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Aswini hospital: 3.551

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India in tight spot after US Senate passes Russia sanctions bill

New Delhi (TSIT) India's carefully crafted ties with the United States and Russia came under intense pressure after the American Senate approved legislation that could expose countries buying Russian oil and gas to tariffs of up to 100 per cent, potentially placing New Delhi at the centre of a fresh economic and diplomatic confrontation. Passed by 86-11 vote, the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026 gives President Donald Trump the power to impose punitive tariffs on major purchasers of Russian energy, with India, China, Azerbaijan, Hungary and Slovakia among the countries currently most exposed. The legislation also targets Russia's "shadow fleet" of tankers and extends the Iran Sanctions Act for another five years. However, the bill must first clear the US House, which is currently on recess until September.

FOREIGN FORCES MUST LEAVE REGION TO END INSECURITY: IRAN SUPREME LEADER'S ADVISER

Tehran (TSIT) Ali Akbar Velayati, senior adviser on international affairs to Iran's Supreme Leader, said Saturday that foreign forces must leave the region, arguing that their presence is the main source of insecurity. "The U.S. and Zionist regime's defeat reinforced the belief that foreign forces, the main cause of insecurity, must leave the region," Velayati said in a post on X. He said recent developments had demonstrated "the resilience of the armed forces, the steadfastness of Iranians, and the courage of the Resistance Axis."

'Your real race is with yourself': PM Modi's message to students at IIT-Delhi convocation

New Delhi (TSIT)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday attended the 57th convocation ceremony of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi as the chief guest, where more than 3,000 students, including 587 PhD scholars, were conferred degrees.

During his visit, Modi also inaugurated Param Pragma, an artificial intelligence-powered high-performance supercomputing facility at IIT-Delhi's Sonapat campus, underlining the growing importance of advanced computing and AI in India's technological development.

Addressing the graduating students, the Prime Minister congratulated them and their families, teachers, and mentors, saying the students were leaving the institute with more than just degrees. He said their IIT journey had equipped them with the ability to solve complex problems and the responsibility to contribute to the country. Recalling his earlier virtual participation in an



IIT-Delhi convocation during the COVID-19 pandemic, Modi said it was particularly special to be physically present among the students this time. Highlighting the rapid pace of technological change, Modi said the world could look very different over the next 20-30 years. While technology, industries, and professions would continue to change, he stressed that continuous learning would remain essential. "The one who learns will win," the Prime Minister said, urging stu-

dents to develop the courage to find new solutions to emerging challenges and turn difficulties into opportunities.

Drawing a comparison between academic life and the world outside the campus, Modi said that while examinations at IIT have a defined syllabus, "in the examination of life, everything is out of syllabus." He encouraged students to remain curious, question established ideas, and have the courage to find solutions. Modi also high-

lighted the expanding opportunities for young Indians in sectors such as space technology, semi-conductors, drones, artificial intelligence, data centers, critical minerals, quantum computing, electric mobility, and energy storage. He said India's startup ecosystem and digital economy had also been strengthened by the innovation and enterprise of young people. South Asians & Diaspora Calling research another major opportunity, the Prime Minister referred to initiatives including the Prime Minister's Research Fellowship, the Research, Development and Innovation Scheme, and the Anusandhan National Research Foundation.

He said India needs greater commitment from young researchers to strengthen its research ecosystem. Modi urged the graduates to see their careers as part of India's journey towards becoming a developed nation and to consider the national interest while making important decisions.

'Dard, data, daulat': Rahul Gandhi tells youth to confront fears, change system at Prayagraj event



Prayagraj (TSIT)

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said India's youths are the country's greatest strength, and their potential is unparalleled in the world. Addressing the 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' programme at KP Ground here, Gandhi said, "You are the power and pride of India. When I say this, I am talking about every

Indian citizen." He added, "This evening I want to speak to you about dard (pain), data, and daulat (wealth)."

The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said India's 40 crore youths constitute its "greatest strength." He said that while there is much talk about America, China and Russia, "India's youths are unparalleled."

Jharkhand 'paper leak' protests: No breakthrough in talks with govt, aspirants continue stir

Ranchi (TSIT) The Jharkhand government on Saturday held talks with various outfits amid the massive agitation over the alleged paper leaks in recruitment exams, but failed to break the deadlock as the protesting aspirants decided that their stir would continue until all their demands are met. A five-member panel of the government, which included state ministers, first met the faction of protesters led by JJKM leader Devendra Nath Mahto, whose fast over the issue entered its seventh day. They then separately met delegations of the Congress-backed NSUI, ACS and JCM.

KCR Performed More Yagams Than Anyone: KTR

KTR WARNS OF FRESH TELANGANA MOVEMENT TO PROTECT STATE'S WATER RIGHTS

Hyderabad (TSIT)

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) said no one in the country has performed as many Yagams as former Chief Minister and BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). Speaking to the media on Saturday, KTR said divine grace could be achieved only through human effort and stressed that governments must discharge their responsibilities properly along with performing religious rituals. KTR criticised Congress leaders for engaging in what he termed petty politics and said it was inappropriate to mock senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao for visiting temples. He alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy lacked a basic understanding of agriculture and farmers'



problems. KTR questioned the Chief Minister's failure to ensure adequate irrigation water to the Palamuru region, despite claiming to be a son of the region.

KTR also accused the state government of failing to protect Telangana's water rights. He questioned what the government was doing while alleg-

ing that Andhra Pradesh was diverting water through the Pothreddypadu project. He also demanded clarity from the government on its position regarding the Godavari Board meeting.

The BRS Working President said his party would continue to prioritise Telangana's interests whether in power or in the opposition. He challenged the government to identify areas where 24-hour uninterrupted power supply was actually being provided.

KTR further alleged that the government was targeting poor people in the name of HYDRA. He warned that the BRS would prepare for another massive struggle, similar to the Telangana movement, under KCR's leadership to safeguard the state's water rights.

Women's quota rollout sparks Rijiju-Rahul war of words

Responding to Rijiju's comments on X, Gandhi hit back, saying, "Mr Rijiju, who would know better than you, as the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, that the Women's Reservation Bill 2023 has already been passed unanimously, with the full support of the Congress."

New Delhi (TSIT):

The Congress and BJP sparred on Saturday, August 8, over the women's quota and delimitation bills after Rahul Gandhi said that no country can be successful if its women do not express themselves, prompting Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju to call it a "visible change of heart" and express the hope that the opposition party will support the proposed legislation.

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"The question is why it has still not been implemented even after three years, and why do you now want to unnecessarily link it to delimitation?" Gandhi asked in a post on X. "Implement the 2023 law. Without any conditions," he added.

Rijiju hits back Responding to Gandhi's retort, Rijiju said the Congress leader knows "very well" that the reservation of seats for women in the House of the People and Legislative Assembly of the State is provided in the Constitution (106th Amendment) Act, 2023. He said that Gandhi also knows that it shall come into effect after an exercise of delimitation is undertaken based on the census figures published after the year 2023, which means the census figures published after the year 2026. "The exercise for



publishing the census figures after the year 2026 is currently underway. However, this may take substantial time due to the caste-based census to be finally published. In view of this, it may result in considerable delay in the implementation of women's reservation, at least

not before the 2034 General Elections," the senior BJP leader said.

Therefore, to implement the women's reservation at the next general elections in 2029, the delimitation exercise needs to be undertaken at the earliest, based on the latest avail-

able Census figures, as published, he added. Rijiju said the implementation methodology has been proposed under the Delimitation Bill 2026, introduced in the Lok Sabha along with the amendments to the Constitution. However, the Constitution (131st

Amendment) Bill, 2026, which was introduced for this purpose, has been defeated, the minister said. "Also, a reminder to Rahul Gandhi again: There's no woman in Karnataka DK Shivakumar's Cabinet! This raises serious questions over Congress's stand on the 33% women's quota," Rijiju said in another post on X. "Congress piloted the bill," says DK Shivakumar

Reacting to the criticism, Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said, "We are the ones who piloted (the women's reservation bill); we are the ones who passed (the bill)." "The Congress party believes in it (giving priority to women). You know how many seats we gave (to women) in Parliament; I think you remember. So, in Karnataka, definitely we are sorting out that issue. Rijiju may not worry about the Congress Party," the Chief

Minister said. On Friday, Gandhi said no country can be successful and will remain stunted if its women do not express themselves.

The Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha said it is important to bring women back into the conversation and allow them to do what they want to do. His remarks in an Instagram post came as an addition to his reply made during his Thursday's "Ask Me Anything" session.

Rijiju on Thursday had a telephonic conversation with Gandhi to seek support for the passage of the women's reservation and delimitation bills, but the leader of opposition insisted on convening an all-party meeting on the proposed legislation, sources aware of the matter had said. This was the second time in a couple of days that the parliamentary affairs minister spoke with Gandhi on the phone.

Uddhav Thackeray questions PM's meeting, assurance to Shinde faction amid Supreme Court hearing



Mumbai, Aug 8 : Shiv Sena (UBT) chief, Uddhav Thackeray, on Saturday criticised Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his faction's MPs meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

Thackeray raised strong objections to PM Modi's reported reassurance of, "Do not fear, I am behind you," allegedly given to Shinde, questioning who the message was truly intended for, while legal proceedings regarding the Shiv Sena's identity and symbol remain pending before the Supreme Court.

Addressing a press conference, Thackeray questioned the underlying motive behind the Prime Minister's assurance to the Shinde faction.

"When Shinde used to visit earlier, he met Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Now it seems their boss has

changed, and they directly meet PM Modi. What does 'Do not fear, I am behind you' signify? Is this threat-like message given to the Supreme Court? To Amit Shah? To Devendra Fadnavis, or to the administration? PM Modi must clarify who he was actually speaking to," he said.

Thackeray pointed out that the meeting took place while critical hearings regarding the party's name and election symbol were actively underway in the top court. "While our case is being heard, the Prime Minister, who didn't meet Gen Z representatives, is meeting traitors and telling them not to fear. This is highly objectionable. It is not just for the public to notice, but the Supreme Court should also take note and ask who this message was intended for," he said.

Thackeray further asked whether the reassurance

was an open invitation to potential defectors across parties, signaling that they could defect without fearing consequences.

He emphasised that the ongoing conflict has moved beyond the internal control of the Shiv Sena, characterising it as a national fight for democratic values.

Stating that "the virus of betrayal is taking the life of democracy," Thackeray urged patriots and citizens from Kashmir to Kanyakumari who respect the Constitution to unite against such political practices. Confirming that these developments would be brought to the notice of the Supreme Court, Thackeray questioned why the Shinde group continues to display apprehension despite political realignments.

Further, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP, Sanjay Raut, criticised Prime Minister Modi over his meeting with the Shinde faction MPs. Referencing the ongoing disruptions in Parliament, he accused the Prime Minister of avoiding parliamentary proceedings while finding time to host faction leaders.

"PM Modi has time to throw parties with fadfa, dhokla, and jalebi for traitor MPs, but has no time to step into Parliament," Raut stated in a social media post, labeling the meeting an "insult to the public and the Constitution".

Yogi-Modi meeting puts 2027 UP battle in focus as Ayodhya, exam leaks test BJP's political strategy

New Delhi(TSIT) Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Saturday, giving rise to speculation that the discussions may have centred on the political and administrative situation in Uttar Pradesh as the BJP begins laying the groundwork for the 2027 Assembly elections. The meeting assumes significance against the backdrop of the BJP's need to recalibrate its strategy in a state that remains central to its national political project. The 2024 Lok Sabha election exposed weaknesses in the party's once formidable social coalition in Uttar Pradesh, with the Samajwadi Party emerging as the single-largest party and the INDIA bloc making substantial gains. The coming Assembly election will therefore test whether the BJP can restore that coalition while defending the record of the Yogi Adityanath government.

What could make the 2027 contest particularly challenging is the emergence of issues that cut across the BJP's traditional electoral narratives. Allegations concerning the alleged theft or misappropriation of donations

linked to the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya and the growing anger among students and job aspirants over examination leaks, irregularities and delays could become politically significant if the Opposition succeeds in turning them into broader questions of accountability and governance.

The two issues operate on very different political planes. Ayodhya and the Ram Mandir represent the BJP's most powerful cultural and ideological narrative, while examination leaks directly affect the aspirations of the state's young population. But politically, they could converge around a common question: whether the government can deliver transparency, accountability and tangible results alongside its larger claims of cultural revival and development.

The allegations concerning Ram Mandir donations are particularly sensitive because Ayodhya occupies a central position in the BJP's political narrative. The Opposition is likely to use the controversy to demand greater transparency in the handling of funds associated with the temple and to question whether institutions connected with the



Ram Mandir should be subject to the highest standards of financial accountability.

The BJP, for its part, is unlikely to allow the allegations to become a wider political indictment of the Ram Mandir project. It can be expected to stress that allegations must be established through due process and that individual claims should not be used to discredit the larger transformation of Ayodhya. Yet politically, the issue could prove difficult to contain if it acquires a wider resonance. The Opposition could seek to frame it as a test of the BJP's own claims of clean and accountable governance. The question may not sim-

trovery strikes much closer to its governance and development claims.

The agitation by students and job aspirants over alleged examination leaks, irregularities and recruitment delays could become one of the most consequential issues of the 2027 election if the discontent continues to spread. In Uttar Pradesh, government recruitment examinations carry enormous social and economic significance. For thousands of young people and their families, years of preparation are tied to the hope of securing a government job and achieving economic stability.

An examination leak can therefore become more than an administrative failure. It can be perceived as a betrayal of opportunity.

The Opposition is likely to seize on this sentiment and attempt to turn individual examination controversies into a broader narrative of institutional failure. The BJP will have to convince young voters that recruitment examinations are secure, appointments are timely and deserving candidates will not lose opportunities because of paper leaks, cancellations or administrative lapses.

Gold posts 4.73 pc weekly gain as US Fed rate hike bets weaken

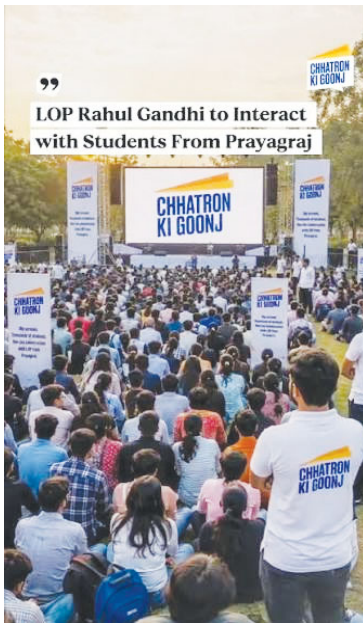
Mumbai, Aug 8 : Gold prices surged 4.73 per cent on a weekly basis as the US Dollar weakened and weaker-than-expected US labour data cut the odds of further US Federal Reserve tightening. On Friday, gold futures (October) gained 0.11 per cent while silver futures (September) advanced 0.15 per cent on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX). The yellow metal stood at Rs 1,51,985, while the white metal was at Rs 2,31,804 per kg. The price of 10 grams of 24-carat gold was at Rs 1,49,621 on Friday, up from Rs 1,42,863 seen on Monday at market opening.

Thousands of students gather in Prayagraj for Rahul Gandhi's 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' programme

Prayagraj, Aug 8 (UNI) Thousands of students from Uttar Pradesh and neighbouring Madhya Pradesh and Bihar gathered in Prayagraj on Saturday to attend Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's "Chhatron Ki Goonj" programme, where he is scheduled to address issues including unemployment, paper leaks and alleged police action against students. Rahul Gandhi reached Prayagraj earlier in the day and is scheduled to remain in the city until 6 p.m.

The Congress has claimed that around three lakh students are expected to attend the event, while authorities have estimated that the turnout could be closer to one lakh.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha is set to address



students on issues including unemployment, paper leaks and lathi-charges, targeting the BJP government over these concerns. According to the Congress, Gandhi will directly interact with students from 23 districts during the "Chhatron Ki Goonj" programme. A pandal with a capacity of approximately one lakh people has been set up at KP College Ground.

Gandhi is scheduled to participate in the programme at the ground from 6 pm. to 8:30 pm.

Gandhi will first travel from Bamrauli Airport to Anand Bhawan, the ancestral home of the Gandhi family, at around 5 pm. After spending some time there, he will proceed to the event venue. He is scheduled to return to Delhi at around 9:30 p.m. on a special flight. According

to the Congress, the event is part of its nationwide student outreach campaign, aimed at seeking greater accountability from the government on issues related to education and employment. The party claims that more than two lakh students have registered, both online and offline, for the programme, which will bring together students from 23 districts, including Prayagraj.

Contrary to the party's claim, the pandal has been equipped to accommodate only around 1,00,000 people. A waterproof pandal, 140 metres long and 70 metres wide, has been constructed using German hangar technology, covering an area of approximately 10,000 square metres. Seating has been arranged for around 1,00,000 people.

Medicover Hospitals, Hitec City Completes 100 Robotic-Assisted General Surgeries in a Year

A SINGLE-YEAR ROBOTIC SURGERY VOLUME IN THE HIGH-VOLUME BAND BY INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARKS



Hyderabad, 08 August, 2026: Dr. Sharath Chandra Kaushik, FALS (Bariatric), FISC, Consultant – General, Laparoscopic, Bariatric & Minimally Invasive Surgery at Medicover Hospitals, Hitec City, has completed 100 robotic-assisted general surgeries over the past year. The volume reflects the growing adoption of robotic surgery at the hospital and Dr. Kaushik's focus on minimally invasive techniques across a range of general surgical conditions.

The 100 procedures spanned inguinal hernia repairs (35), gallbladder surgeries (25), complex abdominal wall reconstructions (20), bariatric surgeries (10) and gastrointestinal procedures (10). Around half were classified as complex cases, including the abdominal wall reconstructions and bariatric procedures, where the robotic platform's visualisation and instrument control can support precision that is harder to achieve through conventional laparoscopy. Of the 100 procedures, 96 were completed robotically as planned.

Three were converted to conventional laparoscopy and one to open surgery — a decision Dr. Kaushik describes as a matter of intra-operative judgement in the interest of patient safety, rather than a limitation of the approach.

Speaking on the milestone, Dr. Sharath Chandra Kaushik said, "Completing 100 robotic general surgeries in a year is a meaningful marker in my practice. Every case reflects a patient's trust. Robotic assistance complements surgical judgement — it can help reduce surgical trauma and, in many patients, supports faster recovery with less pain and a shorter hospital stay. But the outcome always rests on clinical decision-making, not the technology alone."

For suitable patients, robotic-assisted surgery can offer smaller incisions, reduced post-operative pain and a shorter recovery. Clinical benefit varies by procedure and patient, and the approach is selected case by case. The surgeon's experience and judgement remain central to the result.

Dr. Kaushik credited the milestone to close teamwork across anaesthesiology, robotic OT specialists, nursing staff, surgical assistants and technicians, whose coordination underpins patient safety in every procedure.

Medicover Hospitals, Hitec City, continues to expand its minimally invasive and robotic surgery capability, with a focus on appropriate patient selection and consistent clinical outcomes.

Golden hour critical in neurotrauma and road accident care, says Dr. Bhaskar Rao

HYDERABAD, AUGUST 8, 2026: Timely treatment within the first hour after a road accident, head injury, or spinal trauma can significantly improve survival and reduce disability, said Dr. Bhaskar Rao Bollineni, Chairman and Managing Director, KIMS Group of Hospitals, while inaugurating the three-day National Conference on Neurotrauma and Neurotrauma Nursing in Hyderabad on Friday. The conference is being organised by the Neurotrauma Society of India in collaboration with the Department of Neurosurgery, KIMS Hospitals.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bhaskar Rao said road traffic injuries had emerged as a major cause of disability among young people in India. He noted that head injuries due to falls were more common among children, motorcycle accidents were a major contributor among young adults, road traffic injuries predominated in middle-aged individuals, and falls among the elderly frequently resulted in brain and spinal injuries. "The pattern of injury varies across age groups, and treatment strategies must be tailored



accordingly," he said. Dr. Manas Panigrahi, Head of the Department of Neurosurgery and Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon at KIMS Hospitals, described traumatic brain injury (TBI) as a growing public health challenge in India. Citing the World Health Organization's 2023 report, he said the global incidence of TBI had declined by 5.5%, whereas India had recorded an 11.1% increase.

India accounts for 10% of global road traffic deaths despite having only about 1% of the world's vehicles, he said, adding that this

reflected serious gaps in road safety systems. Referring to World Bank 2021 data, he pointed out that while the United States recorded about 2.21 million road accidents and 27,461 deaths, India reported 480,652 accidents but 150,785 deaths, indicating a disproportionately high fatality burden.

More than half of road traffic deaths in India involve pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists, Dr. Panigrahi said. About 66% of crashes occur in rural areas, and mortality is nearly twice as high among low-income house-

holds. He stressed that proper helmet use could reduce the risk of TBI by up to 74%, but helmet compliance remains low, ranging from 22% to 55%. Nearly one-third of trauma patients reach hospital more than 24 hours after injury, a delay that substantially worsens outcomes, he added. Quoting a NIMHANS study, Dr. Panigrahi said 77% of patients had mild TBI and 48% had normal CT scans, underscoring the need for medical evaluation even when a head injury appears minor. He called for stronger public aware-

ness, strict enforcement of helmet laws, improved emergency services in rural areas, and systems that ensure accident victims reach hospital within the golden hour, which could significantly reduce TBI-related mortality.

Highlighting the importance of nursing care in neurotrauma, he said early assessment of airway, blood pressure, level of consciousness, pupillary response, and limb movements immediately after admission often plays a decisive role in saving lives. The scientific programme includes ses-

sions on emergency neurotrauma care, golden-hour management of road traffic injuries, brain swelling monitoring, neurocritical care, postoperative care, spinal trauma management, neurotrauma in children and the elderly, artificial intelligence in neurotrauma, and rehabilitation.

A dedicated Neurotrauma Nursing Symposium is conducting practical workshops on early recognition of neurological deterioration, operating theatre safety, spinal trauma nursing, neuro-ICU monitoring, and safe transfer of patients from intensive care units to wards. Leading neurosurgeons, neurocritical care specialists, trauma experts, and nursing educators from across the country are participating in the conference. Dr. Panigrahi said the meeting aimed to strengthen coordinated neurotrauma care involving doctors, nurses, and emergency medical personnel. Among those present were Dr. Raghavendra, Consultant Neuro and Spine Surgeon, KIMS Hospital Gachibowli; Dr. Swetha, Neurosurgeon, KIMS Hospitals Secunderabad; Dr. Sumit Sinha, President of the Neurotrauma Society of India; and members of the organising committee.

IAS Officer to Monitor Expenditure, Says CM D.K. Shivakumar

Bengaluru : The government is working to implement a separate policy regarding activities under the Corporate Social Responsibility Fund - CSR, including corporate institutions and industries, and an IAS officer will be assigned to monitor CSR activities, said Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

Speaking at the CSR Vibhayan-2030 conference organized by the Greater Bengaluru IT Companies and Industries Association at the Marriott Hotel in UB City, he said that in the first phase of CSR activities, emphasis is being placed on education, and then priority will be given to healthcare. He said that a suitable surveillance system will be created to



monitor the money and activities spent by companies on CSR activities.

Steps should be taken to upgrade government schools to Karnataka Public Schools. No permission will be given for the development of schools in Bangalore city. No development of schools can be undertaken

in district centers other than Bangalore. School development should be focused on at the Gram Panchayat level. The government will not impose restrictions on the development of any village school. Contracts can be given to anyone. But arrangements should be made at

the Gram Panchayat level to ensure good treatment. For this, a committee including officials, institutions under the purview of CSR and builders will be formed in all districts, he said.

The state is currently spending Rs 3394 crore under CSR, which is very low. About Rs 10 thousand crore needs to be spent annually. An IAS officer will look into this in the coming days. If the government does construction activities, it will have to pay 18 percent GST. So you have to handle quality construction work yourself. In addition, big educational institutions should also adopt and maintain one government school each in the state. My daughter has also adopted three schools.

S. Manohar demands immediate arrest of Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi's brother Gopal Joshi

Bengaluru: KPCC General Secretary S. Manohar has demanded immediate arrest of Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi's brother Gopal Joshi, who has sexually assaulted a woman and threatened her life.

Speaking at a protest organized by the Congress, he said that Pralhad Joshi's public stances have already been criticized as anti-women, and now his brother Gopal Joshi has not only cheated two crores in the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah by promising to give a ticket in the elections, but now he has also demanded a thorough and impartial investigation into the allegations of sexual assault made against him by a woman.

"The government and

police investigation agencies should verify the truth of the very serious allegations made by a woman without any political pressure. If the allegations are proven, strict action should be taken against the guilty accused as per the law," he demanded.

He said that instead of viewing such allegations that have come up for discussion in the public sphere in a political color, it is important to get justice for the victimized woman.

The Congress party condemns any kind of violence against women. He demanded that the government and the police department should clearly send a message that everyone is equal before the law, no matter how influential the accused may be.



BJP Backs Nikhil's Bidadi Padayatra

Bengaluru, August 8: Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said the BJP has extended moral support to the padayatra being led by JD(S) Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy against the proposed Bidadi Township project.

Addressing the media in Bengaluru on Saturday after a meeting between senior JD(S) and BJP leaders, Kumaraswamy said the two alliance partners discussed the Bidadi Township issue and several other matters to be raised during the upcoming Legislature session.

The padayatra will be held from Byramangala to Freedom Park in Bengaluru. Kumaraswamy said senior BJP leaders, including Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashoka and Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, would participate in the flag-off programme. He said he would personally flag off the padayatra.

Kumaraswamy said the JD(S) and BJP would jointly raise concerns over the Bidadi Township project and alleged irregularities in the NICE project. He said farm-



ers and women were protesting against the proposed township, with farmers unwilling to give up their land.

The Union Minister also criticised the Congress government over its handling of drought, Cabinet expansion, portfolio allocation and other administrative issues. He said the alliance would intensify its fight on behalf of the people during the Legislature session.

Other issues discussed for the session include the Valmiki Corporation scam, Bengaluru's waste-management problems, alleged KPSC irregularities, police recruitment issues and alleged misuse of funds under the Gruha Lakshmi scheme.

The India Post has invited to participate in Post Mascot Design Contest

Bengaluru: The India Post has invited citizens across the country to participate in the India Post Mascot Design Contest and contribute towards creating a friendly,

memorable face for one of India's most trusted public institutions. Attractive cash prizes and Certificate will be awarded separately for the mascot design and Mascot

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Kumaraswamy Demands Takeover of NICE Project



Bengaluru, August 8: Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has demanded that the Karnataka government immediately take over the NICE project and stop toll collection, citing strong observations made by the Karnataka High Court on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor (BMIC) project.

Addressing a press conference at the JD(S) office in Bengaluru on Saturday, Kumaraswamy said the State Government should act on the High Court's observations and halt toll collection on the NICE Road. He also appealed to motorists not to pay the toll and gave the government two weeks to act, warning that the JD(S) would launch an agitation if no action was taken.

Kumaraswamy referred to the High Court's July 29 judgment, which observed that the BMIC project "appears to be one of the biggest scams in the State" and said the allegations warranted an independent investigation and forensic audit of the project accounts.

He alleged that NICE had violated the Framework Agreement and that large

tracts of land had been acquired in connection with the project, leaving thousands of farmers affected. He claimed that more than 20,000 acres had been accumulated as a land bank and questioned the company's toll-collection practices.

The JD(S) leader also questioned how NICE issued a No Objection Certificate to Shobha Developers for construction near the NICE Junction at Hosakerehalli in Bengaluru, asking the State Government to clarify the circumstances surrounding the arrangement.

Kumaraswamy further said a House Committee headed by T.B. Jayachandra had earlier recommended that the State take over the NICE project, investigate alleged irregularities through the CBI, recover land held by NICE and return it to affected farmers. He said he would write to the State Government demanding immediate action and reiterated his appeal to the public not to pay toll on the NICE Road.

He also called upon farmers and youth to raise their voice against what he described as exploitation linked to the project.

BJP-JDS to jointly fight against Bidadi Township project: Opposition Leader R. Ashoka

Bengaluru : BJP and JD(S) will jointly fight against the Bidadi Township project. Opposition Leader R. Ashoka said he and BJP workers will also take part in the padayatra being organised by JD(S). Speaking to reporters after a meeting with Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, he said discussions were held with the Union Minister on jointly opposing the Congress government's real estate dealings being carried out in the name of a township in Bidadi. "We will also participate in the padayatra that is set to begin on Sunday under the leadership of JD(S) leader



Nikhil Kumaraswamy. A call has been given to BJP workers to join it as well. BJP has already conducted agitations on this issue. It has been decided that JD(S) and BJP will jointly protest both inside and outside the House when the session begins. Joint struggles will also be held at the district level," he said. Issues such as drought, NICE, Bidadi Township,

Happiest Health's the Edge of Nutrition 2026 highlights the emerging science of human milk, gut and precision nutrition and the nutrition in first 1,000 days

Bengaluru : The human milk microbiome could offer new insights into how nutrition in the earliest stages of life influences health well beyond infancy, experts said at The Edge of Nutrition 2026, the annual nutrition summit hosted by Happiest Health in Bengaluru. Bringing together leading nutrition experts, clinicians, researchers and wellness practitioners, the summit explored the evolving science of nutrition and its role in preventive health. Experts highlighted that human milk is more than a source of nourishment for a growing baby, pointing to the role of human milk oligosac-



charides (HMOs), which act as prebiotics that help nourish the developing gut microbiome. Emerging research into the human milk microbiome and the gut-brain axis could further deepen understanding of how early-life nutrition influences health

and development.

Held on Saturday, Happiest Health's The Edge of Nutrition 2026 brought together experts across nutrition, paediatrics and precision health to examine how nutrition science is evolving across the life course. The

summit featured a keynote by Dr. Sumathi Swaminathan, Associate Professor of Nutrition, St. John's Research Institute, a panel discussion titled "Nutrition in the Age of Precision Health - Personalised Diets, Gut Genomics & Beyond", and a session by Dr. Asha Benakappa, Head of Department, Pediatrics, Dr Chandramma Dayananda Sagar Institute of Medical Education and Research, Dayananda Sagar University, titled "The First 1000 Days, and Beyond." From breast milk to the microbiome: why the first 1,000 days matter

Clean Up Bengaluru: BESCOM Conducts 2-Day Intensive Drive

Bengaluru: The BESCOM has actively joined the month-long 'Clean Up Bengaluru' campaign initiated by the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), on Saturday and Sunday, (August 8&9) BESCOM conducts intensive drive of accelerating the removal and relocation of inactive, and hazardous electrical infrastructure obstructing footpaths across all sub-divisions in the city.

Clean Up Bengaluru drive was launched on August 1 by Energy and Tourism Minister K. J. George, the drive has now picked up significant speed. As part of two day intensive drive, BESCOM MD Dr. N. Shivashankara personally led a cleanup and inspection drive on Saturday across the city (BMAZ area). Under his supervision, officials cleared garbage surrounding transformer centers, elevated Gang Operated Switch (GOS) operating rods to seven feet above ground level, and sped up the relocation of unwanted power infrastructure to ensure clear pedestrian movement.



To ensure effective implementation, senior officials from the BESCOM corporate office have been deployed across all divisions within the city's five BESCOM cir-

cles to directly monitor this two-day intensive drive. Substantial progress has already been recorded under the campaign, with a detailed survey of 908 roads completed across the city. As of August 7, BESCOM has successfully relocated 223 electric poles, 8 transformer centers (TCs), and 7 Ring Main Units (RMUs). Additionally, within just one week of targeted cleanup efforts, officials have sanitized 694 Distribution Transformer Center (DTC) yards, 107 RMUs, and 110 spun poles.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)				
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)				
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL), under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec.13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand by registered post ("Notice") calling upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned herein under to repay the amount mentioned in the notice U/s. 13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors named below having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Mortgagors/Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken Sublic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec. 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealing with this property will be subject to the charge of the Bajaj Finance Limited, for the amount mentioned herein below along with interest thereon at contracted rate. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.				
No.	Loan Account No./Name of the Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) Guarantor(s)	Description of Property Schedule of Property	Date of Notice U/s 13(2) and U/s 13(2) Notice Amount and Date of Possession	
1	LAN : P4J2PBL2367452 1. Sandeep Venkatesh S/o Venkatesh R/o. No 143 3 rd Cross Leelavathi Extension Maddur Mandya Karnataka 571428 Contact: 9945768003 Email id: sandeepsolar@gmail.com. Also at, R/o. R/o. Property No. 57/57 PID No. 15210060400100059 Talashasana Grama Kasaba Hobli Pandavapura Taluk Mandya 571434. 2. Ashwini P R/o. No 143, 3rd Cross Leelavathi Extn, Maddur Mandya Karnataka 571428 Contact: 9945768003 Email id: sandeep.v@gmail.com. 3. Venkata Shetty S/o Channa Venkata Shetty R/o. Talashasana Grama Pandavapura Taluk Dodda Byadarahalli Pandavapura Mandya Karnataka 571434 Contact: 9945768003 Email id: sandeep.v@gmail.com. 4. Sri Venkateshwara Enterprises thr. Its Prop. Sandeep Venkatesh R/o. K K Complex Old M C Road Teachers Colony Maddur Town Mandya Karnataka 571428 Contact: 9945768003 Email id: sandeepsolar@gmail.com	All that piece and parcel of house property bearing no. 57/57 Grama Panchayath Unique Code No. 15210060400100059 measuring East to West 6.096 Meter North to South 15.24 Meter situated at Talashasana Village Dodda Byadarahalli Grama Panchayath Pandavapura Taluk and bounded on : East: House belongs to Siddachari; West: House belongs to Venkate gowda; North: Road; South: Road	15.05.2026	Rs. 20,28,802/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Two Only)
Date: 08.08.2026, Place: Karnataka			For Bajaj Finance Limited, Authorised Officer	

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The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of M/s Bajaj Finance Limited, hereby gives the following notice to the Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s) who have failed to discharge their liability i.e., defaulted in the repayment of principal as well as the interest and other charges accrued thereon for some loan(s) / Loan(s) Against Property advanced to them by Bajaj Finance Limited and as consequence the loan(s) have become Non Performing Assets (N.P.A.s). Accordingly, notices were issued to them under section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and rules there on for their last known addresses, however the same have been returned un-served undelivered, as such the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) are hereby intimated/informed by way of this publication notice to clear their outstanding dues under the loan facilities availed by them from time to time.			
Loan Account No./Name of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) & Addresses		Description of Secured Immovable Property	Demand Notice Date and Amount
1. LAN : 6K3BLSGT837695 1. Nagaraj G S/o Gurappa Karadi, R/o. Ilkal Road Kesor, Dothal Koppal Koppal, Karnataka 583278, Contact: 7026441414. Email id: nagaraj@gmail.com. Also at, R/o. Plot no. 48 Gram Panchayat Property No. 560, Kesor Grama Kustnagi Tq. Koppal District 583278 along with proportionate share in common areas (Area adm. 2520 Sq.Ft.) Bounded as: East: Govt. Road; West : My Plot No. 47; North: Road; South : 5 Ft. lane thereafter Plot No. 1 of Shashikaika Karadi		All the piece and parcel of Property/Plot/No. 48 Gram Panchayat Property No. 560 Kesor Grama Kustnagi Tq. Koppal District 583278 along with proportionate share in common areas (Area adm. 2520 Sq.Ft.) Bounded as: East: Govt. Road; West : My Plot No. 47; North: Road; South : 5 Ft. lane thereafter Plot No. 1 of Shashikaika Karadi	15.07.2026 Rs. 20,35,089/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Eighty Nine Only)
This step is being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrowers/Co-Borrowers, Guarantors are advised to make the payments of outstanding along with future interest within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which (without prejudice to any other right remedy available with Bajaj Finance Limited) further steps for taking possession of the Secured Assets / Mortgage Property will be initiated as per provisions of Sec 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. The parties named above are also advised not to alienate, create third party interest in the above-mentioned properties. On which Bajaj Finance Limited has the charge.			
Date: 09.08.2026, Place: Karnataka			Sd/-, Authorised Officer, Bajaj Finance Limited

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 r/w Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) that the below described immovable properties, mortgaged with The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, will be sold by way of an E-Auction, on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis, on 10.09.2026.

The said E-Auction is for the recovery of **Rs. 9,73,86,927.37 (Rupees Nine Crores, Seventy Three Lakhs, Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Seven and Thirty Seven Paise only)** as on **30.06.2026** to The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited from M/s. Janatha Freight Associated.

Name of the Borrower /Guarantor/Mortgagors	Demand Notice – Date and Amount	Description of Immovable Property	Reserve Price (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Nature of Possession
1. Janatha Freight Associated (Borrower) 2. Mr. Nagaraja (Mortgagor and Guarantor) 3. Mr. Manjunath S. (Mortgagor and Guarantor) 4. Mrs. Chandrakala. (Mortgagor and Guarantor) 5. Mr. Sameera Simha M. (Proprietor, Guarantor and Mortgagor)	21.02.2023 and Rs.9,56,65,519.92 (Rupees Nine Crores Fifty Six Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen and Ninety Two Paise only)	1. Site No. A-10, New Khata No. 60 (old No.10), PID No. 11-63-60, Devaraj Urs Truck Terminal, Industrial Suburb II Stage, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore 560022, admeasuring 2,377.50 sq. ft. 2. No. B-147, New Khata No.63 (old No.147), PID No.11-64-63, Truck Terminal, Industrial Suburb II Stage, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore 560022, admeasuring 1,416.81 sq. ft.	2,25,13,500 1,40,91,090	22,51,350 14,09,109	Physical Physical
Inspection Date & time		Property # 1 : 02.09.2026 between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm. Property # 2: 03.09.2026 between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm.			

Notice is hereby given that the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://www.bankeauctions.com> (E Auction house website) on **10.09.2026**. The detailed terms and conditions of sale are available on the E Auction house website (www.bankeauctions.com)/HSBC website (www.hsbc.co.in).

The property will be sold on an "As is where is" "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" condition. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the Bank. The intending bidders are required to do their own due diligence. The Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone the sale without assigning any reason thereof.

For any details, support, help regarding the procedure of online bidding by way of the e-auction, prospective bidders may contact: **Mr. Prabhakaran, Mobile No.: +91 7418281709, E-mail Id: tn@c1india.com**

Date: 09.08.2026
Place: Bangalore

Authorised Officer

EDITORIAL

84 Years After Quit India Movement, The Nation We Must Still Build

On August 8, 1942, at the Gowalia Tank Maidan in Bombay, the Indian National Congress launched the Quit India Movement, or “Bharat Chhod Aandolan”. That evening, Mahatma Gandhi delivered a historic address that redefined India's struggle for self-determination. Striking at the core of colonial subjugation, Gandhiji issued an unequivocal mandate to the nation: "Do or Die."

Eighty-four years later, as India reflects on this pivotal milestone, the Quit India Movement stands out as the ultimate mass movement that rendered British rule in India untenable. By 1942, the geopolitical landscape of World War II had brought the global crisis to India's doorstep. Japanese forces were advancing rapidly across Southeast Asia, while the British imperial administration unilaterally dragged India into the global conflict without consulting its elected leadership in the provinces. The failure of the Cripps Mission in early 1942 shattered any remaining hope for a peaceful constitutional transition to self-rule during the war. Frustration turned into resolute action as Gandhi, alongside leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, recognised that incremental demands were no longer sufficient. Nothing short of immediate, complete independence (Purna Swaraj) would suffice. Gandhi called upon every Indian to imprint the mantra of "Do or Die" upon their hearts, declaring that they would either free India or perish in the attempt.

The British authorities moved swiftly to crush the rebellion before it could organise. In the early morning hours of August 9, 1942, the colonial government arrested almost the entire top leadership of the Indian National Congress under emergency war regulations. Far from smothering the movement, this widespread crackdown transformed it into an unprecedented, decentralized groundswell of popular defiance. Courageous figures who evaded arrest stepped up to guide the nation from underground networks. Aruna Asaf Ali famously hoisted the Indian Tricolour at Gowalia Tank Maidan on August 9, while leaders such as Jayaprakash Narayan, Ram Manohar Lohia, and Usha Mehta (who operated a secret underground radio station) kept the public informed and motivated. Across the country, students, farmers, factory workers, and women took to the streets in massive numbers. Boys hawking newspapers chanted “Times of India! Quit India!”. Strikes, public demonstrations, and non-cooperation crippled communications and the colonial administrative machinery. In regions such as Ballia in Uttar Pradesh, Tamluk in Bengal, and Satara in Maharashtra, local citizens went so far as to temporarily oust imperial officials and establish independent parallel governments. Though countered with severe state repression, including tens of thousands of arrests, military firings, and strict censorship, the sheer scale of public resistance demonstrated that British moral and administrative authority had collapsed beyond repair.

The Quit India Movement served as the final countdown to independence in 1947. While the immediate uprisings were forcefully suppressed within months, the movement made it unmistakably clear to the imperial power that governing hundreds of millions of rebellious citizens was an impossibility. Five years later, the ultimate goal was achieved. There is one negative that must be acknowledged.

GEN-Z: Is it Changing the Mindset of Indian Politicians?

Saurabh Varshney

Today, India is not only the world's largest democracy but also its youngest. Nearly half of the country's population is under the age of 35, and in the coming years, Gen-Z and the subsequent Gen-Alpha will constitute the largest segment of the electorate. At such a juncture, when Mohan Bhagwat, the Sarsanghchalak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), speaks openly about the temperament, mindset, and democratic role of the youth, it transcends mere social commentary; it brings to the fore significant political, ideological, and social implications. In a recent event, Mohan Bhagwat remarked that Gen-Z and Gen-Alpha are more honest, patriotic, and rational than his own generation. He further stated that if the new generation asks questions or voices dissent, they should not be labeled as 'anti-national.' In a democracy, questioning, expressing disagreement, and demanding accountability from the system are natural processes. This statement is not merely praise for the youth but also an acknowledgment of the reality of a changing India. At the same time, one wonders: is this generation changing the mindset of Indian politicians?

Generational shifts in India represent more than just a change in age; they signify a transformation in mindset, lifestyle, technology, education, politics, and social behavior. Gen-Z is the generation that has witnessed the internet, smartphones, social media, and the digital revolution since childhood. Meanwhile, Gen-Alpha is growing up in an era defined by artificial intelligence, machine learning, automation, and digital education. A defining characteristic of both these generations is their refusal to accept anything without logic or reasoning. They seek evidence, examine data, gather information from multiple sources, and only then form their opinions. This is precisely why contemporary politics cannot rely solely on slogans; it must measure up to the standards of facts, transparency, and accountability.

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) is considered the country's largest socio-cultural organization. Its ideological influence on Indian politics—particularly on the broader nationalist discourse—has long been a subject of discussion. Consequently, any public statement by the Sangh chief is not viewed merely as a personal opinion but is interpreted within a wider socio-political context. Mohan Bhagwat's observation—that while his generation accepted the words of elders without question, today's youth ask questions, and that this is a positive development—is essentially an acknowledgment of the changing nature of Indian society. The recognition that the new generation seeks dialogue rather than commands conveys a significant message in itself.

The future of Indian elections now rests in the hands of the youth. Data from the Election Commission indicates that millions of new voters are added with every election, the majority of whom belong to 'Gen Z'. Over the next decade, this demographic will emerge as the country's most influential political force. This is why all political parties are recalibrating their strate-

gies. Elections previously relied heavily on caste equations, local influence, and traditional campaigning methods. Today, however, social media, digital campaigns, data analytics, online engagement, and youth-centric policy announcements have become integral to electoral politics. In this context, Bhagwat's message—that the youth are more rational and deserve to be heard with respect—serves as a signal to political parties that the politics of the future will be driven by dialogue rather than mere speech-making.

In recent years, the country has witnessed protests regarding various issues, including student movements, competitive examinations, recruitment processes, education policy, employment, agriculture, and social concerns. Political parties and society at large have held divergent views on these movements. Mohan Bhagwat's assertion that not every act of dissent amounts to being anti-national serves as a reminder of a fundamental democratic principle. The Constitution grants citizens the freedom of expression; peaceful protest and the act of questioning are the very soul of democracy. At the same time, it is equally essential that such protests remain peaceful, constitutional, and constructive. Violence, damage to public property, or social discord undermine the strength of any democratic movement. Therefore, in a democracy, rights and responsibilities are equally important. Bhagwat also emphasized the need to reform the education system. These remarks come at a time when issues such as irregularities in competitive examinations, delays in

recruitment processes, skill development, and employment are constantly being discussed. Today's youth do not merely seek a degree; they desire quality education, employment, research opportunities, a startup ecosystem, and the ability to excel in global competition. If the education system fails to meet these expectations, discontent among the youth is inevitable. Thus, this statement serves as a signal to policymakers that educational reform is not just about changing the curriculum but also about expanding opportunities. The defining characteristic of Gen-Z and Gen-Alpha is their digital lifestyle. While newspapers, television, and radio remain important, social media has completely transformed the flow of information. This generation instantly verifies news from multiple sources. Fake news, disinformation, and incomplete information are also challenges inherent to this digital world; consequently, credibility will be the greatest asset in future politics. Political parties face the challenge of moving beyond mere emotional appeals to strengthen fact-based and policy-oriented dialogue.

Mohan Bhagwat described the youth as patriotic. However, the nature of nationalism today is far broader than in the past. For the new generation, patriotism is not limited to guarding borders or respecting national symbols. To them, nation-building also encompasses a clean environment, quality education, corruption-free governance, scientific temper, technological progress, gender equality, better healthcare, and India's success in the global arena. The question arises: is the Sangh's language changing?

Many political analysts believe that as society evolves, so too do the language and communication styles of organizations. An organization's ideology need not change, but adapting the mode of communication becomes a necessity of the times. If the Sangh chief praises the youth's right to question, it can be seen as an evolution of communication style in tune with changing social expectations. Conversely, some analysts view this as an attempt to convey a positive message to young voters. Both perspectives are part of democratic discourse and can be the subject of healthy debate. The significance of this statement is not limited to the ruling party; it is equally relevant for the opposition.

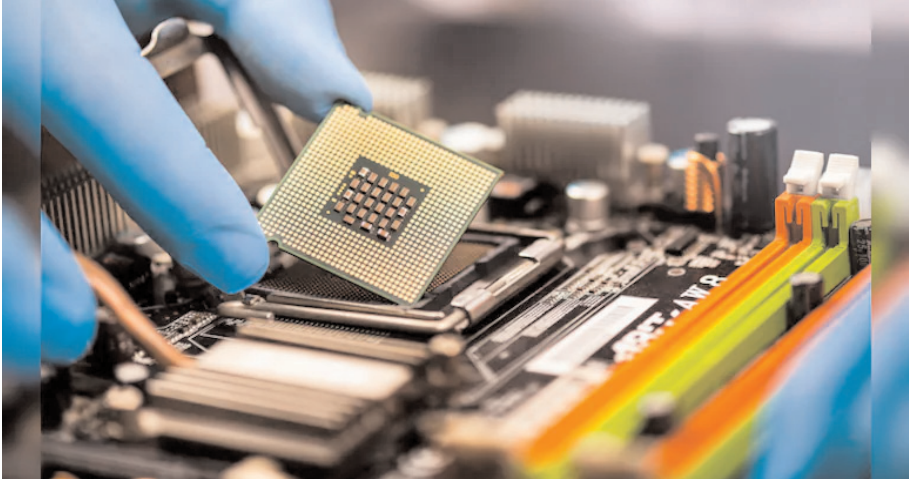
If the youth seek logical answers, the opposition must also present clear policy alternatives rather than merely engaging in criticism. Similarly, the government faces the challenge of delivering tangible results in areas such as employment, education, health, agriculture, digital security, data protection, and innovation. Today's voter evaluates results rather than announcements. Most members of Gen Alpha are currently below the voting age, yet over the next 10-15 years, this cohort will shape the trajectory of Indian politics. This generation will grow up amidst artificial intelligence, robotics, virtual reality, and the digital economy. Their priorities may well differ from traditional political issues; climate change, cybersecurity, data privacy, mental health, global employment, and technological innovation will be just as significant to them as jobs and education are today. The strength of a

democracy lies not merely in holding elections, but in dialogue, respect for dissent, transparency, and accountability. If the new generation asks questions, it should be viewed as a testament to the democracy's vitality rather than a sign of weakness. In a diverse nation like India, a plurality of views is natural. The challenge lies in ensuring that differences of opinion do not devolve into personal animosity, and in strengthening the culture of dialogue while maintaining faith in democratic institutions.

Mohan Bhagwat's remarks regarding Gen Z and Gen Alpha go beyond mere praise for the youth; they acknowledge the social reality of a changing India, where the new generation seeks respectful dialogue, transparency, opportunities, and accountable governance. These statements can be interpreted on multiple levels: some may see them as a sign of shifting political discourse, others as an ideological message directed at future voters, and some as an acknowledgment of the need for democratic dialogue. Yet, one fact remains indisputable—the future of Indian politics can no longer be written in isolation from the aspirations, questions, and expectations of Gen Z and Gen Alpha. In the years ahead, success will belong to those political parties, social organizations, and policymakers who view the youth not merely as voters, but as active participants. The true strength of democracy lies in dialogue rather than directives, and in trust rather than slogans; the future belongs to those who move forward by understanding the language, aspirations, and energy of the new generation.

10 Years Of Losses, One Historic IPO: How China Built A \$488 Billion Chip Miracle

On July 26, 2026, CXMT Corp., formerly ChangXin Memory Technologies, sold 6.688 billion shares at 8.66 yuan apiece on the Shanghai Stock Exchange's STAR Market. Read those numbers again. In Chinese numerology, six signifies smoothness, and eight, prosperity. An issue price and share count composed entirely of sixes and eights is not an accident of arithmetic. Somewhere in the structuring of the second-largest IPO in China's history, exceeded only by Agricultural Bank of China's 10-billion-dollar sale in 2010, someone decided that the state's memory chip champion needed luck as well as capital. It received both. On July 27, the first day of trading, the stock rose 466% to close at 49 yuan, valuing the company at 3.3 trillion yuan, about 488 billion dollars, making it the most valuable company listed on the mainland. Turnover in the single stock was 141 billion yuan, nearly 7% of all transactions in China's onshore market that day. The retail tranche had been oversubscribed 212 times, with 9.4 million individual orders worth 7.07 trillion yuan. The debut was not really about one company. It was a referendum, conducted in household savings, on whether China can build a semiconductor industry the world cannot ignore. The verdict deserves examination. It Was Never A Smooth Sail First, the facts, shorn of froth. CXMT was founded in 2016 in Hefei, capital of Anhui, a city better known then for white goods rather than wafers. The Hefei municipal government took an 80% stake in the first phase of a 150-billion-yuan memory fab (semiconductor fabrication) project, the largest single industrial investment Anhui had made.



For a decade, the company lost money, about 5 billion dollars in total. Then, demand for dynamic random access memory, the workhorse chip that feeds data to processors, exploded with the AI data centre buildout. Revenue grew roughly 700% between 2025 and 2026, reaching 7.5 billion dollars in the first quarter of 2026 alone. Counterpoint Research puts CXMT's share of the global DRAM (Dynamic Random-Access Memory) market at 8%, up from 3% a year earlier; Omdia had it at 7.67% in the fourth quarter of 2025, fourth in the world behind Samsung, SK Hynix and Micron. All this happened after the Bureau of Industry and Security's export controls of October 7, 2022, which cut Chinese chipmakers off from advanced equipment, and despite Washington's on-again, off-again threat to put CXMT on the dreaded 'Entity List', a designation planned in 2025 and then withdrawn as part of a bargain over tariffs and rare earths. What does this mean for the world? Five implications suggest themselves. The Disruptor Arrives First, the memory oligopoly is broken,

or, at least, breached. For three decades, DRAM has been a three-firm affair, prone to brutal cycles: losses in 2023, gross margins above 80% at Micron and SK Hynix in 2026. Chris Miller, author of Chip War, calculates that the world will spend nearly 0.7% of global GDP on memory chips this year, against a two-decade average in which all semiconductor makers together took 0.47%. Into this seller's market walks a fourth producer, roughly half owned by government-linked entities, which has already demonstrated a ten-year tolerance for losses. Prices will, obviously, eventually reflect that. Second, export controls have produced a paradox their authors did not intend. Denied the most advanced lithography tools, CXMT and its peers concentrated on advanced packaging and on wringing more from older equipment, working with end users such as Huawei. Limiting CXMT may help it leapfrog over incumbents who delay innovation to protect returns on existing machines. Necessity, as ever, is unsentimental about intellectual property regimes. Third, the world's technology market

is bifurcating. Apple, facing memory prices that forced it to raise iPad and MacBook prices, has lobbied Washington for permission to buy Chinese DRAM. On July 16, 2026, the chairman of the House Select Committee on China wrote to the Commerce Secretary demanding the opposite: CXMT's addition to the Entity List and a directive barring American firms from buying Chinese memory. When the world's most valuable company must petition two governments to purchase a commodity chip, the word "market" is doing heavy lifting. Learn From The 'Bog Fund' Fourth, capital markets have become an instrument of industrial policy. China's Big Fund, a massive state-backed investment vehicle established in 2014 to achieve self-sufficiency in semiconductors and critical tech, has committed roughly 680 billion yuan of state money in total across three phases; the STAR Market (China's tech equities market) now channels household savings into the same sectors, with Yangtze Memory, Baidu's Kunlunxin and possibly DeepSeek, queued behind CXMT.

SILENCE ON PURCHASED BRIDE, PANCHAYAT ON LOVE MARRIAGE?

Society seeks balance between tradition and constitution



The reported decision by the Mahapanchayat of the Naugama Khap in Haryana's Jind district to bar couples who have married for love from entering 21 villages has once again reignited a debate that has periodically confronted Indian society—can social traditions trump the constitutional rights of an adult citizen? This controversy is not limited to a single Panchayat or a single village, but also highlights the challenge of balancing democratic values and social structures in a changing Indian society. Khap Panchayats have a centuries-old history. In rural society, they have served to resolve disputes, maintain social discipline, and strengthen community cooperation. On numerous occasions, they have played a positive role in decisions related to water conservation, drug de-addiction, social harmony, and collective interests. Therefore, it would be unfair to view them solely from a negative perspective. However, when a decision appears to affect the individual freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution, it is natural to raise questions. The Indian Constitution grants every adult citizen the right to choose a life partner of their

choice. The Supreme Court has also clarified in several decisions that marriages between two consenting adults are completely legal. In such circumstances, any social organization banning such marriages or declaring social boycotts cannot be considered in accordance with a democratic system. Amidst this controversy, a video of a young woman, which went viral on social media, became the center of discussion. She raised a question that cannot be dismissed as a mere emotional reaction. Her question was that when the number of girls in Haryana continued to decline for years due to female foeticide, and many families began purchasing women from other states to marry them, why was the collective consciousness of society not as vocal? If consensual love marriages are considered a social crisis, why is the same severity not shown against inhumane practices like human trafficking? This question is a matter of introspection not just for Khap Panchayats, but for society as a whole. We still face many social crises, such as dowry, domestic violence, child marriage, harassment of women, the growing trend of drug addiction, and discrimination against daughters. If society's collective strength is more active in addressing these problems, their positive impact will be far greater. It's also true that not every love marriage is successful. Sometimes, haste, immature decisions, or a lack of family communication can lead to strained relationships. Parents' concerns are often genuine. Therefore, it's the responsibility of young people to make their decisions with maturity, transparency, and family respect in mind. Communication is always a better option than confrontation.

Meanwhile, social institutions must recognize that changing times have brought about a new understanding of rights and freedoms. Respect for traditions is essential, but they are sustainable only when they are consistent with justice, equality, and human dignity. Society's role should be to build trust, not to instill fear. Another important aspect is representation. How much participation do women have in decisions that most impact them? Is adequate participation of all sections of society ensured in social decision-making? In a democratic society, this question is as important as questions of tradition and authority. Today's India is rapidly changing. Education, employment, technology, and communication have given new dimensions to the thinking of the new generation. At this time, the challenge facing social institutions is to maintain their historical role while remaining consistent with constitutional values. Only the path of dialogue, understanding, and consensus can move society forward. In reality, this debate isn't about love marriage versus tradition, but about societal priorities. If we unite around issues like female foeticide, dowry, women's safety, education, and social justice with the same seriousness we show about personal decisions, society can become healthier and more balanced. The strength of democracy lies in its ability to respect traditions while also protecting individual dignity and freedom. Therefore, the need is not for complete victory for any party, but for a social dialogue that respects tradition and maintains supreme constitutional authority. This balance is the greatest need for India's future.



JORGE MESSI, LIONEL MESSI'S FATHER, DIES AT 68

Jorge Messi, the father of Argentina and Inter Miami star Lionel Messi, has died at the age of 68, according to multiple Argentine media outlets. Jorge had been struggling with health issues for some time. Lionel Messi had mentioned that his family was going through a difficult period, but he did not share specific details about his father's condition. After scoring against Algeria in June, Messi became visibly emotional and was asked about his tears. He replied, "Why was I crying? It had absolutely nothing to do with football. I have had a few difficult days." These comments sparked intense speculation about the reason for his emotions, with many media outlets linking them to Jorge's health. Conflicting reports soon surfaced regarding his condition, prompting the Messi family to release a statement requesting privacy. "The Messi family wishes



to inform you that Jorge Messi is currently dealing with health problems. He is under medical supervision and is recovering well," the statement said. The family expressed concern about the rumours surrounding Jorge's condition. They criticised the way some reports handled what they described as a private family matter. "Given the reports, rumours, and speculation that have been circulating in recent hours, the family wishes to express its deep concern about the lack of sensitivity, respect, and discretion with

which some people have treated a strictly private family matter." The statement concluded with a plea for privacy and thanked those who had supported the family during this challenging time. "We sincerely appreciate the expressions of affection, respect, and concern we have received. We ask that the privacy, confidentiality, and personal space of Jorge, and that of his entire family, be respected throughout this process," it read. Jorge's health issues also appeared to impact Lionel Messi's schedule.

Massive Blow Before Sri Lanka Series, BCCI Shortlists Two Replacements?



Sarfraz Khan or Shaik Rasheed could be picked as replacement for Sai Sudharsan ahead of the upcoming Test series against Sri Lanka, according to a report by Times Of India. Sudharsan was reportedly ruled out of the series, starting August 15, after he failed to recover from a foot injury. While he was included in the squad for the two-Test series, his availability was subject to fitness clearances. The report claimed that Sarfraz has already been at the BCCI Centre of

Excellence (CoE) for his fitness assessment and Rasheed has been asked to report to the facility. The 21-year-old performed well for India A in the two red-ball matches in Sri Lanka last month and that can be one of the reasons behind the selectors picking him for this series. Sudharsan, who scored two tons in two 'A' Test matches, was hit during the second game against Sri Lanka 'A' and since then has been in rehabilitation at the Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru.

Ashmita Chaliha Storms Into Final Of Korea Masters Super 300

India's Ashmita Chaliha showcased brilliant resilience to book her spot in the women's singles final of the Korea Masters Super 300, beating compatriot Rakshmitha Ramraj in the semifinal played at the Asan Yi Sun-sin Gymnasium in Asan, Korea, on Saturday. In a thrilling all-Indian semifinal, Ashmita overcame compatriot Rakshitha 21-13, 16-21, 21-13. After dropping a tight second game, Chaliha bounced back aggressively to dictate the decider, continuing the Indian contingent's stellar run at the tournament. She will now battle China's Han Qianxi for the title in the summit clash. The experienced Ashmita had on Friday packed off top seed Hina Akechi of Japan 20-22, 21-15, 21-19. In the other quarterfinal match, Rakshitha got the better of Chinese Taipei Open champion Tanvi Sharma 18-21, 21-19, 21-18 in another gruelling quarterfinal clash. Ashmita, the 26-year-old from Guwahati, Assam, and Rakshitha, who both ended up playing



for over an hour in the quarterfinals, were the only Indian players still in the fray at the end of the quarterfinals. Ashmita will now face the winner of the clash between fourth seed Han Qian Xi of China and the unseeded Kim Ga Ram of South Korea. The men's doubles combination of Pruthvi K Roy and Krishna Prasad G went down 21-7, 21-8 against Malaysia's Man Wei Chong and Soh Wool Yik in the quarterfinals. The BWF World Tour Super 300

Series event, which ends on Sunday, has a total prize fund of USD 250,000. The tournament was founded in 2007 and was held as an International Challenge-level tournament, the fourth level of international badminton tournaments, till 2010 before being converted into a BWF Grand Prix Gold event in 2011. The Grand Prix Gold event ceased in 2017, and the Korea Masters became a part of the BWF World Tour Super 300.

BCCI Top Official Rushes To Bengaluru For Urgent Review After Injuries Deal Hard Blow To Indian Cricket Team

Concerned with the spate of injuries that has rocked the Indian team of late, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia will meet Head of Cricket VVS Laxman on Sunday to take stock of the rehabilitation management programme at the Centre of Excellence (CoE). India will be missing the services of Jasprit Bumrah (knee swelling), B Sai Sudharsan (left big toe injury), Harshit Rana (hamstring), Nitish Kumar Reddy (hamstring) and Washington Sundar (quadriceps) due to various injuries. Akash Deep (lower back stress fracture) has been out for the longest time since Bengal's Ranji Trophy semifinal defeat. Adding to that, white-ball specialists Hardik Pandya (quadriceps), Varun Chakravarthy (hamstring) and Prince Yadav (hamstring) are also at the Centre of Excellence, where the Sports Science team has been overworked without a figurehead since the resignation of Nitin Patel in early



2025. Right now, the challenge is to get all these players back on the park. Sudharsan and Bumrah were included in the squad subject to fitness, but the CoE's team of experts decided to exercise caution, looking at the bigger picture. "Yes, secretary Saikia will be in Bengaluru to take stock of the situation along with VVS Laxman. There is a meet-

ing scheduled between the two. It is not known whether national team head coach Gautam Gambhir or chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar will join online. It will be interesting if both Saikia and Laxman front up and answer a few media queries amid so many conjectures," a BCCI source in the know told PTI on condition of anonymity. There

are also rumours that the CoE and the current selection committee have not always been in sync with regard to injury management timelines and the release of some players before they had ticked all the boxes. The issue of Harshit Rana reaching England distinctly overweight has not gone down well with the selection committee. Similarly, the selection committee was initially made to believe that Bumrah and Sudharsan would be available for at least one of the two Test matches. However, once the dust settled, it was found that Bumrah, following the impact injury, is dealing with water retention in his knee, which requires more time to heal. In Sudharsan's case, he had been batting for 75 minutes a day for some time, but the pain in his big toe still persists. Nitish Reddy tried to increase his pace by 7 to 8 kmph, and that put a strain on his hamstring and quadriceps.

Jemimah Rodrigues' Injury Sends Shockwaves Through India's Asia Cup Plans

India batter Jemimah Rodrigues has been ruled out of The Hundred after sustaining a hamstring injury. Rodrigues, who joined Southern Brave as a direct signing for £60,000 (approximately US\$80,000), has been one of the franchise's most consistent performers this season. She scored 143 runs in six innings, playing a key role in the Brave's strong campaign as they sit joint-top of the women's competition on 20 points alongside Trent Rockets, who lead on net run rate. The 25-year-old has also claimed two Player of the Match awards for her performances, making her absence a significant blow to Southern Brave as the competition enters its decisive phase. It is a significant blow for the Brave, as well as the competition, given Rodrigues' profile. They have two games remaining to secure automatic qualification for the final by finishing top of the table, with Manchester Super Giants and Trent Rockets their remaining opponents. Her absence could also be a concern for India, with the Women's Asia Cup set to begin in the UAE later this month.



Davis Cup: Korea To Host India On Hard Courts In Qualifier Round 2

South Korea have opted to host India on hard courts at the Olympic Tennis Centre in Seoul on September 18-19 in the Davis Cup Qualifiers Round 2, setting up a potentially intriguing tie between two closely matched teams. India are currently ranked 19th and Korea 16th in the Davis Cup standings, while the Koreans hold a slender 6-5 advantage in their head-to-head record. India will pick their squad on August 10 for the crucial tie. The last meeting between the two sides came a decade ago, when India prevailed 4-1 in Chandigarh in 2016 in an Asia/Oceania Group I tie played on grass. Korea players are traditionally more comfortable on hard courts and that's why India had deliberately opted for grass when the teams last met. India earned their place in



the second round with a dramatic 3-2 victory over the Netherlands in Bengaluru in February. Dhakshinewar Suresh was the hero, winning both his singles rubbers and partnering Yuki Bhambri to victory in the doubles. He sealed the tie by beating Guy den Ouden 6-4, 7-6(4) in the deciding fifth rubber. The victory was particularly significant as it took India into the second round of the qualifiers for the first time since the cur-

rent format was introduced in 2019. Korea, meanwhile, produced an equally impressive upset, defeating 2016 champions Argentina 3-2 in Busan. The Koreans were inspired by Kwon Soonwoo, who was still completing his military service, as they fought back to knock out the fancied South Americans. The second round will therefore be a winner-takes-all contest for a place in the Davis Cup Final 8.

Elena Rybakina Advances While Mirra Andreeva Exits At Toronto

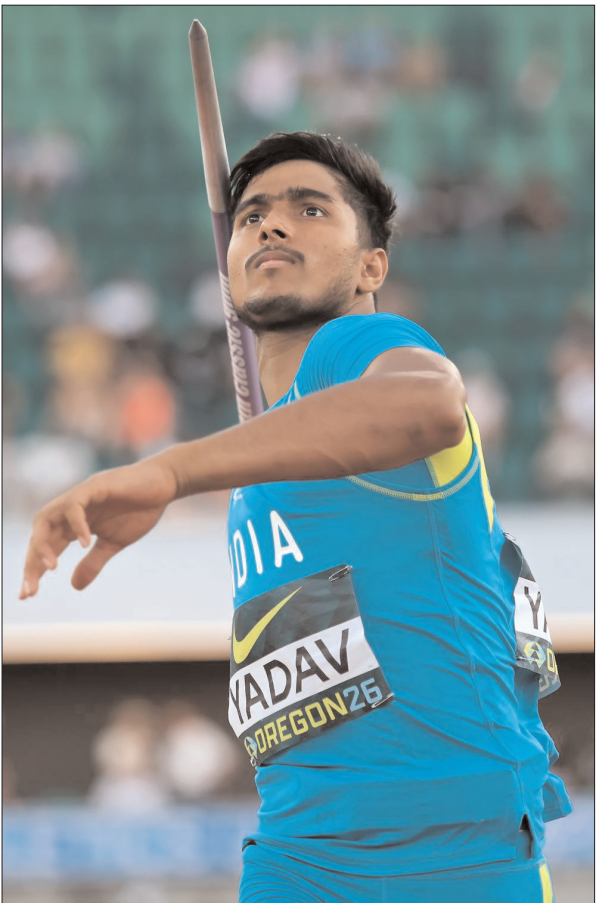


Reigning Australian Open champion Elena Rybakina advanced to the fourth round of the WTA Toronto Masters on Friday while French Open winner Mirra Andreeva was eliminated by Canada's Leylah Fernandez. World number two Rybakina from Kazakhstan defeated American 28th seed Ann Li 6-2, 7-5 in 90 minutes, winning five of six break chances while saving two of

four against her. Rybakina, who also won the 2022 Wimbledon title, advanced to a last-16 meeting with Russia's Liudmila Samsonova, who outlasted Australian Maya Joint 7-5, 6-7 (3/7), 6-2. Samsonova leads the career rivalry with Rybakina 4-2 but Rybakina has won their past two WTA meetings, most recently in last year's Strasbourg final. Fernandez, the 30th seed,

dispatched 19-year-old fifth-ranked Russian Andreeva 6-1, 6-4 in 80 minutes, snapping a seven-match losing streak against top-10 opponents. Fernandez last beat a player ranked so high when she downed fourth-rated Jessica Pegula on her way to last year's WTA Washington title. "The key for me was to stay positive, stay strong, and to keep being patient," Fernandez said. "She wasn't going to give away some easy balls. "In the beginning there were a lot of long rallies and that was a key for me to stick with it, trusting in my abilities, and to continue on playing my game throughout the match." The Canadian won 24 of 27 points on her first serve and captured 17 of 23 points on Andreeva's second serves to advance.

Ashish Yadav Wins Silver In Men's Javelin Event In World Athletics U20 Championships



Ashish Yadav won a silver in the men's javelin throw event to open India's medal account on the third day of the World Athletics U20 Championships in Eugene. Yadav's third round throw of 74.09m fetched him the silver medal while T Dharanidharan, the other Indian in the fray in the men's javelin throw finals, finished sixth with 72.35m. The 19-year-old Yadav

became the second Indian, after two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra, to win a silver in the event. Chopra had won gold and set the still-standing world junior record of 86.48m in the 2016 edition in Poland. The gold medal went to South Africa's Jan Hendrik Heymans who sent his spear to 80.50m, the season's U20 world lead, in his sixth and final attempt.



CHAPMAN COULD RETURN TO UK NEXT WEEK AFTER BRAIN BLEED

Britain's Raven Chapman could travel back to the UK next week after undergoing a second successful surgery on a brain bleed she suffered following a sparring session in Denmark. The 32-year-old former world title challenger collapsed after training on 24 July and was taken by helicopter to hospital, where she was diagnosed with a brain haematoma and cerebral oedema. After undergoing emergency surgery and being placed in a medically induced coma, Chapman's

management company, Vote Boxing, said she has had another successful procedure. "This marks another important step in her recovery while also making it safer for her to travel back to the UK," a statement said. "If everything continues to progress as hoped, we are aiming for Raven to fly home sometime next week, where she can continue her recovery surrounded by her family and loved ones. "Although there is still a long road ahead, this is a significant milestone,

and we remain hopeful as Raven continues to make progress each day." Chapman has won 10 professional fights with two losses. The Norwich-born fighter lost to Skye Nicolson for the WBC featherweight title in October 2024 in the only women's world-title fight ever held in Saudi Arabia. A GoFundMe page has been launched to help raise funds for Chapman's rehabilitation and after-care has raised over £88,000. "We would also like to take this opportuni-

ty to sincerely thank everyone who has supported Raven through her GoFundMe, as well as everyone who has sent messages, shared their prayers, and shown kindness throughout this incredibly difficult time," the statement added. "Your generosity and support have meant more than words can express and have provided tremendous strength to Raven and her loved ones. "Thank you for continuing to keep Raven in your thoughts as she continues her recovery."

ACTRESS-PRODUCER NIHARIKA KONIDELA OFFERS BANGARU BONAM AT SRI MAHANKALESHWARA TEMPLE IN MIR ALAM MANDI, OLD CITY, HYDERABAD

As the Bonalu festivities continue with great devotion across Hyderabad, actress and producer Niharika Konidela visited Sri Mahankaleshwara Temple at Mir Alam Mandi in the Old City, where she offered the traditional Bangaru Bonam to Goddess Mahankali and performed special prayers. She was accorded a grand welcome by the temple priests with Purna Kumbham. After seeking the blessings of the Goddess amidst Vedic chants, the temple authorities felicitated her. On the occasion, Temple Chairman Gajula Anjaiah briefed Niharika about the history of the

temple, as well as the significance and traditions of the Bonalu celebrations conducted under the temple's auspices. Speaking to the media, Niharika said that she could not visit the temple on the main Bonalu day due to a shooting schedule, which is why she came now to seek the blessings of the Goddess. She shared that although she was born and brought up in Hyderabad, she had always been fascinated by the sight of women dressed in traditional attire carrying Bonams during the Bonalu festival. "A few days ago, I said that I wished someone would take me to

Bonalu. I never imagined that my wish would be fulfilled so soon. I believe this is the Goddess's blessing," she said. Describing the experience, Niharika added, "The Goddess is immensely powerful. Today's darshan was very peaceful and spiritually fulfilling. The divine radiance of the idol was truly mesmerizing. I pray that I get another opportunity to visit and seek the blessings of Amma once again." As news of Niharika's visit spread, devotees gathered around the temple to take photographs and selfies with her, creating a festive and lively atmosphere in the temple premises.



Manasa Choudhary Is Serving Garden Goddess Vibes



Manasa Choudhary is getting into the festive spirit ahead of Bonalu, and her latest traditional look has fans swooning. The actress was seen in a stunning navy blue saree-style outfit with intricate gold zari borders, paired with a matching gold-detailed blouse. Styled with soft curls, minimal gold jewellery, and a bindi, the look gave off effortless South Indian elegance. The lush green backdrop added a fresh, earthy

touch to the overall picture, making it perfect for the festive season ahead. Manasa's simple yet graceful styling has once again proved that traditional wear suits her effortlessly. On the work front, Manasa's last release Vanaveera failed to make a mark at the box office this year. However, she continues to stay active with her fashion moments, keeping fans engaged as they await her next project announcement.

‘BHARAT BHHAGYA VIDHAATA’: A TRIBUTE TO 26/11’S UNSUNG HEROES

This Independence Day, Hindi Zee 5 invites audiences to celebrate the spirit of courage, resilience and selfless service with the exclusive digital premiere of Bharat Bhhagya Viddhaata on 14th August. Continuing its commitment to bringing bold, inspiring and culturally resonant stories to viewers across India, the homegrown OTT platform shines a light on the unsung heroes whose extraordinary acts of bravery reflect the values that define the nation. Written and directed by Manoj Tapadia and produced by PEN Studios, Manikarnika Films and Paramhans Creations in association with Eunoia Films LLP and Floating Rocks Entertainment Pvt Ltd, Bharat Bhhagya Viddhaata stars Kangana Ranaut



alongside Girija Oak and Smita Tambe among others.

What is Bharat Bhhagya Viddhaata about? Set against the backdrop of the devastating 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, Bharat Bhhagya Viddhaata revisits one of the darkest chapters in India's history to spotlight a group of

unsung heroes whose courage and selflessness saved countless lives. Set within Mumbai's Cama and Albless Hospital, the film follows the extraordinary actions of nurses, ward boys, cleaners, security personnel, and other hospital staff who became the first line of defence for the patients in their care.

When the attackers breached the hospital premises, these ordinary individuals rose to extraordinary circumstances. With little means of protection but an unwavering sense of duty, they put their patients' lives before their own. Through their remarkable acts of courage and selflessness, the film explores themes of sacrifice, compassion, and resilience, celebrating the strength of the human spirit in the face of unimaginable adversity.

Why Bharat Bhhagya Viddhaata deserves to be on your watchlist? Inspired by true events: A gripping retelling of one of India's most defining moments through the eyes of healthcare workers who displayed exceptional courage.

“Agadha’ Will Be a Brilliant Divine Mystic Thriller” – Shravan Reddy

Directed by MS Raju and produced by Kashi Visalakshi Balusu under the Sri Adi Varaha Productions banner, with Ajay KR as the presenter, 'Agadha' features Kamakshi Bhaskarla, Shravan Reddy, Ulka Gupta, Jovika Vijayakumar, Bhanu Chander, Shiju, Vanitha Vijayakumar, Roshan Basheer, Shreya Rani Reddy, Viva Raghava, Robert Master, Arna Muller and Kanakava in key roles. The film is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on August 14. Ahead of the release, hero Shravan Reddy interacted with the media on Saturday and shared several interesting details about the film.

Why was there such a long gap after 'Dirty Hari'? 'Dirty Hari' was released during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although it had a direct OTT release, we received an excellent response from the audience. I got several offers around that time as well. However, the pandemic and lockdowns caused delays. I spent almost a year working on 'Mangalavaaram'. Finally, MS Raju Garu gave me the opportunity to be part of 'Agadha'.

Tell us about your character in 'Agadha'.



"My character in 'Agadha' is completely different from the one I played in 'Dirty Hari'. The character has been designed with multiple dimensions and several shades. I really enjoyed playing such a layered role. I feel very lucky that a visionary filmmaker like MS Raju Garu has given me another opportunity. 'Agadha' was a very challenging and completely different experience for me.

Vishal’s Makutam Trailer Promises A Mass Actioner With An Intriguing Story

Vishal's Makutam is a special film as he takes on the dual responsibility of playing the lead role and directing the movie. The film marks the 99th production from the prestigious Super Good Films banner and is produced by the late RB Choudary. It features a strong cast, including Anjali, Dushara Vijayan and several other notable actors. The trailer presents Makutam as a grand commercial entertainer packed with action, emotion and mystery, with Vishal appearing in a rugged and intense role. The trailer does not reveal much about the actual story but gives a glimpse of the conflict surrounding Vishal's character. His different looks and shades suggest that the film has several layers. The story seems to combine personal emotions with high-intensity action. Instead of revealing the main twist, the trailer raises questions about the characters, their relationships and the bigger conflict, creating curiosity among viewers. Vishal looks powerful and commanding throughout the trailer. His action scenes have plenty of mass appeal, while the emotional portions show another side of his character. Anjali and Dushara Vijayan also make a strong impression, with both appearing to have important roles in the story.



SHIVA GADI ZINDAGI’ MOVIE TITLE AND SONG LAUNCHED GRANDLY

The title and song of the upcoming Telugu film 'Shiva Gadi Zindagi', produced by Sindhu Surya under the banner of Aishwarya Cine Creations, were launched in a grand manner. Sachin Ram Pratap and Hasini Devarakonda are playing the lead roles, while Vinay Reddy Chandupatla is directing the film. The movie's title was launched by producer Suresh Babu, while the song was released by ReelOn CEO Dasaratham Bitla, Royal Enfield Dealer Principal Poola Sandeep Kumar Naidu, and senior journalist Shiva Mallala, who attended the event as chief guests. The guests congratulated the entire team and wished the



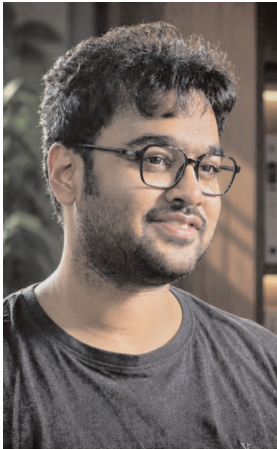
film great success.

A Reflection of Every Common Man's Life 'Shiva Gadi Zindagi' is being made as a blend of comedy, emotion, drama, friendship and love, offering a complete package of entertainment. The story revolves around

the different situations, incidents and emotions that an ordinary person encounters in life. The director has crafted the narrative in such a way that every scene has a strong reason, every character has significance, and every emotion has a meaningful connection.

Dr. Ravikiran Gadalay to Make His Directorial Debut with Sriram (Srikanth) Starrer The Maze

While it is common to see doctors turning actors, Dr. Ravikiran Gadalay is taking a different path. An MD and pathologist by profession, he has earned recognition in the medical field and is now entering the film industry as a director. He is making his feature-film debut with The Maze, a psychological thriller starring Sriram (Srikanth) in the lead role. Earlier, Ravikiran made a short film titled The Wrong Swipe entirely on his phone, which helped him gain practical knowledge of storytelling, cinematography, performances, scene construction and editing. On the occasion of his birthday, Dr.



Ravikiran Gadalay interacted with the media and spoke about his journey into filmmaking. Dr. Ravikiran Gadalay said, "I have never worked as an assistant director, and before becoming a feature-

film director, my experience in the industry was very limited. However, I have had a dream of making a film since childhood. I watched several films, analysed them and practised filmmaking using my mobile phone, which helped me understand the language of cinema. My knowledge of editing allowed me to visualise every scene beforehand, and that made the process of direction much easier for me. Filmmakers such as Akira Kurosawa, Selvaraghavan and Sandeep Reddy Vanga have been major inspirations for me. I am now making my directorial debut with The Maze, and I hope to receive everyone's support."

Anupama Sets Instagram On Fire In Stunning Saree Look

