-driven policymaking will enable more scientific resource use. Additionally, it is essential to link water conservation with public participation. Active participation of schools, universities, panchayats, voluntary organizations, religious institutions, and local communities can transform water conservation into a social movement. Citizens must develop a sense of responsibility to future generations by conserving every drop of water. The water crisis facing India is truly a test of the development model. If the shortcomings of current water management are not addressed, the water crisis could soon turn into water bankruptcy, with widespread and long-term consequences. However, if scientific planning, effective governance, technological innovation, traditional knowledge, community participation, and a culture of water conservation are integrated, India can turn this crisis into an opportunity. Water security is not just the government's responsibility, but a shared responsibility of every citizen, farmer, industry, local bodies, and policymakers. The future of sustainable development belongs to a society that considers water not merely a commodity for consumption but a shared natural heritage and conserves it judiciously.

DECODING ZONOTIC SPILLOVER THROUGH A 'ONE-HEALTH' APPROACH

The COVID-19 pandemic reminded the world of a fundamental reality: human health does not exist in isolation. From Ebola linked to cave-dwelling bats in Africa, SARS and Nipah traced to bat reservoirs, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) to camels, to COVID-19 itself - history shows pathogens transcend species boundaries. In India, farmers, livestock owners and agriculture workers remain on the frontlines of this invisible threat, as shrinking wildlife habitats bring humans and wildlife into closer contact. As countries grapple with emerging infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance, climate change and biodiversity loss, a critical question remains: how do pathogens cross species boundaries and spill over from animals to humans (zoonoses) and from humans to animals (reverse zoonoses)? On World Zoonoses Day, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) calls for urgent collective action to prevent the next pandemic before it begins by addressing the drivers of zoonotic spillover through the One Health Approach.

■ UNDERSTANDING ZONOTIC SPILLOVER THROUGH ONE HEALTH
Globally, over 60 per cent of infectious diseases in humans originate in animals, and nearly three-quarters of newly emerging pathogens are zoonotic. Traditionally, disease control focused on post-occurrence response. But to prevent the next pandemic, nations must address ecological and socio-economic drivers of disease emergence - through the One



Health approach - an integrated framework, defined by the Quadripartite (FAO, WHO, WOA and UNEP), that recognises the interdependence of human, animal, plant and ecosystem health. Human activities are accelerating zoonotic spillover. Deforestation, agricultural expansion, biodiversity loss, wildlife trade, and urbanization bring wildlife, livestock and people into closer contact, increasing opportunities for pathogens to cross species. By disrupting ecosystems and intensifying human-animal interactions, these activities heighten the risk of disease emergence. El-Niño-associated climate disruption, extreme weather events and forest fires further compound these risks. Domestic animals often act as bridge hosts between wildlife reservoirs and humans, adding another dimension as agricultural frontiers expand into undisturbed ecosystems.

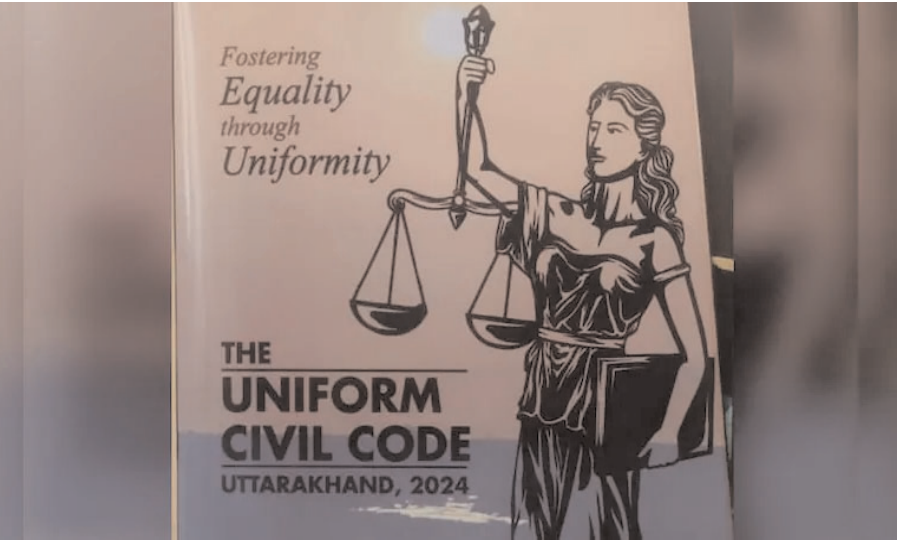
■ INDIA'S ONE HEALTH PROGRESS
India has made significant

progress in operationalising One Health. The National One Health Mission, approved in February 2024, along with initiatives such as establishing the National Institute for One Health (NIOH) in Nagpur, Maharashtra, and the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme by the National Centre for Disease Control programmes by One Health Support Unit under the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, and the Pandemic Fund project, Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response (PPR), implemented by FAO, World Bank and Asian Development Bank, are strengthening national capacities for PPR. Enhanced surveillance systems, integrated outbreak investigations, laboratory networks and cross-sectoral coordination mechanisms are increasingly part of India's preparedness architecture.

■ FROM OUTBREAK RESPONSE TO RISK PREVENTION
Preventing zoonotic spillovers requires moving from outbreak response to proactive risk prevention. This requires integrated surveillance across wildlife, livestock, human and environmental health sectors; harnessing genomic technologies for early pathogen detection; strengthening biosecurity in animal production; protecting and restoring ecosystems as natural buffers; and fostering collaboration among veterinarians, physicians, ecologists, scientists/experts, policymakers and local communities. The economic case is equally compelling. Preventing pandemics through risk reduction and ecosystem-based interventions would cost only a fraction of the losses from global pandemics. Prevention is therefore not merely a health investment; it's an investment in sustainable development, food security, biodiversity conservation and economic resilience.

Uniform Civil Code And The Primacy of Constitutional Rights Over Personal Laws

Democracies sometimes confront a difficult question: when religious customs, practices, or scriptures conflict with the principles of equality, liberty, and particularly gender justice, which should prevail? A secular state cannot evade this dilemma by retreating behind claims of religious neutrality, non-interference, or the guise of endless consensus-building. Unlike a theocratic state, its foremost obligation is not to preserve religious tradition but to safeguard the constitutional rights of its citizens. This principle is particularly relevant to the contemporary debate on the future of Muslim personal law in India and the move towards a Uniform Civil Code (UCC). At its core, the debate concerns the relationship between constitutional citizenship and religion-based personal law regimes. The central question is whether individual rights should remain subordinate to religious norms or whether the Constitution should guarantee justice irrespective of faith. The framers of the Indian Constitution had anticipated this conflict. During the Constituent Assembly debates on what became Article 44, a Directive Principle of State Policy that directs the State to endeavour to secure a Uniform Civil Code for all citizens, several members recognised that a modern democratic republic could not indefinitely sustain separate personal laws. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar argued that personal laws were not beyond legislative reform and that



the State had historically intervened in matters previously regarded as religious whenever justice and constitutional principles required it. The inclusion of Article 44 in the Constitution was therefore deliberate. It reflected the constitutional aspiration to establish a Uniform Civil Code based on equal citizenship rather than differential religious identities. Although its implementation was deferred at that time, the constitutional direction remained clear. Critics often argue that reforming religious personal laws or introducing a UCC infringes religious freedom under Articles 25 and 26. This argument overlooks the constitutional design: religious freedom is a fundamental right but is expressly subject to public order, morality, health, and other provisions of Part 3 of the Constitution. Religious freedom cannot override the Constitution's guarantees of equality, dignity, and non-discrimination. Indeed, India's legal-constitu-

tional history shows that when religious customs have violated basic principles of justice, the State has intervened. The abolition of sati is a powerful example. Despite claims that it was religiously sanctioned and voluntary, its prohibition affirmed a fundamental principle: practices that undermine life, dignity, and equality cannot be protected in the name of religion. Today, no serious argument exists for its restoration. Similarly, the Hindu Code Bills of the 1950s reformed marriage, inheritance, guardianship, and adoption laws within Hindu personal law. These reforms faced resistance but were enacted because constitutional justice required it. The Hindu Marriage Act introduced monogamy and legal divorce, while the Hindu Succession Act significantly improved women's inheritance rights, later strengthened further in 2005. These were not merely legal adjustments but deliberate constitutional interventions prioritising equality

over tradition. Today, these reforms are widely accepted as milestones in gender justice. Few would now argue for a return to pre-reform Hindu personal law simply because it reflected religious custom. The same constitutional logic must apply across all communities. If Hindu personal law could be reformed despite religious objections, there is no constitutional reason for Muslim personal law to remain immune from scrutiny. Equality before law cannot be selective. The Shariat Application Act of 1937, which made Muslim personal law applicable to matters such as marriage, divorce, inheritance, and family relations, is a colonial-era statute enacted by the legislature. It is not sacred law and has been amended over time, confirming that it remains subject to legislative authority. Parliament therefore retains the constitutional power to amend or repeal it. The Supreme Court has also reinforced this constitutional trajectory.

GOLD LOANS EMERGE AS LARGEST SECURITISED ASSET CLASS IN APRIL-JUNE QUARTER OF FY26: CRISIL REPORT

Gold loans emerged as the largest securitised asset class in the April-June quarter of the current fiscal, overtaking vehicle loans in the country's securitisation market, a report said on Monday. Securitisation, a process through which lenders pool loans and sell them to investors to raise funds and free up capital for fresh lending, saw issuances surge 22% year-on-year to around Rs 60,000 crore in the April-June quarter, a CRISIL Ratings report said. The report said more than 98% of the issuances during the quarter were originated by non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), unlike previous peak periods when banks had also contributed significantly. Gold loans accounted for around 31% of the overall securitisation volume in the first quarter, overtaking vehicle loans, whose share moderated to around 26% because of fewer issuances by a large originator. "The robust volume indicates NBFCs ramped up recourse to securitisation for raising funds amid sustained credit demand and healthy investor appetite for securitised assets. Specifically, gold loan financiers saw strong portfolio growth and used the direct assignment (DA) route

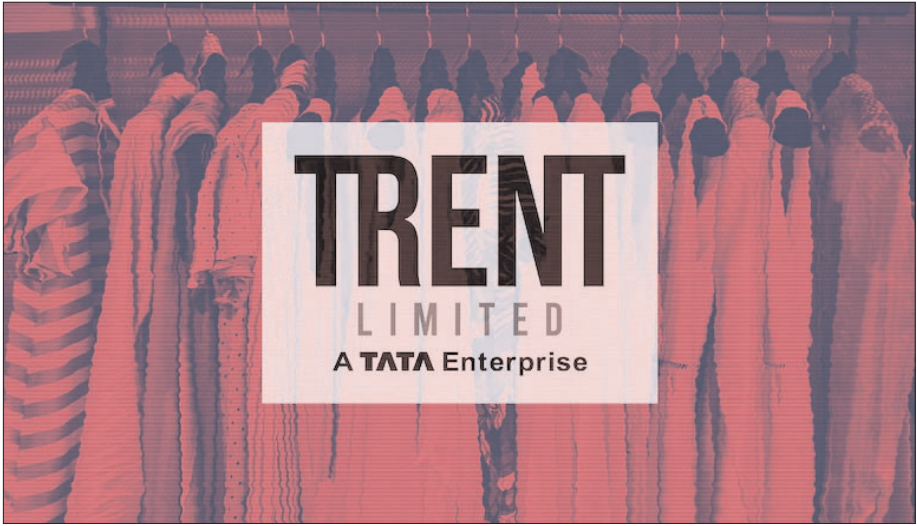


to source funds," CRISIL Ratings Director Deepanshu Singla said. Changing asset mix reshapes securitisation market The rise in gold loan securitisation, coupled with subdued activity by a large private bank that had driven sizeable retail mortgage-backed securitisation (MBS) volumes last fiscal, reduced the share of MBS to 12 per cent from 21 per cent a year ago. The share of business loan securitisation rose to 10 per cent from 7 per cent, driven by secured business loan pools, while microfinance loans accounted

for 14 per cent of the overall volume, up from 11 per cent, aided by improved portfolio performance and demand for priority-sector assets. The changing asset mix also altered the mode of securitisation, with direct assignment transactions accounting for around 54 per cent of the total volume, compared with 46 per cent for pass-through certificate (PTC) transactions. About 87 per cent of securitised gold loans during the quarter were executed through the direct assignment route.

Tata Firm Delivers 19% Revenue Growth Amid Aggressive Store Rollout

Tata Group's retail arm Trent Ltd. reported a 19% year-on-year increase in standalone revenue for the first quarter of FY27, signalling sustained momentum in its fashion and lifestyle business despite a mixed consumption environment. According to the company's stock exchange filing dated July 6, standalone revenue from operations (excluding GST) stood at Rs 5,666 crore in the quarter ended June 2026, compared with Rs 4,781 crore in the corresponding period last year. Revenue from the sale of merchandise, excluding other operating income, also grew 19% during the quarter. The retailer continued to strengthen its brick-and-mortar footprint, ending June with a portfolio of 1,312 stores across formats. This includes 301 Westside outlets, 982 Zudio stores—including seven



in the UAE—and 29 stores under other lifestyle concepts. During the April-June quarter, Trent recorded a net addition of 20 stores, comprising 19 Zudio outlets and one Westside store, underscoring the company's continued focus on expanding its value-fashion business. Zudio has remained the key growth

engine for Trent in recent years, benefiting from rising demand for affordable apparel and aggressive network expansion across metros as well as smaller cities. Westside, meanwhile, continues to strengthen its presence in the premium lifestyle segment. The revenue update comes ahead of Trent's detailed quarterly

earnings announcement and offers investors an early snapshot of business performance. Market participants will closely watch the company's profitability, margins and management commentary to assess whether strong sales momentum translated into earnings growth during the quarter.

Dreame Technology Expands Smart Living Portfolio in India with the Launch of the Affordable High-Performance L50 Plus and L50 Robotic Vacuum Cleaners

New Delhi, India July 2026: Dreame Technology, a global leader in smart home innovation, today announced the launch of two value-packed, high-suction robotic vacuum cleaners, Dreame L50 Plus and Dreame L50, in India. Expanding the company's intelligent home cleaning portfolio, the latest additions are designed to bring powerful suction, smart automation, and enhanced convenience to a wider base of Indian consumers seeking smarter ways to manage their homes at an attractive price point.

Built for modern households, the new L50 Series combines Dreame's powerful 25,000Pa Vormax™ suction, dual-rotary mop pads featuring MopExtend™ technology for enhanced edge-to-corner cleaning, and an intelligent 10.5mm mop lift that automatically keeps carpets dry during cleaning, making them the only ones in this price segment to offer this combination of advanced cleaning technologies. Complemented by intelligent navigation, advanced obstacle avoidance, anti-tangle brush technology, customizable vacuuming and mopping functions,



long battery life, and app-based controls, the Dreame L50 Series delivers a seamless, hands-free cleaning experience designed to simplify everyday home care. Manu Sharma, Managing Director, Dreame India, said, "As Indian consumers increasingly embrace smart living, we are witnessing growing demand for technologies that seamlessly integrate into everyday life while delivering meaningful convenience and efficiency. At Dreame, our focus is on developing intelligent solutions that simplify daily routines and make advanced home cleaning technology more accessible

and affordable. The launch of the Dreame L50 Plus and L50 reflects our commitment to enabling smarter living through innovation by bringing together category-leading suction power, intelligent mopping capabilities, and advanced automation in a combination of features that sets a new industry benchmark in this price segment."

DREAME L50 PLUS

The Dreame L50 Plus combines powerful cleaning performance with intelligent automation, making it an ideal solution for consumers seeking a hands-free home cleaning experience.

KEY FEATURES INCLUDE:

- 120 Days of Hands-Free Dust Collection: The L50 Plus features an automatic dust collection system with a large 5L dust bag, enabling up to 120 days of hands-free cleaning and minimizing the need for frequent maintenance.
- Powerful 25,000Pa Vormax™ Suction: Powered by Dreame's advanced Vormax™ suction technology, the L50 Plus delivers 25,000Pa suction power for effective removal of dust, debris, pet hair, and fine particles across hard floors and carpets.
- Dual-Rotary Mop Pads

with MopExtend™ Technology: The L50 Plus combines dual-rotary mop pads with Dreame's MopExtend™ technology to deliver deeper edge-to-corner cleaning, effectively reaching skirting boards, corners, and other hard-to-reach areas for more comprehensive floor coverage.

- Dual Anti-Tangle System: The robot vacuum features a specially designed anti-tangle main brush and side brush system that helps reduce hair entanglement and ensures uninterrupted cleaning performance.
- 10.5mm Intelligent Mop Lift: The L50 Plus automatically detects carpets, boosts suction power for deeper cleaning, and raises its dual-rotary mop pads by up to 10.5mm to keep carpets dry while seamlessly transitioning between hard floors and carpeted surfaces.
- Intelligent Navigation and Obstacle Avoidance: Equipped with Smart Pathfinder™ Navigation and Single-Laser 3D Structured Light obstacle avoidance, the L50 Plus accurately maps homes, creates efficient cleaning routes, and navigates around furniture and household obstacles.

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Design Thinking Workshops Spark Grassroots Innovation from Assam to Hyderabad

India – July 2026 –India's young innovators are proactively looking at technology as a tool to solve everyday challenges around them. From a Class 12 student rethinking plastic waste management in Golaghat, Assam, to school students exploring solutions for hearing loss and road accessibility in Gandipet, Hyderabad. The challenges are local, but the impact is scaling nationwide through Samsung Solve for Tomorrow. As part of its nationwide 100-city rollout, Samsung India conducted its flagship Solve for Tomorrow Design Thinking Workshops at Furkating Senior Secondary School in Golaghat and the Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) in Hyderabad. The workshop inspired 74 students in Assam and 173 students in Hyderabad, bringing together 247 young innovators across these diverse geographies. The workshops introduced participants to human-centred innovation framework, equipping them with practical tools to identify grassroots challenges, understand user needs, and



develop technology-led solutions with meaningful social impact. This initiative encourages youth to pioneer scalable innovations across four core pillars: AI for a Better Tomorrow, Health & Education, Environmental Sustainability, and Sport-Tech. At Furkating Senior Secondary School, 16-year-old Jafrein Rahman applied the design thinking framework to this community's waste problem. "Plastic becomes difficult to recycle when different types are mixed together at the point of disposal," he said. To solve this, Jafrein conceptualized smart waste bins integrated with sensors and QR code-based guidance systems to drive proper segregation at the source, ultimately reduc-

ing the volume of waste reaching landfills and local water bodies. At CBIT Hyderabad, the workshop inspired 14-year-old A.K. Ashritha to focus her attention on hearing health. In the same cohort, 13-year-old students T. Nithya and T. Sreelaasya examined the daily mobility challenges faced by visually impaired individuals, senior citizens, and people with limited mobility, exploring intuitive tech-driven interventions to make road crossings safer and more accessible. For these students, the workshops provided a structured pathway for innovation, transforming everyday observations into scalable solutions that address local needs while creating broader social impact.

Credit outlook for FY27 positive for healthcare services and consumer goods; weak for Power Distribution: Brickwork Ratings

July, 2026, Mumbai: In its maiden credit outlook report, India's Sectoral Credit Outlook 2026, Brickwork Ratings (BWR), a home-grown ratings agency, has rated consumer goods and healthcare services as two key sectors with a positive outlook. The consumer goods sector is expected to witness a revenue growth of 17.3% CAGR in the 2025-2030 period on account of credit growth, GST cuts, unlocking of demand from Tier-II/Tier III cities, and premiumisation. Meanwhile, tailwinds for the healthcare services sector include strong interest and debt coverage ratios, a medical tourism market of an estimated USD 13 billion, and expansion of the Ayushman Bharat Program to senior citizens over the age of 70. The India's Sectoral Credit Outlook 2026 marks Brickwork Ratings's first comprehensive annual assessment of credit quality across 25 key sectors. "Built

on our proprietary five-parameter credit framework—comprising revenue growth, operating margin, gearing, ISCR, DSCR—the report provides investors, lenders, policymakers and corporates with a credible, forward-looking view of India's evolving credit landscape," said Manu Sehgal, CEO, Brickwork Ratings.

STABLE OUTLOOK AUTO, INFRA

BWR expects a stable credit outlook across 22 of its 25 rated sectors in FY27, supported by resilient domestic demand, sustained government capital expenditure, healthy balance sheets, improving operating margins, and predictable cash flows despite geopolitical uncertainties. Technology, automobiles, telecom, infrastructure, logistics, industries, and power generation benefit from deleveraging, policy support, export opportunities under new trade agreements, and long-

term demand visibility. "While sectors such as chemicals and textiles face margin pressures, and transport and airports remain relatively leveraged, their credit profiles are supported by strong solvency, improving profitability, and stable revenue visibility," said K. H. Patnaik, Chief Ratings Officer, Brickwork Ratings. Of the 25 sectors across 8 industry clusters rated in the report, BWR has given a negative-to-stable rating to the Power Distribution segment. "The weakness in the segment is on account of an elevated and unsustainable debt levels reflected in the weak credit profile and continued cash gap created due to muted / delayed tariff hikes. DISCOMS which have identified and reduced distribution losses and improved collection efficiency will be better positioned to curb losses and meet the LPS terms," said Niraj Rathi, Senior Director – Ratings, Brickwork

MACRO OUTLOOK RESILIENT DESPITE GEOPOLITICAL UNCERTAINTIES

From a macroeconomic perspective, BWR maintains that India's macroeconomic environment remains resilient, providing a supportive backdrop for credit quality despite heightened geopolitical uncertainties. "We expect the economy to remain anchored by 7.7% GDP growth in FY26, supported by strong manufacturing and services activity. For FY27, growth is projected at 6.7%. Inflation is projected to be around 4.6% in FY27, although geopolitical risks and El Niño remain key watch points. The RBI's neutral monetary stance, following a cumulative 125 bps repo rate reduction through 2025 to 5.25%, preserves policy flexibility amid external shocks," said Rajeev Sharan, Head of Research, Brickwork Ratings.

Tribe Amrapali Unveils the Jewellery Behind Ram's First Look in Ramayana

THE OFFICIAL JEWELLERY PARTNER BRINGS MYTHOLOGY, CRAFTSMANSHIP, AND CINEMATIC VISION TOGETHER FOR THE EPIC'S FIRST LOOK

Mumbai, July 2026: As the world witnesses the first glimpse of Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Ram in Ramayana, one of Indian cinema's most ambitious mythological spectacles, an extraordinary story of artistry, heritage, and craftsmanship unfolds behind the scenes. Tribe Amrapali, the official jewellery partner for the cinematic epic, has crafted the intricate jewellery that adorns the film's characters, translating centuries of mythology, symbolism, and Indian craftsmanship into a visual language for a new generation. Directed by Nitesh Tiwari and filmed for IMAX, Ramayana is a grand cinematic retelling of one of India's most revered epics, set for a global release during Diwali 2026 and 2027. Drawing inspiration from one of the most celebrated epics of all time, Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana is set to recreate its timeless emotions and grandeur on a massive cinematic scale. The film features Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Ram and Sai Pallavi as Sita, while Yash takes on the powerful role of Formidable Ravana. Sunny Deol portrays the mighty Hanuman, with Ravi Dubey stepping into the role of Lakshman. For Tribe Amrapali, this collaboration extends far beyond jewellery design; it is a tribute to a timeless cul-



tural legacy. Over a period of more than 18 months, the brand's design team, under the creative leadership of Tarang Arora and in close collaboration with the film's creative team, undertook extensive research into mythology, ancient Indian ornamentation, temple art, sculptures, and symbolic narratives to create a jewellery language that feels authentic to the world of Ramayana while meeting the scale and visual grandeur of modern cinema. At the heart of Ram's first look is a 335-gram statement necklace inspired by Kodanda, Lord Ram's divine bow, symbolising strength, righteousness, and divine purpose.

Crafted in silver and brass, the ornament serves as a visual expression of Ram's noble character, his Suryavanshi lineage, and his embodiment of dharma. The design incorporates a rich tapestry of symbolic motifs - circular medallions inspired by the Dharma Chakra, sun motifs representing the Solar Dynasty, lotus elements signifying purity and divinity, and intricate floral details drawn from the sacred gardens of Mithila and the Pushp Vatika, where Ram and Sita's journey first intertwined. The jewellery showcases a remarkable blend of traditional craftsmanship and intricate metalwork.

DONALD TRUMP CONFIRMS HE ASKED FIFA TO REVIEW BALOGUN BAN



President Donald Trump has confirmed he asked Fifa to review United States striker Folarin Balogun's one-match suspension at the World Cup. Trump says football's world governing body "made the right decision" to suspend Balogun's ban, adding it would have left a "big stain" on the tournament had it been implemented. Balogun, 25, was set to be suspended for his side's last-16 tie against Belgium on Tuesday after being shown a straight red card for a foul on Bosnia-Herzegovina defender Tarik Muharemovic in the previous round. But on Sunday, Fifa made the shock decision to suspend the automatic one-match ban for 12 months, freeing the way for the United States forward - who has scored three goals at this summer's tournament - to be selected for the match in Seattle. Speaking at the White House on Monday, Trump said he had asked Fifa to review the decision because he "didn't think it was a foul". Although Trump confirmed he spoke to Fifa president Gianni Infantino, he said "all" he did was ask for a review and added that he did not tell the Swiss he had to suspend Balogun's ban. "I thought it was two great athletes who crashed into each other and got entangled," said Trump "I think it [the suspension] would have left a big stain. I can't tell them what to do. I don't believe they made the decision; I believe it was the commission that made the decision. And it was the right decision." Asked about Trump's comments, Belgium's claims and the appeal process, Fifa said it had "nothing more" to add "for now". Earlier on Monday, the Royal Belgian Football Association said it was "astonished" by Fifa's decision to allow Balogun to be selected for the last-16 tie. "Regardless of the sporting outcome of this match, the RBFA is deeply concerned by the course of events and will continue to fight in the coming hours, days and months in defence of the fundamental principles of ethics, fair competition, and the interests of football as a whole," said a statement.



■ Huge crowds fill Tehran streets for Khamenei's funeral procession

WILDFIRE IN SOUTHERN FRANCE FORCES EVACUATION OF 10,000 PEOPLE

A wildfire has forced the evacuation of thousands of people in southern France as the country grapples with the impacts of an early summer heatwave that scorched much of Europe. More than 10,000 people have been ordered to leave more than a dozen small towns and villages in the foothills of the French Pyrenees, near the border with Spain. The fire, located in Tréviach near Perpignan, has burned at least 4,600 hectares (11,366 acres), local prefect Pierre Regnault de la Mothe said in a post on X. "This morning conditions are deteriorating again," Interior Minister Laurent Nunez cautioned on French TV station TF1. "Today the battle resumes." Authorities have warned that strong winds could further fan the wildfire. "It came



within 300 metres (984ft) of the houses. We were shocked by how fast it spread, it was staggering - bordering on panic," Patrice, from Tréviach, told the AFP news agency. Tour de France spectators have been urged to stay away from the conclusion of the third stage of the cycling race on Monday to allow access for emergency vehicles to the area. The third stage, which is 195.9km (121

miles) long, begins in the Spanish city of Granollers and concludes in Les Angles, located in the Pyrénées-Orientales region of France. Tour organisers have asked fans and unessential personnel to stay away from the final 40km and said that a motorcade of team vehicles that follows will now be kept to a minimum. "An exceptional fire calls for exceptional measures for the Tour,"

said race director Christian Prudhomme. "We invite the public not to come to the edge of the race or to the finish site." European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced that the EU would send four aircraft based in Cyprus and Sweden to help with emergency efforts. The fires have also affected neighbouring Spain where more than 2,200 hectares in the natural reserve of Les Gavarres have been destroyed. Catalan authorities said late on Saturday that the blaze was stable and would be completely extinguished during the week, according to Reuters. South of Catalonia, in the eastern Castellon province, 500 people were evacuated after a wildfire entered the Sierra de Espadan national park.

SUPER TYPHOON BAVI MAKES LANDFALL ON US PACIFIC ISLANDS WITH HUGE WIND GUSTS



Howling winds and lashing rains are battering Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands as super typhoon Bavi makes landfall. Packing winds of nearly 290km/h (180mph) and gusts of 350km/h, Bavi is moving over the Pacific islands, according to the US National Weather Service (NWS). The NWS warned the "very dangerous" storm could cause "catastrophic" damage, with waves potentially nearly 11m (35ft) high. An official told AFP they had received reports of "major damages" on the Northern Mariana Islands. The western Pacific region is particularly prone to tropical cyclones. While storms of this strength are unusual for the US islands, scientists say climate change is making powerful typhoons more common. Residents in the region have been moving to emergency shelters and making last-minute preparations before the arrival of the super typhoon. In the Northern Mariana Islands, Rota - the southernmost inhabited island, about 50km north-east of Guam - is taking a direct hit, according to the NWS. The mayor's office has published an advisory urging residents to prepare for "destructive winds", adding that "conditions are expected to deteriorate rapidly, making it unsafe to be outdoors". "We are hanging in there. We are experiencing heavy winds and flooding," a spokesperson for Rota's mayor told AFP, adding that some people had

reported "major damages". On Saipan, north of Rota, wind gusts of more than 161km/h (100 mph) were recorded at the airport, meteorologist Marcus Landon Aydtlett told the Associated Press. He added that many people on the island were already without power from the last super typhoon Sinlaku, which hit Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands in April - killing 17 people and causing about \$1.5bn (£1.1bn) in damage. The NWS also warned that winds are not forecast to fall below typhoon force until early afternoon on Monday, and below tropical storm force until after midnight. Guam, usually a sun-soaked tourist destination with a population of about 170,000, has opened five evacuation centres in its schools. These sites have a maximum capacity of around 1,700 and are primarily intended for vulnerable people. The island's civil defence office said at 13:00 local time on Sunday that one of the evacuation sites had already reached maximum capacity and that people were being redirected to another site. Bavi has been classified as a super typhoon by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC), a part of the US military responsible for monitoring tropical storms in the western Pacific. A super typhoon has winds in excess of 240km/h. The NWS considers super typhoons to have the equivalent destructive potential as a category four or five hurricane.

SRI LANKA PRISON RIOTS LEAVE 26 DEAD AND MORE THAN 100 INJURED

Riots at a prison in western Sri Lanka have killed 26 people, seven of them guards, and injured more than 100. The two days of violence at Negombo Prison, in a coastal town north of Colombo, began with clashes between two groups of inmates. Prisoners are alleged to have grabbed guards' guns on Sunday. Two people were killed that day, with dozens injured. Later, groups of male prisoners, and women from an adjoining unit, climbed on to prison rooftops demanding to be released. Fresh violence erupted on Monday when inmates tried to rush the prison gates. Security forces were deployed and multiple gunshots heard from inside the prison. The violence was reportedly triggered by a clash over an inmate informing on a drug trafficking operation inside. A total of 23 prison officers, and 54 inmates, are still receiving treatment, officials said. Some of the wounded were taken to Negombo Hospital. The hospital director told the AFP news agency that some had bullet wounds, while others had sustained cuts and severe bruises. Others were transported to Colombo National Hospital. Police said part of the prison's roof collapsed during the incident, which injured some of the women involved, AFP reported. Crowds of inmates' relatives gathered outside on Monday as the situation unfolded. Some told BBC Sinhala they had not been given information about where their



relatives were, or who was alive and who had died. Areas within the prison are still being cleared, and the military has been placed on standby after police requested support, the Reuters news agency reported. Prisons commissioner media spokesman AC Gajanayake said steps had been taken to transfer inmates to other prisons. Minister of Justice and Prisons Harshana Nanayakkara has instructed authorities to investigate and submit a report. While riots occasionally break out in the country's overcrowded prisons, these were the worst in years. In December 2020, 11 were killed at another facility, with 117 injured. Sri Lankan prisons held 41,250 inmates as of Sunday, which is four times their capacity, according to AFP. The prison holds

about 2,400 inmates, according to data from the Department of Prisons. Two prisoners died on Sunday and 38 inmates were injured. But a second, more deadly round of clashes erupted on Monday morning, leaving 23 others, including six prison officials, dead. Police riot control squads armed with batons and police special forces were rushed to the prison to control the riot. A police bus carried the injured inmates, some of them sprawled on its floor, to hospital. Areas within the prison were still being cleared, officials said. RELATIVES HELD BACK BY CORDON Dozens of people, including relatives of inmates, gathered outside the prison and had to be held back by a police cordon.

MARINE LE PEN APPEAL VERDICT: WHY THIS MOMENT MATTERS FOR FRANCE



Marine Le Pen will find out on Tuesday whether or not she can run for the French presidency in next year's elections, when a Paris appeal court decides at 13:30 (11:30 GMT) whether to uphold an embezzlement conviction against her. Le Pen, the 57-year-old leader of National Rally, has already run for president three times and came second to Emmanuel Macron in 2022 and 2017. With under 10 months to go before the vote, she leads in the polls. If she does not run, her young lieutenant, Jordan Bardella, will stand in her place, so the verdict could have far-reaching consequences for France. What

is the appeal about? This appeal verdict will decide Le Pen's political future and in effect fire the starting pistol on the presidential race. The first round is on 18 April 2027, and the run-off is on 2 May. She was barred from holding public office for five years on 31 March 2025 when a court found her guilty of embezzling 1.4m (£1.2m) in European Parliament (EP) funds to pay her own party employees from 2004-16 instead of parliamentary assistants. Le Pen was a member of the EP (MEP) from 2004-17. She was also given a four-year jail term, two suspended and two to be served at home with an electronic tag.



Ukraine warns of interceptor missile shortage as 22 killed in Kyiv region

Philippines braces for protests as impeachment trial for vice-president Sara Duterte begins

The Senate's impeachment court has adjourned, marking the end of the first day of Vice-President Sara Duterte's historic trial. Here's what happened and what we can expect in the coming days: The 48-year-old daughter of former President Rodrigo Duterte is accused of misusing millions of dollars in government funds and threatening to have Marcos assassinated. If found guilty, she will be removed from her post and banned for life from public office. She will be impeached if at least 16 out of 24 senators vote to convict her. Prosecutors said today that the impeachment is a fight for accountability, while Duterte's lawyers said the case is politically-motivated and meant solely to remove her from office. Authorities



have been on high alert for protests and the trial, livestreamed on social media, has gripped the nation. The trial takes place after weeks of heightened political tension between supporters of Sara Duterte and President Bongbong Marcos - the two leaders are locked in a bitter feud. Hours before the trial authorities arrested a senator, who is a Duterte ally, to face a plun-

der charge. Senators have set a maximum duration of 92 days for the trial. Sara Duterte's political future is on the line as a conviction in the Senate will disqualify her from running for president in 2028. She is seen as the strongest contender to succeed Marcos. A survey by respected pollster Pulse Asia in March showed the vice-president with a 55% approval rating compared to

the president's 36%. In the 2025 mid-term elections - considered as a barometer of public support - senatorial candidates allied with Marcos did far worse than expected compared to Duterte's allies. If Duterte is shut out of the 2028 presidential race, analysts say Marcos will have wider scope to push for a successor who will not harbour a political vendetta against him. If Duterte survives impeachment, analysts say she could come out stronger. However, protracted impeachment proceedings that are carried live on television and the internet risk affecting public support for her. Vice-President Sara Duterte is only the third Filipino official to face an impeachment trial since the restoration of democracy in 1986.

Heartbroken Neymar Jr. Quits International Football After World Cup Exit: "I Tried, Now It's Over"

One of the most iconic players to play for Brazil, Neymar Jr. has decided to hang up his boots from international football after his team's shock defeat to Norway, which led to their elimination from the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The announcement ends Neymar's 16-year career as the nation's all-time leading scorer, with 80 goals in 129 appearances. Neymar's final appearance for Brazil came as a substitute at MetLife Stadium—the very same venue as his 2010 debut. The former Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain star scored a penalty against Norway, though it could not prevent Brazil from crashing out of the tournament. Neymar was practically inconsolable as Brazil were eliminated by Norway. Visuals of him crying relentlessly after the final whistle broke fans' hearts. Several of his Brazil teammates tried to comfort him, but the former Barcelona man was left utterly shattered.

"I tried, I tried. Now it's over," he told Globo after the game. "I started here; I finished here." While his time with the Selecao is over, Neymar continues his club career with Santos FC, evaluating his future season by season. The defeat against Norway marks Brazil's horrendous run against European opponents in the World Cups. The 5-time champions haven't beaten European opponents since beating Germany in the final of 2002. Despite the setback, coach Carlo Ancelotti said Sunday's painful World Cup last-16 exit should be used as "fuel" for the future as he insisted their disappointing tournament is "the start of a new cycle". "Obviously everyone is deeply disappointed, considering what happened. I don't think we have had a spectacular World Cup, but we had a good one. I think we even deserved to win the game today," Ancelotti said after the 2-1 loss at the

MetLife Stadium in New Jersey. For Norway, it was Haaland who scored two late goals in a match which hinged on an early penalty by Brazil's Bruno Guimaraes, which was saved. Neymar's successful spot-kick in injury time could only prove to be a consolation. It was also his final moment in the Brazil shirt as a player. "You have to digest a defeat like this. This has been a new adventure. Now we need to keep earning our places, keep trying to improve," added Ancelotti, who was appointed just over a year ago and charged with the task of winning Brazil a record-extending sixth World Cup. Ancelotti has a contract through to the next World Cup in

2030, and ruled out the possibility of stepping down after Brazil's early exit from the tournament.



SHIVAM DUBE REPLACES INJURED NITISH KUMAR REDDY FOR ODIs AGAINST ENGLAND

Seam-bowling all-rounder Shivam Dube has been drafted into India's squad as a replacement for injured Nitish Kumar Reddy for the upcoming three-match ODI series against England, starting on July 14 in Birmingham. Devajit Saikia, the Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said on Monday that Dube, currently in England for the five-match T20I series, will stay back for ODIs as Reddy continues to recover from a quadriceps injury. "The Selection Committee has named Shivam Dube as a replacement for Nitish Kumar Reddy in India's squad for the ODI series against England," said Saikia. Reddy sustained the injury during the third ODI against Afghanistan in Chennai, and a timeline for his return to competitive cricket is yet to be firmed up. Reddy's ongoing rehabilitation had previously ruled him out of the T20I series against Ireland and England, as well as the



upcoming three-game series against Zimbabwe. Dube, a two-time T20 World Cup winner, has played four ODIs so far and amassed 43 runs while picking up one scalp. His last ODI game came against Sri Lanka at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo in August 2024. Following the series opener at Edgbaston in Birmingham, India and England will play further games in Cardiff (July 16) and Lord's (July 19). After the series is over, Dube will

travel to Zimbabwe, where the first T20I starts on July 23, followed by matches on July 25 and 26, all of which will be played at the Harare Sports Club. India's updated ODI squad: Shubman Gill (Captain), Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer (Vice-Captain), KL Rahul (WK), Ishan Kishan (WK), Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Prasidh Krishna, Harshit Rana, Arshdeep Singh, Gurnoor Brar, and Shivam Dube.

FIFA Triggers Huge World Cup Storm, Clears US Player's Ban After Donald Trump Call

An unprecedented diplomatic intervention has put the ongoing FIFA World Cup 2026 in a political scanner, after a United States official confirmed that President Donald Trump personally spoke to FIFA President Gianni Infantino over the men's national team player, Folarin Balogun's red-card suspension. It was said thae conversation between Infantino and Trump was aimed at understanding the basis for the striker's dismissal and subsequent one-match ban, shortly before an independent appeal process dramatically overturned the sanction. However, those closely following the proceedings in the World Cup can read between the lines.Confirming the high-level interaction, an official said, "The President and



Infantino did speak, and the President wanted to better understand the reason why a red card was given and why there was a suspension. The appeal process is run by an independent board. The U.S. government provided addi-

tional evidence that was used in the appeal process. Ultimately, the correct and proper outcome was achieved." The update came just a day after FIFA ruled that Balogun would be clear to feature in the United States'

blockbuster Round of 16 clash against Belgium in Seattle. The forward had been sent off during the Americans' 2-0 victory over Bosnia and Herzegovina in their final group match. However, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee announced on Sunday that the automatic suspension would not be enforced. In an unusual statement, FIFA explained, "By operation of Article 27 FDC, the implementation of the automatic match suspension for USA player Folarin Balogun is suspended for a probationary period of one (1) year." Balogun, who was sent off in the 64th minute against Bosnia and Herzegovina, has been the focal point of the United States' attack during the tournament, netting three goals so far.

"Match Finishes There": Ex-India Star Holds Two Players Responsible For Loss vs England In 2nd T20I

India continue to search for their first win after the T20 World Cup 2026 glory. The side has played four matches since the tournament but has managed to win none. Under the leadership of new captain Shreyas Iyer, the team suffered a 2-0 series sweep at the hands of Ireland. In their next assignment, the first T20I of the five-match series against England got washed out due to rain before the Three Lions registered a comfortable four-wicket win in the second contest. Former India batter Aakash Chopra analysed the second T20I against England. He pointed out that the match was done and dusted when Arshdeep Singh and Ravi Bishnoi bowled two expensive



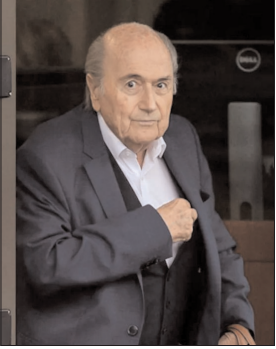
overs. Arshdeep struck twice in his first over but ended up leaking 27 runs in his second, which happened to be the third over of India's bowling innings. Harry Brook and Jacob Bethell batted well, but India were still in the game as England needed 49 off the final four overs. However,

Ravi Bishnoi then leaked 29 runs in an over in another decisive moment of the game. "56 runs in two overs, 27 in Arshdeep's and 29 in Ravi Bishnoi's, and the match finishes there because you didn't have 225 to defend. What you had was getting defended. In fact, 58 runs were required

in 28 balls at one stage. The match was in India's grasp, but after that, Jacob Bethell, that Ravi Bishnoi over, and the game got over," Chopra said on his YouTube channel. "We were not losing a single match before we won the World Cup, and now we are not winning a single match.

SEPP BLATTER REACTS AFTER FIFA'S RED CARD U-TURN FOR FOLARIN BALOGUN CREATES MASSIVE CONTROVERSY

The football world has reacted strongly to US forward Folarin Balogun's red-card suspension being revoked. According to a report by the Associated Press, US President Donald Trump intervened on behalf of star US forward Folarin Balogun, whose red-card suspension was lifted in a decision that allows him to play in a World Cup match against Belgium on Monday. Balogun, the American leader with three goals in the tournament, received a red card for stepping awkwardly on the right ankle of Tarik Muharemovic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in a 2-0 Round of 32 win on Wednesday, triggering an automatic one-match suspension. FIFA announced on Sunday that the suspen-



sion had been lifted for the Round of 16 match, an extraordinary move that triggered praise from Trump and outrage from Belgium's team. It appeared to be the first time since 1962 that a red card during a World Cup did not result in a suspension. Trump called FIFA president Gianni Infantino after the game, asking FIFA to review the red card, according to a per-

son familiar with the call who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak publicly about the matter. "Thank you to FIFA for doing what was right and reversing a great injustice!" Trump said in a statement on social media. Former FIFA president Sepp Blatter reacted to the issue. "Red cards are not overturned by political phone calls. They are overturned by rules, evidence and independent bodies. If a U.S. President intervenes with the FIFA President - and a player is suddenly cleared before a World Cup knockout match - the question is unavoidable: Quo vadis, FIFA?" he wrote on X. "Football must never become a playground for political power.

Jannik Sinner Topples Shintaro Mochizuki For Fifth Consecutive Wimbledon Quarterfinals

World No. 1 Jannik Sinner eased past Japanese qualifier Shintaro Mochizuki 6-3, 7-6(0), 6-3 to book his fifth consecutive quarter-final spot at Wimbledon. The defending champion Sinner is just the 11th man in the Open Era to reach a fifth quarterfinal the grass court major and the second active man after seven-time titlist Novak Djokovic. It was the Japanese who earned the first break point (Sinner quickly whipped that back), but it was also he who was broken first (Sinner just lifted Mochizuki's service game from his racket strings like a pickpocket lifting a phone from a handbag). After 33 minutes, the champion was a set to the good. Mochizuki made a better fist of protecting his serve in the second set, not dropping a point in his first three service games. After seven games, Sinner began to chip away at his



rival's defences. He held three break points; there were seven deuces and still he could not break Mochizuki's serve. At 4-4, the Italian looked thoroughly frustrated, Wimbledon reports. Sinner was winning the majority of the short rallies but if he found himself dragged into a longer exchange, he ended up winning the point only 33 per cent of the time. The Japanese was outfoxing him with

that magical backhand and a refusal to offer Sinner any pace with which to work. When the roof was closed, Sinner headed off court to freshen up and have a think. When he came back, he had obviously decided that he was going to have to take the fight to Mochizuki.

Built Different: Decoding Erling Haaland's Superhuman Body



Erling Braut Haaland isn't just one of football's deadliest goalscorers. He is also one of its greatest athletic

ball w o r l d why he is unlike any striker of his generation. Most players Haaland's height are dominant in the air but struggle over short distances. Haaland is the opposite. The Manchester City forward has been clocked at over 36 km/h, putting him among the fastest footballers in the world despite carrying the frame of a centre-back. His first few strides are explosive, allowing him to burst past defenders before they can even react. It is this combination of acceleration and top speed that makes him almost impossible to stop once he spots space behind a defence. Haaland rarely wins battles through tricks.

anomalies. Standing 6-foot-5 (1.95m) and weighing around 94kg, the Norway striker shouldn't be able to move the way he does. Yet he sprints like a winger, powers through defenders like a heavyweight boxer and attacks crosses with the explosiveness of a high jumper. Brazil discovered that the hard way in the FIFA World Cup Round of 16, as Haaland's two-goal masterclass sent Norway into the quarterfinals and reminded the foot-

Novak Djokovic Breaks Roger Federer's All-Time Record To Reach Wimbledon Quarter-Finals

Novak Djokovic enjoyed another slice of Wimbledon history as the Serbian star broke Roger Federer's singles match-win record on Sunday. Djokovic's 7-6 (8/6), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Russian qualifier Roman Safiullin in the fourth round took the seven-time Wimbledon champion past Federer to 106 men's match-wins at the grass-court Grand Slam. Only Martina Navratilova (120) has won more singles matches at the All England Club across the men's and women's events. The 39-year-old is through to his 17th Wimbledon quarter-final and his ninth in a row.

In his record-extending 66th Grand Slam quarter-final, Djokovic will play Canadian third seed Felix Auger-Aliassime or Spanish 22nd seed Alejandro Davidovich Fokina. Djokovic's win kept him on course for a blockbuster semi-final showdown with defending champion Jannik Sinner, who faces Japanese qualifier Shintaro Mochizuki in the last 16 later on Sunday. "Survive to thrive, that's how I feel. So hopefully the thriving part is coming," Djokovic said. "Our mind wanders all the time, it's very hard to keep it in the present moment, whoever

does that is a winner. "I don't get to feel inferior from the back of the court with too many players. Today was one of those days I didn't want to stay in the rally for too long to be honest, so I had to mix things up." Djokovic has a 100 percent record in 20 Wimbledon matches against players outside the top 100, winning all 34 matches he has played against qualifiers at the Grand Slams. After dropping a set in two of his first three matches at the All England Club this week, Djokovic again looked out of sorts at times but did enough to keep his bid for tennis

immortality on track. The Serb is aiming to win a record 25th Grand Slam singles crown, which would break a tie with Margaret Court and take him level with Federer on eight Wimbledon titles. It would also make Djokovic the oldest man to win a Grand Slam in the Open era. - Apologetic Djokovic - Djokovic is the only man to have reached five Wimbledon men's singles quarter-finals aged 35 or over, surpassing the record previously held by Federer.



Thank you to the audience for giving 'Nagabandham' such a huge success



It is very happy to see the reactions of the audience in the theater. The film is running housefull: Hero Virat Karna at the thanks meet. The latest block-buster 'Nagabandham', directed by Abhishek Nama, stars Virat Karna in the lead role. Kishore Annapureddy and Nishitha Nagireddy produced this film on a huge budget under the banner of Nick Studios. The film stars Nabha Natesh, Aishwarya Menon, Jagapathi Babu, Mahesh Manjrekar, Rishabh Sawhney and other key characters. The film was released worldwide on July 3 and is running successfully. On this occasion, the makers held a thanks meet.

GLIMPSE OF "ROMANCHAKAM" MOVIE RELEASED PRESENTED BY BLOCKBUSTER DIRECTOR SANDEEP REDDY VANGA

Under the presentation of blockbuster director Sandeep Reddy Vanga, the glimpse of the film Romanchakam starring Sumanth Prabhas and Ananthika Sanilkumar in the lead roles has been released. Bhadrakali Pictures, which previously delivered major pan-India blockbusters in collaboration with Sandeep Reddy Vanga, is now coming forward with a fresh youthful love story. The film is being produced by Pranay Reddy Vanga and directed by debutant Venugopal Reddy. The first look poster released earlier had already impressed audiences and received a strong response. Today, the makers unveiled the glimpse of Romanchakam. It features beautiful painting-like visuals captured by DOP Pawan Pappula and soothing musical tones composed by Vasuki Vaibhav. The glimpse beautifully presents the love story between the lead pair and also reflects the emotional distance between them. The poetic lyrical lines in Romanchakam glimpse clearly indicate the intense and vibrant emotional journey the film is set to offer. The film blends romance, humour, and suspense, making it an engaging youthful entertainer. The chemistry between Sumanth Prabhas and Ananthika stands out as one of the major highlights of the film. The slap scene makes a solid impact. Romanchakam is shaping up as a refreshing youthful romantic entertainer with strong emotional depth and appealing visuals.





Samyuktha Menon Turns Muse In Red Drape

Samyuktha Menon continues to have an eventful year with a busy line-up of films across languages, keeping her fans hooked to her every move. Alongside her packed shoot schedule, the actress consistently makes time to share glimpses of her stylish side. In her latest pictures, Samyuktha looks striking in a deep red saree gown featuring intricate floral embroidery and a sweetheart neckline. She pairs the look with a diamond necklace and matching earrings, styling her hair in a sleek bun that lets the outfit take centre stage. Samyuktha's effortless flair for fashion continues to make her a favourite among fans, with every new picture adding to her growing style file. Samyuktha Menon turned heads in a striking red, body-hugging sleeveless dress that perfectly blended glamour with sophistication. Her neatly tied hair, a delicate necklace, and minimal accessories complemented the chic look, while the fitted silhouette highlighted her confident style. The elegant ensemble made for a graceful and eye-catching fashion statement. The actress carried the outfit with poise, letting her natural charm shine through. The vibrant red shade, sleek styling, and understated jewelry created a balanced look that was both modern and timeless, making her latest appearance a favorite among fashion enthusiasts. On the work front, Samyuktha was last seen in Nari Nari Naduma Murari and is also part of Akhanda 2: Thaandavam. She is currently busy with six upcoming projects across the Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi film industries, reflecting her growing presence as one of South Indian cinema's most sought-after stars.

Films Like Ameer Log Are What Make the Telugu Film Industry Proud: Successful Producer Vamsi Nandipati at the Teaser Launch Event



Ameer Log, produced by Madhavi Reddy Soma under the Awwal Number Productions LLP banner and directed by Ramana Reddy Soma, is gearing up for release. The film stars MC Hari, Manoj, and Sasidhar in the lead roles, with Vedha Jalandharr, Raavan Nitturu, Vishwender Reddy, Sai Yogi, and others playing key characters. The film will be distributed by Rana Daggubati's Spirit Media. Successful Producer Vamsi Nandipati unveiled the film's teaser at a grand launch event, where the cast and crew shared their excitement.

'O..! Sukumari' censored - Censor Board gives certificate - Grand release on July 17th



Young hero Thiruveer and talented heroine Aishwarya Rajesh are going to entertain with the village entertainer 'O..! Sukumari'. Directed by debutant Bharat Darshan, it is being produced by Maheshwara Reddy Mooli under the banner of Ganga Entertainments. This is the first film to be made under this banner after the critically acclaimed 'Shivam Bhaje'. The first looks, teaser and songs that have already been released have received a good response. The film has recently completed its censoring. The censor board has given it a U/A certificate. The film is going to entertain as a family entertainer filled with fun, love, and laughter.

DIVYA BHARATHI BLOOMS IN DREAMY GREEN LOOK



Divya Bharathi is once again grabbing attention with a fresh set of dreamy pictures that perfectly blend elegance with effortless charm. In the latest photos, Divya looks radiant in a sheer pastel green co-ord layered over a matching outfit, striking relaxed poses on a cozy lounge chair. Her voluminous wavy hair, subtle makeup, and colourful charm bracelets complement the breezy look, while the sunlit indoor plants, and neutral interiors create a calm, sophisticated vibe that enhances the overall shoot. On the work front, Divya Bharathi has a promising slate ahead. After Kingston Rose in 2025, she is gearing up for Aasai, Telugu film G.O.A.T, and Madhil Mel Kaadhal, which is currently under production.

"We believe that Chennai Love Story will earn us widespread appreciation and establish a great identity for our production banners.": Cult Producer SKN



Journalist-turned-cult producer SKN has carved a niche for himself with successful films like Taxiwalla and Baby. Known for back-

ing strong content without compromising on quality, he believes in providing filmmakers with everything their stories demand while also creating innovative promotional campaigns to take those films closer to audiences. After delivering blockbuster successes with content-driven cinema, SKN is now bringing Chennai Love Story to the audience. The film stars Kiran Abbavaram and Sri Gouri Priya in the lead roles and is produced by SKN and Sai Rajesh under the Amrutha Productions and Mass Movie Makers banners.



Pooja Hegde Paints Elegance With Every Single Frame

In the new photos, Pooja stuns in a striped backless outfit, with one monochrome frame adding a timeless charm and another highlighting her natural beauty in soft lighting. Her short textured hair, minimal makeup, and graceful poses create an intimate, artistic vibe that has won praise from fans on social media. On the work front, Pooja is gearing up for an exciting slate of releases. She will next be seen in Kanchana 4 and also stars opposite Dulquer Salmaan in an upcoming Telugu film, keeping expectations high for her next chapter. Pooja Hegde added another feather to her cap by winning the Pan-India Style Icon of the Year award, celebrating her fashion-forward presence across the industry. The actress expressed gratitude for the recognition, reflecting on her journey and how far she has come in her career. Sharing new pictures, Pooja looked effortlessly glamorous in a sequined maroon co-ord set, striking a relaxed pose. She kept her look simple with soft waves and minimal accessories, letting the shimmering outfit and her radiant makeup do the talking. On the work front, Pooja recently featured in Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai alongside Varun Dhawan, though the film failed to make a mark at the box office. She now has an interesting lineup ahead, including Kanchana 4 and her upcoming Telugu film with Dulquer Salmaan.